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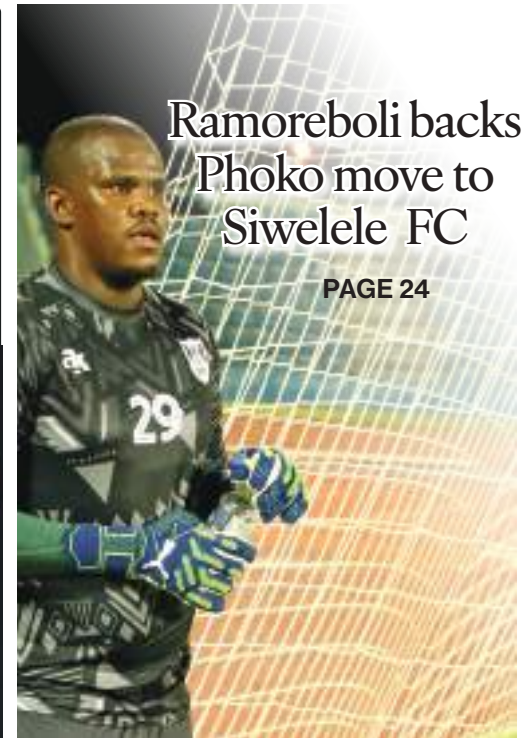
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Botswana and Lesotho elevate ties



Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Botswana and Lesotho have elevated their longstanding cooperation framework to a fully-fledged Bi-National Commission (BNC), marking a significant milestone in diplomatic relations between the two nations. The upgrade from the Joint Commission on Technical and Economic Cooperation (JCTEC) follows the signing of the agreement establishing the BNC in Maseru in July 2025. President Advocate Duma Boko previously underscored the need for closer collaboration and innovative approaches to shared challenges.

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Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for International Relations, Mr Thuso Ramodimoosi (right) and Lesotho Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations principal secretary Mr Thabang Lekhela during the Botswana-Lesotho Bi-National Commission inaugural session in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Ramodimoosi said the establishment of the Bi-National Commission marked a milestone in strengthening bilateral relations between Botswana and Lesotho and would serve as a mechanism for advancing economic cooperation, policy coordination and regional integration for the benefit of both countries' citizens.
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MR. SAMUEL NTSOKOANE MATEKANE
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO



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Strengthen farm-led strategies to control FMD spread

Thandy Tebogo

GASITA

Farmers in Gasita have been urged to stamp out practices that could worsen the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease by stepping up patrols of animal drinking points and grazing areas.

The call came from Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai, during a kgotla meeting on Thursday.

Mr Motsamai appealed to farmers to reduce FMD risks by forming trusts to combat stock theft and illegal slaughter meant to supply butcheries. He advised

them to target areas where illegal slaughtering occurred, such as pans that served as drinking points for animals.

He expressed frustration that some farmers contribute to FMD's spread while also complaining to authorities.

"Farmers suffer devastating economic losses from loss of market, but their own daily practices are not helping in controlling the FMD," he said.

The assistant minister stressed that farmers must uphold key responsibilities in combating FMD, including closing veterinary gates and maintaining boundary

fences. Movement restrictions and slaughter bans, he warned, would remain if the public failed to comply. Lifting of restrictions would depend on positive community response.

Mr Motsamai cautioned residents against withholding information on stock theft, saying it frustrates government efforts to fight FMD. He added that business licenses of butchery operators buying unverified meat or meat from stock thieves would be revoked.

Failure to comply with FMD control measures, he said, would undermine government's aim to

increase the national cattle herd from 1.7 million to five million.

His remarks followed concerns raised by resident Mr Gosekwang Thelo, who said stock theft was rife in Gasita pans.

Mr Thelo noted that despite a suspension on slaughtering, it was still taking place in the village, with bred cows often targeted. He questioned what action was being taken against butchery owners procuring meat from suspected stock thieves, adding that farmers had failed to get police help due to lack of transport.

Another resident, Mr Rankhubidu Taunyane, echoed

that slaughtering remained rampant. He said police had confiscated cow hides and heels from the pans in Gasita, but no arrests had been made due to lack of evidence. Mr Nonofu Taunyane called for rezoning of Zone II, describing it as a vast area.

In response, Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale urged farmers to focus efforts on combating FMD. He noted that Parliament had already made a decision on rezoning, but said the matter would be addressed later as government could not embark on many projects at the same time. **BOPA**

Government and UN partner in tackling GBV

Mpho Mosojane

GABORONE

With the stroke of a pen, a commitment was made to tackle one of the world's most prevalent forms of abuse as the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs launched a Joint gender-based violence (GBV) Prevention and Response Programme with the United Nations, through its reproductive health agency, UNFPA.

The blueprint stems from a five-year spotlight sub-regional partnership initiative held in South Africa in 2023 with an aspiration to reduce gender disparity, empower women and girls to access human rights and benefit from inclusive development by combating GBV.

The proposed joint programme aims to leverage high-level, multi-sectoral technical expertise across diverse partners including the private sector, the diplomatic community, academia, the media, faith-based organizations and NGOs with a goal to ensure collective, harmonised action against GBV aligned with global and national development priorities.

Launching the programme in Gaborone recently, the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo, highlighted that while there was still a lot

of ground to be covered, the government's dedication was seen through several significant legislative, judicial and community strides in changing the gender landscape for the equality and empowerment of women and girl children collectively.

"Legislative reforms such as the Domestic Violence Act, specialised GBV courts, men and boys initiatives, as well as one-stop service centres, are just a few of the practical reforms targeted at combating GBV," she said.

Authorities revealed a gruelling picture for Botswana, as GBV prevalence had reached epidemic levels, with 67 per cent of local women aged 15 years and above having experienced physical or intimate abuse in their lifetime, compared to the global average of 33 per cent.

"Botswana's numbers are double that of the global average, and what is concerning is that less than three per cent of these cases actually get reported," said Ms Natasha Rampa,

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs.

She said the ministry had developed a robust Theory of Change to bridge the missing middle between everyday activities and long-term goals by breaking down the pathway into clear, structured components for



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (centre), United Nations Botswana Resident Coordinator, Ms Wenyan Yang (left) and permanent secretary in the ministry, Ms Natasha Rampa during the launch of a Joint Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Programme in Gaborone recently. Ms Chombo said government's dedication was seen through several significant legislative, judicial and community strides in changing the gender landscape for the equality and empowerment of women and girl children collectively. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

effective, joint GBV prevention and response.

Ms Rampa further highlighted that since government had no reserve fund or specific budget for addressing the GBV scourge in Botswana, the desired outcome required concerted commitment and multi-stakeholder collaboration, bearing in mind its geo-political and economic context.

The United Nation's position on Botswana calls for urgent reforms in tackling GBV, describing it as a national emergency demanding specific outcomes targeted at holding perpetrators accountable

and ensuring victims' access to justice, as well as comprehensive, survivor-centred support services.

"In a pandemic, partnerships are the cornerstone of transformative change between diverse stakeholders to achieve any development goals.

Botswana must align its GBV efforts towards national strategies, requiring whole-of-society involvement for real, meaningful impact," advised Ms Wenyan Yang, United Nations Botswana Resident Coordinator.

The European Union has pledged to accelerate Botswana's

GBV Programme through its system-level access to provide the critical leverage needed to amplify an advocacy message, which will ultimately translate awareness into actionable systemic change.

"We will use our existing platforms to position Botswana's efforts in fighting GBV as a model for reform and collaboration. This programme served as a foundational step in a long-term strategy where GBV has no place in the future," said the Ambassador of the EU to Botswana and SADC, Her Excellency Ambassador Petra Pereyra. **BOPA**

Botswana considers diplomatic mission in Russia

Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN

In an effort to deepen diplomatic engagement, facilitate economic cooperation and create new avenues for collaboration, Botswana is planning to open a diplomatic mission in Russia.

Spanning 56 years back, both countries have enjoyed a jointly exclusive consular relationship that has significantly complemented Botswana's key national priorities through the development of technical skills and institutional capacity.

The Minister for International

Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale testified on the key values of the 56-year-old friendship that both countries have enjoyed.

"Over the decades, our partnership has been underpinned by goodwill, resilience and mutual respect, creating new avenues for our people and institutions," he said.

Speaking at an occasion to mark 36th anniversary of Russia Day recently, Dr Butale further reiterated how the cooperation would create beneficial opportunities for trade and investment by strengthening domestic manufacturing capacity, promoting value chain

development and enhancing national competitiveness.

Botswana joined Russia in celebrating its 36th National Day in Gaborone, to honour the struggles, triumphs and historical milestones following the adoption of the Declaration of State Sovereignty in 1990.

To Russia, the day embodies a journey of a state which while honouring its rich history and multi-ethnic culture, embraces the complex challenges of multipolarity and emergence of transformation in the geopolitical landscape.

Beyond the traditional areas of collaboration, Dr Butale said

the bilateral relationship held potential to expand engagement in strategic sectors that were critical to Botswana's transformation agenda including renewable energy, agro-processing, food security, innovation and skills development.

According to Mr Andrey Kemarskiy, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Botswana, Russia consistently advocates for consideration of African interests in international platforms and attaches importance to strengthening friendship ties with African countries, supporting their course in attaining total sovereignty in key sectors.

"We stand ready to continue sharing with Africa advanced expertise in strengthening minerals, energy, food, financial and digital sovereignty as our contribution toward restoration of historical justice through mutual respect, non-interference to internal affairs for the development of a mutually beneficial cooperation," he said.

Both countries embrace a rich portfolio of 11 bilateral documents while 14 more were underway including interstate treaties, intergovernmental agreements and Memorandums of Understanding. **BOPA**

Boko hails govt-Rothschild Foundation partnership

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has hailed governments two-decade partnership with the Robert and Sara Rothschild Family Foundation as a blueprint for how public-private alliances can enrich local communities.

The collaboration, which focuses on building rural libraries and boosting healthcare, reinforces the administration's national vision to cultivate an educated, informed and digitally literate society.

President Boko commended the US-based philanthropic organisation for its vital contribution to transforming public libraries into vibrant community hubs for skills acquisition during a recent courtesy visit by the foundation's representatives to the Office of the President.

Since taking office, the President has made education and literacy a cornerstone of his administration, launching multiple initiatives to upgrade public and school libraries through nationwide book donations to primary schools.

Speaking during the meeting, President Boko noted that the collaboration was a testament to how public-private partnerships can deeply invest in access to information.

He emphasised that enabling learning at the grassroots level was of vital importance to transitioning

Botswana into a competitive and knowledge-based economy.

An avid and renowned reader himself, President Boko applauded the Rothschild Family Foundation's initiative, stating that its long-term alliance with government affirmed a deeply

shared commitment to enhancing the nation's reading culture.

He noted that investing in knowledge was of profound personal significance for him. Through his own organisation, The Brain Power Foundation, in partnership with Books for Africa, the President has contributed to knowledge creation.

He highlighted that Lorolwane Primary School recently benefitted from a donation of 1 000 books, with Gasita Primary School slated as the next beneficiary.

To further invest in early learning, President Boko revealed plans for an upcoming project through his foundation to construct a specialised children's library that would showcase diverse cultures.

The facility, he said would house a Children's Parliament, designed to provide young people with a structured platform to voice their issues directly to designated decision-makers.

"Through various platforms, I have found these children to be extremely smart and well-informed. They deserve the right platforms to ventilate their issues and speak freely," President Boko said.



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) meeting Mr Robert Rothschild (right) and wife, Sara, of Robert and Sara Rothschild Family Foundation during a courtesy call at the Office of the President on Thursday. President Boko commended the foundation for its investment in 20 community libraries and cultural centres, which had provided thousands of Batswana, particularly in rural and underserved communities with access to books, digital resources and educational programmes. Photo: Thompson Keobaletse

Since 2007, the Rothschild Family Foundation has partnered with government to construct 20 community libraries to provide underserved rural areas with critical access to books, the internet, ICT training and cultural resources.

Beyond literacy and digital connection, the foundation has expanded its philanthropic footprint into rural healthcare, including a major refurbishment of

the Maunatlala Clinic and maternity ward, aimed at providing expanded pediatric as well as pre- and post-natal care.

Speaking on behalf of the foundation, Mr Robert Rothschild stated that their ultimate goal remained tightly aligned with supporting Botswana's national vision of an educated and informed society.

He noted that their two-decade

alliance with government continued to focus strictly on community development and individual empowerment within rural and underserved populations.

The initiative mainly promoted lifelong learning by creating inclusive spaces where all age groups can access books, digital resources as well as educational programmes to elevate their knowledge base. **BOPA**

Free and fair elections bedrock of SADC stability

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has underscored the critical role of free and fair elections in sustaining democracy, peace and stability across the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Speaking during a courtesy meeting with the leadership of the Electoral Commissions Forum of SADC (ECF-SADC), at Office of the President yesterday, President Boko praised the forum's longstanding work in strengthening election management bodies throughout the region.

"It is essential to manage elections in a manner that recognises the centrality of free and fair

electoral processes to governance and stability," President Boko said, warning that perceptions of electoral irregularities posed serious risks.

"We understand the dangers that loom on the horizon should there be any perception of election irregularities, as that could cause instability. We are forever grateful for the role the forum plays in safeguarding the integrity of elections."

ECF-SADC Executive Committee Chairperson, Mr Mosotho Moepya described the meeting as the first formal high-level engagement with Botswana's executive leadership since the 2019 general elections.

Following Botswana's 2024 transition of power, Mr Moepya said the country 'remained a beacon of peace, good governance and democracy' and continued to set an example for the region on the rule of law.

As Botswana prepares to mark 60 years of independence, he noted, it continued to validate its well-earned reputation as one of the oldest and most stable democracies in the continent.

Mr Moepya stressed the need to protect the credibility of Botswana's Independent Electoral Commission, calling it a vital regional asset.

"Modern electoral administration takes place within

an increasingly complex and highly scrutinized environment," he said.

He cited constraints facing regional Election Management Bodies, including resource limitations, legislative ambiguities and evolving technological threats. Impartial EMBs, he added, remain central to safeguarding electoral outcomes.

The forum, Moepya said, remains engaged in ensuring regional electoral processes comply with peer review standards.

"While political partners may occasionally contest election results, the forum continues to emphasize that political stability relies on active participation and respect for institutional processes

of IECs." Mr Moepya reaffirmed ECF-SADC's commitment to building institutional capacity, advancing electoral progress and strengthening conflict resolution in Southern Africa.

"We encourage the continuing strengthening of cooperative networks among SADC member states to leverage electoral expertise for the benefit of all citizens in the region," he said.

Established in July 1998, ECF-SADC is an independent regional network representing 15 member states. It promotes credible, transparent and inclusive democratic elections by enabling EMBs to strengthen and learn from one another. **BOPA**

Botswana and Lesotho elevate ties

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Both Lesotho Prime Minister, Mr Samuel Matekane and President Boko will launch and preside over the inaugural BNC scheduled for June 17-18.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the BNC yesterday, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for International Relations, Mr Thuso Ramodimoosi, said the meeting reaffirmed both countries' commitment to economic and technical cooperation.

"This development reflects our shared values of solidarity, mutual respect and good neighbourliness. More importantly, it positions our relationship to deliver tangible benefits for our citizens through

enhanced economic cooperation, greater policy coordination and deeper regional integration," said Mr Ramodimoosi. He noted that global trade uncertainties, external economic shocks, climate pressures and public health concerns demand stronger partnerships to enhance resilience and safeguard prosperity. Botswana, he added, sees the BNC as a vehicle for building resilient economies, expanding market access, promoting value addition and developing sustainable solutions.

Mr Ramodimoosi also emphasised Botswana's commitment to advancing regional integration through the Southern African Customs Union and the

Southern African Development Community, stating that national prosperity was closely linked to regional prosperity.

The Permanent Secretary highlighted the deep historical ties between the two countries, noting that diplomatic relations predate the modern nation-state era.

"Our two nations share a rich heritage rooted in deep historical, cultural and linguistic affinities within the Tswana-Sotho family," he said. "For generations, our peoples have maintained close bonds through kinship, migration, labour, education, marriage and social interactions." These connections, he added, have fostered mutual understanding and trust, providing

a strong foundation for the new era of cooperation. Meanwhile, a press release from Botswana Government Communications and Information Systems (BGCIS) says while in Botswana, Prime Minister Matekane will tour the Diamond Trading Company Botswana (DTCB) to explore cooperation in mining governance, value addition and mineral beneficiation.

It also says a Botswana/Lesotho Business Forum will run alongside the visit to connect private sector players and identify new trade and investment opportunities.

Both governments expect the BNC to further strengthen people-to-people linkages and bilateral cooperation. **BOPA**

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Community drive rescues Patikwane school hostels

Tshiamiso Moseitha
SEROWE

The enduring winter dropout rates and overcrowding at Patikwane Junior Secondary School are set to ease following a community-led drive to restore the school's dilapidated boarding hostels into safe, warm and habitable spaces.

The initiative was led by Member of Parliament for Serowe North, also Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe who joined forces with residents under the 'Motho le Motho Setena' banner on Saturday.

The project is part of his ongoing efforts to promote self-reliance across the constituency through kgotla consultations and targeted economic programmes that reduce dependency on state aid.

"This partnership represents a powerful display of the Setswana spirit of Boipelego, where locals, civic leaders and stakeholders roll up their sleeves to ensure better conditions for our learners," Mr

Mathoothe said.

He urged the community to embrace volunteerism and entrepreneurship, adding that meaningful transformation began when people worked jointly to better their lives.

He also advised residents to form cooperatives, noting that unity fostered collective strength, better market access and greater opportunities for growth.

The urgency of the renovation was underscored by the severe state of the boys' and girls' hostels, which had been left without doors, windows, proper mattresses and functional water reticulation systems.

The school's acting headteacher, Mr George Maja, revealed that harsh conditions, coupled with congestion housing 115 girls and 106 boys, had previously caused a spike in learner dropouts, particularly during the freezing winter months.

To complement the physical improvements, Mr Mathoothe further demonstrated his commitment to modernising local education by donating a Starlink internet device, complete with a paid subscription in efforts to provide teachers and learners with reliable internet access to enhance research, teaching and learning, marking a significant step toward equipping local children with modern tools for academic success.

However, while the intervention offered immediate relief, wider challenges remain.

Serowe sub-region chief education officer, Mr Gaobotse Mokomane, noted that all junior schools in the region faced similar infrastructure challenges, alongside ongoing shortages of



Mabeleapudi residents participating in the renovation of hostels at Patikwane Junior Secondary School on Saturday. The project was spearheaded by Serowe North Member of Parliament and Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, under the: Motho le Motho Setena initiative. Photos: Baldwin Nyamande

learning materials and furniture. He appealed to other 'Good Samaritans' and corporate entities to step forward and assist.

Responding to the call for public-private partnerships, several invited businesses donated essentials, including mattresses,

blankets and sanitary pads, while others pledged future support to ensure the school's continued upkeep. **BOPA**

Nxaraga residents plead for agric. centre revival

Esther Mmolai
NXARAGA

Nxaraga community has appealed to government to consider resuscitating the Ngamiland Rural Training Centre located in their village.

Managed by the department of Agriculture, the centre supports local community development, offering farmers short courses in crop and animal production, farm management and agro-processing.

Residents made the appeal during a kgotla meeting addressed by Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama on Friday noting that the centre had been very resourceful to the community.

They said the facility was now old and dilapidated noting that the poultry, the demonstration farms, and other areas were not operational. They highlighted that the centre played a key role in improving framing practices and empowering farmers in the past with knowledge and tools necessary to enhance their crop and livestock yields.

It was also reported that the tractor at the centre had been down for years. Residents said they wish the government could refurbish the buildings and install electric fence at the farm to deter

predators and other wildlife species from destroying crops.

Residents were of the view that once the centre was revived, it would contribute toward the achievement of the government ambitious goal of reaching five million cattle.

"Our centre is in a bad state at the moment and we urge the government to revive it for the benefit of the nation. This facility offered specialised agricultural practices and it is a pity as it is now not serving its purpose," said Mr Norman Kemumuine.

Mr Kemumuine acknowledged that training of farmers was crucial to transform the agriculture sector, citing that many passionate farmers in the region who acquired skills from the centre had turned their kraals into hubs of innovation and efficiency.

He was hopeful that if the centre's reputation could be restored, upcoming young farmers could benefit a lot and increase production.

An agricultural demonstrator, Mr Thabo Gopadileng said efforts had been made to revive the farm but inadequate budget remained a challenge.

For his part, area MP, Mr Hikuama noted that he was equally concerned with the state of the centre, which he said

had produced champions in agricultural sector.

He agreed that the centre needed to be electrified and expanded to Tsetseku Camp to cater for artificial insemination programme aimed to foster a thriving breeding sector.

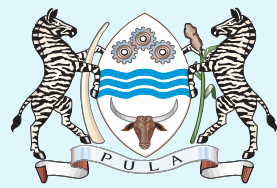
On other issues, Mr Hikuama informed residents that none of the projects planned for this financial year would be implemented due to financial constraints. The government, he said had set the record straight that because of the economic situation, new projects and those which were due to commence would be halted while only ongoing projects would be funded for completion.

"This year, government has trimmed projects based on the available budget. As such, some of your projects will not be implemented as expected. I am aware of your challenges such as the bad state of the road, clinic renovation and water issues," MP Hikuama told residents.

On the issue of supplying water to settlements, residents were pleased to learn that government was considering to expand supply coverage and drive access to clean water in rural areas including settlements which were mostly agricultural production centres. **BOPA**



Civic leaders and stakeholders rolled up sleeves to ensure better conditions for learners.



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4. Palapye Technical College	NCQF III
5. Selebi Phikwe Technical College	NCQF III

NO: REFRIDGERATION, VENTILATION AIR CONDITIONING

1. Kanye Brigade	NCQF III
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25. Tswelolepele Brigade	NCQF III, IV, NCC
26. Tutume Brigade Centre	NCQF III & IV
27. Zwenshambe Brigade	NCQF III

NO: BOREHOLE MECHANICS AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1. Boteti Brigade	NCQF III & IV
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4. Gweta Brigade	NCQF III & IV
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19. Tutume Brigade	NCQF III & IV
20. Zwenshambe Brigade	NCQF III

NO: ELECTRONICS

1. Maun Technical College	NCC
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NO: TRAVEL & TOURISM

1. Maun Technical College	NCQF III
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NO: AUTO MECHANICS NCC

1. Kang Brigade	NCC
2. Maun Technical College	NCC
3. Serowe Brigade	NCC
4. Tswelolepele Brigade	NCC

NO: AUTO BODY REPAIR

1. KRDA	NCQF III & IV
2. Maun Technical College	NCQF III

NO: WELDING & FABRICATION

1. Kgatleng Brigade	NCQF III
2. Kang Brigade	NCQF III
3. Ngethu Brigade	NCQF III
4. Maun Technical College	NCC
5. Palapye Technical College	NCC
6. Shashe Brigade	NCQF III
7. Serowe Brigade	NCC

HOW TO APPLY

- Interested candidates should complete the attached application form.
- Application Fee is **P50.00** (Non-refundable), for all programmes payable at all Public TVET institutions.
- Completed application forms with attachments including proof of payment should be sent by post or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the institution applied for.

General Requirements

- Interested applicants should be between **16-35 years**.

b) For **NCQF Certificate Level III**, applicants must be in possession of a minimum of **Junior Certificate/NCQF Level II or equivalent. (Duration: 12 months)**

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e) Applicants from disadvantaged groups and those with special needs are encouraged to apply. A valid assessment report should be attached.

f) Candidates should apply for **ONE PROGRAMME ONLY**, failure to do so will result in the candidate being disqualified.

g) Applicants who have benefited from Department of Tertiary Education Financing (DTEF) sponsorship before are **not eligible to apply**.

h) Failure to disclose accurate information will result in the candidate being disqualified and their admission revoked.

i) Certified copies of educational certificates, Certified Copy of Omang and proof of payment should be attached to the application.

Applications should reach the institutions not later than 10th July 2026 at 1600hrs

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Duo returns to court for bail reapplication

Lindi Morwaeng

MOLEPOLOLE

Two women accused of murdering a Molepolole man through alleged

poisoning are expected to return to the Molepolole Magistrate's Court today for the continuation of their renewed bail application.

Gaokgakala Toteng (46) and

Rosinah Banoge (44) are seeking to be released on bail after their initial application was dismissed by the court on April 21.

The two appeared before Chief

Magistrate Thebeetsile Molalu recently to reapply for bail, with Banoge's defense arguing that circumstances had changed since the earlier ruling and that public anger surrounding the matter had subsided.

However, prosecutor Sergeant Koketso Motshoganetsi opposed the application, maintaining that emotions surrounding the case remained high.

The matter was postponed to June 16 to allow the investigating officer to appear before court.

Both accused remain in custody pending the outcome of the

application.

Toteng and Banoge are jointly charged with the murder of 61-year-old Kagiso Lesetedi who allegedly died after being poisoned on January 22 at Goo Dinti Ward in Molepolole.

In denying them bail on April 21, Chief Magistrate Molalu had ruled that although there was no indication that the accused would abscond trial or interfere with investigations, their release could endanger their safety because of heightened emotions within the deceased's family and the wider community. **BOPA**

Career Dreams Centre and BIUST partner for astro-tourism course

Esther Mmolai

MAUN

In a move to diversify Botswana's tourism landscape, Career Dreams Centre in collaboration with Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST), are currently developing an astro-tourism course that is expected to be ready by next month. The course aims to prepare professional tour guides and individuals to plan, guide and market experiences focused on stargazing and night sky observation. It will cover basic astronomy, telescope handling, light pollution mitigation and experience design enabling participants to lead in dark sky areas. Career Dreams Centre deputy principal, Ms Lorato Daniel, confirmed the development in an interview noting that the new programme would combine practical tourism training, indigenous knowledge with scientific knowledge and innovation to enrich visitors' experience.

"After 20 years of powerfully shaping Botswana's tourism and hospitality industry, we recognised that tourism must evolve to be more sustainable and resilient hence this course to ensure the tourism industry remain competitive, boost

local value and meet conscious traveller demands," she added.

By actively promoting astro-tourism, Ms Daniel said they aimed to leverage dark skies for economic development, scientific outreach, environmental conservation and diversification of tourism product offered. Astro-tourism is classified as a niche form of tourism that includes specialised activities which in contrast to mass tourism, exposes tourists to knowledge rich experiences. Through the course, it is intended to integrate astro-education and indigenous knowledge, to enhance safari competence and tourism experience. Stargazing carried immense meaning in the past as stars were used to mark the passage of time and determine agricultural cycles, planting and harvesting times. Ms Daniel was of the view that by acquiring specialised training, tourism operators and the indigenous community could leverage the country's exceptionally dark skies to create unique night-sky experiences for both international and local visitors. "The future of tourism lies in diversification, innovation and collaboration hence we make deliberate moves toward expanding the scope of tourism offerings in

Botswana and this requires proper training that works in the real world," she added.

Nowadays travellers increasingly seek diverse experiences beyond traditional wildlife viewing highlighting the need for niching such as astro-tourism or cultural tourism to complement their trips.

Ms Daniel acknowledged that Botswana had unique dry climate and vast open landscapes that could offer premier astro-tourism, citing attractive sites such as Makgadikgadi Pans and Kalahari Desert which provided stunning dark skies. Furthermore, Ms Daniel revealed that recently, they organised a two-day training aimed at upskilling professional tour guides knowledge on astro-tourism basics. The training attracted a lot of interest from the local safari companies who now want to widen their packages and build strong reputation.

"We recognised that tour guides are the first point of contact for our visitors and the face of the industry, making it essential to deliberately upgrade their skills. We wanted to equip them not only to guide on land, but also to interpret the powerful stories our skies narrate about our heritage," said Ms Daniel. **BOPA**



Two women accused of murdering a Molepolole man through alleged poisoning, Gaokgakala Toteng (left) and Rosinah Banoge are expected to appear before Molepolole Magistrate Court for bail reapplication today. They are seeking to be released on bail after their initial application was dismissed by the court on April 21. Photo: Lindi Morwaeng



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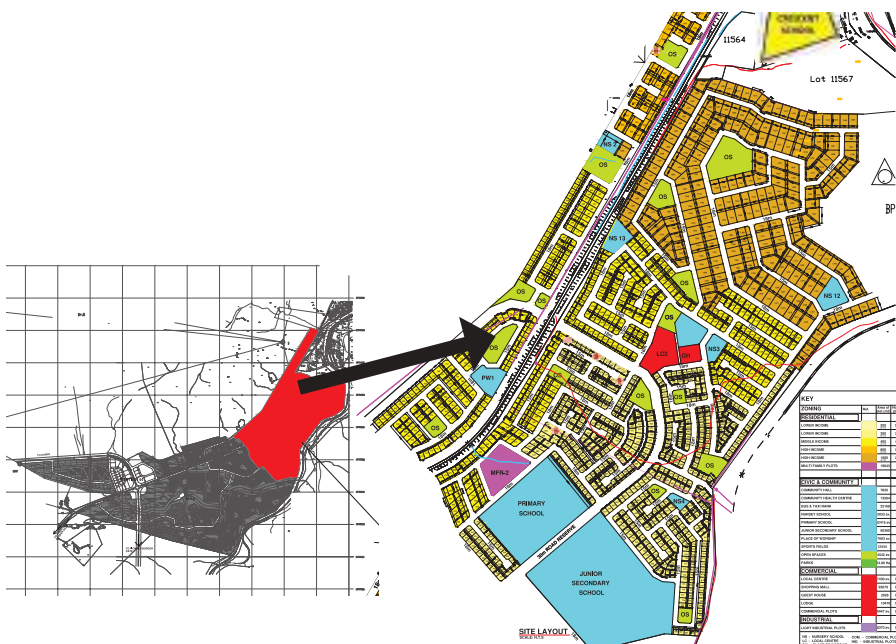
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Parallel monetary institutions risk splitting Sudan economy

KHARTOUM - As Sudan's war seeps deeper into the economy, observers have warned that the continued expansion of so-called parallel monetary institutions risks splitting the country's banking system and undermining market stability. Sudan has faced deepening turmoil since fighting erupted in April 2023 between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Backed by the RSF, the Sudan Founding Alliance announced the formation of a parallel government in July 2025, and recently began setting up its own monetary institutions. On May 11, the unrecognised parallel government established a so-called "Transitional Currency Council" to oversee cash circulation and regulate banking activity. Ten days later, it appointed Hussein Yahya Jangoul as "governor" of its so-called "central bank" in Nyala, capital of South Darfur state, southwestern Sudan. **Xinhua**

Direct sector funding to fast-track development projects

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzanian Prime Minister Mwigulu Nchemba said on Saturday that the government has tabled proposals in parliament to allow development funds for key sectors to be disbursed directly to dedicated accounts, aiming to speed up project implementation and improve public service delivery. Addressing a public rally in the Iramba District of Singida Region, Nchemba said the move targeted key infrastructure sectors such as water, roads, and energy. He noted that the new system would ensure funds allocated for development projects reach implementing agencies directly, enhancing efficiency and timeliness. "All funds for roads, water and electricity will no longer pass through the central government pool but will be channeled straight to respective sectoral funds," Nchemba said. **Xinhua**

Nandi-Ndaitwa calls for investment in youth

WINDHOEK - Namibia President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah on Saturday called for greater investment in youth, entrepreneurship and innovation, saying the country's future depended on inclusive economic growth and the active participation of all citizens in national development. Speaking at the launch of the book *Building Namibia's Future: President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah's Roadmap to Unity, Prosperity and Transformation* in Windhoek, Nandi-Ndaitwah said Namibia must create more opportunities for young people through education, skills development and support for entrepreneurship. She said young people were not only future leaders but also key partners in national development. **Xinhua**



Dr Onalethata Johnson

Leverage neurodiversity for innovation gains

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Businesses have been urged to embrace neuro inclusion as a driver of innovation and productivity. Speaking at the strategic human resource conference in Gaborone, Lyra Botswana's managing director, Dr Onalethata Johnson said

discussions often focused on gender and age, while overlooking neurodiversity.

She urged companies to recognise and support different ways of thinking and processing information, including employees with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), autism, dyslexia and other neuro divergent conditions.

Dr Johnson said traditional recruitment processes, work place expectations, stigma,

misconception, sensory issues and lack of awareness about neurodiversity could limit opportunities for talented individuals to enter and thrive in the workforce.

According to Dr Johnson one in five people in every room were likely to have neurodivergent special traits, and that 15 to 20 per cent of global population were neurodivergent.

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Youth skills answer to economic challenges

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

As Botswana grapples with critical economic pressures, high unemployment rates and declining dependence on diamonds, young people equipped with practical skills and entrepreneurial mindsets represent the country's next great resource.

This was said by the Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele during an assessment tour of Limkokwing University of Creative Technology recently. The visit formed part of the Ministry's efforts to strengthen collaboration with private institutions and position Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a key driver of employment creation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic development.

Addressing the university management, staff and student ambassadors following the tour of the campus and interactions with students, Mr Maele lauded the institution for its exceptional professionalism and excellence and for raising the bar in positioning itself as a model for TVET.

He also went on to describe the

campus tour experience as one that had left an indelible mark in his heart. "I am truly impressed by the passion, innovation, and energy demonstrated by both students and staff. It is clear why Limkokwing has earned recognition as a Global TVET leader," he said.

Mr Maele stressed that as the country continues to experience a surge in high

unemployment rates as well as a steep decline in diamond dependency, the transformation of higher education, including TVET, remained critically imperative. He highlighted that amid the prevailing economic challenges, it was time to make

TVET fashionable. To this end, he said his ministry intended to advance a dual TVET model that integrated classroom instruction with workplace-based practical training, ensuring that students graduate with both theoretical knowledge and hands-on industry experience.

He challenged the university to invest in exporting labour, to aim for self-sustainability by tapping into research, to place their Corporate Social Responsibility projects in the vicinity, conduct graduate tracer studies, as well as to establish industry partnerships.

The Minister also urged the institution to intensify the marketing of its programmes ahead

of the upcoming sponsorship cycle and reiterated his support for student self-placement initiatives as a means of expanding access to higher education and skills development opportunities.

For her part, Acting Vice Chancellor, Ms Dato Gail Phung, extended her appreciation to the Minister for his visit and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to producing quality graduates equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

She highlighted the university's culture of excellence and showcased the success of its alumni who continue to excel across various industries locally and internationally. **BOPA**



Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele (right), Limkokwing University of Creative Technology board of director and council member, Mr Cipack Maphosa (second right) and students during the minister's assessment tour of the university in Gaborone recently. The visit formed part of the Ministry's efforts to strengthen collaboration with private institutions and position Technical and Vocational Education and Training as a key driver of employment creation. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Cooperative to give members competitive edge

Aobakwe Molefhi
GOOD HOPE

The Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe says the Hatshe Lentle Multi-Purpose Cooperative will provide members the much needed bargaining power in the market.

When officially launching the cooperative in Good Hope on Friday, he said members would secure better prices for their products when they buy or sell collectively as a unit.

Mr Mathoothe said the initiative would unite people under one goal of economic empowerment through cooperation and production. The assistant minister said government strongly believed in people taking charge of their economic future through shared opportunity and collective efforts.

He further said with the formation of a cooperative, members would have a collective voice that spoke loudly to both suppliers and customers.

“This is how the cooperatives level the playing field to ensure that even the smallest trader, farmer and entrepreneur have access to the market that would otherwise be out of reach”, he said.

He urged members to familiarise themselves with the cooperative philosophy, its principles and values. Mr Mathoothe said this would cause every member to develop a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Furthermore, he urged members to develop a sense of transparency and openness in all their dealings, saying accountability to members was non-negotiable.

He warned that running a community-based cooperative came with its own unique

challenges and as such, it required unwavering member commitment, active patronage and dedication. The assistant minister said without a robust strategy and with members spread across the district, villages may work in isolation rather than as one united cooperative.

He also emphasised that no compromise should be taken on key competencies, financial acumen and governance expertise. “I urge the cooperative to ensure that the constituency moves from subsistence farming and start taking agriculture as a business,” he said.

For his part the patron of Hatshe Lentle Multi-purpose cooperative, Dr Edwin Dikoloti also Minister of Lands and Agriculture said with the formation of the cooperative, people had chosen cooperation over isolation, shared prosperity and long-term development over short term survival.

He pointed out that the cooperative was a wheel of revival for farmers, youth, women and communities choosing to take ownership of their economic future.

Dr Dikoloti, who is also the Member of Parliament for Good Hope/Mmathethe said the cooperative would be an answer

to the burden carried by farmers of failed markets.

He concurred that it would create shared strength and allow small producers to negotiate like large producers, open access to different markets, financing and agro-processing opportunities that individuals could never access alone.

“Hatshe-Lentle Multi-purpose cooperative will also focus on processing, branding, packaging, distribution, storage and market access”, he said. **BOPA**

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Walley BW CEO, Mr Timothy Mgodli (left) with participants at the Human Resources Strategic Conference in Gaborone recently. He said the future of human resources was in embracing technology to foster innovation and organisational growth. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Leverage neurodiversity for innovation gains

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Dr Johnson said neurodiversity inclusion was not only a diversity issue but also a business imperative. She noted that organisations that actively prioritised diversity in leadership and problem solving teams were projected to be two to three times more productive than their homogeneous counterparts by 2027.

Additionally, she said neurodivergent individual possessed unique talents. Citing research, Dr Johnson said people with dyslexia often demonstrated high levels of creativity and innovation, while individuals on

the autism spectrum may excel in analytical thinking, pattern recognition, attention to detail and deep focus work.

She noted that these strengths were increasingly valuable in modern workplaces, where employers were seeking skills such as analytical thinking, creativity, leadership, technological literacy and resilience.

Dr Johnson also highlighted barriers faced by neurodivergent individuals in the labour market.

Therefore, she called for more inclusive workplaces that recognised and accommodate diverse ways of thinking, learning and problem solving. **BOPA**

No suspected cases of Ebola at port of entry

Portia Keetile
KAZUNGULA

No suspected cases of Ebola have been detected at Chobe District ports of entry since the outbreak was declared, as health officials intensify screening measures.

In an interview, Chobe District head of Preventive Services, Dr Clement Mukadi said health authorities implemented rigorous health screening immediately after the initial outbreak announcement. According to Dr Mukadi, the screening targeted travellers who had visited affected countries or contacted infected individuals, specifically looking for symptoms like fever, headaches, muscle and joint pain and unexplained bleeding.

He said while travellers did not need to present a medical report to enter Botswana, health authorities however advised them to practice hand hygiene, manage waste properly, avoid handshakes, maintain social distance and report to health facilities immediately if symptoms developed.

Dr Mukadi pointed out that the district had identified a well-secured facility to quarantine Ebola suspects.

He explained that the World Health Organisation continued to share Ebola data with countries so that the surveillance was strengthened.

Moreover, he said if any need of data sharing between SADC countries was necessary, it would be done at national level.

Dr Mukadi said port health staff was supplied with necessary Protective Personnel Equipment

(PPE) in addition to other Infection Prevention Control (IPC) measures and that some border agencies had already been trained on Ebola prevention.

He revealed that the Ebola in Central Africa had not posed a significant impact on border operations because the disease surveillance at the point of entry in Chobe was part of daily activities to screen for diseases of public health concern such as Yellow Fever and M-Pox. **BOPA**

Hikuama clarifies mine recruitment process

Esther Mmolai
KOMANA

Residents of Komana have been informed that there is no law mandating mining companies to hire 100 per cent local workforce.

Instead, the government pushes that the companies give preference to citizens at all phases of operation and utilisation of local contractors, services and supply chain rather than relying on foreign labour.

Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, explained when responding to concerns raised by residents who decried low numbers of local employees hired at Khoemacau Copper Mine.

They accused the mine of failing to hire young people from nearby communities, arguing that the mine hired mostly from outside the Ngamiland region.

Residents noted that when the mine commenced operations,

they were hopeful that the youth especially, would be employed but that did not happen.

However, the area MP, Mr Hikuama acknowledged their concerns and that they view direct employment as the primary indicator of a mine's commitment to the area, but reminded them that they should understand that the mine was a private entity.

As such, it has its own rules and regulations to maximise profitability hence often recruits outside the immediate host communities, to ensure operational efficiency. The mine, he said also hired based on qualifications for specific roles.

While he appreciated that hiring locals was more than just filling open positions but promoting economic development and improving household stability, Mr Hikuama warned that hiring could not restrict itself to hiring the host

communities but should rather include all Batswana.

He advised them to appreciate the number of local residents hired at the mine because the company could not hire all of them once.

“This issue is a hot potato because we once engaged mine's management to look into it and they justified that they have hired many local residents from the nearby areas with the highest quota from Toteng village.

Unfortunately, they realised that some employees claimed to be from the host communities while they are from outside the region and surprisingly, they had proof of residence as evidence signed by some tribal leaders,” he added. To address the issue, Mr Hikuama said management has promised to conduct kgotla meetings and present the names as that would also help to clean their data and clear the accusations labelled

against them.

Meanwhile, currently the mine has a total of 1947 employees and it has acquired four mining and prospecting licence in the region to unlock the full potential of the Kalahari Copper Belt as part of its expansion.

The expansion phase of the copper mine project is expected to create 3000 new jobs by 2027.

Last year, the mine's operation manager, Mr Weiquan Xia revealed that job opportunities would increase yearly as they commit to increase production to deliver 130 kilo-tonnes payable copper metal in concentrate respectively across a 20-year mine life.

“We expect international employees to be less and ensure they transfer skills to locals and we have a new mining contractor starting July and we have made an agreement with management to prioritise hiring of locals,” he added. **BOPA**

AP welcomes over 300 new members

Lindi Morwaeng
MOLEPOLOLE

The Alliance for Progressives (AP) has intensified its national mobilisation campaign after welcoming over 300 new members in the Kweneng region during a recruitment drive held in Molepolole on Saturday.

Among the new recruits were former Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) councillors, signaling growing support for the party as it embarks on a nationwide membership recruitment exercise.

Addressing the gathering, Vice President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, who is also AP president, said the party's mission extended beyond winning elections and focused on producing quality leaders for generations to come.

"We have to continuously

produce quality leaders in the next 10, 100 and even 200 years to come," he said.

Mr Gaolathe said the AP was built on credibility and quality leadership, stressing that leadership should not be about personal entitlement but about serving the country's interests.

"This is not about what individuals deserve, but everything to do with what the country deserves," he said.

He outlined the party's core values, emphasising respect as a fundamental principle.

"One of our core values is respect, not just among individuals but in the country at large. We believe that a country rooted in respect is a progressive one," he said.

The Mr Gaolathe further stated that the party believed in inclusive

development and ensuring that no citizen was left behind.

"We believe that everything we touch should turn into gold. We do not believe in leaving anyone behind. We believe in progress for all and that everyone is important and has a role to play in the development of this country," he added.

He also shared what he termed the party's "Purple Vision", which prioritised education and skills development, clean governance and the protection of human life.

"The greatest empowerment is education and skills. We also believe in clean governance and the sanctity of human life," he said.

AP Secretary General Dr Pheno Butale said the party had launched a nationwide mobilisation drive aimed at strengthening its structures across the country.

"We want every village and every constituency to be active and have working and strong structures," said Dr Butale, urging members to actively work for the growth of the party.

Meanwhile, AP vice president Mr Wynter Mmolotsi outlined ambitious membership targets under the recruitment campaign.

He said the party's goal was to have at least 500 members in every council ward and one AP

member in every family.

"Our target is for every member to recruit 50 new members so that we can achieve 500 members per ward," said Mr Mmolotsi.

He revealed that registration would remain open for the next four months. Mr Mmolotsi also addressed concerns regarding shortages of medicines in public health facilities, assuring members that government was taking steps to stabilise the situation.

"The government acknowledges the current challenges, especially the shortage of medicines and is doing everything possible to stabilise the situation. Medicine consignments are arriving and will continue to arrive," he said.

He added that ministries had recently agreed with the Ministry of Finance that requests from the Ministry of Health should be prioritised.

The party vice president further encouraged party members to share the achievements of the new government when recruiting new members. Speaking at the same event, AP Women's League president Ms Thoko Ramangaswamy said women remained central to the country's development agenda and should be represented in leadership structures. She said the party recognised the critical role women played in society and provided them with opportunities

to influence decisions on issues affecting them, including often overlooked concerns such as unpaid care work. "We cannot talk about a thriving economy without the involvement of women and youth," she said.

Ms Ramangaswamy noted that women made up the majority of the party's membership and should therefore occupy leadership positions within the organisation.

For his part, AP Youth League president, Mr Topo Kwena encouraged young people to actively participate in developing solutions to Botswana's unemployment challenges.

While acknowledging the difficulties facing many young people, he urged them to remain hopeful.

"Youth should take heart and know that tomorrow can be better than today," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the new recruits, former Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) councillor for Mokgopeetsane Ward, Ms Keamogetse Keikantse, said joining the AP was a carefully considered decision.

"I did not just wake up and decide to join the AP," she said. "I took my time making that decision and eventually concluded that the AP is my new home." Ms Keikantse said she was satisfied with the choice she had made and looked forward to contributing to the growth of the party.

Another new recruit, former Ntloedibe Ward councillor Mr Jeffrey Sibisibi, said the party's growth should be accompanied by strong internal governance mechanisms.

He noted that as membership continues to increase, the party should ensure that growth was properly managed and supported by effective structures.

"Every growth should be managed and there should be a strong disciplinary committee," said Mr Sibisibi. The recruitment drive forms part of the AP's broader national campaign aimed at expanding its membership base and strengthening grassroots structures ahead of future political contests. **BOPA**

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 923/2002 dated 24th day of April 2002 made in favour of MASEGO RONALD RAKOBE in respect of the following property:

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VACANCY CIRCULAR NO.5 OF 2026

VACANCY: SOCIAL WORKER

I POST (MOTSWEDI REHABILITATION CENTRE)

SALARY: P108 444 per annum

LEAVE: 20 Working Days per annum

BENEFITS:

I. Contributory pension scheme (Employer contributes 7.5% and employee contributes 2.5%)

QUALIFICATIONS

Diploma in Social work

EXPERIENCE

- Two (2) years working as a social worker, preferably having worked with children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- To provide psycho social support services to caregivers/parents, staff and the student community.

DUTIES

- To develop and implement intervention strategies to address behavioural issues.
- To carry out assessments during community-based rehabilitation outreaches.
- To manage the transition programme for learners.
- Undertakes any other related duties as directed by management.
- To conduct assessment of children's and trainees needs.
- To Liaise with other professionals in-relation to appropriate interventions.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Adhering to principles and values
- Assessment and Case Management Skills
- Counselling and Support Skills

APPLICATIONS

Applications should quote the reference and vacancy circular number and provide the following:

- Detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copy of the National Identity Card (Oman)
- Certified copies of Certificates (academic and professional) together with their transcripts.
- Two work-related references (**not more than six (6) months old**)

IMPORTANT

Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. **Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.**

Applications should be addressed to:

The Acting Coordinator
Motswedi Rehabilitation Centre
P O Box 1396

Mochudi

Or Hand delivered to:

Motswedi Rehabilitation Centre
Near Bakgatle CJSS
Plot No 2655

Raserura ward, Mochudi.

CLOSING DATE.... 30 June 2026

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO.4 OF 2026

VACANCY: SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER / TRAINING COORDINATOR-I POST (MOTSWEDI REHABILITATION CENTRE)

SALARY: P127 092 per annum

LEAVE: 20 Working Days per annum

BENEFITS:

I. Contributory pension scheme (Employer contributes 7.5% and employee contributes 2.5%)

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in special education or a related field

Additional certifications in areas such as autism spectrum disorders or learning disabilities.

EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of two (2) years relevant work experience as a Special Education Teacher and Training Coordinator plus Moderator and Assessor certificate will be an added advantage.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- Their primary objective is to ensure that every student, regardless of their unique learning differences and challenges, has equal access to quality education and opportunities for academic and social growth.

DUTIES

- Conducting Assessments and Identifying Learning Needs
- Developing and Implementing Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- Monitoring Student Progress and Providing Supportive Feedback
- Managing Behavioural Challenges and Promoting Positive Behaviour
- Strategies for Inclusion of Students with Disabilities
- Creating Accessible Learning Environments
- Developing and organizing training materials
- Conducting and supervising training sessions

REQUIRED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Ability to assess student's strengths, needs and learning style
- Adhering to principles and values
- Relating and Networking
- Applying expertise and technology
- Planning and Organising

APPLICATIONS

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Panic grips Ranaka pastoralists

Minister of Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti

Thandy Tebogo
RANAKA

Under the heavy morning heat at Ranaka kgotla, men sit in low chairs and their faces etched with worry that goes far deeper than money.

To an outsider, a cow is livestock and beef, a commodity and a number on a spreadsheet at the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC).

But to a local farmer, a cow is a living bank account, family legacy and a sacred thread connecting the living to their ancestors.

Now, an invisible enemy is creeping toward the village and farmers are terrified.

With Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) recently detected just a stone's throw away in Molapowabojang and Digawana, the air in Ranaka is thick with desperation.

It is a panic so raw that it has driven local cattlemen to demand a cure that veterinary rules forbid, immediate vaccination.

They know it contradicts established standards, but fear has a way of silencing bureaucracy.

For Mr Rebaone Ralotshephe, the threat is not a theoretical headline, but a ghost he has already chased.

Standing before his peers, Mr Ralotshephe's voice carried the weight of a man who has looked absolute ruin in the eye.

He used to work in Boteti, a region that was declared a 'red zone' during a previous outbreak. He watched helplessly as the vibrant economic pulse of that community flatlined.

He saw proud men reduced to tears when they were barred from selling to the premium European Union (EU) export markets and their cattle transformed overnight from assets into liabilities.

"Our livelihoods and our economy remain deeply tied to cattle production," Mr Ralotshephe pleaded, his hands gesturing to the red earth.

"I am a married man who has paid his bride price (bogadi) through live cattle." In that single sentence, Mr Ralotshephe captured the heartbeat of the crisis.

To lose these herds is not just to face poverty, but to witness the unravelling of social fabric, tradition and dignity.

Driven by this fear, he argued passionately for immediate vaccination, proposing that each farmer be allocated drugs for self-administration and called for immediate training.

Reiterating this desperate proposal, Mr Emmanuel Gagoangwe stood up to echo his neighbour's call, demanding a blanket vaccination campaign for all animals in the area to shield them from the approaching red zone.

As the meeting unfolded, it became clear that the virus is

not the only predator stalking Ranaka's hills, the community feels under siege from multiple fronts.

Badisa Kgomo Association chairperson, Mr Reuben Ditsile, spoke grimly of a darker reality, stressing that the effective control of FMD depends entirely on the commitment and cooperation of the farmers themselves.

Out in the bush, his association has discovered a trail of bones and scattered animal skins, the calling cards of stock thieves feeding a ruthless black market.

Mr Ditsile warned that while the country faces meat shortages due to FMD restrictions, certain butcheries remain fully stocked, failing to adhere to required slaughtering procedures and standards.

He suspected that owners were being supplied by thieves and illegal sellers and urged government to implement rigorous meat inspections in butcheries and vendor storages to verify safety, handling and traceability.

He even called on authorities to consider deploying drones for surveillance and monitoring to track down the threat.

Even daily economic activities have become terrifying. Sand

trucks, rumbling through the village from designated FMD management zones, are now viewed not as signs of development, but as Trojan horses carrying the microscopic virus on their tires, posing high risk of spreading the disease.

Then there is the heart-breaking logistics of survival. One farmer, Mr Thapediso Ntwaetsile raised his hand to voice a dilemma that keeps him awake at night.

Mr Ntwaetsile requested rezoning of Zone 11, citing its unmanageable vastness and pressed for an update on the proposed containment zone fence stretching from the Ramotswa border through Mogobane to the Kanye junction.

He also raised a critical logistical riddle that cuts to the core of daily life, "How will our cattle get access to water after the establishment of the containment zone?"

The grazing area will be on one side of the containment zone, whilst the drinking point is on the side of the village."

To a farmer, the thought of their animals staring at a wire fence and dying of thirst while looking at their usual watering hole, is psychological torture.

Advocating for a heavy legal iron

fist to protect their herds and halt the virus, former councillor, Mr Mothibedi Mothibedi requested government to introduce steep fines for those who fail to kraal their animals, stock thieves and illegal border entries.

In efforts to deter cattle from wandering into restricted zones, he also called for the installation of cattle grids and restriction of access points to a single controlled gate. When the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, stood to respond, he faced a crowd of anxious eyes.

Dr Dikoloti had to deliver tough and counter-intuitive truth to men who just wanted to save their animals and advised them against demanding immediate FMD vaccination.

The minister explained the cruel paradox of global trade, indicating that vaccinated beef loses its premium quality on the global stage. Because Botswana relies heavily on the EU market, the idea is to avoid complicating the export standard of local beef.

He stated that 70 000 cattle have already been vaccinated since the launch of the targeted campaign, but for Ranaka, the strategy relies on containment.

The containment zone will start

from the Ramotswa borderline, running through Mogobane up to the Kanye junction.

Highlighting the scale of the challenge, Minister Dikoloti indicated that Botswana shared a borderline of over 2 000km with South Africa and another 500km with Zimbabwe.

Construction of the containment fence, he said, could not be done by the state alone as it required a united front, spirit of volunteerism from farmers and active participation from community clans to build physical barriers.

All efforts, he emphasised, must be channelled toward the fence first and the rezoning of Zone 11 could only be looked into after the containment zone was complete.

To assist, the ministry has partnered with the Department of Prisons and the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) to assist with installation, but Dr Dikoloti reiterated that farmers must assume the responsibility to ensure that the fence was finished by the end of this month.

Strong farmer associations and volunteerism, he insisted, were the bedrock of successful disease management, urging local committees to maintain dilapidated veterinary cordon fences.

He reminded them that before the outbreak, cattle prices were rising and defeating FMD was critical to maintaining that upward path.

To ease the sting of the water crisis, veterinary services director, Dr Kobedi Segale, stepped forward with words of reassurance and promised that after completion of the containment zone fence, an alternative plan would be devised to supply water to the cattle on the grazing area side to ensure that animals could drink without violating the strict movement ban.

Adding weight to government's stance, Southern Region FMD coordinator, Dr Odireleng Thololwane, emphasised that vaccination devalued the selling price of livestock.

He reiterated that it was far more crucial to focus on controlling the virus's spread through discipline rather than needles.

To ensure security, Dr Thololwane stated that strict surveillance would be conducted in Ranaka and warned that all cattle must have ear tags and be fully registered on the Botswana Animal Identification and Traceability System (BAITS).

Meanwhile, at the end of the kgotla meeting, farmers left with a heavy mandate.

The panic had not evaporated, but it had been channelled into a quiet and vigilant resolve as the battle against FMD is not being fought in a laboratory, but in the dust and by proud men determined to protect the animals that carry their history, wealth and honour.

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Ranaka residents during a kgotla meeting addressed by Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti following confirmed Foot and Mouth Disease cases in Molapowabojang and Mmathethe recently. Photos: Thandy Tebogo

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Banni ba Lobatse kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente Rre Kamal Jacobs bosheng. Rre Jacobs a re Botswana Meat Commission e tswelitse sentle ka go oketsa ditirelo tsa yone. Senepe: Calviniah Kgautlhe



BMC e tlaa oketsa ditirelo

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LOBATSE

Botswana Meat Commission e mo legatong la go oketsa ditirelo ka go agwa ga lefelo la go dira dijo tse dinnang mo dithining(cannery).

Se, se builwe Mopalamente wa Lobatse Rre Kamal Jacobs o buile jalo bosheng jaaka ane a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa kgaolwaneng ya Thema/Motswedi bosheng.

Rre Jacobs a re katolotso ya ditirelo e tlaa thusa go tlhama ditiro go fokotsa dipalo tsa batho ba ba babalelwang.

O tswelitse a tlhalosa gape gore lefelo la tshugo ya matlalo (tannery)le go tokafatsa dikago e setse e le gaufi le go fela mme tsholofelo ke gore le yone fela jalo e tlaa tlhama Batswana ditiro, a tlatsa ka gore lenaneo la Leather Park le mo ditogamaanong tsa puso.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Jacobs a re jaaka puso e tsosolosa itsholelo go solofetswe gore mo bo

gaufeng go goroge dikgomo tsa mashi dile makgolo a mabedi go tswa kwa lefatsheng la Brazil, a tlhalosa gore maikaelelo ke go tlhama ditiro le go tokafatsa matshelo a Batswana.

Mopalamente o tswelitse a tlhalosa gore Milk Africa o fetogile go nna Milk Valley, e le lekalana la Botswana Development Corporation.

A re e tlaa thusa gore Batswana ba seka ba ikaega ka mafatshe a mangwe le go fokotsa tlhalelo ya mashi mo mmarakeng.

Rre Jacobs o gakolotse banni go tlhokomela dikgomo tsa bone kwa merakeng go thusa puso go lwantsha tlhako le molomu.

Mo go tse dingwe Rre Jacobs o tlhalositse gore go dirwa molao wa kakanyetso wa dikatso tse di kwa tlase, go nna (P4000) ka kgwedi, a tlhalosa gore o tlaa sekasekiwa mo palamenteng ya mariga a tlatsa ka gore tsholofelo ke gore phetogo e, e tokafatsa matshelo a babereki.

Fa a bua ka lenaneo la Ikageng, a re ga le na go kwadisa batho ba dingwaga tse di masome a marataro le botlhano, maikaelelo ke go fa basha le batho ba ba santseng ba le mo dingwageng tsa go bereka sebaka.

Rre Jacobs o supile fa a itse gore go bo go fokoditswe dipalo tsa badiri ba lenaneo la Ikageng go ngongora morafe mme a supa fa go bakwa ke seemo sa itsholelo, a tlatsa ka gore puso e batla tharabololo gore batho ba tle ba boele ka dipalo tse dintsi mo lenaneong le.

Mopalamente Jacobs o boletse gore khansela ya Lobatse e rekile koloi e ntsha ya setima-molelo gore e tokafatse mo go tsibogeleng dithuso tsa tshoganyetso tsa melelo, a tlatsa ka gore go solofetswe koloi e nngwe e tona ya setima molelo, a re e tlaa thusa thata bokgoni jwa go sireletsa matshelo le dithoto tsa banni.

Mo go tse dingwe, Kgosi Serogola Seretse wa Thema/Motswedi, o kopile gore bo-ralekgotla ba lemogiwe ka go atswiwa, a re ba dira tiro ka botswa-pelo, le go thusa dikgosi ka jaana e le bone ba itseng batho thata mo kgaolong.

O boletse gape gore ba kopana gangwe le gape e le bogogi jwa kgaolo le ba komiti e e sireletsang bana, go ema kगतलhanong le nnotagi, kgokgontsho le bo-tlho-ka-tsebe, ga mmogo le go etela dikolo go fa baithuti maele

a botshelo.

Mongwe wa ba-tsena phuthego, Mme Lorato Makodi o boletse fa a tshwenyegile thata ka batsakwa ba ba tshelagelang mo lefatsheng le, mme seemo sa itsholelo sone se le kwa tlase, a re seo se tsile go oketsa mathata ka jaana dipalo tsa banni di a oketsega mme go nne mosuke.

Mokhanselara wa kgaolwana ya Thema /Motswedi Rre Velem Heii o lebogetse morafe go tla go itseela ka tsebe le go fa mopalamente mofago goya palamenteng.

Mabapi le tlhokomelo ya leruo o boletse fa phuthengong tse a di tshwereng mo kgaolong ya gagwe barui ba supile fa bone ba sa ruele dikgomo mo toropong ya Lobatse,

mme ba tlhalosa fa dikgomo tse di bonalang e le tsa kgaolo e e mabapi ya Ramotswa.

Rre Heii o boletse gape gore puso e tshwere ka thata go tsosolosa itsholelo ya lefatshe a re mathata a matona ke dithlwatlhwa tse di kwa godimo kwa marekisetsoong ka gore ba turelwa ke lookwane. **BOPA**

Ba Pole ba iteela puso legofi

Masego Tabengwa
POLE

Dipelo tsa banni ba Pole mo kgaolong ya Tati bophirima di boetse mannong morago ga gore selemo se ba tswang goolowe ba lela ka sone, sa go agelwa diofisi tsa kgotla se arabiwe.

Pole, o sa tswa go rolelwa diofisi tsa kgotla tsa manobonobo tse di nang le diofisi di le supa.

Mo potsolotsong le BOPA bosheng, Kgosi Clinic Ketlogetswe wa Pole o boletse fa ba sa bolo go lela ka go tlhoka diofisi tsa kgotla gotswa ka ngwaga wa 2012 mme o leboga puso go bo e tsera kgato ya go araba selemo sa bone.

Kgosi o tlhalositse fa diofisi tse di simolotse go agiwa ngogola ka kgwedi ya Phukwi mme tsa wediwa monongwaga ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo, a re sebe sa phiri ke go bo di santse di tlhalelwa ke di dirisiwa, e bile gape ka go ya tsone e ne e sa akaretsa matlo a boroko jwa bodiredi.

Le fa gontse jalo, Kgosi Ketlogetswe o boletse fa morafe o iteetse legofi tlhabologo eo, e a kaileng e tlaa fetola tebego ya motse le go thusa go atumetsa bodiredi bongwe jo bo tshwanetseng go ka bo bo le teng kwa kgotleng ya bone mme mo nakong eno bo seyo.

O boletse fa jaanong ba nna ba lebile tsela ka tsholofelo ya gore gongwe mo tsamaong ya nako kgotla ya bone e tlaa fiwa bodiredi jo bo akaretsang modiri yo o phuthang dikoloto, mophepafatsi le mapodisi.

Kgosi o tswelitse a supa bothokwa jwa gore kgotla ya bone e nne le badisa dikago go sireletsa dithoto tsa puso.

Mo go tse dingwe, Kgosi Ketlogetswe o boletse fa borukutlhi bo kekelwa kwa Pole, ka jalo a re go bothokwa gore motse o nne le mapodisi bogolo a mane ka palo, gore a kgone go tshwaragana le morafe go bo lwantsha.

A re bosheng jaana go nnile le ditiragalo di le tharo tsa go thujwa

ga matlo go bo go utswiwa dithoto mme ga seka ga tshwarwa ope mabapi le ditiragalo tseo, a re manweenwe a dira go kgona le go rata ka ba bo ba itse gore ga gona mapodisi mo motseng.

Le fa gontse jalo, o ne a gwetha morafe go dira gotlho mo ba ka go kgonang go leka go lwantsha borukutlhi ga mmogo le go sireletsa dithoto tsa bone, a re thuo ya dintsa ke sengwe se ba tshwanetseng go se tseela kwa godimo ka di ka ba tsibosa fa sengwe se diragala bosigo mo malwapeng a bone.

Kgosi o ba gakolotse go tsibosa ba ba maleba fa ba belaela metsamao ya bangwe mo motseng, a re go le gantsi manweenwe a dira dipatlisiso motshagare mme ba bo ba tla ba dira tiro ya bone bosigo.

Fa a itebaganya le boitshwaro jwa banana, Kgosi Ketlogetswe o tlhalositse fa boitshwaro jwa bone e le jo bo nametsang, ka a se ke a amogela dipego dipe tsa bo-tlhoka-tsebe jwa banana mo motseng. **BOPA**



Shadows of 1985 Gaborone raid still linger 41 years later



Scenes from the aftermath of the SADF raid in Gaborone on June 14, 1985. South African forces crossed into Botswana targeting suspected African National Congress members in exile, leaving 12 people dead and several properties destroyed.

GABORONE

To look at the bustling, modern streets of Gaborone today, you might never suspect that beneath the pavement lies the ghost of a winter night that shook Botswana.

For a whole generation, June 14, 1985, is a chapter in a history textbook, flat and distant.

But for those of us who woke up to the sound of a country losing its innocence, the echoes of that terrifying South African Defence Force (SADF) raid still vibrate, 41 years later, in the quiet corners of our minds, reminisces BOPA reporter, Anastacia Sibanda.

For me, the memory is inextricably bound to the scent of melting wax and the biting chill of a June night in White City.

Back then, my absolute sanctuary was a small wooden house built just outside our main family home.

For a young schoolgirl, it was a kingdom of peace. In that wooden room, illuminated by the soft glow of a single candle, I could escape.

There, no one would knock to ask, "May I kindly borrow your candle? I will return it later."

Inside those wooden walls, my thoughts and my homework, were entirely my own.

Earlier that day, life had been ordinary. A police officer had visited our assembly at Ben Thema Primary School. He was there to deliver a well-



meaning lecture on the dangers of shoplifting, sparked by complaints from the nearby Leapeetswe Store about missing chocolates and sweet-aid.

Our teacher, Ms Daisy Leburu, turned the visit into an assignment and we were to go home and draw the officer exactly as he looked. I was never naturally gifted with a pencil. That evening, my sanctuary became a battleground of frustration.

Under the dim candlelight, I rubbed and erased until the paper tore slightly at the edges.

I was determined to capture every detail of the man who had commanded our assembly, his crisp uniform, his stable belt, his swagger stick and his distinct silhouette defined by a tall frame and a prominent belly. Inspired by his words, I fought the drawing late into the night.

Eventually, the bitter winter cold won. I blew out the candle, watched the thin wisp of smoke vanish into the dark, tucked myself tightly into my blankets and drifted off to sleep.

Just four hours later, the peace of White City was obliterated.

At approximately 1:30am, a massive and terrifying explosion ripped through the night air.

The force of the blast did not just wake me but violently shook the frail wooden walls of my sanctuary. Frozen under my blankets, my heart hammering against my ribs, I listened as the neighbourhood dogs began barking uncontrollably into the dark, a frantic and collective panic.

Terrified, my older brother, Matthews, rushed out from the main house to check on us. We were physically unhurt, but the air felt heavy and dangerous.

When I finally found the courage to turn the lock and step outside, another deafening bang echoed through the sky, accompanied by a blinding flash of light that turned night into day.

Because White City sits right next to Bontleng, the unfolding chaos was horrifyingly close.

Panicked and realising that our fragile wooden walls offered no protection, we decided to flee into the freezing early morning darkness.

Our plan was to run towards

the traffic roundabout by the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) and hide.

But as we tried to join the main road, the shadows materialised into a troop from the Botswana Defence Force (BDF).

An officer stepped into our path. His voice was a calm anchor in a sea of panic, but his command left no room for argument.

"Go back home. Remain indoors. It is dangerous to be out here tonight. Quickly, quickly, return."

We retreated inside, shivering and completely unaware of the historical horror occurring just blocks away. It was only later that morning, as the sun rose over a changed nation, that the grim truth spilled from our radio speakers.

Under the command of General Constand Viljoen, apartheid SADF commandos had illegally crossed the border into Botswana. They had launched a brutal and targeted assault on African National Congress (ANC) refugees scattered across Gaborone.

By the time they retreated, 12

people were dead.

Four decades have passed since that night. Even now, 41 years down the line, I find myself looking at the quiet Gaborone night and asking the same haunting questions that have chased me since childhood.

What if we had not turned back? What would have happened to my brother and I if we had run into those apartheid commandos in the dark?

Today, the modern skyline of Gaborone stands tall, built on the resilience of a people who refused to be broken by cross-border terror.

The small wooden house in White City is long gone, but the memories bound to its walls endure.

We survived, but a piece of our childhood innocence remained in the cold dust of that June morning.

Gaborone grew and the city moved on, but for those of us who remember, we carry a quiet duty, to ensure that the 12 lives stolen in the dark are never forgotten, even as the shadows of 1985 slowly fade into history. **BOPA**



President Sir Ketumile Masire (second left) visiting scenes of the raid from the South African Defence Force in Gaborone on June 14, 1985. The cross-border operation, known as Operation Plecksy, targeted suspected members of the African National Congress and its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, who were living in exile in Botswana.

Twenty minutes that shook Gaborone in 1985

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

It took less than 20 minutes for a dark piece of apartheid history to be written on the streets of Gaborone.

On June 14, 1985, Operation Plecksy caught local forces completely off guard, a failure of intelligence that Major General Pius Mokgware still reflects on decades later.

But while the brutal cross-border raid sparked panic among residents fleeing into the night, it was the calculated and disciplined restraint of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) in the hours that followed that ultimately prevented a full-scale war.

For the people of Bontleng and surrounding neighbourhoods, the tragedy was felt not in military strategy, but in the sudden shattering of a cold June night.

In the dark, quiet hours before dawn, the air was ripped apart by gunfire and explosions. The South African Defence Force (SADF) had crossed the border, hunting anti-apartheid activists associated with the African National Congress (ANC). By the time the sun rose, at least 12 people lay dead.

In those chaotic moments, the neighbourhood transformed into a

scene of terror. Families were jolted from their sleep by the sounds of war outside their bedroom windows.

Terrified mothers and fathers grabbed their children and fled into the dark, leaving everything behind.

Many ran blindly through the streets, seeking whatever safety they could find within the walls of the local Urban Police Station, their heartbeats drowning out the fading echo of retreating engines.

At Sir Seretse Khama Barracks, a young BDF major was experiencing his own shock. Major General Pius Mokgware, now retired, still remembers the helpless feeling of being blindsided.

"We were not aware that the SADF would launch an attack.

I will say openly that it was an intelligence failure back then," Maj. Gen. Mokgware reflects, looking back at the vulnerability of that night.

The weight of what could have been still lingers. He believes that if his fellow officers had intercepted the plot, they could have changed the fate of those 12 victims.

Botswana would have stood firmly, warning South Africa that their plans were known and that their aggression would not be tolerated.

Soldiers would have been

deployed directly to the targeted homesteads to stand as a shield between peaceful residents and foreign commandos.

Instead, the attackers struck with precision and vanished back over the border in under 20 minutes, leaving a community to pick up the pieces.

As dawn broke over a grieving capital, a heavy choice lay on the shoulders of Botswana's leadership. The instinct to strike back was strong, but the commitment to save more innocent lives was stronger.

The nation chose not to launch a counter-attack, but chose peace to prevent a full-scale regional war that would have torn countless more families apart.

"The BDF strongly believed we should not retaliate because we did not want the situation to spiral out of control. Before taking military action, a country must exhaust all diplomatic channels," he explains, shedding light on the quiet discipline required to hold back under fire. Rather than meeting blood with blood, Botswana fought with words on the global stage, taking the pain of its people to the United Nations (UN) and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). Decades later, some still whisper that Botswana stood down out of fear or because it lacked the military muscle to face its powerful neighbour. But Maj. Gen. Mokgware dismisses the narrative completely, saying the restraint shown that night was not weakness, but respect for human life and international law.

"We did not retaliate because we were strictly following international diplomatic protocols. Retaliating would have meant sending the BDF across the border into South Africa. International law dictates that if you are attacked, you report the matter to the UN and AU. If the opponent still does not exercise restraint after that, only then do you resort to the option of retaliation," he adds.

As the years have passed, the echoes of that June night have dimmed, yet the lessons of that brutal raid remain sharp.

For Botswana, the choice to prioritise diplomacy over the cycle of vengeance proved that true strength is not always measured in how a nation fights, but in how it resists the urge to do so.

In the quiet resilience of Gaborone today, one finds the enduring legacy of a country that refused to let violence define its future. **BOPA**



Maj. General Pius Mokgware, now retired, said they were not aware that the SADF would launch an attack.

Ministry to revive extracurricular activities

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is determined to revive extracurricular activities in schools as part of efforts to shape character and instil discipline among learners.

The Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa said this on Friday during a sponsored walk held by Mojamorago Junior Secondary School in Selebi Phikwe.

Mr Hunyepa said that some of the social challenges, including substance abuse and juvenile delinquency arose from a lack of structured activities for young people during the hours after school.

He stated that a period of idleness could lead to negative behaviours and poor choices, and to tackle this, he emphasised the need to actively engage students in a variety of constructive activities.

Mr Hunyepa said participating in sports could promote physical health, while involvement in the arts and music could nurture creativity and self-expression.

Additionally, other creative pursuits could help develop essential skills and interests.

Mr Hunyepa further appreciated the commitment of both the teaching and non-teaching staff at Mojamorago Junior Secondary School in supporting students through various voluntary

initiatives, which contribute significantly to learners' academic and personal growth.

He said the commitment, which has brought about some remarkable academic results, had benefited the overall performance of the school and the town of Selebi Phikwe in the national Junior Certificate examination rankings.

Head Teacher of Mojamorago Junior Secondary School, Ms Gaolathe Senabye, explained that the sponsored walk was more than just a fundraising event as it also served as a bridge between the school and the surrounding community.

She said by engaging residents in the initiative, the school aimed to foster a stronger partnership that encouraged community involvement.

Ms Senabye said the collaboration was crucial for addressing the academic needs of students and contributing to a supportive and enriched educational environment.

Meanwhile, councillor for Botshabelo East, Mr Stephen Nyoni expressed appreciation for the efforts by teachers that extended beyond the traditional classroom environment.

He said many teachers have taken it upon themselves to support students, particularly those who were needy and vulnerable, through personally funding essential items such as school uniforms and other necessities, demonstrating their unwavering compassion and commitment to the well-being of their students.

The funds raised through the sponsored walk will go towards the victory celebration of the 2025 Junior Certificate examination results, the prize-giving ceremony for this year as well as for the celebration of the school's 30th anniversary. **BOPA**

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5 FARM WORKERS wanted in Bakgatla lands. Apply to: Nicridge Holdings, Box 5200 Gaborone.

2 FARM WORKERS needed by Thato Mogapi at Bakgatla lands. Box 386 Oodi

FARM MANAGER WANTED with Certificate/ Diploma in horticulture. The candidate must have more than 8 years of hands-on experience. Enclose CV's & Certificates to: Nicridge (Pty) Ltd. Box 5200 Gaborone

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A FARM WORKER wanted. Apply to Moitseemang Ncube, P O Box 1858 Gaborone. Cell 76015333. Closing date 11/06/2026

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted at Betesankwe lands at Serinane / Letlhakeng, P.O Box 70855 UB Gaborone. Tel. 72155679, Frederick Ramodisa

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HERDBOY WANTED AT Mooke Cattle Post, Ene Munaani 75478588 Box 2869 Ftown

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4 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Matshelagabedi Tshanonoka Khamandisi 71566044 Box 180 Matshelagabedi

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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 1252/2020 dated 21st day of September 2020 made in favour of PURPLE-BLUE HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 17628 Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 684 m² (Six Hundred and Eighty Four Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 1252/2020 dated 21st day of September 2020 made in favour of PURPLE-BLUE HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026



NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters's Reference: ESHGB 001018-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late PRADIP BABULAL SHAH who died at Kgale View, Plot no. 2024, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 07th day of October 2024.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 12th day of June 2026

THE EXECUTOR | Virag Paradip Shah
 c/o Akheel Jinabhai Attorneys | P O BOX 20575, GABORONE | Cell: 3163125

VACANCIES EXIST FOR THE FOLLOWING TEACHING POSTS AT AL-NUR SCHOOL:

SECONDARY

- Mathematics / Statistics

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree and Diploma in Education (Minimum).
- Minimum of Five years' relevant experience
- Experience in teaching Cambridge IGCSE, A.S and A- Level and a Masters in the subject will be a strong recommendation.

Please submit Curriculum Vitae to: Secretary, Al-Nur School, Private Bag 00192, Gaborone

N.B.

- Only applicants who qualify for an interview will be contacted.
- Application must be accompanied by a C.V. and a Transcript of the academic qualifications.

CLOSING DATE : 08 JULY 2026

B. L. MOALOSI ENTERPRISES

Private Bag 007, Letlhakane | blmoalosi83@gmail.com

JOB VACANCIES | Closing Date: 30th June 2026

SCHOOL POSITIONS

Location: Boteti Unified School, Letlhakane
 English medium teaching experience is an added advantage

1. Primary School Head

- Degree/Master's in Education
- 4+ years as a School Head
- Strong leadership & administration skills

2. Primary School Teacher

- Diploma/Degree in Education
- 3+ years primary teaching experience
- Good classroom management

3. Pre-Primary School Teacher

- Certificate/Diploma in Early Childhood Education
- 2+ years pre-primary experience
- Patient, creative, nurturing approach

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JOB VACANCIES: ACCOUNTANT POSITIONS

Location: Gaborone

- Diploma/Degree in Accounting, Finance or related field
- Knowledge of bookkeeping, payroll, financial reporting
- Proficient in Excel and accounting software
- Attention to detail and integrity

HOW TO APPLY

Send CV, certified certificates & cover letter to:

Email: blmoalosi83@gmail.com

Address: Private Bag 007, Letlhakane

CLOSING DATE: 30th June 2026

JOB VACANCY: DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

A diplomatic residence in Gaborone is seeking a reliable, experienced, and professional Domestic Assistant to join the household team.

Key Responsibilities

- General housekeeping and cleaning duties
- Laundry, ironing, and wardrobe care
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- Maintaining high standards of cleanliness and organization
- Other household duties as assigned

Requirements

- Previous experience as a domestic assistant, housekeeper, or similar role
- Experience working in diplomatic, expatriate, or high-profile household is an advantage
- Trustworthy, discreet, and professional
- Requires to prepare Nigerian cuisine and delicacy
- Requires the ability to fluently communicate and follow oral and written instruction in Hausa language
- Willing to work fulltime and live in with the employer
- Valid references from previous employees

Applications should be sent to:

Mr. Mohammed Y. Sani (Diplomat)
 Plot 1086/92, Queens Road
 P.O. Box 274, Gaborone, Botswana
 +267 3913561

Closing date is Tuesday 23rd June, 2026

VACANCY: DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – ADMINISTRATION

Al-Nur School a well-established Cambridge curriculum school invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of **Deputy Principal – Administration**.

Minimum Qualifications and Requirements

Applicants should possess:

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- Degree in applied Accounting
- At least 15 years' experience in a managerial position within an educational institution.
- Proven fluency in handling Cambridge Examination rules, regulations, and procedures for both Primary and Secondary levels.

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CLOSING DATE: 08 JULY 2026



We Are Hiring: Join Our Road Construction Project!

We are seeking dedicated professionals to join our team working on a major road project. If you have the skills and experience outlined below, we want to hear from you.

1. Site Engineer

- Degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent;
- Minimum of 5 years relevant experience in bituminous paved roadways and roadworks construction;
- Registered with Botswana Engineer's Registration Board as a Professional Engineer;
- Strong knowledge of road construction practices;
- Preference will be given to Botswana citizens.

2. Senior Surveyor

- Degree in Surveying or equivalent and a registered professional with the relevant regulatory body;
- At least 8 years of experience, including a working knowledge of surveying disciplines in construction of roads projects;
- Proven expertise in engineering surveys for road projects;
- Botswana citizens will be prioritized.

3. Technician x8 (all trades):

- A minimum of 5 years' experience in road and bridge construction and maintenance.
- Experience working on major infrastructure projects will be an added advantage.
- Ability to read and interpret engineering drawings and technical specifications.
- Knowledge of road construction materials, bridge structures, and construction methodologies.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and basic engineering software.

Chinese chef: Minimum of 5 years' experience as a Chinese Chef. Extensive knowledge of authentic Chinese cooking techniques and recipes. Ability to work under pressure and maintain high standards of food quality and presentation. Strong leadership and teamwork skills.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications along with recent CVs, certified copies of academic and professional certificates. Whilst Landmark Projects is an equal opportunity employer, Botswana citizens will be given preference.

Closing Date: 27/06/2026

Send email applications with job title CLEARLY stated in the email heading to:

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FIVE FARM WORKERS urgently wanted of a horticultural project. Apply to: Rotatrix Holdings (Pty) Ltd. Box 501665 Gaborone

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HERD BOY URGENTLY wanted at Chamani/Foley Ntuluki Fulukani PO Box 10977 Tatitown, Francistown 74056625/76472822

TWO FARMWORKERS WANTED (Tutume) Kabelo Shaolin Dam Pty Ltd Box 298 Tutume 72692257

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tsholwane farm 71308974 / 71310246.

MODISA WANTED ASAP at Kokoje, Kweneng East Contact 71444950 or 72804863

HERBOY WANTED AT Mogojwana. Contact Mothusi Kutuso 71475963

FARM WORKER ALONG Sefhophpe Mogapi road. Contact No: 77455474 / 71202442

HERDBOY WANTED AT Sandveld Contact 70640023 Kabo Kgathi

FARM WORKER WANTED at Lesoko lands/Mogorosi. Contact 75697660

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

KOKETSO MAPANGE OF plot 39255 Mogoditshane, informs neighbours regarding the erection of a boundary wall. Any objections to this proposal should be lodged with Kweneng District Council, physical planning office at 5922100 with fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 3323, Mogoditshane Block 4 Tsolamosese would like to build a boundary wall. For any objections please contact Mogoditshane physical planning office, +267 3166653 or toll-free council line: 0800 155 182.

OWNER OF PLOT 2177, Metlhabeng, Tlokweg intends to erect boundary wall. Objections call 3695018 within fourteen days of this publication.

THE OWNER OF plot 1164 located in Kasane wishes to erect a boundary wall. For any objection contact Chobe District Physical Planning at 6250275 within 14 days of this publication.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION **METSATSILE MARADZA** owner of plot No : 68238, Gaborone North intends to develop a double story residential building. Anyone with objection should contact Gaborone City Council within (14) days of publication of this notice

THE OWNER OF plot No 19260 in Ramotswa, Tsokung seeks to consult the owner of plot No 19261 of his intentions to erect a screenwall. Any objections should be forwarded to Ramotswa Council building Control within 14 days from the date of this publication

CHANGE OF LAND USE. Owner of plot 26820, Ledumadumane, Mogoditshane intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections, contact Mogoditshane District Council Physical Planning on Telephone : 3105615 within 14 days from publication notice

OWNER OF PLOT 2177, Metlhabeng, Tlokweg intends to erect boundary wall. Objections call 3695018 within fourteen days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE- Owner of plot 1208, Pilane intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections contact Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning on Telephone: 3695096 within 14 days from publication notice

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

ESHFT-000222-26

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kesebonye Kgwatatala-ESHFT-000222-26** who died at Bobonong Primary Hospital, Bobonong Central District of Botswana on the **10th day of February 2026.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8th OF JUNE 2026

KELEBEMANG S. KESEBONYE
EXECUTIVE DATIVE
P O BOX 521, **BOBONONG**
77083244 / 77489434

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of **section 31** of the **Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01)**, heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the **Master of 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
BIGBOY AMO	ESHFT-000447-26	18/08/26	0900HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 000410-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Dumano Jori Sephela – ESHFT 000410-24** who died at Tonota Clinic, Central District on the **29 November 2023.**

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 JUNE 2026

TAPOLOGA DUMANO

Executor Dative AND TO: **Master of the High Court**
P O Box 36091 Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN **FRANCISTOWN**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000287/26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JULIA MEIER** who died at Sefhare Primary Hospital, Sefhare, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on **17th February 2024.**

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY OF 2026.

Executor Dative | Bruno Meier
c/o **B. O. Selelo Attorneys**
P. O. Box 47309, **GABORONE** | TEL: 3960804/+41786083843

APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a **certified copy of Deed No: 548/1996** dated **26th Day of July 1996** made in favour of **Badumetse Bophala Samuel** in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 19602, Francistown
SITUATE : Francistown Extension 27
MEASURING : 399m² (Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Square Metres)
HELD UNDER : 548/1996 dated **26th Day of July 1996** made in favour of **Badumetse Bophala Samuel**

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

DATED AT _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026

Badumetse Bophala Samuel
APPLICANT

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
ESHFT 000808-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Modise Banohile- ESHFT – 000808-24** who died at Mmadinare Primary Hospital on the **1st September 2008.**

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 MMADINARE THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

Ramontsho Gaonyadiwe
Executor Dative
P O Box 114
Mmadinare

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

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified Copy of a lost Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No: **FT TG 229/2010** dated **6th day of December 2010** made in favour of **BOIKARABELO SEBINA** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lease Area No. 38-NN;
SITUATED: in the Bangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 3 689, 6100 Ha (Three Six Eight Nine Comma Six One Zero Zero Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No: **FT TG 229/2010** dated **6th day of December 2010** made in favour of **BOIKARABELO SEBINA;**

SUBJECT: to the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Cession.
All persons having objections to the issuance of the aforesaid of such property are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing to the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks from the date of the second publication of this notice.

DATED 8th June 2026

PEO LEGAL

PLOT 2536
P.O. BOX 789 AAH, MASA CENTRE
GABORONE
TEL: 3975779

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased specified below are being called upon to attend before the Office of Master – Keneilwe Thebeetsile at Gaborone High Court on the date and time specified for the purposes of recommending the appointment of a person(s) as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person
Micus Chiwasanee Chimbombi
Estate Number
ESHGB-001049/25
Date of Meeting
06-08-26
Time
0830HRS

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 09TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCY: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

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

ESHFT 000 466-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Tapologo Kehaletse -ESHFT 000 466-25** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the **30th October 2016.**

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 9th SEPTEMBER 2025

Steyn Kagelelo Kefaleitse
Executor Dative
P O Box 656, Mmadinare
Cell No: 71589922

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

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

ESHMY000267-26

publication hereof.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

DATED AT MAHALAPYE ON THIS 03RD DAY JUNE 2026

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kebabonye Nyoka** who died at Xhosa 1 Ward Central District Botswana on the **12th May 2024**

Executrix | **Letsositswe Tokwe**
P O Box 311, **Tonota**
Cell:71254421

NOTICE HEREBY given that debtors and creditors in the Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the

AND TO: Master of High Court
Private Bag F19
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
KETHOBILE KUMULA	ESHFT-000482-26	19-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHGB- 000485/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MPHO CAROLINE MAGANO** who died at Extension 4, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on **3rd August 2021.**

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

DATED AT GABORONE this day.....2026

Executrix Dative, Naledi Kefetogile, P O Box 47714, **GABORONE CELL: 72282215**

INTENTION TO SELL TRANSFER IMMOVAL PROPERTY (SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018)

Notice is hereby given that **JIMMY O MONARE** has entered into an offer to purchase agreement with **MAUN CULTURAL TREATS (PTY) LTD.** (The transaction) in respect of the below - mentioned property, namely

Certain : - ploughing field
Situate : - Sexaxa Maun, in the Batawana tribal territory
Measuring : 306m (n) + 361m (e) + 171m (s) + 196m (w)
Held under : Certificate of customary land Grant dated 22 february 2013
Thereafter referred to as a the "property"

Purchase consideration is the **sum of 200 000** (two hundred thousand pula) excluding any vat/ transfer duty consequential to the transaction.

Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby give to any citizen of botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of property.

WINEC (PTY) LTD owner of plot No. 4079 at Unit 6-Jwaneng would like to change land use of their plot from single family residential to commercial-Guest House. For any clarity/objections please contact Jwaneng Town Council, Physical Planning office on telephone 5880303 within 14 days of publication

CHANGE OF LAND USE -Owner of plot 5534, Thamaga intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections, contact Mogoditshane District Council Physical Planning on Telephone : 3105615 within 14 days from publication notice

CHANGE OF LAND USE - Owner of plot 981, Gakgatla intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections, contact Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning on Telephone 3105615 within 14 days from publication notice

CHANGE OF LAND USE -Owner of plot Z344, Sefoke ward, Tlokweng intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning. Telephone : 3928277 within 14 days from publication notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE-Owner of plot Z3201, Tlokweng intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning on Telephone : 3928277 within 14 days from publication notice.

LONE PETER SEBOLETSWE owner of plot 1386 in Borolong wishes to inform neighbours of his intention to apply for access / junction into A30 Francistown-Orapa road. For any objections, contact 74408055 or Department of Roads and Transport Services within 14 days.

ACEDISANGOFlot977 in Mosolotshane Moloi ward would like to inform the public & neighbours of the change of land use from residential to mixed use (shopping complex). All queries / comments should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council. Tel 4718600 / 24 /13 within 14 days of publication.

ACE DISANG OF Garden plot in Sefako ward in Mosolotshane would like to inform the public & neighbours of the change of land use from Garden to Commercial. All comments / queries should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council. Tel 4718600 / 24/13 within 14 days of publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot 32400, Tati plots, Francistown, seeks to change land use from single- family residential to multi-family residential. Forward any objections to the Physical Planning Office, City of Francistown Council on Telephone No. 2411050 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

BOBONONG UCCSSA CHURCH would like to change plot from brick moulding to residential located in Mosweu Ward. Whoever has any objection regarding the proposal should forward it to Bobonong Land Board Physical Planning Office within 14 days of publication of this notice

JOEL FANYANA WISHES to change land use of ploughing field to a mixed use -agricultural at Mabudzane. Any objections should be forwarded to North East District Council on telephone no: 2482129 within 14 days of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT 3442 at Rakops is proposing change of land use from residential to commercial (Guest House). Any objections Contact Boteti District Council Physical Planning Office on 2909300

DIBETE VDC would like to change land use of their plot located at Matsosa ward, Dibete from recreation (football pitch) to commercial guesthouse. Any objections may be forwarded to Mahalapye Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this publication at 4718636/16

PROPERTIES

FARM FOR SALE. Location Tutume, Contact 77984192/ 75539452

COMMERCIAL PLOT (GENERAL dealer) for sale in Tsabong, lot 10962, 2.703 msq. Contacts: 75225757

VACANCIES

GOLDEN NORTH HAS vacancy for Operations Manager, candidate should have relevant qualifications, with atleast 10 years experience or more. Hand deliver applications to: Plot 77298, Unit 2, Acacia Office Park Phakalane. Closing date: 30.06.2026

VACANCIES

VACANCY PLANT OPERATORS / Technicians (x 25). Sherashiya (Pty) Ltd is seeking experienced plant operators / technicians for its steel manufacturing operations. Relevant plant operation and maintenance experience is required. Send applications to info@sherashiya.com or call 3930156 for enquiries.

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- Maintaining high standards of cleanliness and organization
- Other household duties as assigned

Requirements

- Previous experience as a domestic assistant, housekeeper, or similar role
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- Trustworthy, discreet, and professional
- Requires to prepare Nigerian cuisine and delicacy
- Requires the ability to fluently communicate and follow oral and written instruction in Hausa language
- Willing to work fulltime and live in with the employer
- Valid references from previous employees

Applications should be sent to:
Mr. Mohammed Y. Sani (Diplomat)
Plot 1086/92, Queens Road
P.O. Box 274, Gaborone, Botswana
+267 3913561

Closing date is Tuesday 23rd June, 2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33: 01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the **High Court at Maun High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the name 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
Letsogile Motsumi	ESHMN-000042-26	30 JULY 2026	11:30Hrs

DATED AT MAUN THIS 28 DAY OF MAY 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 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 hereunder of the 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
COLIN DE BEER	ESHMY 000400-26	14.07.26	0900HRS	Master: SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No. FTMA 141/2013 dated the 17th day of June 2013 made in favour of FRALNE PROPRIETARY LIMITED in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 2071, Mahalapye;
SITUATE: At Mahalapye in the Bangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1, 2830 HA (One Decimal Two Eight Three Zero Hectares);

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2026



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
MATHINE DIKUPA	ESHMY 000262-26	13.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 8TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

JOB ADVERT

PONESO RADIOLOGY SERVICES PTY LTD
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Send application to: The Director, Poneso Wellbeing (Radiology)
RSiwela@poneso-wellbeing.com
Closing date: 02nd July 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000442-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOLISIEMANG SEANE** who died at Molosatlou Ward, Sesung, Letlhakeng District, Botswana on the **30th day of January 2024.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor
Dimpho Seane
P O Box 574
Letlhakeng
Tel: 77488781

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased, and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relative 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
MOITSEI MAKUTU	ESHM 000366-26	13/07/2026	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 8TH JUNE 2026.

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	TIME	MASTER
MOATSHE MOATSHE	ESHMY 000058-26	07.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 5TH MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference **ESHGB- 000485/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MPHO CAROLINE MAGANO** who died at Extension 4, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on **3rd August 2021.**

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

DATED AT GABORONE this day.....2026

Executrix Dative, Naledi Kefetogile, P O Box 47714, **GABORONE CELL: 72282215**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000504-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RICHARD LETSATS** who died at Extension II Clinic, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **20th July 2021**

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 of2026

The Executor, Lillian Letsatsi, P O Box 902, Mochudi, Cell:71847666

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
ERNEST SIPHO MPOFU	ESHFT-000423-26	19-08-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000158/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Esther Seloi Tsheole** who died at Plot 5654 Boseja Ward, Mochudi, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 8th day of June, 2022.

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

DATED aton this.....day of.....2026.

Executrix
Kefilwe Dorich Seleka
P O Box 594

MASUNGA
CELL: 74577896

Executrix
Sophie Cecilia Mapila
P O Box 752

MOCHUDI
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VACANCY: SENIOR PROPERTY MANAGER, ASSET VALUATION SPECIALIST AND ESTATE AGENT

The Property Spot seeks a **highly experienced and registered professional** with a Degree in Real Estate Management, 5-7 years senior experience in property valuation and management and estate agency.

Requirements:

- Degree in Real Estate Management or related field
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- Ability to manage and supervise junior staff

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage residential and commercial property portfolios
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- Handle leasing, rentals, maintenance, budgeting, and tenant relations
- Advise on acquisitions, sales, and asset disposals
- Analyze market trends for investment decisions

Applicants must demonstrate specialist expertise in property valuation, estate agency and property/ asset management.

Apply by 30 June 2026.

The Property Spot
Plot 43173, Unit 8, Carramba Business Park, Phakalane, Gaborone
Email: bev@propertyspot.co.bw | Tel: 311 1399

ATTORNEY REQUIRED

A renowned legal firm, Akheel Jinabhai & Associates, invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals for the position of an Attorney based in Gaborone.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree from a recognised institution.
- Minimum of ten (10) years' hands-on experience in legal practice.
- Proven knowledge and practical experience in Botswana Laws and court proceedings.
- Admitted Attorney of the Courts of Botswana in good standing, or capable of being admitted with the Courts of the Republic of Botswana in accordance with the Legal Practitioners Act of Botswana.
- A qualification in arbitration will be an added advantage.

JOB SUMMARY

The Attorney will be heading the litigation and dispute resolution department of the firm and will be responsible for providing legal representation for Clients at Courts within the Republic of Botswana, in Arbitration and other forums, legal advisory services, drafting pleadings for Court. The Attorney will also supervise junior attorneys and support staff in the litigation department. The successful candidate will work closely with clients and senior attorneys to ensure efficient handling of legal matters while maintaining high professional and ethical ensure efficient handling of legal matters while maintaining high professional and ethical standards.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Represent clients in court proceedings, mediations and negotiations.
- Represent clients in arbitration proceedings.
- Appear for Clients at the High Court and Court of Appeal and other Courts of the Republic of Botswana.
- Draft, review and prepare legal documents, contracts, pleadings and opinions.
- Oversee junior attorneys in the litigation department.
- Conduct legal research and provide sound legal advice.
- Manage client files and maintain accurate legal records.
- Attend consultations with clients and provide strategic legal guidance.
- Ensure compliance with Botswana legal and regulatory requirements.
- Liaise with courts, regulatory bodies and other stakeholders.
- Support the firm in achieving its operational and professional objectives.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Excellent advocacy and litigation skills.
- Strong analytical and legal research abilities.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- High level of professionalism and integrity.
- Ability to work independently and within a team.
- Strong organisational and time management skills.
- Attention to detail and problem-solving capacity.

Candidates should apply to:

The Senior Partner, Akheel Jinabhai & Associates, (in Association with Mckee Commercial Law), Plot 54373, AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews CBD, P.O Box 20575, Gaborone.

Applications can also be e mailed to: info@aja.co.bw

Interested candidates submitted their application letter, detailed CV, and certified copies of qualifications to the firm.

Closing Date: 30th June 2026.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Preference will be given to citizens of Botswana.



AUROSTAR DIAMONDS BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD

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JOB VACANCIES

Aurostar Diamonds Botswana is a diamond cutting and polishing company looking for competent candidates to fill the following posts:

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REQUIREMENTS

- BGCSE
- Aged between 30 and 45 years
- Fluent in both spoken and written English
- Minimum of 7 years of experience in any process

COMPETENCIES

- Excellent communication skills
- Analytical thinking
- Computer literate

Interested candidates with the relevant skills and experience are requested to send a Cover letter, a comprehensive CV, and Certificates.

Address to:

Human Resources Officer
Aurostar Diamonds Botswana (PTY) Ltd
P. O. Box 685 ABG, Gaborone
Botswana

Contacts – +267 3167364

Closing date: 22nd June 2026

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO.6 OF 2026

VACANCY: SHE OFFICER I POST (MOTSWEDI REHABILITATION CENTRE)

SALARY:P65 508 per annum

LEAVE: 20 Working Days per annum

BENEFITS:

I. Contributory pension scheme (Employer contributes 7.5% and employee contributes 2.5%)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate in Public Health or Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety or equivalent
- Relevant experience in disability services is an added advantage.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Compassionate and committed to inclusive service delivery.

EXPERIENCE

No experience required, but having worked with children with disabilities will be an added advantage

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- Ensure compliance with safety regulations and accessibility standards.

DUTIES

- Develop, implement, and monitor safety, health, and environmental policies within the centre
- Conduct risk assessments and safety audits
- Organize safety drills, training sessions, and awareness programs
- Promote a culture of health, safety, and inclusion
- Handle incident reporting and emergency response procedures

REQUIRED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Adhering to principles and values
- Knowledge of occupational health and safety legislation.
- Understanding of environmental regulations.
- Competence in risk management techniques.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should quote the reference and vacancy circular number and provide the following:

- Detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copy of the National Identity Card (Omang)
- Certified copies of Certificates (academic and professional) together with their transcripts.
- Two (2) recent work-related references (**not more than (6) six months old**)

IMPORTANT

Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. **Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.**

Applications should be addressed to:

The Acting Coordinator
Motswedi Rehabilitation Centre
P O Box 1396
Mochudi

Or Hand delivered to:
Motswedi Rehabilitation Centre
Near Bakgatle CJSS
Plot No 2655
Raserura ward, Mochudi.

CLOSING DATE.... 30 June 2026

VACANCIES

LOOKING FOR A Shop Cashier with 2 years experience. Apply to P/Bag 00244 Gaborone. Email: accountsadmin@naturesbasket.co.bw

Faith Phepi Galetshoge

of Portion 10 in Senthlane Farms NO.18-KO, intends to change land-use from Agricultural to Mixed-use development and further subdivide it to residential, mixed-use, commercial and open space uses. Any objections contact 71844488 or Physical Planning unit at 538 1200 or P/Bag 002 Ramotswa, Botswana within 14 days of this notice.

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South Africa tightens immigration laws

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa has stepped up immigration enforcement across all ports of entry including land, sea and air borders, an official said on Sunday.

Speaking at a media briefing in Pretoria, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Mmamoloko Kubayi said intelligence-driven operations were continuing to target people staying in the country illegally, including those employed in workplaces.

The briefing followed President Cyril Ramaphosa's national address last week, in which he announced measures to address illegal migration amid rising public concern and protests in several cities.

The measures include labor law reforms, tighter border controls and efforts to curb corruption in the immigration system.

Kubayi said scores of undocumented migrants and their employers had been arrested over the past week, while more than 40 000 undocumented immigrants had been arrested since the start of 2026.

She said the government was also working to improve border-line infrastructure and related services, including access to health care, social services and education.

Kubayi said the re-establishment of a court at the Lindela Repatriation Centre

would help expedite deportations, describing the matter as urgent.

She said repatriations of foreign nationals were continuing, including those from Malawi, Ghana and Nigeria.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation is engaging with foreign governments, both in Africa and beyond, to explain the measures being taken by South Africa, Kubayi said.

The government is also coordinating with foreign counterparts to ensure orderly repatriations while continuing efforts to strengthen border

security, she said.

Kubayi called on all undocumented and illegal immigrants currently within South Africa's borders to immediately comply with the country's laws, saying authorities were working with several countries that were voluntarily repatriating their citizens to their countries of origin.

"The South African government will not tolerate the circumvention of our immigration systems and laws. We also call upon employers to refrain from transgressing immigration and labor laws," she added. *Xinhua*



JOHANNESBURG - Migrants awaiting repatriation. Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Mmamoloko Kubayi said intelligence-driven operations were continuing to target people staying in the country illegally. Photo: Xinhua

Summit to boost funding for food systems

NAIROBI

More than 1 000 public and private sector stakeholders will gather in Kenya this month end for a global summit aimed at unlocking sustainable financing for Africa's agri-food systems.

Paul Kipronoh Ronoh, principal secretary in Kenya's State Department for Agriculture, said in a statement recently that the Financing Agri-Food Systems Sustainably (FINAS) 2026 Summit, which will be held from June 30 to July 2, will focus on implementation,

investment mobilisation, and measurable outcomes aimed at transforming Africa's agri-food systems financing landscape.

He said the event's theme: Towards Sustainable Financial Architecture for Africa's Food Systems, comes at a critical moment for strengthening the continent's agricultural sector, noting that financing must be results-oriented, delivering measurable outcomes to enhance agri-food sustainability.

"The FINAS summit provides an opportunity to take stock of financing in the sector and

assess whether our goals have been achieved. Building on the strong track record of previous editions, this summit will unlock key opportunities for Africa," Ronoh said.

Ronoh said Africa has spent years defining its food system challenges, and FINAS 2026 shifts the focus toward accelerating action.

By aligning policies, finance, and partnerships, the initiative aims to unlock investments and deliver tangible results for farmers, agribusinesses, and regional economies, he added.

Sophia Baumert, project manager for Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies at GIZ Kenya, described the summit as a crucial platform for advancing collaboration, noting that such partnerships are essential for building reliable, secure and resilient agri-food systems across Africa.

The summit will also place emphasis on climate-smart agricultural finance, recognising the need to align agricultural investment with climate adaptation and mitigation goals.

Xinhua

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI): DEVELOPMENT OF BATLA MIXED-USE PLOT 2311, TLOKWENG

The Botswana Association of Tribal Land Authorities (BATLA) invites suitably qualified investors, property developers, contractors, development companies, and consortiums to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for participation in the development of Plot 2311, Tlokweng under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement. Plot 2311 is a strategically located, development-ready mixed-use commercial project with approved architectural and planning drawings already in place. The successful development partner will be responsible for financing, constructing, and delivering the project in accordance with the approved designs and agreed PPP framework. The proposed development comprises a mixed-use commercial project that may include retail and commercial outlets, office accommodation, hospitality and service facilities, residential or mixed-use units, as well as supporting infrastructure and amenities.

PROJECT DRAWINGS: Approved project drawings will be shared upon email request via office@batla.org.bw. **SITE VISIT:** 03 July 2026. Interested parties are required to make arrangements with BATLA at least one week prior to the site visit. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** 20 August 2026 at 12:30 Hours. **SUBMISSIONS TO:** The Executive Secretary, Private Bag T012, Tlokweng. Reference: BATLA Plot 2311, Tlokweng Development Proposal. **ENQUIRIES:** Tel: 392 8385, Mobile: 7271 7545 (Baratwi Modibetsane), Mobile: 7228 8626 (Gaone Dimakatso), Email: office@batla.org.bw

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI): DEVELOPMENT OF BATLA COMMERCIAL PLOT 29985, MMAPEKANYANE, KANYE

The Botswana Association of Tribal Land Authorities (BATLA) invites suitably qualified investors, property developers, consultants, development companies, contractors, consortiums, and strategic partners to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the development of Plot 29985, Mmapekanyane, Kanye under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement. Plot 29985 is a strategically located commercial plot measuring approximately 26,180m² (2.6 hectares), situated at Mmapekanyane, approximately 2.5 kilometres from the Kanye exit along the Kanye-Lobatse Highway (A2). BATLA seeks an innovative and capable development partner to conceptualise, finance, develop, and implement commercially viable commercial developments, including shopping centres, warehousing facilities, truck stops, hospitality establishments, lodges, conferencing facilities, and other innovative mixed-use commercial developments project. Interested parties are required to submit a Management Plan outlining the proposed development concept, preferred PPP model, project financing strategy, financial projections, anticipated project benefits, environmental, health and safety considerations, feasibility and marketing strategy, and implementation schedule.

SITE VISIT: 04 July 2026. Interested parties are required to make arrangements with BATLA at least one week prior to the site visit. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** 20 August 2026 at 12:30 Hours. **SUBMISSIONS TO:** The Executive Secretary, Private Bag T012, Tlokweng. Reference: BATLA Plot 29985 Development Proposal. **ENQUIRIES:** Tel: 392 8385, Mobile: 7271 7545 (Baratwi Modibetsane), Mobile: 7228 8626 (Gaone Dimakatso), Email: office@batla.org.bw

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Africa CDC commends China in fight against Ebola outbreak

ADDIS ABABA

The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) commended cooperation with China in Africa's fight against the Ebola virus outbreak, as the number of confirmed cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda surpassed 650.

During an online press briefing on Thursday evening, Africa CDC Director General Jean Kaseya said the number of confirmed Bundibugyo Ebola cases in the DRC and Uganda has reached 654, with the death toll climbing to 129.

He warned that gaps in contact tracing across the affected areas in the DRC, particularly in Ituri Province, have posed a major challenge to containment efforts.

"Many contacts have not yet been identified, and some listed contacts are not being actively followed."

Kaseya highlighted the outbreak's rapid geographic expansion, delayed detection, high mobility, insecurity, community resistance, and uneven tracing capacity among health zones as the main drivers behind gaps in contact tracing.

He also outlined a number of critical operational constraints, including unsafe burials, community mistrust, limited case management capacity, funding shortages, as well as security challenges.

Meanwhile, the director general spoke highly of the cooperation with China in tackling the outbreak, highlighting China's ongoing support to individual African countries and the continental public health agency.

"In Africa, we are working with all of our partners, and China is an important partner for Africa, working almost in all African countries," Kaseya said, adding that African countries were getting support from China through financial support, human resources, as well as the provision of public health commodities.

The Ebola virus is highly contagious and can cause symptoms including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, generalised pain or malaise, and in severe cases, internal and external bleeding.

According to the World Health Organisation, Ebola fatality rates vary depending on the viral subtype. *Xinhua*



ADDIS ABABA - Workers disinfecting their protective equipment at a hospital in the DRC. CDC Director General Jean Kaseya said the number of confirmed Bundibugyo Ebola cases in the DRC and Uganda has reached 654, with the death toll climbing to 129. Photo: Xinhua



A busy Private Hospital in Francistown invites applications for the following positions

1. Anesthesiologist

The requirement is a post graduate Degree in Anesthesia, with at least five years' experience. The applicant must be registered with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

2. Neurosurgeon

The requirement is a postgraduate degree in Neurosurgery, with at least three years' experience in the field. The applicant must be registered with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

3. Urologist

The requirement is a post graduate degree in Urology. The applicant must be registered with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

4. Vascular Surgeon

The requirement is a post graduate degree in Vascular Surgery. The applicant must be registered with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

5. Surgeon

The requirement is a MBBS/MBChB or equivalent with a postgraduate in surgery, be fully registered with a valid practicing license, have at least 3-5 years' surgical experience.

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HanC is leading the awards nominations with six nods: Best single, Best Amapiano, Best remix, Best male artist, Album of the Year and Song of the Year.

BOMU unveils awards nominees

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

Botswana Musicians Union (BOMU) on Friday unveiled nominees for the XIV BOMU Music Awards.

The nominations feature a compelling mix of established icons and emerging talent, sparking instant excitement across the industry.

According to BOMU awards coordinator, Seabelo Modibe, this year's awards attracted an unprecedented wave of interest, with a total of almost 2 000 entries received compared to just 483 in 2024.

Modibe further noted that the Best Single category emerged as one of the most highly contested, drawing the highest number of submissions.

Despite the enthusiasm, the road to the final nominee list was not without its bumps. BOMU

chief judge, Kapenda Katuta noted that several entries had to be disqualified due to administrative errors by the applicants, including a number of entries that came with incomplete information, some with empty folders and others that sent material recorded many years ago.

Katuta urged artistes to take the submission process seriously in the future, warning that when information was missing, the artiste lost the opportunity to be fairly judged because their music deserved to be heard properly.

Leading this year's charge is Han C, whose six nominations span Best Single, Best Amapiano, Best Remix, Best Male Artiste, Album of the Year and Song of the Year, a sweep that cemented his status as one of the country's most dominant creative forces right now.

Close behind is Issa Sisдох, who earned recognition across four categories including Best Newcomer, Best Female Artiste, Best Dance/House EP and Best Collaboration alongside Ancestral Rituals. This is a striking debut on the awards circuit for the 23-year-old from Maokane, who is quickly becoming one of the most compelling new voices in Botswana's music scene.

In one of the night's most emotional highlights, the late ATI received a posthumous nomination in the Best Single category for *Shimmy Shim*. The nod serves as a poignant reminder that great music outlives its creators, celebrating his lasting influence on Botswana's cultural landscape and ensuring that his work continued to inspire listeners. Embracing the digital age, BOMU also introduced the Most Viral Song category, a new addition that acknowledges the reality of modern music consumption by effectively bridging the gap between online trends and traditional airplay.

The main awards ceremony is scheduled for August 29, with the venue to be announced soon. Public voting will determine the winners in the Top Six categories. Promising a night to remember, Modibe said the audience can look forward to several fresh elements, including the debut of a first-ever all-female house band and a completely reimaged red carpet experience.

This year's theme: Music Beyond, signals an ambition that stretches far past a standard trophy ceremony, it is a definitive statement about where the country's music is headed. **BOPA**



Botswana Musicians Union (BOMU) acting president, Papie Rakhudu (right) with musicians during BOMU XIV awards nominees launch in Gaborone on Friday. The awards ceremony will be held on August 29. Photos: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo



BOMU Awards Coordinator Seabelo Modibe said the Best Single category emerged as one of the most highly contested.

Okavango is Calling expands into cross-border showcase

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

What began as a celebration of the rich heritage of the Okavango region, has evolved into a vibrant cross-border cultural phenomenon, transcending boundaries to reconnect communities linked by shared history and traditions.

The annual Okavango Is Calling Music Festival scheduled for June 26 to 28 has grown into a cultural legacy with this year's edition set to take place in Rundu, Namibia.

The visionary behind the initiative, Thato Sebati, said the

festival was conceived to celebrate the Okavango Delta, which was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2014.

According to Sebati, the platform promoted diplomacy, corporate networking, business exhibitions and cultural exchanges among countries connected by the Okavango Basin, namely Angola, Namibia and Botswana.

He said this year's festival moved beyond Botswana's borders to Rundu, a city situated on the banks of the Kavango River and the capital of Namibia's Kavango East Region.

Sebati said the event had received

official endorsement from Julius Hamunyera Hambyuka, Governor of the Kavango East Region under Namibia's Office of the President.

He said the 2026 edition would place a spotlight on women, featuring exclusively female performers on stage.

"The idea is to promote women and girls who are actively involved in traditional music and dance. This year's concept is to showcase the finest traditional groups from our respective countries while celebrating travel, tourism and cultural heritage," he said.

Among Botswana's representatives will be the

renowned traditional dance troupe Mmurubele, which first participated in the festival during its Tsutsubega edition last year.

The group said its participation was aimed at promoting Setswana culture alongside other African cultures and strengthening cultural exchange across the continent.

Mmurubele member, Motshabi 'Tshabisto' Moloi said the group was inspired by last year's event, which highlighted Africa's cultural richness and authenticity.

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Heritage and intellectual property management consultant, Bathusi Lesolebe (left), academic researcher and multilingual creative, Dr Nametso Ponchi-Tshekiso (centre) and head of cooperation of the EU Delegation to Botswana and SADC, Catalin Gherman during the Africa-Europe Partnerships for Culture Project launch in Gaborone on Friday. Photo: Washa Bofelwana

Poetavango and The Impact Fund heritage grant recipients

The two organisations will pioneer narratives that bridge the gap between tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Poetavango and The Impact Fund, have been awarded funding by the Africa-Europe Partnerships for Culture (AEPC) to pioneer new heritage narratives.

The announcement was made on Friday, during the official launch of the AEPC project in Gaborone.

Funded by the European Union and implemented by the Goethe-Institute, the initiative aims to strengthen cultural cooperation between Southern Africa and Europe through the co-creation of new heritage narratives. It also provides vital mobility grants and project

funding to foster collaboration with European and regional partners.

Speakers at the launch emphasised that meaningful storytelling required understanding of local cultural practices, hence the need for a collaborative approach that respected and integrated indigenous knowledge.

They urged international collaborators, in particular, to approach such partnerships with humility and willingness to listen.

Heritage and intellectual property management consultant, Bathusi Lesolobe, highlighted the critical role of storytelling in preserving cultural legacy.

He stressed the importance of teaching children the traditional practices as well as deeper meanings behind cultural customs, noting that understanding the reasoning behind tradition was vital to sustaining cultural knowledge

for future generations.

Academic researcher and multilingual creative, Dr Nametso Phonchi-Tshekiso emphasised the need for cross-sector collaboration and authenticity.

She urged filmmakers and poets to look beyond profit and use their craft to reflect their identity and cultural heritage.

She also advocated for breaking down silos by bringing together anthropologists, historians, filmmakers and musicians to co-author authentic stories and tackle contemporary issues like climate change.

Furthermore, she encouraged involvement of youth and women in discussions surrounding cultural preservation and environmental challenges, noting that communities were primary knowledge holders who should not be excluded from policy formulation.

She also recognised language as a core pillar in maintaining history and cultural identity.

Poetavango and The Impact Fund are deeply rooted in community development. Poetavango is a prominent Maun-based arts and cultural organisation dedicated to empowering creative communities across the North West region while The Impact Fund is a specialised organisation working to ensure that local Ngamiland creators and artisans benefit directly from the growing tourism value chain.

Operating across Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, the Africa-Europe Partnerships for Culture connects non-governmental heritage organisations and artists.

By forming transnational, interdisciplinary Narrative Clusters, the project aims to produce compelling new works that bridge the gap between tangible and intangible cultural heritage for contemporary audiences. **BOPA**

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The troupe will perform songs from its latest album, *Naka la Mpa*, which has generated considerable interest among traditional music enthusiasts eager to see it showcased on an international stage.

Other Botswana artists expected to fly the national flag include the *Setilo sa mantabane's* songbird, Mmaratwa, Sebaga Quinn of Tswana Dance, and Mshiloh.

Sebati said organisers in Namibia were still finalising the list of Namibian performers who will share the stage with their Botswana counterparts.

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Ministry to revive school sports and bridge talent gap

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

The Ministry of Sport and Arts has launched strategic interventions to rebuild the nation's athletic pipeline following a prolonged suspension of school sports that hindered youth talent identification.

Appearing before the Standing Committee on Government Assurances recently, the ministry permanent secretary, Nancy Chengeta acknowledged the heavy toll that the competitive drought had taken on young prospects, noting that crucial athletic talent had been lost along the way.

"If children are given the opportunity to play, those with

natural abilities will seamlessly progress through all development stages and ultimately benefit the country. I am happy to see media reports indicating that the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is now resolving this matter," Chengeta said.

She explained that the ministry served primarily as an enabler, providing technical support to the education ministry through equipment provisioning and coach training.

For her part, deputy permanent secretary, Boineelo Hardy echoed the same sentiments and emphasised that school sports were foundational to athletic development.



Ministry of Sport and Arts permanent secretary, Nancy Chengeta (left) and deputy permanent secretary, Boineelo Hardy appearing before the Standing Committee on Government Assurances in Gaborone recently. Chengeta said the ministry had launched strategic interventions to rebuild the nation's athletic pipeline following a prolonged suspension of school sports that hindered youth talent identification. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

Hardy also indicated that there was a substantial structural shift in funding to streamline operations.

"The budget previously allocated to our ministry for school sport has been transferred to the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education so they can directly drive the programme," she explained.

She also told the committee that

ministry officials had been visiting several schools of excellence where high-potential athletes were admitted.

"The ministry is currently evaluating this programme to better capture raw talent at an earlier age," she said.

Again, she said the ministry had tasked the Botswana National Sport Commission with developing a comprehensive and sustainable sports programme to be rolled out nationwide.

The committee chairperson, Dr Kesitgile Gobotswang raised concerns over the decline of local football, noting that the country's most popular sport was currently underperforming compared to codes like tennis and athletics.

Dr Gobotswang also asked

whether the ministry had plans to bid for and host a major international tournament, such as the World Cup, suggesting that it could serve as a powerful catalyst for local players and stakeholders.

In response, Chengeta agreed that hosting major continental or international events remained a core pillar of the ministry's long-term strategy. However, she emphasised that such ambitious plans hinged entirely on upgrading the nation's sporting infrastructure.

To that end, Chengeta announced that the National Development Plan 12 had made provisions to construct a new 40 000-seater stadium to provide the foundational infrastructure required to bring premier global sport events to Botswana. **BOPA**



Newly re-elected Francistown Regional Football Association (FRAFA) chairperson, Kgotso Motaung (right) being congratulated by Molapisi Morapedi at the FRAFA elections in Francistown on Sunday. Motaung bagged 77 votes against Morapedi's 27. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Motaung gets nod to lead FRAFA

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

Kgotso 'Carlos' Motaung has been re-elected chairperson of the Francistown Football Association (FRAFA) after defeating Molapisi 'Leps' Morapedi 77 votes to 27. Two ballots were spoilt.

Motaung's team also swept all other executive positions: vice chairperson, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer, vice treasurer and two additional member spots. In his acceptance speech, Motaung said his focus would be on grassroots development and launching the Mayor's Cup. He told delegates that he would also roll out the Botswana Football Association (BFA)'s P1 million grassroots programme, which

runs from 2026 to 2027.

He praised Morapedi's contribution to football in Francistown. He said that while the Molapisi team had lost, it should not stop supporting football, especially since some of its members had been servants of the game for a long time.

Motaung also stressed the significance of unity in the football fraternity, saying FRAFA would echo BFA's message that leaders must prioritise football development over personal interests.

"It is the unity that FRAFA under my leadership is going to preach until 2030," he added.

He also appealed to stakeholders to support his team in every way possible as it prepared to launch the Mayor's Cup. His

team has Samuel Olefile as vice chairperson, Motshegetsi Simon as secretary and Bontle Gaseitsiwe as treasurer. Accepting defeat, Morapedi wished Motaung well for the term to 2030 and promised his support.

Morapedi had pitched "Restore and Arise," promising stabilised leagues in six months, at least one regional sponsor and fully professional leagues backed by sustainable funding model in one or two years. His focus areas included youth and women's development, a new sponsorship committee and lobbying councils for facilities.

His team included, Thabo Nyambe as vice chairperson, Danile Nkoketsang as secretary, and Tsholofelo Aaron as treasurer. **BOPA**

Sport leaders turn training into action

Kefilwe Selotlegeng
MAHALAPYE

The Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) and the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) are already seeing tangible returns on their investment in local sports leadership.

Following the conclusion of the TAFISA Certified Leadership Course in Mahalapye recently, trainees have hit the ground running by launching community-led projects designed to make sport accessible to all.

The practical impact of the training was demonstrated by the Bokamoso Jwa Africa Group, whose members successfully organised a 2km walk for special education learners to promote health and social inclusion.

The outreach initiative brought together children from the Mahalapye Primary School and Wellogreen School special education units, actively putting the course's grassroots mandate into motion.

Officiating at the event, Mahalapye District Council chairperson, Outlule Segolame, applauded the initiative and inspired the children to dream big and believe in their potential.

"Children with disabilities have the exact same potential to succeed as any other child. Sport has the power to improve lives and build careers and we must recognise that many persons with disabilities possess immense talent and excel exceptionally well in the sporting arena," Segolame said.

Mahalapye Central Ward councillor, Moitamo Raphane,

echoed the same sentiments, noting that sport prevented a person from indulging in social ills, thus urged the children to take sport seriously and showcase their talents whenever given the opportunity. The event was organised under the theme: Walking Together for a Brighter Ultimatum.

Bokamoso Jwa Africa member, Thatayaone Gagoele explained that the walk was a response to the TAFISA mandate to implement localised, impactful initiatives.

He noted that the core objectives of the project were to empower children with disabilities by creating active opportunities for them, developing their talents and promoting social inclusion to build a society where every child was valued and supported.

Representing the BNSC's Sports for All programme, Thuto Molebatsi emphasised that their mandate focused on nurturing children from the grassroots level.

"We are promoting sport for all by ensuring everyone, regardless of ability, is included and encouraged to participate," Molebatsi said, adding that sport promoted good health and can boost the economy of the country.

BNOC representative, Modise Mgadla highlighted that for certified courses and initiatives like TAFISA to truly bear fruit, the community required safe, friendly and accessible sport facilities.

He added that the long-term success of the project relied on the continuous involvement and motivation of both district leadership and the local community to bring people together and promote physical wellbeing through recreation. **BOPA**

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Ramoreboli backs Phoko move to Siwelele FC



Goitseone Phoko

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

The senior national football team head coach, Morena Ramoreboli has backed goalkeeper, Goitseone Phoko's recent transfer to South Africa's Betway Premiership outfit, Siwelele FC. **PAGE 23**

Phoko has put pen to paper on a two-year contract, a move the Zebras tactician described as a major step in the right direction for the player's career.

In an interview, Ramoreboli praised the national team shot-stopper as a tried-and-tested talent who had consistently proven to be a hard nut to crack.

"The first goalkeeper who won my heart when I arrived in Botswana was Phoko. We played a couple of games against Gaborone United and I felt that if it was not for him, maybe the results could have been different," he said.

He said Phoko was originally the first goalkeeper he wanted to wear the Jwaneng Galaxy jersey.

He added that he previously promised Phoko that he would ensure the player grew and received an opportunity to play outside the country due to his talent.

"I am happy that after playing well at the AFCON and being consistent at Jwaneng Galaxy, our dreams have materialised," Ramoreboli said.

He pointed to Phoko's exceptional performances on the continent, noting that he performed

exceptionally well and saved a penalty when Jwaneng Galaxy played against Orlando Pirates in the CAF Champions League.

As such, the coach expressed confidence that Phoko would be successful at his new home, adding that the goalkeeper possessed the necessary talent and existing knowledge of what was required to play in South Africa.

He added that Phoko had proved his quality over the years, combining his skills as a good goalkeeper with a strong work

ethic.

However, the tactician did not sugarcoat the challenges that lie ahead.

"But to be honest we also need to face reality, the standard in South Africa and demands are always very high and that is why sometimes it is not easy for us to send a lot of players there," he said.

Despite the challenges, the tactician said Botswana had football potential, but stated that local players must be made to believe in themselves and understand that professional football required sacrifice.

"Again, the other thing that we need to work on is the character and mental strength because we see talent every day," he said.

Ramoreboli identified Gaborone United goalkeeper, Thabo Motswagole as another player ready for the South African pressure, praising his talent.

He said Gaborone United midfielder, Lebogang Ditsele was also ready for the market because of his very strong character.

"So many clubs have also been enquiring about Jwaneng Galaxy goal poacher Thabang Sesinyi, and let us pray that many of our local boys will sign to clubs in South Africa," he said. **BOPA**



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