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Pako Lebanna

GABORONE

The establishment of a Constitutional Court if effected quicker can offer a remedy to some of the existing challenges faced by the country's legal framework, in addition to safeguarding rights, President Advocate Duma Boko has said.

President Advocate Duma Boko

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BoMRA warns against use of unregistered herbal medicines

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA) has issued a warning against the unregulated sale and use of herbal medicines, particularly those sold on the streets and through social media platforms.

In an interview with the authority's public relations officer, Mr Israel Kgosidiile, said BoMRA acknowledged that some members of the public might resort to herbal or traditional remedies when conventional medicines were unavailable.

He stressed that such products must always meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy before being used.

"BoMRA recognises that limited access to conventional medicines may lead some patients to seek alternative options, including herbal remedies, however, reliance on unregulated products poses significant health risks and should not be viewed as a safe substitute for regulated medical treatment," said Mr Kgosidiile.

He noted that herbal medicines, while often regarded as natural, were not automatically safe, adding that products imported into Botswana must be registered

or authorised by BoMRA before they could be distributed or sold.

Mr Kgosidiile confirmed that BoMRA regulated herbal medicines under the Medicines and Related Substances Act of 2013 and its accompanying regulations of 2019.

He pointed out that the authority oversaw registration, licensing, product evaluation, labeling and post-market surveillance, adding that herbal products sold without authorisation were considered illegal.

"The sale of herbal medicines on the streets or through social media platforms without BoMRA authorisation is unlawful, medicines can only be sold through licensed and approved premises and by authorised persons," he said.

Mr Kgosidiile therefore, said BoMRA expressed concern over the proliferation of herbal products advertised on platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram, adding that many of those products, the authority warned, were of unknown origin, lacked proper labeling, and made unverified therapeutic claims.

"We strongly warn the public against purchasing medicines through social media, such products are often unsafe,



BoMRA Public Relations Manager, Mr Israel Kgosidiile

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counterfeit or contaminated. Members of the public should only obtain medicines from licensed pharmacies and authorised outlets,” Mr Kgosidiile warned.

He confirmed that the authority had put in place various enforcement measures to protect the public, including market surveillance, product sampling and the seizure of illegal items while sellers found in violation of the law might face closure of their premises, prosecution or other penalties.

While BoMRA's main mandate is regulation, it works closely with the Ministry of Health and other

partners to support medicine availability within the national health supply chain, reaffirming that patient safety remains a top priority.

"Natural does not mean safe, the public should only use medicines, whether herbal or conventional, that have been approved by BoMRA and obtained through legal channels," said Mr Kgosidiile.

He therefore, encouraged the public to report any suspected illegal sales of medicines and to always seek professional medical advice before using any herbal or traditional remedies. **BOPA**



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First Ladies support teenage mothers

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

During their joint visit to Lesirane Clinic in Mogoditshane on Friday for the unveiling of the MPEPU initiative, the two first ladies, Kaone Boko and Angeline Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha of Burundi, radiated a supportive, maternal vibe towards teenage mothers. They stood united, not only by protocol but by a shared purpose.

While many perceive teenage pregnancy as the end and not the beginning of something to look forward to, the two first ladies brought a message of hope and compassion to the young faces carrying a mix of fatigue and uncertainty, one that said, teenage pregnancy could in fact be the beginning of something new.

Both Ms Boko and Ms Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha are members of the Organisation of African First Ladies for Development (OAFLAD), which is committed to addressing among other things, adolescent sexual and reproductive health across the continent.

"Our mission in OAFLAD is to take care of adolescent sexual and reproductive health," said Ms Boko, and added that at the heart of the mission were teenage expectant mothers, young girls who too often faced stigma, silence and isolation at the very moment they needed support the most.

Ms Boko spoke candidly about the importance of early antenatal care, urging the young mothers to



First Ladies Kaone Boko and Angeline Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha during a visit to Lesirane Clinic in Mogoditshane on Friday, where they jointly unveiled the MPEPU initiative. The two first ladies are members of the Organisation of African First Ladies for Development, and are championing efforts to advance adolescent sexual and reproductive health across Africa. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswa.

register at health facilities as soon as possible, to allow healthcare providers to identify challenges in time and offer the necessary interventions to ensure safe pregnancies and deliveries.

"Accessing care on time helps us to get adequate support and to give birth safely," she said, reminding the girls that their health mattered, not only for

themselves, but for the children they carried.

Ms Boko noted that access to care was not always easy. She said as she travelled across villages, she often heard troubling stories from young people who were mocked or dismissed when seeking information about family planning or sexual and reproductive health.

"Some are discouraged

by parents, while others face judgment even from healthcare workers. When we condemn them, we block them from seeking help and the right information and that leads them into trouble or pregnancy," said Ms Boko.

She therefore, appealed to parents, leaders and communities to allow young people to access health services freely, without

shame or blame. She urged teenage mothers to not allow shame to steal their future.

"Do not be ashamed to go back to school, be bold, continue your life," she urged, and acknowledged the harsh judgments many young mothers faced, especially whispers, stares and rejection, but encouraged them not to dwell on those voices, but focus on rebuilding their lives, step by step.

Ms Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha reinforced the message of dignity and hope that resonated deeply among the young mothers.

"You are not alone, your current situation does not diminish your dignity, your personal worth or your potential," she said.

She spoke as a mother, an African woman and a first lady, acknowledging the fear, doubt and sadness that could accompany pregnancy at a young age, but reframed the experience as a possible turning point, a new chapter marked by resilience and determination.

"This experience does not define who you are, it can become the beginning of growth," she said.

Ms Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha also emphasised that education remained the key to the future, saying motherhood, should never become an obstacle to dreams and aspirations.

Both first ladies stressed that supporting young mothers was not the responsibility of governments alone instead, families, communities, faith leaders and institutions all had a role to play in creating environments where young girls were heard, respected and supported. As the event drew to a close, the first ladies presented MPEPU maternity gift bags to the teenage mothers, a symbolic gesture that acknowledged how demanding parenting could be and to remind the girls that they were not forgotten. **BOPA**

ConCourt to address legal framework challenges

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The President was speaking during a consultative meeting with Ntlo Ya Dikgosi at the Mass Media Complex in Gaborone on Friday. He said people had varying ideas over important constitutional matters and that the Constitutional Court could be an arbiter.

Whereas some interpret Section 106 of the constitution as preventing the right for election petitions to reach the Court of Appeal, the President said others still read a different interpretation, and such contentions could be mediated by the Constitutional Court.

Sections 77, 78 and 79 of the Constitution, which prescribe representation in Ntlo Ya Dikgosi has also been a bone of public contention, and such varying views could be ventilated over the review process and a solution mediated by a Constitutional Court.

The President also cited the example of Monnanyana versus the State case of 2002 where a court admitted that they had erred, raising the ‘functus officio’ principle (a body being unable to alter its own decision) thus unable to remedy the circumstances of a person who had stayed in jail longer than should have been

the case.

He said Section 3 to 16 of the constitution was a Bill of Rights that was sacrosanct as it involved fundamental human rights, but the establishment of the Constitutional Court and the review would focus on other aspects such as distribution of power, establishment of institutions and entrenching further rights.

President Boko said that it was important for the Constitutional Court to precede the comprehensive constitutional review exercise, as the latter was a complex process of examining and amending the country’s

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He acknowledged that it had been an oversight for the executive to not consult with the parliamentary advisory chamber before the Bill was gazetted.

President Boko offered an apology to members of Ntlo Ya Dikgosi for not consulting with them prior to the Constitutional Court Bill being tabled before the National Assembly late last year.

Nonetheless, the President said the consultative meeting, while commencing after the bill had passed through the committee stage of the National Assembly, was still important to bring Ntlo Ya Dikgosi on board with regards to the importance of the establishment of the Constitutional Court.

In discussing the President’s submission, Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa said their request as members of Ntlo Ya Dikgosi was that before tabling a Bill on an important issue such as constitutional reforms, the Cabinet minister responsible should meet them privately to explain the motive and aspects of the Bill.

This would permit Ntlo Ya Dikgosi to debate complex matters of national importance from a more informed position in the best interest of the public they represented.

Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II of Barolong called for Ntlo Ya Dikgosi to be offered basic training on the law and the interpretation of statutes in order for them to discuss constitutional issues from a more informed position.

For her part, Kgosi Mosadi Seboko of Balete stressed the need for countrywide consultation and public education on constitutional matters, in order for the public to contribute meaningfully on any reform exercise.

Ntlo Ya Dikgosi chairperson, Kgosi Malope II of Bangwaketse said they had heeded the requests for the President to further explain the Constitutional Court, as they felt there had been a need for more dialogue.

The President promised Ntlo Ya Dikgosi representatives that he would soon meet them privately for further consultation and discussion on the matter. **BOPA**



Dikgosi after a consultation meeting on the introduction of the Constitutional Court in Gaborone on Friday. President Advocate Duma Boko said that it was important for the Constitutional Court to precede the comprehensive constitutional review exercise, as it was a complex process of examining and amending the country’s constitution and could take long before completion. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Ministry imposes ban on movement of cloven-hoofed animals in three districts

GABORONE

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has imposed a ban on the movement of cloven-hoofed animals into, out of and within Zones 3b, 3c, 6b and 7 following a report of an outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) in Zimbabwe’s Mangwe District in Matabeleland South Province.

A press statement from the ministry says movement will be allowed only in cases where animals are being moved for purposes of direct slaughter,

and that livestock from these zones are not eligible for export or slaughter for export.

Farmers and stakeholders, particularly in the Tutume, North-East and Bobirwa districts are therefore urged to remain vigilant as the Matabeleland South Province shares a border with their respective areas.

The three districts are advised to observe FMD preventative measures which include controlling movement of livestock by herding and kraaling especially at night, identifying all cattle by owners’

and zonal branding and BAITs ear tags, filing immediate reports to veterinary offices or the police for any suspected signs of FMD such as lameness, drooling and ulcers in the mouth, muzzle and hooves.

Moreover, the ministry urges farmers to report Zimbabwe cattle that have crossed into Botswana and Botswana livestock that have crossed into Zimbabwe or livestock suspected to have returned from the neighbouring country.

They are also encouraged to report acts of vandalism of the

disease control fence as well as those of illegal crossing at undesignated points, illegal importation from Zimbabwe of livestock or any risk materials such as raw meat and milk, or any activities that might put the country at risk of FMD.

The ministry urges communities along the border with Zimbabwe to support government disease prevention efforts such as maintaining cordon fences, removal of livestock from the border and combatting cross-border illegal activities. **BOPA**

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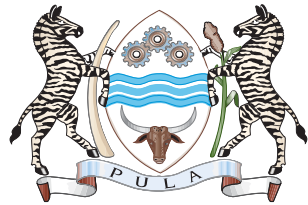
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The Government of Botswana recognises the importance of a free, independent, and ethical media as the backbone of democracy and as such seeks to solidify those commitments by establishing a legal framework that fosters press freedom, journalistic integrity, and responsible reporting and information dissemination. As such, the Government appointed a Task Team/Force in March, 2025 to review and reform existing media laws and such other laws that may adversely impact on media freedom, ensuring they uphold press freedom, access to information, and accountability.

Following its appointment, the Task Team has since submitted the Media Legislative Review Report and the Draft Media Bill. Consequently, the Government wishes to consult the general public/nation further on the Draft Media Bill and its pronouncement especially on the establishment of the Media Regulatory Council in Botswana, setting out its governance, membership, functions and funding model to ensure sustainability. The proposed framework combines self-regulation within a statutory framework, to safeguard media freedom of expression while maintaining accountability, respect for human rights and ethical standards to eliminate inaccurate reporting and violation of other persons rights across both traditional and digital media.

You may access the **Draft Media Bill** at https://dailynews.gov.bw/dailynews_pdf or visit the **Office of the District Commissioner** in your jurisdictions, **MISA Botswana and Editors Forum Offices**. Furthermore, you are requested to submit your comments through the following platforms:-

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The Deadline for the submissions is the 10th February 2026.



Member of Parliament for Tonota, Mr Gaefele Sedombo (left) addressing a kgotla meeting in Tonota on Thursday. One of the residents, Mr Motlhapisa Seganabeng advised that government should prioritise health projects such as the construction of Tonota Primary Hospital instead of upgrading the Tonota-Mmadinare gravel road to bitumen. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

‘Prioritise health sector projects’

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

A resident of Tonota, Mr Motlhapisa Seganabeng has called for government to prioritise projects that addresses the community’s most pressing needs, particularly the health sector.

Thus, he said the construction of the Tonota Primary Hospital was long overdue and should have been prioritised.

He said this during a kgotla meeting addressed by Tonota Member of Parliament, Mr Gaefele Sedombo in Tonota on Thursday.

Mr Seganabeng also spoke of the need for street illumination in some parts of Tonota, citing the dark stretch from the bus rank to Shashe River School as a safety concern.

He urged government to consider the community’s wants and needs when scaling up or down projects.

Other residents echoed Mr Seganabeng’s concerns, complaining about the continuous shortage of drugs at the local clinic and poor state of internal roads in Tonota.

Earlier on, MP Sedombo informed the residents that the Tonota-Mmadinare gravel road and the construction of a primary hospital were included in the

National Development Plan (NDP) 12.

In addition, he announced plans to build a revenue office in Tonota and a primary school in Tonota west in the 2027/2028 financial year.

Mr Sedombo revealed that government prioritised agriculture, aiming to increase the cattle population from 1.7 million to five million in the next few years.

Furthermore, he said government would maintain Foot and Mouth Disease cordon fence from Serule to Zanzibar to prevent the spread of the cattle disease in the event of an outbreak.

The MP also briefed the residents on the constitutional review to introduce constitutional court, which would serve as the ultimate interpreter and guardian of the nation’s constitution thus ensuring all laws, government actions and state institutions operated within its framework, therefore protecting citizens’ rights and upholding the rule of law.

Moreover, he said government would conduct national consultative meetings with key stakeholders on the establishment of the constitutional court and appealed to the residents to have an input. He said after consultations, there would be a referendum on the constitutional review to establish a constitutional court because the constitutional review belonged to Batswana not individuals. **BOPA**

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Police ramp up fight against crime

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
Maun

In a region where rivers flood roads, wildlife blocks access routes and some communities located hours away from the nearest police station, responding to crime on time becomes a challenge.

This is the reality that prompted government to launch the Botswana Police Service Air Unit in Maun, to serve the vast and complex North West region.

The air unit launched during a ceremony officiated by the Minister for State President, Defence and Security in Maun on Thursday, marks a strategic shift in how law enforcement will operate across Ngamiland and Chobe defined not only by distance, but by water channels, dense vegetation and protected wildlife zones that often make ground patrols slow or impossible.

Rather than being a symbolic unveiling of aircraft and equipment, the initiative is a deliberate response to long-standing operational gaps that have limited police reach, delayed emergency responses and constrained border and wildlife-related policing in the region.

Public security remains central to national development, peace and stability form the foundation upon which tourism, trade and community livelihoods depend, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said during the launch.

He said the North West region, as a major contributor



Members of the public appreciating a helicopter during the launch of the Botswana Police Service - Air Unit in Maun recently. The unit will assist in tackling crime in hard-to-reach areas and to serve the vast and complex North West region. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

to Botswana's economy through tourism and conservation, required policing solutions that matched its unique terrain.

While acknowledging the current economic pressures, he said the air unit would begin operations with one aircraft, with plans to expand the fleet when fiscal conditions improved.

The long-term vision includes the integration of drone technology

and decentralisation of air policing services to other strategic parts of the country.

For the Botswana Police Service, the Maun air unit is not new ground, but an expansion of a journey that began in Gaborone in 2008 with limited resources and nationwide responsibility.

Commissioner of Police, Ms Dinah Marathe explained that centralising air operations in the capital had placed immense strain on personnel, equipment and response times, particularly for northern districts.

Mr Mohwasa further stressed that the introduction of air-based policing was part of a broader government commitment to bringing services closer to communities, improving emergency response times, strengthening border security and enhancing crime prevention efforts in areas previously constrained by geography.

FNBB and Pep Stores team up to help needy learners

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

With back to school being one of the most financially straining events that hit parents heaviest, First National Bank Botswana (FNBB) and PEP Stores signed a Memorandum of Understanding to help 10 000 families access affordable quality school shoes at 99thebe.

Speaking at a press briefing, FNBB foundation manager, Ms Atang Mbikiwa said through the initiative 10 000 children would get to walk into classrooms with dignity and comfort.

She explained that parents who would benefit from the initiative were FNBB clients in possession of the bank's smart card and would purchase school supplies from any PEP store in the country at a

minimum of P300.

"Only then will they qualify to buy a pair of selected shoes at 99 thebe," she said adding that if the 99 thebe pair of shoes did not appeal to them, the bank would give them a discount of P139 for any pair of shoes that they were looking to buy from PEP store.

Ms Mbikiwa expressed gratitude to PEP Stores for recognising the importance of giving back to the community, especially for the welfare of children.

For his part, PEP Stores general manager, Mr Kago Regoeng said that the initiative underscored the store's commitment to the future of Botswana.



PEP Stores general manager, Mr Kago Regoweng (left) and First National Bank Botswana director retail, Ms Monkoggi Mogorosi during a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony in Gaborone on Thursday. Ms Mogorosi said the initiative intended to collect 10 000 shoes for school going children across the country through a collaboration with PEP Stores as a way of restoring dignity and comfort to children in need. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

He also highlighted that education was the foundation of every society, which no child should ever miss on account of lack of basic necessities.

He described the initiative as more than just a transaction but about providing dignity to deserving children.

He also expressed gratitude to FNBB for the partnership which he described as a testament of PEP stores enduring legacy of being one the most leading school shops.

"This campaign is an investment in Botswana's future.

We believe that by working together, retail, banking, and the community, we can clear the path for every child to walk into their classroom confident and ready to learn," said Mr Regoeng. **BOPA**

She noted that the opening of a Francistown-based air office in 2012 helped ease some pressure but still left the North West underserved due to distance and terrain.

The Maun unit, she said, directly addressed that gap by positioning aerial resources closer to areas where they were most needed.

Ms Marathe highlighted that crime trends in the North West had generally declined in recent years, particularly property-related offences.

However, she cautioned that stock theft, cross-border crime, illegal immigration, missing persons in forests and drowning incidents in major rivers continued to pose serious challenges that required faster detection and response capabilities.

"The ability to respond swiftly can make the difference between prevention and loss," she said, adding that air mobility would significantly strengthen surveillance, search-and-rescue operations and rapid deployment during emergencies.

Ms Marathe also underscored the importance of community involvement, reiterating that policing could not succeed in isolation.

She stressed the importance of partnerships with local communities, crime prevention committees and other security agencies, even with the improvement of technology and resources.

For his part, Member of Parliament for Maun East, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile, welcomed the development, describing it as a practical solution to the realities of policing in the Okavango and surrounding areas.

He said aerial transport would allow the police to reach places that were otherwise inaccessible, ensuring cases were handled promptly and reducing delays that often compromised investigations.

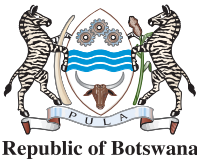
Mr Kegonegile said the unit would not only strengthen law enforcement but also reassure communities that government was actively responding to their security concerns.

Beyond crime prevention, the launch of the air unit also comes amid renewed calls for collective action against persistent social challenges, including gender-based violence, drug abuse and fraud targeting the elderly, particularly pensioners.

Communities have been urged to support law enforcement efforts while also addressing these issues at household and community level.

As Botswana continues to explore technology and innovation to diversify its economy and improve service delivery, the Maun air unit represents a broader shift in thinking, one that recognises that geography should not determine access to safety. **BOPA**

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DailyBusiness

Vendors push for bus rank transformation



In an effort to turn Molepolole bus rank into a business and service hub, businesses operating at the bus rank are on the verge of registering an association. Photos: Moshe Galeragwe

Keetile Bontsibokae

MOLEPOLOLE

Small businesses have joined efforts to turn Molepolole Bus Rank into a business and service hub. After lying ideal for almost a decade, the Molepolole Bus Rank was reopened for use in December 2025.

However, small businesses and the local transport

operators are still in doubt that the infrastructure will boost their businesses due to a number of shortcomings, primarily shortage of customers. Their fear is that the bus rank was located in isolation, far from the village centre where people flock to source household amenities and other services from government departments. In an effort to push for government to establish offices at the bus rank offering daily services, some hawkers are on the verge of registering an association; the Molepolole Bus Rank Association,

primarily to advocate for the bus rank to be turned into a business and essential services hub. The chairperson of the proposed association, Mr Godfrey Ramokhaneng, a cobbler operating from one of the stalls, is among the few small business owner who, despite challenges, have remained at the bus rank since its establishment. “Eight days after the bus rank was reopened we met as bus rank vendors to form an association that will serve as a mouthpiece for all vendors around the bus rank,” said Mr Ramokhaneng.

He said the association would serve as a mouth piece for the small businesses, public transport operators and all others including government offices doing business at the bus rank. Mr Ramokhaneng said the aim of forming an association was to revive commercial activity at the bus rank, which had previously been forced to shut down after businesses and public transport operators abandoned it due to low patronage linked to its isolation location. He said apart from a small number of commuters to nearby areas, there were no businesses or services in its surrounding to attract movement of people that could ultimately turn into customers for their businesses.



One of the vendors at the bus rank, Ms Tinge Kgosiesele.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Angola launches Chinese-invested electrolytic aluminum plant

LUANDA - Angola President Joao Lourenco has inaugurated an electrolytic aluminum plant in Barra do Dande Free Trade Zone, Bengo province, a project to boost regional industrialisation and diversify the national economy. The project is the result of a partnership with China’s Hebei Huatong Wire and Cables Group and is planned to be developed in five phases. The first phase involves an investment of US\$250 million, expected to produce 120 000 tonnes of electrolytic aluminum annually and create about 1 200 jobs. At a press conference on Thursday, Lourenco said that Angola needs private investment across all sectors of the economy, not only to ensure more jobs for young people, but above all to expand the range of products and services that benefited the economy and the population. **Xinhua**

Changi Airport to add 600 extra flights

SINGAPORE - Singapore’s Changi Airport will work with multiple Chinese airlines to operate more than 600 supplementary flights to 15 cities in China from February 1 to March 8, more than double the number added during the same period in 2025, amid an anticipated increase in travel demand over the coming Chinese New Year holiday, Changi Airport Group said on Monday. China is Singapore’s largest visitor source market, it said, adding that the Chinese New Year period had long been a key travel window for Chinese visitors, supported by the continued implementation of the China-Singapore mutual visa-free policy and the overlap with winter school holidays. **Xinhua**

Constructive dialogue takes centre stage at 2026 World Economic Forum

DAVOS - The 2026 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) which started yesterday in the Swiss Alpine town of Davos, called for constructive dialogue in a complex global landscape. A series of publications released by the WEF in the lead-up to the meeting indicated rising risks and downward pressure on the global economy in an increasingly contested and fragmented world. The latest Chief Economists’ Outlook pointed out that while the global economic outlook has improved modestly, uncertainty remains. Factors such as shifting asset valuations, rising debt, geoeconomic realignment and the rapid deployment of artificial intelligence are expected to continue impacting the world economy. Under the theme “A Spirit of Dialogue,” the five-day event has drawn nearly 3 000 leaders and experts worldwide. **Xinhua**

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“For a small business to thrive it must be strategically located along side major businesses such as a shopping complex, where it would easily be located by customers.”

Vendors push for bus rank transformation

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Mr Ramokhaneng said the only way to inject life at the bus rank was to associate, join hands as businesses, collaborate with all other private, government and council



The chairperson of Kweneng District Council, Mr Ontefetse Rankhibidu.

stakeholders. He said businesses that were currently operational at the bus rank, included street vendors and public transport operators. He said the association would also be a burden reliever to the council in terms of cost sharing especially on matters that included the maintenance of the premises and other billings. Mr Ramokhaneng said the association would encourage businesses at the bus rank to play a part in its maintenance adding that the Public Private Partnership model must be engaged to establish businesses such as a shopping mall to boost life at the bus rank. He said through an association it would be easy to convince and lure service providers to establish offices or hold public activities at the bus rank. He added that working together would also assist businesses in sharing ideas and business experiences that would help them sustain and grow. One of the vendors at the bus rank, Ms Tinge Kgosiesele was equally convinced that the bus rank in its current status was not conducive to sustain small businesses. “For a small business to thrive it must be strategically located along side major businesses such as a shopping complex, where it would easily be located by customers.” Kgosiesele said her stall had been operating at the bus rank since 2018, but at one point was forced to relocate to where the makeshift bus rank was located in pursuit of customers. However, she was hopeful that the association would bring life to the bus rank. Ms Agnes Seroojane said the initial opening of the bus rank had brought hope to their businesses as some government department

such as bye-law and transport had relocated some of the their services to the bus rank. However, Ms Seroojane said their stay was short lived as they abandoned the bus rank, derailing efforts of turning the bus rank into a business and service hub. Mr Eric Sefanyetso, one of the long distance public transporters in the Takatokwane-Molepolole road said the Molepolole bus rank was in isolate location and mostly used by long distances buses. “We cannot refuse to utilise the facility. We are appealing to government to provide services and other social amenities that will attract the local people to take public transport to the rank. The only transport currently utilising bus rank are long distance transporters,” he said. Mr Sefanyetso said local taxis were limited at the bus rank as they only target the few passengers who were arriving at the bus rank. He said the movement at the bus rank was only of the few that were travelling to various destinations, while the locals had no business of going to the bus rank as all the

services and other businesses of their daily interest were located far from the bus rank. Meanwhile, Kweneng District Council Chairman, Mr Ontefetse Rankhibidu said efforts were ongoing to resuscitate life a the bus rank. Mr Rankhibidu said negotiations with some council and government departments and other service providers were ongoing and they promised that they would provide service points at the bus rank. He added that the idea was for other offices to permanently establish at the bus rank, a move that would sustain small businesses and other activities. **BOPA**

China ranks among Zimbabwe top 3 trading partners

HARARE - China is Zimbabwe’s third-largest export destination, accounting for 16.9 percent of the country’s total exports in the first 11 months of 2025, Zimbabwe’s trade promotion body ZimTrade said Friday. “There is significant potential for growth through ongoing collaboration between both governments to enhance trade in key local commodities such as citrus and avocados,” ZimTrade Chief Executive Officer Allan Majuru said in a statement. Zimbabwe has been steadily expanding its agricultural exports to China in recent years, with the two countries signing a series of export protocols covering products, such as citrus, avocados and blueberries. According to ZimTrade, cumulative export earnings for January to November 2025 totaled 8.57 billion U.S. dollars, a 27 percent increase from 6.74 billion dollars in the corresponding period in 2024. The United Arab Emirates maintained its position as the country’s top export destination, with South Africa ranked second during the period, ZimTrade added. In a newsletter released in October 2025, Majuru commended the bilateral trade protocols signed between the two countries, which allowed the export of Zimbabwean agricultural products to the vast Chinese market. “These initiatives aim to expand agricultural exports, reduce informal trade leakages, and improve returns for local farmers,” Majuru said. **Xinhua**



The chairperson of the conceived association, Mr Godfrey Ramokhaneng.

EU considers hitting US with €93 billion worth of tariffs

BRUSSELS - The European Union is considering hitting Washington with €93 billion (UD\$107.68 billion) worth of tariffs or restricting American companies from the bloc’s market, in response to US President Donald Trump’s tariff threats over Greenland, according to Financial Times. Citing officials involved in the preparations, the Financial Times said the retaliatory measures were being drafted to give European leaders leverage ahead of pivotal meetings with Trump at the World Economic Forum in Davos. The report said the EU had drawn up the tariff list since last year but kept it suspended until February 6 to avert a trade war. However, amid the escalation of the transatlantic rift over Greenland, representatives of EU members discussed reactivating it on Sunday, alongside talks about using the Anti-Coercion Instrument, which could curb US firms’ access to the

bloc’s market. The report came after the eight countries directly targeted by the US proposed tariffs, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, issued a joint statement on Sunday declaring “full solidarity” with Denmark and Greenland. In a social media post on Saturday, Trump said the United States would levy a 10-per cent tariff from February 1 on goods from the mentioned eight countries. He warned the rate would rise to 25 per cent on June 1 and remain in place until a deal was reached for the “complete and total purchase” of Greenland. Trump, due to attend the World Economic Forum on Wednesday and Thursday, is expected to hold private talks with European leaders, including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, and to join a meeting of Western countries backing Ukraine. **Xinhua**

TENDER
Addendum

ADDENDUM #1 - TENDER No. BVI/HCC/37/2025-26 – A
TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY
SERVICES FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF BOTSWANA VACCINE
INSTITUTE LIMITED ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. The following addition has been made to the tender subject;

- Inclusion of a **Compulsory Tender briefing** meeting to be held on **Wednesday 21 January 2026 @ 10:00am**, virtually. This is a pre requisite to the tender, nonattendance will lead to automatic disqualification.
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2. All other conditions of the tender remain the same



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KAELO GABARAANE
6As 1C

TLOTSO MATLOTSE
6As 1C

Obakeng Masuku
5As 2Bs

NICOLE KUHANGA
5As 2Bs

BOAGO JOSEPH
5As 2Cs



TETO MERAFE
5As 1B 1D

KATLEGO BONAMELO
4As 3Bs

LOTHE GALEGAKE
4As 3Bs

GRACE KHONYE
4As 3Bs

TAKURA MAGAZA
4As 2Bs

TEMA MEGALE
4As 3Bs

MOTHEO RADIPITSE
4As 3Bs

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2025 CHECKPOINT TOP 11 OUTSTANDING RESULTS



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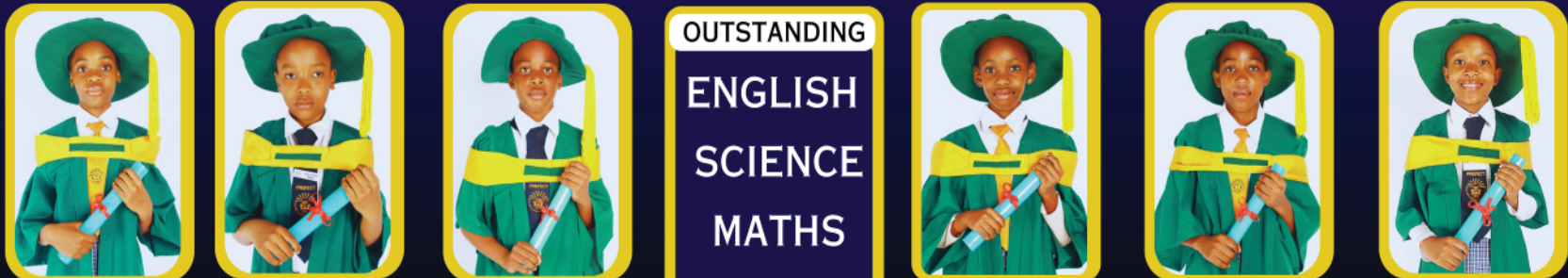
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Editorial

EDITOR'S NOTE

Let us all make customer service our responsibility

Botswana is positioning itself as a hosting hub for international events. The country is capitalising on the Meetings Incentives Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) strategy developed by Botswana Tourism Organisation.

Critical to hosting visitors, is customer service or service quality, which has emerged as key differentiator and can either make or break the host. Despite strides made in hosting a number of events, the country still struggles with low-level customer service. There is no day that passes by without a customer complaining on social media platforms because of the poor service received. Maya Angelou once said: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Her words remind us that as we prepare to host World Relays, we should not forget the importance of making guests feel valued. That at the heart of any

experience is superior customer service. The World Relays scheduled for May 2 to 3 in Gaborone, puts Botswana on the spotlight as the first African Nation to host the event. Because of its magnitude, the event will attract top athletes and sports enthusiasts from around the world. Of importance is knowing that building lasting relationships across borders is critical, hence the need to always be ready to serve our visitors in a way that they will want to return to Botswana. The countdown towards the big day should be a reminder to every business, institution and individuals alike to know the type of customers they serve and challenge themselves to do better in serving them. In the quest to improve customer service, each organisation and government departments should also take it upon themselves to adopt customer service as a core principle. Where possible, institutions like Botswana National Productivity Centre should come on board and help in transforming the work culture that is tied to poor service provision. With its small population, Botswana, is revered for its principle of BOTHO, which emphasizes mutual respect, warmth, thoughtful hospitality and serving a customer with a warm smile. Let us therefore, protect that which has always been the bedrock of 'Botswana's being', BOTHO. We can all position ourselves as a trailblazer when it comes to service provision.

Journo relives back-to-school days

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Back-to-school season is never a quiet affair, especially in primary schools. For teachers, it signals the beginning of long days, limitless patience and the responsibility of shaping young minds. During a visit to a primary school on the first day of classes on Tuesday, the frenzy was immediate and unmistakable. For some pupils, it was an exciting return to friends, playtime and new discoveries. For others, it was a daunting leap into unfamiliar routines, new teachers and bigger expectations.



At 90 years, with over four decades of teaching experience, retired primary school teacher Ms Rosemary Mongwa, encouraged current teachers to seek wisdom from veteran educators like herself. Photo: Courtesy of Ms Mongwa's family

environment was messy, loud and downright chaotic, leaving me wondering whether teachers were fully prepared for the mayhem. Barely an hour into the school day, several standard two learners already had untucked shirts and dusty shoes from running around playing tag. One little girl had opened her lunchbox too early, sending red juice spewing into the air and splashing all over her face. Then came the moment I knew I would not leave without witnessing: children crying after their mothers as they were left "alone" at school. It reminded me of my own first day in standard one. Walking hand in hand with my father across the road to my new school, I had cried uncontrollably. Having completed two years of preschool, I must have believed that school life was over and that I was headed for a future of freedom and endless Sesame Street, especially my favorites, Cookie Monster and Elmo's World. I was wrong. Looking back now, I realise it was never school I feared, but the transition to a bigger, unfamiliar place - a feeling I would experience again years later when starting secondary school and university. Whether excited, anxious, shy or tearful, it is clear that teachers always have their hands full. I watched one young teacher calmly soothe a crying child, reprimand another for leaving the school premises to buy sweets, and attend to several pupils

demanding attention all at once. "I am losing my mind," she told me. "It is only day one, and I feel like I have already lost it." With no words of comfort to offer, I thought of retired primary school teacher Ms Rosemary Mongwa, whose wisdom from decades in the classroom might hold the answers teachers seek today. At 90 years, with over four decades of teaching experience, Ms Mongwa still spoke of the classroom with a spark in her eyes. She taught in some of Botswana's most remote areas, served as a headmaster whose school achieved a pass rate ranging from 70 to 90 per cent, and taught pupils who would later become national leaders, including Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Mr Nelson Ramaotwana. For her, patience, informed judgement and exemplary behaviour were the foundations of successful teaching. "No matter how misbehaved a child is, a teacher must always be fair and never lose warmth," she said, adding that she has always opposed corporal punishment. She believes teachers must look beyond bad behaviour and understand a child's background before making decisions and assume the position of second parent, treating children as though they were their own. While concerned that education quality is declining in Botswana, Ms Mongwa encouraged current teachers to revisit older teaching guides and seek wisdom from veteran educators like herself. "I hope that today's teachers can be the type of exemplary figures that their students will have a hard time forgetting," she said. **BOPA**

Progress of constituency projects impressive

Relief Lephutshi
MOSHUPA

A number of projects in the Moshupa/Manyana constituency are said to be progressing well. The area MP, Mr Karabo Gare learnt during a tour of projects in the constituency, that the construction of Moshupa Primary Hospital, which started about six years ago was expected to be complete in April. It was reported that certain sections of the hospital that include the

administration, main stores, guard house, and the main reception were handed over to management last year November, to begin preparations for a full handing over. Meanwhile, the kitchen, public toilets, laundry, general ward, engineering workshop, and another guard house are ready to be handed over before April. The MP was also informed that construction of Moshupa police station was on schedule and within budget. Mr Gare acknowledged the importance of the Manyana-Moshupa road, which was reported to be experiencing some delays. "We believe that all challenges have

been identified, and things will stabilise," said Mr Gare. He cautioned that it was important not to compromise the quality of work or to rush the project at the expense of expected standards. Moshupa District commissioner, Ms Kolobetso Sejakgomo, appreciated the challenges raised by contractors and urged them to speed up the work. She also encouraged them to hire locals so that their livelihoods might be improved, particularly with the upcoming Bonno Housing project, which already had a contractor and a site secured.. **BOPA**



Moshupa hospital project.

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A moretlwa o lele kwa dikoleng - kgosi

Portia Rapitsenyane
MALAKA

Kgosi Dikakanyo Otukile wa Malaka a re baithuti ba dule mo taolong ntateng ya go emisiwa ga thupa kwa dikoleng.

O buile se kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa Tswapong North, Rre Prince Maele kwa Malaka bosheng. Kgosi Otukile o supile fa bontsi jwa baithuti ba dule mo tseleng, ba sa reetse ditaolo tsa barutabana, mo ba kgonang go lofa kana go tlogela sekole. O kopile gore puso e busetse thupa kwa dikoleng gore baithuti ba kgone go reetsa barutabana, a supa fa thupa e sa bolo go dirisiwa kwa dikoleng e bile e godisitse ba le bantsi. A re bana baa itaola mo bangwe ba sekole se segolwane ba le lesome ba ne ba se tlogela ba tshwanetse go kwala lekwalo la mophato wa boraro. Mogolwane wa tsa thuto go tswa kwa lephateng la tlamelotse ya bana le thuto go tswa kwa moding kwa kgaolong ya Palapye, Mme Segopodiso Selato, o tlhalositse fa ngwana yo o utlwang ka thupa e le sesupo sa gore sengwe ga se dirwa sentle kwa moding.

Mme Selato a re ngwana o tshwanetse go rutwa sentle kwa lwapeng a sa le monnye ka gore go dira jalo ga go na go nna dingalo gore a laolwe kwa sekoleng.

A re ngwana ga a tshwanela go dira tse di siameng a setswe morago ka thupa, mme o tshwanetse go dira tshiamo ka go itse gore o a tlamega e bile e le boikarabelo jwa gagwe go dira jalo.

O kopile batsadi go kgalema bana kwa malwapeng ka gore le fa thupa e sa tshole e dirisiwa kwa dikoleng, ga go reye gore motsadi ga a kake a e dirisa kwa lwapeng.

A re batsadi ba emise go tshosetsa bana ka barutabana, ba tseye boikarabelo gore tiro ya barutabana e nne motlhofo kwa sekoleng. **BOPA**



Bangwe ba ba tsena phuthego ya kgotla e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa Ngami, Rre Phillimon Aaron kwa Gumare. Ba re ba eletsa fa lephata le ka ba tswa thuso ka go tshela dibolaya diji kwa masimong a bone le tikologo jaaka go ne ga dirwa ngogola. Senepe: Kedirebofe Pelontle

Ba lela ka diji kwa Gumare

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

Banni ba Gumare ba lela ka diji kwa masimong a bone. Mme Kgakologelo Mogopi, yo a lemanang kwa masimong a Mavuyashire, o ikuetse mo mopalamenteng wa Ngami, Rre Phillimon Aaron, gore o tlhasetswe ke tsie e e ba senyetsang kwa masimong. A re tsie eo e ntsi mme e ja dijlalo jaaka mmidi, ntshe le dithotse ka go ja matlhare le maungo mo dijlalo di omeleleng di bo di swa. Mme Mogopi a re ga se lantlha ba nna le seemo se ka se ne se le teng mo ngwageng o o fetileng. Mme a re seemo se, se ne sa begelwa ba lephata la botsogo

jwa ditlhare. A re ba eletsa fa lephata le ka ba tswa thuso ka go tshela dibolaya diji kwa masimong a bone le tikologo jaaka ba ne ba dira ngogola. Mme Kebuile Alobile, wa masimo a Xhekedao, ene o supile fa ba tshwengwa ke dipeba tse di jang mmidi le dithotse mo ba feletseng ba lema sesho. Mme Alobile a re ba lelela kwa pusong gore e ba thuse ka ba sena ditsompelo le bokgoni. Mogolwane wa botsogo jwa ditlhare kwa Okavango, Rre Boikanyo Moalafi, o tlhalositse fa go na le diji tse di lwantshiwang ke puso fa di amile balemi jaaka mofuta mongwe wa tsie wa African Migratory Locust, nonyane ya thaga le seboko sa

Army Worm tse di jang dijlalo ka bokete jo bo kwa godimo. A re mefuta e mengwe ya tsie jaaka e e kaiwang, mefuta e mengwe ya diboko, podile le dipeba, ga di akarediwe mo go tse di lwantshiwang ke puso mme e le boikarabelo jwa balemi. O supile fa ba lephata la botsogo jwa ditlhare ba thusa balemi ka kitso gore ba ka lwantsha diji tseo jang e bile ba rotloedwa gore ba dirise methale e e farologaneng jaaka go dirisa tsheli kgotsa dikitso tsa ngwao go di lwantsha. A re le fa mefuta ya tsie e e tshwenyang balemi mo nakong ya gompiono e se e lebaneng go lwantshiwa ke puso, e le ba botsogo jwa ditlhare ba tswa go

sekaseka seemo kwa masimong a a farologanyeng ba bo ba isa pego kwa boeteledipele jwa lephata mme ba emetse phetolo ya gore ba ka thusa jang balemi. Rre Moalafi o ile gape a rotloetsa balemi go tsaya lenaneo la Lemang Dijo ka le na le ntlha nngwe ya go thusa ka diji. Mopalamente AAaron o supile matshwenyego ka tshenyo e e bakiwang ke diji mo kgaolong. Mo go tse dingwe Rre AAaron o tlhalositse fa madi a dikgaolo tsa botlhophi a santse a emisetswe mme ke sone se ditiro tse baneng ba ikaeletse go di dira di sa kgonagalang. O tlhalositse gape fa tsholofelo e le gore kokelo ya Gumare e tlaa baakanngwa magareng ga ngwaga o no le o o tlang. **BOPA**

Tona o ikuela mabapi le dikoloto tsa metsi

Keamogetse Setilo
SEROWE

Tona wa metsi le bonno, Rre Onneetse Ramogapi a re go tlhoka go duela dikoloto tsa metsi ka nako, go bakile gore puso e retelelwe ke go kgobokanya madi a a ka dirisiwang go dira ditlhabolo le go isa ditlamelo kwa setshabeng. Rre Ramogapi o tlhalositse se ka Labotlhano, fa a buisa phuthego kwa kgotleng kgolo ya Serowe. O tlhalositse fa Serowe e le mengwe ya metse e e kolotang

madi a a kwa godimo. Tona o gakolotse setshaba fa koporase ya Water Utilities e katolositse nako ya lenaneo la go fokoletsa setshaba sekoloto ka sephatlo sa madi a a kolotiwang mme a kopa gore ba dirise sebaka seo go duela dikoloto tsa bone. Gape, Rre Ramogapi o tlhalositse fa lenaneo la Bonno National Housing Programme le sa fetola ditlhwatlhwa jaaka fa bangwe ba bega mo maranyaneng, a re se se begiwang ke go tlhoka go tlhaloganyana fela. A re babeeletsu ba tlaa adimiwa

lefatshe gore ba dire ditlhabololo mo go lone, mme e re morago ga dingwaga tse di masome a matlhano, yo o kgatlhegelang go reka setsha seo, a tsene mo tumalanong le puso ka lenaneo la Bonno, le goromente a tla a rekelang moikopedi ditlhabololo tseo. Rre Ramogapi o kgothaditsa setshaba go inakanya le di khansela go tlhalosedwa ka lenaneo la Bonno le go tsenya dikopo. Monni mongwe wa Serowe, Rre Modiri Moteu o ngongoregile gore ditsha tse disha tsa Serowe di kgakala le

moalo wa kgopo ya metsi a leswe mme seo se ketefaletsa ba ba abetsweng lefatshhe koo go ka gokelela diphaephe mo moalong oo ka go le turu. O kopile gore madi a kgokelelo ya kgopo ya metsi a leswe a fokodiwe. Mme Keitumetse Mantswe ene o kopile puso go tsibogela seemo sa mesele ya kgopo ya metsi a a leswe, ka bontsi e se mo seemong se se siameng ka e setse a tletse e bile e tshololela metsi ao mo dijarateng le mo ditseleng, selo se se ka bakelang batho le diphologolo malwetse. **BOPA**



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BOTSHOME	SALE JOYCE	KASHAMBA	BRUCE MOAGI	LENTSWE	NEO	MATLHABAPHIRI	KGALALELO SHALE
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CHINYANGA	BUSHIE CLEMENT	KENALEWAME	OFENTSE	LUBINDA	JAMES MODISE	MESO	PHINEAS
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DIALWA	DAVID	KETSHABILE	DOMINIC TIRELO	MACHIRI	CLAPPERTON	MOALOSI	IRENE CHAKUBINGA
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Botswana Life

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Botswana Life Insurance requests the individuals listed below, or their immediate families, to contact Botswana Life offices at **362 3700**.

MOAPARE	KEOLOPILE
MOAPARE	MATSHIDISO
MODISANE	PATRICIA
MODISE	THUSEGO
MODISE	LAWRENCE
MODISE	NKOSI
MOENG	BOKADI
MOGANETSI	SELOI
MOILWA	KABELO
MOITSHEKI	LILLIAN
MOJINDA	BAITSHEPI
MOKAILA	TSHIAMO
MOKALAKE	MAITIRELO
MOKGAUTSI	LAZARUS
MOKGETHE	TSHAGO ISAAC
MOKGWEETSI	GOOKAMANG
MOKONOPI	BOLOKANG
MOKWELE	CATHERINE
MOLAPO	MOLIMI
MOLAPO	KEELENG
MOLATLHEGI	MARELEDI MONGO
MOLATLHEGI	JACQUELINE
MOLEBATSI	MAIPELO
MOLEELE	ONKABETSE
MOLEFE	KELEBOGILE
MOLELOWATLADI	MOLEMI SHADRACK
MOLEOFI	TAPOLOGO
MOLESENG	DANIEL MOANAMIDI
MOLONGWANE	MWENDA CORDELIA
MOLOSIWA	ELIZABETH
MOLOSIWA	KGOSIEMANG KEITH
MOMPATI	DUNCAN
MONAGENG	MOKOPANYI
MONEKWE	GALALETsang
MONGOMBA	MOKGWATHI
MONYATSE	BATSHANI
MOOKETSANE	PEARL THATO
MOOKETSI	KETHOTSWE
MORAPEDI	LORE
MOREMI	MONTIRIANA
MOREMI	GAOLATLHE T.
MOROKE	RUTH
MORRIS	NTWA HELMUT
MOSALAESI	HERBERT
MOSALAGAE	BEAUTY
MOSEDAME	OBOOKENG
MOSETLHE	MMATSELA RIRTAH
MOSIIWA	OEMELENNA

MOSIMANEGAPE	GOTHUSAONE
MOSOTHOANE	PRISCILLA
MOTHEBE	GOITSEONE
MOTHOBİ	EDWARD
MOTHUSIEMANG	LETSHABAMANG
MOTLHALE	MATLHODI MILO
MOTLHWARE	MOTENE
MOTSAMAI	OREEDITSE
MOTSE	ARON
MOTSHABI	MMOLOKI
MOTSHOLELE	PEO KELEABETSWE
MOTSHOLOPI	MOSOTHO
MOTSUMI	JOSEPH
MOTSWAENG	NELSON
MOTSWAGOLE	MESHACK BUSHIE
MOTSWAKHUMO	WALTER
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MPHETANG	RAPULA
MSUNDUZWA	DEMANA LIVISON
MUNGOFÄ	AMON
MUNYADZWE	BASADI MPHO
MUSADDIQ	MOHAMMAD
MUZILA	GIFT
NAGE	MPOELENG TOM
NCHENG	MCDONALDSON
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NGÄKÄÄGÄE	DITHAPELO K.
NGOPE	TEBOGO
NKEBETO	UYAPO
NKEPE	BADIRILE
NKOMO	MOTSEI
NKWE	MPHO
NNO	TUMELO
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NTLOYAKHUMO	BOITUMELO
NTOLLO	KEROMANG
NTWAAGÄE	ANASTACIA
NYANGAZONKE	JACOBI
NYEKU	OFETOTSE
OBÄKENG	PRECIOUS
OBUSENG	BONTLOGILE
ODISITSE	TINY
ONTIRETSE	PATRICIA KEITATHILE
OSUPENG	ALFRED TUMISANG
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PÄPÄNÄ	VICTORIA
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PIET	MÄPÄPULÄ
PILATWE	IRENE DIFELA
PINÄEMANG	WAITSE
PITSO	MESHACK
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POROGO	FISCHER PULE
PULÄ	ANDREW
PULÄ	TEFO
RÄDIKORO	MPHO
RÄDITLÄDI	LEETILE
RAKÄGÄBO	DINEO
RÄLERU	GOÄBÄÄONE
RÄMÄKELE	PATRICK
RÄMÄSÜ	FLAVIAN
RÄMMIDI	GOMOLEMO
RÄMOTLHÄBÄNE	MMOLOKI
RÄMOTSHEO	TSHEPHO
RÄNKWÄILÄ	OÄBITSA WÄMMÄ
RÄNNOBÄ	KEEMENÄO
RÄNTLÄLENG	JÄMÄS REBÄÄONE
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SEBÄNÄ	DIMÄKÄTÄSO
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SEDÜBI	KUDÄ M
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SETSHOGELÄ	BÖNÄNG RILLÄH
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SILÄSE	THÄYÄÄÄONE
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TÄNYÄLÄ	ÖLEBENG BÖNÖLÖ
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WANTED: EXTRA HEAVY DUTY driver, able to drive to DRC and Tanzania. Apply to: DFS Group & send your application to: info@bw-dfsgroup.com. Closing date 04.02.2026.

FARM WORKES

FARM WORKER WANTED; Mabolaelo Lands. If interested, apply in writing to A K Kotshegwe P O Box 2334 Mochudi. Cellphone 72 379 967 / 73 142 405.

3 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Chithawa farm/ Ramokgwebana. Contact Nchidzi Mbure 71 550 160 / 72499996 Box 26 Ramokgwebana.

HERD BOY WANTED at Sekgopye farms. Call 76 955 434. Private Bag F8 Francistown. Naledi Baleni

FARM WORKER WANTED at Matsiloje fields. Box 1323 Francistown. Contact Henry Shadreck 72 965 035

FARMLABOURER WANTED at Sebina Lerato Chite 71 610 401 Box 178 Orapa

HERDMAN WANTED in Gweta. Contact 74 240 263. Closing date 31/01/2026.

WANTED FARM WORKER Matshelagabedi Box 321 Francistown Cain Phumaphi 76005526

FARM WORKER URGENTLY wanted in Kang, contact, Box 339 Kang or Mr Pego @ 71 842 829.

FARM WORKER WANTED. Pajama Stud breeders P O Box 209 Kgagodi. Email: palomokwena@gmail.com

WANTED 3 FARM WORKERS Box 358 Shashe Mmalekgoa Mupakaira 74 249 107

FARM WORKER WANTED in Leshibitse. Contact Unity Dow 71387251 / 76 146 871.

THREE (3) FARM WORKERS with experience in Horticulture wanted at Lekgatshwane farms, Gakuto. Apply to Mr P B Kgokgwe, Box 2611, Gaborone. Tel: 72 107 255

WANTED SEASONAL FARM workers at Mhogkoza, Kang. Apply: Larona Timothy J Tlhokwane Box 21134 Bontleng. Closing date: 02/02/2026

FARM WORKER REQUIRED at Mogelete/Bothapatlou land to look after small stocks and growing of vegetables. Reply to Seeletso Kennedy Sekelemane, P O Box 1890 Mogoditshane before 30th January 2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Molapowabasadi Lands. Contact Motlhasedi Gaongalelwe at 74923281. Closing date 03/02/2026.

TWO FARMWORKERS WANTED Lemon Modise Box 2682 Francistown 71 828 307

FARM WORKER WANTED. Contact 72 632 433 Letlhakeng, Gantsweng lands

FOUR (4) FARM WORKERS wanted at Manong Game Lodge. Apply to: P O Box 45006, Riverwalk. Cell: 74 741 590 Closing date: 31/01/2026

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER Metsimaswaane Ramotswa 77573396

KE BATLA MODISA ko Mogonono Kweneng, P.O Box 293 Thebephatshwa. Call Boitshepo 74795889.

FARMWORKER WANTED -PILIKWE Contact: Mr Ramaologa Box 189 Pilikwe 72 572 932

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ramahupela Lands near Kopong village, please call Winston Moloigaswe. P. O Box 30760 Tlokweng. Closing date 02/02/2026.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tilwane farms Bokaa contact 72302093 Box 106 Lobatse.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Malongwane Farm with 3 years experience. Contact Mogotsi Manowe, Box 601093, Gaborone, 71 797 929. Closing date: 7/2/2026.

FARM WORKER DIKGATLONG farm P O Box V876 Ramotswa

WE ARE HIRING herdboy/Modisa wanted at Mabowana/Lecheng. Call 72 515 554.

FARM WORKER WANTED Matshelagabedi. Tagala Lorraine Zankere. Box 301334 Francistown. 71 893 484

2 FARM WORKERS NEEDED Patayamatebele, Box 10741 Tatitown, 77 237 567

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Dikgathong lands Taung/Ramotswa. Box 502714, Gaborone.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Ikongwe farm. Preferably male aged 25 years an above with experience in piggery. Contact 71513331

WANTED 4 FARM WORKERS P O Box 2805 Mahalapye 73 873 044

FARM WORKER KATTINAH Pelekekae Box 10689 Lobatse 71680542

FARM WORKER LESIAMANG Lesiamang. Box 10870 Lobatse. 78137764

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ruele Kgatleng area. Apply to Mr Tike. P.O Box 70633 Gaborone. Closing date 31/01/2026

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I KABO NEALE SECHELE Morwaeng propose change of land use from residential use to mixed land use commercial and industrial use on Plot 18659 at Botlhajana Ward in Molepolole. Any objection contact Kweneng District Council within 14 days from this publication or call 591 5122.

COURTVILLE HOLDINGS (PTY) Ltd, owner of Tribal-Lot Grant No. 1255KP, Nkudialla, intends to change land use from agricultural to mixeduse agriculture. Any objections should be made within 14 days of notice by contacting the Kgatleng district council physical planning at (+267) 577 7411, (+267) 75 777 411 or P/Bag 011, Mochudi, Botswana.

OWNER OF PLOT 13881 Gaborone West wishes to inform neighbours and the public an intent to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. Any objection contact GCC physical planning department at 395 3779 / (+267) 72 414 008 within 14 days

I, VIRGINIAH BONOLO RATSHOSWANE the owner of tribal lot located at Bokaa, Kgatleng, intends to change land use from industrial to residential. Any queries or objections should be submitted in writing to Kgatleng District Council on 577 7411 within 14 days of this publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000131-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KABELO MONICA SAMUEL** who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District Republic of Botswana on the **3rd December 2021**.

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

Dated at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2025.

The Executor Dative | **Matlhogonolo Samuel MOGODITSHANE** | Tel: 72 908 008

NOTICE TO DEPTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 001581/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **LEMMY MUDUMBWA** who died CAPETOWN, Republic of South Africa on the **04th September 2025**.

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

DATED at on this Day of 2026

The Executrix
Kashimbo Musonda
Private Bag BR130, Gaborone
Cell: 72167361

The Executor
Chabota Manuel Nzala
Plot 34382, Gaborone
Cell: 72167361

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN *ESHFT-000110-24*

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Mmeya Christian Malthamako-ESHFT-000110-24/ who died at Francistown District on the **27 January 2024**.
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22 DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

TAPIWA MANYAPEDZA
Executor Dative
P O Box 1693, Francistown

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



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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000763-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOSUPI MHUTSIWA** who died at Gaborone Block 9, Plot 24844, Gaborone District Republic of Botswana on the 27th day of November 2023.

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 thereof.

DATE at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2025.

The Executrix Dative
Ofetse Mhutsiwa
P.O. Box M564
KANYE
Tel: 71326764 / 74000892

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
TSHIMOLOGO MMOPIEMANG	ESHFT-001443-25	28-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ELIZABETH S. MOSHODI	ESHFT-001230-25	08-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No. **FT TL 140/2004** dated 2nd April 2004 made in favour of **LUCKY LETSAPA**.

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2726, Maun;
SITUATE: At Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 3240 m² (Three Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Square metres);
AS WILL MORE From diagram DSM No. 1631/2003 surveyed by Land Surveyor
FULLY APPEAR: W. M. Ratsie in August 2003 and approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on the 11th day of December 2003.

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of lease no. **FT 140/2004 dated 2nd April 2004** in favour of **LUCKY LETSAPA**.

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds within twenty-one days of publication.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

THANKE & PARTNERS, Associated with David Newman, Plot 32367, Donga Francistown, P. O. Box 411 AAH, Masa Centre, **GABORONE, TEL: 241 6598/74790741**

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
DOLLY PHETHU	ESHFT-000886-25	23-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2603/2013 dated 19th December 2013 made in favour of Peter Tladi in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 1560, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Township Extension 7;
MEASURING: 465m² (Four Hundred and Sixty Five square metres)
SUBJECT: to the conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Deed.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 08 DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

RESEGO SETSHOGO c/o | **AKOONYATSE LAW FIRM**
Plot 398, Extension 4 | Kgasa Close Opposite Lesedi Hall
P O Box 25058, Gaborone | Tel No. 3937360 | Fax No. 3937350 | Email: tuelo@akoonyatselaw.com

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF LOT 16427 at Tlokweng, wishes to erect a boundary wall around their plot. Any objection should be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning office on 3695002.

CHANGE OF LAND USE - B. Mokgweetsi, owner of a residential plot in Magopane ward, Ramotswa, intends to change use from residential into mult-family residential. For any objections, contact physical planning-Gamalete district council at (+267) 5381200 or P/Bag 002 Ramotswa within 14 days.

CHANGE OF LAND USE - B. Mokgweetsi, owner of a residential plot in Magopane ward, Ramotswa, intends to change use from residential into mult-family residential. For any objections, contact physical planning-Gamalete district council at (+267) 538 1200 or P/Bag 002 Ramotswa within 14 days.

DINEO BEATRICE MOLELEKWA, owner of a residential plot at Palapye Extension 11, Plot 13566 proposes to change land use from residential to multi-residential and erect a boundary wall. For any queries, please contact Palapye Physical Planning on 4930881 or 74 190 441 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

I MONICAH AISAM, OWNER of plot 9464 Letlapeng Tlokweng, wish to change my single residential to multi family residential and erect boundary wall. Therefore I inform the public to consult Tlokweng Council on 369 5000 for further inquiries

I JAMES RAHUMA, OWNER of plot 2039 Metlhabeng Tlokweng, wish to erect boundary wall. Therefore I inform the public to consult Tlokweng Council on 3695000 for further inquiries

PROPERTIES

UNREFERENCED RESIDENTIAL PLOT: for sale at Basimane-Boiditswe Ward, Serowe measuring 3016SQM with Customary Land Grant. Price P90,000.00. Contact 76 560 499.

MISCELLANEOUS

I MORGAN MOGOROSI TSHIPING of ID No: 911417813 would like to change the ownership of Toyota Hilux, Registration No: B 578 AHB, Blue Colour, Year: 2001, Chassis No: AHT31UNE608007609 and Engine No: 1RZ2557409. Any objection, call 72 445 311 / 77 624 937 within 21 working days of this publication.

VACANCIES

TALENTED FOOTBALLERS urgently needed: Thamaga shooting stars football club is on the lookout for skilled and dedicated football players to strengthen our squad. Apply now to join our dynamic team and compete at the highest level. Requirements: experience, skill and passion for sport. Deadline: 31 January 2026. thamagashootingstars@gmail.com

FARM WORKERS WANTED

An intergraded farm is looking for highly motivated experienced farm workers with traceable reference who are able to work at minimal supervision for work opportunities at our farm in Moshaweng, Letlhakeng.

Suitable candidates should forward their applications together with certified identity documents on or before **31st Janaury 2026** to

P O Box 1275 Thamaga.
Call: 74 496 004.

STEP BY STEP DAY CARE & Pre- School (English Medium) Registration now open!! We provide: Breakfast & Lunch, Computers & Swimming, Music & Educational Trips. To Register Contact: 392 3569 / 72 172 365 / 71 577 447

BABY-LOVE PRE-SCHOOL is recruiting for a qualified teacher preferably elderly with at least 15 years teaching experience 5 years of which in a supervisory role. Please email your application and supporting documents to maipelomoeti123@gmail.com or drop at plot 16819 Gwest Phase 1 by 28 February 2026

BYTE SIZE COLLEGE: Urgently needed: Policy Analyst, must have Degree in Political Science, 5-6 years experience in tertiary institution, research skills, academic skills and BQA evaluated. Apply to HR: hr@bytesizecollege.org or submit at Byte Size College, Gaborone Campus African Mall. Closing date: 10 February 2026.

LOOKING FOR A RELIABLE caregiver with training to provide supportive relationship help a 100 year old person comfortably and with dignity. Contacts no: 72650923 / 74 529 588

EXTRA HEAVY DUTY DRIVER wanted for cross border delivery. Send your CV to : motherwell@ncbw.co.bw

VACANCY: FARM WORK

A **FARM WORKER** is required to work on a small holding/farm under Ol-Globe Holdings (Pty) Ltd situated in Kgalapitse, Kgatleng District. Accommodation and food is to be provided. Applicants must have atleast 3 years work experience in integrated farming activities including keeping of chickens, goats, cattle and seasonal crops. Must read and write in English for good records keeping.
All applications in writing must be addressed to: The Manager Ol-Globe Holdings (Pty)Ltd
P.O.Box 345 Gaborone
Or email to: olglobe@firmco.bw
Enquiries to: +267 75 840 769
Closing Date: 06 February 2026

NEIGHBOURCONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given to neighbours of Commercial **Plot No. 7786 (Royal Hotel)**, Ikageng Ward, Tsabong, that the owner intends to construct a **Guest House and Boundary Wall** on the said plot.

Any objections or representations must be forwarded to the Tsabong District Council, Physical Planning Office, at Telephone **No. 654 0061, Private Bag 005, Tsabong**, or the owner may be contacted on Cell Phone No. 754 241 31, within **fourteen (14) days** of publication of this advertisement.

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed No. 276/1990 dated 15th August 1990 made in favor of Kgomoiso Karabo Pule in respect of:

Certain: Piece of land being tribal grant no 242:
Situat: at Thamathlogo ward Kanye in the Bangwaketse tribal territory
Measuring: 1652m² (One thousand six hundred and fifty two square meters)
Held number: deed no 276/1990

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

Address: P O Box 1908 Gaborone.

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CHALINGWA MABURUNYANA	ESHFT-001482-25	23-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER TRIBAL LAND TO NON-CITIZEN IN
TERMS OF SECTION 34(1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT NO.1 OF 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between parties:

TRANSFEROR : Tiny Botswana
TRANSFEREE : Guardians of the Wilderness Proprietary Limited represented by John Henry Barclay

Description of the Property: -

CERTAIN : Small Stock Farm Tribal Lot No: 17150
SITUATE : In Moeti ward Maun within Batawana Tribal Administration
MEASURING : **17.2764** hactres (seventeen point two seven six four hactres)
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under deed of transfer **No FTTL 40/2013 dated 22nd day of January 2013** made in favour of Tiny Botswana.
CONSIDERATION : **P1,200 000.00** (one million two hundred thousand pula only)

By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through to **Tiny Botswana P.O. Box 21613, Maun within 30 days** of this advert. Tiny Botswana **Cell:** 71 670 973

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How to Apply

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The Human Resource Manager P.O Box 1735 AAD Gaborone

DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

In compliance with the Data Protection Act of Botswana, personal data collected through your application will be processed confidentially for recruitment purposes only and will be accessible solely to authorized personnel. Your information will be retained for the duration of the recruitment process and for such period as required by law. By submitting your application, you consent to this processing and may contact the Human Resource Manager at the address provided above regarding your data protection rights, including the right to access, correct, or request deletion of your personal data.



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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT VILLAGE

CASE NO: CCMVL-002004-24

In the matter between:

BAKANG ISAAC ISAAC
And
BOGADI WAPULA
ESTHER KEIKETSE

PLAINTIFF

1ST DEFENDANT
2ND DEFENDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR CIVIL IMPRISONMENT
[In Terms of Order 8 Rule 4]

TO: ESTER KEIKETSE (2ND DEFENDANT)
TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby summoned to appear before His Worship Daniel Nkau at Village Magistrate Court, Room 4, on 18th February 2026 at 08:30.00 am and show why a decree of Civil Imprisonment should not be made against you at the suit of Bakang Isaac Isaac in respect of non-payment of debt of P18 000.00 plus costs of suit recovered against you by the said Bakang Isaac Isaac by Judgement of the Court bearing date of 7th November 2024.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that a Court Order has been made that the publication of this Notice shall be good and sufficient service of summons on you and should you fail to attend Court, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

VURAYAI LAW CHAMBERS
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS
PLOT 878, INDEPENDENCE AVENUE
EXTENSION 2, P.O. BOX 70959, UB, GABORONE

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- Demonstrated litigation experience, including trial preparation and execution, as well as court attendances before the Magistrates' Court, High Court, Court of Appeal and the Industrial Court.
- Completion of Trial Advocacy training.
- Proven participation in the Law Society of Botswana (LSB) training programme in the capacity of trainer.

- Formal qualifications and/or certifications in AI Governance, including AI, data governance or emerging regulatory and ethical frameworks.
- Postgraduate qualification or professional certification in risk management, compliance, insurance or corporate governance.
- Avid communicator, analytical, drafting and professional training skills with the ability to clearly and effectively convey complex legal, regulatory and compliance advisory
- Ability to work in a fast paced, legal tech work environment
- Valid Driver's License

How to apply

Submit your CV and relevant qualifications to **accounts@gplawpractice.co.bw**. Submissions not in the prescribed method will **NOT** be considered.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
6th February 2026

HONOURABLE JUSTICE PUSOENTSI

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA
AT GABORONE

CASE NO: CVHGB-000605-25

In the matter between:

AHMED MUSTAPHA
and
BONIFACE MARELEDI MOEMEDI TLAPE
REGISTRAR OF DEEDS
ATTORNEY GNERAL
(Cited in her capacity as representing
The Registrar of Deeds)

Applicant

1st Respondent
2nd Respondent
3rd Respondent

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE PUSOENTSI O. at GABORONE on the 3rd day of **November 2025**.

UPON HEARING: Attorney Ms. Amos K.M. for the Applicant, Respondents absent and having read the documents filed of record.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Order granted in terms of the draft order filed on the 28th October 2025 as follows:

- Leave is hereby granted for the Applicant to effect service of process on the 1st Respondent by way of advertising/publishing twice in the Government Gazette and once in the Daily Newspaper by substituted service an application in which the orders in the following terms are sought:
a)An order authorizing Deputy Sheriff D.J. Moyo to sign the documents transferring the property being Lot 1100 Lobatse, from the 1st Respondent, Boniface Mareledi Moemedi Tlape to the Applicant's company, Ahmed's Children Investments Proprietary Limited.
b)An Order granting the Registrar of Deeds authority to transfer Lot 1100 Lobatse, from the 1st Respondent, Boniface Mareledi Moemedi Tlape to the Applicant's company, Ahmed's Children Investments Proprietary Limited.
c) No order for costs is sought.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

RAHIM KHAN & COMPANY Applicant's Attorneys
Office # 1, Plot 50362 Showgrounds Office Park
P O Box 1884, Gaborone
Tel. No. 3188 988/9 Fax No. 318 8951/990 E-mail: **KAmos@rahimkhan.co.bw**

Notice of Intention to Dispose Land to a Non-Citizen

THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED in terms of the Tribal Land Act, 2018, section (i) (a-e) in respect of the following

CERTAIN	:	Piece of land being an integrated farm
SITUATE	:	at Patayamatebele village
MEASURING	:	3.98 Ha
HELD UNDER	:	Certificate of Customary Land Grant issued by Tati Land board

The transaction is between Ethany Baoki Mahoto and Tshepho Badisang for the sum of P100,000.00 (One Thousand Pula) this is subject to such other terms and conditions as available for the inspection and consideration of the plot.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer of the above property must give their submission to Tati Land board within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

TSHEPHO BADISANG, Applicant, Cellphone No.s 72508792/74556447

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FLEET OPERATIONS & SOFTWARE SYSTEMS DEVELOPER

Andrew Car Rental, a car rental and fleet management company based in iTowers, Gaborone, is seeking to employ one (1) Fleet Operations & Software Systems Developer.

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Applications: Email CVs to info@androwcarrental.com or call **73144944**.
Closing Date: 6 February 2026.

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JOEL MABECHWANA	ESHFT-001165-25	28-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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HOW TO APPLY: Cell/WhatsApp 74 132 016 Or Visit us at Ga-Kgolo Ward, Kanye

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DIGIBOTS INNOVATIONS

External Job Vacancy Circular No.1 of 2026

Digibots Innovations, is a newly established 4IR engineering solution company in Botswana. The company is seeking for a visionary, strategic and highly technical leader to fill the role of **Specialist Senior Process Engineer**.

About the Role

Based in Botswana with flexibility for international assignments, the incumbent will report directly to the Chief Operations Officer and will be responsible for leading the design, development, and implementation of core process technologies that will define the operational capabilities and build systems and infrastructure from scratch in a greenfield environment.

Key Responsibilities

- **Process Design & Infrastructure:** Lead the development of end-to-end process flowsheets, create PFDs/P&IDs, and establish foundational engineering procedures and documentation standards.
- **Project Execution:** Oversee greenfield/ brownfield plant development, coordinate with EPC/EPCM partners, and manage project timelines and budgets.
- **Commissioning & Safety:** Lead start-up activities, troubleshoot initial operations, and ensure full compliance with global safety standards through HAZOP,HAZIL, SIL and risk assessments.
- **Marketing & Client Relations:** Market company products and services, attend to client needs, and conduct regular stakeholder meetings to support business growth.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Implement digital tools and automation (Industry 4.0) to optimize productivity, energy efficiency, and cost reduction.

Education, Experience and competency requirements

- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Chemical, Process, Mechanical, or Biochemical Engineering (Master's Degree in Environmental Technology is preferred).
- **Experience:** At least 15 years of process engineering experience, with a proven track record in complex industrial design and greenfield project start-ups.
- **Technical Proficiency:** Expertise in process simulation software (e.g., Aspen HYSYS, ChemCAD) and familiarity with international standards such as API, ASME, and ISO.
- **Leadership:** Strong entrepreneurial mindset with ability to lead cross-functional teams, manage external partners and drive technical direction in a new organization.
- **Membership:** Engineering Registration Board (ERB)

Interested applicants who meet the position requirements should send their letter and detailed CV to the below email address:

info@lodestoneveritas.com | **Closing date: 2nd February 2026**

NB: The company will get in contact with only shortlisted candidates, if you do not hear from us within 21 days after closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Family calls off search for missing man

Portia Keetile

KASANE

The family of 27-year-old Mr Tlwaelo Elias, who went missing at Chobe River on January 9, has called off a search operation that had been launched to find him.

The decision was made after the family expressed satisfaction with the search efforts made at the Chobe/Zambezi river confluence.

The search team, which had deployed an airboat to aid the operation, ruled out all possibilities of Mr Elias being found at the river.

However, the family’s representative, Mr Ernest Lefatshe explained that they would continue to explore spiritual means to locate him.

Mr Lefatshe said the forensic results of Mr Elias’ clothes found at the river on January 10 were still pending.

Kasane Police Station commander, Superintendent James Maabong stated that despite the search being called off, the police would leave the investigation open and would continue to conduct minor searches in the bid to locate him.

Supt Maabong assured the family that the police would keep investigating, pending DNA results on the clothes found near the river.

He also explained that the pathology report indicated that the bones found during the search were not human bones.

Moreover, Supt Maabong expressed his respect for the family’s spiritual approach urging the public to be careful around Chobe River because of the wildlife around that area.

The station commander implored the public to desist from going to the river because it was infested with dangerous animals that posed a risk to their lives. **BOPA**



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Photo: Portia Ikgopoleng

Cavista Holdings Botswana to host first hackathon

Benita Magopane

GABORONE

Software engineering company, Cavista Holdings Botswana, is preparing to host its first ever two day Cavista Hackathon Botswana beginning February 21, at the Botswana Accountancy College in Gaborone.

Speaking at a media briefing Thursday in Gaborone, Cavista general manager, Ms Katlego Arnone, said the coding marathon would bring together 300 delegates including undergraduate students from universities that offered technology courses.

She said that winners would be separated into three categories of main winners who would get significant prizes of a monetary value yet to be announced, but also include the opportunity to launch their coding solutions in the market.

“It is a very good opportunity, not only for Cavista to find the best and the brightest talent to come and join our team, but to also have those with capital, to invest in the young engineers’ ideas,” said Ms Arnone.

She highlighted that the hackathon was also an opportunity for the tech giant to make impact by contributing to the reduction of unemployment in Botswana.

“The Hackathon alone will ensure employment creation through the downstream of entrepreneurs that will form out of that event,” she said.

Cavista engineering manager, Mr Tumisang Solomon, said the company was on a daily search for the best and the brightest in Botswana, noting that their current headcount stood at 35 and were hoping to have at least 500 in five years. **BOPA**



Burundi First Lady visit

A two-day visit by Burundi First Lady Ms Angeline Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha added fresh energy to regional cooperation among First Ladies under the Organisation of African First Ladies for Development (OAFLAD). Hosted by First Lady Kaone Boko, the programme featured community engagements in Mogoditshane, a cultural tour of the National Museum and talks on future collaboration. The visit closed with a ceremonial farewell at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport.

- 1. First Lady Kaone Boko (second right) and Burundi First Lady, Ms Angeline Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha (third right) and their entourage arriving at Mogoditshane Kgotla for a meet and greet with the leadership on Friday. The visit created space for open dialogue on community concerns such as gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy, with Ms Boko reaffirming her commitment to sustained grassroots engagement through the Mpepu initiative. **Photo: Felicity Male**
- 2. Renowned photographer Monirul Bhuiyan taking the two First Ladies through his exhibition at the National Museum in Gaborone. The visual journey traces the political rise of President Advocate Duma Boko. **Photo: Felicity Male**
- 3. The two First Ladies admiring a classic motor vehicle on display at the National Museum. **Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe**
- 4. Ms Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha stepping out of a traditional hut exhibit, after learning about its historical role and cultural significance, highlighting human stories preserved within Botswana's heritage spaces. **Photo: Felicity Male**
- 5. A cultural group performing at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport during Burundi First Lady's departure ceremony on Saturday. **Photo: Phenyo Moalosi**
- 6. Ms Ndayishimiye Ndayubaha at the close of a two-day working visit focused on solidarity, women-led development and collaboration under OAFLAD. **Photo: Phenyo Moalosi**



AU and IGAD congratulate Museveni for winning election

ADDIS ABABA

African Union (AU) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), an East African bloc, congratulated Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on his re-election.

On Saturday, Uganda's Electoral Commission announced that the country's incumbent President Museveni won the presidential election, securing a seventh five-year term in office after garnering more than 7.9 million votes out of about 11.3 million valid ballots cast.

In a statement issued late Saturday, AU Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf congratulated Museveni on his re-election, commending the conduct of the elections.

Youssouf applauded the people of Uganda for their commitment to consolidating democratic gains, peace, security and development.

He also commended former Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan for his 'sterling leadership' of the joint AU, IGAD

and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa election observation mission to Uganda.

In a separate statement issued Saturday, the IGAD also congratulated Museveni on his re-election. IGAD Executive Secretary Workneh Gebeyehu reaffirmed IGAD's support for efforts aimed at strengthening democratic governance, peace, stability and inclusive development in Uganda.

Museveni's closest challenger, Robert Kyagulanyi, a pop-star-turned-politician, also known as Bobi Wine, received over 2.7 million votes, while the remaining votes were shared among six other presidential candidates, according to the Electoral Commission. However, Kyagulanyi rejected the final election results announced by the Electoral Commission, describing them as fraudulent.

In a statement posted on his X account on Saturday, he said there were instances of military intimidation and ballot stuffing, among other irregularities. *Xinhua*



KAMPALA - Electoral Commission officials declared Yoweri Museveni as the winner of the presidential election 2026 at National Tally Center in Uganda, on Saturday. Uganda's incumbent president Museveni secured a seventh five-year term. Photo: Xinhua

Chinese community donates to children with disabilities

HARARE

The Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe on Friday donated daily necessities and stationery to a school for children with disabilities in Zimbabwe. After receiving the donation at the Jairos Jiri Centre Primary School, school head Kudzanai Baramasimbe expressed gratitude to the Chinese community for the donation, saying it would help the school provide necessities for the children.

With a current enrollment of 168 children, the public school provides rehabilitation and educational services to primary school children with disabilities.

According to Baramasimbe, many parents struggle to pay school fees due to financial

constraints, adding pressure to the school's operations.

"We are very delighted by the donation that we received from the Chinese embassy.

This donation is going to assist us in alleviating the food shortages that we have here at the school," Baramasimbe told Xinhua. Meng Limin, chairperson of China's Jiangsu Fanye Power Energy Equipment, which joined the embassy in donating solar equipment worth US\$12,000, said that after learning the school had long struggled with power shortages, her company acted quickly to help improve the children's learning environment.

"We were happy to see the children having electricity and learning in a bright environment," Meng said. Chinese Ambassador

to Zimbabwe Zhou Ding said the embassy, together with the Chinese community, has long been committed to supporting vulnerable children and the education sector in Zimbabwe.

"We believe education is fundamental to this progress.

In that spirit, the Chinese embassy donates books, school bags, computers and food supplies to the school," the ambassador said, adding that these contributions reflect the sustained partnership between China and Zimbabwe.

"These children are disabled, but we hope they do not feel marginalised, that they have the opportunity to grow up healthy and happy, and to make greater contributions to China-Zimbabwe relations and friendship in the future," Zhou added. *Xinhua*



HARARE - Learners attending a donation ceremony at the Jairos Jiri Centre Primary School in Zimbabwe. The Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe on Friday donated daily necessities and stationery to children with disabilities. Photo: Xinhua



DAVOS - Participants at the World Economic Forum prior to the opening of its annual meeting in Switzerland. The 2026 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) will be held from January 19 to 23. Photo: Xinhua

Costa vows to defend any form of coercion against EU

BRUSSELS

European Council president Antonio Costa said Sunday on X that the European Union (EU) is "ready to defend itself against any form of coercion" in response to US president Donald Trump's tariff threats over Greenland.

Costa said his consultations with member states on the latest tensions over Greenland had reaffirmed that the bloc remained "in support of and solidarity with Denmark and Greenland."

Recognising that tariffs would undermine transatlantic relations and are 'incompatible with the EU-US trade agreement,' he underscored that the EU was ready to defend itself against any form of coercion.

In this regard, he added that he would convene an extraordinary meeting of the European Council in the coming days to further coordinate. In a social media post on Saturday, Trump said the United States would levy a 10-per cent tariff from February 1, on goods from eight European countries.

He warned the rate would rise to 25 per cent on June 1 and remain in place until a deal is reached for the 'complete and total purchase' of Greenland.

Also on Sunday, the Financial Times reported that the EU was considering hitting Washington with €93 billion (US\$107.68 billion) worth of tariffs or restricting American companies from the bloc's market. *Xinhua*



MATOLA CITY - A car driving through floodwater caused by heavy rainfall in, Maputo Province, Mozambique. Central and southern regions of Mozambique are on their peak rainy period marked by frequent alerts for heavy rains and strong winds. Photo: Xinhua

Intense rains push Mozambique to maximum flood alert

MAPUTO

Southern Mozambique has been placed on maximum flood alert following persistent heavy rainfall and increased water discharges from major dams, local authorities said on Wednesday.

In Gaza Province, the situation is particularly severe after heightened releases from the Massingir Dam.

Authorities warned that the large volumes of discharged water have significantly increased the risk of flooding along the Limpopo Valley and its tributaries. Minister of Public Works, Housing, and Water Resources Fernando

Rafael said the dam had reached its maximum storage capacity, making the opening of emergency spillway gates unavoidable.

He warned of a high flood risk in both low-lying and urban areas and urged residents in vulnerable zones to evacuate immediately.

Margarida Mapanzene Chongo, governor of Gaza Province, said it remained difficult to determine the number of people affected, as several communities have been cut off by overflowing rivers, hampering rescue and assessment efforts.

According to the National Emergency Operations Center,

authorities deployed multi-sectoral teams to reinforce evacuation and humanitarian assistance operations.

Flood risks have also intensified in Maputo Province, where movement across the Umbeluzi River bridge in Boane District has been restricted due to rising water levels linked to heavy rains and dam discharges.

In Inhambane Province, communities along the Save River remain on high alert amid warnings of unpredictable water flows.

Authorities cautioned that the combination of persistent rainfall and upstream discharges could further worsen flooding risks in the coming days. *Xinhua*



MATOLA CITY - Residents wading through floodwater caused by heavy rainfall in Maputo Province, Mozambique. Photo: Xinhua

China donates medical supplies to Burundi

BUJUMBURA

Chinese Embassy in Burundi on Thursday donated medical supplies to the Burundian government to help the East African nation achieve sustainable development goals as well as its development vision.

The handover ceremony was held at Prince Regent Charles Hospital in Bujumbura, Burundi's economic capital, with the facility being one of three beneficiaries. The other two include Gitega Regional Hospital in Gitega Province, central Burundi, and Mpanda General Hospital in Bujumbura Province, western Burundi.

"This donation of medical equipment comes at the right time. It will strengthen the technical capacity of the three health facilities," Pierre Sinarinzi, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Public Health, said, noting that the donated equipment was worth over 319 million Burundi francs (about 108,000 U.S. dollars).

Sinarinz said that the medical

equipment would reduce the burden of Burundian citizens who have been facing challenges related to the insufficiency of adequate medical equipment.

"On behalf of the Burundian government, I would like to express my deep gratitude towards China for continuous and multifaceted support to Burundian development, particularly in the health sector. This offer testifies excellent relations of friendship and solidarity uniting both nations and peoples," he said.

Fang Guoqing, charge d'affaires at the Chinese Embassy in Burundi, said the donation was made up of 244 categories of medicines and 288 categories of medical equipment, to improve the healthcare of Burundian people and to help the three hospitals better respond to local medical needs.

Since 1987, 544 Chinese medical doctors have come to Burundi, said Fang, adding that China will continue to deepen and extend cooperation with Burundi in the health sector and in other priority sectors. *Xinhua*

Revitalised TAZARA to forge 'belt of prosperity' beyond transport corridor

LUSAKA

The revitalisation of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway (TAZARA) should be viewed not merely as the rehabilitation of a transport corridor, but as a blueprint for creating a "belt of prosperity," given the wide-ranging economic benefits expected to follow, a Zambian expert has said.

Fredrick Mutesa, a development expert and secretary general of the Zambia-China Friendship Association, told Xinhua on Thursday that the revival of TAZARA was crucial for promoting regional connectivity, stimulating economic activity along its route, and advancing Zambia's broader development objectives. He noted that the project goes beyond improving links between Zambia and Tanzania, as the railway was also expected to integrate with other regional transport corridors and complement existing routes.

According to Mutesa, a modernized TAZARA would attract investment into activities beyond transport; fostering economic growth in communities along the line. The development of dry ports, logistics hubs, and more efficient transport systems, he said, would boost sectors such as agriculture by improving farmers' access to markets.

"This will go a long way toward creating employment and boosting incomes, thereby reducing poverty levels," he said, adding that higher earnings would enhance the welfare of people working in the

agricultural sector. Mutesa also said improved rail connectivity would enhance Zambia's trade efficiency, particularly for bulk commodities.

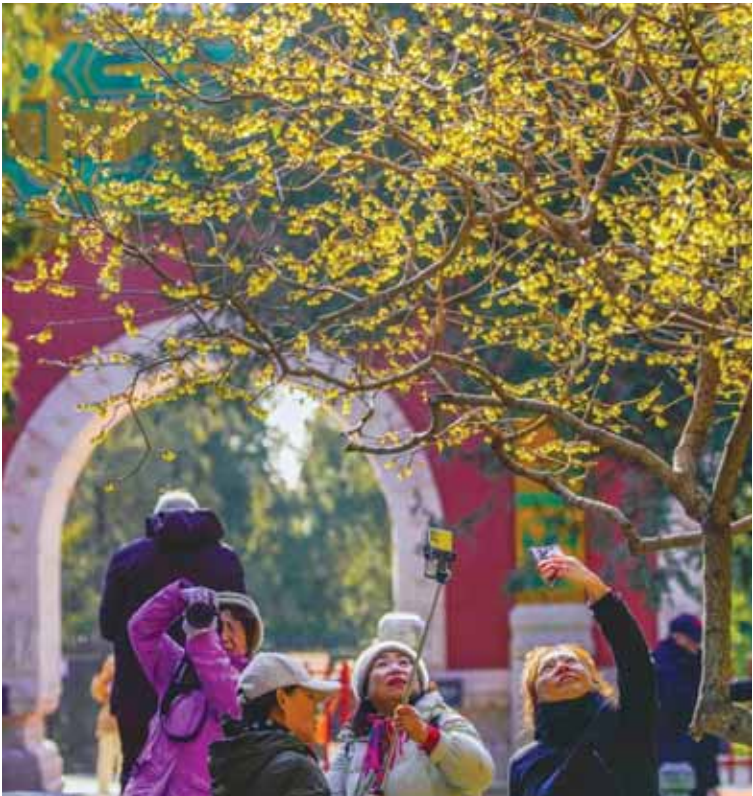
Much of the country's copper exports, destined for global markets, including China, are currently transported by road, which increases costs and transit times. A revitalised TAZARA railway, he said, would cut logistics costs and speed up deliveries, strengthening Zambia's competitiveness in international trade.

It would also deepen the country's trade links with the Far East and further anchor it within the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mutesa expressed confidence in the project's success, citing strong political commitment and the concession of the railway to China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation, which has been contracted to rehabilitate and operate the line for several years.

He added that the firm was expected to build local capacity so Zambian staff could eventually manage the railway on a sustainable and profitable basis. In September 2025, China, Zambia, and Tanzania signed a landmark 1.4-billion-U.S.-dollar agreement to revive the TAZARA railway, covering track rehabilitation and the procurement of new locomotives, coaches, and wagons.

The 1,860-km railway, connecting Zambia's New Kapiri Mposhi to Tanzania's port city of Dar es Salaam, was originally built by China in the 1970s to facilitate regional trade. *Xinhua*



BEIJING - People taking photos of wintersweet in Wofo Temple at the China National Botanical Garden. China enters its coldest season in the eleventh month of the Chinese lunar calendar. Urbanisation and modern agriculture have weakened the impact of solar terms on daily life, but cultural and dietary habits have been passed down from generation to generation. Photo: Xinhua

Tanzania president reaffirms commitment to multilateralism and economic growth

DARES SALAAM

Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan has reaffirmed Tanzania's commitment to multilateralism and economic development, calling for stronger international cooperation to address shared global challenges. Speaking at a diplomatic reception Thursday in Dodoma, Hassan said economic diplomacy will remain central to Tanzania's foreign policy, with priority on attracting investment, expanding public-private partnerships, and promoting key sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, digital transformation, the blue and green economies, and extractive industries. She said Tanzania remained among Africa's fastest-growing economies, with gross domestic product growth at 5.9 per cent in 2025 and inflation at 3.3 per cent, while public debt remained

sustainable. Market capitalization on Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange rose more than 34 per cent in 2025. According to the president, Tanzania registered 927 new investment projects worth over US\$11 billion in 2025, expected to generate nearly 163 000 jobs. Looking ahead, Hassan highlighted Tanzania Development Vision 2050, which aims to achieve double-digit growth through productivity gains, industrial value addition, and major infrastructure development, including the liquefied natural gas project. On global affairs, she reiterated Tanzania's strong support for the United Nations and multilateralism, warning against unilateralism and advocating a more equitable global financial system for developing countries. "Tanzania will continue to build bridges, not blocs," she said. **Xinhua**

Mpox hit 367 cases since 2024 in Zambia

LUSAKA

The number of confirmed mpox cases in Zambia has climbed to 367 since the disease outbreak in October 2024, health authorities said on Friday. Minister of Health Elijah Muchima said the cases were recorded from more than 2 000 suspected cases identified in 46 districts across nine of the country's 10 provinces. "While the World Health Organization has declared an end to mpox as a public health emergency of international concern, the disease has not disappeared, and response activities continue," he told reporters during a press briefing. Zambia recorded its first mpox

case in October 2024, and so far, the southern African nation has reported three Mpox-related deaths. Meanwhile, cumulative cholera cases had reached 639 since fresh outbreaks were reported in August 2025. Ten people have died, while 614 others recovered, the minister said, adding that 17 people remained hospitalised in Lusaka, the country's capital, as preventive measures are being intensified. Muchima said the disease had been reported in 17 districts across seven provinces, with most cases coming from the northern part of the country. Zambia experienced its worst cholera outbreak between October 2023 and July 2024, recording over 23 000 cases and more than 700 deaths. **Xinhua**

China super-large market creates global opportunities with record imports

BEIJING

China's total goods imports reached a historic high of ¥18.48 trillion yuan (about US\$2.64 trillion) in 2025, cementing the country's status as the world's second-largest import market for 17 consecutive years, the latest official data has revealed. In 2025, China's imports from over 130 countries and regions registered growth, seven more than in 2024, turning the advantages of its super-large domestic market into opportunities for global industry players, according to data from the General Administration of Customs (GAC). With a population of over 1.4 billion, China's super-large market and ever-growing consumption strengths will continue to unleash enormous import demand and potential, providing broad opportunities for more countries and regions, analysts have noted. China's foreign trade partners continued to grow, Wang Jun, deputy head of the GAC, said at a recent press conference, citing the latest international data showing that China had become a major trading partner of more than 160 countries and regions, an increase of over 20 compared with 2020. In 2025, China's goods imports alone accounted for about 10 per cent of the global total, according to Wang. In particular, China's imports from the least developed countries rose by 9 per cent as it implemented zero-tariff treatment on 100 per cent of tariff items for products from such countries that established diplomatic ties with it. By commodity, China's annual imports of mechanical and electrical products reached 7.41 trillion yuan, up 5.7 per cent, while the imports of consumer

goods, including fresh and dried fruits and edible vegetable oil, rose by 5.6 per cent and 16.6 per cent, respectively. The entry of more overseas products into China's domestic market comes as the country takes concrete measures to expand imports. For instance, in 2025, customs authorities approved the import of 190 types of agricultural and food products from 65 countries. Beyond goods trade, China's service sector provides further evidence of its commitment to sharing opportunities with the world, a facet often overlooked. Ministry of Commerce data shows that in the first 11 months of 2025, China's service trade deficit reached ¥806.35 billion, driven by steady imports of quality services to meet domestic demand. International data indicates that in the first three quarters last year, China became the main export destination for 79 countries and regions. "It should be noted that some countries politicised economic and trade issues and restricted high-tech product exports to China under various pretexts; otherwise, China's imports would have been even higher." The record imports came as China's total foreign trade in goods surpassed the thresholds of ¥45 trillion in 2025, with a year-on-year growth of 3.8 per cent. The hard-won growth was achieved amid a slowing global economic recovery, rising trade protectionism, and increased geopolitical uncertainties, demonstrating the resilience and sound momentum of China's foreign trade sector, said Yu Xinding, a professor at the University of International Business and Economics. Wang underlined that China's

intermediate goods trade achieved rapid growth last year, becoming the main driver of exports and providing strong support for global industrial cooperation. Also highlighting the increases in key intermediate goods imports such as electronic components and computer parts, Yu said this trend indicated that China's demand for key components and technological elements was increasing amid manufacturing upgrades. Wang added that quality "Made-in-China" products are widely popular worldwide, playing an important role in safeguarding the stability of global industrial and supply chains, and injecting certainty and new opportunities into global trade development. While reaffirming that Chinese market will remain an oasis of certainty, Wang noted that the driving force for global trade growth was still insufficient, citing a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which predicted that global trade growth will be even weaker in 2026. Earlier in October 2025, the World Trade Organisation had sharply lowered its forecast for global goods trade growth in 2026 to 0.5 per cent, due to weak global economic recovery and rising uncertain factors. Despite a complex global trade situation for 2026, China's foreign trade sector is poised to maintain sound operation underpinned by its super-large market, complete industrial system, high-standard opening up and ever-improving trade environment, according to Yu. She also added that China's foreign trade sector continued to play an underpinning role in connecting the domestic and international dual circulation. **Xinhua**



ABIDJAN - Former Prime Minister of Cote d'Ivoire Patrick Achi (centre) attending the election for the president of the national assembly of Cote d'Ivoire on Saturday. The former prime minister was elected as the new president of the national assembly in Abidjan. Photo: Xinhua

Arts & Culture



BEIJING - People buying snacks at Sanshui grocery market in Hexi District of Tianjin, north China. Photo: Xinhua

Market walk catches on among young consumers

When Jin Lulu returned from studying abroad, she opened a cafe, not in a glossy mall or office tower, but at the entrance of the 30-year-old Gudang market in east China's Zhejiang Province.

BEIJING

Now I am back opening a cafe here, and it feels so warm and nostalgic," Jin said.

Located in western Hangzhou, the provincial capital, Gudang market has recently become a popular spot.

Many young visitors, even when pressed for time, pull their suitcases along just to stop by for a stroll. "About 20 per cent of our vendors were born in the 1990s and 2000s, and their presence has brought fresh energy," said Yu Hongmei, director of Gudang market.

She added that the goal is to turn the traditional market into a community hub where people of all ages can find a sense of belonging.

After a nine-month renovation starting in 2024, the market emerged refreshed, modern and digital, yet it retains its nostalgic charm. Inside striking old architecture, the space is bright and spotless, with patterned floor tiles complementing the colors of geometric stained-glass windows.

At its entrance, a large screen scrolls real-time information, including the number of stalls, prices, sales, top-selling booths, and food safety test results.

Each stall is equipped to show prices, QR codes for payment, and vendor details at a glance. And it is not just happening in Hangzhou.

Across China, traditional wet

markets are being renovated and upgraded, seamlessly weaving into modern community life, with many becoming 'internet-famous' spots, fueling the nationwide trend for the 'market walk'.

While strolling through these markets, visitors can also browse bookstores, sip coffee, enjoy light meals, and explore creative handicrafts, meeting both material needs and emotional desires at the same time.

In 2024, an action plan jointly issued by nine government departments, including the Ministry of Commerce, called for supporting the standardised renovation of traditional markets, enriching community services and business formats, and improving facilities and the overall environment.

In Hengyang, central China's Hunan Province, a traditional market has been upgraded into a 'smart' market and introduced 'vegetable doctors' who test produce for pesticide residues every morning.

In south China's Shenzhen, the Dongmen market is one of the city's oldest fresh-food and meat markets, nestled in the city centre among high-rises and busy streets.

It not only meets the daily needs of local residents but also draws shoppers from Hong Kong. "Exploring a local market is one of the best ways to get to know a city.

It is bustling, full of life, and rich in human connection," shared some netizens.

Describing their habit of casually strolling through markets, they said they might wander to a nearby market after work as a simple way to relax and unwind.

On social platforms popular among young Chinese, the trend is gaining huge traction.

The topic "market walk guide" has drawn nearly 120 million views on lifestyle-sharing platform Rednote, with more than 300 000 related posts.

In the past, such markets in China were once labelled, dirty and chaotic, with wet floors, scattered vegetable leaves, and constant shouting from vendors.

Yet in both urban and rural China, markets have a long history.

Over time, these market gatherings became the seeds around which cities gradually grew.

For a long time, wet markets served as the backbone of urban food distribution and a magnet for city life in China.

Before supermarkets appeared, they were widespread and thriving. In recent years, however, the rise of neighbourhood shops and online grocery platforms has put some traditional markets under pressure.

Industry estimates suggest there are tens of thousands of wet markets across the country, with Chengdu, Shanghai and Chongqing hosting

the largest numbers.

"Traditional markets must change, or they would not survive," said Guan Jingjing, a professor at Zhejiang Gongshang University.

She noted that, faced with pressure from supermarkets and online platforms, as well as the demands of urban renewal, traditional markets are increasingly losing foot traffic.

Upgrading through spatial redesign, visual refreshes, and diversified business offerings has become key to their transformation, Guan added. Hong Yumeng, a graduate of the China Academy of Art, put this idea into practice in her thesis, developing a, market renovation plan that reflects the younger generation's vision for the aesthetics of traditional market spaces. In her proposal, renovated markets feature more logical functional zones, more engaging circulation paths, and thoughtful connections to surrounding environments -- completely overturning the old stereotype of dim, noisy and chaotic markets.

Hong said that young people are growing tired of standardised consumer spaces, and that markets redesigned with both local character and a strong sense of aesthetics are meeting their desire for social sharing and immersive experiences.

"Wet markets becoming a new favorite among young people is,

at its core, a reshaping of their consumption habits and lifestyles," said Wang Peng, an associate researcher at the Beijing Academy of Social Sciences, in a media interview.

He added that these markets allow young people to enjoy a more engaging, hands-on experience at a low cost.

At the same time, the everyday bustle of wet markets, together with the lively chatter in local dialects and memories shared across generations, has become an emotional anchor for many adults, Wang said.

These changes in markets and consumption patterns align with China's wider social and economic development goals.

During the 15th Five-Year Plan period (2026-2030), China is making meeting the people's ever-growing needs for a better life its fundamental goal.

A high-level Party meeting last year also stressed the importance to boost consumption while protecting and improving people's well-being. While pursuing aesthetic upgrades and new business formats, markets must not lose their roots, Guan said, emphasising that no matter how much they change, fresh produce, affordable prices, and convenient shopping remain the foundation for retaining longtime vendors and serving local residents. **Xinhua**

Kung fu takes root in schools and promotes body strength

JINAN

A quiet winter breeze sweeps across the playground of Zhujiashuang Primary School in Boshan District, in east China's Shandong Province. But when the bell rings for break, the playground comes alive as learners rush out to practice Jiugong Bagua Zhanxue Quan (Nine-Palace Eight-Trigrams Slashing Fist), a form of traditional Chinese martial arts. Their kicks, punches, turns and jumps are sharp and synchronised, showcasing the unique charm of kung fu. At this school, every learner learns kung fu. Martial arts are a core part of physical education, and practicing the slashing fist routine during breaks has become a daily habit.

Fifth-grader Ding Xinrui said traditional culture once felt distant, but training has changed that as she realised the cultural significance behind each movement of kung fu. "As we chant and move together, discipline and persistence have made us more coordinated. I feel more spirited and focused."

Principal Li Jian said the routine embodies both distinctive martial skills and deep cultural heritage. "Learners are expected to build stronger bodies while experiencing traditional culture," Li said, adding that it helps nurture patriotism and national pride.

To achieve this, the school invited an inheritor of the routine and designed individualised training plans for learners.

Every morning and evening, the playground fills with learners practicing their forms to rhythmic shouts.

Martial arts have become part of daily campus life rather than just another PE class.

"I have seen learners' clear improvements in fitness, and their growing confidence in themselves and traditional culture," said martial arts coach Yin Wenhui.

As martial arts gained popularity, learners have gone on to win prizes in national and provincial competitions, turning martial arts into a hallmark of the school's development.

"The achievement results from the collective effort of our teachers and learners. We will continue to deepen martial arts education and carry this cultural treasure forward," Li said.

At nearby Boshan Middle School, the gym is just as lively. Learners are practicing Wubu Quan (Five-Step Fist) in neat formations, displaying power and discipline.

Gao Yuan, director of the school's sports and arts office, said that martial arts had been incorporated into regular PE classes, and learners were encouraged to engage in relevant clubs, competitions and performance.

Considering learners' physical and psychological needs, teachers adapt lessons to strengthen learners' capabilities of routines and boost their awareness of teamwork, self-protection, and healthy habits.

"Bringing kung fu into schools helps improve learners' health and, more importantly, it fosters the roots" said Kan Fangli, head of the Boshan Sports Development Center. He added that local government would further enrich course offerings and organise more competitions to promote martial arts education. **Xinhua**



JINAN - Schools in Boshan, east China's Shandong Province, are weaving traditional Chinese martial arts into campus life, which help boost learners' fitness, confidence and cultural pride while turning kung fu into a defining hallmark of school education. Photo: Xinhua

Camping carnival turns up winter rural tourism heat

HARBIN

Driving over 3 000 kilometers from the subtropical warmth of south China's Guangdong Province, Zhu Yongyu, a camping enthusiast, finally reached the country's frozen northeast and pitched his tent on a patch of snow-blanketed grassland.

For Zhu, a night spent camping at minus 30 degrees Celsius, a stark contrast to the lush, green campsites he was accustomed to, unlocked an exhilarating new level of challenge and adventure. "I have tried all kinds of camping scenarios in Guangdong, but the snow is something we just don't have. I drove for six days only for this moment," said Zhu, while adjusting a gas stove inside his tent, which had raised the indoor temperature to a comfortable level, defying the extreme cold outside.

Zhu is among thousands of enthusiasts who have flocked to Hala village in the Meilisi

Daur Ethnic District of Qiqihar, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, for the 4th Northeast Camping Carnival. Running from January 12 to 18, the event has this year seen the number of pitched tents exceed 1 000 for the first time, transforming the quiet, ice-sealed ethnic village into a vibrant hub for outdoor enthusiasts.

The view of such a vast array of tents blossoming like spring buds across the silver plains showcases a significant shift in China's winter tourism.

What was once a season for locals to 'hibernate,' has become a golden period for economic vitality, driven by the integration of ice-and-snow sports, culture and outdoor leisure.

The surging popularity of winter camping has, notably, created new opportunities for domestic outdoor equipment manufacturers, who are also present at the carnival, which is a golden chance for them to engage with users and test products

in such extreme conditions. Han Wei, founder of the outdoor brand Yeying based in southwest China's Sichuan Province, sees the northern market as a new frontier.

"As a brand from the south, we initially found the northern environment challenging. Last year, we were unprepared for the cold, but this year we brought equipment featuring tech fabrics designed specifically to prevent condensation inside the tents, which is often considered a major headache for winter campe," Han said.

Han noted that listening to user feedback at such events allowed his company to rapidly upgrade its products, adding that the unique ice-and-snow activities in the north offer experiences unavailable in the south, making this market vital for their future growth.

"The extreme cold used to be a challenge, but now it is the main attraction," Han exclaimed.

Wang Kai, a veteran camper from neighboring Jilin Province, also in China's northeast, believed the appeal of winter camping lies in modern people's pressing need to unwind. Impressed by the sight of crowds of adults slipping, sliding and laughing heartily during ice games and snowball fights at the carnival, Wang noted: "After being cooped up in cities for too long, we need to let loose in the snow and rediscover this raw, rugged kind of joy."

Beyond equipment and scenery, the event has highlighted the deep integration of tourism with local culture. During the carnival, Daur villagers hosted 'village feasts,' treating visitors to steaming dumplings and a traditional soup.

Their warm hospitality bridged gaps between strangers, turning the campsite into a community.

Wang Fang, director of the culture and tourism bureau of Meilisi Daur Ethnic District, said the event served as a prime example of how the district was expanding the scope of a single camping event into a multifaceted experience.

By combining camping with Daur folk customs, ice sports and local culinary traditions, the district has created a distinctive cultural tourism brand, Wang explained.

This approach not only attracts tourists but also boosts local employment and income.

The success of the camping carnival in this ethnic village serves as a microcosm of China's booming winter tourism market.

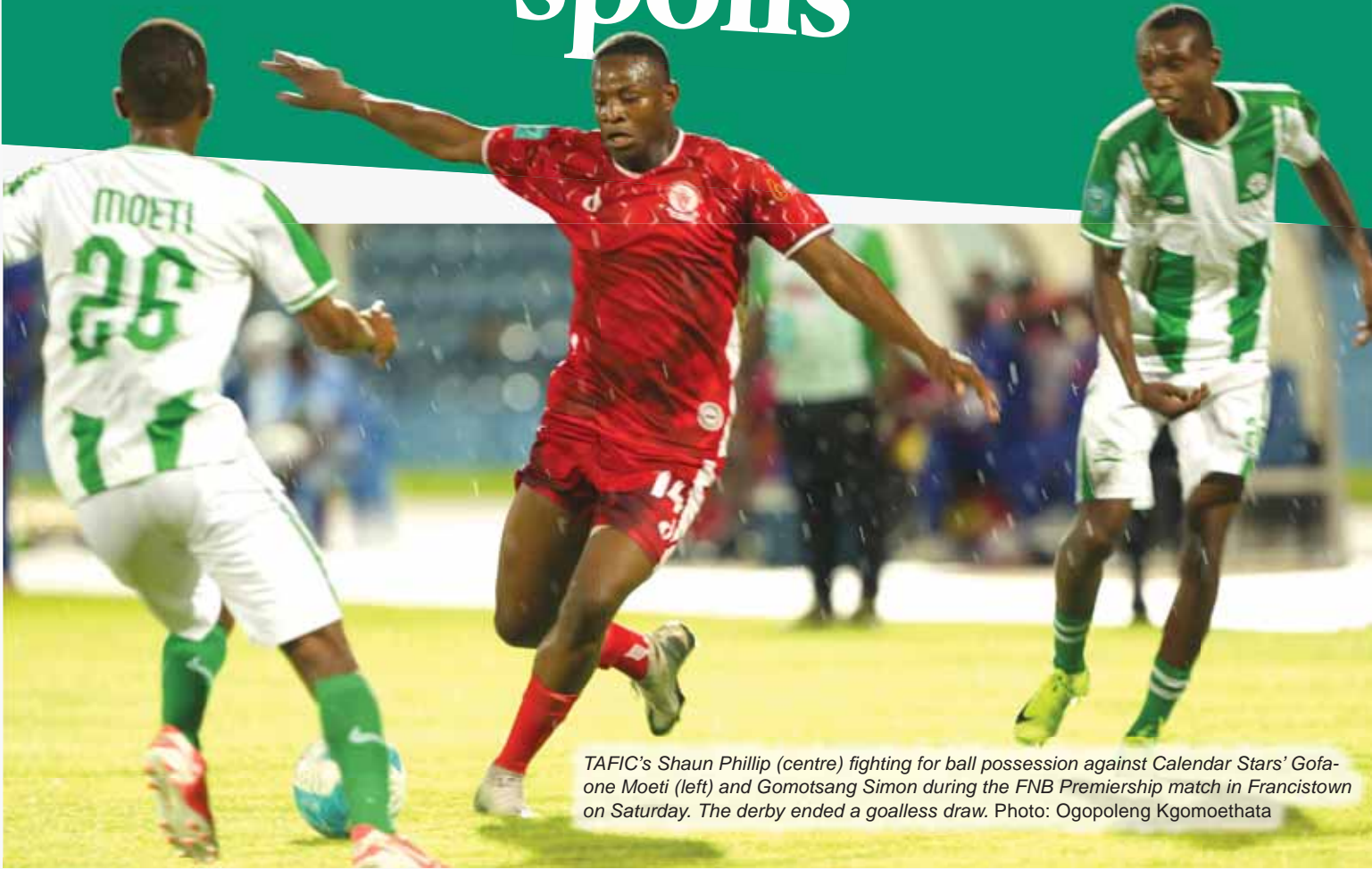
According to China Tourism Academy, the number of ice-and-snow leisure trips is expected to reach 360 million during the 2025-2026 winter season, with revenue projected to hit about US\$62.6 billion.

"This vast winter tourism market potential gives us confidence. It allows rural areas like ours to upgrade infrastructure, improve villagers' livelihoods, and ensure that our countryside remains vibrant and sustainable throughout the winter season," Wang said. **Xinhua**



HARBIN - Winter camping is gaining popularity in China, creating new opportunities for domestic outdoor equipment manufacturers. Photo: Xinhua

Calendar Stars, TAFIC FC share spoils



TAFIC's Shaun Phillip (centre) fighting for ball possession against Calendar Stars' Gofa-one Moeti (left) and Gomotsang Simon during the FNB Premiership match in Francistown on Saturday. The derby ended a goalless draw. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

By Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

The Francistown derby ended in a stalemate as Calendar Stars and TAFIC FC played to a goalless draw in an FNB Premiership

match at Obed Itani Chilume Stadium on Saturday. The tightly contested encounter started cautiously, with TAFIC enjoying the lion's share of possession while Calendar Stars remained compact in defence. Both teams created scoring opportunities, but poor finishing and alert goalkeeping kept the

scoreline blank. Calendar Stars were awarded a penalty around the 25th minute after a foul in the box, but Mogomotsi Madome's spot kick was saved by the TAFIC goalkeeper. The first half ended 0-0. TAFIC intensified pressure in the second half, launching a series of attacks, but Calendar Stars' defence held firm to deny any breakthrough. The match eventually ended goalless. In a post match interview, Calendar Stars coach Joseph Mokgacha expressed satisfaction with his team's performance, saying the players executed the tactical plan effectively. "We applied ourselves the way we actually planned for this game, TAFIC had most of the

goals but our defender did very well, we put in three middle fielders so that we don't open much. We managed to deal with that, we missed a penalty and thats part of the game," said coach Mokgacha. TAFIC coach Thatayaone Sonny praised his players for earning a point, noting that the derby was always going to be challenging, especially after the festive season break. "We will take the point and prepare for the next game. We were slow off the blocks and could have done better. We created chances but failed to convert," he said. Following the draw, Calendar Stars moved to 10 points, while TAFIC FC now sit on 11 points. **BOPA**

Branch rides to top 10 at Dakar Rally

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The 2026 Dakar rally-raid edition saw 115 bikers setting in at stage one but only 99 managed to reach the finishing point.

These statistics are a clear demonstration that the former crown bearer of the 2024 rally extravaganza is not just a regular rider, but a world champion. Argentina's Luciano Benavides emerged victorious after capitalising on a navigation error by Ricky Brabec. The mistake, which struck the American rider just three kilometres from the finish line, proved costly, though Brabec mounted a determined charge in pursuit to salvage a second-place podium finish

The last rider to ascend the podium was Tosha Schareina, who has been the talk of the rally due to his spectacular form throughout the marathon. The 2025 champion the Spaniard, Daniel Sanders, the Monster Energy Honda Team rider, was dethroned as his Honda bike arrived fifth, proof that this audacious cross-country battle is more like a book without a title. In the cars category, the ultimate category winners were, Qatari, Nasser Al-Attiyah for Dacia Sandriders, marking his sixth Dakar Rally victory while the Spaniard, Nani Roma, masterly drove his Ford Raptor making proud the Ford-M-sport team as he ascended the podium as a runner up while Swedish, Mattias Ekstrom, also steering the Ford, landed on spot number three. **BOPA**

Senegal clinches AFCON title in dramatic final

RABAT - Senegal won its second Africa Cup of Nations title on Sunday, beating host Morocco 1-0 after extra time in a final that was interrupted late in regulation after Brahim Diaz missed a penalty. Controversy erupted deep in stoppage time when Diaz went down in the area and the referee awarded a spot kick after a lengthy on-field VAR review. Senegal players protested the decision and walked off the pitch as brawls broke out among fans in the stands. After an almost 20-minute suspension, play resumed and the penalty award stood. Diaz had the chance to be Morocco's

hero, but his Panenka attempt went straight at former Chelsea goalkeeper Edouard Mendy. Senegal then struck three minutes into extra time as Pape Gueye powered forward through a shoulder-to-shoulder challenge and blasted home the winner in the 93rd minute. Senegal reached the final by beating Egypt 1-0 in the semifinals on Sadio Mane's daisy-cutter, while Morocco eliminated Nigeria on penalties. Senegal started brightly and nearly went ahead in the fourth minute when Gueye's header at the back post was parried by Yassine Bounou, who then stuck out a leg to deny Iliman Ndiaye

Aston Villa misses chance to move second in Premier League

LONDON

Aston Villa missed the chance to move second in the Premier League after a 1-0 home defeat to Everton on Sunday. Thierno Barry scored in the 57th minute for his third goal in four games to settle the match after an error by Aston Villa goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez. The loss ended Villa's run of 11 straight home wins and left Unai Emery's side behind Arsenal and Manchester City in the table.

Newcastle United also missed an opportunity to move into the top five as it was held 0-0 away to Wolverhampton in Sunday's second game. Newcastle created chances but could not score, while Wolves extended its improved run under coach Rob Edwards to four matches, with three draws and a win. On Saturday, Manchester United beat Manchester City 2-0 in the Manchester derby to give interim coach Michael Carrick a winning start.

Arsenal extended its lead over Manchester City to seven points but was held to a draw by Nottingham Forest after a strong defensive display by the home side. Goals from Joao Pedro and Enzo Fernandez gave Chelsea a 2-0 home win over Brentford. Florian Wirtz scored again for Liverpool, but Burnley goalkeeper Martin Dubravka kept the home side at bay as Marcus Edwards struck to earn the Premier League struggler a point. Enzo Le Fee and Brian Brobbly helped Sunderland return to winning ways with a 2-1 home win over Crystal Palace, while Lukas Nmecha's low strike in the 91st minute gave Leeds United a 1-0 home win over Fulham. Callum Wilson scored in the 93rd minute as West Ham won 2-1 away to Tottenham to boost its survival hopes, increasing the pressure on Spurs coach Thomas Frank. **Xinhua**



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Ross Branch waving Botswana's flag at the just ended 2026 FIA/FIM World Dakar Rally-Raid Championship after making a stunning overall finish on Saturday. Photo: Courtesy of Ross Branch Facebook page

Branch rides to top 10 at Dakar Rally

Botswana's motorcycle ace, Ross Branch christened the 'Ferrari of the Kalahari', flew the national flag high along the shores of red sea on Saturday after an outstanding performance at the recently concluded 2026 FIA/FIM World Dakar Rally-Raid Championship.

By Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Botswana's motorcycle ace Ross Branch christened the 'Ferrari of the Kalahari' flew the national flag high along the shores of red sea on Saturday after an outstanding performance at the recently concluded 2026 FIA/FIM World Dakar Rally-Raid Championship.

Powered by Hero Motosport Team Rally, the sensational Branch clinched an 8th overall finish as a result of his top notch riding spectacle marked by consistency, bravery, patriotism and commitment beating all the odds he encountered along the hostile terrains across the Arab Desert.

Branch wrapped up all the 13 stages that were a complete puzzle of the most adventurous

and the world's greatest desert rally-raid that was raced in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. It was a bravo for Branch on Saturday noon upon completion of a fortnight long 8 000km of riding his Hero 450 Rally two wheeler in the wilderness in search for the lost crown.

Branch manager, Aimee Branch hailed the achievement as a powerful display of resilience and determination in the face of

adversity, earning him valuable World Rally-Raid Championship points.

"It may not be the outcome we were targeting, as we were fighting for the top sport, but that is the nature of the game. I appreciate the team's incredible efforts. The bike was outstanding," said Branch.

Branch's teammate, Ignacio Cornejo finished seventh.

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TENNIS

Gauff cruises into Australian Open second round

MELBOURNE - World No. 3 Coco Gauff opened her Australian Open campaign with a straight-sets win over Uzbekistan's Kamilla Rakhimova on Monday. Starting day two on a sun-baked Rod Laver Arena, the American moved around the court with trademark speed in her 6-2, 6-3 victory in one hour and 39 minutes. "At this point, I just want to win the tournament, so if I lose in the first round or in the final I don't think I would be satisfied," Gauff said. Gauff, a two-time grand slam champion, broke in the opening game but was then made to work by world No. 93 Rakhimova. The French Open champion raised the intensity in the second set and struck several clean winners as she closed out the match. The 21-year-old reached the semifinals at last year's Australian Open and could face world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka if she makes a similar run this year. Gauff will next play Serbia's Olga Danilovic, who advanced after a three-set first-round win over 45-year-old wildcard Venus Williams. Xinhua



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