

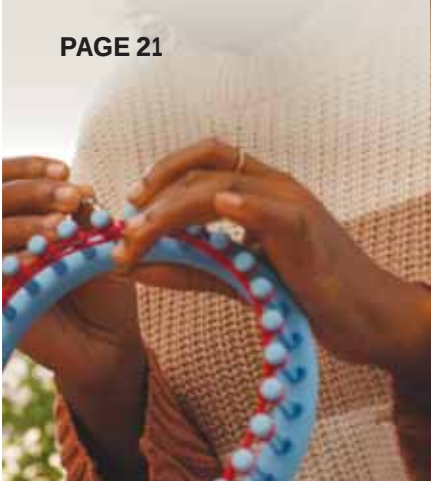
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Lorato Gaofise
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Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship Permanent Secretary, Mr Joel Ramaphoi

SADC Summit concludes

GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko is expected to return home today after participating in the 46th Ordinary Summit of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Heads of State and Government in Durban, South Africa.

According to a press release from the Ministry for International Relations the summit convened under the theme: Resilient, Sustainable and Inclusive Industrialisation through Infrastructure Development, Agricultural and Critical Minerals Transformation in Pursuit of a Just World.

The theme demonstrates the region's commitment to advancing industrialisation through the development of agriculture, infrastructure and critical minerals.

The Heads of State and Government reviewed progress on industrial development and economic integration and deliberated on political developments, peace and security matters.

They also among other issues, assessed the impact of geopolitical developments in the SADC region and the operationalisation of the SADC Regional Development Fund, which is aimed at financing and supporting development projects and programmes.

The 46th SADC Summit witnessed the handing over of the SADC chairpersonship from Zimbabwe President and outgoing SADC Chairperson, Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa, to South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa.

President Boko is accompanied by First Lady Kaone Boko, Minister for International Relations Dr Phenyi Butale, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Mr Nelson Ramaotwana, and senior government officials. **BOPA**

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Chombo seeks church support against harmful social norms

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

Religious institutions play a vital role in shaping communities through spiritual guidance, Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo has said.

Speaking at the wrap-up session of the second edition of the Men's Conference hosted by the Evangelical Fellowship of Botswana on Friday, Minister Chombo urged the clergy to partner with government in eradicating gender-

based violence (GBV) by breaking the silence, fighting harmful social norms and providing support to survivors.

"Government continues to play a key role in providing systemic change by passing protective laws, funding support services such as shelters and hotlines, reforming justice systems, and shifting social norms through public education as an enabler towards fighting GBV."

The minister encouraged members of the clergy to preach about the root causes of GBV and promote mutual respect from the pulpit through sermons and

mentorship, while reaching out to perpetrators to help them change their habits and attitudes.

For is part Colonel Basil Catanzaro of Warriors of Christ Kingdom - USA noted that primary prevention was a critical step in addressing GBV before it occurred, as it addressed root causes such as gender inequality

and harmful social norms.

He further outlined dismantling

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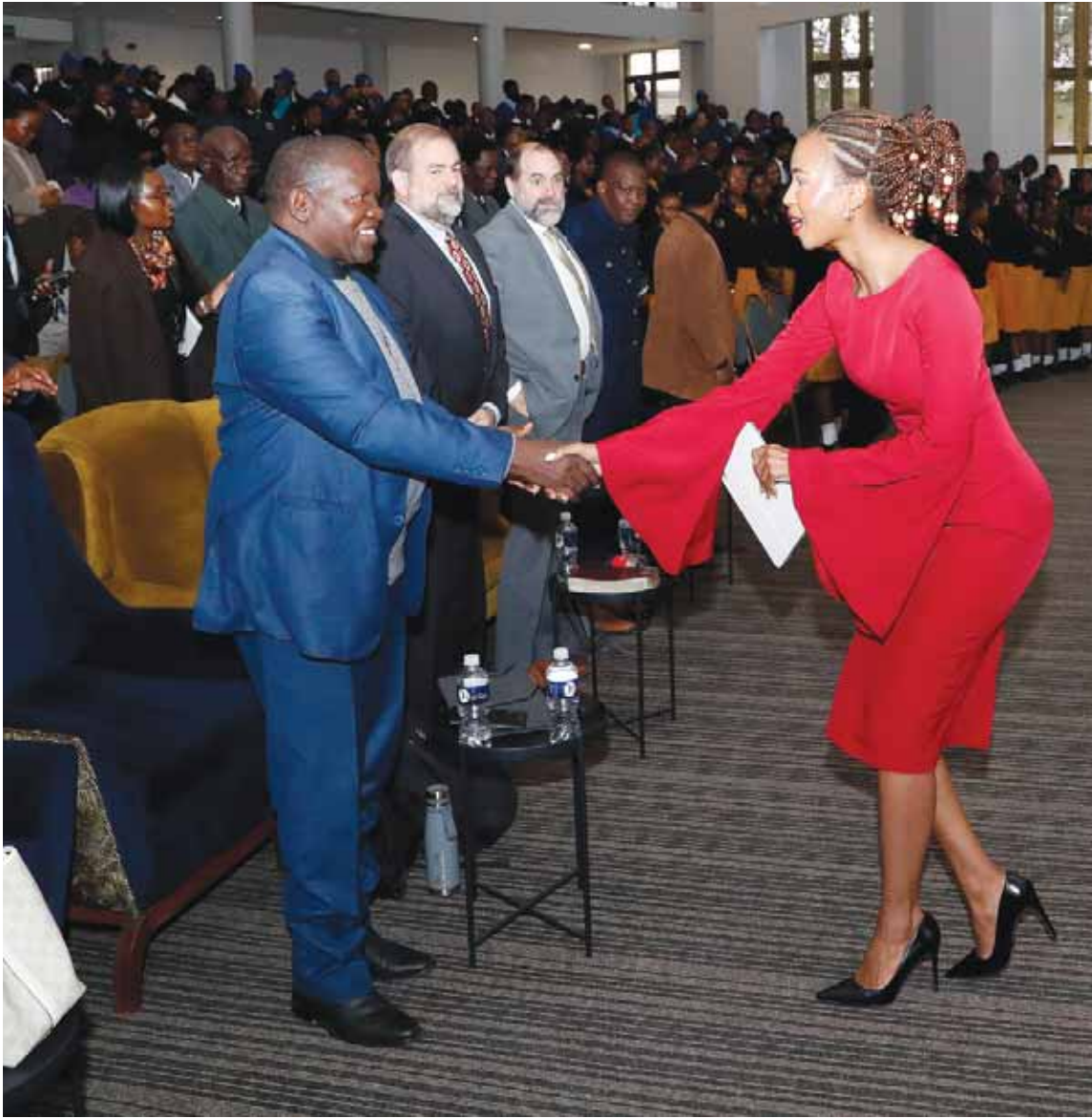
positive male role models who teach respect, emotional regulation and healthy masculinity.

"Without active guidance, abandoned young men may internalise destructive behaviors, increasing the risk of aggression, social alienation, and perpetrating violence against women."

He further implored the clergy to foster safe spaces for men to open up and discuss issues relating to emotional distress as a way of building their emotional intelligence.

"Men equate emotional suppression with strength while traditional scripts teach men that they should hold to decision-making power in relationships, fostering hostility when that perceived authority is challenged, ultimately fostering a violent environment."

Dr Sebata further reiterated the role of the church in using scripture to provide divine strength and wisdom to believers facing challenges in life. **BOPA**



Minister of Youth And Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (right), Evangelical Fellowship of Botswana (EFB) president Reverend David Seithamo (left) and Reverend Colonel Basil Catanzaro (third left) during EFB Mens Conference 2026 in Gaborone on Thursday. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

Motshegwa demands shift in execution of government plans

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

The Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa has challenged local authorities and ministry executives to prioritise service delivery and shift their focus from just planning or talking about goals to executing them with extreme speed, quality and efficiency.

Speaking at the forum for council chairpersons and mayors in Palapye on Thursday, Minister Motshegwa said leadership should possess the necessary pedigree to transform local economies.

He said leaders in the ministry from the level of mayors, council chairpersons and council secretaries should pass an honest verdict on their own performance.

While acknowledging that some competent leaders exist within the structures, minister Motshegwa expressed concern regarding widespread institutional delay, lack of traction on agreed programmes and an absolute absence of innovation.

"Sometimes I painfully doubt that we have competent leaders because of the procrastination and the lack of results in some of the activities and programmes we have agreed. There is no traction in some instances," he said.

Mr Motshegwa said in some instances, some council leaders did not even grasp what was happening within their own municipalities.

He said the era of long, decorative speeches was officially over, and was replaced by a strict focus on timely and decisive decision-making.

"All we want now is action, execution, and implementation. It is as simple as that. At the end of the day, we will not be adjudged by the speeches we made, but by the deeds and impact we made on the lives of the people," he said.

Mr Motshegwa also said poor deployment strategies was one of the root causes of government failure, high unemployment

and persistent poverty across Botswana.

He also criticised the systemic practice of deploying personnel into critical state roles without verifying their capability.

"One of the challenges of many organisations, including us as government, is that we simply just deploy people without regard for capability, excellence, and competence," he said.

"We want to leave this ministry with success, and for us to leave it with success, we need competent, merit-based people. There is no room for substandard performance," he added.

He challenged leaders to be proactive, innovative and results-oriented, while continuously acquiring knowledge and developing the capacity of those they lead.

He highlighted the importance of re-engineering organisational processes, linking strategy with practical tactics, strengthening a high-performance culture and prioritising activities that deliver measurable results.

He also called on councils to become more entrepreneurial and investor-friendly, particularly by identifying opportunities to generate revenue and attract investment into districts.

Acting permanent secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ms Tshepo Kebakile said the forum was aimed at refining and validating the draft strategy to ensure alignment with government priorities, Vision 2036, National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme. The strategy also takes into account functions recently transferred to the ministry during the restructuring phase.

She emphasised the need for district leaders to build consensus, strengthen ownership and commitment, and harmonise operations between traditional governance institutions and local authorities to improve service delivery. **BOPA**

Social protection to focus on impact and sustainability

Portia Keetile
KASANE

Chief of Staff, Dr Oupa Tsheko, has called for a comprehensive mindset shift in the implementation of the country's social protection programmes to ensure that government spending results in tangible improvements in beneficiaries' lives rather than perpetual dependency.

Addressing the Chobe District Development Committee on Friday, Dr Tsheko said government was not seeking to dismantle social safety nets, but would assess their effectiveness as part of the upcoming review of the social protection framework.

He said the ultimate objective was to ensure that beneficiaries' lives were fundamentally transformed through the programmes.

Dr Tsheko said the issue of

"government dipping" was multifaceted and extended beyond vulnerable populations, urging citizens to remain open-minded when scrutinising who benefited from state resources.

He advocated for increased local procurement, saying deliberate sourcing of goods and services from domestic suppliers could empower communities and stimulate sustainable economic growth.

Dr Tsheko also said community trusts would be thoroughly assessed during the review to determine how trust funds and other collective resources could be better reinvested in communities to create sustainable livelihoods.

Briefing the delegation, Chobe District Deputy Council Chairperson, Mr Mpho Sibanda, said restoring dignity to Batswana living in Chobe required a systematic approach to community

upliftment.

"DDP 9 aims to directly improve the quality of life and livelihoods of our people, hence identifying universal access to healthcare services is a pivotal intervention of the plan," he said.

Mr Sibanda said DDP 9 would focus on equitable service delivery, boosting regional productivity and fostering social cohesion.

He cited challenges in healthcare delivery, gaps in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and persistent supply chain deficiencies as some of the key hurdles affecting local governance and development.

Mr Sibanda said the Pandamatenga farms produced abundant grain annually, presenting an opportunity for local social services to procure food baskets directly from farmers. **BOPA**

Tighten financial controls - Mokefane

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) have been urged to strengthen their anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing and counter-proliferation financing controls as Botswana prepares for a critical mutual evaluation of its financial crime controls.

Speaking during the launch of the Sectoral Risk Assessment (SRA) Report for DFIs by the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) in Gaborone on Friday, Citizen Entrepreneurship Development Agency (CEDA) caretaker chief executive officer, Mr Khalala Mokefane, said DFIs should treat the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing Risk Assessment as a call to action rather than merely a reference document.

Mr Mokefane said every DFI should regard itself as a risk manager, with responsibility extending beyond compliance officers and internal audit.

He said boards of directors, chief executive officers, credit teams, procurement, project managers, finance, information and communications technology and frontline staff all had a role to play in identifying, managing, escalating and documenting risks.

“The SRA must not become a compliance document that ends with a launch. It must become a management tool that changes how we work,” he said.

Mr Mokefane said DFIs were custodians of millions of pula in public capital and development finance and funded businesses, projects, suppliers and communities, thereby creating exposure to money laundering and other financial crimes.

“If criminal networks want to hide, move or legitimise funds, they look for systems with weak controls, inconsistent due diligence, and gaps between policy and practice. And our sector can never be that point of entry,” he said.

He urged DFIs to interrogate the assessment findings and translate them into clear improvement plans that were prioritised, costed, assigned to responsible officials and monitored by boards.

Mr Mokefane also called for a stronger risk-based approach, including consistent customer risk assessments, credible understanding of beneficial ownership, appropriate handling

of politically exposed persons and enhanced due diligence where risks demanded it.

He said the upcoming Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Mutual Evaluation in 2027 should not be viewed as an event, but as a test of whether controls were properly designed, implemented, effective and sustainable.

“We cannot afford to repeat this chapter,” he stressed, recalling the consequences of heightened international scrutiny, including correspondent banking relationships, investor confidence, transaction delays and increased costs of doing business.

Mr Mokefane said CEDA had been informed by the Ministry of Finance that the institution should prepare not to receive its usual government subvention, making it necessary for CEDA to look beyond government funding to remain financially sustainable.

He said strong anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing and counter-proliferation financing governance measures were therefore critical to building trust and ensuring that CEDA remained compliant with the requirements of the Financial Intelligence Agency Act.

Meanwhile, Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) chief risk officer, Mr Botshelo Mokotedi, said BDC welcomed the assessment as an opportunity to develop a mitigation plan addressing the risks and gaps identified.

He reaffirmed BDC’s commitment to strengthening financial integrity and safeguarding development resources.

He said financial crime risk management must remain forward-looking, noting that DFIs occupied a distinctive position in supporting industrial development, economic diversification and employment creation.

Mr Mokotedi said BDC’s exposure did not necessarily arise from cash transactions, but from complex ownership structures, significant transaction values and the businesses it financed.

He said verification of beneficial ownership, compliance discipline and monitoring of disbursed funds were important in managing the risks.

Mr Mokotedi said BDC had identified areas requiring further strengthening, including the positioning of the compliance function, beneficial ownership analysis, enhanced due diligence, and country and jurisdiction risk.

He said monitoring should continue throughout the financing life cycle, including the use of funds, material changes in ownership structures and third-party payments.

Mr Mokotedi said BDC would also progressively enhance automation, data and data analytics to become more timely, consistent and responsive while improving its risk profile.

He called for greater collaboration among DFIs, security and law enforcement agencies and other institutions, saying the assessment was “the beginning” of a process to develop a mitigation response to the identified risks.

He said financial integrity and development finance integrity were important in strengthening the confidence of government, funders and partners in Botswana’s development finance institutions.

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Minister Mohwasa inspecting the BDF Intake 84 of 2026 parade during a private basic military training pass out parade in Pandamatenga recently. Photo: Portia Keetile

A total of 299 soldiers graduate in basic military training

Portia Keetile
PANDAMATENGA

The completion of a six-month basic military training course by 299 non-commissioned officers of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) is a result of discipline, endurance, sacrifice and a willingness of young Batswana to render service to country above comfort.

Officiating at the officers’ pass-out parade last week, Minister for State President, Defence and Security Mr Moeti Mohwasa commended the graduates for their resilience and patriotism.

“It is an obligation to uphold the honour of the uniform, to protect our people and remain faithful to the values upon which the defence force has been built most importantly its reputation,” he said as he encouraged them to carry the spirit of patriotism as they entered a new chapter of their stay in the army.

The minister stated that it was essential for the BDF to respect its history, prepare for the future and preserve what worked while reforming what was unviable and

respond to the changing security environment.

He said government, through NDP12, placed governance, peace and security among critical enablers of national transformation.

Furthermore, he pointed out that government had identified the strengthening of border security through technology, upgraded aviation infrastructure and stronger strategic partnerships as priorities for national security.

Mr Mohwasa stressed that government appreciated the efforts of the BDF leadership to strengthening the welfare of personnel, modernising military capabilities and improving institutional effectiveness.

He called on soldiers to resist alcohol and drug abuse, gender-based violence and financial imprudence but rather become models of change and discipline in the society.

The best overall awardee, Private Onkutule Kelesaleitse expressed his joy and pride over the opportunity of becoming a soldier.

He stated that becoming a soldier was a dream come true for him as

he grew up in his home village of Paje witnessing soldiers at the BDF camp on parade, marching and displaying morale and discipline, which sparked in him a desire to join the military.

However, he stated that military training was a challenge, physically and mentally but that he had remained resolute through the guidance of the course instructors.

Private Kelesaleitse stated that having been raised in a family with mostly men, he had relied on the values of hard work, discipline and determination that he possessed hence he emerged the finest of all the 299.

For her part, the best in physical training and endurance, Private Mosamarea Moilwa, said she was thrilled to have received the award, which she said she had worked hard to achieve.

Private Moilwa attributed her excellence to her course instructors who believed in her even on days that she wanted to give up.

The 299 non-commissioned, constituting Intake 84 of 2026, officers comprised 91 females and 208 males. **BOPA**

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Mr Ramaphoi said the assessment provided a dynamic and interactive framework for understanding money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing risks within DFIs.

He said the assessment would be updated annually and adjusted whenever necessary to ensure alignment with evolving technologies, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) guidelines and emerging threats.

The Permanent Secretary said key findings showed that DFIs

were characterised by high-volume lending, often concentrated in large projects, while the financing of legal persons could obscure beneficial ownership.

He expressed concern that exposure to prominent and high-net-worth individuals increased DFIs’ susceptibility to misuse.

“Fraud and tax evasion were also noted, though largely consumed directly without evidence of laundering,” he added.

Mr Ramaphoi said the findings also pointed to governance and compliance weaknesses, including compliance functions that were not independent, limited resources and manual auditing processes that undermined timely detection.

He said staff training and integrity measures were also inconsistent.

Mr Ramaphoi urged DFIs to ensure that their manuals, policies, processes and procedures were regularly reviewed because risks evolved continuously.

“If you do a manual today, three years down the line what is covering that manual may not be relevant,” he said. Risk management, he said, must be ingrained in the daily operations of institutions and should not be undertaken simply because it was required by the regulator.

Mr Ramaphoi said leadership should not shy away from acknowledging weaknesses, but should confront them directly, strengthen systems and rebuild trust. He said the findings openly admitted shortcomings, framed the

issue as a leadership responsibility and turned vulnerability into a call for reform.

“These factors point to a moderate exposure to money laundering,” he said. Furthermore, Mr Ramaphoi said the moderate rating did not mean there were no underlying risks that had yet to be exposed.

For that reason, he said, the launch of the assessment was not the end, but the beginning of a continuous journey requiring vigilance, collaboration and accountability.

Mr Ramaphoi also said Botswana would face a critical test during the FATF Mutual Evaluation in 2027, which would assess how the country had strengthened its anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing and counter-proliferation financing frameworks since 2017 and subsequent follow-up reports. He therefore called for a balance between risk-taking and safeguarding institutions against misuse.

Mr Ramaphoi said entrepreneurship involved risk-taking, adding that risk was not something to be feared, but something to be understood, managed and harnessed. He said organisations did not have risk on their own, but that leaders exposed them to risk through the decisions they made.

“Together we safeguard integrity. Together we support sustainable growth, and together we can advance the Botswana Suspicion Agenda,” he added. **BOPA**

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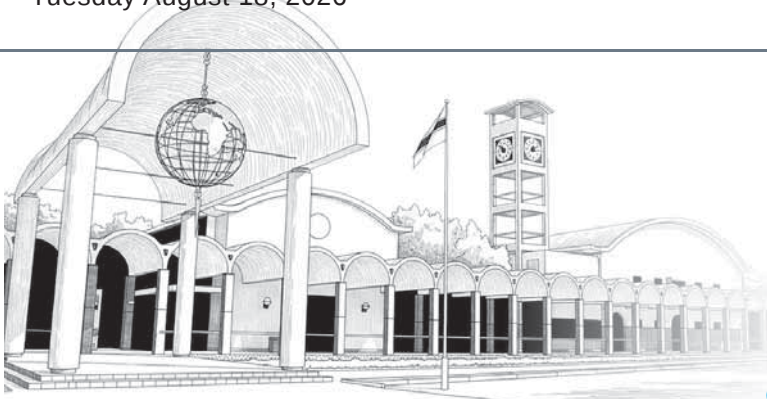
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PARLIAMENT 2026

Briefs

Govt targets December deadline to pay BDF veterans

A total of 8 951 Botswana Defence Force members are set to benefit from the BDF Transfer Value adjustment, with government pledging to have all living veterans and beneficiaries paid by the end of this year. Responding to a parliamentary question on Friday, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, said 5 979 claims had been identified from separated members by the Accountant General as qualified and deserving. A further 2 972 active BDF members were also eligible for pension record adjustments, according to Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund records. “As of 31st July 2026, 4 537 claims had already been paid. This represents over 75 per cent of all deserving veterans who separated through retirement, death and withdrawals,” Mr Mohwasa told Parliament. Of those paid, 4 277 were retirees, 226 were death claims and 34 were withdrawals. Some 1 442 claims for separated members remain outstanding. The minister said government has so far disbursed P2.7 billion to fund administrators for the payment of claims since the project began. “There were in the past, some humanitarian appeals, some of which were compassionately positively considered. But the overwhelming majority of claimants were paid not based on any conditions,” he said. Mr Mohwasa noted that the 2 972 active members’ pension records also needed to be appropriately adjusted. He said government’s intention was to complete payments to all living veterans and beneficiaries by December 2026. However, payments to beneficiaries of deceased veterans may take longer due to the lengthy process of estate distribution. The minister acknowledged several challenges slowing the process, including locating files of some retirees, verification of members’ banking details, and incomplete information required for death claims calculations. “However, the challenges are surmountable and unlikely to alter our target,” he said, adding that the Ministry of Finance had provided funding to ensure payments continue uninterrupted. Mr Mohwasa was responding to Tati East MP, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture, who asked for an update on the payment of retired soldiers. Mr Furniture sought details on the number of beneficiaries, how many had been paid, how many remained, the total amount spent, and whether payments were prioritized based on individual hardship. The Transfer Value adjustment seeks to correct pension discrepancies for BDF members and ensure that both retired and serving personnel receive their rightful benefits.

Selebi Phikwe East allocates 1 907 residential plots

A total of 1 907 residential plots have been allocated in Selebi Phikwe East since 2022. Answering a question in Parliament on Friday, the Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai said out of this number, 982 comprised of SHHA plots while 925 were plots allocated by the Department of Lands. Furthermore, he said 406 residential plots were scheduled for allocation in the current financial year; with 155 for SHAA and 251 by Department of Lands, while 43 plots will be reserved for appeals. Mr Motsamai further said the layout design and land surveying for Mekoro were finalised in 2009 with the contract awarded for land servicing within the area. He said the contract was terminated due to non-performance; with a new contractor appointed following legal proceedings and the project completed in 2020. However, he said the land servicing process led to layout contamination, necessitating the reconfiguration and resurveying of certain plots; further contributing to the delays in plots allocation. He was responding to a question from the MP for Selebi Phikwe East, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana, who had asked the minister to appraise Parliament on the status of residential plots allocation in Selebi Phikwe East.

Ministry and council partner to maintain road

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure has collaborated with Moshupa District Council to assist with the grading of Moshupa-Tshwane-Ralekgetho-Pitseng road. Answering a question in Parliament on Friday, the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae said the collaboration was in recognition of the significant economic benefit of this road. He said his ministry maintained its gravel road networks through inhouse dry grading teams on a quarterly basis. However, Mr Salakae said the ministry had not been able to achieve grading routine in Moshupa district due to breakdown of the grader. The minister was responding to a question from the MP for Moshupa/Manyana, Mr Karabo Gare who had asked the minister to state the ministry’s intent measures to undertake the Moshupa-Tshwane-Ralekgetho-Pitseng road usable and safe for motorists.

Parliament rejects Electoral Amendment Bill

Esther Mmolai
GABORONE

Parliament on Thursday rejected the Electoral Amendment Bill 2026, saying a piecemeal approach to electoral reforms was not ideal and that government should instead conduct a holistic review of the entire Electoral Act.

Tabled by Leader of Opposition and MP for Maun North, Mr Dumelang Saleshando, the Bill sought to amend the Electoral Act to allow counting of ballots for both parliamentary and council elections at polling districts and to mandate the use of transparent ballot boxes to improve transparency.

Debating the Bill, Minister of Higher Education and MP for Tswapong North, Mr Prince Maele, said while the proposed amendments were ‘very critical’, government was already in the process of reviewing the entire Electoral Act following agreements reached at the recent All Party Conference.

“Yes the identified amendments can help improve the process because we experience delays in counting of ballots for parliamentary candidates. Ballot boxes have to be transported to the counting centre but we should appreciate that the government is at the moment reviewing the whole act,” Mr Maele said. He added that general elections built the nation if conducted credibly and transparently, but could ‘destroy’ if they were unfair. He noted the proposed amendments were among issues raised at the All Party Conference. MP for Mahalapye West, Mr David Tshere, also supported the intent of the Bill but argued it would not be prudent to amend the Act in pieces. “Some of us are wounded because of the irregularities we observed during

elections, hence we support the proposed bill that it will indeed help dispel any suspicions and reflect the highest standards of fairness.

But we believe that party observers should be there at the registration stage before voting and therefore all the issues require a holistic approach,” he said.

Assistant Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti, MP for Gaborone Bonnington North, also threw her weight behind the Bill but urged that the entire Act be amended. “This is something we have been singing as opposition parties and we believe a holistic review of the act will do not to amend in pieces,” she said, adding that a technical committee had been appointed to look into the matter. Minister of Water and Human Settlement and MP for Palapye,

Mr Onneetse Ramogapi, concurred that the reforms were long overdue but insisted a piecemeal amendment was



MP for Maun North
Mr Dumelang Saleshando

not ideal. MP for Gamalete, Mr Boniface Mabeo, said the Bill was relevant as it sought to improve efficiency and ensure transparency. He noted that in the last general elections some constituencies took three days to complete counting of ballots for parliamentary candidates. “Counting at polling stations promotes speed and cost effectiveness as the vote counting could start as soon as the polling stations closed and results could be released faster than at a counting centre.

Not only does the bill demonstrate transparency but it can also enhance public confidence,” he said. The mover of the Bill expressed disappointment with Parliament’s decision, accusing legislators of lacking ‘honesty, integrity and consistency’.

Mr Saleshando argued that while a full review of the Act was not wrong, the identified elements should be prioritised ahead of bye-elections expected this year. “Elections are the pillar of democracy; hence they should reflect the highest standards of credibility, fairness and free elections as well as public confidence in the democratic process,” he said.

He told Parliament that international observers including the SADC Parliamentary Forum, African Union and the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa had recommended transparent ballot boxes and counting at polling districts to avoid logistical challenges. “By prioritising and amending the proposed Section 53 and Section 69 of the Electoral Act, we can foster more inclusive trustworthy electoral environment that encourages free and fair elections as well as higher voter turnout,” Mr Saleshando said. **BOPA**

Chobe/Kavango region records over 200 earthquakes

GABORONE

The Chobe-Kavango Region recorded a total of 221 earthquakes between 2014 and 2025.

Answering a question in Parliament on Thursday on behalf of the Minister of Minerals and Energy, the Minister of Communication and Innovation Mr David Tshere said the earthquakes occurred within the area between latitudes 17.5°S and 21°S and longitudes 20.5°E and 26°E.

Mr Tshere said the recorded seismic events comprised 19 earthquakes with magnitudes ranging from 4.0 degrees to 4.6 degrees, 40 earthquakes between 3.0 degrees and 3.9 degrees, 155 earthquakes between 2.0 degrees and 2.9 degrees and seven earthquakes ranging from 1.7 degrees to 1.9 degrees.

The minister said studies by the Department of Geological Surveys had shown that seismic activity in the Chobe/Kavango Region was associated with the Kunyere and Thamalakane faults, whose geological trends influenced tectonic plate movement and the impoundment of Okavango

Delta inflows from the Angolan highlands. He added that research by the Okavango Research Institute (ORI) indicated that seismic activity could affect hydrological cycles, drainage patterns, habitat distribution and species resilience over the long term, with implications for biodiversity and ecosystem stability.

Mr Tshere said other studies have linked the region’s active faulting to the southwestern extension of the East African Rift System, which altered the historical course of the Okavango River into the former Lake Makgadikgadi.

He said ORI, in collaboration with the University of the Witwatersrand, continued to conduct multidisciplinary studies to better understand the relationship between long-term seismic activity, seasonal water inflows, sediment loading, topography, tectonics and evaporation dynamics in the Okavango Delta. The minister noted that earthquakes recorded in the Chobe-Kavango Region were generally of low to moderate magnitude and do not pose an

immediate threat to residential developments. However, he stressed that continuous monitoring remained essential for detecting changes in seismic patterns and informing the design of critical infrastructure.

Mr Tshere said the Botswana Geoscience Institute currently monitored earthquakes through its network of 21 autonomous seismic stations, known as the Botswana Seismological Network, to support earthquake-resilient infrastructure.

He said these efforts were aimed at reducing vulnerability, strengthening resilience and protecting both communities and biodiversity from the impacts of seismic events. The minister was responding to a question from Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga, who had sought clarification on the number of earthquakes and earth tremors recorded in the region during the period.

Mr Mapulanga also sought information on the impact of the seismic activity on biodiversity and ecosystems, as well as measures in place to mitigate its effects on human lives and wildlife. **BOPA**



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The Corporate Services Manager is responsible for leading and managing the Society's Corporate Services function, including Human Resources, Administration, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Public Relations and Marketing, Procurement oversight, Facilities Management and General Administration. The position ensures that corporate support services are efficient, compliant and aligned with the strategic objectives of the Society, on a 3-5 years fixed term contract.

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be responsible for, among others:

- Providing strategic leadership for Corporate Services and ensuring efficient service delivery.
- Managing Human Resource functions including recruitment, onboarding, employee relations, performance management, training and policy implementation.
- Overseeing administration, facilities management and office operations.
- Ensuring effective management and utilisation of ICT resources and systems.
- Providing oversight of the Society's marketing, branding and public relations initiatives.
- Managing procurement administration and ensuring compliance with procurement policies.
- Developing and implementing corporate policies, procedures and service standards.
- Coordinating corporate planning and reporting within the division.
- Managing budgets for Corporate Services and ensuring prudent utilisation of resources.
- Building productive relationships with regulators, suppliers, service providers and other stakeholders.
- Ensuring compliance with employment legislation, organisational policies and regulatory requirements.

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants should possess:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Human Resource Management, Finance or a related discipline.
- A minimum of five (5) to eight (8) years' relevant experience in corporate services, administration or office management, with at least three years in a management position.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Human Resource Management, ICT governance, facilities management and administration.

Competencies

- Strategic Leadership
- People Management
- Decision Making and Problem Solving
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Customer Focus
- Planning and Organising
- Accountability and Integrity

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2. RISK & COMPLIANCE MANAGER (1 Position)

Reports to: Management Board (Administrative reporting to the Chief Executive Officer)

Main Purpose of the Position

The Risk & Compliance Manager is responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining the Society's enterprise risk management and compliance framework. The position provides independent oversight of organisational risks, ensures compliance with applicable legislation and regulatory requirements, and promotes a strong culture of governance, ethics and accountability throughout the Society, on a 3-5 years fixed term contract.

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Developing and implementing the Society's Enterprise Risk Management Framework.
- Conducting enterprise-wide risk assessments and recommending mitigation measures.
- Monitoring compliance with the Co-operative Societies Act, Financial Intelligence Act, Data Protection Act and other applicable legislation.
- Developing and reviewing risk management and compliance policies.
- Monitoring emerging regulatory developments and advising Management and the Board.
- Preparing risk and compliance reports for Management and the Board.
- Coordinating internal compliance reviews and investigations.
- Facilitating compliance awareness and risk management training.
- Supporting business continuity planning and organisational resilience.
- Liaising with regulators and external stakeholders on compliance matters.

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants should possess:

- Bachelor's Degree in Law, Business Administration, Finance or a related field.
- A minimum of five (5) to eight (8) years' relevant experience in Risk Management, Compliance, Internal Audit or Governance.
- Sound knowledge of regulatory requirements applicable to financial institutions.
- Experience in enterprise risk management, compliance monitoring and policy development.

Competencies

- Enterprise Risk Management
- Regulatory Compliance
- Analytical and Critical Thinking
- Governance and Ethics
- Leadership
- Report Writing
- Communication and Stakeholder Management

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3. INTERNAL AUDITOR (1 Position)

Reports to: Risk & Compliance Manager

Main Purpose of the Position

The Internal Auditor provides independent and objective assurance on the effectiveness of governance, risk management and internal control systems.

The incumbent will evaluate financial, operational and compliance processes and recommend improvements that strengthen accountability, safeguard assets and enhance organisational performance, on a 3-5 years fixed term contract.

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Develop and implement risk-based internal audit plans.
- Conduct financial, operational and compliance audits.
- Evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls.

- Assess compliance with legislation, policies and procedures.
- Prepare comprehensive audit reports and present findings to Management and the Board.
- Monitor implementation of audit recommendations.
- Conduct fraud risk assessments and investigations where necessary.
- Support continuous improvement of governance and risk management processes.
- Liaise with external auditors and regulatory authorities.

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants should possess:

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or related discipline.
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), CPA or equivalent professional qualification will be an added advantage.
- Registration with the Botswana Accountancy Oversight Authority (where applicable).
- Minimum of three (3) years' relevant auditing experience.
- Sound knowledge of IFRS, internal auditing standards and governance frameworks.

Competencies

- Internal Auditing
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- Report Writing
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FMD case before Court

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Gaborone High Court will today hear an urgent application filed by feedlotter JS Beef (Pty) Ltd and Primefast (Pty) Ltd, who are seeking to set aside administrative decisions imposing Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) control measures and animal movement prohibitions.

The country's two largest feedlotter claim that the current controls were crippling their operations and causing catastrophic losses through no fault of their own, despite efforts to mitigate the impact.

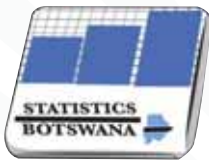
Seeking interim relief recently, pending a review application and the expiry of the statutory notice period, the applicants argue that the case centered on the lawfulness of actions taken by the Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale, following the FMD outbreak in January this year.

In their filings, feedlotter cite the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti and Dr Segale as the first and second respondents respectively. The companies claim that they made several attempts to engage and consult both officials, but were ignored. "They irrationally and indeed unreasonably, failed to engage and consult with the applicants," the papers state.

The feedlotter stressed that they were not challenging the state's authority to control animal disease, noting that their objection was to the way the orders were issued without consultation or fair process. Instead, they proposed scientifically supported and less restrictive alternatives that could protect both animal health and the beef industry from devastating consequences. Fending off the lawsuit before Justice Onkemetse Tshosa, government maintained that the FMD control measures and movement prohibitions were lawful and taken in the public interest. In an answering affidavit, government stated that Section 52 of the Constitution gave the minister executive authority to act for the public good.

Dismissing claims of economic harm as speculative, government argued that the overall impact of FMD was far greater than what the feedlotter stated, adding that the applicants were not entitled to interim relief. "Claims of irreparable harm and damage to Botswana beef industry are speculative and not supported by evidence," reads the affidavit.

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Kanye to host Pula Day commemoration

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

Kanye will on August 24 host a landmark Pula Day commemoration under the theme: Pula le Thebe: Shielding Wealth, Nurturing Inclusive Growth, an occasion that will mark fifty years since Botswana asserted full monetary sovereignty with the introduction of its national currency on August 23, 1976.

According to Bank of Botswana's public education manager Ms Gaone Motsumi, at independence in 1966, Botswana remained a member of the Rand Monetary Area. The South African Rand served as the country's legal tender, and Botswana had no independent monetary, exchange-rate or interest-rate policy.

On September 6, 1974, founding President Sir Seretse Khama announced the decision to withdraw from the Rand Monetary Area. This bold step, taken against the advice of some international institutions, required the creation of a central bank and a national currency.

The Bank of Botswana was established in July 1975 under the leadership of its first Governor, Mr Christopher Hermans. After extensive preparatory work - including a public opinion poll

that overwhelmingly endorsed the names - the Pula and Thebe were launched on August 23, 1976. The Pula (meaning "rain" or "blessings") and its subunit the Thebe (meaning "shield") replaced the Rand at parity. An

initial 100-day exchange period was provided, during which the new currency was enthusiastically received by the public.

In a semi-arid land where rain is scarce and precious, naming the currency "Pula" was a profound

cultural statement. Rain brings life, sustenance and hope. The Thebe represents protection and defence of that which sustains the nation.

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Francistown business expo eyes economic growth

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The fifth annual Francistown Business Expo will take place on 21 August 21 to 22 2026 at Cresta Marang Gardens under the theme: Transforming Today, Empowering Tomorrow: Building a High-Income Botswana Together.

Speaking at a press conference in Francistown on August 13, LBN Consulting chief executive officer and the expo's founder, Mr Lawrence Ntsimanyana said the expo was started with a simple idea that Francistown deserved a strong, credible and sustainable business platform of its own.

Five years later, that platform has grown into a space where SMMEs meet new customers, corporates engage entrepreneurs, and government, the private sector and business owners have meaningful conversations.

Mr Ntsimanyana said last year's expo attracted 42 exhibitors and approximately 1 200 visitors.

The 2026 edition, he said, was a deliberate response to Botswana's current economic status, adding that the national conversation was now about economic diversification, jobs, entrepreneurship, investment, industrialisation and building a private sector capable of driving growth. "The Expo therefore

seeks to move from conversation to action by bringing together government, businesses, investors, entrepreneurs, young people and development partners," he said.

He linked this year's expo directly to government's national transformation agenda under President Advocate Duma Boko.

"The administration's True North is a high-income Botswana that is digitally enabled, export-driven and economically diversified, with citizens employed, empowered and fulfilled," said Mr Ntsimanyana.

He said that vision was anchored in National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). According to him, government could create policies

and programmes, but businesses must invest, entrepreneurs must build, industries must produce, and the private sector must create sustainable jobs.

He explained that the BETP's priority areas were agriculture, manufacturing, infrastructure, financial services, digitalisation, tourism, energy, water, mining, education, healthcare and social protection, all of which he said would be represented at the expo through its conference, exhibition and side events.

"President Boko has emphasised the need to move Botswana beyond excessive dependence on diamonds and towards a more diversified, productive and private sector-led economy and that transformation cannot happen only in Gaborone,"

Mr Ntsimanyana added.

For him, the Francistown Business Expo was no longer simply an event, but Francistown's contribution to the national economic transformation agenda.

He told journalists that the 2026 programme would introduce two major additions.

On its first day, the expo will host a Hybrid Business Conference featuring policymakers, CEOs, investors, entrepreneurs and development partners. Sessions will cover investment, entrepreneurship, mining, innovation, leadership, regional trade, competitive African cities, branding and economic transformation.

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Market Day initiative boosts local enterprises

HUKUNTSI - The market day initiative has been hailed as a positive step towards promoting local talent and creating greater visibility for entrepreneurs across Kgalagadi North. Held in Hukuntsi on Friday under the theme: Modernisation of Tradition to Create Everyday Living, the initiative brought together local entrepreneurs to showcase their products, talents and traditional skills. Delivering the keynote address, Botswana Savings Bank branch manager Ms Tabuya Nawa, said the initiative provided entrepreneurs with a platform to showcase their talents and products while encouraging communities to support local businesses. Ms Nawa said the market day had created a platform for entrepreneurs to showcase their talents and urged them to work together and build partnerships that could strengthen their businesses. **BOPA**

China retail sales up 2.6 per cent

BEIJING - China's total retail sales of goods and services, a major indicator of the country's consumption strength, increased by 2.6 per cent year on year in the first seven months of 2026, official data showed on Monday. Retail sales of services increased by 5 per cent in the January-July period from a year earlier, while that of goods rose by 1.1 per cent, according to data released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). In the first seven months of the year, total retail sales of consumer goods reached ¥28.8 trillion (about UDS4.24 trillion), up by 1.2 per cent year on year, the data revealed. From January to July, online retail sales of goods and services reached ¥11.7 trillion, an increase of 4.8 percent year on year. **Xinhua**

Relations spur rural development

JOHANNESBURG - Growing agricultural cooperation with China is opening up new opportunities for South Africa's farming sector, giving fresh impetus to production and rural economic development, an industry representative has said. In an interview with **Xinhua**, Andre van der Vyver, executive director of the South African Cereals and Oilseeds Trade Association, called enhancing cooperation with China "very important." "It is a reliable market that we can depend on over the medium to long term," he said. Under the cooperation, exports would encourage production and add more value to the local economy, specifically the regional and rural economies, he said. China, a major soybean importer, offers South African producers access to a large and diversified market, van der Vyver said. **Xinhua**

Francistown business expo eyes economic growth

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The goal, Mr Ntsimanyana said, was for delegates to leave with knowledge, relationships, contacts and opportunities.

On August 22, the expo will launch a Ministerial Youth Entrepreneurship Town Hall.

The free platform will be jointly led by Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima and Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi.

He explained that discussions would focus on funding, access to markets, government programmes, tourism opportunities, entrepreneurship policy, innovation and job creation.

At the core of the expo remains the Business Exhibition. Corporates, SMMEs, NGOs, startups, and businesses from agriculture, tourism, technology, manufacturing, creative industries, food processing and environmental sectors are expected to exhibit.

Mr Ntsimanyana noted that what many small businesses needed was not another workshop, but a customer, a market, visibility and the right connection.

The 2026 Expo is supported by Gambling Authority, Diagnofirm,

BTC and Access Bank Botswana.

The Gambling Authority CEO, Mr Moruntshi Kemorwale, will also participate in business conversations. Strategic partners include Quick Click Consulting and other collaborators who have contributed expertise, networks and resources.

Mr Ntsimanyana said looking beyond 2026, the organisers aimed to grow the Francistown Business Expo into a recognised regional business and investment platform connecting Botswana with Zimbabwe, South Africa, Zambia, Namibia, ESwatini and the wider African continent.

Impact will be measured not only by visitor numbers, but by deals, investments, partnerships and contracts secured.

Mr Ntsimanyana called on the business community to participate, on entrepreneurs to showcase, on corporates to identify businesses to procure from, on investors to discover opportunities, and on young entrepreneurs to use the Town Hall to make their voices heard.

He also urged residents of Francistown and northern Botswana to attend, walk through the stalls, ask questions, buy products and build partnerships.

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Together they form a powerful national metaphor that continues to resonate: the blessings of prosperity must be shielded so that they can nurture inclusive growth.

Ms Motsumi explained that Botswana's monetary policy framework had evolved through distinct phases, each reflecting the country's growing institutional capacity and economic maturity.

In the early years after 1976, the Pula was pegged to the US dollar. In 1980 it was linked to a basket comprising the South African Rand and the IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR). Discrete adjustments were made from time to time to protect competitiveness and foreign reserves, notably during the diamond market crisis of the early 1980s.

"A major shift occurred in the early 1990s with the introduction of Bank of Botswana Certificates, marking the move toward market-based liquidity management. Exchange controls were progressively liberalised and fully abolished in 1999. Transparency improved with the publication of the first annual Monetary Policy Statement in 1998," Ms Motsumi said.

The current framework, introduced in May 2005, is a crawling peg (or crawling band) regime. The Pula is pegged to a trade-weighted basket currently weighted 50 per cent to the

South African Rand and 50 per cent to the SDR. The nominal effective exchange rate is adjusted gradually each day according to the forecast inflation differential between Botswana and its trading partners. The explicit objective is to maintain a broadly stable real effective exchange rate, thereby supporting the competitiveness of domestic producers and advancing economic diversification.

Today the primary objective of monetary policy is price stability, defined as inflation within the medium-term objective range of 3-6 per cent. The Monetary Policy Rate serves as the key policy instrument, supported by open-market operations, a standing facilities corridor and a forward-looking approach guided by inflation forecasts, the rate of crawl, growth prospects and financial-stability considerations.

Bank of Botswana has long recognised that monetary sovereignty is strengthened when citizens understand and take ownership of their currency and the policies that underpin it. Public education forms an important pillar of this effort.

Ms Motsumi said the Bank continued to work closely with the public to deepen appreciation of the Pula, the role of the central bank, and the broader economic issues that affected everyday life. "Through outreach programmes, educational materials and

community engagements, the Bank seeks to equip Batswana with knowledge about the security features of banknotes, the importance of savings, inflation and the meaning of monetary policy."

Such efforts help protect the currency against counterfeiting, promote financial literacy and reinforce the sense that the Pula belongs to the nation as a whole.

As Botswana marks half a century of the Pula, the theme: Pula le Thebe: Shielding Wealth, Nurturing Inclusive Growth captures both the achievement and the unfinished work. The foreign exchange reserves built over decades represent the "shield" that has protected the economy through external shocks. The challenge now is to ensure that the blessings of that wealth continue to nurture broad-based, inclusive growth that reaches every Motswana.

The gathering in Kanye on August 24 will not merely be a commemorative event, but a reaffirmation of a national journey that began with a courageous decision in 1974 and continues today through prudent policy, institutional strength and the collective ownership of a currency that carries both the name of rain and the symbol of the shield. The event will be officiated by Vice President and Minister of Finance Mr Ndaba Gaolathe. **BOPA**





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Anti-Financial Crime Bills to strengthen framework

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Parliament recently passed two key bills aimed at tightening Botswana’s defences against money laundering and terrorist financing: the Financial Intelligence (Amendment) Bill and the Trust Property Control (Amendment) Bill.

The Financial Intelligence Bill was passed with amendments, while the Trust Property Control Bill was passed without changes. Clarifying roles in financial intelligence oversight Presenting the Financial Intelligence Bill, Minister of Finance and Vice President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said the amendments were meant to clarify the distinct roles of the National Coordinating Committee on Financial Intelligence (NCCFI) and the National

Coordination Office, NCO, to eliminate overlap. A key change was the substitution of Clause 4 with a new Section 9 on the ‘Functions of the Committee’. Under the amended Section 9, the NCCFI will now approve and adopt the National Risk Assessment Report and the National Strategy, make recommendations to the

minister on legislative, administrative and policy reforms relating to financial offenses, promote coordination among agencies, investigatory authorities, supervisory authorities and other institutions to improve effectiveness in combating financial offenses. Additionally, NCCFI will formulate policies to protect Botswana’s international

reputation regarding financial offenses as well as advising the minister on any other matters relating to financial offenses referred to it “The committee would remain the high-level oversight and policy advisory body

responsible for approving strategic instruments, providing policy direction and promoting national coordination at a strategic level,”

Mr Gaolathe said. He added that the committee would not undertake day-to-day implementation. Those administrative functions will remain with the National Coordination Office under

Section 9A of the Act. Mr Gaolathe stressed that the amendment did not alter the statutory mandate of the Financial Intelligence Agency, FIA. In terms of the Financial Intelligence Act 2022, the FIA is responsible for requesting, receiving, analysing and disseminating financial information to investigatory, supervisory and other competent authorities.

The agency also conducts operational analysis to trace specific transactions and links to proceeds of crime, money laundering, predicate offenses and terrorist financing, as well as strategic analysis to identify trends and patterns. To safeguard the agency’s independence, Mr Gaolathe said an amendment in

January 2025 established that the FIA shall consist of a Director General and necessary officers, enabling it to perform its functions ‘independently and without influence from any external authorities. The Trust Property Control (Amendment) Bill passed with no amendments to its two clauses. Clause 1 provides the title of the Bill. Clause 2 repeals and replaces Section 19B of the Act to empower the Master of the High Court to cooperate and exchange information and risk assessments relating to trusts and similar legal arrangements.

The change seeks to enhance transparency, facilitate international cooperation, and strengthen measures to prevent the misuse of trusts for money laundering, terrorist financing and other illicit activities.

Both bills form part of government’s ongoing efforts to align Botswana’s legal framework with international standards on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing. **BOPA**



Minister of Finance Mr Ndaba Gaolathe

Poultry farmers face high feed costs

GABORONE

Botswana’s poultry industry is under pressure from soaring feed costs, with imported raw materials accounting for up to 80 per cent of production expenses and eroding farmers’ profits. Giving an update to Parliament on Friday, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai said the heavy reliance on imports had driven up local poultry prices and made it difficult for domestic producers to compete with cheaper regional imports.

“The heavy reliance reduced farmers’ profits and drove up local poultry prices,” Mr Motsamai told Parliament in response to questions from Shoshong MP Mr Moneedi Bagaisamang.

Mr Motsamai said the industry relied entirely on imported soya. Maize is also imported during periods of deficit, when feed producers are allowed to import 50 per cent and must purchase 50 per cent of local produce in accordance with Chapter 43:08 of the Control

of Goods Prices and Other Charges regulations.

MP Bagaisamang had asked about the extent of reliance on imported feed ingredients, the impact on competitiveness, and government interventions to boost local feed production.

To address the challenge, Mr Motsamai said the ministry was rolling out major strategic projects aimed at commercialising the sector. Chief among them is the Botswana Livestock Commercialisation Project (BoLCoP), funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development, which will be launched in October.

The programme seeks to transform the small livestock and poultry sectors from subsistence farming into high-growth, commercialised and export-driven industries. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is also backing the Fodder Production Strategy and the Agriculture Financing Strategy, both targeting feed security, rural incomes and

reduced import reliance.

Mr Motsamai said the poultry sub-sector contributed an estimated 0.2 per cent to GDP over the past five years, out of agriculture’s total 1.7 per cent contribution to national GDP. The industry, he said also supports approximately 10 000 jobs across the poultry value chain.

“This is a major milestone as the country achieves self-sufficiency in table egg and chicken meat production,” he said.

He said government was now pushing the industry into regional markets.

The country has started exporting hatching eggs and layers to neighbouring countries, with historic weekly exports of hatching eggs to Mozambique already underway. Led by major commercial players established in Botswana, the export drive is expected to grow agriculture’s contribution to GDP from below 2 per cent to 6 per cent by 2030. **BOPA**

MP Morolong calls for sign language to be official

Esther Mmolai
GABORONE

Kgatlang Central MP Mpho Morolong, on Friday tabled a motion in Parliament urging government to recognise and adopt sign language as an official language in Botswana, saying it would advance human rights, inclusivity and equal access to services for the deaf community. Tabling the motion, Mr Morolong argued that language was ‘more than a tool for communication, it is a vehicle for identity, culture and inclusion.

For the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, he said, sign language was a natural, fully-fledged language with its own grammar and cultural

significance, yet it remains one of the most marginalised languages globally.

“Botswana prides itself on commitment to democracy, inclusivity and social development, yet for many members of the deaf community, full participation in national life remains a daily struggle,” he told Parliament.

Mr Morolong said the lack of official recognition left many facing barriers in healthcare, education, employment and access to justice. Without sign language in official systems, he added, hearing impaired citizens could not fully access courts, hospitals and emergency services in their primary language.

He noted Botswana has an

estimated 990 individuals with hearing impairment, alongside about 6 480 people with varying levels of hearing challenges who rely on sign language for daily communication.

“This recognition fosters inclusivity, equality and cultural participation. It enhances access to public services as it ensures that the deaf community can access essential services such as health care, legal system and emergency responses in their primary language,” said Morolong.

He pointed to South Africa as an example, where formal acknowledgement of sign language has improved communication in courts, hospitals and police stations,

thereby promoting justice and safety for deaf people.

The MP said official status could also transform education. Incorporating sign language into the curriculum, he explained, would allow deaf learners to study in their native language, improving comprehension and academic performance. Countries with official sign language, he noted, have institutions better equipped to support deaf learners through tailored teaching and assessment.

Beyond education, Mr Morolong said proficiency in sign language would open employment opportunities for deaf people and for interpreters, while strengthening community engagement.

He further stressed that recognising sign language upholds rights to equality, dignity and cultural identity, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which emphasises that sign languages are vital for full participation in social, economic and political life.

“Sign language does not belong to any tribe, hence Botswana qualifies to adopt it as an official language,” he added.

The motion calls on government to align national policy with international human rights standards and reflect the nation’s commitment to social justice by granting sign language official status. **BOPA**



Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Matshidiso Bokole said she would engage DIS Director General, Brigadier Peter Magosi over the 2019 allegations that P100 billion went missing from Bank of Botswana.

PSP to consult DIS over P100 billion issue

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP), Ms Matshidiso Bokole, will consult the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) Director General Brigadier Peter Magosi over the controversy surrounding allegations of the missing P100 billion from the Bank of Botswana in 2019.

Appearing before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Thursday, Ms Bokole said the Office of the PSP was not in a position to state government’s position on the matter.

Her response follows a question from PAC member and Gamalete legislator, Mr Boniface Mabeo who noted contradicting assertions made during recent appearances before the PAC by the DIS, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC).

During his recent appearance before the committee, DIS Director General, Brigadier Magosi, said the agency wanted to reopen investigations into the disputed P100 billion, maintaining that the alleged missing funds remained an active matter.

His testimony contrasted with the High Court ruling and submissions by the DPP and DCEC, which dismissed the

allegations as unfounded.

Ms Bokole also pledged to investigate allegations of structural corporate governance challenges at the DIS, following claims by Mr Mabeo that the agency had 52 personnel on the Deputy Director salary scale of E2.

She further reaffirmed government’s commitment to eliminating fictitious employees from the public payroll and addressing salary overpayments.

Ms Bokole acknowledged that government had recently identified an alarming number of ghost employees and salary overpayments, adding that efforts to eliminate them and hold perpetrators accountable were yielding results.

On public service reforms, Ms Bokole said decentralisation and corporatisation were expected to address some of the challenges more effectively.

She said the current centralised system made it difficult to track and deal with challenges and alleged misconduct at local level.

“The corporatisation of government departments through centralisation of functions would play a positive role in cutting off some of the red tape that hinders productivity of government departments,” she said.

Ms Bokole said the establishment of the Performance Management Forum was aimed at aligning public sector execution with the

national vision and the National Development Plan, while motivating productivity in the workforce.

She reaffirmed government’s commitment to the national transformation agenda, anchored by the ongoing implementation of the National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

Ms Bokole said ongoing structural reforms in the public service were intended to improve implementation of government programmes by reforming the civil service and making it more operational. **BOPA**

Selaolo disowns psychologist report

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

A woman charged with the murder of her boyfriend’s 11-year-old son, Clifford Mochocho in 2016 has disowned a psychologist assessment report, saying it is untruthful.

Gaofengwe Selaolo, aged 42, told the Gaborone High Court on Friday during cross-examination that the psychologist assessment report contained information she never divulged during the session.

“I will not comment on it because I have not said the things contained in it,” she said.

Selaolo is said to have killed the Bosele Primary School learner and buried him on a hill in Mmankgodi.

However, she said what was true in the report was that she was in a love relationship with the deceased child’s father, Lewis Masimba and that they were living together alongside her daughter after moving in together in 2014.

She denied ever telling the assessor that the relationship had constant problems that were a source of her stress.

“It was having problems like any other relationship,” she told the court. The accused also denied inviting the boyfriend also the deceased boy’s father, Masimba, to church over their problems, saying the two constantly went to church together.

Selaolo further said she did not remember telling the psychologist that she had called the boy into the combi on the day he disappeared, and that the boy later came home and she beat him with a belt for misbehaving.

However, prosecutor Mr Motseome Taunyane of the

Directorate of Public Prosecutions put it to her that the report did not show she had memory impairment, and that she was choosing what to forget and divulge at her convenience.

“I put it to you that yours is selective, you lie by omission,” Mr Taunyane said.

The accused further told the court that she did not remember the police station she was taken to, to report an alleged assault case by police, nor the names of the police officers who allegedly assaulted her, or the date the report was made. She said she had never followed up on the case.

“This assault case is the one which could be exonerating you from this case, and you never followed it up,” Mr Taunyane said, after Selaolo told the court she was beaten by police to confess to the murder. However, the accused responded that she did not remember the location of the police station she was taken to.

“You pick and choose what to remember, that is what the psychologist also says,” Mr Taunyane said, adding that he doubted Selaolo was ever beaten to confess to the crime.

Selaolo also changed her narrative and told the court she remembered calling the child into the combi but did not remember the combi driver nor any other passenger, despite having admitted the evidence of the combi driver.

She further denied that she was the last person seen with the child, as evidence suggested.

The accused also admitted that on March 3, 2016, her daughter told her that the boy did not sleep at home, but said she proceeded to go to work and moved out of the boyfriend’s place on March 4.

“It is not true I did not help with the search of the child,” she said, adding that she was the one who told the father to look for the child in the neighbourhood and report to the police.

She further denied leading the entourage comprising police and independent witnesses to the top of the hill, where she allegedly pointed under the mosettha tree where the boy’s remains were found. She also disputed evidence from witnesses who said she led the search, but added however that they had no reason to lie about her.

The case, which is before Justice Matlhogonolo Phuthogo, will continue in September.

The accused, who is out on bail, is represented by Ms Lenah Jere. **BOPA**

Court grants murder accused bail

Keamogetse Setilo
SEROWE

Serowe Senior Magistrate Onneile Ntwayapelo has granted 27-year-old Barapedi Kealotege conditional bail.

Kealotege is facing a single count of murder in relation to the death of his partner and mother of his child, Ms Mosetsanagape Gabatwesepa (23).

The accused person is alleged

to have committed the offence on August 10 at Monyepele Ward in Motshegaletau.

Kealotege was granted bail on condition that he does not commit a similar offence while out on bail, that he reports to Motshegaletau police post every last Friday of the month, and that he attends court on all scheduled dates.

He will appear in court for mention on November 24. **BOPA**

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**MARALALENG-
OMAWENENO**

Sengaparile ke semela se se tswa lefatshe la Kgalagadi Borwa, mme go tswa goo-lowe banni ba koo ba itshetsa ka sone ka go se rekisa ngwaga le ngwaga mme ba kgone go oba letsogo go itshetsa, ga mmogo le ba malwapa a bone.

E rile bosheng ba BOPA ba ne ba etela kwa Maralaleng mo kgaolong eo kwa ba fitlhetseng bomme le borre ba eme ka dinao go papala sengaparile, ba supa fa theko ya sone e setse e le botoka fa ba tshwantshanya le nako e e fetileng.

Mongwe wa babapadi ba sengaparile Mme Tshiamo Chaobane o ne a tlhalosa fa e le la ntlha ngwaga ono a simolola go papala morago ga go kgothadiwa ke tsala ya gagwe yo neng a bona dipoelo tse di botoka ngwaga o o fetileng. O boletse fa a ne a kgatlhega thata, a re o simolotse go se papala kgwedi e e fetileng ya Phukwi, mme mo nakong eno ba setse ba dirile dikgetsi tse di fetang botlhano tsa 50kg.

Mme Chaobane o ne a tlhalosa fa go papala sengaparile go tlhoka bopelotelele le lorato ka gore go papalwa ga sone go dikgwelelho ka jaana se epiwa boteng kwa tlase ga lefatshe mme e bile go dirisiwa didirisiwa di akaretsa peke, garawe le tse dingwe go thusa go epa.

O boletse fa semela seo se latelwa kgakala mo nageng mme ba goroga koo ka go dirisa dipalamo jaaka sekotsekara, dikoloi, ditonki le go tsamaya ka dinao, fa nako tse dingwe ba se tseela letsholo ka go nna malatsi ba le koo.

Mme Chaobane o ne a tlhalosa fa morago ga go epa ba se segelela mme morago ba se omise, ke gone jaanong se ka rekisiwang ka nako ya thekiso e ba e itsisiwang ke ba lephata la dikgwa le dibapalwa nageng ba e leng bone ba ba neelang gape tseletso ya go epa.

O boletse gore maikaelelo a gagwe le tsala ya gagwe ke gore morago ga thekiso ya sengaparile ba simolole go kokotletsa madi gore ba kgone go nyalana semmuso morago ga go tshela mmogo ka lobaka. Mo nakong tsa maloba go epa sengaparile go ne go tlwaelegile e le tiro ya bagolo mme jaanong nako e gorogile gore banana le bone ba kgatlhegele go se papala, e le tselangwe ya go itshetsa bogolo jang ba ba sa kgonang go fetela kwa dikoleng tse dikgolwane kana tsa ithutelo ditiro.

Mongwe wa banana Mme Goitsemang Rabatho (23) go tswa Maralaleng o ne a tlhalosa fa le ene a ne a ithuta mo batsading ba gagwe go papala Sengaparile mme a lemoga fa a ka kgonang go oba letsogo go ithekela tse a di tlhokang go imolola batsadi morwalo. O boletse gore fa a ka dira madi a a botoka o eletsa go ipulela kgwebo ya semausu go tokafatsa botshelo jwa gagwe.

Mme Elizabeth Kgotshane, mongwe wa babapadi ba sengaparile ba ba popota go tswa Omaaweneno, o ne a tlhalosa fa a ithutile bogologolo go tswa mo batsading ba gagwe mme a nna le

kgatlhego le ntswa mo nakong eo theko e ne e le kwa tlase.

A re ka nako eo bogologolo, batsadi ba ne ba se rekisetsa fela go tsenya bana dikole le gone go reka dijo mme fa a tshwantshanya le nako ya gompiano e le kgwebo e e ka tlhabololang le go tokafatsa matshelo a Batswana go ya pele.

Mme Kgotshane o ne a tswela ka go tlhalosa fa e ne yare ka ngwaga wa 2020 a simolola go papala sengaparile go fitlha 2023 mme a dira dipoelo tse di fetang P24 000. A re madi ao a ne a tokafatsa botshelo jwa gagwe go ithekela dilwana tsa ntlo le go tlhokomela bana ba gagwe ka a sa bereke.

A re ka ngwaga wa 2024 le 2025 o ne a seka a kgonang go se papala ka ba ne ba sa kgonang go neelwa diteketo ka mabaka a ba belaelang gore se ne se bapetswe thata ka jalo ba lephata la dikgwa

le dibapalwa nageng ba emisa gore se seka sa nyelela. Mme Kgotshane yo ka nako eo a neng a supa fa e sale a tsogile mo mosong a le mo sekgweng go lata kwa sengaparile se leng teng, are ngwaga ono maikaelelo ke go se papala go gaisa dingwaga tse dingwe. Tsholofelo ke gore ba tlaa dika ba orile molelo wa mariga fa se ka bona theko e e botoka.

O boletse fa dingwe tsa dikgwelelho tse ba kopanang le tsone e le bokgakala jwa kwa ba se papalwang teng, borai jwa digagabi jaaka diphepheng fa ba ntse ba epa mo mmung, go nna le magotsane mo diatleng, morwalo oo bokete wa sone ka gantsi ba tsamaya ka dinao, ga mmogo le tiro e ntsi e ba e dirang go fitlhela se nna mo seemong sa go ka rekisiwa. Mme Kgotshane o ne a tswela ka go tlhalosa fa ba simolola go se papala ka kgwedi ya Motsheganong go ema ka ya

Phatwe, se bo se nyelela, a supa fa se tlhoga se le senti fa pula e nele e le ntsi. A re ntleng le thekiso bagologolo ba ne ba se dirisa go ka nowa go thusa go tlhatswa teng, go thusa go nna le keletso ya dijo, go lwantsha malwetsi a mangwe jaaka ditlhabi tsa motho fa a le mo setswalong, malwetsi a mangwe jaaka a a sa tshelwang a akaretsa madi a matona.

O ne a gwetlha puso go ba buelela le bareki ba sengaparile go oketsa sekale sa theko ka jaana go se papala go na le dikgwelelho tse dintsi mme e le sone se ba itshetsang ka sone ga mmogo le ba malwapa a bone.

Mme Kgotshane o ne a kgothatsa bomme le setshaba ka kakaretso go ema ka dinao go itirela ka diatla go dira letseno ka temo-thuo le dibapalwa nageng go na le go ikaega ka puso segolo jang mo nakong eno e itsholelo e wetseng kwa tlase. **BOPA**



Mme Tshiamo Chaobane, 44, wa Maralaleng o itshetsa ka go papala sengaparile. O supile fa e le ngwaga wa gagwe ntlha wa go itshetsa ka sone. Senepe: Naomi Leepile

Ba Nlapkwane ba akgoletswa mowa wa boipelelego

Masego Tabengwa
NLAPKWANE

Kgosi ya motse wa Nlapkwane kwa kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba, Kgosi Mukani Mudongo o iteetse morafe wa gagwe legofi tebang le maiteko a ba a dirang go tsosolosa le go leka go tshetsa mowa wa boithaopo le boipelelego.

Mo potsolosong, Kgosi Mudongo a re o itumelela ka fa banni ba motse wa gagwe ba nnang seposengwe ka teng fa go na le tiro nngwe mo motseng e e tlhokang gore ba tsenye letsogo mo go yone. A re go supa gape fa morafe wa gagwe o tsaya tsia mowa oo wa boithaopo le boipelelego, ka ebile gangwe le gape ba dirisa ditsabone mo ditirong dipe fela tsa motse. A re bosheng jaana go sena go tlhagoga bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo mo dintlheng dingwe tsa kgaolo eo, banni ba Nlapkwane ba ne ba seka ba ipona tsapa mme

ba ema ka dinao, ba ithaopela go baakanya terata ya thibelo matlhoko a leruo e e ka kwa molelwane wa lefatshe leno le la Zimbabwe.

A re banni ba ne ba itlama go anapa dipata tsa bone mme ba kgobokanya madi kana ka P7,000 go thusa lekoko le le mo tirong eo ya go baakanya terata gore le kgone go oba letsogo fa ba le mo tirong eo.

A re banni ba dira seo ka maikaelelo a go leka go thibela kanamo ya bolwetse, a re sebe sa phiri ke gore ditlou di ba emisa ka leoto le le lengwe ka di kgaola terata eo gangwe le gape. E ntse e le mabapi le thibelo ya bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo, Kgosi Mudongo o akgoletse morafe go sala morago ditaelo tsa go itsa kanamo ya bolwetse.

Le fa go ntse jalo, a re ka motse wa bone o bapisitse molelwane wa lefatshe leno le la Zimbabwe, o bete se molangwana ka barui bangwe ba ba santseng ba goga dinao go

tlhatlhela dikgomo tsa bone, go itsa gore di nne le kgonagalo ya go amana le tsa Zimbabwe kgotsa tsa tlolela teng.

Mo go tse dingwe, Kgosi Mudongo o supile fa motse wa bone o santse o robaletse ke ditlhokwa tebang le ditiragalo tsa borukutlhi, a tlhalosa fa maduo ao a bakwa ke go bo banni ba itlamile go bepisa seemo sa borukutlhi mo motseng ka go bopa ditlhophana tsa ntebele ke go lebele le go tshwaragana le mapodisi. Fa a itebaganya le boitshwaro mo motseng segolo bogolo a remeletse mo bananeng, Kgosi Mudongo o boletse fa boitshwaro e le jo bo nametsang ka jaana go sena ditsheko tse di kalo tse di kwadisiwang mo kgotleng ya gagwe e le tse di amanang le go inakanya le ditiragalo tse di sa amogelesegeng.

O supile fa letshwenyego fela le banana ba lelang ka lone e le la letlhoko la mebereko. **BOPA**

Barui ba iphema tlhako le molomo

Relief Lephutshi
KANYE

Barui ba galaletswa maiteko a bone a a tsweleng a go supa mowa wa boipelelego le go ema puso nokeng mo ntweng kgatlhanong le bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo.

Fa a lemoga maiteko a, Mothusa-ona wa Lephata la Lefatshe le Temo-Thuo Rre Motsamai Motsamai o akgoletse barui ba Gasita le Lorolwane mpho ya bone ya mapako a le lekgolo a tlaa dirisiwang go aga terata ya taolo matlhoko a leruo.

Tona Motsamai a re puso e amogela dithuso ka go farologana tse di ka thusang mo tirong ya kago ya terata eo, a re dithuso tsotlhe di bothokwa ka di fefosa mosepele kgatlhanong le bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo.

Le fa go le jalo, o kgadile thata bangwe ba a reng ba tshwenya ka go lopa go bulelwa ga metsamao ya leruo le thekiso ya nama a re ba tlhoka boikarabelo.

O ne a sedimosa fa thulaganyo ya go aga terata e solofetswe go wela kgwedi ya Phatwe e ya fifing. A re se se ka kgonagala fa botlhe ba ka ema ka dinao go ema nokeng tiro eo.

“Maikaelelo ke gore tiro ya go thibela bolwetse le go bo lwantsha e wele fela jaaka go kgonagetse kwa bokone botlhaba ja lefatshe leno,” ga tlhalosa Rre Motsamai.

Mothusa tona o supile fa lefatshe la Botswana le na le maikaelelo a go aga tirisano mmogo fa gare ga lone le la South Africa gore mafatshe oomabedi a nne le thulaganyo e e tsepameng ya go kentela boletse jwa tlhako le molomo.

Rre Motsamai o boletse fa go lwantsha bolwetse go tlhoka go direla dilo mo pontsheng go bontsha ba ba tsayang ditshwetso tsa mebaraka ya theko le thekiso ya nama tlhwaafalo le boammaruri mo ntweng kgatlhanong le tlhako le molomo.

Fa a ntsha la gagwe mo boemong jwa barui ba Gasita le Lorolwane, Professor Keitseope Nthomang o ne a supa fa go tswa bogologolo Batswana e le batho ba ba tlotlang mowa wa boipelelego.

Professor Nthomang o boletse gore le ntswa go ntse go buiwa ka methale ya itshetso e mengwe, kgomo ke yone itshetso ya bone mme jaanong e gomagomediwa ke go ba tswa diatleng ka ntlha ya bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo. **BOPA**



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KE BATLA MODISA kwa masimong a Kubung. Mogoditshane / Thamaga Sub- District. Contact : Monganta (71784414)

WANTED: FARM WORKERS (two) at Charleshill. Apply to Clifford B. Loeto, P O Box 7 Charleshill. Closing date: 30 September 2026. Call 73 279 644

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE Masego I Morontshe of Plot NO: 6821 Matabi ward Mmadinare wishes to chnage land use from Commercial use to Industrial use (Brick Yard). Anyone with Objections can call Physical Planning Office at Bobonong District Council on Tellephone NO: 261 9274 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT a boundary wall at Tlokweng, Letlapeng ward, plot 15783. Objection should be directed to Tlokweng Physical Planning Office at 577 7411 within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 16248, Tlokweng Maratadiba, wishes to consult Plot 16247, 16249, 16232 on their intention to construct a boundary wall. Objections should be directed to Tlokweng Physical Planning office at 577 7411 within 14 days of publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:
ESHGB 000982-24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **PHAKEDI TAU** who died at Sir Ketumile Teaching Hospital,Gaborone Gaborone District, Botswana on the 14th day of October 2024.

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

DATED at GABORONE on this 13th day of August 2026.

WARONA LEBURU ATTORNEYS
PLOT 18270, PHASE 2, GABORONE
P.O.BOX 47653, **GABORONE**
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NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: 452/2000 dated 9th day of **March 2000** made in favour of **MOKHI RAMOKGALO** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 9695 SELEBI PHIKWE.
SITUATE: In Selebi Phikwe Township Extension 17.
MEASURING: 405m². Four Hundred and Five Square metres.
HELD UNDER: Deed of fixed period state grant NO. 452/2000 dated 9th **March 2000**.

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

DATED AT _ ON THIS DAY OF _ 20 _

MOKHI RAMOKGALO.
APPLICANT.

LOST MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Continuing Covering Mortgage **Bond No. 1171/2012** dated the 21st day of **March 2012** passed by **SAMUEL TSHIRELETSO** made in favour of **BBS BANK LIMITED**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot No. 5356 Lobatse;
SITUATE: in Lobatse Extension 22;
MEASURING: 540 m² (Five Hundred and Forty Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant NO.2349/2001 dated the 11th day of September 2001 made in favour of Samuel Tshireletso;
SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as the aforesaid Deed will more fully point out;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY 2026

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APPLICATION FOR COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 995/1993 dated 14th October,1993 made in favour of **MBIGANYI CHARLES TIBONE** in respect of ;

CERTAIN: piece of land being lot Portion No. 53 (a Portion of Portion 26) of the Farm TRAQUAIR No. 10-KO. in the South East Administrative District
SITUATE: 1,9391 Ha(One Comma Nine Three Nine One Hectares)
MEASURING: Deed of Transfer No. 995/1993 dated 14th October,1993 made in favour of **MBIGANYI CHARLES TIBONE;**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the **REGISTRAR OF DEEDS, PRIVATE BAG 009,GABORONE** within 3 weeks of the date of second publication of this notice giving reasons for such objection.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 29TH JULY 2026.

Molatlhegi Business Law
Applicant's Attorneys
Plot No 54513, Unit 7A,The Courtyard
P.O.BOX 10384 **Gaborone.**

Intention to Change Marriage Property Regime In terms of section 8(1)(f) of the Married Persons Act (2014)

- PHUTHOLOGO MONAMOLEDI** and **VIRGINIA DITSHUPO MONAMOLEDI** married in community of property on the 1st of July 1995 in Molepolole, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the (3) three weeks statutory notice from the date of the first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/ or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties in writing before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PHUTHOLOGO MONAMOLEDI PO BOX 219 ABG Sebele **CELL:** 72618562
VIRGINIA DITSHUPO MONAMOLEDI PO BOX 219ABG SEBELE **CELL:** 76104690
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LOST MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Regulation 46 (4) Cap 33:02 that the undersigned intends applying in terms of Regulation 46 (1) Cap 33:02 for a certified copy of **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE NO: TL 59/2007** dated 01st **DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007** and made in favour of **OUSMANN KABELO BOGOSI** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 318 Otse;
SITUATE: at Otse in the Bamalete Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1415m² (One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifteen Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of **Lease NO: TL 59/2007** dated 01st day of **February 2007** and made in favour of Ousmann Kabelo Bogosi;
SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as are mentioned in the aforesaid Deed.

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 2026



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P O Box 26546, GABORONE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 0000265-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **OSEGOFETSE BASEMANG** who died at Accident and Emergency, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **02nd April 2009. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at...Mahalapye.....on this...27... Day of...July... 2026.

.....
Executrix Dative
Dipelaelo Basemang
P O Box 50 **THABALA**
Cell: 74216751

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of **Deed NO: DR00430954A** dated **26 day of MAY 2026**

made in favour of **NELSON KEMMONYE KEAGOLETSE** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 22158

SITUATE: IN CADASTRE 140, BANGWAKETSE TRIBAL TERRITORY

MEASURING: 2006 SQUARE METERS. TWO THOUSAND SIX SQUARE METERS

HELD UNDER: CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED TITLE (SECTION 41) NO. DR004302949 26 MAY 2025

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

DATED AT: ON THIS..... DAY OF2026.....

LOST COVERING MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Regulation 46 (4) Cap 33:02 that the undersigned intends applying in terms of Regulation 46 (1) Cap 33:02 for a certified copy of **COVERING MORTGAGE BOND NO. 1405/2013** dated 02nd **DAY OF APRIL 2013** and made in favour of **NAA-YARLEY JULIA ADJEI** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 318 Otse;
SITUATE: at Otse in the Bamalete Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1415m² (One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifteen Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No: TL 59/2007 dated 01st day of February 2007 and made in favour of Ousmann Kabelo Bogosi;
SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as are mentioned in the aforesaid Deed.

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 2026



OSEI-OFEI LEGAL. Attorneys for the Applicant
First Floor, Unit 18, Kgale Mews, Gaborone International Finance Park,
P O Box 26546, GABORONE

APPLICATION FOR COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Certificate of Consolidated Title No. 414/1998 dated 31st March, 1998 made in favour of **MBIGANYI CHARLES TIBONE** in respect of ;

CERTAIN: piece of land being lot Portion No. 54 (a Portion of Portion 37) of the Farm TRAQUAIR No. 10-KO. in the South East Administrative District
SITUATE: 1,9379 Ha(One Comma Nine Three Seven Nine Hectares)
MEASURING: Certificate of Consolidated Title No. 414/1998 dated 31st March, 1998 made in favour of **MBIGANYI CHARLES TIBONE;**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the **REGISTRAR OF DEEDS, PRIVATE BAG 009,GABORONE** within 3 weeks of the date of second publication of this notice giving reasons for such objection.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 29TH JULY 2026.

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Molatlhegi Business Law
Applicant's Attorneys
Plot No 54513, Unit 7A,The Courtyard
P.O.BOX 10384 **Gaborone.**



FOR SALE: Shantui SL50W N-6 Front end Loader 2019
Approximately 8611 P350.000.00 ex VAT
Kerry 72302213 / Dirk 71244868 / Doreen 71477889.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE. The plot owner 5137 would like to change land use from single residential to multi-residential family at Masetlheng ward/ Tlokweng. For any objections you can contact 369 5000, Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice. Contact No. 71 754 629

OWNER OF PLOT 6802, Tlokweng Maratanang would like to change land use from single residential to multi-residential. For any objections contact Tlokweng Physical Planning office on 392 5242 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 6515 at Tlokweng, Maratanang Ward, wishes to erect a boundary wall. Neighbours are informed. Any objections can be sent to Tlokweng District Council Building Control office at Telephone 369 5000.

NEXT OF KIN MEETING

ESTATE NO. *ESHGB 000692/26*

IN THE ESTATE LORATO BOITUMELO MOIPOLAI

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified below are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on Thursday 20th August 2026 at 0830 hours at the Office of the Master – K. Thebeetsile located at Gaborone High Court Division.

All the respective meetings, the next of kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed Executor(s) Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

For more information concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the **Masters Office** at 371 8083, 371 8343 or switchboard 371 8000.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: *ESHGB-000149-18*

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **SEBOIFENG MOLEFE MATSIETSA** who died at Lenmed Health Bokamoso Private Hospital,Mmopane , Kweneneng District, Botswana on the 21st day of November 2015.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.
DATED at GABORONE on this 13th day of August 2026.

WARONA LEBURU ATTORNEYS
PLOT 18270, PHASE 2, GABORONE
P.O.BOX 47653, **GABORONE**
TEL: 74443124

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000358/21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KABELO MOTHOB**I who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana, on the 06th day of July, 2021

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

DATED AT.....
ON THE DAY OF
.....2026

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The Executrix
Charity Mathibidi
P O Box 935
MOSHUPA
74894886/71566696

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING
Administration of Estates Act {Cap.31:01}

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1.Benjamin Motseosi	ESHMN – 000080 – 25	23rd September 2026	09:00 am

DATED AT MAUN THIS DAY 29 DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

ST. ANTHONY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL OF PALAPYE

TEACHING VACANCIES

DATE: 13 AUGUST 2026

TEACHING VACANCIES

ST Anthony Primary School in Palapye is inviting applicants from highly motivated, well –experienced and self –driven qualified applicants for the following teaching posts;

CLASS TEACHERS
Qualification and experience
• Diploma in Primary Education
• Degree in Primary Education will be an added advantage
• Minimum of 2 years teaching experience in Primary Schools

JOB SUMMARY
To deliver lessons effectively and efficiently to pupils according to the prescribed syllabus and defined standards.

JOB DESCRIPTION
• Develops, plans and implements curriculum, lesson plans and educational programs for student audiences within areas of expertise.
• The employees shall be responsible for the teaching of the class assigned in accordance with the curriculum laid down by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and adopted by ST Anthony's Primary School.
• The employee shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and an atmosphere conducive to learning in and outside the classroom. Supportive to the needs of all children.
• The employee shall be required to keep records and produce reports for all pupils in his/her charge on a regular basis.

Interested and qualified candidates should send applications to:

The Principal,
St Anthony Primary School
PO Box 005 Palapye

Closing Date: 01st September 2026

AGILE⁺
PRIVATE HOSPITAL
Selibe Phikwe

EXTERNAL ADVERT

Vacancy: **RADIOGRAPHER/ SONOGRAPHER- FULL TIME**

We are seeking a qualified and experienced Radiographer/ Sonographer to join our team at Agile Private Hospital tenable in Selibe Phikwe.

Job Summary

Reporting to the Hospital Superintendent, the incumbent will be responsible for operating X-ray equipment to produce high quality diagnostic images, prepare patients for procedures and ensure strict radiation Safety.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Perform a variety of Radiographic and sonographic procedures including X-rays, ultrasound and CT scans.
- Prepare patients for procedures and provide them with information about their exams.
- Process, evaluate and maintain records of procedures and produce high quality diagnostic reports.
- Liaise with relevant bodies to ensure necessary licenses are acquired for the radiology unit.

Qualification & Experience:
Diploma in Radiography/sonography; minimum 2 years post qualification experience; knowledge of techniques in general and specialized Radio diagnostics, computed tomography (CT) fluoroscopy.

Competencies:
High integrity, attention to detail, analytical ability, communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to work under pressure with clinical and operational teams.

Interested candidates are requested to send their updated CV's with a minimum of 2 referees to the Hospital Superintendent at **agileprivatehospital7@gmail.com**

Telephone + 267 74701946 before 17:00 hrs. on 20 August 2026. Agile Private Hospital is an equal opportunity employer.

VACANCY: PRINCIPAL
Assembly Bible College invites suitably qualified personnel for the above-named post

QUALIFICATIONS:
PhD in a relevant field, a recognized theological qualification from an accredited institution.

POSITION SUMMARY
To provide strategic, academic, and spiritual leadership to the College, ensuring excellence in theological education, institutional governance, and the overall development of the College in line with its vision and mission and the overall vision of the Church.

WORK EXPERIENCE: proven leadership experience in a comparable tertiary education institution.

REMUNERATIONS: Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, detailed CV, certified copies of qualifications, and the contact details of three referees to:

The General Secretary, Assemblies of God in Botswana, P O Box 45605, Riverwalk. Gaborone or email to aogcomply@gmail.com. **CLOSING DATE: 26 / 08 / 2026**

 **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST® CHURCH**

VACANCIES

South Botswana Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting **applications from suitably qualified and experienced personnel to serve in the following positions at Mountain View Adventist Academy:**

TEACHERS
QUALIFICATION:

- A Degree in the relevant field.
- Applicants should have a minimum of 2 years' experience.
- Should be registered with BOTPECO

Applications with certified copy of ID/Passport should be accompanied by the following:

- Detailed CV
- Two references
- Certified copies of Certificates

Applications should be hand-delivered or sent to:

The Principal
Mountain View Adventist Academy
Private Bag 45, Mogoditshane
Tel: 311 5919

OR
info.mvaa@yahoo.com

The closing date for all applications is 31 August 2026.

 **JOYLAND SCHOOLS**

P. O. BOX 5546 GABORONE
TEL: 5748378/5729204 CELL: 78792250/1, MOCHUDI
joylandsecondarymochudi@gmail.com
joylandprimarymochudi@gmail.com

13 August 2026

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2026–2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Joyland Group of Schools is a multicultural institution which offers Cambridge at Secondary School and PSLE at Primary School. It embraces learners from diverse nationalities, religions, race, and creeds. Committed to academic excellence and holistic development, we provide a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. Joyland Mochudi and Metsimothabe invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the following positions:

1. PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
(LOWER PRIMARY 1–4 2 posts each level) AND (UPPER PRIMARY 5–7 3 posts for each level)

2. PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS:
Music 2 posts, French 3 posts and ICT 3 posts

Requirements

- Diploma or Degree in Primary Education (Master's degree will be an added advantage).
- Experience teaching in an English-medium school.
- Permission to teach is a prerequisite.
- Experience in the Cambridge curriculum will be an added advantage.

2. SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
Requirements

- Diploma or Degree in Secondary Education (Master's degree will be an added advantage).
- Ability to teach at least two or more subjects.
- Experience teaching in an English-medium school and a minimum of 3 years experience.
- Experience in Cambridge Assessment International Education will be an added advantage.
- Permission to teach is a prerequisite.

3. SPECIALIST TEACHERS
Applications are invited in the following specialist areas:

- ICT 1 post
- Agriculture 1 post
- French 1 post
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) 3 posts
- English Languages (as first language, Second language, Literature) 3 posts
- Mathematics 1 post
- Commerce, Business Studies and Accounting 3 posts
- Geography 1 post
- History 1 post

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- Application letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Certified copies of certificates and transcripts
- Certified copy of Omang
- Permission to teach

Applications may be sent to:

The Recruitment Officer
Joyland Mochudi
P.O. Box 5546
Gaborone, Botswana

Email: joylandprimarymochudi@gmail.com/
joylandsecondarymochudi@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE
Closing date: 28 September 2026

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF plot 5370 Tatisiding would like to build a boundary wall. The owners of plot no. 5369 & 5371 are informed to contact Masunga physical planning office for queries.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION Naledi Mokgwathi of plot 76685, Gaborone North wishes to erect a boundary wall and therefore wishes to inform her neighbours. For any objections please contact Gaborone City Council building control in writing within fourteen (14) days of this publication or call + 267 365 7400

FISRT AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000157-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ONTEFETSE DITLHAKO** who died at Mmamadila ward, Lecheng, Central- Serowe District, Botswana on the **27th Day of November 2024.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

Dated at Mahalapye on this 28 day of JULY 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Marks Obusitswe Dintwa
P O BOX 23
LECHENG
CELL: 76035259

Application for Certified Copy of Deed of Transfer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer **No 1501/2021** dated the **23rd day of August 2021** made in favour of **Oremeng Motshegare** in respect of: -

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Lot 37265, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 38;
MEASURING: **1066 m2** (One Thousand and sixty- six square metres)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No 1501/2021 dated 23rd August 2021 made in favour of Oremeng Motshegare

any person having objection to the above 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.

NOWBUTH LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys for the Applicant
Plot 3543 Leshomo Crescent, EU 5, P. O. Box 883 JWANENG
Email: sooman@nowbuthlaw.com Tel: (+267) 5887020 Cell 73564738

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters reference: **ESHMY 000118-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **VIRGINIA BOTSHABELO SEDIE** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 23rd July 2024.

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

DATED at: ____ on this ____ Day of ____ 2026

The Executrix Dative, Tebogo Sedie, P. O Box 007, SHOSHONG, Cell: 71484135

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No FT MA 89/2011** dated the **10th JUNE 2011** made in favour of **Baitlhamaki Portia O tlaadisa** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being **TRIBAL LOT 3131, MAUN**
Measuring: **725m2 (SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE SQUARE METERS**
SITUATE: **IN THE BATAWANA TRIBAL TERRITORY**
HELD Under: **FT MA 89/2011 DATED 10TH JUNE 2011**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the **Registrar of Deeds Francistown** within three weeks from the last publication of the notice.

ADDRESS
Dated 04/08/2026
P/Bag F72
Francistown



KGK DIAMONDS BOTSWANA PTY. LTD.

11 August 2026

VACANCY

KGK DIAMONDS BOTSWANA PTY. LTD. is a leading Diamonds company seeking to appoint a suitable candidate for the following positions:

- **Chef**
- **Diamond Trainer, Galaxy Operator,Bruiting,Full Diamond Polisher, Diamond Polisher-Preparation, Diamond Polisher-Fancy/Round, Diamond Polisher Top lap, Diamond Polisher Brill,Galahad machine Operator,Optimus machine operator, Helium machine operator, Diamond Planner/marker,Sarine Operator,4p/Laser machine operator-M-Box operator, Diamond grader,Bruiting,Grooving artisan.**

Chef

- KGK Diamonds Botswana PTY LTD seeks a professional Jain Cuisine in-house Chef with 3-Years experience in Jain Cuisine. The incumbent must possess good communication skills, a positive attitude and a good work ethic.

Diamond Polishers & machine operators

- Galaxy operator,Bruting,Diamond Polisher-Top Lap, Diamond Polisher-Top Brill,Diamond Polish-Fancy, Diamond Polisher-Preparation, Grooving artisans, Diamond Grader, Diamond Trainer, Galahad machine operator, Diamond Planner/Sarine Operator, M-Box operator, Smart Cut Operator, Helium machine operator,Optimus machine operator, Dialit Operator Trainer.

MINIMUM SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Professional qualification in diamond cutting & polishing
- 5 years minimum working experience
- Ability to train incoming and existing employees
- Knowledge in diamond cutting and polishing

Those who meet the requirements may send their applications (CV, certificates and references) to:

hr.botswana@kgkbw.com
CLOSING DATE :02/09/2026

P O BOX 2169 ABG, Gaborone. Botswana

Classified Ads

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of lot tribal grant 2158-KO, Magotlheadisa lands intends to change land use from horticulture to mixed use (50% Agriculture and 50% Civic and community). Objections / queries should be submitted to Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office on telephone 267 577 7411 within fourteen days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 8759 situated on extension 26, Gaborone wish to change its use from single residential to multi residential. Any objection may be registered with Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Department or contact 72378298 with 14 working days.

BOTSHELO GINGER OF PLOT 622 Motopi Village would like to change land use from Residential to Commercial any queries should be forwarded to Boteti District Council Physical planning Office or Contact owner: 72 929 433

Ads 365 3592

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no **FT MA 80/2023** dated **24/03/2023** made in favour of **KGOMOTSO OMURON**

In respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being **Tribal Lot 3414 TONOTA MEASURING: 848m2 (EIGHT HUNDRED AND FOURTY –EIGHT SQUARE METERS) SITUATE AT TONOTA IN THE BANGWANTO TRIBAL TERRITORY.**
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of deeds, Francistown within **three(3)weeks** from the last publication of the notice.

Dated
27/07/2026

ADDRESS
P.O.BOX 500195
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No FT 78/2011 dated the 14th February 2011 made in favour of Baitlhamaki Portia O tlaadisa in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being **LOT 14678, Selebi Phikwe**
MEASURING: 450m2 (Four Hundred and Fifty Square meters
SITUATE: **In Selebi Phikwe Administrative District**
HELD Under: **FT 78/2011 dated 14th February 2011**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown within three weeks from the last publication of the notice.

ADDRESS
Dated 04/08/2026
P/Bag F72
Francistown

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

FATIMA BIBI KHAN – **ESHGB-000820/26**

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 **12th day of November 2026 at 0900 hours** at the before - B. P. Kemorwale. 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.

FINAL LIQUDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: **ESHGB-000389/21**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RAJEEV KUMAR** who died at Lenmed Health Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 1st JUNE 2021.

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

DATED AT GABORONE this 14th day August 2026

Executrix Dative | Barinda Kumari
P O BOX AD 138 ABE ,GABORONE | CELL: 72265461

GMC MARUDING RESOURCES PROPRIETARY LIMITED

GMC Maruding is an equal opportunity employer and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We are glad to announce that we have a vacancy for the following:

BOILERMAKER TECHNICIAN

- Must have National Certificate in Fabrication Engineering/National Craft Certificate in Boilermakin
- National Certificate in Coded Welding
- Certificate in Steel Erection
- Minimum 10 years in a heavy steel fabrication workshop environment and 2 years as a construction site boilermaker
- Experience in heavy steel fabrication and installation of mining type equipment such as chutes, silos, Ultra-seps, bins, Pachukas, screens, crushers , mills, boilers, etc
- Previous experience as a boilermaker in a mining environment will be an added advantage
- Technical competencies must include:
 - ➔ Ability to read/interpret Engineering drawings
 - ➔ Excellent HSE Knowledge
 - ➔ Thorough understanding of the MQWM Act, Botswana
 - ➔ Ability to develop basic risk assessment and associated risk mitigation strategies

Please note that we will only contact shortlisted candidates.
Apply to:

The Human Resources Department
Private Bag 047
LOBATSE

OR EMAIL TO:boitshwarelo@gearmc.africa

KEBOIFE HOLDINGS (PTY) intends to change land use of Plot 54361 Gaborone CBD, from commercial to mixed-use commercial. For enquiries, contact Gaborone City Council Physical Department on 365 7400 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

PROPERTIES

PLOT FOR SALE at Topisi. Call: 77 961 671.

VACANCIES

FERRY WONDERERS SPORTING CLUB is looking for 4 foreign players. Positions being 2 strikers, 2 defenders. If interested contact the manager on 77 084 800 or secretary on 72 701 138. Email address is ferrywondererssporting@gmail. com, Kasane

BUNNIES ACADEMY TLOKWENG: Qualified four Primary School Teachers wanted. General School Teachers including Setswana, Diploma in Education (Primary) with atleast five years experience. Degree is an added advantage. Apply to P.O Box 501007 Gaborone. Email tbunniesacademy@gmail.com Closing date 10 September 2026

VACANCY AT ADVERT tenable at Gaborone diesel plant fitter: New Data Engineering (Pty) Ltd is seeking to recruit diesel plant fitter with at least 10 years of experience and relevant qualifications. New Data Engineering (Pty) Ltd P O Box 1277 ABG, Gaborone. Setshwano Modongo

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000306-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OAITSE SILAS** who dies at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopoane, Kweneng District, Botswana on **12th March 2026.**

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

DATED at ____ on this ____ Day of ____ 2026.

The Executor
Onkabetse Silas Raditholo
P. O, Box 45891
Gaborone
Cell: 75367773

JOB OPPORTUNITY
MACROX (PTY) LTD

Plot 11971 Mogoditshane
Position: Machine Operators (4 Posts)
Department: Extrusion / Plastic Recycling/Making Plastic Bags
MACROX (PTY) LTD, a plastic recycling and bag manufacturing company, is looking for experienced Machine Operators to operate extrusion machines for producing plastic raw materials and plastic bags. Requirements:

- Experience in plastic extrusion or recycling
- Knowledge of plastic raw materials
- Ability to work shifts and meet production targets
- Teamwork and reliability

Email: macrox362@gmail.com
Contact: +267 74 681 263
Closing date/ :31 August 2026
MACROC (PTY) LTD – Turning Waste into Value

VACANCIES

URGENTLY WANTED – Part-Time form 5 maths/sciences and primary tutors in G-west. Must be staying in G-west or very close. Diploma/degree. Call 72 294 686 / 71782954

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: - ESHGB 000877-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MMOLOKI GAOTHUSI** who died at Tutume Primary Hospital, Tutume Central -Tutume District, Botswana on the 12th October 2014

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

DATED at on this Day of 2026.

The Executrix
Kushatha Gaothuse
P O Box 502633, GABORONE
Cell:71382095/72499047

EXTRA HEAVY DUTY DRIVER wanted. 10 years experience, driving on sandy roads and heavy machines. Apply to: Ghanzi Brickfields P O Box 21 Ghanzi.

OVERHEAD TECHNICIAN needed, 2 years experience. Email to bucat.matenge@gmail.com. Address to: SME - Empower whatsapp (+267) 72 235 754

WE ARE LOOKING fashion designer for men and ladies wear. Abraham's Fashion Design Pty Ltd P O Box 1789 Molepolole. Cellphone : 72 421 977 , 73432998

POLICE X1 FOOTBALL CLUB is looking for 5 international players (striker, midfield,defender).National team CAP are added advantage. Send CV to +267 71 340 340 / 72144478 or hand delivers to SSG (Team Office) in Gaborone. Closing date is 21st December 2026

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000076-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **DITSEBE SOMOLEKAE** who died at Mphoko, Lesenepole, Central-Serowe-District, Botswana on the **20th August 2022.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **Twenty-One (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 04 Day of August 2026.

The Executor Dative
Oduetse Modise
P O Box 502304
GABORONE
Cell: 71476587

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000193-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **PATSON CHELE** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the **30th May 2025.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **Twenty-One (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 30 Day of July 2026.

The Executrix Dative
Nametso Chele
P.O. Box 10508
PALAPYE
Cell: 76190155

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Ref: **ESHGB-000386/21**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GOLEBECWE REUBEN KGENGWENYANE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Botswana on the 13th September 2021.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

The Executor c/o MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE, Mosheiki Kgengwenyane, Plot 19111, Phase 2 , P O BOX AE 451 AEH, Gaborone, Cell: 71767375

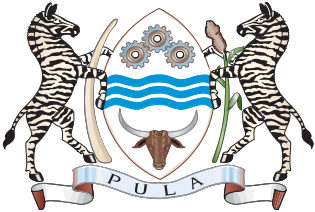
Position: Nurse

Location: Kalafhi Medical Center.

Kalafhi Medical center is seeking qualified and experienced Nurse to join our dedicated healthcare team.

- Requirements
- A Diploma in General Nursing or a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing Science.
 - Minimum of 5 years' relevant work experience.
 - Must have a valid Registration Certificate and a Practicing Certificate issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Botswana.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit their CV and cover letter to career@kalafhi.co.bw no later than **28 August 2026.**



Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 12 of 2026

REF: ENT 1/7/18 VII DATE: 07 July 2026

TO: All Permanent Secretaries
All Heads of Departments

VACANCY: – NATIONAL EXPERT (SPATIAL PLANNING)

The Government of Botswana is collaborating with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to support the preparation and completion of Integrated Land Use Management Plans (ILUMPs) with funding from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). The project seeks to promote integrated land and natural resources management, address land degradation and guide sustainable development within the Chobe and Moseitse landscapes. The project is executed by Ministry of Environment & Tourism and Department of Town and Country Planning, through Operational Partner Agreements.

Candidates are therefore, invited from suitably qualified Botswana Citizens for the above mentioned contract position, which is tenable at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism - Gaborone The successful candidate will be seconded to the Department of Town and Country Planning.

Salary Scale: E2 - (P449, 256 – P467, 436) per annum

Benefits:

i) Gratuity payable at 30% upon successful completion of the contract

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Contract Duration: 12 months fixed contract

Qualifications:

A minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning/Rural and Urban Planning/City Planning/Town Planning.

A Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning/Rural and Urban Planning/City Planning/Town Planning/Project Management/Land Use Planning/Environmental Planning/Development Planning/Spatial Planning will be an added advantage.

Applicants should be registered with Pula Institute of Town Planners.

Experience: Applicants must have at least minimum of twelve (12) years relevant professional experience, of which at least five (5) years should be in the preparation of spatial plans, Integrated Land Use Management Plans (ILUMPs) and regional plans or similar assignments. Three (3) years should be at overseeing/supervision of spatial plans.

Applicants must also have experience working in multi-sectoral planning environment.

Main Purpose of the Job

To promote integrated land and natural resource management, address land degradation, and guide sustainable development within the Chobe and Tutume – Moseitse Landscapes.

Key Performance Areas

- Provide technical leadership and undertake direct professional input in the preparation and delivery of the Integrated Land Use Management Plans (ILUMPs) until completion.
- Integrate Sustainable Land Management (SLM), ecosystem restoration, climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation and adaptive natural resource management approaches into land use planning to support Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), Ecosystem resilience, and evidence – based and implementable livelihoods.
- Deliver high quality, evidence – based and implementable planning outputs in accordance with applicable legislation and policies and project funding requirements.
- Undertake core technical work including spatial and land use analysis, environmental assessments and land suitability studies.
- Develop spatial development frameworks including land use proposals, strategies, planning scenarios and implementation frameworks supported by GIS- based spatial analysis and mapping. Implementation.

- Prepare technical reports and deliverables in close collaboration with the project team and undertake field investigations in accordance with the project timelines.
- Ensure quality control and assurance of all outputs, integrate stakeholder inputs into planning proposals and that the ILUMPs are coherent with the project results framework.
- Work collaboratively with the Department of Town and Country Planning, Department of Forestry and Range Resources, FAQ, the National Project Coordination Unit and other implementing partners to achieve the objectives of the Miombi-Mopane Land scape programme.

COMPETENCIES

- Communication and Report Writing Skills
- Strategic Thinking
- Leadership and Project Management Skills
- People Management Skills
- Business Acumen
- Innovation and Analytical Skills
- Results Oriented
- Building Effective Teams

Applications:

Applicants should quote the reference number and vacancy circular number and provide:

- a) (i) Detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae.
(ii) Certified copies of certificates (Academic and Professional) and at least two (2) recent work related references

b) Serving Public Officers should indicate:

- (i) Date of first appointment, present position and appointment thereto.

Important:

All applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their Heads of Department and Permanent Secretaries.

Applications not so routed will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Private Bag B0 199
Gaborone

Or hand delivered to Ministry of Environment and Tourism - Head Quarters - Records Management Unit - Office No. 205.

Applications from serving officers should be routed through their Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered.
Closing Date: 01 September 2026

For any further information required, please contact: Human Resources at Telephone No. 3647995/3647951

MARIPE J.

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

Appeal Case no.: **CLHMN-000003/24**
Trial Case No.: **CMMMN-000383/18**

In the ex parte matter of:

The STATE	APPLICANT
In Re	
THE STATE	APPELLANT
and	
ALAKANANI KEBITSENG	RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

(In terms of Order 8 Rule 3 of the High Court)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Court Order of 9th June 2026 granted by the Honourable Court,

1. The **Respondent, Alakanani Kebitseng**, is ordered and directed to appear in person before the **High Court, Maun**, on the **16th September 2026** at **0900hours** in relation to **Appeal case number CLHMN-000003-24**, the matter between the **State (Appellant) and Alakanani Kebitseng (Respondent)**.

2. Failure of the **Respondent, Alakanani Kebitseng**, to appear on the said date of the **16th September 2026**, the said Appeal case shall proceed and be heard in his absence.

Dated in Maun on the 30th June 2026
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS
The Applicant
Botswana Building Society, First Floor, Old Mall
Private Bag 00278
MAUN
TEL: 686 3050/ 686 3414
CELL: 73566508



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- Able to work stainless steel fabrication of custom moulds and welding
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- Excellent problem-solving and attention to detail.
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All applications should be addressed to:

The Human Resources Manager
Makoro Brick & Tile (Pty) Ltd
Private Bag 62 Palapye
Email: careers@makoro.co.bw

If you do not get response within 7 days of the closing date know that your application was unsuccessful.

Closing Date: 03 September 2026

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Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT | CIRCULAR NO.24 OF 2026

VACANCY: SENIOR PARAMEDIC OFFICER – D4 SALARY SCALE x 5

VACANCY CODE: 111704712.1.1,111704711.1.1,111704703.1.1,111704701.1.1 and 111704704.1.1

Applications are invited from suitably qualified serving Permanent and Pensionable Government employees for the above position in the Ministry of Health, tenable at Palapye Primary Hospital, Mahalapye District Hospital, Letsholathebe II Memorial Hospital, Gweta Primary Hospital and Ghanzi Primary Hospital.

SALARY : D4 (P255,948.00 – P282,120.00 per annum)

BENEFITS:

- a) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contribution 50% and Employee contribute 50%).
- b) Contributory Pension (Government contributes 15% and Employee contributes 5%).

LEAVE: 30 working days per annum

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Paramedic Sciences (at least 36 months training) or equivalent. Must be licensed by Botswana Health Professions Council as Paramedic, and possess Class B Driver's License.

EXPERIENCE: Three (3) years working experience in the field of Out of Hospital

Emergency Medical Care, two (2) of which must have been at the level of Paramedic Officer or equivalent.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB: To monitor and provide out of hospital advanced life support to people who are critically injured or ill and transport them to a medical facility within scope of practice.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

1. Monitor response to emergency calls in the community.
2. Identify emergency condition of patients and monitors the performance of advanced life support.
3. Communicate relevant patient information with clients and other stakeholders.
4. Monitor safe transportation of patients to appropriate health facilities.
5. Address customers queries and complaints.
6. Declare death after assessment in an out of hospital setting
7. Take command of the emergency medical scene.
8. Establish and monitor scene safety to prevent injuries to the medical crew, patient or bystanders.
9. Manage the status of Ambulance equipment.
10. Enforce infection control standards to ensure operation readiness of emergency equipment.
11. Monitor the status of pharmacy and supplies consumables in the Emergency Medical Services Centre including the

- disaster response storeroom.
- 12. Monitor the processing, reviewing and relaying of information in the Emergency Medical Services Centre.
- 13. Monitor the use of the computer aided dispatch system, call logs and registers.
- 14. processing of emergency calls.
- 15. Monitor contact with all ambulance crew on assignment.
- 16. Monitor and respond to direct emergency alarms from patient devices such as pacemakers.
- 17. Consolidate medical errors reports.
- 18. Manage staff performance.
- 19. Undertake any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES:

1. Problem Solving
2. Timely Decision Making
3. Time Management
4. Priority Setting
5. Command Skills
6. Drive for results
7. Customer Focus
8. Ethics and Values

APPLICATIONS:

- a) Quote the number of the Vacancy Circular and provide the following details:
- b) Full name, address and place of birth.
- c) Brief summary of up to date career duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- d) Certified copies of certificates (Academic

- and Professional).
- e) Certified copy of Botswana Health Professions Council Certificate/Practice license
- f) A minimum of two current references (not more than 6 months old).
- g) Certified copy of proof of Identity (Omang).
- h) Application should entail:
- i) Date of first appointment
- j) Present post, grade and date of appointment thereto

Applications should be addressed to:

PERMANENT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
PRIVATE BAG 0038 GABORONE
OR

Hand delivered to:

Ministry of Health Headquarters
Office 1A 16 (1st floor)

Only short listed candidates will be responded to.

Closing date: 01st September 2026,1630 hours. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For further information contact: Human Resources Management Unit on

Tel: 363 2436 / 2460 /2147

Cc: Permanent Secretary-Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Council Secretaries Town Clerks



Modern tractor ploughing demonstrates the gradual transition toward more efficient agricultural practices.

Botswana 60 Years of Independence: The Transformation of Agriculture

As Botswana celebrates 60 years of independence, the nation reflects on the remarkable transformation the country has undergone since gaining independence in 1966. Agriculture has been an important part of the journey, sustaining communities, supporting livelihoods and contributing to the development of the nation. At independence, Botswana was among the world's poorest countries, with a largely rural population dependent on subsistence agriculture, livestock and rain-fed farming. Farming was predominantly labour-intensive, with traditional methods, animal-drawn ploughs and limited access to modern agricultural infrastructure and technology. Over the past six decades, government has invested in the development and modernisation of the agricultural sector, introducing programmes and initiatives aimed at improving food production, supporting farmers, strengthening livestock production and promoting greater agricultural productivity. As the nation looks back at photographs from the early years, comparing them with images of agriculture today, we see a nation adapting, investing and striving for greater food security, improved livelihoods and a better standard of living for its people.



In the olden days, farming activities such as thrashing were labour-intensive.



Traditional use of a hoe in the field, highlights manual weeding that formed an important part of agricultural life in the country.



The use of a drone technology and precision agriculture has transformed the way farmers manage fields.



Traditional ox-drawn plough, reflecting the labour-intensive farming methods widely used by Batswana in the early years of independence.



Mechanised harvesting and thrashing has combined several stages of harvest processing.

MoU to Strengthen Procurement Cooperation

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

University of Botswana (UB), Botswana Open University (BOU), Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) and Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at deepening cooperation on public procurement practice across the country’s four public universities.

The signing ceremony took place last week at the UB Council Chamber, bringing together leadership from all four institutions. Presenting an overview of the agreement, UB chief finance officer Professor David Tele explained that the MoU established a framework for cooperation on best practice and compliance with Botswana’s public procurement laws, particularly the Public Procurement Act of 2021 and its regulations.

Its objectives range from sharing procurement policies and audit lessons to strengthening governance and controls, joint training, coordinating engagement with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, exploring collaborative purchasing, and working together on a digital procurement transformation project. The theme of the ceremony addressed scale of opportunity created by combining the four institutions’ purchasing power.

He said the universities collectively managed a budget of more than P6 billion, a figure that underlined the leverage they could bring to bear by negotiating deals jointly rather than separately.

Implementation will be overseen by a Joint Implementing Committee, to which each university will appoint at least two

representatives.

The committee will identify priority areas, coordinate joint projects, exchange information, evaluate progress and report back to each institution’s management. Prof Tele stated that the MOU created no funding obligations or financial liability for any of the four universities.

The MOU will run for five years, with any party able to withdraw on three months’ notice. Intellectual property will remain with the institution that owns it, and information shared between the parties must be kept confidential and not disclosed without prior written consent.

The MOU is described as a non-binding framework of cooperation, creating no legal obligations and gives the four institutions a platform to bargain collectively and cooperate more closely on procurement going forward. BOU vice chancellor Prof Kgomoitso Moahi described the signing as history in the making, pointing out that



Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Wellington Masamba (left), University of Botswana Vice Chancellor Professor David Norris (second left), Botswana Open University Vice Chancellor Kgomoitso Moahi (second right) and Botswana International University Of Science and Technology Vice Chancellor Elisha Shemang (right) during the signing of an MoU to establish a framework for cooperation on best practice and compliance with Botswana’s public procurement laws to insure smooth operations between the institutions. Photo: Washa Bofelwang.

procurement had long struggled with public trust and that closer collaboration between the institutions would help ensure things were done by the book.

She likened the initiative to the long-

standing consortium model used by university librarians, who pool their numbers to negotiate better prices, adding that with four institutions now at the table, “we are all eating from the same pot.” **BOPA**

Vandalism impairs trust ambitions

Goweditswe Kome
MAPOKA

Acts of vandalism and theft of property continues to hamper the work of Bokamano Conservation Trust in Mapoka. The trust’s treasurer Mr Edward Kealotswe said in an interview that a guardroom and another building at the trust premises were broken into and goods stolen.

He said incidents of theft and vandalism was not new, stating that the trust used to have beehives within the complex, but thieves

illegally harvested honey. Additionally, he said they also reared guinea fowls, chickens and rabbits, which were also stolen, rendering efforts of the trust futile.

Mr Kealotswe indicated that while the trust was established for preservation of culture, it was also playing a role in helping wherever possible in the village. Currently, he said Bokamano Conservation Trust was assisting with construction of gabions at four spots in the village where rainwater had eroded the soil.

Talking to the mandate of the trust,

Mr Kealotswe said it revolved around the promotion and preservation of Bakalanga culture.

He said with Mapoka being one of the villages where Hosanna Ritual Dance originated, the trust would establish a cultural village where such an aspect of culture, including the Bakalanga traditional artifacts, would be archived.

The cultural village would both generate revenue for the trust and also serve as an educational tool on Bakalanga history and cultural heritage. **BOPA**

HR OFFICER WANTED

Employer: Quality Meat (Pty) Ltd, dealing in wholesale, retail and processed meat.

Responsibilities: Human resources management, enforcement of company procedures.

Qualifications: > five years' experience.

Format of response: Latest CV with traceable references, Form 5 / Grade 12 / BGCSE, Highest Qualification Certificates, (all in pdf format).

Send applications to: jdv@qualitymeat.co.bw
Cell: 71301145
Address: P.O. Box 3020, Gaborone.
Closing date: 21 August 2026

QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER WANTED

Employer: Quality Meat (Pty) Ltd, dealing in wholesale, retail and processed meat.

Responsibilities: Management of the in-house food safety management system.

Qualifications: > three years' experience maintaining HACCP and ISO 22000/FSSC 22000 based quality assurance systems.

Format of response: Latest CV with traceable references, Form 5 / Grade 12 / BGCSE, Highest Qualification Certificates, (all in pdf format).

Send applications to: jdv@qualitymeat.co.bw
Cell: 71301145
Address: P.O. Box 3020, Gaborone.
Closing date: 21 August 2026

PRODUCTION MANAGER WANTED

Employer: Quality Meat (Pty) Ltd, dealing in wholesale, retail and processed meat.

Responsibilities: Management of production scheduling and execution. Attaining rated

capacities of plant installed, efficiently.

Qualifications: > five years' experience in production management. LEAN production experience beneficial.

Format of response: Latest CV with traceable references, Form 5 / Grade 12 / BGCSE, Highest Qualification Certificates, (all in pdf format).

Send applications to: jdv@qualitymeat.co.bw
Cell: 71301145
Address: P.O. Box 3020, Gaborone.
Closing date: 21 August 2026

MILLWRIGHT WANTED BASED IN GABORONE

Quality Meat (Pty) Ltd, established in 1998, is a vertically integrated meat business, based in Gaborone, Botswana. We are expanding and **require the services a qualified maintenance technician** to manage and execute our preventative and ongoing maintenance management program.

Responsibilities: Millwright Duties, Preventative Maintenance Management, Mechanical and Electrical Machine Maintenance, PLC Support, Electronic maintenance.

Qualifications: At least a twelve month regionally accredited course with at least 1 years' millwright experience. Welder experience. Farming maintenance experience beneficial.

Candidates must be: hard working, a team player, innovative, self-motivating.

Format of response: Latest CV, Highest School Certificate, Highest qualification (all in pdf format).

Send applications to: jdv@qualitymeat.co.bw
Address: Plot 13096, Broadhurst Industrial, Gaborone, P.O. Box 3020, Gaborone.
Closing date: 21 September 2026

Outcome: If you have not received a response within four weeks of the closing date, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.



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Opelo Letshwiti insists that although looming was not your traditional way of crocheting it is therapeutic.

M masengwe: Where yarn brings women together

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

In the suburbs of Extension 9, the atmosphere at Nine Eatery + Cocktail Bar takes on a different rhythm as women gather around a table, each armed with a round loom and a willingness to learn.

The gentle movement of yarn fills the space, while the instructor’s voice is the only sound cutting through the growing concentration.

About an hour into Saturday’s session, conversation has almost completely disappeared. The women are now absorbed in the moment, their eyes fixed on the loops taking shape in their hands as they carefully follow each instruction.

There is no rush. No phones demanding attention. No pressure to be anywhere else.

The goal is simple: to leave the session with a handmade beanie.

For the women gathered around the table, however, the afternoon offers much more than learning how to work with yarn. It provides a rare opportunity to pause, connect and simply enjoy being present.

The session is one of several loom and crochet workshops hosted by textile enthusiast Opelo Letshwiti, whose passion for crafting has grown into a community initiative aimed at

helping people slow down, unwind and acquire practical skills.

Letshwiti’s relationship with textiles goes back much further than the Saturday sessions.

She has spent 14 years in the textile industry, a journey she says began when she was very young. So young, in fact, that people around her often tell her she was already showing an interest in crafting as a toddler.

Although she holds a Bachelor of Science in Computing from Botho University, Letshwiti says her heart has always been drawn to fashion and textiles.

Her journey took a decisive turn shortly after she left the examination room at Botho University.

“I received a call from my mother asking me to enrol at a brigade and pursue my passion,” she recalls.

With the support of her family, particularly her mother, Letshwiti enrolled at Tlokweng Brigade, where she spent three years training in what is today known as fashion design.

She considers herself fortunate to have grown up in a family that encouraged her interests. Her mother went a step further by buying her the equipment and materials she needed to develop her craft.

Born in Ramonaka and having spent much of her life in Gaborone, Letshwiti draws much of her inspiration from her grandmother, Mmasengwe, who was a dressmaker.

It was this influence that eventually inspired the name of her brand, Mmasengwe.

For Letshwiti, however, crafting is not simply about producing beautiful garments or handmade items. It is also about sharing knowledge and creating opportunities for others to discover their own abilities.

Her love for teaching has taken her skills into the community. She is currently based at the Orange Digital Centre, where she teaches different courses, including digital embroidery and 3D printing. The centre seeks to empower communities, particularly vulnerable groups, by providing access to skills and opportunities.

A multitasker, Letshwiti has at times juggled two jobs while still finding time to pursue her passion.

Her love for looming and crocheting took on a different meaning during the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020.

Like many people during that period, she found herself looking for ways to cope with uncertainty and isolation. What started as a personal interest eventually grew into a bigger dream: creating a space where people could come

together, learn and enjoy a moment of relaxation.

That dream became a reality in 2024 when she began hosting loom and crochet sessions.

For Letshwiti, however, the sessions were never intended to become another business venture.

Instead, she sees them as a community project, a space where people can take a break from the demands of everyday life, learn something new and perhaps find a little peace along the way.

“In a world where people are mentally struggling, people need time to unwind,” she says.

She believes that something as simple as sitting around a table with yarn and a loom can provide that much-needed pause.

The sessions are deliberately informal and are not held according to a fixed schedule. Letshwiti organises them whenever she

feels inspired, allowing the project to remain centred on its original purpose rather than becoming driven by profit.

She hopes companies and organisations will embrace the concept by bringing employees to such sessions as part of wellness and team-building activities.

For Letshwiti, the real reward is not how much money the sessions generate, but the impact they have on those who attend.

She believes learning a new skill, taking time to breathe and connecting with others can have a ripple effect beyond the session itself, potentially contributing to happier and more relaxed homes.

In a world that constantly demands people move faster, the women around the table are doing the opposite.

They are slowing down, one loop at a time. **BOPA**

Gammangwato FM addition to online broadcast

Keith Ketl SEROWE

Gammangwato FM, owned by the Ngwato Development Trust, will start broadcasting online this month once all preparations are complete.

Speaking during a stakeholder engagement session on Wednesday, Media Committee Chairperson Mr Mosupi Garebatho said the station planned to broadcast online at first, and would eventually transition to Frequency Modulation (FM) as

its financial situation improved.

He explained that purchasing transmitters was an expensive exercise, noting that each unit costs over P350,000 and only covers a 50 km radius.

Due to budgetary constraints, Gammangwato Development Committees, through its media committee, has thus opted for online radio as a starting point.

Furthermore, Mr Garebatho stressed that buying transmitters in bulk was currently unaffordable.

Instead, the station will gradually expand its radio coverage

until it reaches 100 percent of the Gammangwato region by purchasing more transmitters as funds permit.

He added that filling the frequency gaps would be a continuous process over the coming years.

Mr Garebatho outlined that the radio project would be implemented in phases; Phase one would focus on preparations and was scheduled for completion this month.

eSwatini artiste finds rhythm in Botswana

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

There’s a particular kind of magic when an artist doesn’t just perform a song, but sits down and tells you the story behind it.

That was the experience of sitting down with eSwatini musician Andile Ace Jules Mabuza, who is back in Botswana for *Echoes Of The Wild*. Mabuza recently crossed paths with local artist Scar, and the connection was immediate. The duo has already recorded *Sala Guchelwa*, which was sampled live on air at RB2 recently.

The title draws from a Siswati saying, *Sala Guchelwa*, Sibona Ngomop, meaning those who refuse to listen will learn the hard way. On the track, the idea splits into two perspectives. Scar’s verse follows a young woman swept into the spotlight, only to watch it lead her toward decisions she would not otherwise have made.

M a b u z a speaks of Scar with genuine warmth rather than name-dropping.

“I only got to fully understand his greatness once the work was already in motion,” he said.

Beyond the studio, Mabuza showcased his solo work at Flava Dome with *Mama Temba Mina*. The performance exuded warmth.

The song is a tribute to mothers, those who work themselves thin, sacrifice quietly, and build the foundation everyone else stands on. It also reaches toward male children navigating identity and belonging. It is a song about

labour and love moving in both directions, and it has quickly become a signature moment in Mabuza’s live sets. Those live sets, he notes, are exactly what brought him back to Botswana.

That return comes courtesy of *Echoes Of The Wild*, a festival built around the collision of safari and the arts, where music, fine art, and the wide wild backdrop of Chobe fold into one experience.

Mabuza first came to Botswana through the Goethe Institute, where he took part in an entanglement workshop under the Africa/Europe partnership for culture. That earlier connection opened the door to *Echoes Of The Wild*. Mabuza also tells his journey through what he wears.

His jacket is covered in CDs, repurposed because ‘nobody really uses CDs anymore, so why not give them another life.’

The jacket traces back to the MTN Bushfire Festival. Instead of fans lining up for his autograph, Mabuza flipped the script and asked other artists and festival goers to sign his jacket. People were startled, then delighted.

The result is a wearable map, carrying signatures from China, Australia, eSwatini, South Africa, and Limpopo, layered over a style built on 80s and 90s influence remixed through a contemporary lens of nostalgia.

That same openness carries into his view of Botswana’s music scene. Beyond Scar, Mabuza is candid about still learning the landscape. He names William Last as a dream collaborator, and says he is open to being pointed in new directions. **BOPA**

Mabuza also tells his journey through what he wears. His jacket is covered in CDs, repurposed because ‘nobody really uses CDs anymore, so why not give them another life.’



BaGamangwato Media Committee Chairperson Mosupi Garebatho during community engagement on the newly acquired radio licence by the committee in Serowe recently. He said the station planned to broadcast online at first, and would eventually transition to Frequency Modulation (FM) as its financial situation improved explaining that purchasing transmitters was an expensive exercise, with each unit costing over P350,000 and only covering a 50km radius. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Gammangwato FM addition to online broadcast

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Phase two would comprise pilot programming to identify operational gaps and implement remedial measures, which is slated to kick-start on September 12.

He added that the primary purpose of the pilot project was to test feasibility, evaluate risks, and gather real-world data before committing major resources to a full-scale rollout.

This phase will give the station an opportunity to identify and fix flaws and bottlenecks. Phase three will mark the official launch of the online radio station on September 23.

Hinting at the planned programming, Mr Garebatho said the station would feature news, community updates, culture, heritage, education, development, youth programming, and

entertainment.

The station will also host dedicated shows such as Farmers’ Hour, Youth Innovation Hub, Health Talk, and Heritage Voices.

He informed stakeholders that the station’s financial model would rely on sponsorships, local advertising, grants, training workshops, events, and crowd funding.

Given that the Gammangwato region comprise various ethnic groups who speak different languages, Mr Garebatho emphasised that the station would broadcast in all local languages. Also he stated that the station would treat all languages equally, upholding it as a fundamental principle of human rights and social harmony.

For his part, the Chairperson of the Ngwato Development Trust, Mr Godiretse Khumiso, said the station would accord residents, especially the youth, valuable employment opportunities. He described the radio station as a tool for disseminating information that could transform the economic landscape of the Gammangwato region.

Mr Khumiso noted that the station gave residents a sense of pride and ownership, offering an opportunity to celebrate their identity and culture, which played a pivotal role in shaping the future. Furthermore, he stated that the community radio station would serve as a catalyst for social, economic, and civic empowerment.

“By amplifying local voices, it enables communities to share knowledge, access critical education, and hold leaders accountable without relying on mainstream media gatekeepers,” Mr Khumiso said. **BOPA**

Peking Opera rendezvous in Tunisia

TUNIS

As the last rays of sunlight faded over the ancient theatre of Carthage, night settled in and the summer heat began to ease.

Then, the resonant strains of Peking Opera rang out, and the Monkey King, an iconic figure in Peking Opera, appeared in a golden robe, moving in perfect sync with the drumbeats. His entrance unleashed a roar of applause that swept through the crowd.

On Tuesday evening, Peking Opera performers from China’s National Peking Opera Company took the stage during the Folklores of the World segment of the 60th Carthage International Festival in Tunisia.

More than 20 performers presented Havoc in the Heavenly Kingdom, a classic Peking Opera work, captivating a Tunisian audience eager to experience the richness of traditional Chinese art.

The pounding drums and

soaring vocals deeply resonated with Wissal Khlifi, a Chinese-language enthusiast.

When the Monkey King led his “monkey children” onto the stage to battle the celestial army, the theater erupted in cheers and applause. Khlifi let out an excited cry and immediately pulled out her phone to capture the dazzling spectacle.

“I have seen face-changing and acrobatics before, but this was my first time watching Peking Opera. The range of styles on display really speaks to the depth and richness of Chinese culture,” she said. During the half-hour performance, Meher Rabeh barely lowered his camera. “The grandeur of the performances was incredibly infectious. I simply couldn’t stop recording,” he said.

Compared to other folk performances at the event, what stood out most about the Peking Opera was its interplay of motion and stillness, Rabeh added.

“It was at once freewheeling

and meticulously controlled. One moment, the performers were locked in fierce combat; the next, they froze in perfect stillness. The striking contrast between movement and silence, sound and stillness, was stunning.” Among the “monkey children” onstage were five Tunisian practitioners of Chinese martial arts. One of them, 17-year-old Zayneb Mannai, has been training for 13 years and is now a member of the Tunisian Federation of Wushu Kung-Fu. She has travelled to China twice for martial arts competitions. “When I was four, I saw my brother practicing and was fascinated by the moves, so I started training too,” she recalled. In full makeup and costume, Mannai moved with a remarkably lifelike monkey.

Learning the choreography and stage positioning was not easy at first, but performing alongside Peking Opera artists was an incredible thrill for me and my friends, she said.

Hend Mokrani, director of

the 60th Carthage International Festival, told Xinhua that while other international acts were given around 10 minutes each, the Peking Opera performance was given a special 30-minute slot to open the show. “

We wanted to give the audience enough time to follow the story, discover a different form of theater, and experience the richness of Chinese culture,” Mokrani said.

She also praised the artistic expressiveness and technical mastery of Chinese opera.

“The audience’s enthusiastic response says everything about their appreciation for Peking Opera. I hope to see more performances like this in Tunisia in the future, they are a wonderful bridge for cultural exchange between our two countries,” she said. Backstage after the show, Tian Lei, vice president of China’s National Peking Opera Company, was still buzzing with excitement.

Xinhua

Young riders shine at MTB championships

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The Botswana Cycling Association (BCA) is impressed with young mountain bike (MTB) riders' development in cycling sport.

Both junior and youth categories riders displayed good form over the weekend at the BCA National MTB championships, and in the process gained valuable experience by racing in tougher terrains of the various race routes.

In the youth female category of 15km distance, Loapi Mmokele, clocking a time of 1:17:12 secured the 2026 BCA MTB championship title with a big winning margin of over 11

minutes and 4 seconds to her club competitor, Hope Mathiba, who secured third place.

Kyara Kenaope rode the closest to Mmokele as she was a minute and 51 seconds behind her.

In the junior male category, Simphiwe Potongwane put together a 30km distance standout with an impressive finish of 1:35:16, beating club competitor Thuto Phaladze by a minute and 44 seconds, while Ted Makgetho came third, finishing in 1:42:28.

"The strategy to be the champ was to at least stay with my competitors and then drop them at the technical parts and go full gas after that," the 15-year-

old said, explaining that his chain falling while going uphill affected his ride resulting in his competitors getting ahead.

"But then I still managed to catch up to my competitors and beat them," he said.

In the Under-23 female category, Myra Mantle rode to victory with a finish of 1:50:41 over Ryana Kenaope who finished a slow behind in 1:57:18.

The Under-23 male champion went to Rebaone Khunofu who clocked 2:12:51, in second position was Mabaki Mathumo who finished in 2:30:01 while Carlyn Watson-Ben came third in 2:49:11.

For Watson-Ben, securing a

podium was commendable given his focus on road cycling rather than mountain biking.

He was crowned second in the 2025 MTB Nationals which gave riders a longer but less technical course which Watson-Ben preferred since they suit his strength better, allowing him to maintain higher speeds and stay with the leading group for longer' compared to this year's more technical route course which was challenging for him.

BCA president Kagiso Potongwane said he was impressed with the form of the riders.

"We are happy with the current juniors and youth. We have seen them grow in mountain biking and road cycling and it is pleasing to see that progression and having the same kids competing and winning."

However, Potongwane said as an association they still had a lot of work to do and challenges to overcome in terms of preparing them for continental and world championships.

Potongwane said as they reached out to the potential sponsors, they gave them proposals that could benefit both the sponsors and the association.

He said efforts were underway to secure sponsors and support from Botswana National Sports Commission to enhance programmes for young athletes.

Given the decline in sponsorship in terms of MTB, he said there had been discussions on whether to create more camps and competitions instead of just awaiting for the nationals.

The National results, particularly for elite, under-23, and junior



Rebaone Khunofu



Loapi Mmokele



Simphiwe Potongwane



Myra Mantle

categories, are submitted to the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) for rankings, and finishing an event like this, Potongwane said was a milestone as it enabled submission to UCI as well as meet national standards across disciplines. **BOPA**

First Capital Bank boosts Lions Cricket Club with P80,000

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

First Capital Bank has sponsored Gaborone-based Lions Cricket Club P80,000 to support the development of cricket and promote participation in sport.

The bank's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lesego Osman, said the sponsorship was more than a corporate contribution, describing it as a strategic partnership aimed at supporting community and sports development.

Osman said sport had the ability to bring people together, promote community integration and create a positive impact in society.

He said supporting local sports clubs was particularly important for Botswana as the country continued to make its mark on the international sporting arena.

Osman said the sponsorship would also contribute to promoting active and healthy lifestyles through increased

participation in sport.

Botswana Cricket Association (BCA) chief executive officer, Tebogo Ntesang, welcomed the partnership, saying it went beyond financial support to include the development of athletes, teams and the broader sporting community.

"We all know that sport is a very short profession. As athletes, you do not want to look back and feel that you did not receive the support you needed during your time in sport. I play for the national team, and I understand what it means to have people and organisations behind you," she said.

Ntesang said the partnership would support athletes' development while also contributing to the development of coaches and national cricket programmes. She said partnerships of this nature could increase the number and capacity of technical officials, including umpires and coaches. **BOPA**

Township Rollers secure P6m deal with Hope Tee Energy

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Township Rollers FC announced domestic energy company, Hope Tee Energy as their new front-of-shirt sponsor, in a deal worth P6 million.

The sponsorship deal will run for three seasons at P2 million per season commencing in the upcoming 2026-27 campaign.

A citizen company owned by businessman Hope Kontle, producing smart meters and meter terminals at their factory in Tlokweng, would have their brand appear as the primary logo on the chest of Rollers jersey.

Speaking at the launch

recently, Rollers chairperson, Thapelo Pabalinga said they were discussing commercial partnerships with companies in order to revive the club.

Pabalinga said during the past season, Popa-Popa struggled financially, leading to an exodus of senior players and a FIFA transfer ban, subject to the club owing former coach Abdelaziz "Aziz" Karkache.

He said the team was particularly pleased to establish partnership with a local company.

He said their vision was to have Rollers win the league within the next couple of seasons and regularly compete in the Confederation of African Football

(CAF) club competitions.

For his part, Kontle said he grew up as a Rollers supporter. He also recollects playing in the now defunct Chappies Little League development football structure under the tutelage of Michael "Spokes" Gaborone at a junior team, Arm City.

As such, he promised the legion of Rollers supporters that in addition to injecting capital into the club, he was passionate about seeing Rollers become successful on the pitch.

Hope Tee Energy joins Bet267, Diadora, O3 Beverages and Options as Rollers' current commercial partners ahead of the new season. **BOPA**

Mochudi Centre Chiefs reign supreme

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

The FNB Premier League may be on a break, with transfer speculation dominating the local football scene as teams strengthen their squads ahead of the upcoming season, but the off-season has also been characterised by a barrage of pre-season tournaments.

Mochudi Centre Chiefs continued their rich vein of pre-season form after being crowned champions of the Sunbet Charity Cup following a dominant 2-1 victory over arch-rivals Gaborone United on Saturday, further cementing their position as the most dominant team since the resumption of pre-season activities.

The victory handed Chiefs their second successive win over Gaborone United, following a 3-1 triumph over Moyagoleele in the Jwaneng Mine General Manager's Cup a fortnight ago.

With bruised egos following their defeat to Chiefs in the Jwaneng Mine General Manager's Cup, GU were hoping to redeem themselves in the Sunbet Charity Cup. The Reds fielded a line-up packed with Premier League-winning pedigree, including Lebogang Ditsele, Karabo Phiri and Thatayaone Kgamanyane.

Although it is still pre-season, the star-studded GU line-up appears to be struggling to meet



Mochudi Centre Chiefs football Club in a celebratory mood after clinching the Sunbet Charity Cup during the annual pre-season match played at Gaborone United ground on Saturday. Chiefs won 2-1. The proceeds raised through the game will be channelled directly to youth sports development. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

expectations and has yet to stamp its authority on the pre-season campaign, despite retaining several key players from last season's championship-winning squad.

The Reds are racing against time to find their winning combinations and regain their momentum ahead of their CAF Champions League preliminary-

round encounter against Tanzanian giants Young Africans on the weekend of September 4-6, 2026.

They have also been active in the transfer market, with the latest acquisitions including Namibian midfielder Paulus Amutenya and Benson Mangolo.

Chiefs, on the other hand, have been in high spirits during

the pre-season, using the break to bolster their squad depth with the likes of Mosha Gaolalwe, Kelvin Ndebele, Pheny Serameng and the blockbuster signing of Mpho Kgaswane.

With plenty of talent at his disposal, Chiefs head coach Miguel Torreira has been using the pre-season to work on combinations and tactical

cohesion, with the team also having spent part of its preparations at the High Performance Centre in Pretoria, South Africa.

To his credit, Torreira has overseen an impressive pre-season campaign, with Chiefs claiming victories in all the tournaments they have participated in so far. **BOPA**

Mazottie win exposes regional gap



Mazottie are the winner of this year's DTCB Women's tournament after 7-0 victory over Dunamis and Daughters during a tournament played at Royal Aria Stadium in Tlokweng on Saturday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Gaborone-based Mazottie FC are this year's DTC Botswana Women's Football Championship titleholders after a 7-0 victory over Moiyabana-based Dunamis and Daughters FC.

While the Southern Block champions celebrate their dominance, the huge margin of victory in the national final highlights a deeper and systemic issue within the domestic game and a widening resource gap between capital-based powerhouses and clubs operating from outlying regions.

The tournament, played at the Royal Aria Stadium in Tlokweng on Saturday, showcased raw talent from across the country's regional blocks, bringing together champions Mazottie FC (Southern Block), Dunamis and Daughters FC (Eastern Block), Ghanzi United Farmers FC (Western Block) and City Kings FC (Northern Block).

However, the final turned into a starkly one-sided affair. Powered by superior training facilities, corporate visibility and regular high-intensity competition in the capital, Mazottie's established structure left their counterparts searching for answers.

Critics note that while DTCB's lucrative sponsorship provided a crucial national platform, the broader structural support system remained unevenly

distributed.

Teams in and around Gaborone enjoy access to prime sport infrastructure, stable club management and frequent scouting exposure.

In contrast, far-flung regional clubs are forced to navigate poor pitch conditions, severely limited travel budgets and minimal local corporate backing, all of which heavily stunt their athletic development.

To sustain national growth, analysts have urged the Botswana Football Association (BFA) to decentralise developmental resources, emphasising that without intentional investment, such as grassroots clinics, referee training and direct financial subventions for the Western, Northern and Eastern streams, the national tournament risked becoming a recurring formality rather than a competitive showcase.

In an interview, BFA president, Tariq Babitseng, welcomed DTCB's ongoing support and impact. He said the partnership helped to identify areas requiring greater focus.

"Teams such as Tsabong-based Makgabz City have demonstrated that they can compete with Gaborone-based teams and that alone has motivated administrators in the region to form women's football. I am confident that there is some light," he said. **BOPA**