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President Advocate Duma Boko leading by example at the launch of the National Clean-Up Campaign at Bosele Primary School in Gaborone on Saturday. The initiative calls on all Batswana to restore pride, dignity and care for the country's environment. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

## Clean-up campaign call to action

Lorato Gaofise  
**GABORONE**

The National Clean-Up Campaign is a challenge to the nation to rediscover its pride, sense of responsibility and shared duty to protect the country's environment, as the land they call home.

This was said by President Advocate Duma Boko during the launch of the National Clean-Up Campaign in Gaborone on Saturday.

He said the initiative went beyond litter picking, but was also about rehabilitating public spaces, improving lighting in cities, planting trees and maintaining infrastructure to create cleaner, safer and more attractive communities.

President stated that neglected areas, often became dumping grounds.

"The solution is to reclaim such spaces by rehabilitating them, planting trees and making them safe and attractive," he added.

He further said the launch, held under the theme: A Clean, Green, Safe and Proud Botswana, marked the formal beginning of the campaign, with the capital city deliberately chosen as the starting point.

"This city is the face of our nation. It is where the world comes to see Botswana, and it must reflect the pride, discipline and dignity of our people," said President Boko, who also urged traditional leaders, schoolchildren, business community, faith groups and civil society organisations, to participate in a monthly national clean-up campaign to be held every second Saturday.

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# Hunting quota to address Human-lion conflict

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe  
MAUN

Government has introduced an experimental spatial lion hunting quota as part of efforts to address the growing human-lion conflict in Botswana.

The experimental hunting quota, which allocates nine lions across the country, forms part of broader efforts to balance biodiversity conservation with the livelihoods of communities living alongside wildlife.

The initiative is also expected to generate resources that would support conflict mitigation initiatives in affected areas.

This came to light during the Lion Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (2026–2036) workshop in Maun, where the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, principal wildlife officer, Mr Kenosi Nkape, said increasing incidents of livestock predation had resulted in retaliatory killings of lions, particularly in areas where farmers suffered repeated losses.

Lions remain among the predators responsible for a significant proportion of human-wildlife conflict incidents in Botswana, posing challenges for communities whose livelihoods depend on livestock farming.

Meanwhile, the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources conservation biologist, Mr Gosiamo Mahupeleng, said human-lion conflict continued to pose a major conservation challenge and called for more research to identify practical coexistence strategies.

"Understanding the drivers of conflict would assist in developing effective mitigation measures and improving long-term conservation planning," he said.

Conservation of Natural Ecosystems Trust conservation director, Dr Robynne Kotze, highlighted that Botswana's lion population had declined from about 3 500 in 2015 to approximately 2 800, noting that monitoring

wildlife populations across the country remained difficult due to limited research resources and the vastness of the landscape.

He recommended increased capacity building for research students and conservation practitioners to strengthen scientific monitoring and support strategic wildlife management.

Representing farmers, Hainaveld farmers associate, Mr Kealeboga, Tudor welcomed the introduction of the experimental hunting quota, saying farmers in wildlife areas continued to incur significant livestock losses while retaliatory killings of lions also threatened the ecosystem.

"Our proposal is that funds generated from the quota could assist in erecting border fences between Ngamiland, Central and Ghanzi districts to regulate animal movement and reduce the spread of diseases and potential killings," he said.

He added that the funds could also be used to support farmer education workshops aimed at promoting improved livestock protection methods and coexistence with wildlife.

For his part, Xwiskurusa Trust chairperson, Mr Onosi Dithapo, emphasised the importance of collaboration between government and communities in addressing human-wildlife conflict.

He noted that low compensation for livestock losses often left farmers frustrated and sometimes forced them to resort to killing lions to avoid further losses.

"The estimated P300 000 - P500 000 revenue from the lion hunting quota will help communities to strengthen or erect strong kraals inaccessible to lions and other predators hence reducing conflict," he said. Meanwhile, in Kgalegadi District, approximately 200 lions were killed over a two-year period while lions claimed 289 livestock, highlighting the escalating human-wildlife conflict that threatens the ecosystem. **BOPA**



First Lady Kaone Boko (centre), Gamalete District Commissioner, Ms Tebogo Bagopi-Mosesanyane (left), programmes coordinator in the Office of the First Lady, Ms Amogelang Mompoti (second left), Reverend Thabiso Segatlhe of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (second right) and Kgosi Mosadi Seboko at the church's 10th Annual Home Coming Anniversary in Ramotswa on Sunday. Ms Boko urged the congregants to remain steadfast in faith and hope as the church was the only place that offered such in turbulent times. Photo: Felicity Male

## Remain steadfast in faith - First Lady

Baleseng Batlotleng  
RAMOTSWA

First Lady Kaone Boko has emphasised the importance of the true gospel and having faith in God.

Ms Boko was speaking at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Botswana (ELCB) 10th homecoming church service anniversary in Ramotswa on Sunday.

She told the congregants to remain steadfast in faith and hope as the church was the only place that offered such in turbulent times.

Ms Boko assured the gathering that she had seen the true might

of God's will and power after navigating the muddy waters in her own life, urging the church members to trust in God who would not forsake them.

"We serve a living God and the faith I have in our living God is in abundance. You should embrace that faith and that faith could move mountains."

She said God made her in the image of Job whose story in the Bible was a profound exploration

of suffering and faith.

"Our faith will heal us and even do the things you cannot even imagine. As a human being I want our people to remember me as a believer in God's will. Let us learn to call to God all the good and the bad times," she added.

She said people should not lose hope as God would give them the desires of their hearts.

One of the church elders, Mr Victor Tlhaselo said the church was humbled by the presence of the First Lady.

He said homecoming was conceptualised in an effort to revive the church as it was disenfranchised, therefore it was important to come together in prayer.

He said prayer was a powerful tool as the nation navigated trying and tough times.

The ELCB 10th homecoming church service anniversary was held under the theme: The Power of Faith: Transforming Uncertainty Into Certainty. **BOPA**

## Consultations on Zone 11 sub-division ongoing



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti (second right) addressing volunteers from different villages of Borolong and Ngwaketse, who had gathered in Loporung to clear the bush along the cordon fence recently. He said Zone 11, which covered the Southern part all the way to Dibete gate and up to Kuke cordon fence needed to be sub divided such that in cases of emergency, the Foot and Mouth disease could be controlled easily. Photo: Aobakwe Molefhi

Aobakwe Molefhi  
LOPORUNG

Consultations on sub-dividing Zone 11 are ongoing, says acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti.

Dr Dikoloti revealed in an interview in Loporung on Friday that the said zone, which covers the Southern part all the way to Dibete Gate and up to Kuke Cordon Fence, needed to be sub-divided such that outbreaks would be manageable.

Dr Dikoloti was in Loporung to visit volunteers from different villages of Borolong and Ngwaketse, who were clearing bushes along the cordon fence.

He said Zone 11 was vast hence they were trying to come up with measures of how to manage it easily. Furthermore, he revealed that the ministry and other stakeholders were looking into creating buffer zones along the cordon fence, which is approximately 182km.

Creating the buffer or compartments in form of feedlots, piggery or vegetable gardens, he said would ensure that communal livestock did not come close to the border fence or even cross it.

The compartments, Dr Dikoloti said were expected to meet certain bio-security measures, saying that would be one way of de-risking and minimising chances of the disease to cross into Botswana.

He further applauded farmers and communities across the country for working in unison with government to ensure that the Foot and Mouth Disease did not spread into Botswana from neighboring countries.

If the disease was to spread in the country, he said it would not have affected farmers only, but the national economy as well.

Even though there were calls for vaccination of cattle in Zone 11 instead of culling some animals, he said that would not be a wise move

as that would change the status of the zone and downgrade the value of animals.

He asserted that it would even change the title of the zone, as it would be now referred to as 'FMD free with vaccination'.

He said the move would also change access to the market.

Dr Dikoloti said Botswana Meat Commission was still selling at the European market and Norway save for the meat from the zones where the disease was recently reported.

Such zones, he said were 3c, 6B, 6A and zone 7 because of its proximity to Zimbabwe.

He further said President Advocate Duma Boko had urged the ministry to find ways of how best they could work with Zimbabwe to help them vaccinate their cattle, such as looking on reducing the vaccine prices.

The move, he said could help in reducing the risk of exposure to the disease. **BOPA**

# Pension capital driver of national development

Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE

Pension capital has been highlighted as an important driver of national development while also safeguarding the financial future of members.

Speaking at the Botswana Pensions Society annual conference Palapye on Thursday, Permanent Secretary to the Vice President, Dr Gape Kaboyakgosi noted that the assets managed within pension funds must not only protect the retirement savings of the contributors but should also support the country's broader economic priorities.

He said Botswana's pension assets represented one of the most stable pools of long-term capital within the economy.

He noted that the funds generated returns for members while also holding the potential to support national priorities such as infrastructure development, water security, transport networks, energy systems, digital connectivity and essential social services.

Dr Kaboyakgosi said long-term domestic capital was becoming increasingly valuable in today's global economy where investment flows were more selective. He said pension funds were seen as a reliable source of 'patient capital.'

That, he said meant that funds could be invested over long periods, translating into a type of investment that was essential for major development projects such as infrastructure, digital systems and other productive sectors that require sustained financial support.

He emphasised that the strength of any pension system depended on sound governance, responsible investment practices and an informed membership, adding

that regulatory reforms, diversified investment portfolios and the integration of environmental, social and governance considerations were considered key elements in building a resilient pension structure.

Dr Kaboyakgosi said the future of retirement security would depend on inclusivity, innovation and alignment with the transformation of the economy, observing further that modern pension ecosystems must reach communities that remained underserved while harnessing technology and expanding models that supported retirement wellbeing for all citizens.

"This outlook reflects the direction of Botswana's economic policy under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) insofar as it seeks to accelerate diversification, strengthen national competitiveness and deepen productive sectors of the economy," he said. Dr Kaboyakgosi further said that achieving such transformation required patient, long-term capital.

He explained that pension assets remained an important part of that national effort and that the programme called for bold collaboration between pension funds and government in order to unlock national competitiveness.

He said while Botswana's diamond-led growth model has served the country well for many decades, enabling a transition to upper-middle income status and helping to build strong institutions, the model has now reached a period of stagnation, and that consequently, inequality, poverty and unemployment had increased while economic diversification had slowed.

He said the ambition was being advanced through the BETP, which served as a central pillar of National Development Plan 12, whose objective was to accelerate diversification, strengthen competitiveness and build a digitally connected economy that participated effectively in global markets and recognised the realities of the domestic constraints and the evolving global landscape.

Chairperson of Botswana Pensions Society, Ms Tsholofelo Mosimanewapula said the theme of the conference: Beyond Returns: Leveraging Pension Capital for National Development and Secure Retirement Communities invited them to rethink the purpose and potential of pension funds.

She said pension assets were not just numbers on financial statements but that they represented the future wellbeing,



Delegates at the Botswana Pensions Society 2026 annual conference in Palapye on Thursday. Permanent Secretary to the Vice President, Dr Gape Kaboyakgosi said the assets managed within pension funds must not only protect the retirement savings of the contributors but should also support the country's broader economic priorities. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane

dignity and security of members and could serve as a powerful engine for national development when guided by sound governance and responsible investment strategies.

Head of the secretariat at the Africa Pension Supervisors' Association (APSA) in Kenya, Dr Alfred Shem highlighted that

APSA brought together pension regulators and supervisors from across Africa to canvas issues of common interest.

Dr Shem noted that the purpose of retirements benefits system was to mitigate old age poverty and to enable consumption smoothing. The secondary objective, he said, was to promote national savings

for development. He also noted that some of the challenges facing the pension industry in Africa was dual labour market, which left the informal labour market not covered by existing pension arrangements. The other challenge was high labour mobility as well as low and irregular incomes, he said. **BOPA**

## Clean-up campaign call to action

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President Boko appealed to businesses to improve lighting around their buildings and make the Gaborone safer and more welcoming at night.

He cited the example of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, which promoted its illuminated skyline under the concept of 'Addis by Night'.

"Light up your buildings. A well-lit building deters crime and creates a beautiful environment for people," he said.

President Boko also announced that all schools across the country

would be refurbished as part of government efforts to improve public infrastructure.

He said government had established a special company that would be responsible for the refurbishment and maintenance of schools and teachers' residences

In addition, he said efforts were underway to strengthen the national school feeding programme, so as to ensure that pupils received breakfast and lunch.

For his part, Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa, described the initiative

as a powerful call to national action.

He said the cleanliness of the country went beyond appearances, as it was also about the health of the people, dignity of communities and the legacy left for future generations.

He therefore implored Batswana to participate in the initiative he termed, a long-term national movement.

The launch was immediately followed by a tree planting ceremony, led the President at Bosele Primary School where the event was held, and thereafter litter picking. **BOPA**

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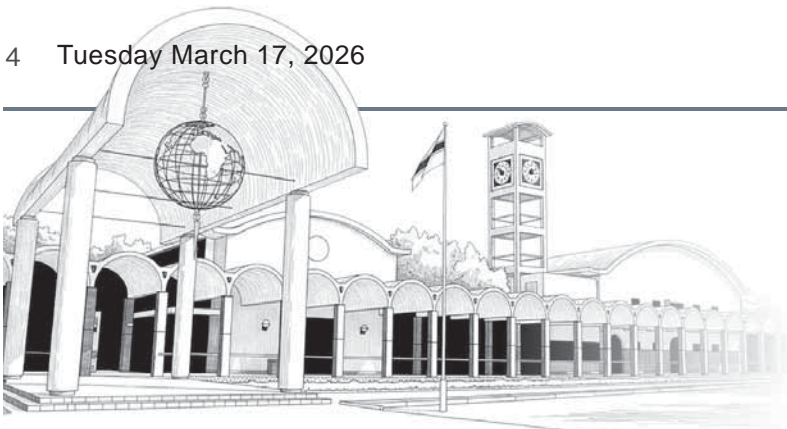
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## PARLIAMENT 2026

# Parliament rejects motion on judicial security unit

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
**GABORONE**

Parliament has rejected a motion requesting for the establishment of a dedicated arm or unit within the Botswana Police Service for the protection of judicial officers.

When tabling the motion, Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow argued that judicial officers' security was currently compromised. She stated that most magistrates and judges were at risk due to the sensitive nature of their work.

Dr Dow emphasised that it is high time the cadre be given utmost security, suggesting that they be provided with identities that differentiate them from the general public.

She reasoned that a formal system was necessary to ensure their safety and control access to their homes, workplaces, public spaces and chambers. Responding to the motion, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, appreciated Dr Dow's concerns regarding the safety of the judiciary.

"Protection of the judiciary is crucial. The only difference is the modality of how to go about it," he noted.

Minister Mohwasa explained that Section 6 of the Police Act mandated the police to protect life and property, detect crime and maintain peace. Therefore, he argued that setting aside a special unit dedicated solely to one group would not align with the Act. He said while government appreciated the need to enhance security, it was not the right time for a dedicated unit. Debating the motion, MP for Mmadinare, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa argued that a dedicated unit might attract unnecessary attention to judicial officers and suggested that they should have been consulted first.

MP for Tswapong South, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, supported the motion, stating that judges needed protection to perform their duties without fear or favour.

MP for Gaborone South, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana noted that the law already provided for the security of certain cadres, including guards at the residences of magistrates. He suggested that instead of a new unit, the competencies of private security companies currently used should be reviewed. Okavango West legislator, Mr Kenny Kapinga supported the motion but opposed creating a specific unit within the police, noting that the force was already overworked and overwhelmed by its existing mandate to maintain law and order.

Other MPs, including Mr Wynter Mmolotsi of Francistown

South, Mr Mabuse Pule of Kgatleng East and Mr Phillimon Aaron Ngami, supported the motion, citing the sensitivity of judicial work. Mogoditshane West MP, Mr Galenawabo Lekau also called for beefed-up security. However, MP for Charleshill, Mr Mmoniemang Motsamai argued that the motion lacked facts regarding actual attacks.

Specially Elected MP, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka said the ministry already had a plan in place. "We should not set a precedence that we will not live up to," she cautioned. In response to the debate, Dr Dow clarified that she was seeking a unit within the police, not an entirely new division. However, the motion was put to a vote. Of the 50 MPs present, 29 voted against the motion, 16 voted in favour, four abstained and one did not vote. **BOPA**

# Attorney General budget proposals receive green light

Tebagano Ntshole  
**GABORONE**

Parliament has approved the 2026/27 budget proposals for the Attorney General, as presented by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana. Minister Ramaotwana proposed P399 million for recurrent expenditure and P27.7 million for the development of the organisation, which provided essential legal services to government.

In his presentation, the minister expressed concern over the absence of a Government Legislative Programme (GLP). He noted that the lack of a formal guide for legislative development has resulted in the haphazard drafting of legislation.

"This hinders development due to a lack of supportive networks and impacts quality. It also has a knock-on effect on the turnaround times for draft legislation required by other ministries," he stated. He emphasized that establishing the GLP must be treated as a matter of priority.

He further announced that Blackhall Publishing had been awarded a tender to update all local laws and noted that the E-Laws initiative would be resuscitated within the year.

He also highlighted that a Law Reform Unit was established within the Legislative Drafting Division of the Attorney General's Chambers in March 2020.

He noted that while law reform was vital and required specialised

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
**GABORONE**

The National Assembly has recently approved a P4 billion budget proposal for the Ministry of Water and Human Settlement for the 2026/27 financial year.

Presenting the request, Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi, explained that the ministry was implementing various projects in a phased manner across the country to improve the efficiency of both water supply and sanitation systems.

Minister Ramogapi told Parliament that the Molepolole Wastewater Treatment Plant was currently at 87 per cent progress and is expected to be completed by October this year.

He added that a second project, the construction of water supply pipelines and associated works for Molepolole, was 51 per cent complete and scheduled for completion by August this year while other sub-projects were planned to commence during the 2026/27 cycle.

He added that to improve water availability for Batswana, 6 674 water rights had been issued during the current financial year, primarily to support socio-economic

skills, the limited capacity of the Legislative Drafting Division continued to stretch available resources.

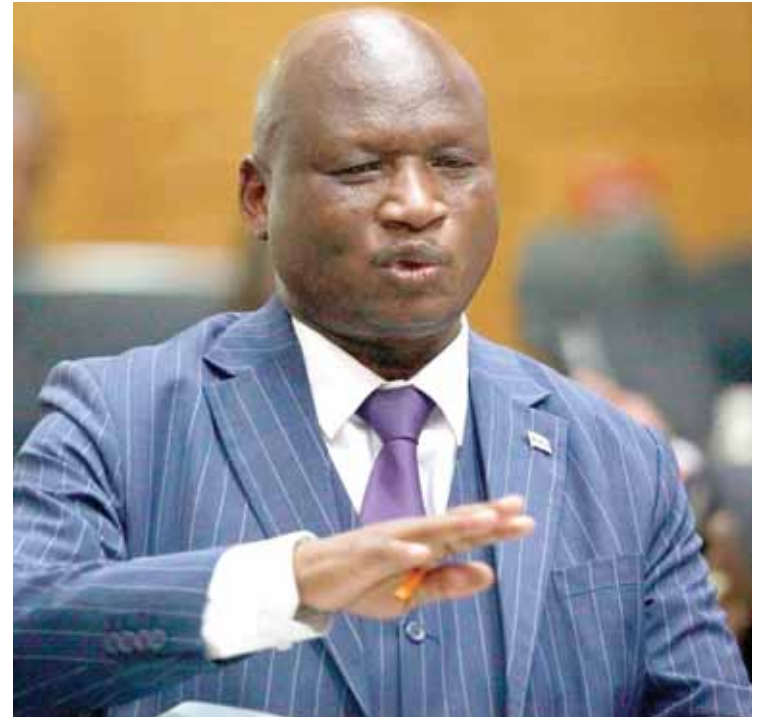
On civil cases against the state, Minister Ramaotwana proposed a new legal and administrative framework under which Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) would be required to reimburse government for court-awarded damages, interest and costs.

The minister reaffirmed that Conditions of Service for officers remained a priority. He indicated that officers had raised concerns regarding remuneration, allowances and the grading of entry-level positions.

"The ministry is currently engaging with the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) to address these issues," he added. Additionally, he proposed the creation of specialised teams to support MDAs with high volumes of litigation, which he said would require an increase in staff and the creation of additional posts.

Regarding the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the minister noted that the DPP remained structurally linked to the Attorney General's Chambers, despite a constitutional framework providing for its independence. From October 2025 to date, he said the DPP received 965 dockets, of which 521 had been completed. Meanwhile, the proposed P27.7 million earmarked for development would be used for the refurbishment of the Attorney General's Chambers headquarters and the completion of office and residential facilities in Maun. **BOPA**

# Ministry dedicates budget to improving water supply



Parliament has approved a P4 billion budget proposal for the Ministry of Water and Human Settlement, which Minister Onneetse Ramogapi said part of it would assist in implementing various projects across the country to improve the efficiency of both water supply and sanitation systems.

activities such as farming. In an effort to modernise water data management, he said the ministry was developing an Integrated Water Resources Management System.

"The project will install equipment at 789 observation points across the country for continuous monitoring of rainfall, surface water in rivers and dams, and groundwater resources," said Mr Ramogapi.

The project, he explained, would also establish five command centres for online monitoring, adding that installation of equipment commenced in February 2026 and was planned for completion by the end of 2027.

Parliament also learned that government continued to implement a range of housing schemes to meet the needs of different income groups.

"These include the Bonno Turnkey Development Loan Scheme, Home Improvement Scheme, Bonno D4 and Below (or equivalent) Housing Loan Scheme and the private sector-led Targeted Housing Scheme," he said.

Collectively, Mr Ramogapi said the programmes catered for households across the income spectrum, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable segments of society.

Regarding the Bonno Targeted Housing Scheme, he noted that 36 865 units had been committed and were currently in the mobilisation stage.

Under the recurrent budget, the Department of Housing would receive the largest share of P186.6 million (39.6 per cent), mostly to cater for property rentals to augment the housing pool for public officers.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would be allocated P152 million for water resources monitoring, sanitation

assessments and transboundary water initiatives.

Ministry Headquarters would receive P118.7 million for personnel emoluments and operations, while the Department of Technical Services would get P13.8 million for the supervision of water projects.

Under the P3.6 billion development budget, the largest portion (P2 billion) would be dedicated to water supply and sanitation networks.

That included the completion of projects in Maun, Kanye and Molepolole, as well as the refurbishment and expansion of the Mambo Wastewater Treatment Plant to curb downstream pollution.

Debating the proposed budget, some MPs supported the Bonno initiative, but some voiced concerns regarding its reach and affordability.

Gamalete MP, Mr Boniface Mabeo, argued that the Bonno houses were often too expensive for low-income earners, except for those built through the turnkey scheme.

Mr Prince Maele, MP for Tswapong North, urged the ministry to focus on home ownership rather than just plot ownership, noting that 21 villages in his constituency still faced water shortages.

Serowe North MP, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe encouraged the development of dams, specifically for horticultural purposes.

MP for Gaborone South, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana supported the budget, stating that government was on track with its manifesto, through programmes that the ministry was undertaking to ensure that Batswana were provided with basic needs such as shelter and providing water.

However, he highlighted that stormwater drainage in his constituency remained inadequate or non-existent. **BOPA**



Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said the Industrial Court was set to devise new means to eradicate its case backlog through the establishment of a Judicial Case Management Unit.

## Industrial court deploys new strategy to eradicate case backlog

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
GABORONE

The Industrial Court is set to devise new means to eradicate its case backlog through the establishment of a Judicial Case Management (JCM) Unit, which will comprise four Judges of the Industrial Court.

Presenting the Industrial Court's budget estimates for the 2026/27 financial year, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana, said the court remained resolute in its commitment to international standards, particularly delivering judgments within three months of a case's completion.

Minister Ramaotwana noted that the current average turnaround time for cases was nine months from registration to judgment.

"To improve efficiency, the court has endeavoured to provide regular training for judges and registrars on emerging trends and changes in labour law," he said.

However, he noted that no training sessions were conducted in the previous financial year due to financial constraints. In addition to the operationalisation of the Maun Division, which serviced Shakawe, Kasane, Gumare and Ghanzi, the court continued to hold circuit courts in Palapye, Selebi Phikwe and Letlhakeng. The minister further revealed that the Industrial Court had developed an electronic Case Management System to digitise operations.

He added that the court planned a soft launch of the system within the first quarter of the 2026/2027 year, following the procurement of necessary software.

Meanwhile, Mr Ramaotwana proposed a budget of P62.2 million for recurrent expenses to cover personal emoluments, utilities, the Industrial Court board and circuit courts.

An additional P18.9 million was requested under the development budget for the ongoing expansion of the Gaborone Industrial Court as well as the establishment of the Maun Industrial Court. Debating the budget proposals, legislators emphasised the need for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to tackle backlogs involving layoffs, unfair dismissals, unpaid wages and workplace bullying. Maun East MP, Mr Goretsetse Kekgonegile argued that the decline in reported cases was not a sign of success, but rather a sign

that litigants were abandoning cases due to delays.

He opined turnaround times had actually stretched to 10 months in some instances.

Kanye West MP, Mr Victor Phologolo suggested court-annexed mediation and the use of temporary judges for non-complex cases to expedite the process.

Mr Prince Maele, MP for Tswapong North, praised the court's accessibility, but suggested the use of native languages during proceedings so that litigants can express themselves without relying on translations. Jwaneng/Mabutsane legislator, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa called for further decentralisation, noting that the cost of travel to court often forced the less privileged to give up on their claims.

Shoshong MP, Mr Moneedi Bagaisamang proposed mobile

courts for rural communities, noting that many low-income workers lost their severance benefits because they cannot reach help.

Mr Ignatius Moswaane of Francistown West, supported the budget but called for the establishment of an Industrial Court of Appeal. Okavango West MP, Mr Kenny Kapinga, highlighted the high volume of non-payment disputes in his constituency and requested a dedicated labour office in Shakawe to reduce travel to Maun.

Responding to MPs' contributions, Minister Ramaotwana agreed that government must meet litigants halfway. He suggested that moving forward, promotion of virtual court hearings would be a priority to prevent citizens from abandoning cases due to the distances involved.

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## Office of the Ombudsman makes progress in case resolution

Tebagano Ntshole  
GABORONE

The Office of the Ombudsman continues to improve its case resolution rate, although it has not attained the desired level.

Presenting the Ombudsman's budget proposals of over P77 million for the 2026/27 financial year, Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga told Parliament that the office received 1 341 cases during 2025/26, out of which 954 or 71 per cent were resolved.

"Contributing factors to non-attainment of the desired result include issues of non-response and or delayed response by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), and in many instances investigation of cases would be complete, but delayed or non-implementation of corrective action stalls closure of cases," he said.

However, Mr Nyatanga said as at January this year, there was a cumulative backlog of 669 complaints brought from previous years and resolved outside the standard of five months as compared to 979 for the previous year.

He added that 18.6 per cent of recommendations by the Ombudsman to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA) for financial year 2025/26 were implemented as at the end of January this year.

He added that the 38 legal investigators posed a challenge of delivery as the mandate had expanded, not only in the area of investigation, but because in addition thereto, the Ombudsman was bestowed with other functions.

"These functions include but are not limited to, educating the public on maladministration and human rights, advising government on ratification and implementation of human rights treaties and

conventions, assisting government to monitor, address and report on human rights issues at national and international level," he said.

He further said the Office of the Ombudsman needed more manpower and financial resources to effectively deliver on its mandate. He said effective investigations often required onsite inspections, particularly in complex cases or remote circumstances requiring specialised equipment.

"However, budgetary constraints have limited the ability to conduct these investigations effectively," he said.

Mr Nyatanga said capacity building initiatives for investigators had been affected by limited funding and the various moratoria on spending.

He said the office of the Ombudsman had resorted to using the power of subpoena to compel attendance.

"Additionally, there is a deliberate intent to address all Heads of Department on principles of good public administration, best administrative practices and compliance with the Human rights norms and standards and to monitor their compliance," he said.

Talking about human rights, Mr Nyatanga said the office had commenced engagement with the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education to assess the status of human rights education at the basic education level.

"Human Rights Education and public outreach in general, are the proactive means of promoting respect for human rights and curtailment of maladministration," he explained.

Subsequently, Parliament approved over P77 million budget for the Office of the Ombudsman, comprising P67 million for recurrent expenditure and P10 million for development, to bolster the office's expanding mandate in the 2026/27 financial year. **BOPA**

## MPs reach consensus on Ombudsman transformation

GABORONE

Members of Parliament have reached a rare across-the-aisle consensus on the need to overhaul the Ombudsman Act and for the office to be granted necessary powers and full independence from the executive to effectively tackle rampant maladministration.

Contributing to the debate on the proposed 2026/27 budget for the Office of the Ombudsman recently, Nkange MP, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi said he would present a Private Member's Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act as its recommendations were not compulsory.

Mr Moalosi said the Ombudsman must also be appointed by a committee of Parliament following extensive recruitment process which would be done in a transparent manner.

He further said government's decision to centralise Government Purchase Orders (GPO) had denied people's services as the organisation only spent 18 per cent of its development budget.

MP for Ghanzi, Mr Noah Salakae said in line with his party's

manifesto, Parliament would have the powers to elect the Ombudsman.

He said all the laws would be reviewed along with the Constitutional Review process.

For his part, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa of Jwaneng/Mabutsane constituency said the 38 investigators employed by the Ombudsman were insufficient, adding the organisation had to spread its wings to the rural communities where it remained unknown. MP Tshenolo Bogatsu of Lentsweletau/Lephephe said the public service was full of cases of maladministration, adding he wondered how people were required to report cases while they had been forced to sign non-disclosure forms.

Kgalagadi North MP, Mr Reason Lekutlane said public officers in the low ranks were abused by their supervisors but despite the investigations and recommendations from the Ombudsman, nothing further could be done. He said the Ombudsman was their first and only choice since they did not have funds to engage lawyers.

Selebi Phikwe East MP, Mr

Kgoberego Nkawana, said the proposed over P67 million to be allocated to the organisation was insufficient for it to effectively carry out its mandate.

He said the situation had been exacerbated by its additional roles which included human rights.

Mahalapye West legislator, Mr David Tshere said the Ombudsman should have more powers and vowed he would support a Bill by MP Moalosi. Mr Onnetse Ramogapi, Palapye MP, commended the Ombudsman for the work they had done despite the limited resources.

Previously, he said only law graduates carried investigations but that should be open to everyone to enable them to also progress.

MP for Letlhakeng, Brigadier Domcaza Mokgwathi called on the organisation to be pro-active and be able to anticipate and mitigate the challenges, leverage on technology, increase transparent and publish more reports to keep the nation abreast about their operations.

He further called for the capacitation of investigators.

Mr Mpho Morolong, MP for Kgatleng Central said the country needed a health Ombudsman,

arguing that if the country had such an organisation, challenges currently experienced in the sector could have been dealt with years ago. MP Caterpillar Hikuama of Maun West also said the Ombudsman should have more powers and be fully independent, adding the person holding the office should also be protected.

Responding to the comments, Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga said the Ombudsman was not solely appointed by the President, but was done with consultations with the Leader of the Opposition and the Speaker of the National Assembly.

Mr Nyatanga said it was high time accounting officers were taken to task for failing to implement the recommendations from the Office of the Ombudsman, adding the Ombudsman had the powers to subpoena anyone.

He said like MPs, they also agreed that the organisation should be fully independent with its own funding. Meanwhile, Parliament approved over P67 million as budget for the Ombudsman for the 2026/27 financial year. **BOPA**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice issued in terms of Section 10 (2) of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap. 65:07)

**NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR A SAFARI LODGE, A PROPOSAL BY XAU OKAVANGO INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD AT GUNOTSOGA (5.87KM EAST) – NG/12, ZONE 2.**

The major findings of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study undertaken for the proposed construction and operation of the proposed safari lodge are as summarized hereunder:

**a) Nature and Magnitude of the Activity**

The safari lodge is a 5-star development comprising of (12) luxury guests' tents rested on a deck, all en-suites. Lodge main area housing the following: One office, toilet, reception, laundry, pantry, restaurant, swimming pool, Bon fire, Kitchen. There will be fourteen (14) tented staff units for both male and female workers at the lodge and other developments. There will be an above ground sewage treatment plant for the staff village, the lodge preferably an eco-rock or Bio Sewage System. A vehicle workshop, six (6) x 5 000 liters water tanks for portable water and a Borehole.

**Lodge off-site activities**

Four game viewers, doing drives in Zone 2 and 3, walks in both Zone 2 & 3, horseback safaris in Zone 3. Boat cruise along the Qamuku channel towards the Selinda Spillway and lastly mekoro excursions in the flood plains. There shall be three (3) speed boats, two (2) boats used for guests and the third one is used for supplies and administration work.

**Location of the Activity**

Specific coordinates for the plot are: A(+39 797,91; 2 086 932,34); B(+39 508,44; 2 087 136,31); C(+39 594,42; 2 087 302,43) D(+39 865,91; 2 087 085,23). The project site is in an island five point eight seven (5.87) kilometers East of Gunotsoga village in the northern region of Okavango Delta: NG/12. The project site is a typical island common among the formation of islands in the Okavango Delta and has floodplains in its surrounding.

**b) Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures**

The environmental impacts and mitigation measures identified by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study are presented in detail in the EIA Report and summarized in the table below:

Environmental Impact	Project Phase	Proposed Mitigation/ Enhancement Measures
<b>Archaeological Impacts</b>		
Potential exposure of subsurface archaeological artifacts	Preconstruction & Construction	If any archaeological material is identified, all works should be halted and the Department of National Museum and Monuments (DNMM) be notified immediately.
<b>Biophysical Environment</b>		
Loss of vegetation	Preconstruction & Construction	Vegetation clearance to be done only where construction of buildings i.e. guests units and other business infrastructure will take place. Planting of trees after rehabilitation of project site to improve the aesthetics of the environment at the decommissioning stage.
Land pollution	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Waste should be disposed of at designated waste disposal sites. Provide chambers (waste bins with lids) for waste collection.
Noise pollution	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Construction activities should be timed such that disturbances occur between working hours. Regularly service machinery and vehicles at proper workshops during all phases of project. Install silencers in heavy plant machineries.
Soil erosion	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Any erosion signs observed during all project phases should be restored. Vegetation clearance should be done where construction of buildings will take place. Avoid dragging materials by lifting them. Vehicles should use designated routes. Workers should avoid unnecessary movements.
Water pollution	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Vehicles and machinery should be serviced regularly as per manufacturer/dealer's recommendations at proper workshops to avoid oil leakages. Ablution facilities should be made available on site and waste water disposed of at designated places to avoid underground water contamination.
Soil contamination	Pre-construction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Solid waste should be disposed off at designated waste management facilities. Servicing of vehicles and machinery should be done at proper workshops and oil leakages should be contained to avoid contamination.
Reduction of aesthetic quality	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Ensure that waste receptacles are available on site, and that the waste is transferred to a registered dumping site/ landfill.
Human Wildlife Conflicts (HWC)	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Minimize noise whenever the wild animals are passing to avoid possibilities of Human Wildlife Conflicts. Guests and employees have to be orientated about the wildlife in the surrounding environments and to be trained on how to live with game animals to avoid conflicts (HWC). Provision of wildlife corridors for easy movement of the wild animals.
<b>Social Impacts</b>		
Boost to local economy	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	During recruitment, priority should be given to local companies and individuals. Capacitate employees with relevant training.
Injury and possible death to employees from work related operations	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Provide protective and safety clothing such as boots and helmets. Ensure that heavy plant is operated by qualified personnel. Ensure that operation of heavy plant occurs when there is adequate lighting.
Vehicles' accidents	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Put speed limits to maximum of 20-30 km/h along project routes and for game drives. Put the headlights on to increase visibility during rainy weather, early in the morning, evening and night times.
HIV/AIDS, STIs and other infections	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	Provide condoms to the employees. Educate the workers on issues related to HIV/AIDS, STIs and tuberculosis
Environmental degradation from illegal dumping of rubble	Decommissioning	Liaise with the community members and police of the surrounding settlements and villages to address this potential impact. Rubble should be disposed of at designated waste disposal sites.
Air pollution	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	The site and access road must be wetted regularly to reduce dust production and air pollution. Vehicles must be serviced regularly to minimize emissions of sulphur dioxide.
<b>Health Hazards</b>		
Air pollution	Preconstruction, Construction, Operation & Decommissioning	The site and access road must be wetted regularly to reduce dust production and air pollution. Vehicles must be serviced regularly to minimize emissions of sulphur dioxide.

**d) Conclusions**

The project is needed to address the high demand of accommodation for tourists visiting the Okavango Delta. The benefits of the project outweigh the negative impacts. The results from the EIA exercise show that the identified environmental and socio-economic issues can be mitigated. Additionally, majority of the impacts are reversible and therefore, the proposed Safari lodge can be approved. The project should be allowed to continue taking on board the highlighted mitigation measures.

**e) Recommendations**

Following the undertaking of the EIA for this Safari lodge, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with due implementation of all the mitigation measures recommended.

**f) EIA Report Placement**

Copies of the EIA Report have been placed at the following locations for review by the general public and the Interested and Affected parties (IAPs):

1. Department of Environmental Protection (Maun)
2. Gunotsoga kgotla

Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested persons should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection not later than the 25th March 2026.

**g) Correspondences**

Written comments or objections from IAPs should be submitted to: The District Environment Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, P O Box 35 Maun, Tel: 6801237, Email: deamaun@gov.bw or hand delivered to DEP Maun Office, Plot 523, Light Industrial, Mophane Street next to Motovac.

## KITSISO MO SECHABENG

Kitsiso e, e ntshiwa ka Temana ya Bolesome ya Molao wa Tshakatsheko Tikologo  
KITSISO MABAPI LE TIRO YA TSHAKATSHEKO TIKOLOGO YA GO AGA KAMPA YA SAFARI KE BA KOMPONE YA XAU OKAVANGO INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD DIKILOMETARA DI LE BOTLHANO LE BOROBABONGWE GODIMO GA SEPHATO MO BOTLHABA-TSATSIS JWA MOTSE GUNOTSOGA, (NG/12 – ZONE 2) MO KGAOLONG YA BOKONE BOPHIRIMA.

Dintlhakgolo tsa dipatisiso tse di bonweng fa go dirwa tshakatsheko tikologo ka nako ya kago le ka nako e kampa di tlaa bo di dira di sobokilwe fa tlase:

**a) Boleng le Selekanyo sa Tiro**

Kgwebo e e supilweng fa godimo e akaretsa tse di latelang: matlo a boroko jwa bajanala a le lesome le metso e mebedi a ka robalang bajanala ba le masome a mabedi le metso e mene (24) mo bosigong bo le bongwe fela. Kago ya matlo a boroko a ditante e tla akaretsa malao, matlwana a go thapela, matlwana a botiketso. Go tlaa nna gape le letangwana la go thuma, ntlo ya boapeelo, lefelo la go jela, lefelo la pesonyana, ofisi, lefelo la kgopo ya mesti a le leswe, lefelo la go baya ditshoto le ditshipi le go baakanya dikoloi, lefelo la go hetlha molakase, kampa ya babereki le ditirelo tsa yone, lefelo la go amogela baeng, sediba se se sielang batho metsi le ditirelo tsothle tsa kgwebo.

**b) Lefelo la Tiro**

Kgwebo ya Xau Okavango Investments (Pty) Ltd e kwa ntheng ya motse wa Gunotsoga mo botlhaba-tsatsi, dikilometara di le botlhanho le borobabongwe godimo ga sephato. Go tswaelesegile ka go bitswa NG/12 e le setlha sa bobedi (Zone 2). Go goroga kwa lefelong le, moho o ka dirisa sefokane, koloi e e kgonang motlhaba kana a tsamaya ka dinoka e dirisa sekepe.

**c) Ditlamorago tse di solofetsweng le matlamo a go itebaganya le tsone:**

Ditlamorago tse di solofetsweng le se se ka dirwang go fokotsa le go ietsa ditlamorago tse, di ka bonwa mo mokwalong wa tshakatsheko ya tikologo. Mokwalo o o latelang o supa tshoboko ya mokwalo wa tshakatsheko tikologo.

Ditlamorago	Legato la tiro	Methale ya go fokotsa manokonoko a ditlamorago
<b>Ditlamorago mo matlotlong a tholego a a sireleditsweng ka fa molaong</b>		
Kgonagalo ya go epolola matlotlo a ditso	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago le ka nako ya tiroso	Fa go ka diragala gore sengwe sa ditso se ka iponatsa ka nako ya kepo, tiro yothle e tshwanetse go emisiwa mme ba lephata la tshomarelo matlotlo a tholego le ntlo ya ditso (DNMM) ba itsisiwe.
<b>Ditlamorago mo tikologong</b>		
Go kgaolwa ga ditlhare	Pele ga kago le ka nako ya kago	Kgaolo ya dimela e dirwe mo teng ga lefelo la tiro fela. Lemang dimela morago ga tiroso ya lefelo la tiro go busetsa tikologo kwa manong a yone.
Kgotlelesegole ya tikologo ka nthla ya matlakala.	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa kgotsa go ntshiwa ga dikago.	Matlakala a tshwanetse go bolokelwa kwa mafelong a letlelesegang (mafelo a matlakala a puso). Matlakala a tshwanetse go bewa sentle pele fa a ka iswa kwa mafelong a matlakala.
Koketsego ya modumo	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa kgotsa go ntshiwa ga dikago.	Tiro e tshwanetse go dirwa ka nako ya motshagare go ietsa kgoreletso e e feteletseng mo lebopong. Rurifatsa gore dikoloi, dikatakata le didirisiwa tse dingwe di mo seemong se se itekanetseng ka nako tsothe. Fokotsa modumo mo dikoloi le tse dingwe.
Kgotlitho ya mmu	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa kgotsa go ntshiwa ga dikago	Kgotlitho epe ya mmu e e nnang teng e tshwanetse go baakannwa. Kgaolo ya dimela e dirwe mo teng ga lefelo la tiro fela. Didirisiwa di seka tsa gogiwa mme di tsholelwe. Dikoloi di tshwanetse go dirisa ditseta tse di letleletsweng fela. Babereki ba tshwanetse go ikgapa mo metsamaong e e sa letlelesegang.
Kgotlelesegole ya metsi	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa kgotsa go ntshiwa ga dikago	Dikoloi di tshwanetse go baakannwa ka nako e e letleletsweng ebile di baakanyetswa kwa mafelong a a letleletsweng gore di seka tsa tsholelela ole mo lefelong la tiro. Matlwana a boikhotso, botiketso le dikamore tsa go thapela di tshwanetse go na teng mo lefelong la tiro. Metsi a a leswe a tshwanetse go lathelwa mo mafelong a a tshwanetseng gore a seka a kgotlela metsi a a ka fa tlase ga lefatsho.
Kgotlelesegole ya mmu	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa le go ntshiwa ga dikago	Matlakala a tshwanetse go lathelwa kwa mafelong a a amogelang matlakala a a letlelesegang. Dikoloi di tshwanetse go baakannwa ka nako e e letleletsweng ebile di baakanyetswa ko mafelong a a letleletsweng gore di seka tsa tsholelela ole mo lefelong la tiro ka jalo go ka kgotlela mebu.
Phokotsego ya boleng jwa tebe go ya tikologo	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa le go ntshiwa ga dikago	Tshomamisano gore ditanka tse di tshwanetseng matlakala di teng ebile matlakala a iswa kwa mafelong a tshomarelo matlakala ka nako.
Kgotlithang fa gare ga batho le diphologolo	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go ntshiwa kgotsa go thubiwa ga dikago	Fokotsa modumo ka nako e diphologolo di fetang go bapa le lefelo la tiro. Babereki le bajanala ba tshwanetse go rutiwa gore ba itse fa lefelo la kgwebo le bapile le ditseta tsa diphologolo tsa naga mme ba rotloediwe gore ba kgone go tshela le diphologolo tsa naga mme go sena dikgotlithang. Go tlogela ditseta tsa diphologolo tsa naga di sa tswalwa go dira gore diphologolo tsa naga di kgone go tsamaya motlhofo.
<b>Ditlamorago mo matshelung a batho</b>		
Tihamo ya mebereko	Ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go ntshiwa kgotsa go thubiwa ga dikago	Diphathisa tsa mmereko le ditiro di tshwanetse go fiwa banni ba motse o o gauji jaaka Gunotsoga pele fa go ka sekasekwa ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Go rutuntsha babereki ka dikitso tse di maleba.
Dikgobalo le dintsho tsa babereki tse di ka bakwang ke tiroso ya dikatakata.	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa kgotsa go ntshiwa ga dikago	Babereki ba tshwanetse go apara diaparo tsa itshireletso ka nako tsothe. Tshomamisano gore dikatakata di dirisiwa ke batho ba ba nang le ditankana tsa go di dirisa. Tshomamisano gore dikatakata di dirisiwa motshagare ebile go na le lesedi le le lekanetseng.
Dikotisi tsa dikoloi le tse dingwe	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa kgotsa go ntshiwa ga dikago	Rotlontsha bakgweetsi go tsamaya ka lebelo le le fag are ga masome a mabedi le masome a mararo (20 - 30 km/h). Tshuba dipone tsa koloi go oketsa lesedi ka dinako tsa lefifi le fa dipula di na.
Go anama ga mogare wa HIV/AIDS, malwetsi a thakanelo dikobo le kgotlitho e tona.	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go thubiwa le go ntshiwa ga dikago	Babereki ba tshwanetse go fiwa dikausu. Babereki ba tshwanetse go rutiwa ka bodiphatsa jwa mogare wa HIV le bolwetsi jwa AIDS, malwetsi a thakanelo dikobo le kgotlitho e tona.
Kgotlelesegole ya tikologo e e bakwang ke go lathela matlakala gongwe le gongwe	Go thubiwa le go ntshiwa ga dikago	Tirisano mmogo ya sechaba le mapodise mo go somarelang tikologo. Matlakala a tshwanetse go lathelwa kwa mafelong a matlakala a tshwanetseng.
Kgotlelesegole ya tikologo e e bakwang ke lerole	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go ntshiwa kgotsa go thubiwa ga dikago	Thibela go tsoaga ga lerole ka go tshela metsi. Dikoloi di tshwanetse go baakannwa ka nako e e beilweng go tla kgotlelesegole ya tikologo.
<b>Bodiphatsa jwa tiro mo botsogong</b>		
Kgotlelesegole ya tikologo e e bakwang ke lerole	Pele ga kago, ka nako ya kago, ka nako ya tiroso le go ntshiwa kgotsa go thubiwa ga dikago	Dikoloi di tshwanetse go baakannwa ka nako e e beilweng ebile di baakanyetswa kwa mafelong a a letleletsweng gore di seka tsa tsholelela ole mo lefelong la tiro. Go tshwanetse go tsiwa matlwana a botiketso a a dirisang metsi mo lefelong la pereko.

**d) Tshoboko**

Tiro e, e bothokwa mo go fokotseng letlhoko la boroko mo kgaolo ya Okavango. Bothokwa jo botonatona gape ke gore tirolo ya mohama wa Bojanala wa kgwebo eno, e rekisa Okavango Delta kwa mafatshefatsheng a sele mme baeng ba re tele ka madi a re ka tlang go a dirisa go tlhabolola lefatsho la Botswana. Ditlamorago tsa tiro e, tse di molemo di gaisa tse di sa siamang. Ditshekatsheko tsa tikologo di supile fa ditlamorago tsa tiro e di ka fokodiwa ebile di kgona go laolesega ka jalo tiro e ka letlelelwa go tswela. Tiro e ka letlelelwa go tswela mme go diragadiwa dintlha tse di ka fokotsang manokonoko a ditlamorago tsa tiro e mo tikologong ka botlalo.

**e) Dikgakoloi tsa Patisiso**

Morago ga ditshakatsheko tse di dirilweng, go rotloediwa gore tiro e tswela mme go diragadiwe mananeo a paakanyo ya tikologo a go gakolotsweng ka one.

**f) Mafelo a pego e e ka bonwang teng:**

Meriti ya tshakatsheko tikologo e ka bonwa le go sekasekwa ke sechaba le banale-seabe mo mafelong a a latelang:

1. Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo (Maun)
2. Kgotla ya Gunotsoga

Dikagelo le dipotso di ka romelwa kwa go ba Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo (Department of Environmental Protection) pele ga kgwedi ya Mopitlo a tlhola malatsi a le masome mabedi le bothano mo ngwageng ono wa kete-pedi masome mabedi le boratara.

**g) Dikagelo**

Dikagelo le dipotso go tswa go banale-seabe le baba amegang mo tirong e di ka romelwa kwa go: Mookamedi wa lephata, Lephata la tshomarelo tikologo, P O Box 35 Maun, Mogala: 6801237, Email: deamaun@gov.bw kana tsa iswa kwa ofising ya DEP Maun, Plot 523, Light Industrial, Mophane Street go bapa le Motovac.



# Motor show sparks economic growth

Thamani Shabani  
FRANCISTOWN

The successful inaugural Francistown motor show held on Saturday, emerged as a catalyst for economic growth, innovation and partnership in the northern Botswana.

The event, which brought together 30 exhibitors and 60 car dealers from across the country and South Africa, showcased a range of old and modern vehicles, highlighting the city's potential for economic growth and innovation.

Francistown Mayor, Mr Gaone Majere emphasised the importance of automotive industry in driving local economic development, creating employment opportunities and supporting other sectors such as insurance, banking and small businesses.

"Every vehicle sold contributes to the growth of our local economy and the livelihoods of many families," said Mr Majere. He highlighted the importance of the event, emphasising Francistown's potential as a thriving commercial hub.

"The event also provides a platform for dealership to market their brands, attract new customers, and build partnerships, strengthening Francistown's position as a commercial centre in the northern Botswana," he said.

Mr Majere said the motor show also promoted skills development among young people, encouraging careers in mechanics, auto-electrics, and engineering. The mayor therefore called on the organisers to make it an annual event, in order to attract investors, motor enthusiasts, and businesses from across Botswana and beyond.

He said since the closure of the mines surrounding Francistown in 2011, the economy of Francistown had collapsed and events such as this one were aimed at creating employment, especially for the youth.

He therefore commended the organisers of the event for bringing it for the first time in Francistown to boost the city's local economy. Echoing his sentiments, Francistown specially elected Councillor, Mr Marios Mozawazi, highlighted the motor show's significance in celebrating business growth, innovation and opportunity.

"The automotive industry is a strong driver of local economic development," he said, emphasising the cent's multiplier effect on the local economy.

Mr Mozawazi further said as the second city celebrates this milestone, stakeholders must be optimistic about the event's potential to catalyse economic revival and cement Francistown's position as a commercial hub.

Insure Guard, the main insurance sponsor, reaffirmed its commitment to the automotive industry, offering innovative insurance solutions and value added



Francistown Mayor, Mr Gaone Majere during the just-ended inaugural motor show. He emphasised the importance of automotive industry in driving economic development, creating employment opportunities and supporting other sectors such as insurance, banking and small businesses.  
Photo: Courtesy of Michael Kennedy

products. The company's Programme Director, Ms Amantle Madisa said the event fostered innovation, opportunity and collaboration, driving the growth of the automotive ecosystem. She said

events like the Francistown motor show were vital because they allowed businesses to connect, ideas to be exchanged, and partnerships to be formed.

The Chief organiser of the event,

Mr Joseph Khengere said at times, people tend to undermine Francistown but emphasised that the second city had the potential to enhance economic growth through such events. **BOPA**

## BPC targets 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030

Marvin Motlhabane  
KANYE

Blessed with over 3 200 hours of sunshine annually, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) is harnessing the country's exceptional solar resource to build a cleaner, more self-reliant, and economically dynamic energy future, aiming for 50 per cent renewable energy in the national mix by 2030.

In an interview with BOPA recently, BPC Marketing and Communications Manager Ms Kefilwe Kebafetotse emphasised BPC's central role in Botswana's

electricity supply and broader development goals.

"These assets have long formed the backbone of our national electricity supply," Ms Kebafetotse said, referring to the coal-fired Morupule A (100 MW) and Morupule B (600 MW) plants, complemented by emergency diesel peaking stations at Orapa (90 MW) and Matshelegabedi (70 MW).

Annual consumption stands at approximately 4 800 GWh, with peak demand approaching 700 MW and growing at about 5 per cent per year.

Ms Kebafetotse noted that the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and National Development Plan 12 (NDP12) would fuel further demand, aligning with the government's vision to establish Botswana as a citizen-led regional energy hub powering Africa through a resilient, inclusive, and clean energy economy.

Under the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), BPC is pursuing a

least-cost, long-term strategy that ensures energy security while accelerating decarbonisation. Significant progress is anticipated in the final quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, driven by remediation at Morupule B and the commercial launch of the 100 MW Mmadinare Solar Plant, with the first phase of 50 MW already operational and the second nearing completion.

These efforts were projected to raise locally generated electricity to at least 72 per cent of demand on a sustained basis, sharply cutting import reliance and bolstering national energy security.

Botswana's world-class solar resource is yielding tangible results. Ms Kebafetotse reported that BPC has commissioned 109.3 MW of grid-connected solar PV, including smaller plants at Phakalane (1.5 MW), Bobonong (3 MW), Shakawe (1 MW), Ghanzi (4 MW), and the flagship Mmadinare cluster (100 MW).

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Zambia secures  
US\$445 million  
World Bank funding

#### LUSAKA

The World Bank has approved the disbursement of US\$445 million to support Zambia's macroeconomic reform programme, according to a statement released on Sunday. The funding, approved under the Second Zambia Climate and Economic Resilience Programmatic Development Policy Financing, is aimed at supporting efforts to strengthen the country's economic resilience. The approved operation will support Zambia's reform agenda through three interlinked policy pillars, each anchored in specific reforms already undertaken by the government. Minister of Finance and National Planning Situmbeko Musokotwane said the budget support from the World Bank reflected growing international confidence in Zambia's reform agenda and the government's commitment to strengthening economic governance. **Xinhua**

Fitch revises Rwanda  
outlook to stable as  
uncertainty eases

#### KIGALI

The Rwandan government on Saturday welcomed credit ratings agency Fitch Ratings for reaffirming Rwanda's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating at "B+" and revising the country's outlook from negative to stable. In a statement released Saturday, Rwanda's Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning said the agency's decision, announced on Friday, signalled that international financial experts saw a clear path of stability and growth for Rwanda despite a challenging global and regional environment. "The revision to a stable outlook is a significant acknowledgment of Rwanda's resilience and the effectiveness of its diplomatic and economic strategies," the ministry said. The ministry noted that the easing of uncertainty over Rwanda's access to external funding reflected continued strong confidence from the country's multilateral and bilateral partners. **Xinhua**

Asia-Oceania to  
release emergency  
oil reserves

#### PARIS

The International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Sunday that oil from the emergency reserves of its member countries in Asia and Oceania will be released immediately to help stabilise global markets. According to an IEA statement, oil from the agency's emergency reserves would soon begin flowing into global markets, with member countries having already submitted individual implementation plans outlining the release. Reserves held by member countries in the Americas and Europe will start to be made available from the end of March. The agency said its 32 member countries unanimously agreed on March 11 to release 400 million barrels of oil. **Xinhua**

Some of the trucks queuing to be processed at the Kazungula One Stop Border Post recently. The Zambia Revenue Authority has restored its systems following a technical breakdown that caused the truck congestion. Photo: Portia Keetile



## Authority restores systems after border disruption

Portia Keetile  
KAZUNGULA

Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) has restored its systems following a technical breakdown last week that caused a truck congestion at Kazungula One Stop Border Post (OSBP).

The truck congestion piled from Lesoma to Kazungula covering a 10-kilometre stretch on the A33 road en-route to Kazungula OSBP.

In an interview, ZRA deputy commissioner- operations in charge of the Southern region, Mr Enock Kasapato stated that the authority had resolved the system outage which included technical failure of a scanner.

The system outage caused a backlog of processing cargo transits, resulting in the long queues.

"A lot of transporters prefer this

border which leads to an increase in volume of traffic to Kazungula and because of the appreciation of the Kwacha, people are importing a lot this year," said Mr Kasapato.

He highlighted that ZRA had adjusted the risk engine so that some consignments were routed to non-intervention areas, to allow them to proceed to the green range channels without inspection at the border.

He said they had applied measures such as creating multiple lanes to serve clients at the border with a target of processing 500 trucks in comparison to 300 on a normal day.

Furthermore, he said the authority had commenced preparations to implement the 24-hour operations of the Kazungula OSBP following an announcement by the two head of states at the Kazungula Bridge Authority launch



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These extended operations he said would address the truck congestions in future as they would

be processed even during the night.

Mr Kasapato explained that Kazungula OSBP experienced a lot of traffic because there were

various imports headed to Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. He highlighted that most of these haulage trucks carried consignments that were a high risk, thus needing thorough checks at the border.

Mr Kasapato said ZRA had implemented the accredited transport programme which qualified those accredited to fast track their documents without queuing.

The officer stated that the congestion on the road was worsened by the fact that there was no truck reserve area in Kazungula where trucks could stop as they awaited processing of documents.

In most cases trucks that were south bound entering Botswana through Kazungula OSBP carried no cargo hence did not take long to be processed at the Botswana side. **BOPA**

## S&P downgrades Botswana sovereign credit ratings

GABORONE

S&P Global Ratings, an American credit rating agency, on Friday released an update on Botswana's sovereign credit rating, downgrading the country's long-term foreign and local currency ratings from 'BBB' to 'BBB-'.

Similarly, the short-term ratings for both foreign and domestic currency debt were lowered from 'A-2' to 'A-3', while the outlook remained negative. Despite the downgrade, Botswana's sovereign ratings remain within the investment-grade category.

According to S&P Global Ratings, the lower ratings reflect expectations of prolonged subdued global demand for diamonds, which continues to weigh down on the country's already constrained economy and public finances.

The agency noted that weaker global demand and lower diamond prices were likely to adversely impact fiscal revenue and export earnings.

S&P further stated that the fiscal pressures accumulated over recent years had been substantial and prospects for meaningful fiscal consolidation remained limited.

With diamond revenue under strain and existence of spending needs, the agency projects continuation of relatively large general

government deficits and increase in net government debt.

The negative outlook reflects the persistent weakness in diamond markets which is expected to challenge economic growth and fiscal stability, complicating the government's consolidation efforts and potentially eroding both external and public sector balance sheets.

S&P Global Ratings stated that Botswana's sovereign ratings continue to be supported by its strong institutional framework, which has underpinned prudent management of natural resource wealth, a relatively strong, net external asset position and a comparatively low, albeit rising, government debt burden.

At the same time, the country's narrow, diamond-dependent economic base, which is vulnerable to fiscal and external shocks, constrains the ratings.

The agency recognised government efforts to diversify the economy and promote social development through National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), noting the focus on priority sectors such as agribusiness (to ensure food security), healthcare (to address drug shortages), renewable energy (to reduce external reliance) and technology (to foster knowledge-based

industries and strengthen the financial sector through digitalisation and inclusion).

S&P further indicated that a revision of the outlook from negative to stable could occur if economic growth, fiscal performance and external balances improved significantly, particularly through a sustained rebound in diamond markets and effective implementation of diversification policies.

Conversely, continued weakness in diamond demand, fiscal pressures and consolidation challenges could lead to a further downgrade.

The downward revision in ratings reinforces the importance of maintaining robust institutions and sound policy frameworks that support macroeconomic stability and sustainable economic growth.

It also underscores the need for sustained implementation of economic structural reforms and the government-led transformation efforts aimed at accelerating economic diversification and industrialisation; improving resource mobilisation (including tax coverage, administration and closing leakages); thus, rebuilding buffers and enhancing fiscal sustainability. Progress in these areas would strengthen economic resilience and over time, could positively influence the Botswana's credit ratings and outlook. **BOPA**

## BPC targets 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030

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This, she said had elevated solar PV to roughly 21 per cent of effective installed capacity, with plans to reach around 42 per cent renewables in the coming financial year.

Momentum was building with the 100 MW Jwaneng Solar Project, one of the country's largest utility-scale initiatives, under construction and on track for commissioning in 2026, alongside the advancing 4 MW Lobatse Solar Project.

By 2030, Ms Kebafetotse outlined ambitions for up to 1.3 GW of solar capacity, with BPC serving as system operator and off-taker to guarantee bankability and smooth grid integration.

Economic inclusion remains integral, with projects up to 20 MW reserved for 100 per cent citizen-owned companies to foster local ownership, skills development, and sustainable businesses.

Beyond utility-scale projects, the Rooftop Solar Programme empowers households and businesses to generate and sell surplus power to the grid, with 28 MW already commissioned toward a revised target of 75 MW.

While renewables advance rapidly, reliable baseload capacity is vital for grid stability during the shift to variable clean sources. Ms Kebafetotse confirmed that the IRP incorporates additional baseload

provisions to provide the flexibility required for high renewable penetration without sacrificing reliability.

Botswana boasts an impressive electricity access rate, around 83 per cent across gazetted villages and approximately 76 per cent nationally, one of the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa. To reach remote communities, BPC is deploying off-grid solar solutions in six identified villages, ensuring an inclusive energy transition.

Ms Kebafetotse described Botswana's approach as deliberate, balanced, and people-centred, carefully managing trade-offs between security, affordability, and environmental responsibility while maximising opportunities for citizens and businesses.

She highlighted Botswana's recent registration under the International Renewable Energy Certificates (I-REC) framework, which would soon allow BPC to issue certificates to customers pursuing decarbonisation.

Through sustained baseload investment, aggressive renewable deployment, and deliberate citizen engagement, BPC is delivering a just energy transition, one that keeps the lights on today, drives prosperity tomorrow, and positions Botswana as a confident, forward-looking regional energy powerhouse for generations to come. **BOPA**



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# **PUBLIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Update to the GLIF Policy

### **Update to the Guaranteed Loans Insurance Fund (GLIF) Policy**

Members of the Guaranteed Loans Insurance Fund (GLIF) are hereby informed that, effective 1 December 2025, the GLIF policy has been enhanced to offer improved benefits at no additional cost to members.

These updates have been introduced to ensure that the policy remains competitive and responsive to the evolving needs of our members.

Key Enhancements Include:

- Introduction of a **Funeral Benefit**
- Access to **Trauma Counselling**
- Coverage for **Security Guard Expenses**
- **Emergency Accommodation** benefit
- Cover for **Lost Keys, Locks, and Remotes**

Members may access a copy of the updated policy document at the nearest GEMVAS or LAMVAS offices or download it online at [www.cib-bw.com](http://www.cib-bw.com).

For further information or assistance, please contact us at **3168 323** or **3168 242**.

#### **About GLIF**

The Guaranteed Loans Insurance Fund (GLIF) is a self-insurance fund established by the Government of the Republic of Botswana and governed by Statutory Instrument No. 118 of 2022 under the Public Finance Management Act.

The Fund provides insurance cover for assets acquired by Government employees through the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) and the Local Authorities Motor Vehicle & Residential Property Advance Scheme (LAMVAS).

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# Navigating use of *kgaba* in Tsabong

Naomi Leepile  
MALESHE

In the heart of the Kgalagadi District, a deep-rooted tension exists between the sterile corridors of Tsabong Primary Hospital and the ancient wisdom of local herbalists.

At the centre of the dialogue is *kgaba*, some ancient traditional medicine used by expectant mothers to facilitate labour.

While elders view the remedy as a sacred tool for ensuring successful delivery, medical professionals are increasingly vocal about the life-threatening clinical risks associated with its use.

In an interview, Ms Mosadiwatsela Khuruthu, a 94-year-old local herbalist, who hails from Maleshe, explains that the use of *kgaba* is a generational practice passed down from her parents to help women, who are having difficulties delivering or those who are overdue.

She states that the medicine is often used to 'cleanse bad luck', as it is widely believed that a prolonged labour is frequently the result of a curse placed upon the mother by someone close to her.

Ms Khuruthu insists that the medicine eases the labour process so that the delivery does not take long.

She cites a specific instance where a woman who was nearly 10 months pregnant and scheduled for surgery delivered the same day after being assisted with *kgaba*.

This success is viewed by many as evidence of the medicine's power to bypass the need for clinical intervention when spiritual or physical barriers to birth are present.

When addressing concerns about safety, she maintains that while complications can occur if people use the medicine for the

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wrong reasons, or when they are not yet due, it remains safe if used properly and at the right time.

However, the medical perspective from Tsabong Primary Hospital paints a much more precarious picture. Midwives, Ms Nelly Maruru and Ms Maria Kerumotswe report that they estimate that two in five women in the district use *kgaba* at the onset of labour.

While tradition prizes the speed of delivery, these midwives warn that the results in precipitated labour, can compress a standard 16-to-18-hour labour for a first-time mother into just three hours.

This rapid acceleration creates extreme physical stress, leading to hypercontraction of the uterus and uterine rupture.

Such conditions often result in profuse bleeding post-delivery, which significantly increases the risk of maternal death.

The impact on the unborn child is equally concerning to



A 94-year-old herbalist, Ms Mosadiwatsela Khuruthu says the use of *kgaba* is a generational practice passed down from her parents to help women who are having difficulties during labour. Photo: Naomi Leepile

clinicians.

While *kgaba* does not appear to affect long-term fetal development, the intense hypercontractility during labour can cause acute fetal distress or even fetal death.

Compounding these physical risks, Ms Maruru states the challenge of under-reporting.

Many patients are hesitant to disclose their use of traditional medicine to nurses and doctors,

often only admitting to it when they are overwhelmed by a critical emergency.

This secrecy prevents the medical team from preparing for complications and makes it difficult to control bleeding or manage the hazardous interactions between *kgaba* and modern labour-induction medications, Ms Mruru said.

In response to these challenges, the District Health Management

Team has been working to bridge the gap through health education at kgotla meetings and workshops for traditional doctors.

The primary message from these midwives is one of collective responsibility, emphasising that since post-delivery bleeding is a leading cause of maternal death, it is vital for health workers, community leaders, and elders to work together to protect the lives of expectant mothers. **BOPA**

## Embrace SHEP approach to propel agric. growth

Mothusi Galekhutle  
LETLHAKENG

The time is now to embrace Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) approach, an extension and advisory method designed to help farmers access and benefit from markets by shifting their mindset from subsistence, grow and sell, to commercial, grow to sell.

The call was made by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) resident representative, Mr Hiroyasu Tonokawa, who was part of a JICA preliminary survey team on SHEP, which was hosted by the Department of Crop Production in Letlhakeng and later visited horticultural farms.

Mr Hiroyasu, who was part of a team that comprised JICA

officials from Botswana and their South Africa counterparts as well as officials from the Department of Agriculture -South Africa, said although it remained a relatively underutilised concept in Botswana, it should be highly valued as it had the potential to transform farming into a business.

He believed that Botswana's agricultural development would be significantly advanced if the SHEP approach was integrated into its programmes and daily activities.

Mr Hiroyasu noted that some Botswana had already benefited from SHEP training in Japan.

Mr Hiroyasu reaffirmed JICA's commitment to agricultural growth and added that starting from the next financial year, JICA planned to expand its support for agriculture in

Botswana.

Another JICA official in Botswana, Mr Mothusi Tiyedze, mentioned that while SHEP initially focused on horticulture, there were plans to broaden its scope to include livestock.

An official from the Department of Agriculture in South Africa, Ms Mmaphuti Sebati, and the agricultural coordinator for Letlhakeng district, Mr Thomas Tadubana, stated that for SHEP to make significant progress, it must be embedded into daily work and activities and treated as a continuous approach rather than a one-time project.

Mr Tadubana advised farmers to research the market before producing crops and to be aware of prices, even if middlemen were involved.

In an interview, South

Africa's Department of Agriculture official, Ms Mpho Modau, shared her experience with SHEP, explaining that the department supported the SHEP approach, which began in Kenya in 2006 as a technical cooperation project with JICA.

SHEP is an agricultural extension method aimed at achieving market-oriented agriculture, she said adding that a key aspect of SHEP was capacity building, helping farmers become self-reliant and make their own decisions.

She noted that many farmers had traditionally produced crops first and then tried to sell them later, a practice known as grow and sell.

These farmers often struggle to find markets for their produce hence SHEP was developed to change this mindset. In South

Africa, she said SHEP started as a pilot project from 2013 to 2018 and proved effective, benefiting 735 farmers across three provinces: Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and KwaZulu-Natal.

Ms Modau said in 2019, the Department of Agriculture took strong initiatives to roll out SHEP across all nine provinces and integrate it into government programmes.

In South Africa, the SHEP programme is now referred to as the Small-Holder Empowerment and Promotion Approach and has been expanded to include other commodities like livestock.

To roll out SHEP nationwide, the department is implementing a Train-the-Trainer strategy to ensure all extension officers become proficient in the approach. **BOPA**

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## Khama o tlaa bolotsa mephato

Tshiamiso Moseletla  
**SEROWE**

Kgosi Khama IV wa Bangwato a re o ikaelela go tsosolosa ngwao ya Sengwato ka go bolotsa mephato ngwaga le ngwaga ka go ntse go sa diragale ka mabaka mangwe.

Kgosi Khama o buile se kwa Serowe ka Labone.

A re e tlaa re kgwedi ya Moranang e rogwa, a bolotse mephato e le mene.

Kgosi a re Mephato ya maloba e ne e thusa go sireletsa melao ya setswana le ngwao gore di seka tsa nyelela, e kgalema lenyatso mo motseng le go bopaganya merafe.

A re gape bogologolo, mephato e ne o dira ditiro tsa morafe tse di molemo jaaka go epa matamo a go noswang leruo mo go one le ditlhabololo mo motseng ka mowa wa boithaopo.

"Mephato e ne e netefatsa gore go nna le kagiso le kobamela molao mo motseng," ga tlhalosa Kgosi Khama.

A re go lebege fa ngwao ya Setswana e nyelela ka monokela mme seo se tlhoka gore Batswana ba eme ka dinao gore dikokomane tsa bone di fitlhele ngwao e le teng e seng go ithuta dingwao tsa mafatshe a sele.

O gateletse gore Setswana se se reng, "Tlhako ya morago e gata fa ya pele a gatileng teng; se tshwanetswe sa agelwa mosako ka go ruta bana ngwao ya bone.

Rre Martin Seretse, yo e leng rangwaneagwe Kgosi Khama, yo gape a tlaa bong

a eteletse pele mephato e bololang, o tlhalositse fa makawana le makgarebe ba ba tla yang mophatong, ba tshwannwa ke go ikwadisiwa kwa dikgotleng tsa metse ya kgaolo ya ga Ga-Mmangwato ka kakaretso.

A re go solofetswe makawana le makgarebe a belegweng magareng ga dingwaga tsa 1990 le 2010 ba tsee karolo mo mephato e tla bolodiwang.

Rre Seretse o tlhalositse gore botlhe ba ba ikwadisitseng go ya mophatong ba solofetswe kwa Serowe ka kgwedi ya Moranang e rogwa, mme letsatsi le le latelang ba bo ba amogelwa mo kgotleng e tona ya Ga-Mmangwato mo Serowe.

Ka jalo, o kopile Ba-Ga-Mmangwato go thusa ka mehago ya mephato le go thusa gape le ka dipalamo.

Mephato e tlabo e rutwa melao ya Setswana, boitshwaro le go tliša ledula mo morafeng.

A re ka letsatsi la kalogo ya mephato, ba tlaa neelwa ditiro tse ba tla di dirang mo motseng, pele ba hiwa maina.

Morago ga kaloso ya mephato, go tliša nna le letsatsi la ngwao ya Ga-Mmangwato, tiro e tliša bong e eteletse pele ke Rre Scobie Lekhutile, mokaedi wa pele wa motlobo wa polokelo wa ditso wa Khama III Memorial Museum.

Ditiragalo tsa letsatsi la ngwao di tliša akaretsa poko ya setso ka diteme tse di farologanyeng tse di fitlhelwang mo Ga-Mmangwato le megolokwane. BOPA



Kgosi Khama IV wa Bangwato (molemeng) le mothusa kgosi, Kgosi Seretse Peter Khama ba le kwa moletlong wa Bangwato wa go tliša thobo ya ntlha kwa Kgosing kwa Serowe bosheng. Kgosi Khama o ne gape a rerisa morafe ka thulaganyo ya go bolotsa mephato e le mene kgwedi ya Moranang e rogwa. A re maikaelelo ke go tsosolosa ngwao ya Sengwato ka go simolola ka go bolotsa mephato ngwaga le ngwaga. Senepe: Baldwin Nyamande

## Poifo Modimo e thusa go hema masula

Kefilwe Selotlegeng  
**MAHALAPYE**

Masula a a diragalang mo lefatsheng a ka hemiwa ka go boifa Modimo.

Se se builwe ke moruti wa kereke ya King David's Prayer Mountain kwa Otse, Rev. Dr Kgosietsile Maripe kwa thuto-seka-dipuisano le go rapelela masula kwa Mahalapye bosheng.

Rev. Dr Maripe a re tlhoko poifo Modimo e ka phutlhamisa itsholelo ya lefatsheng.

Ka jalo, a re kereke ke yone konokono mo go ageng lefatsheng ka go rerela batho lefoko la Modimo le go rapela.

Moruti wa kereke ya King David's Prayer Mountain

kwa Mahalapye, Rre Modisa Dikupa o tlhalositse fa maikaelelo a letsatsi leo e le go kopanya dikereke go rapelela kgokgontsho e e amang bomme le bana, tiriso ya ditagi le dipolaano tsa marato.

Moruti Dikupa a re ba tshwentswe ke masula a a diragalang kwa Mahalapye a dikgang tsa kgokgontsho le tiriso phetelela ya ditagi e e amileng banana e bile e ba senyetsa matshelo.

Modulasetilo wa lekgotla la baruti wa kgaolo ya Mahalapye, Moruti Bashi Matlhare o lebogetse bokopano a tlhalosa fa thapelo e na le maatla a go fetola diemo tshotlthe.

Moruti Matlhare, yo o neng a tlhalosa fa e le nako ya go leba kwa Modimong ka

thapelo, o kopile dikereke go tshwaraganela thapelo.

Apostle Moses Keitumetse wa kereke ya God Century Ministries, o kaile fa ba lemogile gore mathata a mantsi kwa dikoleng.

A re seemo se, se batla dikereke di tsena ntlho le ntlwana, ba rera lefoko la Modimo gammogo le go fa dikgakololo mo diemong tsa malwapa.

Mogolwane wa ofisi ya mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Mahalapye East, Rre Kefilwe Motona o gwethlile dikereke go tswelela le merapelo ka kgaolo ya Mahalapye e tshabelelwa ke masula.

Rre Motona o kopile batsadi go gogela bana kwa kerekeng a tlhalosa gore ngwana yo golelang mo Modimong o gola botoka thata. BOPA

## Go rekisa leruo morago ga mokento go borai

Portia Rapitsenyane  
**PALAPYE**

Barui ba gakolotswe gore ba seka ba rekisa leruo morago ga go le kenta.

Modiri kwa lephateng la matlhoko a leruo kwa kgaolong ya Palapte, Dr Amos Setlhako a re barui bangwe ba kenta dikgomo, dikoko, mebutla, dikolobe kgotsa dipodi, mme ba di rekise malatsinyana morago mokento o ise o fele mo go tsone.

A re go dira jalo, go ka nna borai mo setshabeng.

Dr Setlhako o tlhalositse se kwa Palapye kwa bokopanong jwa go ruta barui ka tlhokomelo ya leruo

jo boneng bo rulagantswe ke ba Perfect Feeds, ba ba itebagantseng le go rekisa dijo tsa leruo, melemo ya leruo le didirisiwa tsa temothuo.

A re go botlhokwa gore morui a kente abo abaya leruo sebaka se se tshwanetseng, a ise a le rekise gore molemo o fele mo go lone.

O supile fa lephata la matlhoko a leruo le tshwentswe ke gore barui ba dirisa melemo ka bokete jo bo feteletseng mo leruong ka kakaretso, a supa fa ba kgalemile ka lebaka mme barui ba tswelutse fela.

Dr Setlhako o supile fa bangwe ba a bo ba lebile gore nako ya gore ba ntshe leruo

la bone go le rekisa e gorigile le fa ba itse fela gore ke gone ba le kentang, segolo ba ba gwebang ka dikoko.

A re bangwe ba dira jalo ba sa lebelela gore melemo e ba kentileng ka yone e tsile go tsena mo mebeleng ya ba ba tlaa jang nama ya seruwa seo.

Dr Setlhako a re dikoko le dikgomo di jewa ka bokete jo bo kwa godimo, mme go nna le bothata fa batho ba lwala ka mebele ya bone e felela e gana melemo e mengwe.

A re fa motho a setse a le kwa kokelong a lwala, fela ka gore o ne a jele kgomo kana koko e e neng e na le molemo o o neng o sa fela mo go yone, melemo mengwe e kgona go retelelwa ke go mo thusa.

Dr Setlhako a re bangwe barui ba reka motshotelo wa dikoko go o jesa dikgomo ka tumelo ya gore re o oketsa mebele ya dikgomo.

A re go dira jalo ga go a siana ka nama ya teng e sa letlelesege kwa Botswana Meat Commission bogolo jang kwa mmarakeng wa mafatshele a sele.

O kopile barui go netefatsa gore ba thibela malwetsi a leruo go na le go a alafa ka go le turu.

Mookamedi wa Perfect Feeds, Rre Moagisi Jack, o supile fa ba bone go le mosola go bitsa barui, go ba rotloetsa ka mo nakong eno temothuo ke yone botshabelo mo dinakong tsa go sena ditiro le

lefatshe le sena madi.

A re o lemogile fa temothuo mo lefatsheng leno e e ise e goroge mo seemong se se itumedisang, se se tshwanang le kwa mafatsheng a mangwe mme go le botlhokwa go tsibosa Batswana ka se le go ba ruta gore fa ba rua ba ka dira dipelo.

A re nako ya go rekisa tsa temothuo kwa mafatsheng a mangwe e gorigile mme seo se ka rotloediwa ke go dira ka ditlhopho.

Rre Jack a re go na le dikgwebo tse barui ba ka di lekang jaaka thuo ya dikolobe le ya mebutla, tse di ka ba busetsa ka di ise di ntsifale.

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Former Speaker of the National Assembly, Gladys Kokorwe (right) and former president Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama during the State of Nation Address in 2015.

# 'Kokorwe was

Booster Mogapi  
RAMAPHATE

Many remember the late former Speaker of the National Assembly, Gladys Kokorwe as one of the country's rare breeds with an illustrious and distinguished career in both the public service and politics. But for her siblings, she served as a guide and coordinator who has directed their lives in the right direction.

As an elder sister, she assumed

the role of a unifier in the family, always advocating for love and care for one another.

"Mma Stompie, the eldest of the seven siblings carried the weight of the family and gave us motherly care. We enjoyed her love, care and compassion," said one of the siblings, Mr Tuelo Botlhoko in an interview.

Kokorwe, affectionately called Mma Stompie, passed away on March 11, 2026, at the age of 78, leaving behind a legacy that spanned

over five decades.

She was a distinguished politician, diplomat, and civil servant who served as the Speaker of the National Assembly of Botswana from 2014 to 2019. In December 2009, President Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama appointed her as Botswana's Ambassador to Zimbabwe, a post she held until 2014.

Reflecting on the life of Kokorwe in the yesteryear, Mr Botlhoko recalled how she brought positive change to the Peleng community in Lobatse, to an extent that one could liken her role to that of a social worker as she believed in nurturing and developing the lives of young people.

Mr Botlhoko said her passion toward community development would forever be etched in the lives of the people she touched and worked with.

Her sister, Ms Pelonomi Moima said Kokorwe was a phenomenal woman and a great motivator who believed in hard work. She described the former speaker as a leader, who understood leadership and management in all its diversity.

She said Kokorwe encouraged them to be who they are today. "I stayed with her in Lobatse when she I was doing Standard 4 up until I went to Lobatse Secondary School. She instilled in me the zeal to face life situations level headed," she said.

Despite the love she extended to her siblings, Ms Moima said her sister never compromised discipline, as she did all in her power to instill law and order. "She wanted well behaved children and we had to obey and respect her as she wanted was best for us," said Ms Moima.

Ms Moima described her as a great giver and helper who reached out to both family members, community and the church, driven by love to help those in need, a value intertwined in her life as a staunch Seventh Day Adventist Church member who believed in the second coming of the Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

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## NOTICE & AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the 2024/25 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members will be held at **Gaborone, Avani Hotel** and in **Francistown, Cresta Thapama Hotel** on **20th March 2026 at 09:00HRS**

### AGENDA

1. Notice and constitution of the meeting.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Apologies for non-attendance.
4. Constitution of the Management Committee (ManCo).
5. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 19 December 2025.
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2025.
7. Receipt and adoption of the Management Committee (ManCo) report for the year ended 31 March 2025.
8. Receipt and adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.
9. Ratification of Remuneration of the Management Committee members for the year ended 31 March 2025.
10. Review of the group Remuneration Policy (ManCo, Sub-Committees, BPOMAS Property Holdings Board of Directors).
11. Ratification of Remuneration of Auditors for the year ended 31 March 2025.
12. Appointment/re-appointment of External Auditors for the ensuing year.
13. Any other business for which due notice has been given.

\*Notice of motions proposed to be placed before the meeting must reach the Scheme at **agm@bpomas.co.bw** or the office of the Administrators of the Scheme not later than seven (7) days before the time for holding the Annual General Meeting.

In terms of the Rules, a member may appoint a proxy to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote in his stead. A proxy form is attached and must be received by the Scheme Administrators, no less than 24 hours, prior to the meeting.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION** (There shall be a question and answer session after the meeting.)

**BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (ManCo)**

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She said even at a time when she was tasked with various leadership roles in government, she served the nation with honour and respect and people loved her character and demeanor.

She said the family would forever cherish the moments they shared with her vouching to continue where she left off as a unifier. "I can proudly say as her siblings, we are united and face life challenges together as family. Even when she was not well, we were together to make sure she was taken care of and still we are together during this period of loss," she said.

A published authority on Botswana history and former senior civil servant, Dr Jeff Ramsey said he had known Kokorwe as a strong level headed woman who excelled in her leadership positions and stood for what she believed was right.

He said what made the former speaker stand out among many was that she was an easy going person who loved everyone.

"She was a loving and polite person who never spoke down on anyone and was not afraid to share her views on issues which she believed were beneficial to the nation," he said.

Dr Ramsey said during the time when Kokorwe was the Assistant Minister of Local Government, she was able to interact with many people which made her work easier.

A stalwart of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), her political journey includes being elected as the Member of Parliament for Thamaga/Kweneng South Constituency in 1994.

Dr Ramsey added that from the first election she won in Thamaga, she stood up for women empowerment and promotion of female representation in Parliament.

"Her relentless energy on women empowerment pushed her party, the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) to give women positions of leadership. As more women began to challenge men for leadership positions, a generation of women rose among them Ms Tebelelo Seretse, Dr Margaret Nasha, Ms Pelonomi Venson, and Ms Joy Phumaphi," he said.

He said it was within this framework that Kokorwe proved her worth and that put her among strong women leaders in the country.

She was born on November 28, 1947, in Cape Town, South Africa, where her father was working at the time and she later returned to Botswana to attend primary school in Thamaga in the Kweneng District. Kokorwe completed her

secondary education at Moeng College and later pursued further studies, including a Diploma in Development Administration from the University of Connecticut in the United States. Before entering the political arena, she rose through the ranks of the Botswana civil service where she started as a typist and clerical work.

She eventually held senior positions in local government, serving as the Town Clerk for both Sowa Town and Gaborone, and as

the Commercial Officer for Lobatse.

Kokorwe served as the Assistant Minister of Local Government from 1999 to 2004 and Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture from 2008–2009.

In 2008, she became the first Member of Parliament in Botswana's history to have a Private Member's Bill passed into law, the Domestic Violence Act, which provides critical protection for victims of abuse.

During her tenure as Speaker of the National Assembly, succeeding

Dr Margaret Nasha, she launched an initiative called Taking Parliament to the People which was geared at educating citizens in rural areas about the functions of the legislature and during that period, many Batswana were illuminated on the functions of Parliament.

Ambassador Kokorwe pushed for the live broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings and advocated for the use of Setswana in debates to make the proceedings more accessible to the general

public.

As a gender activist, she was a vocal proponent of increasing women's representation in politics, frequently pointing out the disparity between women's success in the judiciary and the civil service versus their low numbers in Parliament.

Kokorwe will forever be remembered for her tenacity and commitment to social issues and a trailblazer who set the tone for women in Botswana's political landscape. **BOPA**

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 34 (2) OF THE GAMBLING ACT (2012), ACT NO. 7 OF 2012

#### APPLICATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF BETTING SITES

The Board of the Gambling Authority granted Bookmaker licences to Bet Pula (Pty) Ltd and Mecaville Enterprises (Pty) Ltd on the 9th of August 2024. Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of Section 34 (2) of the Gambling Act No.7 of 2012, read together with clauses 34.3.13, 13.2 and 13.3 of the Request for Application for Totalisator and Bookmaker licences and Section 35 of Gambling Act No.7 of 2012, that these companies have applied for the approval of betting sites in the locations outlined in the table below.

Kindly note that this is the last publication of these site applications. In terms of the provisions of section 34 of the Act, any person who wishes to object to any of the site applications mentioned in the table below shall notify the Gambling Authority, "the Authority" in writing of such objection/s and the grounds of objection/s, within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of the notice.

Notice is further given that only non-confidential information pertaining to the above site application shall be open for public inspection by interested persons during normal office hours of the Authority, which are from 08:00 to 12:45 and 14:00 to 17:00. The offices of the Authority are located at Fairscape Precinct, West Building, Fairground Office Park, Gaborone. Interested parties are advised to make an appointment for such viewing with the office of the Licensing Services Manager, **Ms. Omolemo Dikgang**, by sending an email to [betting@gamblingauthority.co.bw](mailto:betting@gamblingauthority.co.bw).

Persons wishing to submit objections to these site applications are called upon to give notice to the Authority of such objections and their grounds in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of the notice. All objections shall be submitted with the following details:

1. The Name of the applicant to which the objection relates;
2. The grounds upon which the objection is made;
3. The name, address, email address, telephone or cellular phone number of the person submitting the objection; and
4. An indication of whether or not the person submitting the objection also wishes to make an oral representation of the objection at the public hearings.

All objections must be addressed to **Mr. Moruntshi Kemorwale**, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Gambling Authority, Private Bag BR 161, Gaborone, Botswana.

All enquiries must be directed to the Chief Operating Officer, **Ms. Mopati Rammekwa**, or the Licensing Services Manager, **Ms. Omolemo Dikgang** on 3986600 or 3957672.

	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	LOCATION
1.	Bet Pula (Pty) Ltd	Bookmaker Route Operator	1. Plot 1169 Cresta President Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana. 2. Unit 3, Plot 6142, Letsema Plaza, Francistown.
2.	Mecaville Enterprises (Pty) Ltd	Bookmaker Route Operator	1. Nswazi Mall, Plot 16177-85, Francistown

**Moruntshi Kemorwale**  
Chief Executive Officer (Atg)

Date: 03 March 2026

Responsible Gaming Toll Free: 19777  
Responsible Gambling Self Help USSD: \*228#  
Responsible Gambling Self Help Portal: [selfhelp.gamblingauthority.co.bw](http://selfhelp.gamblingauthority.co.bw)

Gambling Authority Has Zero Tolerance For Corruption  
Toll Free: Orange: 1144 Mascom: 71119603 BTC: 0800600644  
Email: [gamblingauthority@tip-offs.com](mailto:gamblingauthority@tip-offs.com)  
Website: [www.tip-offs.com](http://www.tip-offs.com)

Gladys Kokorwe



# Classified Ads

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

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**LIQUOR RESTUARANT TO** be opened at plot No 5 Khudumelapye. Contacts : +267 77536970. 73926362. Thomas Malejane.

**SOLAR LIGHTS INSTALLATION** 71649364

**CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - 71649364**

**FARM WORKES**

**2 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Gaborone. Call Moroka 72816052. morokalesly@gmail.com

**4 X FARM WORKERS WANTED** IN LESOMA OF A SOBER HABIT. CONTACT PATRICK MANENGENA CELL: 76405469 / 72647930

**HORTICULTURE FARM WORKER** needed in Malotwane. Apply - Freshh Oasis, Box 1166, Gaborone  
**MIXED FARM WORKER** needed in Molepolole. Apply - Doris Mogotsi, Box 2372, Molepolole

**I AM LOOKING** for a farm worker, P O Box 78 Sedibeng 73837232.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** 71582049.

**FARM WORKER URGENTLY** wanted at Mahalapye. Walter Barobi. Box 20068, Mahalapye. 77603260

**FARM WORKER WITH** experience required at Morwa. Apply Box 1172 AAD Poso House, Gaborone,

**2 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Semitwe Farm Marapong Box 89 Tatisiding Nkobi Kethabile 77818690

**4 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Phuduhudu Lands, Palapye. Apply to Mr. Lesego Busang Box 1443 Palapye. Closing date 27/03/2026

**HERDMAN WANTED AT** Letlhakane, apply to Moipontshi Pifelo Box 1248 Letlhakane 72486404

**FARM WORKER WANTED** urgently Shashemooke Box 3397 Francistown Charity Papane 74047338

**EXPERIENCED MATURE FARM** worker required for integrated farming near Hatsalatladi. May lead two or more other workers. Contact 71306039/ 71309386 by 27 March 2026

**FARM WORKER REQUIRED** on an integrated farm in Bokaa. Experience with small stock is a must. Call 73455242 to apply. Deadline is 14th April 2026

**4 FARM WORKERS NEEDED AT** PANDAMATENGA CONTACT 71663426 SOTS INVESTMENT  
**LOOKING FOR A** herdboy at Khokhole cattlepost. Call Mr Thomas Malejane at 77536970, 72648591

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Dikgonnye lands. Apply Nkepile Moeng Box 7 Mochudi

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**FARM WORKER WANTED** urgently at Glenvalley. Call 71619844. P O Box 41626, Gaborone.

**3 FARM WORKS** wanted at Selokwana, Molepolole District Phone 71534385, 72312308.

**FARM WORKER URGENTLY** wanted in Kanye. Apply to P.Magosi, P.O Box 405336, Gaborone, Botswana. Call : +267 71561112

**2 FARM WORKERS WANTED** SERIBA CATTLE POST BOX 377 KASANE. 75577240 / 71452623

**WANTED HERD BOY** P O Box 53677 Gaborone 71807680

**HERD BOY WANTED** at Nata. Nothando Phindela Brown. Box 2026 Francistown 74378150

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Kutwane Kweneng Province for Mr. Mbaiwa. Tell: 75915945. Closing date 27 March 2026

**HERDBOY NEEDED AT** MUCHENJE CATTLE POST CONTACT ANNAH NANVULA MAZUNGA 71800700 73388081

**FARM WORKER WANTED AT** LESOMA VILLAGE APPLY TO DR. S. M. MUWANEI, P. O. BOX 240 KASANE. CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH 2026 CONTACT 76644016

**FARM WORKER, JUEL** Kerapetse Sehumelo P O Box 2006 Jwaneng 74577940.

**FIELD WOMAN WANTED** in Ramotswa, experience in groundnuts ploughing (Malalwi & Zimbabwe variants) Shona speaking added advantage. Call 77121050

**WANTED FARM WORKER** at Matshelagabedi. P O Box 909 Francistown, S. Senyane 77676434

**KE BATLA MODISA KO** MABELLE CONTACTS NTWALA NSHIMANE 72553145

**TWO FARM LABOURERS WANTED** AT 256 CHOBE DISTRICT CONTACT NDEREKI MOWA CELL NO 72114851

**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Apply to P O Box 60064 Gaborone West

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Segwagwa. If interested call Kearabile Laetsang on 75858119 or write to Box 17842 Jwaneng. Closing date 15 April 2026.

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**OWNER OF PLOT** 16958 in Bokaa, wishes to change land use from single residential to multi-residential. For any queries, the public should contact +267 5777216 or the Kgatleng district council planning department within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

**I MAVIS BALULE** owner of Agricultural plot in Makoko wants to change from agriculture to mix use agriculture. For any queries contact Tonota District Planning Office

**ESTHER SEDIMO AT** Mmajejane ward, Sefhare has intention to change land use of her plot from commercial (restaurant) to single family residential. Objections should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council at 4718636/16 within 14 days of this publication.

**NAMETSEGANG KELEBEILE OF** plot 531 at Maaoloslo-a-ngwana ward, Mmaphashalala has intention to change land use of the plot from single to multi-family residential. Objections should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council at 4718636/16 within 14 days of this publication.

**EDNA O. BASIMA** Plot owner of Plot 4049 in Mogoditshane Block 4 wish to change land use from residential to multiple residential. For any objection contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning office. Or call +267 3105615 within 14 days.

**GORATA MALEMA OF** plot 3572 Mmopane Block 1 would like to change land use from residential to multi residential. Any enquiries should be forwarded to Mogoditshane Thamaga District Council Physical Planning Office or contact 72974484 the owner

**OWNER OF PLOT** 9430 Tlokweg, wishes to inform neighbours of plot 9429 and 9431 intention to construct double story. For any objection contact Tlokweg district council within 14 days

**I BOITUMELO EZEKIEL** Tselakgopo owner of plot 323 in Seherelela would like to make an announcement to change sub divided plot portion-B measuring (3137 SQM) use from family residential to commercial garden/ plant nursery. For any objections please contact the physical planning office at Mabutsane District Council No 5889422

**JOHANNA MMOLAWA WISHES** to change use of agriculture plot in Tonota-Manbanda (portion A) from agriculture to mutli-family residential. For any queries contact Physical Planning Office Tonota District Council

**i MOREBODI NAKEDI** wish to change land use from agriculture to mixed use ( agriculture and residential) in Matenge, any objections contact North East Council Physical Planning office on 2489242

**I AKUJALO STEPHEN** wish to change use from agriculture to mixed use ( agriculture and residential) in Masunga. Any objections contact North East Council Physical Planning office on 2489242

**OWNER OF PLOT** 7825 Oodi would like to erect / build boundary wall. Any objections be forwarded to 72939364 or Kgatleng District Council 5777411 (building control)

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF CANCELLED MORTGAGE BOND**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Cancelled Mortgage Bond No. 1215/2010 dated 13th day of April 2010** made in favour of **First National Bank Limited** in respect of:-

**CERTAIN** : piece of land being **Tribal Lot 1103, Tlokweg;**  
**SITUATE** : at **Tlokweg in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;**  
**MEASURING** : **2590 m2 (Two Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Square Metres);**

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

MORIBAME MATTHEWS  
Mowana Mews, Unit 6, Plot 74769  
Western Commercial Road, CBD  
P O Box 46271  
GABORONE

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MAGDELINE OSENNWE	ESHFT-001171-25	12-05-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
WANANO MAKUKU	ESHFT - 000597/25	05/05/2026	0900 HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**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
WILHEMINA F H GIBBONS	ESHFT-001327-25	19-05-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**Neighbour Consultation**

**OWNER OF PLOT 31247 MAUN KGOSING** WOULD LIKE TO INFORM HIS NEIGHBOURS ON PLOT 31248, 31249 & 44130 ABOUT HIS INTENTION TO CHANGE OF LAND USE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO GUEST HOUSE ON HIS PLOT.

NEIGHBOURS OF THE SAID PLOTS ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT MAUN COUNCIL IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS OR CONTACT THE OWNER ON MOBILE 71909186 WITHIN 14 WORKING DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**OWNER OF PLOT 31247 MAUN KGOSING** WOULD LIKE TO INFORM HIS NEIGHBOURS ON PLOT 31248, 31249 & 44130 ABOUT HIS INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT BOUNDARY WALLS AROUND HIS PLOT.

NEIGHBOURS OF THE SAID PLOTS ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT MAUN COUNCIL IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS OR CONTACT THE OWNER ON MOBILE 71909186 WITHIN 14 WORKING DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 [1] OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed Of Cession and Delegation No. MA 55/2009 dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 made in favour of TVE PORTION 34 (PTY) LTD in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lease Area No. 348- JO;  
**SITUATE:** On Remainder of Portion 1 (Waterberg) of Farm Request No. 5- JO;  
**MEASURING:** 3.9638Ha (Three Decimal Nine Six Three Eight Hectares);

Any such person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

KWAPE LEGAL PRACTICE  
P O BOX 70714 GABORONE  
TEL: 3101496

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
THOMAS BADLA	ESHFT - 001445-25	29/04/26	0900 HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**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
THOBOGANG KOMBANI	ESHFT-000653-25	13-05-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SHADRECK** Boitshwarelo, the owner of plot # 29861, in Dilaene Mahalapye, notifies Dilaene residents and the public of the intent to change the plot from residential to civic & community. Contact Mahalapye District Council at the Physical Planning Office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

**LAME SELEMA OWNER** of Plot 7392 at Tlokweng would like to change land from single family residence to multi-residential. Any objection contact Planning Office, Tlokweng District Council at 3695000 within 14 days of publication of the notice or 71604040 Rangobana.

**I GAPE OTHOMILE** THE OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT 21862 LOCATED AT DISANENG WARD MAUN WISHES TO CHANGE LAND USE FORM TO COMMERCIAL LAND USE FOR ANY OBJECTION CONTACT PHYSICAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT NORTH WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Owner of plot 7945, Broadhurst Gaborone, wish to inform the public of proposed change of land use from single- residential plot to pre-school use. Objections should be forwarded to Gaborone District Council, Physical Planning Department. telephone no 3907949 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

**VACANCIES**

**APPLICANTS ARE INVITED** FOR INDIAN EXECUTIVE CHEF, MIN 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN INDIAN CUISINES FOR SWAMI INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD AT MMAMABULA, DROP APPLICATION AT P. O. BOX 315 KASANE, CONTACT 6252237. BOTSWANA PREFERRED. LAST DATE TO APPLY 30 MARCH 2026

**WELDER FABRICATOR AND** labour wanted. Hardworking, honest 73608041/2

**PAVING PIECE JOB,** expect grading and slope. 73608041/2

**MECHANIC WITH GOOD** knowledge of industrial machines. 73608041/2

**PRE SCHOOL TEACHER** needed with diploma in early childhood education at least 5 years experience in ECD and should be able to teach letters and phonics. Apply to The Director Parthian Star Pre school Box 691 Mogoditshane. Plot number 37689 Mogoditshane Telephone number 71670067. Closing date 25th March 2026

**THIRD WORLD AUXILIARY** Power System (Pty) Ltd. Director required (Technical). Experience and knowledge in Power back up systems, 5 years experience, closing date: 30-03-26. Apply to P O Box AD 30 AEG, Gaborone. Tel: 3500163, Cell: 72638895.

**EXTRA HEAVY DUTY** Driver wanted, with more than ten years experience in the field. Apply to Rimo Concepts Products (Pty) Ltd. P O Box 30846, Metsef, Francistown Botswana

**REQUIRED : ELECTRICAL STRINGER** B.W.R Solutions Pty Ltd looking for +10 years experience in stringing, erection and foundation work of high voltage transmission line. Kindly apply to CEO, P.O Box 25009 Gaborone Botswana

**ORAPA UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** is looking for a Midfielder & a Striker;

The players must have Premier League experience. National Team CAPS will be an added advantage.

**Closing date:**  
10 April 2026.

**Email:**  
tphiri@debswana.bw

**MEDICAL LABORATORY QUALITY** Manager with a Degree/Diploma in Biomedical Sciences with 7 years experience. Send CVs and necessary documents to P.M Autentico Diagnostic Laboratory. P O Box AE 854 Gaborone by 6th April 2026

**WANTED: ELECTRICAL ENGINEER** with Degree, 5 yrs and above experience in manufacturing process of electrical switchboards. Email to: hr@powacomgroup.com

**THEDA REFRIGERATION & Air** Conditioning (Pty) Ltd P O Box 1485 Lobatse: 74019078/ 72483712. Refrigeration Technician, Diploma in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning. Certificate in Electrical, 25 yrs experience. Closing date: 01/04/2026.

**JAYEM DRILLING (PTY) Ltd** requires the services of drilling operator, relevant drilling qualifications or practical experience of 10 years or more. Apply: Box 403341, Gaborone. Closing date: 01/04/2026

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TAPINDIWA MAKOKA	ESHFT-000942-25	20-05-26	0900HRS	SARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 2RD MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
SEGAKOLODI FRANCIS MASENG	ESHFT-001018-25	13/05/26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02ND DAY OF MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KEITUMETSE MAZUWANE	ESHFT-000036-23	12-05-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**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
NEELO BAIPUSI	ESHMY 000129-26	28.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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**INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
(Section 34 of the tribal land act 2018)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Mabapi Estates Proprietary Limited has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Heurex BW Proprietary Limited in respect of customary land grant namely:

**Certain:** Piece of land  
**Site:** Thamaga/Diseko ward –Kweneng  
**Measuring:** 8,783HA (eight comma seven eight three hactares)  
**LAND USE:** Horticulture

Herein after referred to as (the property)

The property is transferred at BWP 300, 000 (Three Hundred Thousand Pula) excluding vat/transfer duty consequential to the transaction Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering a similar transaction in respect of the property.

Any citizen objecting to the transaction is hereby requested to lodge such objection with reason in writing to kweneng Land Board Private Bag 006 Molepolole within (30) days of publication of this notice.

**MABAPI ESTATES** Plot 53/71 Gaborone International Commerce Park. P. O Box 1431 Gaborone

**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
AGNES ALFRED	ESHFT-000238-26	12-05-26	0900HRS	SARM1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**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
RONALD NSHAKASHOGWE	ESHFT-001425-25	02/06/26	0900HRS	DRM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
SPANKY MOZOLA	ESHFT-0000595-25	13-05-26	0900HRS	SARM2

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2026**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**VACANCIES**

**Pluczenik Botswana Pty Ltd.** is a DeBeers Sightholder and an established diamond cutting & polishing company which seeks to recruit qualified Botswana citizens who desire to grow in the diamond cutting & polishing industry.

**POST: EXPERIENCED DIAMOND POLISHERS**

- Square Fancy full stone polishers
- Round Fancy full stone polishers

**REQUIREMENTS**

- BGCSE certificate
- References from past work experience
- Minimum of 10 years work experience

Interested candidates' hand over a 1) covering letter with a 2) comprehensive CV 3) certified copy of BGCSE certificate & Omang 4) letters of reference

**H R Manager**  
P O Box 403286, Gaborone  
Or hand over at - Plot 61 I23, Block 8 Industrial, Gaborone

**HIBISCUS EYE CENTRE** MAIN MALL, PLOT 400  
Independence Ave, Gaborone

Vacancy in the following post at our Medical Center:

**General Nurse**

- Higher Diploma in General Nursing OR equivalent
- 6months+ experience in a specialist ophthalmic clinic
- Two excellent references x2

**JOB EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Clinical Care	4. Clinic Management
2. Surgical Support	5. Provide counselling to clients
3. Technical Procedures	

**Address letters to HR, P O BOX 307 Molepolole,** Interested candidates should email applications; **(Cover Letter, references, CV & Certified Documents)** to **hibiscuseyec@gmail.com** only successful candidates will be contacted.  
**Applications will close 1 April 2026.**

**NEEDED FARMWORKER  
AT PILANE FARM**

**5 years farm work experience.** Duties; broiler and layers farming, piggery, market gardening, goats breeding, crop farming and general farm work.

**Closing Date:** 14 days from date of publication.

**Apply to P0 Box 601927 Gaborone.**

**HOMESTEAD  
HEALTH (Pty) Ltd**

**Provides medical services at Plot 5366, Mmopane** looking for one **General Practitioner** with at least **2 years of experience and registered with BHPC, with experience in management of chronic diseases, minor operative procedures.**

**To send CV and application to Dr Samantha Tulloch at** admin@homesteadhealth.co.bw  
**Phone number +267 71 698 506**

**Closing date 23/03/2026.**

**Neighbour Consultation –  
Change of Land Use**

Thato Rudo Makhiwa, would like to change land use from Single Family Residential to Multi – family Residential and Boundary wall development at Extension 11, Plot No. 15429, Palapye. For any objections please contact Palapye District Council Physical Planning Office, Telephone No. 493 0821/24 within 14 days of this publication.

**NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND  
CREDITORS**

Masters Reference ESHGB 001232/25

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **GULAM ALI TAJBHAI** who died at Extension 9 Plot No 2688 Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the **16th day of JULY 2025.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all Debtors and Creditors of the above-mentioned 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 12th day of March 2026

The Executors, Mohamed Khalid Mustapha and Naseeruddin Chand  
c/o S.Khan Law

Plot 2851 South Ring Road, P.O Box 72 Gaborone, Botswana  
**Tel: 3933443 / 76770427**

**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
JANE MAPHAKWANE	ESHFT-001414-25	05/05/26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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

ESHFT 001260-25

**NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **OAGILE MOUTA ESHFT: 001260-25** who died at **NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

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

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026**

Gababolokwe Mouta Executor Dative  
P O Box 1210 Letlhakane

Master of the High Court  
Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

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Administration of Estates Act  
(Cap 31:01)**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	time	Master
KEORAPETSE MONTSHO	ESHFT-000606-25	05\05\26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE COURT**

**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
MPHO BRUCE KEINEETSE	ESHMY 000110-26	28.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**KALISA CONSULTANCY SERVICES &  
ENGINEERING (PTY) LTD, P O Box 524,  
Palapye, (00267) 77001727 / 73602516**

In fulfilment of **section 7(2) of EA Act of CAP 65:07**, notice hereby invites the Public to a Public Consultation meeting on the **8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 830am**, at Kacgae Kgotla, for the proposed fuel depot at Kacgae, by **Mr. Kago Kimane**

**Anticipated benefits of the Project**

- Provision of Employment opportunities during design, construction and operation.
- Provision of socio economic benefits at all stages of the project.
- Availability of fuel services in the area.

**Anticipated Adverse Impacts**

- Temporary noise and dust pollution during construction.
- Fire risk.
- Possible soil and water contamination.

**The proposed project involves design, construction and operation of a fuel depot at Kacgae. Kalisa Consultancy Services has been commissioned by Mr. Kago Kimane to conduct Environmental and Archaeological Impact Studies.**

Kitsiso e e ntshiwa go ya ka Molao wa Tshakatsheko ya Tikologo (**EA Act Cap 65:07**), temana ya bosupa, sechaba se lalediwa phuthego ko kgotleng ya Kacgae ka kgwedi ya Moranage ele boferabobedi. Kitsiso ka maikutlo a Sechaba ka tshakatsheko ya tikologo (EIA) e e dirwang ya kago ya le lefelo la thekiso ya leokwane(fuel depot) ko Kgotleng ya Kacgae.

**Maungo a Tiro e.**

- Go thama ditiro.
- Go tokafatsa matshelo a batho.
- Go nna teng ga leokwane.

**Ditlamorago**

- Go nna teng ga medumo le lerole la nakwana ka nako ya kago.
- Tlhagogo ya molelo.
- Kgonagalo ya kgoteleso ya mmu le ya metsi a a ka fatlase ya lefatse.

**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
KESWELANG OTUKILE	ESHMY 000130	28.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 9TH MARCH 2026**  
**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**DOTCOM TRADING 1048 (Pty) Ltd, Botswana**

A farming company based in Kgalagadi District is seeking for experienced and qualified farm manager with managerial experience, diverse farming practices and experience with traceable references.

**Requirements:**

- More than 15 years' managerial experience in a farm
- Qualification in animal production will be an added advantage

Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Suitable candidates must submit their application to the following address:

Postal: Private Bag 23, Lobatse  
Email: mkdotfarm@gmail.com

Closing date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	time	Master
MOTSHIDISI SUPING	ESHMY-000058-26	21.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS  
Administrations of Estates Act  
(Cap. 32:01)**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GOTULWENG MOTLHABANI	ESHMY 000109.26	28.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 10TH MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**INTENTION TO DEAL IN SHARES IN A PRIVATE COMPANY  
OWNING IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 34  
OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **PURPLE FLOWER PROPRIETARY LIMITED (PURPLE FLOWER)** in its capacity as shareholder of **BANBURY CROSS PROPRIETARY LIMITED T/A AFRICAN HORSEBACK SAFARIS (AHBS)**, both non-citizens and incorporated in accordance with the laws of Botswana, intends to implement an internal corporate restructuring.

In terms of the restructuring, the shares in Purple Flower, as currently held by Henech Investments Limited (Henech) will be transferred to Murray International Limited (Murray) (hereinafter the Restructuring). Notwithstanding the implementation of the Restructuring, Purple Flower will continue to be the shareholder of AHBS and accordingly, the ultimate beneficial ownership of AHBS will remain the same.

AHBS is the sub-lessee of a portion the below mentioned property, pursuant to a sub-lease agreement with the **BOTSWANA PUBLIC OFFICERS PENSION FUND (BPOPF)**. The BPOPF is the lessee of that property under a memorandum of agreement of lease between the BPOPF and the Tawana Land Board.

Details of the property and the Restructuring are as follows:

**CERTAIN:** a portion piece of land being NG 26;  
**SITUATE:** at NG26 in Batawana Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING:** 22,679 Hectares (Twenty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Hectares);  
**HELD UNDER:** a sub-lease agreement between AHBS and BPOPF dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (the Sub-Lease);  
**CONSIDERATION:** Nil. As stated above, the Restructuring is undertaken as an internal reorganisation. The ultimate beneficial ownership of AHBS will remain the same post its implementation and accordingly, no monetary consideration has been paid or is payable in connection with the Restructuring;  
**SUBJECT:** to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Sub-Lease; and  
**PARTIES:** AHBS, Purple Flower, Henech and Murray.

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

Should any person wish to object to the above transaction you are requested to lodge such objection, with reasons, in writing with **Bookbinder Business Law, Private Bag 382, Gaborone** within **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026**

**BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION**

The owner of Portion 247(a portion of portion3) of the Farm Senthane Farm No: 18-KO in the South East Administrative District. Wants to subdivide their farm and change the land use of one Of the resultant portion from mixed land use to open space. (Solar Power Plant) If you have any objections, contact physical planning office Gamalete District Council at 5381200 Within 14 days of this advert.

Bobi Campbell  
74495159  
102120404  
bgaletshoge@gmail.com

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Name of Deceased Person  
GOTHATAMANG LENYEBE

Estate Number  
ESHMY-000002-26

Date of Meeting : 28.04.26

Time : 0900HRS

Master : SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LIQUOR ACT (Cap.43:11) FORM 2 (reg. 3(1))

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has applied for a BAR licence in terms of section 13 of the Liquor Act(Cap.43:11) in respect of the premises situated at Rakhuna and the Liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by the Liquor Control Authority on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

Any person who wishes to object to the grant of the licence should within twenty-one (21) days of the last publication of this notice, give notice in writing to the Liquor Control Authority of this intention to oppose the application and state the grounds on which his objection is based.

**Company/Business**

Name: COME TOMORROW PROPRIETARY LIMITED  
Address: MOKWENA WARD RAKHUNA P O BOX 351 PITSANE  
Submitted by: TEFO ELVIS MOABI

Date: 27/02/2026

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE**

CYNTHIA PILANE –  
ESHGB-000331/25

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap 31:01} the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 at 0830 hours at the before – Oarabile Pitsa. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building. At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s) /Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

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Name of Deceased Person Estate Number Date of Meeting Time Master  
GOTHATAMANG LENYEBE ESHMY-000002-26 28.04.26 0900HRS SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed No.595/95 dated of 11th day of July 1995 made in favour of Mr. Bolelang Adolph Letlole in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land Lot 16804, Francistown  
MEASURING: 700m2 (Seven Hundred Square Meters)  
HELD UNDER: Certificate of registered state Title No.595/95 dated 11th July 1995

All persons having objection to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds, at Gaborone within three (3) weeks from publication of this notice.

Dated at Gaborone on this 13th March 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION**

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Judgment granted by the Honourable Court the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction by DEPUTY SHERIFF MEDUPE of Cell No: 72315134 to the highest bidder as follows:-

DATE OF SALE: 27th March 2026

TIME OF SALE: 10:30 am

PLACE OF SALE: Gakuto Kgotla

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 1x White Truck Nissan UD Truck Reg B381 BRE 5TON

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Cash or Bank guaranteed cheque otherwise details and conditions of sale may be inspected at the Plaintiff's Attorneys offices.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 06 DAY OF MARCH 2026

DEPUTY SHERIFF MEDUPE  
CELL: 72315134  
b/s PIYUSH SHARMA ATTORNEYS & CO.  
(Plaintiff's Attorneys)  
CELL: 72727272  
TEL: 3191622



sharma@sharma.co.bw  
PLOT 6358, Kgware Road,  
P.O. BOX AD 34 ADC  
GABORONE  
[Ref: PS 18163]

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING**

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person Estate Number Date of Meeting Time Master  
DIKAGO KETSILE ESHMY 000051-26 21.04.26 0900HRS SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person Estate Number Date of Meeting Time Master  
PELOTSHEWE RAMONTSHO ESHMY 00111-26 28.04.26 0900HRS SARM

DATED OF MAHALAPYE THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

MASTER OF HIGH COURT

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

Case No. CVHGB-002391-22

In the matter between:

LEAH ELIZABETH SAMPSON

Plaintiff

And

BEN ELECTRICAL PROPRIETARY LIMITED

First Defendant

MOTHUSI BERNARD DIPHOLO

Second Defendant

**NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION**

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by the Deputy Sheriff AUGUSTINE MOKALAKE to the highest bidder as follows;

DATE OF SALE : 2 April 2026  
VENUE : Broadhurst Magistrate Court  
TIME : 1000HRS  
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1 x Silver Merc Benz C200 REG NO: B 255 BAV  
CONDITIONS OF SALE : Cash Or Bank Guaranteed Cheque

CONDITIONS OF SALE TO BE VIEWED AT THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH 2026

DEPUTY SHERIFF AUGUSTINE MOKALAKE c/o ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS, PLOT 61127, GROUND FLOOR, MEDSWANA BUILDING BLOCK 8, GABORONE, P O BOX 27, LOBATSE – TELEPHONE NO.398 5256/73436412

**H/W MRS PHETOGO**

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GHANZI HELD AT GHANZI  
CCCMGZ-0000211-24

In the matter between

Lesedi Lemme

PLANTIFF

AND

Ephraim Solomon

RESPONDENT

**SUBSTITUTED SERVICES**

TO: EPHRAIM SOLOMON, An adult male Resident at Letlhakane of full capacity whose full and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknow;

TAKE NOTICE that by summon issued by the Magistrate Court, at Ghanzi, you are required, within 30 day after publication hereof , to give notice to the clerk and to the plaintiff Deputy sheriff of your intention to defend the action in which the plaintiff seeks the following.

- 1.To show up at the mention deputy sheriff Mr Ramolefhe .
- 2.Payment of the sum owing to the plaintiff.
- 3.cost of Suit.
- 6.Futher/alternative relief.

DATED AT GHANZI THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

R.N RAMOLEFHE, PLAINTIFF'S DEPUTY SHERIFF, P O BOX 2362 FRANCISTOWN  
CELL NO 74576587.

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

CASE NO:  
CVHGB-003616-24

In the matter between

BANK GABORONE LIMITED

Plaintiff

and

GAREITSANE TSHEKO

Defendant

**NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION**

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Honourable Court, the following property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff Nonfo Dingalo as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
PLACE : Broadhurst Magistrate Court  
TIME : 1000hrs  
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1x Blue Polo Volkswagen, HatchBack, Registration Number B 815 BTU  
CONDITIONS OF SALE : Details of the conditions of sale may be inspected at the office of the Deputy Sheriff' at Tribal Lot 6171, Tokweng.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF NONFO DINGALO | Cell: 71 657 100  
C/O COLLINS CHILISA CONSULTANTS | Plaintiff's Attorneys  
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DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Master Reference: ESHGB 000531-23

IN THE ESTATE of the late OMPALETSE KNOCKS KGOTLANG who died at B120 Road Matsuke Lands, Letlhakeng, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2023.

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# Botswana to strengthen sanitation services

Lesedi Thatayamodimo

## GABORONE

Government officials, development partners and sector stakeholders have called for renewed urgency and stronger

collaboration to improve sanitation services across Botswana, as the country seeks to close the gap between water supply and sanitation coverage.

The Department of Water and Sanitation, director, Mr Stanley Semetsa, stated that

while the country had made strong progress in water supply, sanitation services lagged behind and required focused attention.

Mr Semetsa who was addressing a sanitation stakeholder forum in Gaborone said Botswana's water supply coverage had reached levels in the 90 per cent range, while sanitation access remained lower, with coverage estimated between 70 and 80 per cent.

"We really need to take sanitation to another level, it is important that we look at the different roles and responsibilities as a department, as service providers and most importantly as stakeholders who work closely with communities," he said.

The forum, which brought together representatives from government ministries, researchers, service providers and development partners, sought to strengthen sanitation management and improve service delivery nationwide.

Mr Semetsa noted that Botswana already had policy frameworks in place, including the National Policy on Sanitation and Wastewater developed in the early 2000s, but stressed that implementation now needed to accelerate.

"It is time that we put those policies into action," he said.

He further pointed out that Botswana had made notable progress in sanitation access over the past decades, adding that more than four out of five citizens now had access to at least basic sanitation services, while urban areas had achieved approximately 99 per

cent coverage.

However, he said challenges remained, particularly in rural and remote communities.

Botswana's unique geographic and environmental conditions present significant obstacles, including water scarcity, widely dispersed populations and settlements located far from service infrastructure.

For his part, World Bank country representative, Mr Liang Wang, said Botswana's sanitation systems were increasingly under pressure from urban population growth, climate stress, ageing infrastructure and operational challenges.

"The sanitation system is under growing pressure. What matters most is how well these systems are managed, maintained and monitored," he said.

Mr Wang added that when sanitation systems function effectively, the benefits extended beyond hygiene and public health to include protection of water resources and broader economic development.

He noted that the World Bank had partnered with Botswana's water sector for nearly a decade, supporting projects and policy development in water and sanitation.

The long-standing collaboration provides a strong foundation to accelerate sanitation progress in the country.

The forum was held under the theme: Advancing Sanitation Management and Service Delivery for a Healthier Botswana, with participants expected to develop practical action plans aimed at expanding sanitation access, improving infrastructure management and strengthening coordination among stakeholders. **BOPA**



Department of Water and Sanitation director, Mr Stanley Semetsa (left) and World Bank Country Representative, Mr Liang Wang during a sanitation stakeholder forum in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Semetsa emphasised the importance of collaboration to improve sanitation across Botswana, noting that while the country had made strides, challenges remained in rural and remote areas due to water scarcity, dispersed populations and limited financial resources.

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# National clean-up campaign promotes cleaner environments

Relief Lephutshe  
**MOLAPOWABOJANG**

Kanye District Council continues to hold the monthly clean-up campaigns following the pronouncement of the initiative by President Advocate Duma Boko during last year State-of-the-nation Address.

So far, the district has conducted clean up campaigns in Kanye, Moshana and Molapowabojang. Speaking in an interview during the Molapowabojang clean-up campaign held on Friday, Kanye District Council Chief Public Health Officer, Mr Songa Mosweu highlighted that the initiative was bearing fruits as the visible gaps where the district was previously challenged such as poor participation by the community members and limited resources

was now made better through collective stakeholder efforts.

He said the community is encouraged to partake in the exercise adding that the initiative promoted greener habitats and biodiversity protection.

Mr Mosweu said the initiative boost their previous clean-up efforts as it commits community leaders with mobilising and enforcing participation.

“It makes the campaign a grassroots movement rather than a top down directive,” he said.

As the initiative has other several disciplines included such as, tree planting and landscaping, waste management, maintenance of government buildings, removal of nuisance of any nature, the district leadership was privileged to conduct tree planting at Molapowabojang kgotla and tour some of Molapowabojang

institutions; schools in particular. During the tour, it came to the attention of the district leadership that some infrastructure components especially school drainage systems, needed urgent attention for safety and hygiene purposes in the school environments.

On the same note efforts by the district council were also ongoing at Chichi Junior Secondary School to clear off unwanted rubble from the school premises.

Principal Forest and Range Resource officer, Ms Keamogetse Tselakgosi said cleaning up is not only about dealing with waste, but also about provision of clean oxygen in the environment, which is much needed by humans.

She said as such, trees had become part of the cleaning up campaign and therefore urged the community to partake in tree

planting at their homes to promote availability of oxygen in the air.

Meanwhile she noted that it had come to their knowledge that many people cut down trees especially for firewood.

“Today as the country overpopulate, the population is outgrowing wood harvesting particularly from dead trees and now resorting to cutting down live trees and drying them for firewood and building materials,” Ms Tselakgosi said.

She said the activity disturbs the biodiversity life and contributes to insufficient supply of oxygen in the atmosphere due to slow growth of trees and their life span which she said could range from 30 to 40 years before it could become wood and ready for harvesting.

In an effort to promote tree planting towards cleaner and healthier environments, the

department of Forestry and Range Resources donated 40 trees to Molapowabojang community out of which 10 were presented to the community wards while 30 were given to institutions. Mosikiri tree which is found in Chobe and Ngamiland District for provision of shade and the Motlware tree commonly found in Kanye were planted at the kgotla and during that time, a tree planting demonstration was made to the Molapowabojang community to guide them on the right way to planting a tree.

One of the residents Ms Kopamotse Ntereke of Ntomaloma ward expressed gratitude over the tree planting demonstration saying that she now understands why her tree planting never became successful, attributing it to her poor planting skills due to lack of guidance. **BOPA**

# DCEC takes Seretse and co-accused back to court

Bonang Masolotlate  
**GABORONE**

**B**usinessman Bakang Seretse and co-accused in the National Petroleum Fund (NPF) case will be prosecuted on delegated authority from the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC).

Appearing before Regional court Magistrate Mr Mareledi Dipate on Thursday, DCEC Deputy Director Mr Thabo Malambane explained to the court that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has delegated him, Mr Othusitse Mabe, and Mr Ishmael Matsiara to prosecute the case involving Seretse, Sharifa Noor, Alphonse Molamu-Ndzinge, Kgari Capital, and Kgori Holdings until the case is closed.

Seretse and his co-accused face 63 charges, including two of stealing by agent, forgery of an official document, conspiracy to commit fraud, and money laundering.

The accused persons are alleged to have, on or about 29 May 2017, at or near Gaborone, being agents of the Botswana government, entrusted with property, namely money under the Botswana Petroleum Fund, fraudulently converted the sum of

P15.6 million to the use of Kgori Holdings without the consent of the government, thereby stealing.

On the second count, they are alleged to have converted another P15.6 million to Kgori Holdings without the consent of the government, thus also stealing.

On forgery, they are alleged to have made an official false document addressed to Kgori Capital to make payment to Kgori Holdings of a sum of P31.3 million as a fee for the development of the Revenue Collection and Reporting System, purporting it to be a genuine document.

On the fourth count, the accused persons are alleged to have worked together in concert on or about 18 October 2018, unlawfully and fraudulently conspired with other persons unknown to the state to defraud the government of P4 million by presenting an invoice dated 29 March 2017 to the Department of Energy, purporting that services in the sum of P31.3 million had been rendered, in which the Revenue Collection and Reporting System was allegedly procured, with intent to cause prejudice to the government.

The other 59 charges relate to money laundering, in which money was moved from Kgori Holdings to various bank accounts. Seretse appeared in person,



Bakang Seretse (second right) after appearing before Regional Court Magistrate, Mr Mareledi Dipate in the National Petroleum Fund case in Gaborone on Thursday. Seretse and co-accused face 63 charges, including two of stealing by agent, forgery of an official document, conspiracy to commit fraud and money laundering. The case is scheduled to mention for a status hearing on April 14. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

while Mr Unoda Mack and Ramalepa represented Kgori Capital and Noor, Mr Quintan Maduwane represented Ndzinge.

The accused persons were admitted on bail on conditions that they bind themselves with P20, 000 and each provide two

sureties who bind themselves with P10, 000. The case is scheduled to mention for a status hearing on April 14. **BOPA**

# Gaseitsewe case postponed to April 9

Thandy Tebogo  
**KANYE**

Senior Magistrate Keneilwe Kgoadi of Kanye Magistrate Court has re-scheduled the case for Methaeno Gaseitsewe who is accused of undermining Bogosi Act to April 9.

Gaseitsewe is facing a charge of violating section 25(1) in conjunction with section 25(3) of the Bogosi Act, Laws of Botswana.

Magistrate Kgoadi postponed the case following the defense Counsel Palesa Moletsane's plea to postpone the case to a further

date as the other defense counsel was unable to attend.

Counsel Moletsane also pleaded for the postponement on grounds that the defense had filed an application for Kgosi Malope II to provide a DNA test.

Gaseitsewe is accused of his assertion that Kgosi Malope II has no royal blood and does not possess the qualities of a leader.

According to the charge sheet provided by the director of Public Prosecutions, Gaseitsewe allegedly made the statements during a kgotla meeting in Kanye on February 13, 2024. **BOPA**

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# Energy shocks reshape global market outlook

LONDON

Oil prices surged as global markets opened on Monday amid growing concerns that escalating tensions in the Middle East could disrupt energy supplies and ripple through global financial markets.

Brent crude, the international benchmark, rose 2.5 per cent to 105.61 US\$ per barrel in early Asian trading, while US benchmark West Texas Intermediate climbed nearly 3 per cent to 101.52 dollars.

Brent has gained more than 40 per cent since joint US-Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28. This reflects fears that disruptions to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical oil transit routes, together with attacks on regional energy infrastructure, could tighten global supply.

Analysts say the significance of the crisis lied not only in short-term market volatility but also in the possibility that sustained energy shocks could reshape inflation expectations, interest rate outlooks and global asset pricing.

Patrick Minford, professor of applied economics at Cardiff University, told Xinhua that the most immediate economic impact of the crisis will come through energy prices.

"If oil prices remain elevated, they will feed into inflation and could influence expectations about interest rates," he said.

The timing of the shock is particularly delicate. A busy week of central bank meetings is approaching, with the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank, the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan all scheduled to announce policy decisions. These meetings will offer first formal opportunity for major central banks to assess the economic implications of the Middle East crisis. According to projections by Oxford Economics, the current energy shock could push inflation in Britain and the eurozone roughly twice as much as in the United States and Canada, reflecting Europe's heavier dependence on imported energy.

Beyond macroeconomic effects, geopolitical uncertainty can also influence how financial



**TEHRAN** - Kharg Island, Iran's principal oil export terminal handles about 90 per cent of the country's crude exports to assist Iran's coastline which is too shallow for large tankers. The island, which has served as main oil export terminal since the 1960s was built with the involvement of US oil companies. Photo: Xinhua

markets price assets. Hisham Farag, professor of finance at the University of Birmingham, said geopolitical risks typically appear in markets through higher risk premiums.

"When uncertainty rises, investors demand greater compensation for risk," Farag told Xinhua. The impact is unlikely to be evenly distributed across industries, Farag said.

Defense, aerospace and energy-related sectors may benefit from rising demand and increased government spending, while industries that rely heavily on regional stability, including tourism, logistics and real estate, could face stronger headwinds.

Another channel through which the crisis could influence global markets is the investment behavior of Middle Eastern sovereign wealth funds. Farag noted that Gulf sovereign wealth funds collectively manage trillions of dollars in assets and hold extensive investments worldwide, including an estimated US\$ 2 trillion dollars invested in the

United States alone. If geopolitical tensions persist, these funds may reassess their global investment strategies to strengthen portfolio resilience.

Farag also suggested that shifts in global capital allocation could create opportunities for some large emerging economies. Countries with sizeable domestic markets and stronger long-term growth prospects, including China, Brazil and several resource-rich economies, could attract a larger share of long-term investment if global investors seek diversification beyond traditional Western markets, he said. *Xinhua*



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**Work Experience:** Six (6) years working experience.

**Leave:** 30 working Days per annum

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**ANTANANARIVO** - Madagascar President Michael Randrianirina (centre) at the appointment ceremony of new Prime Minister Mamitiana Rajaonarison on Sunday. Photo: Xinhua

## Madagascar President appoints new PM

ANTANANARIVO

Madagascar's President Michael Randrianirina appointed Mamitiana Rajaonarison as Prime Minister on Sunday. During the appointment ceremony at the presidential palace, Randrianirina said that he needed the "integrity" of Rajaonarison, who had long worked in the anti-corruption field. "We must show the Malagasy people that the nation needs upright and incorruptible individuals," he said.

The president also stressed that he expected the new

prime minister to promptly form a government tasked with implementing the national re-foundation policy and delivering tangible results as soon as possible.

Before his appointment, Rajaonarison served as director general of Madagascar's Financial Intelligent Unit, a national entity in charge of the fight against money laundering and terrorism funding.

The appointment comes six days after Randrianirina dissolved the government led by former Prime Minister Herintsalama Rajaonarivelo. *Xinhua*

# Arts & Culture



## HAMILTON



Guests at the screening of *Hamilton* as part of US 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday. The US Deputy Chief of Mission Christopher Gunning appealed for reflection on the enduring principles of liberty, self-governance and unity, as well as the sacrifices made then and now, to advance those principles as America celebrated Freedom 250. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

US Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr Christopher Gunning during US 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in Gaborone on Thursday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

# Hamilton celebrates democracy

Ketshepile More  
**GABORONE**

As the United States of America celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> independence anniversary this year, the US embassy in Gaborone will mark this historic milestone with events that showcase America's journey, its enduring values, and the remarkable individuals who shaped the country's destiny.

To kick-start those activities, the embassy screened *Hamilton* movie to invited guests on Thursday. *Hamilton*, is a blend of hip-hop, jazz and RnB with Broadway musical theatre style

by Lin-Manuel with focus to Alexander Hamilton, one of America's extraordinary leaders, and it also introduces the audience to other leaders such as George Washington, Aaron Burr, the Marquis de Lafayette and James Madison.

*Hamilton* is a blending history with artistry, capturing the spirit of ambition, resilience, and hope that defined the founding era. The film centres around one of America's extraordinary leaders, Alexander Hamilton who was a driving force behind the creation of America's Constitution and financial system as a lawyer and

Secretary of the Treasury and also considered a war hero and brilliant thinker.

The movie covers a wide span of American history, from the Revolution to the first administrations of the new government. It highlights important moments and the role of Alexander Hamilton, who believed in strong government led by capable elites and that government should use its power to develop the economy and maintain order.

In the film, his economic plan shows how he supported an urban America with developed

manufacturing.

An immigrant to the US, born in British West Indies, Hamilton opposed slavery as shown in the film, and the production shows that later in his career he supported anti-immigration policies.

"Immigration played a significant role in building the colonial population, mostly from Western Europe, and it was only just before the Revolution that people began to identify as Americans rather than by their birth nations," said US Deputy Public Affairs officer Megan Boccardi about the movie.

The US Deputy Chief of Mission Christopher Gunning appealed for reflection on the enduring principles of liberty, self-governance and unity as well as the sacrifices made, then and now, to advance those principles as America celebrates Freedom 250.

The two-hour original Broadway musical production is available for streaming on YouTube and Disney. It has won multiple awards including a Grammy, Pulitzer Prize for Drama as well as an unprecedented special citation from Kennedy Centre Honors. **BOPA**

# Mophato Dance Theatre and UB to present THARI

Ketshepile More  
**GABORONE**

Mophato Dance Theatre in collaboration with University of Botswana will showcase *THARI*, an original musical theatre production this women's month for three days from March 26-28.

An all-women cast production, *THARI* tells the raw, honest, and uplifting story of Botswana women, their pain, endurance, resilience, and unbreakable spirit through music, dance, poetry, and storytelling. The production brings

a new creation, but with the same message because it is a persistent, systemic, and widespread issue that grows in silence.

"It is very clear and free knowledge that we are living at times where the girl child and woman are under pressure and abuse. We also are aware that the society we live in nowadays is not what it used to be where any child was raised by any elder in the community where elders were parents to every child hence we intent not to just bring a performance but a very impactful

three days of clear message and clear call through *THARI*," said marketing manager of Mophato Dance Theatre Hope Moumakwa in an interview.

Moumakwa said despite new creation addressing new challenges in the storyline and performance, *THARI* would speak in more different ways than in the past. He said *THARI* was not simply a performance but a social movement; a platform for dialogue, education, healing, and transformation that used the creative arts as a tool for nation-

building and positive behavioural change.

Central to this vision, Moumakwa said it was the experience and a carefully curated programme designed to combine powerful theatre, structured mentorship and meaningful interaction between young women and influential female leaders in a safe and inspiring educational environment.

To ensure its impact beyond stage, Moumakwa said the project included a powerful sustainability element, which was the creation

of an original *THARI* theme song. "This anthem of empowerment will be professionally recorded and distributed to national radio stations and Online streaming platforms, carrying the message of the production into homes, schools, and communities across Botswana," he said emphasising that through their strategic partnership with the University of Botswana and Mophato Dance Theatre's extensive networks, the campaign was positioned to reach a wide and diverse audience. **BOPA**

# The rise of Hanfu fashion

## JINAN

At 6:30 am while most villagers are still in their slumber, a two-story building bursts into life with the rhythmic sound of sewing machines humming through the windows. Wei Ping'an stands among rows of dresses illuminated by the soft morning sunlight, ready for another busy day. Wei is general manager of the Zhichunhe Clothing in the Ancailou Township of Caoxian County, east China's Shandong Province.

The Hanfu garments produced here are to be worn not only by people across China but also by enthusiasts in countries like Malaysia. "These dresses are more than just clothing; they are carriers of Chinese culture," Wei said when discussing his products. Hanfu, the traditional clothing of China embellished with intricate embroidery, can be traced back to the Han Dynasty (202 B.C.-220 A.D.). It has evolved throughout history, resulting in a diverse array of designs seen in different Chinese cities today. In recent years, it's made a big comeback, thanks to a surge of interest in traditional culture among the younger crowd and its rising popularity on social media. In China, about half of the Hanfu dresses are produced in Caoxian.

### Hometown of Hanfu

Caoxian's journey with Hanfu began nearly two decades ago when a handful of villagers started crafting Hanfu costumes for photo studios and live performances. With the advent of e-commerce in China, local Hanfu makers seized the opportunity to open online stores, and to their delight, they encountered a robust demand for their creations. Seven years ago, Wei, who was then working nearly 300 kilometers away operating machine tools, was lured back to his hometown by the burgeoning industry.

During the day, he would reach

out to fabric suppliers and prepare orders for shipment. At night, he dedicated himself to learning e-commerce operations, photo editing, and customer service skills. In his very first month, he sold over 30 sets of clothes.

"I used to think that leaving home was the only path to success. But now, I have discovered that I can carve out a unique niche right here at my doorstep, one that we have woven stitch by stitch," he told Xinhua. In 2023, the Hanfu industry in Caoxian really took off, and the horse-faced skirt, a unique Hanfu style with its high, flat front and pleated sides, became super popular in the year that followed. Customers from across China waited outside the factories to purchase the products. During the Spring Festival holiday alone that year, the sales of horse-faced skirts exceeded ¥300 million yuan (about UDS43.6).

Today, Caoxian, with a population exceeding 1.7 million, is home to over 2,800 Hanfu businesses, engaging nearly 100,000 people directly. The county's combined annual online and offline Hanfu sales in 2025 exceeded ¥13 billion yuan. From designing to cutting and pattern making, embroidery and printing, the county has a complete industrial chain coverage within a radius of 5 kilometers.

However, the booming market also presents challenges, with innovation emerging as the key to sustained success. Luoruyan, a designer brand where a single dress can sell for thousands of yuan, has jumped on this trend. In 2024, it launched its "fragrant Hanfu" line, incorporating fibers from flowers such as peony, rose and lotus blossom into the fabric.



JINAN - A model presenting Hanfu on the stage during a Hanfu launch event in Caoxian County of Heze City. Photo: Xinhua

It also released horse-faced skirts with light colors, which buyers could wear in their daily life. "We would like to find a way to inject modern fashion into traditional Hanfu," said Yao Chixing, founder of the brand. "Some of our products can be worn even when you go to work."

The brand has also collaborated with universities to develop an antique-style brocade weaving technique in an attempt to successfully restore traditional patterns with over 90 per cent accuracy. They have also launched an "AI+ Hanfu" intelligent design system that has already produced over a thousand unique patterns using advanced algorithms.

### Going global

In recent years, China has eased its visa policy, making it easier

for tourists from abroad to visit. In 2025, the number of inbound and outbound travels by foreign nationals surpassed 82 million, up by 26.4 per cent year on year. The Hanfu craze has transcended national boundaries, captivating hearts worldwide. From the streets of Paris and Rome to the parks of Kuala Lumpur, the traditional Chinese attire has found a vibrant new life amidst the global celebrations of the Chinese New Year.

Recently, as dozens of individuals clad in the traditional garb of the Han Chinese paraded through the streets of Rome, it marked the third consecutive year that the event had drawn a sizable and enthusiastic crowd. Chen Yifang, one of the organisers, told Xinhua that Hanfu now served as a carrier of Chinese culture in Italy and the parade's growing

popularity signaled increasing recognition of Chinese traditions overseas.

"The enthusiasm for joining the parade is on the rise. Two months prior to the event, inquiries about this year's parade schedule had already begun flooding our social media group, which boasts over 250 members," Chen said. On the lifestyle social media platform rednote, there are tons of posts featuring foreigners rocking Hanfu, highlighting their love for this traditional Chinese attire.

El Mousselly Maroua, a Moroccan woman in her 20s, often posts photos of herself wearing Hanfu on Instagram. "True cultural treasures can stand the test of time, and they can return to people's lives in more fashionable ways," she said, when explaining her love of the traditional Chinese attire. **Xinhua**

## Tlokweg Constituency unveils magazine and website

### Keetile Bontsibokae MOLEPOLOLE

The Tlokweg Constituency office has launched a new magazine and website as part of efforts to advance Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa's vision of transforming Tlokweg into a smart mode village.

"The website is scheduled to go live before the end of March, while the magazine will officially launch in June," said one of the project coordinators, Trevor Poonyane.

He explained that the design process was collaborative, incorporating council minutes, community engagement

outcomes, and documentation of development initiatives.

The goal, he noted, was to ensure the platform accurately reflected ongoing progress and governance activities.

The strategic objective is to digitise and document the work of Member of Parliament, Pheny Segokgo, while enhancing transparency and communication with constituents.

Through the website, residents will be able to submit feedback, request meetings, invite the MP to community activities, and interact with constituency officers remotely.

The magazine, titled Tlokweg Times, will have online and print

version. Readers can purchase or access it digitally, while hard copies will circulate within the community and at strategic locations.

Content will highlight: Community development initiatives, local economic activity and investment opportunities, social lifestyle and cultural stories, infrastructure development updates, tourism potential and Profiles of local businesses and entrepreneurs

Poonyane emphasised that the platforms aimed to present a comprehensive outlook of Tlokweg's development trajectory, positioning the village as an emerging hub for

opportunity and community growth.

He added that both platforms were expected to generate employment directly through content creation, editorial work, photography, and digital administration, and indirectly by stimulating local business opportunities. Approximately P25 000 was allocated to support the website's development and initial magazine work.

"Ultimately, these platforms strengthen transparency, participation, and visibility of constituency development efforts," said Poonyane. **BOPA**



# TAFIC focus on surviving relegation

Keetile Bontsibokae  
**TLOKWENG**

Two goals in the first half by Emmanuel Timu against Black Lions on Saturday at Royal Aria stadium in Tlokwenng secured three valuable points for struggling TAFIC in the FNB Premier League.

The match ended with a 2-1 score line as Black Lions secured a consolation goal through substitute, Kevin Bulala in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Exploiting two defensive lapses and forcing errors, Timu converted a penalty in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute and doubled the lead with a clinical header in the 44<sup>th</sup>, silencing the home crowd.

The two teams, currently placed inches above the relegation zone and finding for survival came into the match separated by three points with Black Lions sitting on position 12 with 21 points while TAFIC follows closely with 18 points on position 13.

After the game the two teams, even though equal on 21 points, swapped positions as TAFIC has conceded less goals. The match was a tactical battle, as both teams are fighting to elude relegation.

Frustrated by the result, Coach Srdan Zivojnov of Black Lions declined a post-match interview, while on other hand Thatayaone Sonny of TAFIC was in a joyful

mood, as he celebrated the win with his team.

"This is a big win for us, especially after last weekend's loss. We played well in the first half, got our goals, and resisted their pressure in the second. We are happy with the three points," said Sonny.

Sonny emphasised that the team's mission remains survival.

"We are on the right track. A few games remain, and we will fight until the end," he said.

Elsewhere, in other FNB premier league encounters, Police XI edged Santa Green 1-0, leaving Santa Green second placed from bottom with 18 points while Gaborone United continued their dominance, thrashing Matebele FC 3-0 to extend their lead to 56 points, nine clear of second placed, Jwaneng Galaxy.

Extension Gunners beat Morupule Wanderers 2-1 but remained at the bottom of the log with 16 points.

Mochudi Centre Chiefs worsened the situation and continued Township Rollers losing streak with 2-0 defeat, cementing third place with 47 points whilst Nico United and Sua Flamingoes' shared spoils after making a 2-2 draw.

Orapa United humbled BDF XI 2-0. The Jwaneng Galaxy versus Calendar Stars fixture was postponed due to FA Cup commitments. **BOPA**



Vunani Annual Botswana Women Sports Awards founders, Portia Olopeng-Miilo (left) and Kesego Kebelaele-Okie (right) with Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Arts, Boineelo Hardy at a media briefing to announce sponsors and nominees in Gaborone on Thursday. The awards ceremony is scheduled for March 27. Photo: Felicity Male

# FISO dissolves and merge into UIPM

**GENEVA**

The Federation Internationale de Sports d'Obstacles (FISO), the world governing body for obstacle sport, voted on Sunday to dissolve and integrate into the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM).

Delegates approved the move during the 12<sup>th</sup> FISO Congress and World Obstacle General Assembly, with 96.2 per cent voting in favour and 3.8 percent abstaining.

No delegates opposed the motion. According to UIPM, the decision means it will become the sole global governing body for obstacle sports on August 10, 2026, following the final FISO World Championships.

The dissolution of FISO will also allow integration processes to proceed at national and regional levels. All national federations currently affiliated with FISO will transition to UIPM Member

Candidate status and operate under integration principles during a transition period running until December 31, 2027.

"As UIPM is the only IOC-recognised International Federation governing obstacle sports, the joining of the two sporting movements enables all pentathlon multisports and standalone obstacle sports to be considered for inclusion in future Olympic Games," UIPM said in a statement.

UIPM President Rob Stull said the decision marked a milestone for both sporting communities.

"This feels like a tremendously historic moment that validates more than a decade of hard work and collaboration between our movements.

The unification of pentathlon and obstacle communities is now, in international terms, complete," said Stull, an Olympic pentathlete. **Xinhua**

# Botswana Women Sports Awards announces nominees

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Vunani Annual Botswana Women Sports Awards has announced the fourth edition nominees ahead of its awards ceremony scheduled for March 27.

Speaking at nominee's announcement event recently, Ministry of Sport and Arts deputy permanent secretary, Boineelo Hardy said the announcement was more than just the revealing of nominees.

She said it represents recognition, inspiration and progress for women in sport in Botswana.

Female athletes, administrators, coaches and volunteers, she said continue to break barriers, challenge stereotypes and inspire the next generation to believe that

their dreams in sport are valid and achievable. She said the Ministry of Sport and Arts remains fully committed to the development and empowerment of women and girls in sport.

"Platforms such as these awards are critical because they highlight excellence, celebrate dedication and encourage greater participation of women at all levels of sport," she said. Co-Founder and Organiser of the Vunani Annual Botswana Women Sports Awards Portia Olopeng-Miilo said when they established the Vunani Annual Botswana Women Sports Awards, their goal was clear to recognise, celebrate and elevate the achievements of women in sport.

For many years, she said women had contributed immensely to the growth of sport in the country, as

athletes, administrators, coaches, officials and media professionals.

She said the awards exist to ensure that their dedication and excellence do not go unnoticed, adding that the platform was not just about trophies and recognition. She said it was about telling the stories of resilience, determination and success that inspire young girls across Botswana to believe that they too belong in sport.

The fourth edition categories and nominees are:

Sportswoman of the Year; Oratile Nowe - Athletics, Sethunya Buhle Majama - Athletics, Natalie Katlo Banda - Chess. Young Promising Athlete; Pine Moresele - Judo, Nalamalpu Saishanvi Reddy Chess, Same Mhutsiwa - Athletics. Sportswoman of the Year with Disability; Boitshepo Disele Paralympics, Omphile Bothasitse Tennis, Tlamele Mogomotsi Special Olympics. Coach of the Year; Grace Mmolai Boxing, Kebaphore Gakekgonwe Paralympics, Bonang Otlhagile-Mosetha Football. Umpire of the Year; Gaone Poane Tennis, Naledi Chabe Rugby, Ritalh Nthaga Table Tennis. Administrator of the Year; Sharon Keakae - Special Olympics, Daphne Rakobe - Basketball, and Game Mompe - Cycling. HeForShe Champion; Molefhi Obenne - Sports Administrator, Chilume Ntshwarang - Athletics. Team of the Year; Karate, Badminton, Tennis. Volunteer of the Year; Goseng Nkwe, Gorata Kokole. Champion for Equality; Absa Botswana, Choppies, and First National Bank Botswana. **BOPA**

# Mexico holds world's largest football class

**MEXICO CITY**

Mexico broke a Guinness World Record on Sunday by holding the world's largest football class, just months before the country hosts the FIFA World Cup for a record third time.

Guinness World Records judge Alfredo Arista confirmed the record set in Mexico City after 9 500 people participated in a 35-minute football lesson in the capital's main square, the Zocalo, smashing the previous record of 1 038 participants.

Mexico City Mayor Clara Brugada and Mexico's Secretary of Tourism Josefina Rodriguez led the class, accompanied by former football players Oscar 'Conejo' Perez, Miguel Espana, and Francisco 'Kikin' Fonseca, among others. The thousands of participants in the event came dressed in green, white or red jerseys - the colours of the national flag, bearing the slogan: The Ball is Coming Home, a reference to the two prior times Mexico has hosted the World Cup, in 1970 and 1986.

The Zocalo was transformed into a giant football pitch, with artificial turf carpeting the concrete plaza around the flagpole and the monumental national flag, surrounded by the historic buildings that line the square, including the National Palace and City Hall.

Soccer balls bounced around as participants practiced football moves and techniques such as the drop kick, shoulder feint, backheel and cushioning.

Ilse Aviles, a midfielder for the amateur Chilangas football team,

welcomed the event and government policies promoting the inclusion of women.

"The classes were very good, very organized, but today there really was so much energy, so much excitement among everyone," she said.

Mexico is set to cohost the 2026 FIFA World Cup in June and July of this year, along with the United States and Canada, becoming the first country in the world to host three World Cup tournaments.

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## Beach volleyball team wins gold

**GABORONE**

Botswana Beach Volleyball Team made the nation proud after winning gold at the CAVB Zone 6 Beach Volleyball 2nd Series held in Mozambique last week

The gold medal was won by Sekao Jack and George Chiswaniso after beating the

host Mozambique 2-0 in the final.

The junior team Trevor Mandua and Baleofi Mosiwa, also displayed a good performance only to be knocked out by Mozambique 2-0 in the quarterfinals.

Botswana Volleyball, vice president beach volleyball Pogiso Osupile said they were happy with the players' performance, given that they were preparing

for LA 28 Olympics, Nordic Beach Volleyball Competition to be hosted in Angola from April 5 to 13 and Africa Games Qualifiers.

"The junior team was knocked out in the quarterfinals by the senior team, that was beaten by Jack and George in the finals, that alone shows that we have depth," he said. **BOPA**



Botswana's beach volleyball duo, Sekao Jack (left) and George Chiswaniso (right) after winning gold at the CAVB Zone 6 Beach Volleyball 2<sup>nd</sup> Series in Mozambique recently. They defeated the hosts 2-0 in the final. With them is coach Agisanang Kurana.

## World Relays revive school sport nostalgia

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

The World Athletics Relays 50-day countdown event held at MmaMasire Grounds in Gaborone on Friday sparked memories of school sport, with athletes and spectators alike reminiscing about the good old days.

The event, which featured relay teams from different schools in Gaborone West, brought back memories of when school sport was a vital part of learning and a breeding ground for future international athletes.

Athletes ran barefooted on dusty track, marked with rhino light.

It was during school sport competitions, that coaches would scout for athletes to groom and represent the country on the international stage.


Olympic champion Letsile Tebogo is a testament to the importance of school sport, which was suspended in March 2020 due to disputes over teacher allowances and funding.

However, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng, has promised that school sport will resume soon, saying relevant ministries have agreed in principle to restart sports activities in schools.

Meanwhile, preparations for the World Athletics Relays are underway, with the Lefika International Relays and Golden Grand Prix serving as dry runs for the event.

Seven countries have confirmed their participation in the Lefika International Relays, scheduled for March 28 in Francistown.

World Athletics Relays Gaborone 26 Local Organising Committee chairperson, Martin Mokgwathi, promised a memorable event, saying the committee was prepared to host the world. **BOPA**



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