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GABORONE - Government is in pursuit of a new economic model that is productive, inclusive, technology-driven and globally competitive.

Giving a keynote address during the 2025 OPEC Fund Development Forum on Tuesday in Austria, Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said the diamond-led growth model had done its part and no longer suffices to achieve the vision of transforming Botswana into a high-income economy.

Therefore, Mr Gaolathe highlighted that government had opted for the national strategy to accelerate digital transformation across government, the economy and society through the SmartBots initiative which had connected over 1.66 million of the citizenry to broadband. ***Cont...page 3***

VIENNA - ***Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe delivering a keynote address during the 2025 OPEC Fund Development Forum in Austria on Tuesday, where he outlined Botswana's shift to a technology-driven inclusive economy. He said government was in pursuit of a new economic model that was productive, inclusive and globally competitive.*** Photo: Courtesy of the Office of the Vice President



'Strategic communication crucial for public trust'

By Victoria Kesimolotse

MAHALAPYE Officials have emphasised the crucial role of public relations professionals in managing information dissemination especially during times of crisis.

One of the speakers at the inaugural conference for government public relations officers in Mahalapye on Monday, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, underscored the necessity for public relations officers to have opportunities for high-level engagement, including meet-and-greet sessions, introspection, and celebrations of their achievements.

He stressed that such interactions were vital for reflecting on communication performance, confronting challenges, and setting strategic goals for the profession.

"This requires honest deliberations amongst ourselves, bold leadership, strategic action, and accountability to transform your departments. Our aim is to implement long-term reforms that will enhance productivity and promote inclusive growth, as we promised to the people of Botswana during our election campaigns," he said.

Mr Mohwasa, who is the Minister for State President, said it was important to align communication efforts with the government's agenda, particularly in building a resilient economy that provided opportunities for all citizens to lead fulfilling lives.

He outlined key sectors such as democracy, governance, security, land, housing, environment, climate change, education, healthcare, social protection, gender equality, and international relations as focal points for effective messaging.

"It is essential that government messaging is clear and well-understood by the public. Every initiative, programme, project, legislation, across all ministries and sectors, must be packaged well and communicated promptly to build trust and a positive reputation."

The minister also called for collaboration with private sector communication experts to strengthen government messaging, especially in navigating the complex landscape shaped by both positive and negative narratives, including those manipulated by artificial intelligence.

He warned that misinformation harms not only individual reputations but also compromises government messaging integrity.

Addressing the broader media ecosystem, Mr Mohwasa highlighted the roles of government, public and private media, social media companies, NGOs, and citizens, urging prompt and responsive communication to mitigate potential damage to government image.

Ms Goitsemang Morekisi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for State President, added that the conference aimed to guide government communicators on how to effectively convey programmes and policies, ensuring their voices were heard and impactful.

"Our minister believes that the good work of the government is not always communicated effectively. We are here to standardise our messaging and improve our communication strategies. This conference provides an opportunity to understand government priorities, including the recent 100 days report of the Presidency, and to rethink our communication approaches,"she said.

Ms Morekisi emphasised that civil servants were committed to serving the current administration and must adapt to its vision and action plan.

She also highlighted the importance of integrating private PROs to assist in service delivery improvements and adopting innovative communication methods.

She said government continued to navigate a rapidly evolving media landscape, saying a strategic, timely and transparent communication was key in maintaining public trust and promoting national development. ***BOPA***

Mmamabula project: Catalyst for economic growth

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - The scale and ambition of the ongoing Mmamapula energy project an opportunity for local and international financiers and capital markets to mobilise funding in ways that balances risk, return and developmental impact.

When making a presentation on 'Developing a World Class Privately funded Coal Energy Project' during the future of mining summit, Jindal Africa Chief Executive Officer, Mr Parshant Goyal said that Mmamapula project was infrastructure-intensive, thus offering Botswana an opportunity to strengthen national and regional infrastructure through strategic partnerships that benefit the project and the broader economy.

"With over P1.87 billion including P600 million directly in to citizen owned business already injected in the Mmamabula project, the project is not only driving infrastructure growth but also empowering local economic players and was already delivering tangible results," he said.

He noted that building a large-scale electricity generating plant of Mmamabula caliber would provide various economic growth opportunities through the empowerment of local business entities and job creation as skill transfer. The projects, therefore he said offered opportunities for local procurement and supply chain developing.

"At Jindal, we priorities sourcing goods and service from the local community either be the SMMEs or citizen owned enterprises. Our partnership with local contractors, manufactures and logistics as well as other service providers will help shape the competitiveness of Botswana's industrial ecosystem," he said.

He said that the Mmamabula energy project aligned national energy security with economic diversification, job creation and demonstrated what may be achieved with public private partnership.

He said Jindal was committed to building a world class energy solution to Botswana and the entire region.

"The journey of this project is one of vision, resilience, and collaboration. From securing the mining licenses and environmental clearances, to signing key commercial agreements and beginning pre-construction works, Jindal has shown commitment to not just developing a mine, but to building a world-class energy solution for Botswana and the region," he said.

With the expected capacity of 600 megawatts, the project is earmarked to be a game changer as it will inject reliable electricity supply to the national grid thus reducing dependence on importation of energy and enhance local production.

Mr Goyal indicated that the commencement of the 30 kilometers Jindal Capricorn road construction from Tropic of Capricorn to the Mmamapula Site was already underway.

The road, he said would enhance local and regional trade corridors and reduce logistical costs for both the project and local industries.

Officially rolled out in October 2023, the public-private partnership project between Jindal Africa and the government of Botswana aims to bolster the energy sector.

The project covers the design, finance, construction, ownership, operation, maintenance and decommissioning at the end of its economic life (minimum 30 years) of a 300MW net greenfield coal-fired power plant as an independent power producer. ***BOPA***



A model of the Mmamabula 300MW Thermal Power Plant. The energy project was officially unveiled in 2023. Jindal Africa CEO, Mr Parshant Goyal said the project was infrastructure-intensive, thus offering Botswana an opportunity to strengthen national and regional infrastructure through strategic partnerships.

Schools face food, transport shortages

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOGODITSHANE - Schools across the Mogoditshane/ Thamaga district are facing a mounting crisis as food supply shortages and inadequate transport threaten the health, attendance, and performance of pupils, particularly those with special needs.

Speaking at Mogoditshane-Thamaga District full council session on Monday, the council chairperson, Mr Molatedi Selala presented a worrying picture of the situation.

"Learners are currently being served only bread, tea and beef due to lack of funding for staple foods such as sorghum, samp, beans and milk," he said stating that suppliers have not been paid since April this year and this has led to the suspension of lunch programmes in several schools.

"This has caused major disruptions to daily school routines, particularly students from vulnerable backgrounds who depend on school meals as a key source of daily nutrition," he said.

Transport challenges he said, had further compounded the crisis. The Special Education Unit has reportedly been the hardest hit, with many of its dedicated transport vehicles grounded due to mechanical breakdowns.

He stated that this has led to prolonged absenteeism among learners with disabilities, effectively denying them the education they were entitled to.

"We are actively working on outsourcing transport to bridge the gap and ensure that no learner is left behind," Mr Selala assured.

Meanwhile, on other education related matters, the council chairperson stated that the district recently hosted President Advocate Duma Boko at Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School for the official launch of the government's sanitary pads initiative on June 2. The initiative he said aimed to provide menstrual hygiene products to both primary and secondary school girls, enhancing their school attendance and dignity.

The council chairperson announced that the district council had officially taken over the responsibility of Primary Health Care (PHC) services, marking a major shift in healthcare delivery aimed at improving access and accountability at the local level.

"This is a transformative step that empowers councils to be more responsive and accountable to the health needs of their communities," said Mr Selala.

So far, 18 facilities, personnel, ambulances, and utility vehicles have now been integrated under the council.

While the transition presented budgetary and logistical challenges, Selala expressed confidence in the district's ability to create a resilient and efficient system.

"We must be innovative and committed. It will be hard, but the rewards will be worth it," he said. ***BOPA***

Govt strives for value-driven infrastructure

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Any new infrastructure development that government undertakes, must demonstrate value addition, whether in lowering transport costs, enabling exports, improving reliability or catalysing job creation and innovation.

This is because funding such projects has become difficult due to the reduction of government revenue, owing to the dire situation with diamond revenue, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae has explained.

He was speaking at The Future of Mining Summit, Tuesday, in Gaborone where he noted that the era of large infrastructure projects that did not deliver an adequate economic return was over as government no longer could afford investments whose value for the economy and the citizenry alike was not clear or measurable.

Mr Salakae emphasised the need to transition from viewing infrastructure as a cost centre and understand it as a productive asset, generating economic returns, improving competitiveness and securing Botswana's regional position.

To that effect, Minister Salakae stated that dominant users of infrastructure particularly capital intensive industries such as mining and oil companies would be expected to contribute directly to both capital and operational costs of the new works from which they benefit.

"As we leverage the Public-Private Partnership model to unlock value in our logistics sector, it is equally urgent that we explore innovative methods of infrastructure financing. "The capital requirements to modernise and expand our transport corridors rail, road and port connectivity are substantial and cannot rely solely on traditional budget allocations or donor flows," he said.

To address this, he said the government was exploring the issuance of infrastructure bonds, including green and sustainability-linked bonds, to attract private capital from both domestic and international markets.

Minister Salakae further urged that pension funds, insurance companies, and private equity players be engaged as strategic partners, not just financiers, in advancing national development. He said government was also establishing new funding modalities such as shadow tolling, cost sharing arrangements and user-pays mechanisms to implement this principle fairly and transparently.

Additionally, Mr Salakae stated that Botswana's creditworthiness, combined with the long-term revenue potential of user funded logistics assets, provided an attractive proposition for investors.

Therefore, he pleaded with investors and financiers to look at Botswana not as landlocked but land-linked country.

"We offer stability, reform-minded leadership and commitment to infrastructure that work for mining and beyond. To regional partners, let us strengthen our corridors. Infrastructure is integration in physical form and regional growth depends on it," he said.

He said government was pursuing PPP to unlock rail revitalisation, such as the Trans-Kalahari railway and for rail link upgrades to Mozambique and South Africa to access diversified port options. ***BOPA***



Delegates of the Future of Mining Summit voicing their opinions at the just-ended event in Gaborone on Tuesday. Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae emphasised the need to transition from viewing infrastructure as a cost centre and understand it as a productive asset, generating economic returns, improving competitiveness and securing Botswana's regional position. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Botswana charts new economic path

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"Our free public Wi-Fi network reaches more than 470 000 unique users every single week. We reduced the cost of government connectivity by over 94 per cent, from P279 to P15 Megabits per second thus freeing resources for clinics, classrooms and start-ups," he said.

The digital investments, he said enabled a new generation of micro enterprises, gig workers and youth-led innovations, especially in fintech and agritech, showcasing Botswana's digital spirit.

Mr Gaolathe said government was brewing partnerships to rapidly upskill youth in Artificial Intelligence (AI), data science and digital entrepreneurship adding that plans were underway to introduce artificial intelligence capacity-building programmes for the civil service.

"A digital nation requires a digital government and good governance must be data-driven, accountable and citizen-first," said Mr Gaolathe.

He reaffirmed government's intent to digitalise the health sector, beginning with an AI-powered health intelligence to forecast outbreaks, coordinate clinics and strengthen frontline care.

These efforts, he said would empower communities to improve resilience and unlock future industries.

Mr Gaolathe further pleaded for the introduction of AI not to widen inequality but serve as a bridge to inclusion therefore, called for AI to be built on indigenous African data.

Similarly, Mr Gaolathe stated that government was placing Technical and Vocational Education and Training at the heart of the economy, not just for employment, but for real urgency stating that from gig workers to rural entrepreneurs, Batswana were learning to use technology not as support but as a compass.

"Our commitment is to scale further, reach deeper and ensure that no village, no learner, no entrepreneur is left behind in Botswana's digital journey," he said.

Mr Gaolathe subsequently made a clarion call for the world to join hands with the new government to co-create scalable models in climate-smart agriculture, connectivity and cross-border digital finance.

He said the future demanded blended capital, shared expertise and courageous trust in new frontiers thus noted that Botswana offered a low-risk, high integrity investment climate with measurable impact. ***BOPA***

Ministry funds Francistown Educational Park

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN — Francistown City Council Mayor has emphasised the need for strategic planning and implementation, to revitalise and diversify the city's economy.

Addressing a kgotla meeting on Tuesday at Gerald Estates in Francistown, Mayor Gaone Majere highlighted the potential of sectors such as tourism in contributing to economic development. He announced that a farm owned by Wildlife would be transformed into the Francistown Educational Park.

Mayor Majere also revealed that the Ministry of Environment and Tourism has allocated P1million for the initiation of this project, which is expected to create jobs and help reduce the city's unemployment rate. Acknowledging the government's financial constraints, Mayor Majere assured residents that city leaders were committed to diversifying Francistown's economy. He mentioned ongoing efforts to host significant events that could generate income for local businesses.In addition, he said, the recent BTC Marathon, held in April, served as a successful example, with hotels, guest houses, and lodges fully booked, providing a boost to small businesses.

Mayor Majere also told residents that Francistown would host the Miss Universe pageant in August, which is anticipated to further benefit the local economy.

He also said the opening of Tati Mine, expected to create approximately 400 jobs, was a positive development following the mine's previous closure, which had adversely affected the city. To address financial challenges while delivering services to residents, Mayor Majere stated that the council was exploring cost-saving measures, including reducing electricity expenses by utilising solar energy.

He further expressed the city's ambition to be the first to install solar systems in government facilities, indicating that currently, the project to install solar energy equipment had commenced at Tagala Primary School which would be rolled-out to other schools.

Gerald Estates Court President, Mr Motlatsi Kediseng commended the Mayor for engaging with the community. However, he raised concerns about high unemployment rates, which he said contributed to social issues such as theft and drug use among the youth.

He highlighted the prevalence of crime in the area, citing numerous drug depots within the city.

Residents of Gerald also voiced their dissatisfaction with police and clinic services, indicating that staff shortages hindered effective service delivery. ***BOPA***

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'Men, boys vital in GBV cycle termination'

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE- Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs has encouraged Dikgosi to actively engage young boys and men in the gender-based violence (GBV) fight so as to promote gender equality toward a violent free Botswana.

Officiating at a five-day capacity building workshop organised in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Botswana Police Service, Ministry of Health and Directorate of Public Protection in Gaborone on Monday, Ms Lesego Chombo expressed concern that boys and men played a vital role in ending the cycle of violence, but were left behind in matters aimed at ending GBV.

"We need Bogosi to lead by example. First, to speak up against violence in the strongest terms and make it clear that abuse has no space in our homes and communities and most importantly to ensure that a kgotla remains a safe space for survivors to seek justice and healing. We aspire to see a Botswana and a Bogosi system where violence is not perpetuated by culture," she added. She further said Dikgosi were the bedrock of leadership in the country and continued to hold significant influence and respect within their communities, as traditional leaders.

As such, she urged them to uphold their dignity and moral responsibility by actively leading the fight against GBV.

She further said Dikgosi were crucial partners in national development, through the Bogosi system, whose influence promoted justice and equality.

"Your influence and honesty as Dikgosi, is highly respected by many Batswana. They truly believe in your guidance to shape their behaviour, social values and community standards," she said.

Minister Chombo also said the ministry prioritised a multi-sectoral approach to gender equality and GBV, as the most practical and impactful way of dealing with such issues and was committed to receiving help from everyone.

"So, we have an Inter-Ministerial committee on GBV in partnership with ministries of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Health, Child Welfare and Basic Education, Labour and Home Affairs, Justice and Correctional Services and State President" she added.

While UNFPA head of office's, Ms Tlangelani Shilubane-Pietersen commended Dikgosi for their continued effort and commitment in leading the response in the fight against GBV, she called for a renewed commitment.

"As the pillars of our communities, be tireless in leading the nation in the fight against GBV. Use your esteemed authority and profound leadership in being champions in ending GBV. Make your powerful voices heard and create safe spaces for all GBV survivors," she added.

She also hailed Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs for its continued coordination, leadership and all stakeholders who made the workshop a success.

"Your efforts are crucial in galvanising multi-sectoral national initiatives to end GBV at all levels, as demonstrated by the National Prayer Week, as well as efforts toward fostering progressive nationwide action against all forms of GBV, across various platforms, constituencies and communities," she added.

Kgosi Basadi Seipone of Kang also said promoting a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach to address GBV was key in mainstreaming its awareness and prevention in all sectors of society, as a way to build safer communities for all.

The workshop was held under the themed: Ntlo ya Dikgosi against Gender Based Violence: *Moremogolo go betlwa wa taola, wa motho oa ipetla*. ***BOPA***



Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato (left), Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (centre) and Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa during Ntlo Ya Dikgosi engagement on gender-based violence (GBV) in Gaborone on Monday. Ms Chombo expressed concern that while boys and men played a vital role in ending the cycle of GBV, they were left behind in matters aimed at ending the scourge. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Dilapidated RADS hostels worries government

By Tshiamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE - Lack of maintenance in RADS hostels in Serowe District worries government.

This came to light during a tour of the hostels by the Inter-Ministerial Consultation Committee appointed by the President in Sehonou and Malatswae recently.

However, Serowe District Council official informed the committee that despite financial challenges, the hostels were being attended to. Briefing the committee, Sehunou hostel matron, Mr Baodubi Gakebao said while there was maintenance going on at the hostels, the contractor was working at a snail pace. The delay, he said forced them to accommodate pupils in one room. He said the hostels accommodated 193 pupils, doing standard one to seven, with ages ranging between six and 13.

He further said shortage of teaching staff and learning materials as well as dilapidated buildings deter them from producing good results.

He also complained about the old furniture, which needed to be repaired or replaced.

Even though the hostels geysers had not been working in a long time, he said caretakers and matron voluntarily warmed water for learners. He added that suppliers delivered food ration late as council paid them late due to financial constraints.

He further requested for vehicle belonging to the school.

In Malatswae, they also decried shortage of food, transport and warm water. They said the hostel fence was dilapidated and pupils skipped school to go back to the ranches where their parents were working.

The district's Deputy Council Secretary Administration, Ms Onalenna Moribame noted that the issues of backlog, budgetary considerations and implementation capacity had made it difficult to adhere to the maintenance schedule.

She admitted that the hostels building required maintenance while furniture needed to be repaired or replaced.

However, she said maintenance was ongoing though the contractor was working at a snail pace.

She said council was experiencing some challenges with the entire hostels sewage drainage system connecting the ablution facilities and the situation would be addressed.

For her part, chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Consultation Committee appointed by the President, Ms Naledi Stella Moroka, who is also the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services, said despite the dilapidated facilities, teachers and pupils must remain focused and do their best to pave for a better future. ***BOPA***

Desertification, drought threat to food security

By Goweditswe Kome

KGARI - Desertification and drought present a danger that impact food security, water availability, economic livelihood, says North East District Council chairperson Mr Mbaakanyi Smart.

Speaking during Desertification and Drought Day commemoration in Kgari on Tuesday, he said desertification and drought affected human dignity, especially those living in vulnerable, rural and dry land areas.

"Each year, millions of hectares of fertile soils are lost to degradation and drought grows intensively and more frequently," he said adding that this fuelled poverty, displacement and hunger.

Mr Smart said amid such challenges, there was a profound truth that the land could recover and when it does, people would thrive.

He this year's theme: Restore the Land: Unlock the Opportunities was not just a slogan, but also a strategy for sustainable development and a pathway to hope.

By restoring degraded lands, he said there would be revival of the ecosystem that supported biodiversity and life while at the same time empowering the communities through agriculture and economic opportunities.

Mr Smart said restoration of degraded land would also strengthen resilience against climate change, natural disasters and create jobs particularly for women and youth in rural areas.

Mr Smart said land was a finite resource and thus its over use or ignoring its role in people's everyday lives threatened food security, water supply, biodiversity and human security.

The Desertification and Drought Day, he said, was also a platform for the community together with stakeholders to reflect on efforts toward managing desertification, land degradation and drought.

"Desertification and Drought Day offers an opportunity to share information and strengthen concrete measures to advance aspirations of the nation and contribute to the realisation of land degradation neutral land," he said.

He further said shortsighted economic gains such as land grabbing, unsustainable agriculture and over consumption lead to unsustainable land use, which eventually caused land degradation and loss of critical ecosystem services.

He said North East District, the smallest and most densely populated, faced challenges of land pressure and overgrasing, communal grazing system that often led to overstocking, overgrazing, soil compaction and vegetation loss.

"Widespread sheet erosion and gully formation were always observed in many parts of the district due to runoff and deforestation," he said adding that poor farming techniques and insufficient soil conservation practices contributed to the decline in soil productivity.

Kgosi Godfrey English of Kgari said as part of community empowerment, they managed to fence the portion where gabions were constructed with the assistance of the community and Ipelegeng staff.

District forest and range resources officer, Ms Gosetseng Balopi urged the community to preserve land by engaging in planting more trees adding that planting trees and doing nothing thereafter, would be a futil exercise.

She said as part of their preparations for the commemoration, they visited schools near Kgari, where they sensitised learners on desertification and drought. ***BOPA***

Men to tackle societal issues over bonfire

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse of Tonota will host men in a bonfire setting at the village's main kgotla on Wednesday, an initiative aimed at addressing pressing societal issues.

The organiser of the event, Mr Kgomotso Macheng said in an interview that the event, which would target men across all age groups, had been scheduled for 5pm.

He explained that the gathering seeks to confront and discuss the alarming rise in domestic violence, gender-based violence (GBV) and issues of sexual assault against women and the girl child.

Mr Macheng emphasised the importance of the meeting, noting that it comes at a critical time when the issues had created an urgent need for collective action. "It is time for men to step up. We need to engage in open conversations about why men often refrain from attending kgotla meetings, and discuss the potential re-introduction of male regiments or mephato," said Mr Macheng.

He said Kgosi Radipitse had extended invitation to all men in the village, urging them to participate in this important dialogue aimed at finding solutions.

"When it comes to GBV and related offences, the unfortunate truth is that the majority of perpetrators are men.

"We have a responsibility to address these issues head-on and work toward nation-building and also improve the welfare of the Bakhurutshe community," Mr Macheng highlighted.

While school-aged boys have not been included in the discussions, Mr Macheng reassured that all male students from Tonota College of Education had however, been invited.

"This is a vital opportunity for men of Tonota to come together, share insights and actively engage in discussions that can lead to meaningful change," he added.

He appealed all to unite and attend the event in large numbers to take a stand against violence and foster a safer, healthier, community. ***BOPA***



Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse of Tonota (left) and Kgosi Lawrence Simvula of the Basubiya recently. Kgosi Radipitse will host men in a bonfire setting at the village kgotla on Wednesday to discuss pressing societal issues and map the way forward. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Moshupa council targets other income generating streams

By Marvin Motlhabane

MOSHUPA - Moshupa District Council is taking proactive steps to address its strained financial coffers, evident in its recurrent budget of P136 975 690.

With a significant portion allocated to essential utility bills, the council is seeking to bolster its revenue streams beyond the current Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and its own source income.

Council chairperson Mr Peter Sethibe highlighted the urgent need for financial diversification at the opening of a full council meeting on Tuesday

He emphasised the importance of increasing the council's revenue base through innovative strategies, particularly the adoption of digital payment platforms.

He said the council would also implement payment options, such as USSD services like Orange Money to make it easier for residents seeking to pay for public services.

Mr Sethibe said they planned to promote the importance of paying for services during bi-annual kgotla meetings. Additionally, he proposed profiling and outsourcing public assets to optimise usage and generate income, reinforcing the role of local government in economic development.

Mr Sethibe's strategic 2025-2027 road map emphasises economic diversification away from single commodities. By tapping into the district's resource potential.

He outlined plans to invest in tourism development projects, including recreational and cultural initiatives.

The council also aims to encourage community development by exploring the use of local veldt products for initiatives like herbal tea production.

Councillors expressed support for the chairperson's vision. Kgomokasitwa-Magotlhwane's Councillor Mr Kabo Ramatsipele called for the exploration of new revenue streams amid economic challenges, while Councillor Ramatsipele lauded collaboration efforts for benchmarking best practices.

Additionally, Lotlhakane West Councillor Benjamin Morokonyane endorsed digital innovation to enhance service delivery and highlighted the need for villages to assess their natural resources for potential revenue generation. ***BOPA***

'Mineral extraction should uplift communities'

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Mineral extraction and tourism investments should contribute equitably to national growth while uplifting affected communities.

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa expressed the sentiments during a panel discussion on the topic 'Exploring potential for commercial partnerships between mining companies and local communities to drive sustainable growth and mutual prosperity', at the summit on the future of mining on Tuesday.

While mining had contributed to the growth of the economy down the years, Mr Motshegwa decried that the people adjacent to the areas where mining activities took place remain marginalised, facing socio-economic challenges and without access to social services.

The affected communities should be able to drive the development of their areas through the mining activities taking place in their localities and also have choices for their livelihoods, he said, thus attributing the triple crisis of unemployment, poverty and inequality to that marginalisation of mineral-rich communities. Minister Motshegwa highlighted the need to address socio-economic disparities by identifying and implementing community upliftment initiatives and ensuring equitable access to resources, infrastructure, and essential services for affected communities.

"Cabinet has established a cabinet sub-committee on sustainability for inclusive growth and social justice to oversee the formulation and implementation of policies that ensure equitable distribution of economic benefits derived from the mining and tourism sectors, while promoting environmental sustainability, economic inclusion and social justice," Mr Motshegwa said.

The primary objective he said, was to optimise value chains by developing policies that leverage mining and tourism value chains to create beneficiation projects, promote local content development and employment creation. He indicated that it was part of government developmental agenda to fight these crises, to grow the economy to improve the standard of living for all through quality social services.

"A developmental state tries to balance economic growth and social development. It uses state resources and state influence to attack poverty and expand economic opportunities," he said.

He emphasised that the idea of 'developmental state' was hinged on the notion that development must involve the very people that need development," he said.

Minister Motshegwa underscored government's commitment to the global framework of Agenda 2030 of Sustainable Development Goals in particular Goal 8 which speaks to issues of inclusive growth and commitment to AU's agenda 2063, which is about generating opportunities for all and a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development. ***BOPA***



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Council benchmarks on LED

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - In an effort to improve the quality of life for its communities, the North West District Council recently undertook a benchmarking mission to the North East District Council on the issue of Local Economic Development (LED).

LED emphasises collaboration among various stakeholders to harness local resources and skills to drive economic growth.

Deputy council chairman, Mr Vepaune Moreti informed a full council meeting on Monday that the opportunity to benchmark was timely as councillors would, during the ongoing session, nominate members for the LED committee in line with the recently-reviewed standing orders.

The committee is expected to prioritise projects and programmes that will address the most pressing economic needs as well as identify and implement initiatives designed to boost local economy among others, he said.

The meeting also learnt that the office of the chairman has developed a two and a half year roadmap anchored on five strategic objectives that reflect the council's core values and key priorities.

The overarching strategic objectives, Mr Moreti said were to build a vibrant local economy, promote environmental upkeep, improve social wellbeing, enhance human resource development and increase revenue generation.

"In an era of global uncertainty and rapid change, we must act decisively. We must grow our economy not only in numbers but in the lives it transforms," he said.

"We must also protect our environment, not as an afterthought but as a foundation for future generations. And we must also ensure our people enjoy the dignity of good health, education, and social support," he added.

Mr Moreti noted further that in addition to the need for council to invest in its greatest asset being its people, it must also build a financial system that was transparent, innovative, and capable of sustaining its noble aspirations.

He told fellow councillors that the NWDC was committed to realising inclusive development, economic opportunity and a higher quality of life for the community, an ideal that he said was ambitious yet achievable where unity, determination, and a shared sense of purpose prevailed.

Apprising the house on projects and programmes being implemented in the district, he highlighted that during the current financial year, the council would, due to budgetary constraints, not be able to do maintenance of infrastructure as had been anticipated. The district he said, has been hard hit by lack of infrastructure maintenance.

Citing an example, he said despite the heavy rains received early this year, pothole patching would be a challenge as the allocated budget was far from meeting even a quarter of the roads maintenance requirement.

However, Mr Moreti said the Department of Roads has received funds amounting to P2.5 million, P795 000 of which would be used to procure cold premix as a mitigation measure to patch potholes on internal roads.

Furthermore, he said council was working round the clock to restore street lighting through a works tender to fix 90 vandalised streetlights in Maun.

In addition, 65 solar streetlights would be installed in various places in Maun this financial year, with 30 light fittings earmarked to replace defective ones, he stated.

Maun he said, was the darkest as most of the streets lights were down and thus posed a risk to motorists and pedestrians alike. ***BOPA***



The construction of the Francistown-Mathangwane dual carriageway, which is part of the first section of the 200km Francistown-Nata A3 Road project is ongoing. Currently at 15 per cent, the P1.3 billion project aims to improve trade infrastructure and is scheduled for completion by May 2027. Resident engineer, Mr Phemelo Mpowe said the project was almost four per cent behind schedule due to heavy rains experienced from November until February. The project is a joint venture of three construction companies being Unik, Liftoff and Evolution. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Kanye council eyes tourism for revenue

By Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE - The Kanye District Council (KyDC) is looking to unlock new revenue-generating opportunities by capitalising on the tourism potential of Kanye, which is rich in history and natural beauty in order tackle funding shortfalls.

Council Chairperson Mr Morapedi Kgosithebe made the announcement at the opening of a full council meeting on Monday.

Additionally, he said the council was exploring partnerships with investors to reinvigorate the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model aimed at sustainable development through real estate and other ventures.

Mr Kgosithebe expressed the need for partnerships, advocating for Twinning Arrangements with other councils, both locally and globally, to enhance service delivery and resource utilisation.

He outlined several planned projects, including the BioGas initiative in Lorolwane and the Dipotsana commercial project, which have undergone comprehensive community consultations. Mr Kgosithebe emphasised the environmental advantages of utilising eco-friendly resources for clean energy.

He said as of the start of the 2024/2025 financial year, the council has registered 3 064 businesses under the trade statutes, with revenue from these enterprises exceeding expectations. Actual collections have reached P646 193 against a projected P581 000, marking a 111.2 per cent achievement. The early months of 2025/2026 also indicated positive collection trends.

Meanwhile the chairperson announced an increase in KyDC budget for the current financial year, totaling P184 090 347.

The budget is primarily sustained by a Revenue Support Grant (RSG) of P175 950 577, supplemented by an own-source of income of P8 139 770. This increase, he said underscored the council's determination to enhance services and infrastructure, despite the ongoing economic challenges.

Mr Kgosithebe stressed that the budget increase aimed to support various initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents through investments in public services, community development, and infrastructure enhancements. He underscored the importance of strategic planning and effective resource allocation to meet community needs during these challenging times.

The chairperson highlighted that this budget increase reflected the recognition of local governance's vital role in fostering resilience and driving economic recovery within communities.

Kgosithebe said the council had operated with a budget of P154 146 000 in the 2023/2024 financial year. For 2024/2025, the budget has risen by P22 182 521, totaling P176 328 521 -a 12 per cent increase. ***BOPA***.

Mogoditshane-Thamaga gears up for economic revival

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOGODITSHANE - Mogoditshane-Thamaga district is embarking on a bold and structured Local Economic Development (LED) initiative designed to boost grassroots entrepreneurship and unlock the region's potential.

Speaking during the Full Council session, the district council chairperson Mr Molatedi Selala announced that training for the LED Technical Team and District Development Committee will begin from July 9th to 11th.

"Our aim is to equip local stakeholders with the knowledge and tools to stimulate the district's economic growth," he said.

Mr Selala said the district planned to conduct a comprehensive economic assessment, value chain mapping, and identify catalytic projects that would anchor sustainable development. A benchmarking trip to Tsabong he said was also on the cards. Mr Selala explained that these efforts aligned with broader goals of reducing unemployment, improving service delivery and leveraging the district's unique resources across its urban, peri-urban and rural communities.

In the face of budget shortfalls and development delays, he stressed that the district's focus on locally driven growth came as a strategic move to rebuild the economy from the ground up.

On other news, the council chairperson has revealed that in a bid to improve efficiency and transparency the district council has successfully auctioned off worn-out equipment and vehicles, generating over P840 000 in revenue.

He explained that the auction held on May 31st fetched P744 000 from vehicles and P97 935 from goods.

Mr Selala said the auction was part of the council's broader strategy to strengthen procurement processes.

"We are committed to building supplier accountability and minimising the need for direct procurement methods caused by supplier failure," he said.

In addition, Mr Selala said a suppliers Pitso was also held on May 30th to present the Council's 2025/26 procurement plan.

Local suppliers were briefed on contract performance expectations. He said suppliers were reminded of the importance of timely delivery, communication and proper invoicing.

He said the council emphasised that poor delivery had previously led to contract terminations and service delays.

Nonetheless, the chairperson explained that these engagements were part of the district council's efforts to rebuild trust, promote transparency and ensure that procurement contributed meaningfully to service delivery in the district. ***BOPA***

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

REF: MJCS 4/2/11 I (35) 12th June 2025

The Ministry of Justice & Correctional Services seeks to recruit highly motivated and well experienced self-driven citizens of Botswana to fill the following vacant positions:

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 6 OF 2025
VACANCY REFERENCE NO. 310100028.2.1

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER – HEADQUARTERS

POST: ENFORCEMENT OFFICER I * 1 POST

SALARY SCALE: C1 (P192 588 – P229 104) per annum.

LEAVE: 30 working days per annum.

BENEFITS:

- Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Employee contributes 50% and Government contributes 50%)
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QUALIFICATIONS:
To be considered for appointment to this position, applicant must have Certificate in Law enforcement; a Diploma/Degree in Security Studies, Criminal Justice or Policing.

EXPERIENCE: Applicants should have a minimum of Four (4) years post qualification work experience.

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MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:
To monitor implementation of enforcement orders.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREARS:

- Inform, educate and communicate enforcement procedures and guidelines.
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KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Analysing
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Applying Expertise and Technology
- Following Instructions and Procedures
- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Writing and Reporting

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 7 of 2025
VACANCY REFERENCE NO. 290400020.1.1

DEPARTMENT OF REFUGEE MANAGEMENT & ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING – DUKWI REFUGEE CAMP

POST: PRINCIPAL REFUGEE MANAGEMENT & WELFARE OFFICER I *1 POST

SALARY SCALE: D2 - (P305, 664 – 337, 068) per annum.

LEAVE: 30 working days per annum

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QUALIFICATIONS
To be considered for appointment, applicants must have at least a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration or equivalent.

EXPERIENCE
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MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB
To monitor compliance in the implementation of guidelines and procedures in the Refugee Camp.

DUTIES

- Monitors the implementation of refugee management guidelines and procedures.
- Monitors the implementation of risk mitigation strategies.
- Implements technical cooperation agreements/assistance from development and cooperating partners.
- Implements interagency meetings resolutions.
- Implements resolutions from stakeholders and development partner meetings.
- Maintains refugee management system and provides timely reports.
- Implement Safety, Health and Safety (SHE) procedures and guidelines for the camp.
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- Analyses the registration and pre-evaluation of asylum, seeker applications.
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KEY COMPETENCIES

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d. Certified copies of educational certificates.
e. Certified copy of a valid National Identity Card (Omang).
f. At least two (2) recent-work related references which must not be more than six (6) months old.

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CLOSING DATE: 4th July 2025

For further information, please contact the Human Resource Management Division on the following telephones: 3732620/21/22/23/27/33

Mmesi holds DPP liable for murder

By Bonang Masolotate

GABORONE - Extension II Magistrate, Ms Kamogelo Mmesi, has blamed the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) for withholding information about a restraining order against Bantshuti Nkgarapi, who is charged with stabbing and murdering Magadi Mokganelwa, an employee at the University of Botswana.

During the remand hearing yesterday, Magistrate Mmesi expressed her frustration openly in court.

"This lady died because I granted this man bail. We also feel the pain. Someone should be held accountable for this woman's murder," she said.

She explained that the prosecution had withheld information about the restraining order against Nkgarapi, during an earlier bail application.

The accused was granted bail despite facing a threat-to-kill charge, a decision the Magistrate believed might have been different if the court had been aware of the restraining order.

Nkgarapi, 37, who is unemployed, is accused of stabbing Mokganelwa to death at the university on Monday.

The suspect has reserved his plea on the murder charge and indicated plans to secure legal representation.

He also requested a transfer to Mochudi Prison, citing the desire to be closer to a sibling who could care for him and expresed discomfort with the smoking and drug use at Gaborone Central Prison, where he is currently remanded.

Additionally, Nkgarapi asked the court for protection of his property, claiming that his belongings had been taken by the deceased's relatives during a recent visit to collect medication.

Magistrate Mmesi rejected the transfer request, stating that Nkgarapi needed to provide a medical report to substantiate his health status claims.

Earlier, state prosecutor, Mr Pascal Mhandu informed the court that the state planned to oppose any bail application, asserting that Nkgarapi would need to demonstrate exceptional circumstances should he apply for bail in future proceedings.

Mr Mhandu said that the state's position was based on findings indicating premeditated murder, but noted that the state position would be deliberated when the accused makes his application.

In addition to the new charges of threat to kill and murder, Nkgarapi was acquitted last year of a single rape charge after the complaint withdrew the matter when the trial was about to commence. Nkgarapi, a pastor at the Progressive Ministry Apostolic Faith Healing Church, is remanded in custody and will appear for mention on July 3. ***BOPA***



A 37-year-old murder suspect from Mokatse, Bantshuti Nkgarapi (right), after appearing at Extension II Magistrate Court for murder in Gaborone yesterday. He is accused of murdering 47-year-old University of Botswana employee, Magadi Mokganelwa with a sharp instrument on Monday. Nkgarapi is remanded in custody and will appear for mention on July 3. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

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Juncao offers low-cost, high-yield farming

DAR ES SALAAM - In a quiet suburb north of Tanzania's Dar es Salaam, morning mist hovers low over a plot of land where rows of green Juncao grass glisten with dew.

Joel Bisoma, a 29-year-old Tanzanian, steps carefully between the rows, inspecting the growth of what he has sown.

A few meters away, under a shaded structure, dozens of mushroom bags hang in silence, nurturing what he calls "nature's quiet medicine."

Bisoma is the founder of GreenFungi Limited, a company he established after discovering the potential of Juncao, a Chinese-developed technology that uses specially cultivated grass to grow edible and medicinal mushrooms.

In a country where sustainable agriculture is more of a necessity than a choice, Juncao offers something rare: a low-cost, high-yield system that is both environmentally friendly and locally manageable, said Bisoma.

He was first introduced to the idea in 2022 during a training session organised by Sokoine University of Agriculture.

Back then, he was still growing mushrooms using sawdust.

The commonly used but risky substrate requires constant supplementation and is prone to contamination, especially when the sawdust comes from chemically treated wood.

"In the beginning, I didn't believe grass could work better than sawdust," he said, gently pulling at a blade of Juncao. "But I gave it a try."

Everything changed in 2023 when he travelled to China for a 45-day training course at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, where he saw full-scale Juncao farms, learned from researchers, and connected with farmers from other developing countries.

The trip, supported by the Chinese government, was more than technical, but it changed his perspective.

"What impressed me most was how practical the Chinese approach is," he said.

"They don't just teach science. They teach systems that people like me can actually use."

Upon his return to Tanzania, Bisoma stopped using sawdust altogether but turned to Juncao grass and built a small mushroom facility in Bunju B, on the edge of the city. The mushrooms he cultivates are now valued for their medicinal properties.

Once dried and ground into powder, they are used to make teas and capsules that help boost immunity, lower cholesterol, regulate blood sugar, and aid digestion.

Demand for his products has steadily increased, as customers find him online or learn about his harvest through word-of-mouth recommendations from friends and health practitioners.

"The training in China showed me that quality is the most important thing," Bisoma said.



DAR ES SALAAM - ***Joel Bisoma plans to expand into more mushroom varieties and develop simple home-growing kits which can be integrated into wellness programmes***. Photo: Xinhua

"That's how you build trust." Rather than keeping the knowledge to himself, Bisoma has now begun offering free training to farmers across the country. Some travel from distant regions like Arusha and Dodoma to grasp the technology.

Most are young or first-time farmers, with many being women.

Bisoma guides them through the entire process from preparing the substrate and managing humidity to preventing contamination and packaging the final product. "I want to make this open-source," he said.

"We don't need to compete. We need to grow together." Dozens of his trainees have started small mushroom farms of their own.

Some sell to local markets, others to herbal shops.

A few have even started exporting on a small scale. Bisoma envisions a future where GreenFungi is no longer just a company, but a cooperative with hundreds of members sharing resources and knowledge.

He plans to expand into more mushroom varieties and develop simple home-growing kits. Collaboration is also underway with a local clinic to explore how products of Lingzhi, or Ganoderma lucidum, can be integrated into wellness programmes. As he walks across the field, a new section comes into view, soon to be planted with more Juncao. In his hand rests a small, neatly labeled bag of mushroom powder, ready for market. ***Xinhua***

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VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 5 OF 2025

Ref: MCKT 4/2/1 I (67) 17 June 2025

BUSINESS ARCHITECT SPECIALIST-D1 SALARY SCALE X1

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MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:
To analyse the business objectives and operation of all Ministries and Independent department through the aid of business analysis frameworks and related networks.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:
- Interprets government online services policies for various stakeholders.
- Address customer queries and concerns on business architect issues.
- Develops and implements a business architecture strategy for public agencies.
- Identifies and keeps records of strategic business goals that provide traceability of public agencies to ensure monitoring of progress towards achieving them.
- Identifies and categorises business functions of ministries and department as customer facing, supplier related, business execution and management function to allow effective use of ICT's in support business objectives.
- Identifies and documents data flows between public agencies in order to inform the deployment of ICT's that effectively drive business.
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- Monitors provision of information required to address audit queries.
- Keeps abreast with current Enterprise Architecture concepts and practices.
- Maintains technical knowledge by attending Enterprise Architecture workshops and constantly reviewing publications.

QUALIFICATIONS:
A Bachelor Science in Computer Science or Information Systems, Telecommunications Engineering or System Design or Computer Engineering. Masters in Science in any one of the above will be an added advantage.

EXPERIENCE:
At least twelve (12) years' experience in system design environment, 2 of which should have been in managing small to medium sized teams in system design environment.

SALARY SCALE: D1 (386, 892– 426, 660) per annum

LEAVE: 30 Working days per annum

BENEFITS:
- Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%).
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KEY COMPETENCIES:
- Deciding and initiating action
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'Ditshwanelo tsa bana di botlhokwa'

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

MAGORIAPITSE - Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Good Hope/Mmathethe, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, a re lefatshe la Botswana le itlamile go sireletsa ditshwanelo tsa bana.

O buile mafoko a kwa segopotsong sa letsatsi la ngwana wa mo Afrika le le neng le tshwaretswe kwa Magoriapitse ka Mosupologo.

Dr Dikoloti a re go bo lefatshe leno le beile monwana ditumalano tsa mafatshe tsa African Charter le United Nations Treaties, ke sesupo sa tlhwaafalo ya go sireletsa tshwanelo ya ngwana wa Motswana le go aga bana ba ba nang le maikarabelo.

O supile fa kgaolo e setse e na le lekgotla la ditshwanelo tsa bana la District Child Consultative Forum.

Mopalamente o tlhalositse fa seabe sa puso se bonala mo tlhokomelong le kgodiso ya bana ka jaana go setse go na le lephata le lesha la thuto go tswa kwa moding le tlhokomelo ya ngwana.

A re go nna teng ga lephata leo ke kgotsofatso ya setlhogo sa mono ngwaga sa gore ditogamaano le kgaoganyo ya madi di tlaa dirwa mo lephateng leo go itebaganya le dikgwetlho tsa bana.

O kopile setshaba go ipotsa gore seabe sa bone ke eng ka gore go santse gona le dikgoreletsi tse di ntsi.

A re fa gare ga dikgoreletsi tseo tse di itsang bana go gola sentle le go ba rontsha thuto, e le boimana, go tsamaya sekgala se seleele go ya dikoleng le go ikgatholosa bana.

Dr Dikoloti a re letsatsi leo la ngwana wa mo Afrika le tshwanetse gore e nne segakolodi mo setshabeng sa gore bana ba raletse dikgwetlho tse di nnileng teng, gammogo le boitshoko le popagano.

Fa a tswa la gagwe modulasetilo wa mokgatlho wa banana wa District Child Consultative Forum, Mme Neo King o tlhalositse fa letsatsi leo e le go gakologelwa dikgwetlho tse banana ba fetileng ka tsone.

O supile gape fa e le sone sebaka sa go bona go re go dirilwe kgatelopele gole kae le go re go santse go ka dirwa eng go tokafatsa botshelo jwa monana.

Mme King o akgoletse puso go tlhama lephata la bana,.

Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Good Hope/Mmathethe, Rre Gofaone Nkwane a re batsadi ba tshwanetse go netefatsa gore ba bontsha bana tsela e e nang le bokamoso.

A re go botlhokwa gore batsadi ba emise go tlhapatsana le go lwa fa pele ga bana ka seo e le sone se ba dirang gore ba felele ba dule mo tseleng. ***BOPA***

Maele o ba rotloetsa go akola Re-A-Nyalana

By Portia Rapitsenyane

SEOLWANE/MOKOKWANA/MOSWEU - Banni ba kgaolo ya Tswapong Bokone, segolo jang bagolo, ba kgothaditswe go ikwadisetsa lenaneo la Re-A-Nyalana le maikaelelo a lone e leng go thusa ba ba nang le dingwaga ba nna mmogo mme ba sa nyalana, go nna le ditlankana tsa manyalo.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo, Rre Prince Maele a re lenaneo le setse le akotswe ke ba le bantsi ebile le ba thusitse go hema tlhokakutlwisisano e e diragalang fa balekane ba bone ba sena go tlhokafala.

O buile se kwa diphuthegong tsa kgotla tse a neng a di buisa kwa metseng ya kgaolo ya Tswapong Bokone jaaka fa a lekola banni ba kgaolo ya gagwe bosheng.

Rre Maele a re go le gantsi fa batho ba sa nyalana mme ba ntse dingwaga tse di ntsi mmogo, ba dira dilo mmogo jaaka go reka dilwana tsa ntlo, dikoloi le go aga mme e re fa yo mongwe a tlhokafala, go lwelwe dithoto ka jalo go nna le setlankana go ka thusa.

A re dikgang tse gantsi di tswa kwa lesikeng lwa monna, ba itatola mosadi ka ba abo ba batla dithoto tse di tlogetsweng ke monna.



Mopalamente wa Tswapong Bokone, Rre Prince Maele o kgothaditse banni ba kgaolo go ikwadisetsa lenaneo la Re-A-Nyalana le maikaelelo a lone e leng go thusa ba ba nang le dingwaga ba nna mmogo mme ba sa nyalana go nna le ditlankana tsa manyalo. O buile jalo kwa diphuthegong tsa kgotla tse a neng a di buisa mo kgaolong ya gagwe bosheng.

Pabalesego ya bana ke boikarabelo jwa botlhe

Ka Chendzimu Manyepedza

SELEBI PHIKWE - Mothusa molaodi wa toropo ya Selebi Phikwe, Mme Itani Mathumo a re bapalesego le kgodiso ya bana e tshwanetse go nna boikarabelo jwa ba-na-le seabe ka go farologana.

Mme Mathumo o buile jalo ka Mosupologo ka letsatsi la ipelelo ngwana wa mo Afrika le le neng le tshwerwe mo toropong ya Selebi Phikwe.

A re puso e dira gotlhe go tla ka ditsela tse di tlotlomatsang pabalesego ya bana mo dikganyeng tse di akaretsang tiriso botlhaswa mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo, go nyadisa bana ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase, petelelelo le kgokgontsho ka go farologana.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Mme Mathumo o supa fa go ngomola pelo go bona bangwe ba ikgogela morago mo go rotloetseng pabalesego le kgodiso ya bana e e amogelesegang, a re bangwe ba ba tshwanetseng go tlhokomela bana ke bone ba fetogileng baba.

Mme Mathumo o ile a supa fa bangwe ba santse ba atisitse mokgwa wa go bipa mpa ka mabele le ntswa ba itse dingwe dikgang tsa mofuta o.

A re go tlhoka go tsibogela pabalesego ya bana go beile bangwe bana ka fa mosing, ka jaana ba gola ba na le mowa wa boitlhobogo le kutlobotlhoko, sengwe se a supang fa se na le seabe mo go tlhotlheletseng ditiro tsa botlhokatsebe fa ba gola.

Mme Mathumo o ne gape a rotloetsa baithuti ka go farologana go tlotlana le go tila go inaakanya le ditiro tse di ka felelang di gataka ditshwanelo tsa baithuti ba bangwe.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mogokaganya ditirelo tsa khansele ya toropo ya Selebi Phikwe, Rre Scotch Matsaunyane a re maikaelelo a go ipelela letsatsi la ngwana wa mo Afrika ke go ikgakolola letlhoko la bana, go dira gotlhe go tlhabolola matshelo a bone, thuto le tsa botsogo magareng ga tse dingwe.

A re se ke go gakologelwa ba-tswa sethabelo ba ba neng ba lwela kgololesego ya bana kwa South Africa.

Rre Matsaunyane a re maikaelelo e ne ele go sekaseka maiteko le kgatelo pele e e dirilweng ke puso le ba-na-le seabe mabapi le go rotloetsa ditshwanelo tsa bana.

A re le fa go santse go le botlhokwa go dira ka thata go rotloetsa ditshwanelo tsa bana ka go farologana, motlhala o a bonala mo mererong ya ditshwanelo tsa thuto, botsogo le tse dingwe. ***BOPA***

Rre Maele a re mo kgaolong ya gagwe, Re-A-Nyalana e setse e thusitse batho ba feta makgolo a matlhano.

A re banyalani ba tlaa fiwa dithuto ka dikgang tse di tshwanang le tsa tlhakanelo dithoto mo lenyalong kana go sa di tlhakanela, gore ba itse pharologanyo le go tsaya ditshwetso tse di maleba.

Rre Maele a re thulaganyo e, ga e kgaphele kwa thoko ba ba nang le keletso ya go nyalana, mme ba ise ba goroge kwa dingwageng tsa bogodi ka gore mongwe le mongwe fela fa a lekane dingwaga tsa go nyalwa a ka ikwadisa.

O itlamile go thusa ba ba ikwadisetsang Re-A-Nyalana ka P300, go ipaakanya, mme a itlama gore o tlaa thusa motse mongwe le mongwe o moletlo o tshwarelwang kwa go o ne ka kgomo.

O ne a supa fa ba ofisi ya ga molaodi kwa Palapye ba setse ba supile fa ba le malala a laotswe, mme ba tlaa nyadisa ba ba nang le keletso ya go nyalana.

Rre Maele o ne gape a kopa banni ba kgaolo ya gagwe go tsibogela mananeo a puso.

A re e ne e rile fa ba ipapatsa, ba supa fa mongwe le mongwe yo o tlaa adimang madi mo lenaneong la Chema Chema a tlaa a neelwa madi ao boemong jwa gore e nne sekoloto.

A re e ne ya re fa puso e supa fa mongwe le mongwe yo o tsereng lenaneo la Chema Chema jaanong a sa kolote sepe, ebile ba ba neng ba emetse go thusiwa ka madi ao ba tlaa neelwa mahala, ga supagala fa banni ba kgaolo ya gagwe ba ne ba sa ikwadisetsa lenaneo ka bontsi, a re seo e le matshwenyego ka go supafala fa ba ne ba nna maoto a tshupa.

O ne a kopa banni ba kgaolo ya Tswapong Bokone go itityaya ka thupana, e re puso e dira mananeo ba a tsibogele.

O ne a ba tsibosa ka lenaneo la Bonno Housing Scheme le a supileng fa Tautona Advocate Duma Boko a tlaa le simolodisa semmuso mo bogaufing a bolela fa lenaneo leo le tlaa ba ntsha mo letlhokong la bonno.

A re ka lenaneo leo, puso e tlaa aga matlo a le sekete mo kgaolong nngwe le nngwe mme banni ba ka nna le sebaka sa go supa fa ba na le kgatlhego ya go agelwa matlo, ka jalo ba ntshe bonyennyane jwa madinyana kgwedi le kgwedi mo sebakeng sa dingwaga di le masone a mabedi.

A re lenaneo leo le botlhokwa, mme ba kgathologe dipuo tse di ka ba kgobang marapo ba ikwadisetse lenaneo le. ***BOPA***



ABUJA - ***Workers laying a water transmission pipeline for the Greater Abuja Water Supply Network project in Nigeria. Nigeria president Bola Tinubu has commissioned a China-assisted water supply project and pledged commitment to sustainable infrastructure that directly improves citizens' lives. Executed by Chinese firm CGCOC GROUP, the US$470-million Greater Abuja Water Supply Network, Loops 1, 2, 5, and 6, was commissioned on Monday. The project had trained a large number of local professionals in water supply and pipeline technologies, creating over 3 000 direct and indirect jobs, injecting new vitality into capacity building, economic growth, and social development.*** Photo: Xinhua

Experts advocate inclusive education

ADDIS ABABA - Experts and policymakers have called on African countries to formulate child-centred policies to spur the inclusive participation of children in education and other vital sectors as a critical imperative in realising a better continental future.

The call came during a high-level continental event, which was organised by the African Union (AU) on Monday under the theme: Equity at the Heart of the AU Decade of Education, in connection with the celebration of this year's edition of the Day of the African Child that falls on June 16 each year.

Highlighting that the African continent continues to face 'stark inequities' in education access, participation and learning outcomes, the meeting underscored the need to exert concerted efforts in augmenting the participation of under-represented children, especially children with disabilities, girls, children in conflict-affected areas and those from marginalised communities.

Madougou Saidou, director of education, science, technology and innovation at the AU Commission, called for continental actions toward the realisation of the major aspirations of the AU's Decade of Education for Africa (2024-2034), including a more coordinated and streamlined political will, strategic investment, and data-driven policy to transform educational trajectories in Africa.

The high-level webinar, among other things, highlighted the progress made by selected African countries in helping children enroll in school, as well as recent regional commitments to expanding access to quality education.

Zhang Yanhong, head of foresight and innovation at the Institute for Statistics of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, urged African countries to emulate the successful experiences of countries with best practices in aligning their financing and policy priorities.

He called for robust efforts at both national and continental levels to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. Serving as an important platform for African policymakers and experts to share experiences, the continental gathering also catalysed regional dialogue and partnership to accelerate efforts toward setting and reaching national benchmarks in the education field. ***Xinhua***

DRC health system on brink of collapse - Red Cross

KINSHASA - The health system in the Kivu region of the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is 'on the brink of collapse,' the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) warned Tuesday, citing the combined impact of armed conflict, insecurity, funding cuts and a deepening economic crisis on access to basic healthcare.

"We are deeply concerned about the overall degradation of the healthcare system in the Kivus," said Jean-Nicolas Paquet-Rouleau, deputy head of the ICRC delegation in the DRC, referring to the North Kivu and South Kivu provinces.

He said medical facilities were increasingly unable to treat common diseases such as malaria and respiratory infections.

In a statement issued also on Tuesday, the ICRC reported a sharp rise in medical needs, widespread shortages of essential medicines and a dramatic drop in access to care, especially for women and children in the Kivu region.

In the first quarter of 2025, hospitals supported by the ICRC in North and South Kivu treated more than 2 300 weapon-wounded patients, an increase of 172 per cent compared to the same period in 2024.

The injuries, often caused by explosive weapons, are reportedly more severe and require complex surgical intervention.

According to the ICRC, nearly three-quarters of health facilities surveyed reported drug shortages, including basic medications such as paracetamol.

Three out of five facilities had been looted, worsening the supply crisis and disrupting already fragile delivery chains.

"What we are seeing today are clinics shutting down, patients left untreated and children going unvaccinated," said Paquet-Rouleau, noting a 50 per cent drop in paediatric consultations compared to 2024 and a fourfold increase in stillbirths.

The ICRC also warned of a domino effect triggered by the gradual withdrawal of some humanitarian organisations.

"When even a small non-governmental organisation leaves, it can mean six or seven health centres are left unsupported. The ICRC does not operate in isolation - any cut in humanitarian funding affects the entire system," said Paquet-Rouleau.

Since January, the security situation in the eastern DRC has deteriorated significantly, with renewed fighting involving the March 23 Movement rebel group, which has seized several key towns, including Goma and Bukavu.

Humanitarian agencies say the violence has displaced hundreds of thousands of civilians and further worsened the crisis in the region. ***Xinhua***



Jean-Nicolas Paquet-Rouleau

Prime Minister calls on citizens to uphold patriotism

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on Tuesday urged citizens to uphold patriotism and preserve national peace as the country prepares for the October general elections.

Majaliwa made the appeal during the 50th-anniversary celebrations of the Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE), where he called on the public to reject any actions or statements that may signal threats to national stability.

He emphasised that the government did not restrict participation in political campaigns or gatherings, but encouraged citizens to critically assess whether the political rhetoric aligned with the values of peace championed by the country's founding leaders.

Majaliwa also said some recent incidents appeared to be intended to damage the government's image, and urged Tanzanians to reflect carefully before supporting those responsible for such actions. "We assure you that we will conduct free, fair, and transparent elections. Therefore, do not forgo your constitutional right to vote. Choose the leaders you believe in," said Majaliwa.

Speaking about TIE's anniversary, Majaliwa described the institution as the backbone of Tanzania's education sector, and called on its staff to fulfill their responsibilities as mandated by law. ***Xinhua***

Central Nigeria attack death toll rises to over 150

ABUJA - The death toll of a weekend attack by suspected herders who swooped on a community in Nigeria's central state of Benue has risen to over 151, with dozens of others injured, a senior official said.

Hyacinth Alia, governor of Benue, told local media on Monday that the incident, which he described as 'insane carnage,' had left sorrow and shock in the state.

The attack occurred in Yelwata, a town in the Guma local government area, between late Friday and the early hours of Saturday.

According to Alia, at least 127 bodies had been buried, two were in the morgue, 18 bodies were yet to be buried and four had just been recovered from the bush on Monday, while the casualty figure might increase as the search for victims continues.

Benue State, located in Nigeria's central region between the Muslim-dominated north and the Christian-majority south, has witnessed repeated attacks in recent years.

Yelwata, where the incident occurred, is a border community in the central region located about 40km from Makurdi, the capital of Benue.

According to a statement by the National Emergency Management Agency, at least 1 069 households were affected by the recent violence in the state.

A total of 6 527 people have been displaced, including 82 pregnant women, 252 lactating mothers and 657 children under 18. The rescue agency identified over 3 000 displaced people, including women and children, needing urgent humanitarian assistance, such as food, non-food items, potable water and essential medical supplies.

President Bola Tinubu said that he would travel to Benue as part of renewed efforts to foster peace and address the persistent conflict affecting communities in the state.

A presidential statement noted that Tinubu is expected to meet with various stakeholders, including traditional rulers, political, religious, community leaders, and youth groups, to seek lasting solutions. The motive behind the latest attacks remains unclear. ***Xinhua***

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WANTED: FARM WORKERS at Mmatshwene. Apply Keorapetse Koboyatshwene Box 132 Modipane. Closing date 02.07.2025

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SIX FARM WORKERS wanted at Matshelagabedi with atleast certificate in farming. Contact 76235611 or 72477081 P O Box #VB 76235611 Francistown

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WE ARE LOOKING for 2 farm workers at Otse. Please contact 71706567/ 72160535

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER, PLOT 7153, Mmaratanang Ward, Tlokweng would like to proposal from single family to multi-family. Any objections forward to Tlokweng District Council, Physical Planner, 3912350 within 14 days of publication.

I THE OWNER of plot 31861 Gaborone North wish to construct a boundary wall at Gaborone North. For objections neighbours consult Gaborone City Council Physical Planning 3657400 within 14 days of publication of this advert.

I LESEGO MAJAMA, owner plot # 9099 situated at Letlapeng in Tlokweng wishes to convert a single residential to multi residential land-use & erect a boundary wall. Contact Tlokweng sub- district council office at 3928355 for any objections.

NOTICE TO DEVELOP : I Elizabeth Molelekeng of plot # 341 Mmopane Block 1 wish to erect boundary wall. Any neighbour objection contact 72546638.

PLOT 4822 KANYE- MABELO intend building boundary wall. Objections to be reported Physical Planning Office.

CHANGE OF LAND use, owner of plot number 7632 Tlokweng, Mmaratanang ward, wishes to change plot from single residential to a multi-residential. Contact Tlokweng district council building control for objections at Telephone number 3925242 within 14 days of publication of this application notice.

BOTSWANA HOUSING CORPORATION owner of plot 50505 in Gaborone, New Canada wishes to erect a boundary wall. For any queries, the public should contact 72293792 or the Gaborone City Council Planning Department within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

PLOT 6458 WISHES to notify the plot owners of plot 6457 and 6458 Metsimotlhabe Block 4 that they will be erecting a boundadry wall

MOSHUPA VILLAGE CONCRETE Products & Plant Hire (Pty) Ltd, owner of tennis court at Kgosing ward, Moshupa wishes to change land use from civic & community to commercial. For any objection contact Moshupa District Council, physical planning office telephone 5447000 or 71600340 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF LOT 4440 Mogoditshane Block 5, would like to change land use from single-residential to multi residential. For any objections contact Mogoditshane physical planning office, Telephone 3105615 in writing, within (14) days publication of this notice

I LESEGO KGAKATSI, OWNER of Plot No.34341,located at Francistown wish to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential for any objections regarding this proposal, contact Francistown City Council Physical Planning Department on telephone No's 2411050/ 2412183 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

VACANCIES

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PROPERTY

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NEIGHBOR CONSULTATION

Owner of plot 23139,
Mogoditshane nkoyaphiri would like to erect a three story building and a boundary wall.

Any objections can be raised within fourteen (14) days of publication to Mogoditshane/ Thamaga sub distict council, Physical planning office. Tel 3105615.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of the Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. FT TL 969/2013 dated 04th December 2013, in favour of **TALITA SELESO MOUTLOATSE** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 17302, Maun;
SITUATE: at Maun Village in Batawana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1358 m^2 (One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-Eight Square Metres);

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within 21 days from the publication of this notice.

DATED at GABORONE this 09th day of JUNE 2025.
KELOBANG GODISANG ATTORNEYS
Plot 75782, Setlhoa Office Park,
Unit 2, Building 8 P. O. Box 46106, Gaborone, Botswana

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT- 000282-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Tiki Mogapi **ESHFT- 000282-25** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown on the 16th October 2014 .

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

KEBIHETSWE N. SOLOMON
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 10014
FRANCISTOWN

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

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ***ESHFT-000157-22***

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late ROSINAH MOTHIBEDI ESHFT 000157-22 who died at MATHANGWANE District, on the 01ST FEBRUARY 2022.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

RICHARD MOTHIBEDI, Executor Dative, P O Box 406, MATHANGWANE, 75293945

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

PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE
NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF
UNA GROWTH PROJECTS (PTY) LTD – UNDER PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION
Master's Reference – LQHGB – 000006/23

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, Chapter 42:01, the First Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at 10:00 hours on the 8th of August 2025 for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Provisional Liquidator's Report
- Consideration of the remuneration of the Liquidator
- Appointment of Liquidator
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit

Claims should be filed with the Master and copies with the Provisional Liquidator at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Provisional Liquidator,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants,
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 340F TRIBAL LAND ACT 02018

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 34 of the tribal land than **Sandrige Enterprises Proprietary Limited** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with MD **Mamum Chowdhury** in respect of the below- mentioned property for the sum of P957, 120.00(Nine hundred and fifty seven Thousand one hundred and twenty pula only) namely:

CERTAIN:	Piece ofland being industrial plot
SITUATE:	At Bokaa, Molongwana lands
MEASURING:	2991sqm(two thousand nine hundred and ninety-one square meters
HELD UNDER:	Lot 6937 Bokaa
DEVELOPMENT STATUS:	Undeveloped

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the parties.
Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing to Oodii Sub Land Board, within 30 days of this publication.

Dated at Gaborone On the 4th day of June 2025

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 340F TRIBAL LAND ACT 02018

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 34 of the tribal land than **Sandrige Enterprises Proprietary Limited** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with MD **Sultan Mahmud** in respect of the below- mentioned property for the sum of P968 960.00(Nine hundred and sixty-eight thousands nine hundred and sixty pula only) namely:

CERTAIN:	Piece ofland being industrial plot
SITUATE:	At Bokaa, Molongwana lands
MEASURING:	3028sqm(three thousandand ninety-twenty-eightsquare meters
HELD UNDER:	Lot 6938 Bokaa
DEVELOPMENT STATUS:	Undeveloped

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the parties.
Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing to Oodi Sub Land Board, within 30 days of this publication.

Dated at Gaborone On the 4th day of June 2025

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Certificate of Consolidated title No. 59/96 dated 24th January 1996 made in favour of **NKANE ROBSON LEHUTSO** in respect of;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 43270 , Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District
MEASURING: 792m² (One Hundred and Two Square Meters)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 58/ 96 dated 24th January 1996 made in favour of **NKANE ROBSON LEHUTSO**

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

DATED AT MOLEPOLOLE THIS 06th DAY OF JUNE 2025

LEGOLO RELAENG ATTORNEYS P O BOX 1235 MOLEPOLOLE

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant Transfer No. 2426/2005 dated 24th day of October 2005, in respect of the belowmentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 4379, Ghanzi;
SITUATE: in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 600 m² (Six Hundred Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2426/2005 dated 24th day of July October made in favour of the RAPS MBISH.

All persons having objection to the issue of such a copy, are hereby requested to lodge 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 ON THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA),Attorneys for Applicant, The Fields Precinct, Plot 54349 CBD, Gaborone, P.O. Box 1339, Gaborone, (TD/gk/M007886)

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GOSEGOMANG MANGOLE	ESHFT-000662-24	22-07-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03RD DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: *ESHG 000747/24*

IN THE ESTATE of the Late BOGADI MOLEFI who died at Kgosing Ward, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 5th August 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_____2025.

Executor Dative, Andrew Norwebb, P O Box 2245,GABORONE, CELL:73800270 / 71613630

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no **FT518/2019** dated **16/09/2019** made in favour of **Sebongile Peggy Thumpe**
In respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 17605 FRANCISTOWN
MEASURING: 375m2 (Three hundred and seventy five square meters)
SITUATE: In Francistown Extension 33

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in wring to the Registrar of deeds, Francistown within three (3) weeks from the last publication of the notice.

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Greene celebration show July 21

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Renowned United States of America, gospel artiste Travis Greene, will be in Botswana on July 21 as part of his global celebration tour marking 10 years since the release of his powerful worship anthem, *Made A Way.*

The event scheduled for the University of Botswana Indoor Sports Arena promises to be a historic gathering of worship, testimony, and national unity.

The event coordinator and member of the organising team, Onalenna Keitseope alias Ounah, confirmed that the monumental occasion would coincide with the President's Holidays, making it a meaningful and timely celebration.

The celebrated local gospel artiste said what started as a moment of worship had grown into a global anthem of hope.

Greene, who has been nominated for six consecutive Grammy Awards between 2016 and 2021, is bringing a full worship experience to Botswana in celebration of the decade-long journey of miracles, revival, and testimonies sparked by the *Made A Way.*" song.

"We are still in awe of what God has done through the song, *Made A Way.*"

He said that the celebration would not be complete without local talent hence Tlotlo of the hit song, *Ke nako yame*, Johnson Pheto and Mogi Aaron would also be part of the lineup.

Greene, who has won a total of 13 major awards, including two Billboard Awards in 2017 and 2018, as well as an impressive 11 Stellar Awards, will be joined by a star-studded lineup of gospel music ministers from across the continent and beyond.

These include, Forward City Music from USA, Minister GUC from Nigeria, known for the hit song, *You Are All That Matters,* Kaestrings, a rising star from Nigeria Grace Idowu, South Africa's legendary Keke Bishop Joey Mofoleng from Spirit of Praise, known for *Mananjalo* and Seteng Sediba,

The powerful Kgotso, famous for *Messiah* and *Ke tla a iphelela ka thapelo.* ***BOPA***



Renowned American gospel artiste, Travis Greene will be in Botswana on July 21 as part of his Global Celebration Tour, marking 10 years since the release of his worship anthem, *Made a Way.* Photo: Courtesy of Travis Greene



Botswana's hip hop star, Baanthata Mokgwathi alias Ban-T, recently launched a youth culture agency, Unmuted267. The agency focuses on content creation, experiential events, trend-driven campaigns and cultural storytelling.

Ban-T launches Unmuted267 youth agency

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Botswana's hip hop star, Baanthata Ban-T Mokgwathi, recently launched a youth culture agency, Unmuted267.

Launched this month, Unmuted267 focuses on content creation, experiential events, trend-driven campaigns and cultural storytelling all rooted in what is happening among young people in Botswana.

Using Instagram and TikTok, the platform will serve as a digital magazine for youth culture, spotlighting local creators, events, fashion, music, business and movements.

"It is a first of its kind platform in Botswana, built by Gen Zs for the Gen Zs. At its core, Unmuted267 is about giving the youth a louder, bolder voice whether through content, experiences, or culture-shifting campaigns," explained Ban-T in an interview.

A young person himself who understands his peers' needs, Ban-T said the platform was hyper-specific to 18 to 25 year-olds in Botswana, who live online and shaping the culture digitally.

With his wealth of networks and relationships in the industry, Ban-T said the platform was his way of creating opportunities for the next wave of talent, be it through content, exposure or real world experiences.

"Unmuted267 is here to unmute the youth and help them take up space," said Ban-T.

He said Unmuted267 was a platform that would bridge the gap in the creative space of Botswana, and what better way to be done by another youth.

"I have been that age before, I know what they want, what excites them, what inspires them, and more importantly, what is missing and there has not been a voice for this age group," Ban–T said adding that Unmuted267 was the mouthpiece, the plug and spotlight for Botswana's youth.

Ban-T is not only a hip hop artiste, but a diverse creative, having founded events company WhySo Group, which is making strides in the local showbiz space with events such as WhySo Sundays, WhySo and Friends, Farmers Market and WishYouWereHere. Africa. The company has also penetrated South Africa market hosting WhySo Student Nights event in Johannesburg, dedicated to tertiary students. ***BOPA***

Cricket association hosts T10 tournament

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - As part of grassroots development of the sport, Botswana Cricket Association (BCA), South East region is hosting a two-day T10 cricket tournament for children under 13 at the Lobatse Sports Complex from Friday until Saturday.

In an interview on Wednesday, BCA South East development officer, Elvis Chipfumbu said the tournament would see boys and girls from six primary schools; Hill Primary, Peleng West Primary, Lesedi la Pela Primary, Crescent Primary, St Theresa Primary and New Look Primary participate in the bat-and-ball sport.

The best players of the tournament, he said would be selected to form part of a team to play against other regions nationally.

Another T10 Tourney goal, he said, was to take children away from the streets and bring them back to the sport field.

"We believe that physical education is an integral part of our children's education.

Sport instills values such as teamwork, mental and physical strength, unity, competitiveness as well as keeps our children from social ills such as crime and drug and substance abuse," he said.

Further, Chipfumbu said BCA continued to offer mentorship through coach training programmes to impart cricket skills and techniques to guide and support coaches achieve professional coaching through basic introductory courses, adding that before the tournament they organised two teacher-training courses to prepare them to conduct cricket coaching and be able to guide the children.He said COVID-19 was a major drawback on the cricket sport around the world in varying degrees, as leagues and competitions were cancelled.

The T10 tournament, he said was part of BCA plans of making a comeback.

"Our motto is Bring cricket to the whole nation and we would like to get the kids out of the streets and start playing again," he said. ***BOPA***



Botswana Football Association acting president, Maokaneng Bontshetse (left) receiving a P100 000 donation from Orange Botswana communication and public relations manager, Tebogo Nandisah in Gaborone on Monday. The gesture is part of the efforts to inspire the senior women national football team, The Mares ahead of the TotalEnergies CAF Women Africa Cup of Nations tournament to be held in Casablanca, Morocco from July 5 to 26. Nandisah also revealed that an Orange Money account had been set up to allow Batswana to contribute in support of the national team. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

IOC reviews Bach presidency achievements

GENEVA - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Tuesday released the latest edition of the Olympic Review, highlighting the achievements of the Olympic Agenda reforms under the leadership of president Thomas Bach.

Bach is set to hand over the presidency to Kirsty Coventry on Saturday and Issue 124 of the Olympic Review also marks Coventry's election as the IOC's 10th president.

In the review, Bach reflected on the journey that began with Olympic Agenda 2020 and continued through Olympic Agenda 2020+5.

"This edition offers a moment to look back on all that we have achieved together," he said.

"From thoughtful reflections to personal tributes, this issue captures the essence of our collective efforts: staying true to our values, putting athletes first and opening our doors ever wider to the world."

Featured articles include a retrospective on Olympic Agenda, stories on sport and health partnerships, athlete-centered reforms, the IOC Refugee Olympic Team, safeguarding in sport, and testimonials.

"As the Olympic Movement looks ahead to Milano Cortina 2026 and beyond, this edition of Olympic Review is a testament to the power of unity in diversity and the enduring values of Olympism," the IOC said. ***Xinhua***

Uganda names squad for rugby challenge

KAMPALA - Uganda on Tuesday named the final team for the Rugby Africa Men›s 7s tournament slated from June 21 to 22 in Mauritius.

Head coach, Tolbert Onyango unveiled the 12-man squad that will be captained by Alex Aturinda.

"We are very excited that the team has prepared well, and we must be at our best since we need to try and defend the title," said Onyango.

The tournament to be played at the Labourdonnais Sports Club in Mapou will attract 12 teams. Besides the continental trophy, teams will also be vying for a spot in Division 3 of the newly introduced World Rugby 7s Series.

Uganda Rugby Cranes are placed in Group A alongside Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and arch-rivals Kenya.

"We cannot underrate any team in our group because every team will come out to try and beat the defending champions.

But we have a game plan for every match," added Onyango.

Other teams in the competition are South Africa, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Nigeria, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Tunisia, and Mauritius.

Following is the Ugandan squad: Alex Aturinda (Captain), Allan Olango, Mubarak Wandera, Mark Osuna, Arnold Ocen, Roy Kizito, Karim Arinaitwe, Malcolm Okello, Aaron Tukei, Denis Etwau, Jones Kamiza, Nobert Okeny. ***Xinhua***



BUDAPEST - ***Gold medalist Tanaka Shiho (second left) of Japan, silver medalist Lara Cvjetko (left) of Croatia, bronze medalists Sanne Van Dijke (second right) of the Netherlands and Miriam Butkereit of Germany during the awarding ceremony for the women's 70kg event at the IJF Judo World Championships 2025 in Hungary on Tuesday. The championships is the 38th edition of the men's and 29th edition of the women's World Judo Championships.*** Photo: Xinhua

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Former South Africa's national football team player, Simphiwe Tshabalala (left) and Botswana's Mmusa Ohilwe battling for territory during the Clash of the Legends second edition game in Gaborone last year. The third edition of the tournament scheduled for Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown this Saturday, will feature elite squads from Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Legends to thrill fans

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - The much-anticipated Clash of the Legends third edition is set to showcase exceptional football skills and tactics, this Saturday, promising to take spectators on a nostalgic journey through the glory days of football.

The one-day soccer spectacular, which features elite squads from four countries: Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, will be held at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown.

Fans can look forward to watching their favourite legendary players who once dominated the football scene.

Team Botswana has assembled an impressive lineup, featuring many players who represented the country in its historic maiden appearance at the Africa Cup of Nations under the tutelage of the late Stanley Tshosane.

The squad includes notable names such as Noah Maposa, Kagiso Tshelametsi, Mompati Thuma, Tshepo Motlhambankwe, Boitumelo Mafoko, Lemponye Tshireletso, Sekhana Koko, Jerome Ramatlhakwane, Ndiapo Letsholathebe, Tshepiso Molwantwa, Pontsho Moloi, Abdenico Powell, and Moreetsi Mosimanyana, among others.

Namibia's squad boasts talents like Paul Shipanga, Steven Goagab, Amos Shiyuka, Frans Ananias, Alfred Ndyenge, Rudolf Bester, George Hummel, Dennis Bruwer, and Robinson Ijambo.

South Africa has called upon legends such as Itumeleng Khune, Moeneeb Josephs, Siboniso Gaxa, Lucky Lekgwathi, Matthew Booth, Happy Jele, Cyril Nzama, Siyabonga Nomvete, Reneilwe Letsholonyana, Siphiwe Tshabalala, and Thuso Phala, among others.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe has assembled an equally impressive team, including Tapuwa Kapini, Gift Muzadzi, Edelbert Dinha, Masimba Dinyero, Dumisani Mpofu, Esrom Nyandoro, Tinashe Nengomasha, Roland Sibanda, Method Mwanjali, Desmond Maringwa, and Willard Katsande.

In an interview, Calendar Stars Coach Joseph Mokgacha, who recently led his team to the premier league, expressed excitement about the tournament.

"Looking at the squad, there are big names that promise to bring exciting moments, but it will depend on their preparation and physical readiness.

These legends have not been actively participating in soccer for some time, so it will be interesting to see who is fit and ready to perform. The teams seem eager to show us glimpses of their past greatness and it promises to be an exciting event," he said.

Eleven Angels coach, Shepered Seatlholo also anticipates an entertaining encounter, noting that all participating countries were bringing back household names.

"Fans are curious to see if these former professional players still have something to offer. One would expect the South African legends to win the tournament, as they always exude confidence with their playing style," he said.

Coach Seatlholo further highlighted that while the Botswana legends were expected to draw a large home crowd, they would need to dig deep to reach the final. He acknowledged the strength of the Zimbabwean team, stating they were no pushovers and could also reach the final, while Namibia, which entered the tournament as underdogs, had the potential to cause an upset. ***BOPA***

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