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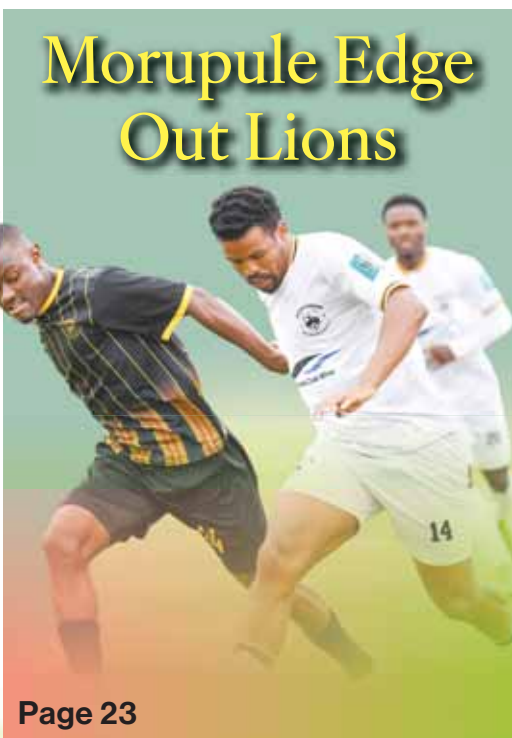
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Cote D' Ivoire Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Mr Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly (left) and Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo after official talks in Gaborone yesterday. Ms Kenewendo said Botswana and Côte d'Ivoire were looking beyond diamonds and cocoa to diversify their economies through shared expertise. Botswana will attend second edition of the International Exhibition of Extractive and Energy Resources (SIREXE), scheduled for later this year in Abidjan as a country of honour. Photo: Felicity Male

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BIUST launches STEAM centre

Keamogetse Setilo
PALAPYE

The Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) has launched a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) centre for use by the community.

Equipped with state-of-the-art virtual computer laboratory; 30 desktop access points as well as a fully equipped electronics laboratory, the centre was launched at the university campus recently.

It showcases the university's collective dedication to education, innovation and sustainable development.

"What renders this initiative particularly effective is its inclusive character. STEAM enrichment initiatives aid in closing gaps related to gender, ethnicity, and social backgrounds, thus fostering togetherness, creativity and progress within and between communities," said BIUST vice chancellor, Professor Otlogetswe Totolo during the launch.

He explained that the birth of the centre stemmed from a partnership with STEMpower Corporation (based in the United States), which had been supporting African nations in enhancing STEM education for the last decade.

The centre serves as a specialised learning space that offers hands-on engineering and science lab experiences, and it provided free, suitable programmes for local students who opted in willingly within a secure and nurturing environment, where experienced lab mentors assist students while they engaged with contemporary scientific and engineering tools.

"The BIUST STEAM Centre is not merely a lab.

It signifies an investment in human capability, creativity, and national progress. It showcases the potential outcomes when international collaborators join forces with local organisations to equip the upcoming generation of scientists, engineers and innovators," said Prof. Totolo.

'Botswana is rich in talent and collaborating with pre-university students has demonstrated our significant potential in technology, Mathematics, programming, Science and the Arts.'

The university's Outreach and Engagement director, Dr Haniso Motlhabane, expressed the pleasure of being a key participant in the project because for him, witnessing significant potential materialise in real time was both rewarding and inspiring.

"Botswana is rich in talent, collaborating with pre-university students has demonstrated our significant potential in technology, Mathematics, programming, Science, and the Arts," he said.

Dr Motlhabane regarded STEAM education as being essential for driving national development forward, indicating that establishing a strong STEAM foundation in youth would significantly influence the cultivation of solution-oriented thinking and ignite enthusiasm for manufacturing and production.

His plea was that the school administration and educators helped ensure that students could access the centre, because it was meant for them.

Mabogo Junior Secondary School, Science teacher, Ms Keorapetse Kelebele, commended BIUST and STEM power for creating a centre that would help to enhance learning experience and stimulate students' interest in pursuing careers in Mathematics and Science.

It is a bridge between textbooks or theoretical solutions and practical applications in a secure environment, Ms Kelebele said.

BOPA



City of Vestrus City Management Vice Mayor Ms Caring Lidman (left), Red Cross, coordinator, branch and youth development Mr David David (second left), Gaborone City Council's chairperson of the health committee, Mr Gopolang Montsho (second right) and Red Cross's disaster management Mr Mompoloki Nawa during a donation by Gaborone City Council to extend a hand of solidarity to the people of Mozambique following the recent flood disaster.

Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

GCC and Swedish municipality partner to boost waste management

Boago Moletsane
GABORONE

Gaborone City Council (GCC) has entered into a collaboration with the Swedish city of Västerås in a move aimed at improving waste management systems in the capital while also supporting humanitarian efforts through the Botswana Red Cross.

The partnership, facilitated through the International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD), seeks to introduce innovative waste management practices and strengthen community participation in environmental sustainability.

The collaboration was officially marked by a charity event held at the Gaborone City Council Civic Centre, which was attended by senior council officials, ICLD representatives and delegates from the city of Västerås.

Opening the proceedings, GCC Chief Environmental Health Officer Mr Patrick Oleseng highlighted stark differences in waste management between Botswana and Sweden, noting that approximately 98 per cent of waste in Botswana's landfills was

recyclable, compared to only about 10 per cent in Sweden.

Mr Oleseng said the alarming statistic underscored the need for the partnership, adding that community involvement played a major role in Sweden's success.

He further said in Sweden, waste management was not only a municipal responsibility but also a community-driven effort, including financial participation, therefore urging Botswana to support waste management initiatives.

He expressed hope that with collective effort, landfill waste could be reduced from 98 per cent to 50 per cent by the end of the year.

He also said the involvement of ICLD would not only improve waste management but also help preserve and reinvigorate Botswana's natural environment, which the country is well known for.

Mr Oleseng also acknowledged donations made by the city of Västerås to the Botswana Red Cross.

Deputy Town Clerk Ms Mosidi Batsalelwang, emphasised the importance of educating both current and future generations

on the consequences of improper waste disposal.

She reiterated the need for effective waste management schemes and highlighted the role of community awareness in achieving long-term environmental sustainability.

She also stressed the importance of donations, noting that many vulnerable people could benefit from items such as warm clothing and blankets.

Ms Batalelwang also said there were people who could benefit greatly from what others could afford to give away and encouraged members of the public to donate.

Botswana Red Cross Disaster Management Officer, Mr Mompoloki Nawa, expressed gratitude on behalf of the organisation for the donations. He said the contributions would go a long way in assisting disaster-affected communities.

He further revealed that the donations would also be used to support victims of recent natural disasters in Mozambique, expressing sympathy for those affected and appreciation to all collaborating partners for their continued support. **BOPA**

Tumasera residents hail decision to restore village name

Portia Rapitsenyane
TUMASERA

Residents of Tumasera have expressed gratitude to the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa, for uniting the community through the restoration of the village's name and the official opening of the customary court offices.

The residents thanked Minister Motshegwa during a kgotla meeting where the latter apprised them of the decision to officially open the customary court last Thursday.

The jubilant residents ululated at the decision taken by the

government, saying it will bring about lasting peace and harmony.

Minister Motshegwa informed residents that Tumasera customary court would continue to provide the services it offered before its closure in 2023, such as presiding over both criminal and civil matters and hosting kgotla meetings to facilitate community consultation.

He informed the residents that following his meeting with the headmen of arbitration from Tupya, Malete, and Rasesa, it was agreed that the trio would continue to lead their respective wards and work in unison.

In addition, residents learned that, going forward, traditional leaders would alternate leadership

responsibilities within Tumasera, which comprises the three wards of Tupya, Malete and Rasesa.

The three wards, according to Minister Motshegwa would be afforded the opportunity to establish their own Village Development Committees (VDCs).

Tumasera customary court was closed in 2023 after the then-Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Kgotla Autlwetse, called a kgotla meeting at Tumasera and informed the residents that their villages, which had been merged, were now being separated to stand independently.

This was after a court case that ruled in favour of the residents of Seleka village wanted to own

identify from the three other villages namely; Tupya, Malete and Rasesa.

Tumasera is an acronym created by combining the first two letters of four villages: Tupya, Malete, Seleka, and Rasesa.

Based on the 1995 court ruling, Seleka residents argued therefore, that including them as part of Tumasera (Tupya, Malete, Seleka and Rasesa) conglomerate of villages was invalid.

However, residents of Tupya, Malete and Rasesa were not pleased with the decision, pointing out the merger was meant to ease service delivery within the four villages.

In August 2025, Minister

Motshegwa held a consultative meeting with residents of Tupya, Malete, and Rasesa to listen to their plight.

In December 2025, the government reached a conclusion after considering the reasons presented by residents, along with the guidelines set out in the 2024 National Settlement Policy, that reaffirmed Tumasera as the official village, although comprising the wards of Tupya, Malete, and Rasesa this time around.

He further confirmed at the time that the headmen of Tupya, Malete, and Rasesa would continue to lead their respective wards as before, maintaining continuity in local governance. **BOPA**

Government expands radio broadcasting coverage

Portia Rapitsenyane
CHADIBE

Government is working to close private radio broadcasting gaps in various areas, Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere said at the World Radio Day commemoration.

Speaking under the theme: Radio and Artificial Intelligence, Mr Tshere said 19 FM transmitters have been installed, covering areas in Kgalagadi North, Kweneng, Southern, and North West districts, benefiting over 157 717 people at a cost of P14.4 million.

In the North East, three FM transmitters were commissioned in Tutume, Sekakangwe and Tshesebe, covering over 85 000 people.

Mr Tshere said government aimed to quadruple listenership, giving every Motswana a choice to listen to any station, promoting diversity and plurality.

He said to date, there were 10 non-commercial radio licenses that had been issued, commonly referred to as community radio stations while the Botswana Communication Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) is still in the process of licensing additional non-commercial radio stations.

Mr Tshere emphasised that government was deliberate in transforming the broadcasting landscape in Botswana, evidenced by the recent introduction of 10 languages to be used in broadcasting, including radio broadcasting.

He stated that, at a minimum, people must listen to news and current affairs in languages they understand because access to news was not a luxury but a necessity.

Mr Tshere has emphasised the importance of clear communication, especially during critical times like the current Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak. He challenged private radio stations to explore Artificial Intelligence solutions to translate programmes into local languages.

The minister launched FM extension signals for Yarona FM, Gabs FM, and Duma FM, and announced plans to roll out the project in Bobirwa district, covering Molalata, Semolale, and Tsetsebye villages.

The P6 million project would benefit 114 461 people in 55



Minister of Communications and Innovation Mr David Tshere

villages and be completed by the end of the 2026/27 financial year.

The ministry plans to extend commercial FM radio station signals to Kgalagadi South next financial year.

“We are going to connect both radio and internet services in the 101 km stretch between Charles Hill and Nxojane, therefore connecting everyone on the way, including the people of Makunda to Kuke to Nxojane with these FM broadcasting signals,” he said.

The initiative, he added would provide coverage in most of the Ghanzi South areas, which have historically relied on Namibian Broadcasting Services for news and current affairs.

The Ministry of Communications and Innovation is currently carrying out a needs assessment in the region to establish existing gaps, particularly along the border villages.



Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere said to date, a total of 19 FM transmitters had been installed, augmenting commercial broadcasting across the country at a cost of P14. 4 million.

Mr Tshere affirmed that radio was one of the most influential media of communication, and it was therefore conceivable that it could be vulnerable to cyber-attacks.

He thus recognised and acknowledged the loud call from the private sector of his ministry to bring about the legislative framework that would govern AI, stating that Parliament had passed the Digital Services Bill.

He said the focus of his ministry regarding the AI policy was to ensure ethical AI, while they continue to improve access to radio broadcasting in the country, AI solutions should be developed for radio broadcasting.

“Digital solutions have been found to improve productivity and efficiency across different industries because they lower production costs while improving the quality of service, leading to an improved listener experience,” he said. **BOPA**

“When critical information such as the current outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease is disseminated, everyone must be able to understand the core message”.

Botswana to attend Côte d’Ivoire SIREXE

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Botswana will attend second edition of the International Exhibition of Extractive and Energy Resources (SIREXE), scheduled for later this year in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, as a country of honour. SIREXE is a biennial event focusing on mining, oil and energy, providing a platform for African and international partnerships. The two countries are considering signing a Memorandum of Understanding with clear deliverables to strengthen cooperation

This was confirmed by Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo after official talks with Côte d’Ivoire Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Mr Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly in Gaborone on Monday.

The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral relations between Botswana and Côte d’Ivoire, as well as cooperation and knowledge-sharing in the mining,

agriculture and energy sectors.

The two countries with Botswana, known for its expertise in diamond mining, and Côte d’Ivoire, whose economy is largely driven by cocoa production, aim to diversify their economies by leveraging each other’s strengths and experiences.

“It is not just about diamonds and cocoa; we are both looking to diversify, and our diversification is based on shared experiences,” Ms Kenewendo said in an interview.

She noted that Botswana’s experience in diamond mining, mining governance, beneficiation, mineral development and negotiations could complement Côte d’Ivoire’s strong agricultural base, particularly in cocoa production.

“We do hope that beyond the mineral space in Botswana, we can learn something from the agricultural space, which is the mainstay of Côte d’Ivoire,” she told the media.

Looking ahead, Ms Kenewendo expressed optimism about opportunities for collaboration in capacity building, mining exploration and development, that encouraged private sector engagement between the two countries.

For his part, Mr Sangafowa-Coulibaly welcomed Botswana’s

engagement and praised efforts to deepen friendship between the two nations.

He said Côte d’Ivoire was keen to host Botswana as country of honour at this year’s SIREXE and stressed the importance of expanding cooperation in the minerals and energy sectors.

Mr Sangafowa-Coulibaly added

that his country was interested in benchmarking Botswana’s diversification initiatives, particularly in mining, as it sought to expand its own sector.

He said Côte d’Ivoire viewed Botswana’s experience in mining governance, beneficiation and mineral development as a model of good practice. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) being welcomed from Ethiopia by Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (second left), Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (centre) and senior government officials at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport yesterday. President Boko was in Addis Ababa attending the 39th Ordinary Session of Heads of State and Government of the African Union. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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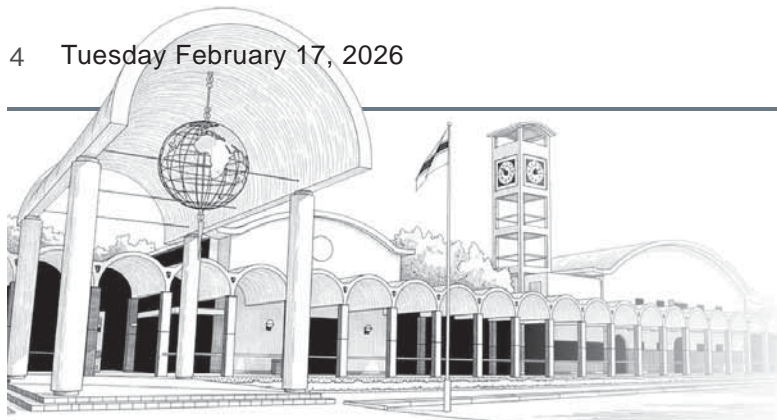
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Company to revatilis mining sector

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An analysis of Botswana’s current and long-term economic performance shows that, despite rich mineral endowment, the mining sector’s contribution to the economy has declined in recent years and is currently at historically low levels.

Responding to a question in Parliament recently on behalf of the Minister of Minerals and Energy, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, stated that key challenges included limited mineral diversification, low levels of beneficiation and a weak conversion rate from early-stage exploration to active mining operations.

As a result, Mr Mmolotsi said government had identified systematic and targeted mineral exploration as a critical driver of economic transformation and established Exploration Investment Company Botswana (EICB).

“The company was registered to address chronic under investment in exploration and to unlock the country’s mineral potential. It will do so by consolidating extensive historical geological data and undertaking new exploration, particularly for critical minerals such as copper and manganese, with a strategic focus on the Kalahari Copper Belt,” he said.

He added that EICB was an independent entity operating under the Companies Act, with its own governance structures, budget and board of directors.

“The exploration company will operate in partnership with the private sector to de-risk early-stage exploration and secure investment through partnerships, driving the mining sector and exploitation diversification,” he added.

He further indicated that the establishment of EICB represented a timely and strategic intervention by government to reverse the decline in the mining sector, strengthen mineral discovery and unlock new growth opportunities.

Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga, had asked the minister to clarify if there was a state-owned enterprise or indigenous company dealing with mineral exploration and prospecting. He further requested an update on the operations of such an enterprise or, if none existed, whether it would be prudent to create one. **BOPA**



Mr Taolo Lucas said most veterinary cordon fences, including control gates and pickets, had fallen into disrepair. He called for immediate repairs, saying the structures were vital in the fight against FMD.

Lucas proposes increased funds for FMD fight

Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas, has implored government to channel more resources toward fighting Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

Contributing to the debate on proposed 2026/27 budget recently, Mr Lucas argued that the P97 million allocated to the cause was far below par given the vastness of the country and the severity of the disease.

He stated that agricultural demonstrators should be visible and alert across the nation, warning that FMD had the potential to paralyse the economy if surveillance remained lax.

“To me, beef is one of the mainstays of this economy and we need to be shrewd in dealing with FMD,” he said.

He further noted that most veterinary cordon fences and their associated control gates or pickets, had collapsed.

He urged for their immediate repair because they were crucial infrastructure for combating the disease.

Additionally, he highlighted that many pickets had been abandoned by officers who once monitored cattle movement.

“An all-party conference should be called for FMD so that we can lock horns on this matter of public interest,” he said.

Mr Lucas dismissed the budget as short-sighted, empty and lacking direction and timelines.

He said he was surprised that the budget did not align with the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC)’s manifesto, presidential policy pronouncements, the State of the Nation Address, Vision 2036 or National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12).

“This budget does not resonate with the UDC promises and assurances made to Batswana, instead, it is just a motivational speech without any coordination,” he added.

In contrast, Jwaneng/Mabutsane MP, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa, argued that the budget had ticked the right boxes given the fiscal challenges facing the country.

Mr Kwapa stated that the UDC had laid its roadmap and was

implementing it accordingly.

He commended the finance minister for introducing measures for fiscal prudence, noting that expenditure controls, particularly the suspension of Government Purchase Orders (GPOs), had resulted in significant savings.

However, he suggested that the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs should have received a larger share, as it was central to supporting rural communities.

He also advocated for increased funding for education ministries, noting that many school buildings were dilapidated and that learners in his constituency still travelled long distances to attend classes.

Mogoditshane East MP, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang, supported the 2026/27 budget for its thoroughness, arguing that government was on the right track despite the economic challenges the country continued to face.

While acknowledging that the economy had not fully recovered, he said there was a clear resolve to move forward.

He noted that while GPO enforcement had successfully controlled expenditure, it should be loosened in the future for small service-based businesses that has been negatively impacted.

He praised the 2026 budget for its shift away from diamond dependence, prioritising enterprise through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and private sector-led growth.

He further suggested that government should strengthen measures to prevent financial haemorrhaging by implementing sound governance and utilising Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

MP for Shoshong, Mr Moneedi Bagaisamang, also supported the budget, describing it as well-packaged.

Mr Bagaisamang explained the rationale for continuing some Development Manager (DM) projects, clarifying that those currently underway were initiated before the programme was suspended. He also commended government for initiatives aimed at revitalising rural economies. **BOPA**

Okavango river crocodile population low

GABORONE

Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, has apprised Parliament that current scientific assessments of the crocodile population in the Okavango system indicate it cannot presently able to sustain additional offtake.

Responding to a question from Okavango East MP, Mr Gabatsholwe Disho, Minister Mmolotsi said the decision came despite reported crocodile-related incidents

involving people accessing rivers for water collection, fishing, bathing and other domestic uses.

“There have also been numerous cases of livestock predation, which frequently lead

to retaliatory killings,” he said.

He explained that research indicated that population recruitment remained low, primarily as a result of human disturbance and historical over-exploitation.

“This includes, among others, habitat loss due to the deliberate burning of papyrus beds during nesting season, leading to nest abandonment,” the minister stated.

He added that in light of the findings, the ministry continued to prioritise non-lethal management approaches, public safety awareness campaigns as well as conflict mitigation measures.

“These efforts aim to ensure the long-term conservation of the species in accordance with national legislation

and international commitments,” he said.

Parliament also heard that the crocodile population in the Panhandle region of the Okavango Delta was estimated at approximately 2 570, encompassing all size classes.

However, Mr Mmolotsi noted that it had been some time since the last comprehensive survey, meaning such figures may have shifted. He noted that future decisions regarding crocodile management quotas for the Okavango and other regions in Botswana would be informed by updated data to help mitigate human-wildlife conflict.

MP Disho had asked the minister to specify when the ministry would consider releasing management quotas, citing the crocodiles’ contribution to human fatalities and ongoing conflict within the region.

He also sought clarity on the total number of crocodiles currently inhabiting the Botswana side of the Okavango River basin. **BOPA**



Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi told Parliament that scientific research showed that the population of crocodiles in the Okavango system remained low, saying few young crocodiles survived to add to the population.

Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keagile Atamelang told Parliament recently that the 200 new Botswana Housing Corporation units currently under construction in Pilane would require an additional 417 000 litres of water every day.

Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo



Pilane project requires 417 000 litres of water daily

GABORONE

The 200 new Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) units currently under construction in Pilane will require an additional 417 000 litres of water every day.

This was said by Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keagile Atamelang, on behalf of the Minister of Water and Human Settlement in response to a parliamentary question recently. Mr Atamelang acknowledged the

existing water supply challenges in the Mochudi cluster, which encompassed Mochudi, Morwa, Pilane, Bokaa and Rasesa, and assured Parliament that measures were in place to prevent the new BHC project from exacerbating the

crisis. “The ministry is aware of the water supply challenges and has put in place short-term and long-term plans to ensure that water shortage is not exacerbated,” he said. He added that in the short term,

the Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) had resorted to water bowing to service high-lying areas in Morwa, Pilane, Bokaa and Rasesa North where infrastructure was currently limited. Furthermore, he said residents in Rasesa were facing daily water rationing, adding that supply in the village was managed, with water available from 5am to 12 midnight daily, as the corporation struggled to balance demand across the cluster. As a long-term plan, he said government was looking toward the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) for a major Network Rehabilitation and Extension Project, with an addition of the construction of a proposed 3.5Mega Litres concrete tank under the Kgatleng Land Servicing Project. Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow had asked the minister to state the number of extra litres of water that would be required to service the additional 200 BHC houses currently being constructed in Kgatleng District and the plans to ensure that the current water shortage in the Morwa, Pilane and Rasesa area was not exacerbated. **BOPA**

Botswana Oil Limited strategic intervention to petroleum industry challenges

GABORONE

Parliament has heard that the establishment of Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) in 2013 was a strategic intervention by government to address persistent challenges in the petroleum industry. Answering a question in Parliament recently on behalf of the Minister of Minerals and Energy, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said the challenges included limited citizen participation, high dependence on International Oil Companies (IOCs) and the urgent need for a coordinated framework to ensure the security of the nation’s fuel supply. Mr Mmolotsi explained that Botswana Oil was mandated to ensure reliable supply and distribution of petroleum products in Botswana, manage government-owned strategic facilities and fuel reserves as well as facilitate meaningful participation for Batswana in the oil industry. He added that Botswana Oil

currently had no Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) fuel suppliers operating under such mandate, as the organisation and most citizen-owned companies acted primarily as importers. However, he said the regulatory framework remained open and citizen-owned companies had seen significant growth, rising from a 10 per cent import quota in April 2024 to 40 per cent of current market volumes. Regarding logistics, he said Botswana Oil had on board 34 citizen-owned fuel transporters managing over 200 trucks across routes in South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique. “While four transporters hold long-term contracts through a partnership with Debswana, 30 others remain on short-term adhoc contracts of one to three months,” he said. The minister explained that while a tender for long-term contracts had been evaluated and awarded,

finalisation was on hold. “This delay is due to an ongoing review of the import quota process, which will directly impact Botswana Oil volume allocations. Tati East MP, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture had asked the minister to state what the company was created to do, account for the actual number of local fuel suppliers and transporters currently doing business with Botswana Oil and justify why the majority of local transporters were stuck on precarious, month-to-month adhoc arrangements

rather than the stable and long-term contracts they were promised. Mr Address Administrative Delays: Explain why there has been a six-month silence following a completed tender process for regional routes, leaving successful local bidders in a state of financial uncertainty. Mr Furniture also wanted clarity whether Botswana Oil intended to sign contracts and, if not, why they had not been honest with local business owners who needed to make critical investment decisions. **BOPA**

‘Botswana Oil Limited is mandated to ensure reliable supply and distribution of petroleum products’

No need to change land policy for 18-year-olds

GABORONE

There is no need to review current land policies, as 18-year-old citizens legally are already eligible to apply for land, acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, has said. Responding to a parliamentary question recently, Dr Dikoloti explained that since the legal age of majority was lowered from 21 to 18 in 2010, young adults had possessed full legal competence. “Due to the legislative

amendment, everyone who is 18 years of age or older has the complete legal competence to engage into contracts and make choices on their own. This includes applying for land and engaging in any transactions involving immovable property,” he said. Currently, he said, the waiting list had over 88 719 applicants who were between the ages of 18 and 21 at the time of their application. The Minister was responding to questions raised by Boteti West MP, Mr Sam Digwa, who challenged

the exclusion of 18-year-olds from economic empowerment opportunities. Mr Digwa argued that since turning 18 confers full civic responsibilities, including the right to vote, denying access to land applications would undermine the constitutional rights and dignity of young adults. He thus urged the ministry to align its land allocation policies with the legal age of majority to ensure housing and economic security for the youth. **BOPA**

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONCONRT AND COURT OF APPEAL

- **CONSTITUTIONAL COURT** is a specialised court, focusing on constitutional matters and human rights. Its decisions are final.
- **COURT OF APPEAL** focuses on all legal matters. It is the highest court of non-constitutional matters



Seronga residents during Constitutional Court consultations led by Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane recently. Some residents welcomed the establishment of the court, saying it was premised on protecting human rights, regardless of social status or tribe. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

ConCourt to ensure justice for all - Moswaane

Kedirebofe Pelontle
SERONGA

The establishment of Constitutional Court will ensure equal justice for all, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane has said.

Speaking during a consultative meeting in Seronga recently, Mr Moswaane said ConCourt's existence before a comprehensive Constitutional review would provide Batswana a platform for redress where the Constitutional review recommendations were unfavourable.

However, Seronga residents expressed mixed reactions regarding the establishment of the court. Some suggested that the most critical issues that required immediate interventions in Seronga and the Eastern part of the Okavango District as a whole, were

construction of the Mohembo-Gudigwa road and addressing education and health challenges.

A resident, Mr Ene Maeze said the Mohembo-Gudigwa road current state put people's lives at risk and disadvantaged the area.

He said, therefore, the constitutional court establishment should be deferred for now.

Another resident, Mr Ntshelang Johane said the government should do a holistic review of the Constitution first, that would include all the tribal groups, before establishing the court.

Kgosi Divere Ndando of Gudigwa supported the idea with the hope that it would help in expediting developments in the Eastern part of the Okavango.

Another resident, Mr Ndorobaki Tsietso, also welcomed the establishment of the court since it was premised on protecting human rights, regardless of social status or tribe. **BOPA**

Motshegwa addresses concerns over death penalty

Chendzimu Manyepedza
MMADINARE

The Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa says the establishment of a Constitutional Court would not abolish the death penalty.

Speaking during a kgotla meeting in Mmadinare recently, Mr Motshegwa emphasised protections afforded by existing laws and affirmed that the court lacked authority to eliminate the death penalty from the legal framework.

Furthermore, he explained that the current constitutional provisions explicitly protected the death penalty, which remained a legal form of punishment for heinous crimes.

"There is a legal framework that

supports the existence of the death penalty within our judicial system. The proposed Constitutional Court will not abolish the death penalty, as it is already entrenched in the Constitution," he said. He recognised the range of opinions concerning the death penalty and the creation of the Constitutional Court.

Minister Motshegwa emphasised that any changes to the laws regarding capital punishment would need a thorough legal process that involved discussions in Parliament and input from the public, rather than being decided unilaterally by the judiciary.

Meanwhile, a resident, Mr Goitsewang Mokwaledi, expressed skepticism about the Constitutional Court as a solution to the country's urgent challenges, warning it could lead to increased financial strain.

Mr Mokwaledi said he feared

that the court might abolish the death penalty and in that case, it might encourage people to commit heinous crimes, knowing they could walk free.

In addition, he also raised concerns about how some perpetrators were protected, saying gaps within some of the existing laws should be addressed.

Another resident, Mr Tokisi Kebalepile noted that neighbouring countries with operational Constitutional Courts still faced instability and human rights issues, highlighting the need to benchmark against those countries.

Mr Kebalepile remarked that while establishing the Constitutional Court seemed promising, necessary and safety measures should also be in place to prevent it from benefiting only a few select and exploitation for personal gain. **BOPA**



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Panel discussion moderator, Mr Mphoeng Mphoeng (left) World Bank resident representative for Botswana, Mr Liang Wang (second left), Botswana Stock Exchange CEO, Mr Aupa Monyatsi (second right) and Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) research fellow, Dr Kedibonye Thompson during a BIDPA Budget Breakfast Seminar in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Wang said it was important to get value for money for projects invested in. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tanzania calls for cooperation on Nile River management

DARE SALAAM

Tanzania has called for reinforced institutional cooperation and sustainable management of the Nile River to safeguard one of Africa’s most vital shared resources, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation said in a statement Sunday. Kombo expressed support for the Nile Basin Investment Program, which includes strategic projects aimed at strengthening water security, boosting energy generation, improving food systems and enhancing environmental conservation. He highlighted the importance of joint investments in infrastructure, climate resilience, and renewable energy to address shared challenges while unlocking opportunities for inclusive growth, the statement added. **Xinhua**

More foreign firms to invest in Hong Kong

BEIJING

China believes more American and other foreign companies will invest in Hong Kong and benefit from the Chinese modernisation and the “one country, two systems” policy. Lin Jian, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said when commenting on the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong’s 2026 Business Sentiment Survey Findings Report, which showed that 86 percent of surveyed U.S. firms see Hong Kong as a competitive international business hub, 92 percent have no plans to relocate their headquarters. The statistics demonstrate American companies’ growing confidence in Hong Kong. **Xinhua**

China removal of visa requirements spikes Russian tourists

MOSCOW

The number of outbound trips by Russian tourists increased 16 per cent in 2025, with trips to China climbing 33.6 per cent, Russian Gazette reported Sunday, citing the Association of Tour Operators of Russia. Experts attribute this surge in trips to China to the removal of visa requirements, expanded flight options, and new charter services. A significant portion of the growth came from residents of Russia’s Far East, particularly those living in border regions, according to the report. **Xinhua**



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa

Economic climate presents opportunities - Mohwasa

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

The 2026/27 National Budget recently presented by Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, was delivered in the current economic climate that presents both opportunities and challenges. Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa has said. Giving an address to commence the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) Budget Breakfast Seminar held in Gaborone, Mr Mohwasa said government was committed to not only navigating the current circumstances but executing long term reform.

“We are addressing the realities with discipline and resolve. Government has taken a responsible path. The budget seeks to restore stability to our public finances while safeguarding strategic investments that drive long term growth infrastructure, human capital development and economic diversification. It is a careful balance between prudence and progress,” said Mr Mohwasa. He added that state commitment to accountability and ensuring public finances deliver tangible benefit to citizens would be realised through strengthening public financial management, tightening expenditure controls and improving procurement processes.

“At the same time, transformation must be inclusive. Youth unemployment remains a serious concern. Economic reform must therefore translate into real opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, digital services and othef priority areas of the twelfth National Development Plan (NDP 12),” said Mr Mohwasa. Additionally, Mr Mohwasa said institutions such as BIDPA are vital partners and urged them to strengthen their role of research and development, as well as analysis to assist with policy choice and accountability.

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Govt reaffirms commitment to private-led economy and rejects mandatory CSR

Tebagano Ntshole
PARLIAMENT

Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Tiroyaone Ntsima, has reiterated the government’s commitment to building a private-sector-led economy, citing this strategy as the primary reason for rejecting a motion to make Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) a statutory requirement. Speaking in response to the motion tabled by Tswapong South MP, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang,

Minister Ntsima explained that while government valued the role of CSR, it opposed making it a legal obligation. He emphasised that government’s role was to create an enabling environment for businesses to thrive, rather than imposing further regulatory hurdles. “Let us not craft policies that will impact the very Motswana we are trying to empower,” the minister stated. He argued that CSR should complement government efforts

rather than replace them, noting that many companies had already successfully integrated social obligations into their business models voluntarily. The minister, supported by some MPs, outlined why a statutory mandate would be detrimental to Botswana’s economic health. Minister Ntsima argued that mandatory CSR was essentially a hidden tax, adding that companies were already significant contributors through corporate tax, withholding tax and



Tswapong South MP
Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang

Pay As You Earn (PAYE) deducted from employees, alongside various licensing fees. He added that within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, mandatory CSR was not a standard practice.

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Budget 2026/2027: Turning point in economic transformation

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The managing director of Access Bank Botswana, Mr Sheperd Aisman has hailed the 2026/2027 national budget as a structural turning point for the country’s economic transformation, saying it allocates risks rather than resources.

“The budget does not simply allocate resources, but risks, which is the structural turning point Batswana have waited for,” said Mr Aisman when speaking at the second edition of the bank’s budget review in Francistown last Friday.

He said that through the budget, the government is shifting the responsibility and risk of driving economic growth from the public sector to the private sector.

Mr Aisam stated that the budget is a call for the private sector and investors to take the lead, invest in the economy and reap the rewards of their investment rather than relying on government spending and support.

However, he expressed optimism about the 2026/2027 national budget, stating it provided a strategic mandate for the financial sector and aligns with the bank’s core pillars. The managing director said the budget focuses on private sector-led growth, SMME financing, export-led trade finance and digital transformation.

He stated that the budget, presented by the Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, aimed to reduce the country’s reliance on diamond revenue and promote economic diversification.

Mr Aisman highlighted the

budget’s emphasis on fiscal realignment, with the government stepping back to allow private capital to drive growth.

He said that when the government steps into its proper role as an architect, private capital finally does what it does best: convert policy certainty into productive investment.

He explained that the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), is expected to play a key role in diversifying projects, with P514 billion positioned for private financing.

He also indicated that the budget prioritises SMME financing, with P1.31 billion allocated to support SMMEs and export-led trade finance, with 26 agriculture and 22 manufacturing projects underway.

Infrastructure development and digital transformation are also key focus areas, with P23.38 billion allocated for development projects and efforts to expand fiber connectivity and implement a National Digital ID.

He said that though allocated on risk rather than resources, the budget addresses critical issues driving economic development, aiming to elevate the country from a middle-income to a high-income status.

He stated that for Access Bank, the budget opens multiple points of entry where the bank is structurally positioned to deliver.

Mr Aisman further indicated that the bank’s role is clearest in SMME financing, trade facilitation, and partnership-driven intermediation.

In addition, the managing director indicated that the national budget is more than a fiscal



Access Bank Botswana Managing Director, Mr Sheperd Aisam

instrument but rather a strategic mandate for the financial sector.

Themed “A new era of economic transformation and fiscal prudence,” Mr Aisman stated that the budget validates the financial sector’s core strategic pillars.

“The alignment between the government’s execution strategy and our banking model is both deliberate and striking. I am optimistic. Not despite the constraints, but because of them,” he added.

He said that when necessity sharpens policy, when fiscal discipline is no longer a choice but a condition of survival, the private sector will finally inherit its proper role. **BOPA**

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BVI ready to support the region

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) Head of Quality Management, Dr Keabetswe Moagabo says the institute is ready to support the region with Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccines.

Speaking at the tour of the National Emergency Operations Centre in Gaborone on Thursday, Dr Moagabo said they were ready to support the region because their focus was not only in Botswana.

“If the region is healthy, Botswana will be healthy. We have declared a state of emergency at the BVI and reviewed our processes to become more efficient. We are also constantly engaging with customers to meet their needs,” he said.

He said that BVI is ready and has enough vaccines to administer in Botswana and is making inroads into the SADC region as well.

BVI’s top-notch approach, he further stated, was that it collected animal samples whenever there was an outbreak to identify the virus to ascertain if it could be deterred by available vaccines or will need another vaccine.

As part of the practice, BVI does not make a vaccine without first checking the strain, except in instances where the customer has not been able to bring the right samples.

The only time BVI missed the target was when they delivered vaccines to South Africa, who had not furnished BVI with samples.

He disclosed that currently BVI had delivered 150 000 doses of FMD vaccines to Eswatini.

For his part, Acting Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale said to date, 83 cattle and 13 goats had been killed in various regions in Botswana.

Dr Segale stated that the animals that crossed to Ngamiland were also killed since the area is declared a red zone.

He said they were also monitoring and reviewing to see if the compensation was adding value so that the reparation would be revised. **BOPA**

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He warned that introducing it would make Botswana less attractive to Foreign Direct Investment compared to its neighbours.

He further indicated that because business profits were never guaranteed, a forced CSR mandate could cause local companies to struggle or fail during difficult financial periods. “Government believes that voluntary CSR encourages genuine innovation and additional investment, whereas a mandatory one may reduce these efforts to a mere compliance exercise,” Mr Ntsima said. Mmadinare MP, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshewga and Mogoditshane West MP Galenawabo Lekau echoed the minister’s concerns.

“Government believes that voluntary CSR encourages genuine innovation and additional investment, whereas a mandatory one may reduce these efforts to a mere compliance exercise”

Mr Motshegwa suggested that tax rebates and incentives, similar to those currently offered for sports sponsorship, were far more effective tools than over-regulation. Mr Lekau added that the motion was risky, particularly at a time when government was already considering an increase in corporate tax.

Supporters of the motion argued

that a law was necessary to ensure equitable wealth distribution. MP Mabuse Pule of Kgatleng East argued that CSR was a matter of human rights.

MP for Maun East, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile proposed that a statutory model would allow royalties to be paid directly to local communities.

He targeted large multinationals, arguing that some had reaped significant profits without ploughing back into the country. Similarly, Shashe West MP Jeremiah Frenzel argued that a law would ensure more equitable distribution, citing Lucara Diamond as an example of a company outperforming established giants like Debswana in community engagement despite fewer years in the country. **BOPA**

Economic climate presents opportunities - Mohwasa

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During the post-budget analysis debates, the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) chief executive officer, Mr Aupa Monyatsi said there was a need for “creating the right risk capital” and training for small medium and micro enterprises (SMME) as well as self financing mechanisms for local government authorities in order to assist transform the economy.

He said SMMEs were able to list in the lower bourse of the BSE and they currently have 72 such companies that were trained under the Tshipidi Mentorship Programme and employ around 10 000 people, a sign of what could

be achieved if there was the right investment in the sector.

World Bank resident representative for Botswana, Mr Liang Wang, urged national policy makers to prudently manage the debt to gross domestic product ratio and managing key fiscal buffers such as the government investment account.

Mr Wang also said it was important to get value for money for projects invested in and their national enterprise survey undertook about a decade ago showed the need for total factor productivity, which calls for the efficiency of not just labour but also capital and other production inputs. **BOPA**

Ramontshonyana aims to uproot drug abuse

Thandy Tebogo
KANYE

Kaone Ramontshonyana, commonly known as K-one from Big Brother Africa, recently embarked on a 30-day cycle tour against drug, substance and alcohol abuse, gender-based violence and irresponsible gambling.

Ramontshonyana and his team were welcomed in Kanye on Thursday. The team left Kanye on January 12 and traversed to Maun with the sole purpose of sensitising the youth and the public at large about the dangers of indulging in drugs, substance and alcohol abuse, GBV as well as irresponsible gambling. As they traveled throughout the villages, Ramontshonyana said the goal was to leave behind a committee in every village that would continue tackling drug and substance issues and come up with solutions that are homegrown. The team has engaged five primary schools, junior schools, seven senior secondary schools and two brigades. Ramontshonyana, who has partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), said the aim was to build rehabilitation centres

across the country. "We are looking at a seven-year project and believe that by the fifth year, we will have the first facility," he said. The focus, he said, is currently to establish strategies for raising revenue to support the project. Another cyclist, Lereo Mokwena, said the challenges they encountered were tyre punctures and sun exposure, as well as a lack of sponsors for their meals. Mr Motshereganyi Sefanyetso from DEA said he supported Kaone's initiative, stating that their core mandate is to fight illicit drugs in Botswana. Most of the challenged individuals, he said, were young people, adding that the drugs that present a challenge in Botswana were cannabis, methcathinone and synthetic drugs. A new act, he said, has been enacted to allow them to search people's homesteads without a warrant. The government, he said, has embarked on a process to set up rehabilitation centers in Botswana, indicating that there will be one in Maun and Lobatse. Meanwhile, Kgosi Motswakgakala Sealetsa of Goo-Motebejana ward said drug and substance abuse have afflicted people's lives countrywide. Drugs, he said, influenced people to make poor decisions and display unbecoming behaviour, adding that Ramontshonyana, who publicly shared his challenge, is much better placed than those masking their issues. **BOPA**

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Grey hair: Another natural variation of human story

The first time I noticed grey hair on a teenager, I was stunned. At the time, greying was something I associated with old age but not school corridors and teenage friendships. Yet, for some young people, silver strands arrive far earlier than expected...
BOPA reporter Benita Magopane writes.

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According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), hair turns grey when melanocytes, the stem cells responsible for producing melanin, the pigment that gives hair its colour are depleted or stop functioning properly. While this is a natural part of ageing, premature greying challenges long-held assumptions about when and why hair loses its colour.

In Botswana's traditional beliefs, early greying has not always been viewed negatively. An elderly woman, who requested anonymity, recalled that in earlier times, grey hair in young people was sometimes interpreted as a sign of future prosperity and good fortune, much like the white spots once believed to appear on children's nails as omens of luck. She added that families also recognised that premature greying often ran in families.

On the other hand, modern medicine offers a more detailed explanation. Lifestyle medicine practitioner Dr Lebogang Sebekedi explained that premature greying, medically known as premature canities could appear as early as 20 to 25 years among Caucasians, 25 to 30 years in people of Asian descent, and between 30 and 35 years among Africans. In rare cases, even teenagers may experience early greying, depending on their genetic background.

Dr Sebekedi attributed premature greying to several lifestyle-related factors, including chronic psychological stress. He explained that when the body is under stress, it released norepinephrine, a chemical that could travel to hair follicles and interfere with melanin-producing cells, accelerating the greying process.

He also said nutrition also played a critical role as deficiencies in vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B3, B12, ferritin, copper, biotin and folate had been linked to premature greying. These nutrients are essential for maintaining healthy, pigmented hair and are found in foods such as beef liver, poultry, fish, nuts, leafy green

vegetables, milk and eggs.

Urban living brings additional risks. Dr Sebekedi pointed to environmental oxidative stress from air pollution and excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays as factors that may damage pigment-producing cells. He also raised concern over lifestyle trends among young people, including vaping and smoking, noting that smoking reduced blood flow to hair follicles, depriving them of oxygen and nutrients needed for healthy hair growth.

For some, the cause lies deep within their DNA through genetic mutations that affect melanin

production and can result in visible grey hairs even in adolescence. One rare example is autosomal dominant premature greying syndrome, an inherited condition in which hair turns grey unusually early and may be triggered by oxidative stress.

Everyday habits may also be quietly contributing including crash dieting, chronic sleep deprivation, and frequent use of hair bleaches, very hot water and harsh shampoos that strip the scalp of natural oils can weaken hair health and speed up pigment loss.

While currently, greying linked to ageing and genetics was irreversible, Dr Sebekedi said greying caused

by nutritional deficiencies may, in some cases, be reversed, with deficiencies such as vitamin B3, B12 and copper, some reports show repigmentation within six months to a year once levels were corrected.

Beyond medicine, attitudes toward grey hair are also changing. Once widely seen as something to hide, grey hair has become a symbol of confidence and individuality. K-pop idols and Hollywood stars such as Halle Berry, Salma Hayek and Tracee Ellis Ross have embraced their natural silver strands, helping to redefine grey hair as fashionable rather than flawed.

For those tempted to pluck out

unwanted grey hairs, Dr Sebekedi offered a word of caution. "If that is not convincing though, I highly discourage against pulling out grey hair because if you do, it will damage follicles and can lead to scarring and distorted regrowth," he said adding, that pulling out grey hair does not make seven more grow back.

For many young people, premature greying can be a source of anxiety or embarrassment. Yet as science continues to uncover its causes and as society grows more accepting of silver strands early greying may increasingly be seen not as a flaw, but as another natural variation of the human story. BOPA

Farmers' committees complement government efforts

Booster Mogapi
MABALANE

Farmers committees in the border villages of Sikwane and Mabalane have joined forces with government to fight the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). Farmers have teamed up to repair the borderline fence to deter any cross-border movement of animals between the Botswana and South Africa.

A team led by Mmathubudukwane Police Station Commander in collaboration with other government departments has also been established to carry out patrols on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

In an interview, Sikwane farmer's committee chairperson Mr Jeffrey Tlhowe said they were compelled to act swiftly and complement the government efforts to stop FMD spillage into Botswana.

"The objective is to safeguard the borderline and make sure Botswana animals do not cross into the FMD red zone in South Africa," he said.

He commended farmers for joining efforts with the government

to fight the Foot and Mouth Disease, which he reiterated, had the potential to destroy the livelihoods of the farming community if due care and containment measures were not taken.

For his part, the youthful Emmanuel Kgaswe from Mabalane said the borderline was not in a good shape to control Foot and Mouth Disease. As such, together with the Department of Veterinary Services, farmers have collaborated to identify and fix certain areas that needed attention along the Botswana/South Africa border.

"Initially we started on the side of the Sikwane border and made some improvements through fence erection but we were stopped by the increase of water in the river," he said adding that a decision was then taken to focus on the Mabalane borderline.

The Chief Technical Officer with the veterinary service, Mr Moagi Teseletso, lauded farmers and communities of the river villages for their positive response.

Mr Teseletso said a physical borderline was available from

Sikwane to Tlokweneng while from Sikwane to Palla Camp near Ramotlabaki and in the absence of a physical border line, the river which was currently flowing helped hinder animals from crossing to and from South Africa.

He said government had taken a decision that animals that cross the border from South Africa into Botswana would be immediately slaughtered, burned and buried, and farmers would be compensated P700 for a cow, and P200 for a goat. Mr Teseletso further said last week Thursday, they received a report from Palla Camp that four cows entered into Botswana and the department moved with speed to destroy the said animals.

However, he was concerned that certain farmers do not adhere to the strict interventions by the government to curb disease spread, something he said could have negative rippling effects on the cattle industry if left unabated.

For instance, he said one farmer recently slaughtered an animal for domestic use against established protocols and fortunately, the

officials received a tip-off from concerned citizens and the meat of the animal was immediately disposed as per procedure.

To date, the department of veterinary services has not recorded a single case of FMD and it is Mr Teseletso's prayer that the situation remains so for the sake of the farmer and the economy of the country.

He appeals to Botswana, especially the farming community, to adhere to the restrictions put in place by the government to ensure the country triumphs in the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease.

Since the report of cases of FMD in South Africa, the government has put measures in place to curb the spread of the disease into Botswana.

Stoppage of the movement of cloven hoofed animals and prohibition of their slaughter was among the foremost decisions taken to immediately curb disease spread. In order to further reinforce efforts towards containment of the disease, farmers converged in Mabalane village last Thursday to repair the border fence between Botswana and South Africa. BOPA

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Sekole sa Mambo se dikile se ntshitse botlhano mo lekgolong ya maduo a AB le 81.3 mo lekgolong ya maduo a ABC, se e le tokafalo e kgolo thata fa go tshwantshangwa le maduo a 75 mo lekgolong a ABC a ngwaga wa 2024.

Mo godimo ga moo, bodiredi jwa sekole seo bo supile fa bo ipela ka jaana ba kgonne go feta seelo sa kgaolo sa 80 mo lekgolong a ABC e bile go supa e le lantlha mo ditsong mo dingwageng tse di lesome sekolo seo se bona katlego e e kalo.

Mo mafokong a gagwe, Kgosi ya Mambo, Kgosi Obuile Mambo o ne a supa boitumelo jo bogolo tebang le maduo ao, ka moo a gwetlha barutabana, batsadi, baithuti le ba- na-le seabe botho go monela marulana pele go ipaakanyetsa ditlathlho tsa monongwaga.

O akgoletse bodiredi jwa sekole seo tiro e ntle e ba e dirileng, a bo a supa fa a itumedisiwa ke tshwaragano ya batsadi le barutabana.

Kgosi Mambo o bile a gwetlha baithuti go tlhoafalela thuto ka e le yone fela selotlolo sa matshelo a bone, a re ba tshwanetse ba itse fa e ka ba bulela dikgoro tse ba ka di dirisang go tla ba bipa letlhoko le le ka tswang le le teng mo malwapeng a bone.

A re keletso ya gagwe ke go bona sekole seo se tswela se tsabakela go gaisa jaaka se dirile.

Kgosi o tswelsetse a tshapisa bodiredi jwa sekole fa a tla ba ema

nokeng ka dinako tsotlhe.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mogokgo wa sekole sa Mambo Rre Johnson Chuma o ne a lebogela kemonokeng le thotloetso e botsadi jwa Mambo bo e neelang sekole seo, a gatelela gore se dirile gore maduo e nne a a nametsang.

O ne a akgola Kgosi Mambo go bo a sanke a ipona tsapa go nna a etela kwa sekoleng go tla go itemogela dikgwetlho le go ema baithuti ka lefoko la kgothatso.

Le ene fela jalo o ne a supa a na le tsholofelo ya gore tshwaragano ya batsadi le barutabana mmogo le go itoma molomo wa tlase ga baithuti go tlaa tswela go ya go ileng gore sekole se tswela se dire sentle.

Bangwe ba batsadi ba ba neng ba nna le sebaka sa go akgela, ba supile fa maduo ao a ne a ba itumedisa fela thata, ba kaya fa maduo ao a dirile gore ba tsamaye ba kanotse dihuba, go na le pele mo e neng e re maduo a tswa ba bo ba inamisa ditlho.

Le bone fela jalo ba ne ba rera tshwaragano le tirisanyo mmogo, ba re ke yone konokono e e ka tsosolosang serodumo sa sekolo seo se se kileng sa bo se itsege ka sone.

Mme Julia Atlholang o ne a gwetlha batsadi go tlhomamisa gore ba tlamela bana ba bone ka tsotlhe tse ba di tlhokang go akarediwa le didirisiwa tse ba di dirisang kwa sekoleng, a re seo se ka ba tiisa moko mo dithutong tsa bone.

O ne gape a rotloetsa batsadi go ikanya dikole tsa bananyana, a re di mosola thata mo go sugeng le go simolodisa thuto mo baneng ba santse ba le kwa tlase.

Mme Atlholang o bile a ba gakolola go nna ba etela dikole fa barutabana ba kua mokgosi, a bo a lebogela thotloetso e bana bangwe ba motse ba e supang mo sekoleng seo, a kaya fa ba tswelsetse ka go abela sekole dimpho gore di abelwe baithuti ba ba dirang sentle mo dithutong tsa bone. **BOPA**



Mothusa tona wa lephata la dikgaolo le tsa ngwao Rre Ignatius Moswaane a re seemo sa bonno jwa baithuti ba sekole sa Ngambao kwa Seronga se ngomola pelo ka a itemogetse tlhalelo ya malao le materase ebile baithuti bangwe ba robala fa fatshe. Mothusa tona o ne a ya go lekola sekole seo morago ga go buisa phuthego ya kgotla ya molao-motheo bosheng. Senepe: Kedirebofe Pelontle

Seemo sa sekole sa Ngambao se tlhoka go potlakelwa

Kedirebofe Pelontle

SERONGA

Mothusa Tona wa Lephata la tsa Dikgaolo le tsa Merero ya tsa Ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane, o kaile fa seemo sa

sekole se segolwane sa Ngambao kwa Seronga se ngomola pelo e bile se tlhoka go potlakelwa.

Mangwe a matshwenyego a a lebaneng sekole seo ke letlhoko la malao le materase le matlo a bonno a baithuti a a senang mabati.

Rre Moswaane o ne a etetse sekole

morago ga gore Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Okavango Botlhaba, Rre Gabatsholwe Disho, a mo kope go ya bona seemo sa sone.

O ne a re o tlaa isa pego kwa go tona wa Lephata la Tlamelo ya Bana le Thuto go Tswa kwa Moding, le fa gone mathata ao a ba ama botlho bo tona ba ba mo pusong.

A re tsholofelo ke gore lephata leo letla atla ka ditlhabololo mme a re le ba makalana a a ikemetseng ba ka tsenya letsogo go thusa.

Rre Disho o supile fa a setse a kile a dira maiteko ka go kwala pego ka seemo sa sekole, mme karabo e a e filweng e ne e se e nametsang.

A re matlo a borutelo a tlhalela kgakala, ka gore ditlhopha tsa baithuti di masome mabedi mme matlo a a siameng go ka rutela bana a lesome fela.

A re bana bangwe ba tsenela mo matlong a borutelo a a sa itekanelang fa bangwe ba rutelwa kwa ntle.

Mogokgo wa sekole, Mme Manno Kgwabi, o tlhalositse fa sekole se na le bana ba le 836 mme ba le 574 ba nna mo sekoleng mme matlo a bonno a tlhalela.

Rre Moswaane o ne gape a lekola seemo sa melemo kwa kokelong ya Seronga kwa a tlhaloseditsweng fa e le teng le ntswa balwetsi ba fiwa selekanyo se se kwa tlase go na le pele, e le tsela ya go laola seemo gore melemo e se tlhale. **BOPA**

‘Dikereke di tshwanetse go dirisana mmogo’

Tshiamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE

Le fa dikereke di farologana lka tsamaiso, di tshwanetse go bereka le go dirisana mmogo.

Modulasetilo wa lekgotla la baruti kwa kgaolong ya Serowe, Moruti Karabo Koosimile, o rotloeditse se kwa thuto-pusanong ya malatsi a mabedi e e neng e rulaganyeditse baruti ba direke tse di farologaneng kwa kgaolong ya Serowe.

Moruti Koosimile o boletse fa dikereke dingwe di itseela kwa godimo ka go nyenyefatsa tsamaiso ya tse dingwe le mororo bothle e le barapedi ba Modimo.

A re dikereke di tshwanetse tsa dirisana mo medirong le mo dintshong, e seng go ikgagapelela.

“Pesalema ya bo 133, e tlhalosa

fa go le monate fa bana ba motho ba nna mmogo ba dirisana ka kagiso.

Ka jalo dikerere dingwe di seka tsa re di botoka mo go tse dingwe, “Moruti Koosimile a supa.

O rotloeditse dikereke go rera lefoko la Modimo ka botswapelo, go ruta bana ba ba santseng ba fatlhoga gore lefoko la Modimo le botlhokwa.

Moruti Koosimile o kgothatitse baruti go nna sekao mo setshabeng ka go apara

le go itsaya sentle ka gore go dira jalo go ba supa se ba leng so ne.

Mothusa molaodi wa kgaolo ya

Serowe, Rre Monthusi

Makocha, o boletse

fa lekgotla

la baruti le

tlhomilwe

se mmuso

ke puso ya

Botswana

ka nako e

segajaja sa

bolwetse

jwa HIV/

AIDS se

neng se

apesitse

lefatshe kobo

ka letshoba.

A re puso e ne

ya lemoga bomosola

jwa baruti le dikereke mme

ya ikopanya le bone go lwantsha

Moruti Koosimile o kgothatitse baruti go nna sekao mo setshabeng ka go apara le go itsaya sentle ka gore go dira jalo go ba supa se ba leng sone.

Education requires shared responsibility

When partners come together to support schools with tangible resources, they strengthen the foundation upon which quality teaching and effective learning were built.

Grace Sebape
LOBATSE

The Deputy School Head at Lobatse Senior Secondary School, Mr Ketlhaotswe Ghobe, says education is not the sole responsibility of the schools alone as it requires collaboration, unity and shared responsibility by all.

In his welcome remarks during the handing over of a duplicating machine by stakeholders at the school on Friday, Mr Ghobe said when partners come together

to support schools with tangible resources, they strengthen the foundation upon which quality teaching and effective learning were built.

He said like many institutions, the school experienced challenges due to limited facilities, including duplicating machines, something he said led to delays in the printing of learning materials.

“Many times, the staff members are forced to seek assistance from outside and navigating these hurdles requires immense patience, resilience, and extra

effort from all of us,” he said.

The School Head, Mr Tonny Tautona said although the school was entrusted with shaping the minds and future of learners, quality teaching required adequate resources, which could only be made possible through meaningful partnership with stakeholders and well-wishers.

He said a duplicating machine was more than just equipment as it represented commitment, collaboration and confidence in the school’s vision.

Mr Tautona said teaching

and learning relied heavily on timely and accessible instructional materials, examination papers, assignments, revision notes and other academic resources which he noted impacted lesson delivery in their absence.

He said therefore that the generous sponsorship of the machine would significantly improve efficiency within the school and would enable teachers to prepare and distribute materials promptly and enhance learner performance.

Mr Phenyo Maoto of

DEBSWANA encouraged students to make choices that would reward them in future, and to be determined for their success, regardless of circumstances.

“Work hard, be kind, respectful,” he encouraged them.

The duplicating machine was bought at a whopping P81,000,00 by different stakeholders namely, DEBSWANA and DEBSWANA Alumni, Class of 99, Class of 98, class of 89, Class of 84, FLOTEK Botswana and BERA.

BOPA

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

February 10, 2026

P.S.G Agri-Co (Pty) Ltd is engaged in Agriculture, with farms specialising in both crop production and animal husbandry. The company urgently requires the services of the following personnel for their **Horticulture farm in Mmamashia.**

HORTICULTURE SUPERVISOR

MAIN DUTY : The position requires someone to oversee the vegetable production.

Attributes & Skills

- Vast knowledge in pesticide application and management.
- In-depth knowledge in chemical and fertilizer management.
- Sound knowledge of the various crop diseases and treatment.
- Skilled in pruning, competent handling of produce to preserve quality.
- Execute any other morally reasonable assignments to meet the exigencies of service.

COMPETENCIES

- Leadership
- Good communication
- Problem-solving and analytical
- Ability to work under unfavourable conditions
- Ability to work under minimal supervision

Qualifications:

- Certificate in General Agriculture
- Valid Class B driver’s license

Experience:

- Minimum of two years as a Supervisor in horticulture management.

FARM LABOURERS

MAIN DUTY: Farm Labourer supports the cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of horticultural crops. The role ensures that farming operations are carried out efficiently, safely, and in line with agricultural best practices.

Attributes & Skills

- Support irrigation system setup and maintenance.
- Maintain cleanliness and orderliness of farming areas.
- Operate basic farm tools and equipment safely and responsibly.
- Harvest crops, sort, and prepare produce for storage or market.
- Monitor crops for pests, diseases, and report issues to supervisors.
- Assist in planting, transplanting, and cultivating horticultural crops.
- Perform routine farm tasks such as watering, weeding, pruning, and fertilizing.
- Execute any other morally reasonable assignments to meet the exigencies of service.

COMPETENCIES

- Basic knowledge of horticultural practices.
- Ability to follow instructions and work as part of a team.
- Attention to detail and willingness to learn new farming techniques.
- Physical stamina and ability to perform manual labour outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Prior experience in farming or gardening is an advantage.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of PSLE.

Experience:

- Minimum of two years’ experience in a horticultural set-up.

Applicants with detailed CVs, certified copies of certificates and traceable references should be addressed to:

The Human Resources Manager
P.S.G Agri-Co (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 501662, Station Road
Gaborone
Or
email to: hrm.psgagrico@gmail.com

Closing date for applications:
14 days from the date of publication.

PHUTHEGO J.

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

CASE NO. CVHGB-002101-23

In the matter between:

BANK OF BOTSWANA **PLAINTIFF**

and

TSHOLOFEO KEBUENG MVUNGAMA **DEFENDANT**

(Trading as Mvungama Law Office)

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Ditiro P Gabobakwe to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 01 April 2026

TIME: 10:00hrs

VENUE: Broadhurst Magistrate Court

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: The Defendant’s rights, title and interest to 1 x Motor vehicle registration No B 245 BGN 2018 model Ford Ranger white in color 2.2, 1 x round couch grey and 1 x 72-inch Sansui TV.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or electronic fund transfer. Detailed conditions may be inspected at the offices of Deputy Sheriff Ditiro P Gabobakwe. The Deputy Sheriff shall not be obliged to accept any bid made.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 2025
DEPUTY SHERIFF: DP GABOBAKWE, c/o DESAI LAW GROUP
Plaintiff’s Attorneys, DLG House, Plot 2566, Extension 9, Off Nyerere Drive, Gaborone, P O Box 640, GABORONE

(REF: LB.cr.B0000041, 3162727 / 739003288/72901534)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for a proposed Gravel Borrow Pit at Artesia; Kgosing Ward.

In line with the **Environmental Assessment (EA) Act of Cap 65:07, Section 7**, which prescribes the consultation of interested and affected stakeholders during the undertaking of an Environmental Impact Assessment, the community of Artesia and surrounding areas are hereby invited to a public consultation meeting at Artesia Kgotla.

The proposed development entail;

- Gravel borrowing and hauling

Potential Positive Impacts

- Improved material (gravel) availability
- Creation of employment
- Economic diversification

Potential negative Impacts

- Soil and groundwater contamination
- Dust nuisance
- Potential road use inconvenience

PLACE	VENUE
Artesia	Artesia Kgotla
DATE	TIME
05/03/2026	0830

All queries to be addressed to
Iso-consults Pioneers
Tel: 71 786 124/ 77 154 860
jautseroberts@gmail.com
idahrantsi@gmail.com

KITSISO MO SECHABENG

Ditshekatshenko tsa ka fa tikologo le matshelo a batho di ka amiwang ka teng ke kepo ya mmu oo makgabana kwa Motseng wa Artesia

Go ya ka molawana wa tshekatshenko tikologo (Environmental Assessment Act Cap 65:07), temana ya bosupa o o kayang gore go dirwe ditshekatshenko tsa tikologo mme go lalediwe morafe le bana-le seabe go tla go ntsha maikutlo a bone ka tiro e e tlaa dirwang, morafe wa motse wa Artesia o lalediwa phuthego ya Kgotla mo motseng wa bone.

Tlhabololo e e tla dirwang e akaretsa;

- Kepo ya mmu o o makgabana

Ditlamorago tse di siameng

- Go bonala motlhofo gammu o o makgabana
- Ditiro
- Kabakanyo itsholelo

Ditlamorago tse di sa siamang

- Kgotlesego ya mmu le metsi
- Lerole le lentsi
- Koketsego ya pharakano ya dikoloi

MOTSE	LEFELO
Artesia	Artesia Kgotla
LETSATSI	NAKO
05 Mopitlo 2026	0830

Dipotso tsotlhe di ka lebiswa
Iso-consults Pioneers
Tel: 71 786 124/ 77 154 860
jautseroberts@gmail.com
idahrantsi@gmail.com

Zimbabweans top work permit list in Botswana

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Zimbabweans continue to dominate Botswana’s work permit landscape, accounting for over half of the country’s total permits issued, according to the latest Statistics Botswana figures.

The numbers, which reflect a gradual recovery from COVID-19 lows, highlight a continued reliance on foreign labour, particularly in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors, as well as education, wholesale and retail, and human health and social work.

Statistics Botswana’s February report indicates that, from a total of 5 314 permits recorded at the end of 2023, there were 2 921 Zimbabwean work permit holders,

more than half of all permit holders in the country.

The new figures released this month further show that work permit numbers have been gradually increasing since the COVID-19 period, when permits declined to 3 409 in 2021 from 5 766 recorded in 2017, with Zimbabweans maintaining their dominance.

The report also indicates that the majority of work permit holders were employees, accounting for 4 462 of the total.

Apart from Zimbabwe, other work permit holders were from African countries including South Africa, Zambia, Malawi and Ghana, with figures ranging from less than one per cent to seven per cent.

From outside the African

continent, the majority were from the Indian sub-continent at 9.6 per cent, while other Asian countries were also represented.

Both British and other European nationals contributed less than one per cent.

As for the distribution of employee work permit holders by training, at the end of 2023, employees with no formal training accounted for 54.3 per cent.

Degree holders followed at 31 per cent, while diploma holders accounted for 11.1 per cent, followed by employees with basic training programmes.

In analysing work permit trends, Statistics Botswana notes that total permits have generally been declining, which it attributes to skills transfer policies aimed at empowering citizens. BOPA



SITUATION VACANT: CIVIL SITE ENGINEER (1No POSITION)

An experienced **Civil site Engineer** is required for an established citizen-owned construction company to oversee Government-funded and internal projects across Botswana.

- Duties and Responsibilities:**
- Supervise all construction works on assigned project sites, mainly Water and Waste Water Works
 - Liaising closely with employees on site to ensure project runs as per program
 - Coordinating works on site and read drawings when required
 - Ensuring safety on site is adhered to set standards
 - Provide consultation to the client and overcome any issues that may arise
 - Managing and controlling including procurement, budgeting and planning
 - Procurement of materials and cost control
 - Ensuring quality control on projects
 - Maintain site records and project status reports and other documents for all assigned projects
- Skills & Experience**
- Diploma in Civil Engineering from a recognized University. Applicants with a BSc Degree in Civil Engineering would have an added advantage
 - Minimum 5 Years proven experience as a Civil Engineer with a Contractor (for Diploma Holders). Minimum 3 Years proven experience as a Site Engineer with a Contractor (for BSc Degree Holders)
 - Hands on experience with stable work history on Water and Waste Water Projects
 - Ability to motivate and manage staff
 - Need to be an excellent communicator with strong written, verbal and interpersonal skills
 - Commitment to safety is paramount
 - Ability to derive high level cost estimates
 - Ability to identify and carry out risk analyses
 - Good financial acumen
 - Ability to control projects from start to finish
 - High level of organizational and time management skills

How to Apply;
Please send your application with a detailed CV and copies of your academic qualifications to;

The Office Manager,
Estate Construction (Pty)Ltd,
P. O. Box 403200, Gaborone

Or via email to: recruitment@estateconstruction.co.bw on or before the **5th March 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 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
PATRICK KENOSI	ESHFT-000109-26	01-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



VACANCY ALERT

Tlou Drilling (Pty) Ltd invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

HEAVY DUTY MECHANICS - JWANENG

Main purpose of the job

We are looking to hire an experienced heavy-duty mechanic to inspect, service, and maintain our range of heavy-duty fleet including but not limited to drill rigs, heavy duty trucks on site. The mechanic will be responsible for inspecting engines and equipment, carrying out services, conducting repairs, and providing maintenance (both preventative and corrective) to the fleet onsite. The above-mentioned mechanic will be working under the supervision of the Mechanic In charge and Project Manager.

Competences, skills and expeience:

- National Craft Certificate (NCC) - Heavy Plant Mechanic
- A minimum of 5 years working with heavy plant & equipment
- Experience in Mining will be an added advantageous.
- Experience in Epiroc and Sandvik Machines will also be an added advantage.
- Competence in basic hydraulics is a critical requirement. As an absolute minimum, candidate must be able to read and understand basic hydraulic schematic drawings.
- Knowledge on Rig Control System (RCS)
- Knowledge on Can Bus System

Key Job Responsibilities

- Maintains equipment to ensure optimum fleet Availability and Reliability
- Performs Condition Monitoring of equipment through daily inspections of wear and tear of parts.
- Performs fault finding and testing of equipment by analyzing equipment deviations from normal specifications, identify possible causes, determine root cause and troubleshoot deviations.
- Carries out planned schedules and non-scheduled installations, repairs and machine overhaul.
- Involved in installations and commissioning of machine systems onsite.
- Provide timeous feedback to the Supervisor on tasks completed to ensure equipment maintenance history is captured and documented correctly by maintenance clerk.
- Work Identification through inspections and populating backlog work through daily inspection to be done as part of corrective maintenance to feed into the short-term maintenance plans as well as long terms plans/shutdowns.
- Adheres to ALL site Safety, Health and Environmental Policies and Procedures in Area Responsibilities.

Core Competencies

- Basic computer literacy
- Technical Analysis
- Valid Driver License (at least 2 years)
- Good Problem-solving skills.
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Being able to work with less supervision.
- Being able to work well and efficiently under pressure.
- Being able to meet set performance targets.

Candidates who meet the above requirements should send their applications, including detailed CVs, Certified copies of certificates and names of referees to:

Finance and Human Resource Manager

Tlou Drilling (Pty) Ltd | P O Box 1918 Gaborone

Email to: info@tloudrilling.co.bw

SUBJECT: JOB APPLICATION – HEAVY DUTY MECHANIC

Closing Date: 28 FEB 2026

NB: Only Shortlisted candidates will be responded to.



Classified Ads

REAL ESTATE | JOBS | FOR SALE | WANTED | SERVICES | LEGALS

BUSINESS SERVICES

BOREHOLE DRILLING AT low rates. We are in Tsabong and Morwamosu areas. 76274598/5921684

SUNRISE ENTERPRISES **LOOKING** for General Manager with an MBA Finance equivalent with at least 2 years experience in operating independently as a manager. Must be self driven. Apply to PO Box 2703, Gaborone. Closing date 28-02-2026.

FARM WORKES

FARM WORKER WANTED Gantsi contact Juliet Setshwantsho 72211308

FARM WORKER WANTED in Lentsweletau. Cell: 73297502

FARM WORKER WANTED at Kubutona lands. Contact 71448614/ 72577737 Mabotho

HERD BOY WANTED in Maologane Farm, Shoshong. Apply to T Marape P O Box 11409, Palapye.

FARM WORKERS WANTED Matebele Village Lekgoropana Ward, P O Box 25 Oodi, 73151300

FARM WORKER WANTED at Metsimotlhabe, Morwa. Apply to Mr Madisa, P O Box 40349, Gaborone, 73905800. Closing date 28 February 2026

5 FARM WORKERS wanted at Tholo Holdings. Apply to Box AE 353 AEH Gaborone before 30/02/26.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tewane, P/Bag 52 Mahalapye

FARM WORKER WANTED in Cwagare. Must have knowledge in Mechanics and Irrigation set ups. Apply to Mosetsanagape Kelsey Talane 75138352.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mmathethe. Apply P O Box 94 Gabs or call Karabo Petto 71716182

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mahalapye. Apply to Blazo's farm P O Box 7528 Mahalapye

WANTED 3X FARM workers at Sandstorm farm in Dikgonnye Kgatleng District. Apply Bronson G. Lekgaba, Box 52 AAH Masa CBD Gaborone. Tel: 72146778

FARM WORKERS WANTED at F & C Distributors (Pty) Ltd P O Box 1823 Gaborone

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted at Chaokeng near Gakgatla Apply to Phumu Investments Box 403619 Gaborone. Closing date 04/03/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED location Ghanzi, apply to Lambertus Johannes Vorster P O Box 328 Ghanzi, cell:72610480. Closing date:13 March 2026

WANTED 4 X FARM workers with experience at Phuduhudu Lands. Box 10445, Palapye. 78624240

KE BATA MMEREKI kwa Morakeng wa Xhomgarenyeo ntheng ya Malatswai. O ka leletsa 71472255.

LOOKING FOR A general farm worker and farm supervisor in Mmanoko. Experience in horticulture and citrus. Apply to P O Box 404885 Gaborone or contact Mr Mogomotsi Motlhabi at 73164693 / 74864277. Closing date 23 February 2026.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Otherwise farm (Pty) Ltd P O Box 1823 Gaborone

I AM LOOKING for a herdboy. Call Didimalang Ntsanyana on 75034768 / 78031343

I NEED A farmer workers at Senete, at Matsiro; 72265321.

FARM LABOUR WANTED with two years experience at Ramotswa. Apply to Wealthpac (Pty) Ltd P O Box 20343, Gaborone before 31st March 2026

FARM MANAGER WANTED urgently Dikabea (Palapye). Cell: 77448800, 73882233, 77863864.

I AM LOOKING for a farm worker in Maboana Farms, Tlokweg. Call 76344963 / 74110056.

GENERAL FARM WORKER and Manager required. Certification and experience in piggery and vegetable production. Responsible for general running of farm. Address application to piggy farm, plot 139 Kopong. P O Box 323 Kopong. 71735705/ 72358381. Closing 09 March 2026

FARM WORKER WANTED MUCHENJE VILLAGE CLIFFORD DINYANDO, BOX 141 KASANE 74062047

FARMER WORKER WANTED at Nkowe, Kgatleng. Apply to P O Box 40866, Gaborone or call 71822774

LOOKING FOR TWO farm workers in Rasesa-Tlokweg area in Kgatleng. Contact 76474613

FARM WORKER WANTED at Siz de farmer, Letlapeng/ Maratswane, experienced in crops and husbandry. Apply to Box 660 Letlhakeng or contact Mr Showa 71229481. Closing date 28/02/2026.

MOTLOLETSETSHEGA IN KWENENG, Apply Synergy Circle Pty Ltd. P O Box 502387 Gaborone, call 76544281

TUITION

WE HAVE SPACE for supplementing Form 3 and Form 5 (BGCSE/ IGCSE) students. All subjects in G- West. Call Mr Teddy at 71782954/ 72294686.

PROPERTIES

PARTIAL EXT 17. 11/2 back room - P1200.00, 21/2 back room- P2400.00 Available immediately. Phone 72924911

NEIGHBOR CONSULTATION

BR Properties (Botswana Railways), owner of Lots 34686 & 34687, Mahalapye, notifies Mowana Residents and the general public of the intent to relocate the Mowana & A1 Roads Junction. The junction will move to a new proposed all-movement signalized intersection serving the Proposed Rail Square Mall & Filling Station including Mowana residents. The intersection is between A1 Kilometer marker posts 316-317.

For any an objection, contact Department of Roads (Mahalapye Depot) or Mahalapye District Council at the Physical planning office, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

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

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Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
TSIETSO IKANENG	ESHFT-000978-25	01/04/26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No 503/2004 dated **4th October 2004** made in favour of **LAWRENCE GOWER** in respect of;

CERTAIN	: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2936, Molepolole
SITUATE	: at Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
MEASURING	: 1048 m² (One Thousand and Forty Eight Square Meters)
HELD UNDER	: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 503/2004 dated 4th October 2004 made in favour of LAWRENCE GOWER

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

DATED AT MOLEPOLOLE THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

LEGOLO RELAENG ATTORNEYS | P O BOX 1235 MOLEPOLOLE

LESEDI LA PELA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL



TEACHERS WANTED

ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS STUDIES, ECONOMICS

Minimum Requirements:

- Diploma in the relevant field.
- 5 years of experience teaching in an English Medium School.
- A sound knowledge of the subjects to be taught at IGCSE level.
- Traceable records of teaching competence.

To Apply:

Interested candidates should submit their applications, including a CV and relevant qualifications, to

The School Head, P O Box 10850, Lobatse

OR email to: lesedilapelaacademy@gmail.com, by August 27, 2026.

VACANCY

PHARMACIST

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- Minimum of 2 – 3 years working experience in retail or similar setup.
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Alshifa Pharmaceuticals
Managing Director
P O Box 45578, Riverwalk
Email: pharmjaved@gmail.com

Closing date: 14 days from date of publication

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NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No: FT TL 897/2017 dated 17th day of November 2017 made in favour of Samuel Tebogo Seeletso Sekgoma in respect of:

CERTAIN:	Piece of land being lot 1506 Tewane
SITUATE:	At Tewane (cadaster 422) in the Bangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING:	36.9044 ha (Thirty six point nine zero four four hectares)
HELD UNDER:	FT LT 897/2017 dated 17 th November 2017
IN FAVOUR OF:	Samuel Tebogo Seeletso Sekgoma

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

DATED AT Gaborone on this 12th day of February 2026.

Nkemelang Lekhutile
APPLICANT

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

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that the following controlled transaction is proposed:
TRANSFEROR: **AGANG NAUGHTYBOY TSHIKEDI**

TRANSFEEEE:	ATIM WOKORACH
CERTAIN:	PIECE OF LAND BEING LOT 3519;
SITUATED:	AT MMATHUBUDUKWANE IN THE BAGKATLA TRIBAL AREA;
MEASURING:	917sqm (APPROXIMATELY NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN SQUARE METRES);
HELD UNDER:	CERTIFICATE OF CUSTOMARY LAND GRANT PASSED IN FAVOUR OF
CONSIDERATION:	AGANG NAUGHTYBOY TSHIKEDI P45 000.00 (FOURTY FIVE THOUSNAD PULA)
SUBJECT:	TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LAW APPLICABLE

BE PLEASED TO take notice further that:

The transaction is between Agang Naughtyboy Tshikedi and Atim Wokorach.

BY VIRTUE OF THIS NOTICE, ANY CITIZEN OF BOTSWANA INTERESTED IN ENTERING INTO A SIMILAR OFFER IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROPERTY MUST GIVE THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE CONTACTS BELOW WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICED THEREOF.

AGANG NAUGHTYBOY TSHIKEDI, Applicant, Mmathubudukwane,
P.O.BOX 32, Cellphone number: 73281891

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

MALATSWAE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT Committee wishes to change use of its guest house Plot No 155 in Malatswae, Basimane Ward to a multi residential. For any comments or objections contact Serowe Serowe District Council, Estate Office on 4630411 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 3282 Shashe Mooke would like to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For any comments or objections please contact Tonota District Coucil Physical planning office on telephone number 2484248/2434223 within fourteen(14) days of publication of this notice.

CTN SUPPLIES (PTY) Ltd, owner of plots 4131 and 33730, Khurumela ward, Palapye wish to change land use from single residential to self catering-commercial and consolidate the two plots. For any objections, contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning on 4930881 or 76239424 within 14 days.

THE OWNER OF plot 22859, Nkoyaphiri, Mogoditshane, wishes to change the land use of the plot from single residential to multi residential. Any queries or objections should be addressed to Mogoditshane Landboard within 14 days of this publication.

I PLOT OWNER of lot 7263 Mmaratanang ward Tlokweng public about my intention of erecting boundary wall. Any objections should be attenderd to Tlokweng district council physical planning office. Tel 3965000 and 77161254/72626880

NOTICE IS HEREBY given of the intention to subdivide plot 1258 in Senthane of lease area 1258-KO on Portion 2 of the Senthane farm No. 18-KO in the South East district. Contact 5381200 for clarification

THE OWNER OF plot 22859, Nkoyaphiri, Mogoditshane, wishes to change the land use of the plot from single residential to multi residential. Any queries or objections should be addressed to Mogoditshane Landboard within 14 days of this publication.

TIMOTHY MMOPI INTENDS to change land use for a commercial plot situated at Tshipana Ward, Mookane to a Multi Residential. Any objection please call Mahalapye District Physical Planning Department at 4713196 or Mmopi 75571093 within fourteen days of publication of this notice

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

Comfort Zone (Pty) Ltd, would like to change use of Plot 574 Matebeleng, from Single Family Residential to Multi Family Residential. Any comments or objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning unit at 5749483 within 14 working days of this publication.

Notice of intent of change of ownership

Tshepo Moseki intends to change ownership of plot Number 22113 in magope(Ramotswa) to Dr Kha'zhengeleh kasongo of passport number OP0756229. Inquiries: 72261132, sammidi

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1983/2006 dated 21st August, 2006 made in favour of Stella Thokozile Thipe in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 34468, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 36;
MEASURING: 438m² (Four Hundred and Thirty-Eight Square Metres)

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

Plot 387, Independence Avenue
Private Bag BO 177 GABORONE

Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999
Fax: 318 2686

SEBEGO Attorneys
Notaries, Conveyancers and Patent Agents

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

ESHFT-000194-24
First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account

IN THE ESTATE of the late Dorah Nkhukhu Tsemi who died at Francistown Academic Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana on the 07th day of April 2024.
NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court at Francistown for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of second publication hereof.
DATED at Francistown on the 10th of February 2026.

SIMON MODISE TSEDI, Executor Dative, P.O Box 201, BOBONONG.
Cellphone No: 72152421/74288554
AND TO: Master of the High Court, Private Bag F13, FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL PROPERTY TO NON-CITIZEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned; LESEDI MOLADELO MOREWAKWENA intends to sell property to Non-Citizen the following property:
CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 8348 Mogoditshane
SITUATE : at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
MEASURING : 987 sqm (Nine Hundred and Eighty Seven Square Metres)
HELD UNDER : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 170/2019 dated the 26th day of February 2019 entered into between Kweneng Land Board and Lesedi Moladelo Morewakwena
To MAKINA SOPA, Passport No. BE260227 for the sum of P1,300,000.00 (One million Three Hundred Thousand Pula)
All persons having objections with the sale of the above-mentioned property are hereby requested to lodge such objection, in writing within (30) thirty days from this publication
DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
LESEDI MOLADELO MOREWAKWENA , P O Box 2158 ABG SEBELE GABORONE

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of a lost Mortgage Bond No. 624/89 dated 8th day of June 1989 made in favour of ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS PROPRIETARY LIMITED in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely:
CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 1100 Lobatse;
SITUATE : in the Southern Administrative District;
MEASURING : 375m² (Three Hundred and Seventy Five Square Metres);
HELD : under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 159/83 dated 10th day of May 1983 made in favour of BONIFACE MARELEDI MOEMEDI TLAPE.
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Gaborone, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within twenty one (21) days from the second publication of this notice.
Dated at Gaborone on this 10th day of February 2026.
RAHIM KHAN & COMPANY | Applicant's Attorneys | Office#1, Plot 50362 Showgrounds Office Park
P.O. Box 1884 Gaborone | info@rahimkhan.co.bw | Tel. 318 8988 / 9 | Fax 3188951/3188990

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000174/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOTLATSI MBANGA who died at Riverside Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the 28th day of January 2020.
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 AT GABORONE this 6 day of February 2026
RAMAPHANE LAW GROUP
Plot 50362, 1st Floor
Showgrounds Office Park
Gaborone
Telephone No. + 267 76676642
bramaphane@ramaphanelawgroup.com

H/W FULLBROOK
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF GABORONE DISTRICT
HELD AT EXTENSION 2

CASE NO: CCMEX-001191-24

In the matter between:
THAPELO THUSO RESHENG PLAINTIFF
and
OAGENG SEKWABABE DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION
BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the following movable property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff TUMELO MOGOROSI to the highest bidder as follows:
DATE OF SALE: 6th March 2026
VENUE: Broadhurst Magistrate Court
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 a.m
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: Volkswagen Polo, Red in colour, Registration B 407 AXH.
CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash or EFT.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.
RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS
Plaintiff's Attorneys
C/O DEPUTY SHERIFF TUMELO MOGOROSI, P O Box 26014, Gaborone, CELL: 71618614/ 77999060.

NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION
(In terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of the Public of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between RAKGOMO TAU (citizen) and YARONA EQUIPMENT SERVICES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED (Non-citizen), for the sale of the hereunder mentioned property, that is to say:
CERTAIN: piece of land, being Portion N /Lot 3179 SITUATED: at Lekata Lands in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 2.308Ha (Two Point Three Zero Eight Four Hectares);
PURPOSE: PLOUGHING FILED purposes only.
SUBJECT TO: The terms and conditions set out by the Land Board
ANY citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is afforded the right to register such objection or interest, in writing, to the Secretary of the Oodi Sub Land Board, Private Bag 002, Oodi or at the Land Board offices at Oodi or the address hereunder provided, within 30 (THIRTY) DAYS of publication of this notice, to receive priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.
MAINA NYANGARI LEGAL PRACTICE,
Plot 36933,
Nakalatlou Crescent, Block 8, GABORONE.
P O BOX 80342, GABORONE.

FOR the consideration amount of P1 200 000.00 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand Pula) to be paid upon signature of deed of sale.

NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION
(In terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of the Public of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between ONNEILE SETUKI (citizen) and SHAO YINGDE (Non-citizen), for the sale of the hereunder mentioned property, that is to say:
CERTAIN: piece of land
SITUATED: at Sekgwasentsho Lands at Bokaa Village in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: approximately, 4673m² (Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Three Square Metres).
SUBJECT TO: The terms and conditions to be set out by the Oodi Sub Land Board.
FOR the consideration amount of P550 000.00 (Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula) to be paid upon signature of deed of sale.
ANY citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is afforded the right to register such objection or interest, in writing, to the Secretary of the Oodi Sub Land Board, Private Bag 002, Oodi or at the Land Board offices at Oodi or the address hereunder provided, within 30 (THIRTY) DAYS of publication of this notice, to receive priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH 2024.
MAINA NYANGARI LEGAL PRACTICE,
Plot 36933, Nakalatlou Crescent, Block 8, GABORONE.
P O BOX 80342, GABORONE.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of 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
MONNAAPULA KEABETSWE	ESHFT-001092-25	22/04/26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 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 Estate 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 Masters of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment , a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
JOSEPH MANYEPEDZA	ESHFT- 001003-25	01-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION
(In terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of the Public of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between BONNY SEROLE (citizen) and HEALTH ADVANTEX (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED (Non-citizen), for the sale of the hereunder mentioned property, that is to say:
CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 6884, Bokaa;
SITUATE : at Bokaa (Cadastre 24) in Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 3.8514 ha (Three Comma Eight Five One Four Hectares);
HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease between Kgatleng Land Board and Bonny Serole registered with the Registrar of Deeds under no. TG 22/2019 dated 1st March 2019;
SUBJECT TO : The terms and conditions set out in the said Lease.
FOR the consideration amount of P670 000.00 (Six Hundred and Seventy Thousand Pula) to be paid upon signature of deed of sale.
ANY citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is afforded the right to register such objection or interest, in writing, to the Secretary of the Kgatleng Land Board, Private Bag 4, Mochudi or at the Land Board offices at Mochudi within 30 (THIRTY) DAYS of publication of this notice, to receive priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.
MAINA NYANGARI LEGAL PRACTICE,
Plot 36933, Nakalatlou Crescent, Block 8, GABORONE. P O BOX 80342, GABORONE.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of 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
KEDIRILENG MAPENA	ESHFT-000512-25	21-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 9738 Rasesa wishes to change land use from agriculture (small stock) to being mixed (fish farming and sand mining). Any objections contact Mochudi District Council Physical planning Tel : 5777411 / 3572 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF PLOT NO: 505 AND 5097 LOCATED AT KASANE AND KAZUNGULA RESPECTIVELY WISHES TO ERECT A BOUNDARY WALL. FOR ANY OBJECTION CONTACT CHDC AT 6252426 WITHIN 14 DAYS.

VACANCIES

WANTED : NURSE AID / Caretaker to take care of an elderly female. Apply :Geoginah Machola, Box 10206, Tatitown Francistown. Closing date : 04/03/2026

GATES OF GRACE invites applications for teaching positions, qualified ECD teachers with 5 years experience. Apply to HR Department, P O Box 20343 Gaborone before 31st March 2026

URGENTLY WANTED, PART- Time Tutors in G- West for Primary and Form 5 Maths, Sciences DVS and History. Diploma or Degree. Call/ text 72294686

PESULAY FASHION DESIGNERS Male Unisex fashion designers wanted urgently before end of April 2026, five years experience required. Contact : 72912777

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Kgwadibana Investments** has applied for license in terms of **section 13 of the liquor Act (Cap. 43:11)** in respect of the premises situated at **Manyana, Monneng ward**, and the Liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by the Liquor Control Authority on the **26 February 2026**. Any person who wishes to object to the grant of the licence should do so within **21 days** of the last publication of this notice.

VACANCIES

SAINT KIZITO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
We are hiring:

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Diploma in Secondary Education/ Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from a recognized institution
Email: saintkizito2012@gmail.com
CLOSING DATE: 28th February 2026

DIOCESE OF FRANCISTOWN
We are hiring:
FARM ASSISTANT
Minimum of 3 years of relevant experience in farm management
Address: PO Box 702, Francistown

THE OWNER OF plot 57366 wishes to notify the owner of plot 57334, Block 10 Gaborone about the intention to construct a double storey on the property. For any objection contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office on telephone No 3657400 within 14 working days of publication of notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE: owner of plot No. 337, Lobatse intends to change land use from residential to industrial. Any objections should be forwarded to Lobatse Town Council, physical planning department on telephone no. 5305851, within fourteen days of publication of this notice

KCSE

KALISA CONSULTANCY SERVICES & ENGINEERING (PTY) LTD, P O Box 524, Palapye, (00267) 77001727/73602516
Email:kalisaconsultancy1@gmail.com

Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering (Pty) Ltd on behalf of Ms. Margaret Ntshutelang are conducting an Environmental & Archaeological Impact studies for the proposed RIVER SAND MINING in Kalamare Village, along Mahalapye River. The public is invited to a Kgotla meeting on the 04/03/26 at 8am in Kalamare Village.

Anticipated benefits of the Project

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

Anticipated Adverse Impacts

- Temporary noise and dust pollution during mining.
- Clearing and destruction of vegetation for access road
- Air pollution

In terms of ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) ACT (CAP 65:07), the public is invited to attend the meeting that will be held on the 4th March 2026 at 8.00am at Kalamare Village. For further enquiries please contact us on the details above.

Kompone ya Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering (Pty) Ltd e dira tshekatsheko ya tikologo le matlotlo a tlhologo mabapi le KEPO YA MOTLHABA ke Mme. Margaret Ntshuteleng. Sechaba se lalediwa gotla phuthegong ya Kgotla ka makata-namane, ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo e le nne(04/03/26) mo kgotleng ya Kalamare, mo mosong.

Maungo a Tiro e.

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

Ditlamorago

- Modumo le lerole ka nako ya kepo ya motlhaba
- Go kgaolwa le go kgoreletsega ga ditlhare le matlotlo a tlhologo.
- Kgotelesego ya phefo.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE ODIRILE THATO EDWIN MFOSI

IN ISSUANCE of the Section 31 of the **administration of Estate Act (Cap 31:01)**, the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Thursday 12th March 2026 @ 08:30 hours**, Masters Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the meeting, the next of kin are recommend a person to be appointed as **Executor(s) Dative**, identifies beneficiaries and discuss any other business related to the estate of the deceased relative.

For any enquires concerning the deceased person estate please contact Master 'office on **3718343,3718000/3718040**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR GRAVEL MINING- AT SEBINA LANDS IN SEBINA

In fulfillment of section of section 7(2) of EA Act (CAP 65:07), notice hereby invites the Public to a Public Consultation meeting for the proposed gravel mining/extraction at Sebina lands in Sebina. The public is invited to a kgotla meeting on the 3rd of March at 0800 at the kgotla in Sebina.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project involves clearing, and mining of gravel materials in Sebina Lands. Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering Ltd has been commissioned by Material Collect (Pty) Ltd, to conduct an Environmental and Archaeological Impact Studies for the proposed gravel mining activities.

Anticipated benefits of the Project

- Provision of temporary employment.
- Available of construction materials.

Anticipated Adverse Impacts

- Temporary noise and dust pollution during mining.
- Soil Contamination.
- Air pollution.
Residents and all interested parties are invited to attend the Public Consultation Meeting on the 3rd March 2026 so as to share ideas and concerns.

For Further enquiries Please contact or write to:

EIA Coordinator
P O Box 524
Palapye
Tel: 77001727

BENJAMIN KGO THU PLOT 1694, Metlhabeng, Tlokweng, intends to construct a boundary wall and will apply for approved from Tlokweng District Council. Objections in writing within 14 days of publication

OWNER OF PLOT 876 Mokolodi is erecting a boundary wall. All neighbours concerned may enquire at Ramotswa building control office or call 72607815

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

CASE NO: CVHGB-003872-21

In the matter between:

WILD CACTUS (PTY) LTD

PLAINTIFF

and

INSIGHT PROPERTIES (PTY) LTD

1st DEFENDENT

MAUREEN MAKATI

2nd DEFENDENT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the following movable property will be sold by public auction by **Deputy Sheriff TUMELO MOGOROSI** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 6th March 2026

VENUE: Broadhurst Magistrate Court

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 a.m

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: Couch, Floor Mat, TV Stand, Sansui 4 door Fridge, Samsung double door Fridge, Basebed & Mattress, Defy Microwave, Basebed & Mattress, ELDBA 5 Burner gas stove.

CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash or EFT.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF TUMELO MOGOROSI
P O Box 20041
Gaborone
CELL: 72445567/ 77999060.



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Job Responsibilities:

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- Collaborate closely with Plant Managers to understand equipment capabilities and accurately reflect these in estimating tables; work with external sales and customer service teams to clarify customer requirements for precise quotations.
- Play a key role in the transition to new estimating systems, including routine analysis of actual versus estimated costs using ERP data.
- Liaise with Purchasing to source external vendors where required.
- Work alongside Commercial Analysts in the preparation of final quotations and the management of large tenders and complex enquiries.
- Analyse and summarise commercial and cost data to support informed decision-making; maintain the cost database by regularly updating material prices and machine rates.
- Train, mentor, and support junior estimators to ensure accuracy, consistency, and skills development.

Job Requirements:

- Diploma in Printing and/or Certificate in Print Origination.
- Extensive and diverse estimating experience with strong knowledge of newspaper printing, commercial litho, digital, and wide-format
- POS processes.
- Proven experience working with industry-standard MIS systems such as Heidelberg Prinect, EFI Pace, or equivalent platforms.
- Minimum of 15 years' experience in the printing industry or a related field.
- Willingness and ability to work long hours, including weekends when required.
- Certification in Heidelberg Prinect software will be considered an added advantage.

Apply to:

Printing and Publishing Company P.O Box 130, Gaborone.
Email to: payroll@ppcb.co.bw | Plot 5647 Nakedi Road, Broadhurst Ind
Closing Date: 02 March 2026

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African leaders wrap up summit and map out priorities

ADDIS ABABA

The 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) concluded on Sunday, outlining Africa’s priorities for 2026 and beyond.

The two-day meeting, which brought together leaders from AU member states at the AU headquarters in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, was held under the AU’s 2026 theme: “Assuring Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063.”

As the African continent, under the umbrella of the 55-member organization, focuses on continental water security in 2026, the summit deliberated on enhancing sustainable water management to power Africa’s socio-economic development ambitions.

African leaders at the summit also discussed a range of issues related to progress, challenges, and prospects of Africa’s development and stability, as well as fostering continental unity to augment Africa’s role in the wider global multilateral context.

As the AU’s highest decision-making body, the assembly, among other things, reflected on the achievements and gaps marked under the second 10-year implementation plan of the

Cyclone Gezani claims four lives

MAPUTO - Intense Tropical Cyclone Gezani no longer poses a threat to Mozambique after moving parallel to the southern province of Inhambane and returning to the Indian Ocean, the National Meteorology Institute (INAM) announced on Saturday.

Speaking in Maputo, INAM General Director Aderito Aramuge recalled that the institute had earlier warned of the possibility that the system could affect coastal areas of Inhambane Province.

According to Aramuge, the cyclone tracked along the coastline without making landfall, significantly reducing its overall impact. As a result, the strong winds initially forecast did not fully materialize over the mainland.

Meanwhile, Luisa Meque, president of the National Institute for Disaster Risk Management and Reduction, announced that families who had been sheltered in accommodation centers in Maxixe City, one of the affected areas in Inhambane Province, are now allowed to return to their homes.

Following assessment visits to several neighborhoods, authorities confirmed that minimum safety conditions have been restored to facilitate the return of residents, Meque said.

Although the cyclone did not make direct landfall, at least four deaths were reported, caused by falling trees and lightning strikes, according to preliminary information. XINHUA

AU’s 50-year continental development blueprint, Agenda 2063, which runs from 2024 to 2033.

The summit also witnessed the election of Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of Burundi, as the chairperson of the AU for 2026, taking over the chairmanship from Angolan President Joao Lourenco.

In his comprehensive report on the achievements and activities undertaken during his chairmanship of the AU over the course of 2025, Lourenco highlighted progress in advancing Agenda 2063, mobilizing investment

for infrastructure, strengthening continental integration through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and enhancing the AU’s institutional efficiency.

He also underscored the need to silence the guns across Africa as a critical imperative for a better continental future.

Ndayishimiye, for his part, emphasized his commitment, as the incoming AU chairperson, to strengthening Africa’s global positioning toward building a fairer, more balanced, and inclusive world at a time of

“unrelenting” security challenges, rising unilateralism, growing economic tensions, and the adverse effects of climate change.

AU Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf underscored some critical concerns currently facing Africa. These include the continent’s inability to address peace and security perils across different regions, geopolitical uncertainties and global polarisation with the rise of unilateralism and protectionism, the resurfacing of unconstitutional changes of government, financial

and governance deficits, and climate change.

To address Africa’s current challenges and realise the continent’s development ambitions, Youssouf pointed out a number of priorities. These include accelerating Africa’s industrialisation, transforming the agriculture sector as the backbone of economies and livelihoods, harnessing Africa’s energy potential, and developing high-performing infrastructure.

“These are the sine qua non conditions for the anticipated economic growth,” he said. *Xinhua*

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

TENDERING PROCEDURES

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE & INVITATION TO TENDER

- Tender Reference No. PPRA 1/3/3 III (34)
- Tender Title: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEBSITE AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT DATA PORTAL FOR THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- Sealed Tender offers are invited for the DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEBSITE AND DATA PORTAL FOR THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- The Procuring Entity is the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority

- Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding

- Tenderers domiciled in Botswana must, to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories: Code 120 (ICT Technical Support Services), Sub-code 01 (System Development Services and Maintenance Services)

- The tender is reserved for companies domiciled in Botswana
- Section 111 of the Public Procurement Act,2021 shall be applicable to this tender.
- Preference Scheme margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with Local Procurement Scheme (LPS) and Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) Policy. There shall be no double dipping.

- The physical address for collection of tender documents is Office, G03, Ground Floor Supplies Offices (opposite Gabcon), Plot 14412/4, Maakgadigau Way, Gaborone West Industrial Site, Gaborone
- Documents may be collected during working hours between 0800hrs and 1700hrs (exclusive of the period between 1245hrs to 1359 hrs.) from 16 February 2026.

- A non-refundable deposit of **BWP150.00 (and P75.00 for youth owned companies)** payable by cash or electronic fund transfer made out in favour of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority. Bank deposits are to be made into the following account:

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- Note: No new queries will be accepted after the stated five (5) working days.

- The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is at **1000 hours on 27 February 2026.**
- Late tender offers will not be accepted. Telegraphic, faxed or e-mail submissions shall not be accepted.
- The Bid Submission Method: A two-envelope procedure will be followed in which the original and all the copies of the Technical Offer are placed in one separate sealed envelope marked “TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”, whilst the original and all the copies of the Financial Offer are enclosed in another separate sealed envelope, marked “FINANCIAL PROPOSAL”. The two sealed envelopes are then placed in one outer securely sealed envelope.

- Submit one (1) original tender document marked “ORIGINAL” and 2 duplicate copies of the original document marked “COPY” in one sealed envelope clearly marked: “Tender Reference No: **PPRA 1/3/3 III (34)**
- DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEBSITE AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT DATA PORTAL FOR THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY shall be delivered to PPRA, Department of Supplies Headquarters Offices, the Meeting Room S34/35 2nd floor.

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

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

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South Africa classifies FMD outbreak as national disaster

CAPETOWN

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced Thursday that the ongoing outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) across the country has been classified as a national disaster.

The president made the announcement in the annual State of the Nation Address (SONA) before a joint sitting of the two houses of Parliament at Cape Town City Hall. “While the rest of our agriculture sector is thriving, the cattle industry is today facing one of the worst outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease our country has experienced,” said Ramaphosa.

He warned that the disease “is damaging our economy, resulting in export bans, trade restrictions and devastation of herds.”

“We have classified foot-and-mouth disease as a national disaster and will be mobilizing all necessary capabilities within the state to deal with this crisis,” Ramaphosa said.

The government has decided to vaccinate the national herd of 14 million cattle, which will require 28 million vaccine doses over the next 12 months, he said. “The state will facilitate the acquisition of the vaccines centrally to ensure that we get the right vaccine for the particular strain of the virus in South Africa,” Ramaphosa said.

“We will work closely with the private sector to enable an efficient rollout, and most importantly, we will ensure that commercial, private and communal farmers have

immediate access to vaccines.” The president said that a task team made up of farmer organisations and experts would report to him every month on progress made in tackling what he described as a pandemic.

It is not the first time that South Africa has taken such a step this year. According to Ramaphosa, just a few weeks ago, catastrophic flooding in Limpopo and Mpumalanga was declared a national disaster, which claimed at least 45 lives and caused widespread destruction of homes, schools, clinics and other infrastructure.

FMD is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and other cloven-hoofed animals. According to a recent report released by the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy, a total of 24 400 FMD cases were reported in domestic livestock in South Africa in 2025, significantly surpassing the previous 20-year-high of 7 700 FMD cases in 2022.

The ongoing outbreak spread to eight of the country’s nine provinces excluding only the Northern Cape in 2025 for the first time on record, with nearly 21 600 cases reported in the second half of the year.

In January 2026, Minister of Agriculture John Steenhuisen outlined a 10-year national strategy on FMD containment, announcing the launch of a nationwide vaccination campaign and plans to seek a declaration of the outbreak as a national disaster. *Xinhua*

Namibia receives China-aided satellite ground station to boost space capabilities

WINDHOEK

Namibia on Thursday marked the official handover of a China-aided Satellite Ground Data Receiving Station, a milestone project aimed at strengthening the country’s space science capacity, disaster response and innovation-driven development.

The facility, located at the Telecom Earth Station outside the capital, Windhoek, is expected to enable Namibia to directly receive and process remote-sensing data from satellites, including the

China-Brazil Earth Resources Satellite (CBERS-4). Speaking at the ceremony on behalf of President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Prime Minister Elijah Ngurare expressed appreciation to China for its support.

“On behalf of the Namibian government and the people of Namibia, I express gratitude to the People’s Republic of China for the generous support provided through the construction of this satellite ground data receiving station,” Ngurare said. “This remarkable gesture solidifies the enduring friendship and strong bilateral relations between our nations and people,” he added. Ngurare said China’s financial resources and technical expertise had enabled Namibia to join a select group of African countries with modern ground stations capable of receiving real-time satellite data.

“This data will enhance evidence-based decision-making across key economic sectors,” he said. Namibia’s Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture Sanet Steenkamp described the station as a major step in implementing the country’s National Space Science and Technology Policy of 2021.

“The establishment of the satellite ground data receiving station comes at an opportune time and complements Namibia’s national efforts to build capacity in the space science and technology sector,” she said. Steenkamp noted that the facility would serve as a strategic national asset, providing indepen-

dent, high-resolution imagery to strengthen border and maritime monitoring, environmental protection and disaster management.

She said real-time access to satellite data would improve responses to natural disasters such as floods and wildfires, without delays linked to international data-sharing restrictions. The minister also highlighted the project’s capacity-building component, saying 14 Namibians have been receiving training to operate the station, with some already managing the facility and receiving satellite data.

Chinese Ambassador to Namibia Zhao Weiping said the project demonstrated China’s commitment to support Africa’s scientific and technological advancement. “The satellite ground data receiving station is the first high-technology development assistance project undertaken by China in Namibia,” Zhao said. “It vividly demonstrates China’s strong commitment to supporting African countries in advancing science and technology development.”

He said the completion of the project provided Namibia with the foundational capability to receive and process remote-sensing satellite data, adding that a second phase would soon be implemented in close cooperation with Namibian partners. Zhao emphasised that the station will be fully owned and operated by Namibia, noting that Chinese experts trained local technicians for independent operation and would continue to provide technical support. *Xinhua*



WINDHOEK - China-aided Satellite Ground Data Receiving Station at the Telecom Earth Station in Namibia. Photo: Xinhua

Egypt announces new gas and oil discoveries

CAIRO

Egypt’s Petroleum Ministry on Thursday announced new gas and oil discoveries in the Western Desert, with an expected daily output of about 34 million standard cubic feet, alongside over 5 200 barrels of crude oil and condensates.

The discoveries, made by four petroleum sector companies, are part of the ministry’s ongoing efforts to offset natural production declines in older wells, reduce import bills, and boost domestic energy output.

Khalda Petroleum Company, a major operator in Egypt’s energy sector, discovered two new gas wells. The first exploratory well, the North Opera-2, located in the Matrouh Development area, is expected to produce 21.15 million standard cubic feet of natural gas and 3 274 barrels of condensate per day.

The well is set to begin production by mid-February. The second well, West El Dabaa-2x in the West El Dabaa concession, is testing at 4.15 million standard cubic feet of natural gas and 336 barrels of condensate per day.

Another well, GPD-1X, was discovered by General Petroleum Company (GPC), an Egyptian national company, in the Sinan development area. It has already been tied into production with an expected daily output of 625 barrels of oil.

Meanwhile, PetroFarah, in collaboration with its partner United Energy Egypt, and Agiba Petroleum Company have made additional discoveries. Egypt has been trying to boost its oil and gas production amid a decline in natural gas output in recent years.

In August 2025, Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly said Egypt’s current natural gas production stands at 4.1 billion cubic feet per day and is expected to rise to 6.6 billion cubic feet per day by 2027. *Xinhua*

Tanzania calls for African cooperation in fight against cancer

DARES SALAAM

Tanzanian Prime Minister Mwigulu Nchemba on Thursday called for stronger regional and continental cooperation to combat cancer.

Speaking at the 30th anniversary of the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) in Dar es Salaam, she said progress in cancer control required joint efforts in research, specialist training, and the sharing of technology and expertise.

The prime minister stressed that collaboration was essential to address Africa’s growing cancer burden, adding that Tanzania was

ready to serve as a regional hub for the fight against the disease through the ORCI.

Nchemba directed the Ministry of Health to develop a strategy to reduce new cases and mitigate the economic and national well-being impacts. The government has expanded early screening services for various cancers to primary healthcare facilities, Nchemba said.

According to Ministry of Health statistics, around 44 900 people were newly diagnosed with cancer in Tanzania in 2022, while approximately 29 700 died from the disease that year. *Xinhua*

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BanT celebrates 29th birthday with album drop

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Benita Magopane
GABORONE

While many light up candles for their birthdays, Baanthata Mokgwathi, popularly known as BanT, is lighting up the charts with the release of his new album, *Twenty9*, for his 29th birthday on Friday.

For the *Naomi* hit maker, the eight track album, which features tracks such as, *Twenty9*, *OMG* featuring Veezo View as well as *Yebo* featuring Jackalass Onetym, is a tribute moment to 10 years in the music industry and celebration of his final year in his 20s.

He further described it as the bridge between the young dreamer and the grown man stepping into his 30s.

"Dropping it on my 29th birthday feels like I'm gifting my supporters a piece of my journey, growth, lessons and elevation all wrapped into one moment," BanT said in an interview.

The hip-hop star said that fans can expect well-crafted project centred on maturity, personal growth, celebration, introspection and relationships.

"And a touch of those vibes people love me for.

I mean, it's Ban-T at 29, very balanced and self-aware," he shared adding that while he stayed true to his signature style hip-hop sound, he did not shy away from exploring new sonic territory such as Afro-inspired sounds.

For him, the track *Twenty9*, which is the intro, was the most personal.

"That one is closest to me because it captures ten-years

in the game and the man I've become. It came from within," he said.

A decade of grinding in Botswana's ever evolving hip-hop industry and even launching his youth agency, *Unmuted267* along the way, is no small feat, yet at some point, BanT shared, he almost gave up under the weight of public scrutiny.

"But I learned to block out the noise and trust my journey. That mindset shift brought me here."

On collaborations with Veezo View, Jackalass Onetym and Shaba Stele on such a monumental album of his music career, BanT lauded the artistes for their incredible talent and highlighted the partnership with Veezo View as a powerful addition to the project. He described his and View's music working relationship throughout the years as a work of art centered on pushing one another to their creative limits.

BanT shared that a conversation with his 19-year-old self would go this way.

"I would tell him: don't be too hard on yourself. Take time to look back and appreciate how far you've come. You are who you believe you are. Never doubt that."

As for the biggest lesson the industry has taught him in his twenties, the hip-hop star said,

"Diversify or you won't survive. Music is passion, but understanding the business and your environment is power." **BOPA**





An educator, Boniswa Bayani (right) recently launched a WhatsApp channel called *Mind Over Matters y2k Teens*, designed to help teenagers navigate the hurdles life places before them. Photos: Courtesy of Boniswa Bayani

Bayani creates safe space for teens with WhatsApp initiative

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Boniswa Bayani, an educator with over a decade of experience working with learners aged nine to 21 across rural, semi-urban and urban areas, has become a trusted guide.

Her role has long been one of mentorship, listening, early intervention, and knowing when to refer young people to trained professionals.

Drawing on years of conversations with teen boys and girls, Bayani recently launched a WhatsApp channel called

Mind Over Matters y2k Teens, designed to help teenagers navigate the hurdles life places before them.

"The initiative grew organically," she explained, "building on discussions I have had with learners over the past 10 years of teaching and mentorship."

The channel itself was created as a structured response to recurring challenges raised by both teens and parents.

On average, the group engages about 133 participants; teens and parents alike. Membership fluctuates as new people join and others observe quietly, but interaction remains steady through daily discussions, private check-ins, and shared reflections.

Bayani believes that today's parents and children often find themselves at odds.

"Rapidly changing trends, the influence of social media, Gen Z culture, and exposure to positive

and negative influences have reshaped adolescence," she said.

"While access to information has grown, so too has the emotional burden placed on young people," Bayani added. Across Botswana, she has observed a rise in mental health challenges among teenagers. Too often, these struggles go undiagnosed or are misinterpreted as indiscipline.

"In classrooms, corridors, and quiet one-on-one moments, young people have spoken openly about anxiety, pressure, confusion, loneliness, peer influence, family conflict, and the overwhelming need to 'keep up.' Many lack the language, tools, or safe spaces to process these emotions in healthy ways," she noted.

Affectionately known as Teacher B, Bayani emphasises that resilience is not innate but learned.

"The earlier children are taught essential life skills; how to cope

with disappointment, manage unfair circumstances, navigate peer pressure, and respond to challenges, the more resilient, self-aware, and emotionally grounded they become," she said.

Her WhatsApp channel serves as a daily point of reference: a space for teens to pause, reflect, reset, and grow.

It offers gentle reminders that emotions can be acknowledged without dictating behavior, and that progress is built through small, consistent choices.

Still, Bayani acknowledges the limits of her role. "As an educator, I recognise that some challenges require specialised, professional intervention," she explained.

Teens are encouraged to seek support with their parents or guardians when deeper emotional or personal challenges arise.

"Professional care is not a sign of weakness, it is a courageous step toward healing and growth,"

she said.

Bayani stresses that her initiative is not meant to replace professional services but to complement them by raising awareness, encouraging early intervention, and normalising conversations around mental and emotional wellbeing.

"It is my hope that as more young people engage with these messages, they will aspire to live by the principle of mind over matter; remaining grounded, focused, and resilient regardless of what life throws their way. The wellbeing of our children is a shared responsibility. Awareness, empathy, and early support can make all the difference," she said.

Her work extends beyond the WhatsApp platform. Teacher B also engages face-to-face through schools, educational programmes, and community-based interactions, often engaging parents when the need arises. **BOPA**

Morupule edge out Lions

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Like the Biblical Daniel emerging from the Lion's Den unscathed, Morupule Wanderers defeated Black Lions 2-0 away at the Royal Aria Stadium in Tlokweng, emerging as the weekend's FNB Premiership biggest movers, climbing up the league ladder two spots to position six.

Morupule had entered the weekend eighth on the log, behind sixth placed Township Rollers and Orapa United on seventh.

The victory over Lions catapulted the Palapye side to sixth place, as their rivals dropped points, spreading the Valentine's Day cheer by sharing spoils with their opponents on Saturday afternoon as Rollers drew 1-1 away to TAFIC in Francistown, and Orapa played to a goalless draw with Matebele at Itsekeng.

In Tlokweng, it took just five minutes of action for Morupule to display their attacking intent. Obonye Maome played in a well struck free kick from outside the box, forcing a save from Ryan Brown.

Morupule upped the ante, playing balls onto the wide attacking channels with a view to disrupt the Lions defensive structures, and whip crosses into the box.

In the 22nd minute, a Morupule attack forced left back Mokaedi Ditsie in the Lions rearguard to concede an own goal, as the visitors broke the deadlock to take a one goal lead.

As the first half drew to a close, Lions attempted to push numbers forward in search of the equaliser but Morupule defended their lines well.

At half time, Lions' Serbian coach Srdan Zivonjov introduced central attacking midfielder Tlotlo Keipidile and centre forward Tumiso Tlhotlego to replace Kelvin Bulala, who had been deployed on the wide right of a three-man attack, and Collen Moteu who had been on the right side of midfield.

Thero Bubi, the promising teenager on the left side of the Lions' attack, continued to provide the biggest threat posed by Dibata Diarora.

As the second half wore on, Lions took control of the possession stakes, but lacked penetrative noesis in the final third. But it would be

Morupule putting the game to bed with less than ten minutes to spare. Andre Domingoes rounded off attacking transition play by releasing a blistering shot that flew into the near post to give Bafana ba Magala their 2-0 triumph.

Saturday night saw log leadership exchange hands, as Gaborone United experienced their first loss of the season, a 3-2 defeat to Sua Flamengoes at the UB Stadium, and Jwaneng Galaxy moved to the top of the log standings with a 4-0 victory over Extension Gunners.

This left football aficionados salivating at the prospect of the upcoming match between the top two, Galaxy and GU, as the FNB Premiership enters Match Day 20, and

the final third of the season.

Mochudi Centre Chiefs' 1-1 draw with Police XI on Sunday at the GU Stadium left third placed Magosi, who are on 37 points, seven points adrift of both Galaxy and GU who sit on 44, separated by goal difference.

Sua's victory over GU meanwhile mean they are on 35 points - fourth on the log but with a game in hand.

In mid-table, Nico stay fifth after a 1-1 draw away to ninth placed BDF XI.

In the relegation zone, Calendar Stars drew with Santa Green to stay rooted on position 14, third from bottom, ahead of a 15th placed TAFIC side that managed a draw against Rollers and bottom placed Gunners, who lost their Galaxy match. **BOPA**

Thamaga Shooting Stars and Holy Ghost retain standings

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He praised goalkeeper Lesego Bosekeng for making crucial saves and credited second-half tactical adjustments, including introducing taller strikers to trouble Holy Ghost's cautioned defenders.

Holy Ghost coach Goitseone Mompoti commended his team's preparation despite the defeat.

"We created chances but failed to convert them. Unfortunately, they capitalised on their sole opportunity."

He acknowledged that poor finishing continues to be his side's main weakness, noting that missed chances have cost them in recent fixtures.

Elsewhere, league leaders Prison IX extended their advantage to 38 points with a 2-0 victory over Taung Young Strikers, while Dinare FC stayed in close pursuit on 35 points after thrashing Tlokweng United 4-0.

Jwaneng Young Stars edged Notwane SC 1-0 to remain fourth with 26 points.

In Gabane, Union Flamengo Santos beat Majweng SC 1-0, leaving Majweng in relegation danger, while Security Systems FC crushed Tsentseng United 3-0 to hold fifth place on 25 points.

With the league entering a decisive phase, both Shooting Stars and Holy Ghost remain firmly in contention, but the pressure is mounting as the season intensifies. **BOPA**



Morupule Wanderers' Maungo Tsimele (left) taking on Black Lions' Martin Nfila during FNB Premiership encounter in Tlokweng on Saturday. Wanderers won 1-0. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Orange Botswana reaffirms commitment

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Orange Botswana has reaffirmed commitment to the development of football by renewing its partnership with the Botswana Football Association (BFA) with a P16,806,000 sponsorship for Season 7 of the Orange FA Cup. Speaking at the sponsorship launch in Gaborone on Friday, Orange Botswana acting CEO, Yves Famien, said the FA Cup sponsorship was community-driven, noting that the organisation believed in the power of sport.

He said sport was more than entertainment, as it united communities while also driving economic progress.

Famien added

that the company had increased the value of the contract, which runs from 2026 to 2029, and despite economic challenges, they saw it fit to continue supporting the BFA because of the importance of the FA Cup. Orange Botswana Public Relations and Communications manager, Tebogo Nadisah said football told the story of the nation.

"It captures our ambition, our resilience and our shared belief in greatness as we rise together with every team, from the grassroots to the Premier League," she

said.

She further noted that Season 7 reflected their vision of ensuring football belonged to everyone, reaching every corner of the country and allowing the next generation of Botswana football legends to emerge and shine.

BFA president Tariq Babitseng commended Orange Botswana for its continued contribution to football.

He said the company had previously supported national football teams, Zebras and the Mares, demonstrating its seriousness about developing Botswana football.

Babitseng said the FA Cup reached all corners of the country and gave players an opportunity to showcase their talent.

The Orange FA Cup Season 7, dubbed Kgaatshoo Bophaskelem, will kick off with 48 teams from both the northern and southern parts of the country. **BOPA**



Botswana Football Association president, Tariq Babitseng (left) and Orange Botswana chief marketing officer, Yves Famien at the launch of the Orange FA Cup Season 7 in Gaborone on Friday. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo





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Letsile Tebogo (centre) leading in senior men 100m heat 4, lane 4 during BAA Track and Field 2026 Series II in Francistown on Saturday. He clocked 10:34 followed by Tumo van Wyk (second left) with 10:86 and Abofelo Leitseng with 10:89. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Thamaga Shooting Stars and Holy Ghost retain standings

Keetile Bontsibokae
MMOPANE

Thamaga Shooting Stars FC and Holy Ghost SC remain in the same positions on the Southern First Division League table after a tense weekend clash played at Holy Ghost's home ground in Mmopane.

Thamaga Shooting stars went into the match sitting sixth while Holy Ghost occupied third place, and both sides retained their standings following a tightly contested encounter. Coming off a narrow 1-0 defeat to second-placed Dinare FC, Shooting Stars used the setback as motivation to respond strongly. After 72 minutes of stalemate, substitute Tumelo Sentle introduced at halftime for Gaobotlwe Kabelo capitalised on a defensive lapse and fired past goalkeeper Lefika Ngwako to secure the decisive goal. Shooting Stars coach Nelson Olebile admitted the match was physically demanding. "It was not an open game. Both teams were tussling, playing long balls and trying to win the second ball. We had to adjust to deal with that."

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Athletes impress at track and field event

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

Obed Itani Chilume Stadium was abuzz with excitement on Saturday as the cream of Botswana's athletic talent gathered for the second Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) track and field event. The crowd erupted into a frenzy of cheers and applause when the country's fastest runner, the world-renowned Tebogo Letsile, took to the track. The young superstar, whose face adorns the new limited-edition P50 commemorative

banknote, did not disappoint either. In the 100m senior men's heat, Letsile left the competition in the dust, clocking an impressive 10.34 seconds. The stadium reverberated with thunderous applause as Letsile crossed the finish line, his arms raised in triumph. Tumo Wyk trailed him at 10.86 seconds. But that was just the beginning. Letsile's 200m dash was a masterclass and got the crowd on its feet as he stormed to victory, leaving rivals in his

"Athletes are still rusty, but the youth are very impressive. The participation of athletes like Letsile, Ndori, and Scotch made the event truly special."

wake. "The showman" had delivered, and the spectators grinned from ear to ear at the display of supersonic speed and

sheer power. The event also saw other notable athletes putting in impressive performances, including Leungo Scotch and Bayapo Ndori, who battled it out in the scorching heat. Ndori clocked 45.26 seconds in the 400m senior men, beating Kabelo Shabane's 48.02 seconds. In the field events, Wame Kgosietsile's 21.47 m throw in the under-18 women's Javelin was a standout

moment, while Tawana Tema's 6.48 m leap in the men's under-18 long jump earned him the top spot. BAA Vice President, Oabona Theetso hailed the event as a huge success despite no new international qualifications being set. "Athletes are still rusty, but the youth are very impressive. The participation of athletes like Letsile, Ndori, and Scotch made the event truly special," said Theetso. The BAA is gearing up for its next event, with a countrywide campaign underway to scout talent for international competitions. **BOPA**



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