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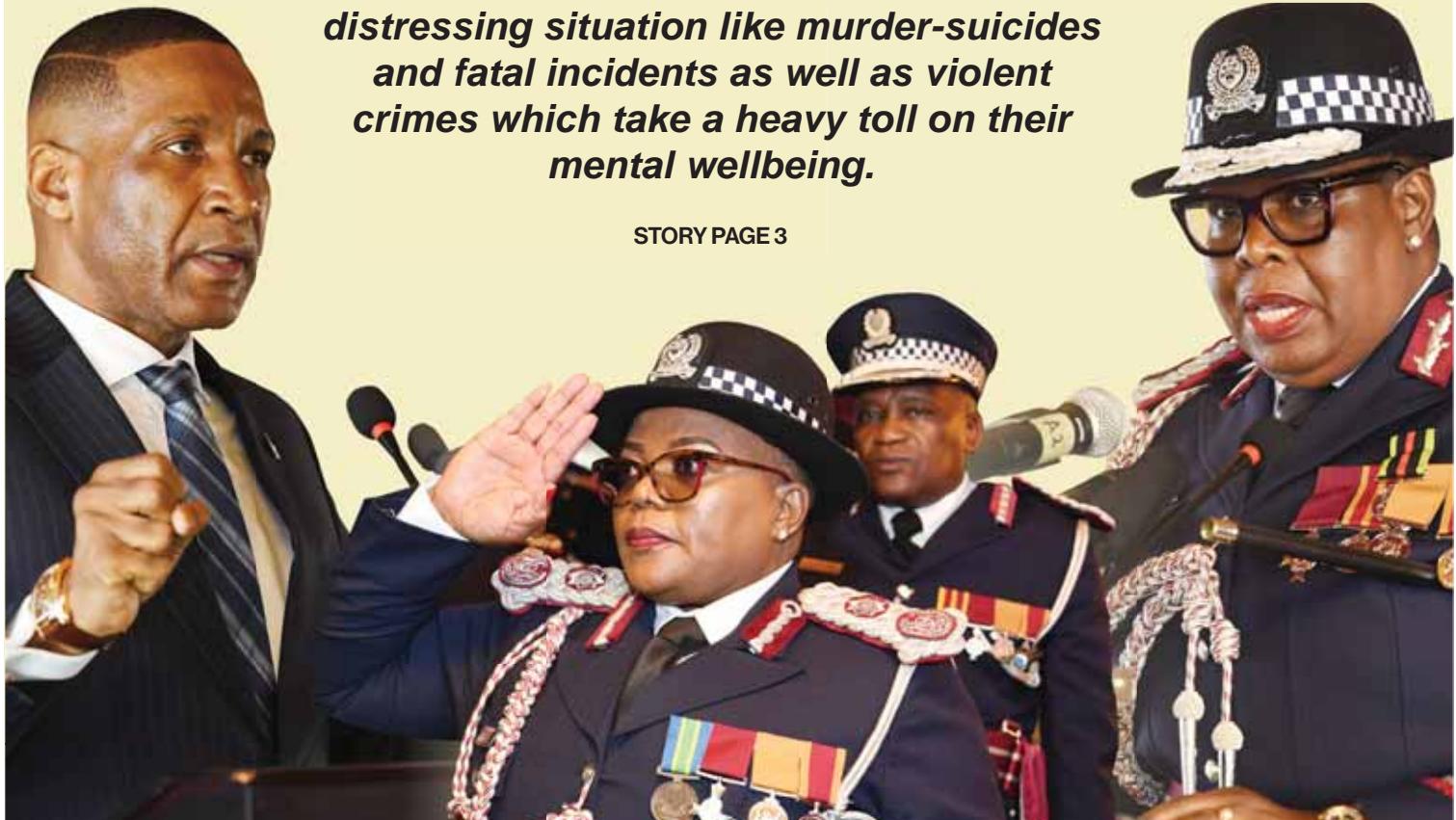
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Moshupa District Council chairperson Mr Peter Sethibe said vital, essential and necessary drug stocks stood at 51 per cent.

Moshupa District drug availability at 51 per cent

Marvin Motlhabane
MOSHUPA

As the 2025/26 financial year nears its end, Moshupa District Council's Vital, Essential, and Necessary (VEN) drug stocks is at 51 per cent a 13 per cent drop from last quarter's 64 per cent.

Council chairperson Mr Peter Sethibe gave and update during Tuesday's full council session, saying that shortages threatened patient care across clinics and health posts.

He said the council had an emergency meeting with Primary Health Care Services and had formally escalated the matter to the Ministry of Health.

Mr Sethibe said called for the restoration of micro-procurement powers or rock-solid guarantees

uninterrupted supplies from Central Medical Stores.

To bridge the gap, he said officials had launched a rapid redistribution drive, shifting surplus stock from better-supplied facilities to those with shortages.

"This is not a solution, it is a palliative measure. While we fight for the cure, we must manage the pain," Mr Sethibe said.

He said new measures included weekly drug availability monitoring at every site, citing that the local authority would no longer wait for

quarterly reports to uncover disasters. The council has also approached local pharmacy on contract to explore short-term credit for essentials.

"I cannot promise success, but I can promise that no stone will be left unturned," he said.

Furthermore, Mr Sethibe said Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatious Moswaane, paid an unannounced visit to local clinics and the medical store warehouse on January 27 to assess drug stocks and to show support to frontline staff.

On other issues, Councillor Kabo Ramatsipele of Magotlhwane/Kgomokasitwa hailed the impending opening of Moshupa Primary Hospital in April as a game-changer for district health services.

Councillor Omphile Motlhajoe of Ralekgetho Ward voiced frustration over neglected roads, blaming delayed and inadequate Rural Support Grants (RSG) from the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs for stalling service delivery. **BOPA**



Waloka urges districts to align plans with NDP 12

Esther Mmolai

MAUN

Districts have been advised to align their draft development plans with the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) to ensure timely completion and effective implementation of national priorities.

North West District Commissioner, Mr Thabang Waloka made the remarks during the District Development Committee (DDC) meeting aimed at engaging members on the alignment of the District Development Plan (DDP 9) with the recently approved National Development Plan (NDP 12).

He emphasised the importance of coherence and consistency in planning, saying public servants were agents of change and must adopt a results-oriented approach.

"The government has entrusted us with the responsibility to make a difference when challenges arise instead of merely reporting challenges," he said.

DDC members were urged to contribute to the planning process and make sound inputs to ensure the success of the exercise.

Further, he said the draft plans should include new ministries' names, key performance indicators and project proposals with the core priorities of NDP 12, with particular emphasis placed on integrating the True North Pillars, the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan, and the strategic outcomes and key performance indicators as outlined in the NDP 12.

While the NDP 12, guided by Vision 2036, aims to transform from mere planning to measurable progress with emphasis on evidence-based, result-oriented implementation, Mr Waloka said public servants were seen as agents of change for government priorities, hence they must adopt a culture of planning and result-oriented action.

For instance, he said North-West district, with its unique challenges



North West District Commissioner, Mr Thabang Waloka said alignment to NDP 12 was crucial to ensure coherence, consistency, and effective implementation of national development priorities across all levels.

and opportunities, was singled out for special attention, with plans to upgrade Maun into a 'green city'.

The model, he said, sought to position Maun as a sustainable urban-area that utilised natural processes and vegetation to provide diverse ecosystem services, contributing to the overall sustainability and resilience of communities.

"In an area that houses the Okavango Delta World Heritage Site, buzzing with tourism, mining and farming activities, we will have to identify what is necessary to improve the quality of life for our people and how best we can improve sectors such as mining, agriculture, and tourism to thrive and benefit communities," Mr

FMD tests in Good Hope come out negative

Aobakwe Molefhi

GOOD HOPE

Good Hope District Council has announced that 116 samples taken from 2 364 cattle in the district have tested negative for Foot and Mouth disease.

Addressing a full council session in Good Hope on Tuesday, Council Chairperson Mr Gofaone Nkwane said the district had been on high alert since November 2025 when reports emerged from neighbouring South Africa of a Foot and Mouth outbreak.

"The department of veterinary services conducted a passive surveillance in high-risk areas, particularly villages along the border and farms within a 10km radius," Mr Nkwane

said.

The samples were sent to the national laboratory and all came out negative.

To ensure the district remain disease-free, the council has joined forces with the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture, Botswana Police Service, and the Botswana Defense Force to patrol the cordon fence along the border.

Meanwhile, Mr Nkwane warned of a potential diarrhea outbreak in the district, with 79 cases reported in December 2025 and 17 cases reported in January 2026.

The affected areas are Good Hope, Magoriatipitse, and Metlobo.

He urged councilors and stakeholders have been urged to strengthen preventative measures to curb the situation. **BOPA**

President acknowledges emotional toll of policing

Baleseng Batlotleng
OTSE

Nestled at the foothills of the iconic Lentswe La Baratani hill, men and women in uniform gathered at the Botswana Police College as President Advocate Duma Boko steered their spirit, strengthened their trust and emphasised the importance of integrity in daily policing.

President Boko spoke with a heavy heart, expressing a sombre mood in his opening address about the death saturated environment police face, subjected to distressing situations including among others suicide-murder incidents, fatal car accidents and violent crimes which took a heavy toll on their mental wellbeing.

He acknowledged that the work environment was filled with upsetting situations but took a bow to the immense resilience shown by the men and women in uniform to navigate their responsibility effectively.

Despite these harsh realities, the President praised officers for resilience, discipline and continued commitment to protecting the nation.

"We know and acknowledge all these calamities, I assure you that we shall prevail against all odds. Let us seek new and innovative interventions of addressing these persistent problems in your line of duty. We applaud your strengthened resolve to discharge your duties diligently in the midst of all these," added President Boko.

Speaking during the 52nd Botswana Police Service (BPS) senior officers annual conference President Boko told the officers that they should be motivated by the positive milestones achieved throughout the years despite the challenging setbacks. The conference, held under the theme: Policing with purpose, inspiring confidence through resilience and innovation, repeatedly erupted into applause as the

President recognised the sacrifices officers make in difficult and often dangerous circumstances.

Turning to the future of law enforcement, President Boko urged the service to modernise rapidly in order to confront organised and technologically sophisticated criminal networks. He emphasised that the success of both Botswana and its police service depended heavily on the speed and depth with which institutions embrace innovation.

"Our success as the Republic of Botswana and as BPS is dependent on the level, scope and pace of innovation. We must review, revise and reform all procedures, processes and techniques we deploy to make our job easy," he said.

President Boko said the police must embrace technological responsiveness to augment human capability and extend the desired reach. He added that they must be digitally advanced to curb emerging crime trends which were a threat to public safety and investor confidence.

He warned that failure to adapt could allow emerging crime trends to threaten public safety while simultaneously weakening investor confidence.

"We are now forced to diversify the economy under pressure of calamity. The global economy now turns out to be the most unequal in history. The difference between the haves and have-nots is enormous," he said. The BPS of today has evolved from three forces namely the Bechuanaland Mounted Police of 1884, the 1885 Bechuanaland Border Police and Bechuanaland Protectorate Force of 1902.

President Boko further linked policing challenges to broader national development concerns, noting that crime, drug and alcohol abuse and persistent road fatalities were imposing a heavy economic burden.

He said these social problems were undermining efforts to revive the economy at a time when Botswana was already navigating global inequality and structural economic pressures.

"All these have an alarming cost to the economy. The costs run into millions of pula. We are now forced to diversify the economy under pressure of calamity. The global economy has turned out to be the most unequal in history, with an enormous gap between the haves and the have-nots," he said. The modern Botswana Police Service traces its origins to three early colonial formations: the Bechuanaland Mounted Police (1884), the Bechuanaland Border Police (1885) and the Bechuanaland Protectorate Force (1902).

Following independence in 1966, the institution became the Botswana Police Force before undergoing a

major organisational transformation and rebranding in 1997 to become the Botswana Police Service.

From its early structure of just two divisions, North and South the service has expanded to five divisions and developed specialised operational branches including forensic science, cybercrime investigation and aviation support. The Air Support Branch, introduced in 2009, significantly strengthened aerial patrol capacity, particularly in remote and difficult terrain.

Operational campaigns have also played a central role in policing strategy. The long-running festive-season 60 Days of Action on Crime and Road Safety initiative was rebranded Operation Pabalesego in 2024 and launched by President Boko in Mogoditshane.

Similarly, the anti-livestock theft Kgomokhumo operation introduced in 2018 has delivered sustained enforcement success, resulting in numerous arrests and prosecutions nationwide.

Specialised policing capabilities include the well-known K9 section a fully-fledged dog unit operating under the Special Support Group,



Officers during the Senior Police officers Conference at Otse yesterday. President Boko said members of the police service must execute their duties with both pride and humility, saying policing carried significant responsibility and that society looked to the service to uphold law and order.

Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

the service's paramilitary wing responsible for high-risk support operations and anti-poaching duties.

The service also marked a gender milestone in 1971 with the recruitment of its first eight female officers.

A further structural transformation came in 2009 when the Botswana Police Service merged with Botswana Local Police, creating an integrated national policing system. **BOPA**



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PRESS STATEMENT: HIGH COURT DISMISSES MANUAL WORKERS UNION'S INTERDICT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BARGAINING COUNCIL

The Lobatse High Court has dismissed with costs an urgent application by the National Amalgamated Local, Central Government and Parastatals Worker's Union commonly known as Manual workers Union. Manual Workers Union had approached the Court on urgency seeking to interdict the appointment of the Secretary of the Public Service Bargaining Council (PSBC).

The ruling was delivered today, by Judge Lekorwe of the Lobatse High Court. The PSBC is a key institution that will facilitate collective bargaining between Government and Public Sector Union.

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PARLIAMENT 2026



Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae has informed Parliament that Gakuto-Kopong-Bokaa Road remained a gravel road under the ministry's care and continued to receive routine maintenance.

Gakuto-Kopong-Bokaa under routine maintenance

GABORONE

Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae, has informed Parliament that the Gakuto-Kopong-Bokaa Road remains a gravel road under the ministry's care and continues to receive routine maintenance.

Mr Salakae was responding to a parliamentary question posed by Lentsweletau/Lephephe MP, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu, on Wednesday.

The minister explained that the Gakuto-Kopong-Bokaa Road was maintained through quarterly dry grading to ensure that it remained accessible to motorists.

He noted that the most recent grading works were carried out between December 2025 and January this year.

However, Mr Salakae clarified that the Kopong-Gaborone North road did

not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, but was instead the responsibility of the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

Mr Bogatsu had sought an update on the status of the Gakuto-Kopong-Bokaa Road and the Kopong-Gaborone North road.

He had also wanted to know how the two roads would be maintained to ensure that they remained navigable, particularly given that they were not catered for under National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12).

The minister's response comes amid ongoing concerns from residents in the Lentsweletau/Lephephe constituency over the condition of road infrastructure and its impact on daily travel, especially during adverse weather conditions. **BOPA**

GABORONE

The Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education says the use of corporal punishment in all schools has been suspended pending a review of all relevant laws.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka said the decision was made in the best interests of the child.

She noted that the move aligned Botswana with international conventions, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which the country was a signatory.

The minister emphasised that the suspension was not merely an attempt to dismiss culture or faith.

Instead, she explained, it was about examining whether certain practices continued to serve the child's best interests within a modern constitutional and human rights framework. According to the minister, the issue had been debated extensively. She noted that key stakeholders, including teacher trade unions, supported the abolition of corporal punishment.

“These unions have also advocated for strengthening educational psychological care and support systems for both teaching and

learning,” she said.

Addressing concerns about classroom management, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said teachers and learners were already aware of alternative discipline methods.

She added that a formal assessment of the school environment, comparing conditions before and after the suspension, was currently ongoing.

Acknowledging that societies undergo significant social transitions, the minister stressed that legal reform must be accompanied by public education campaigns, parental training on positive discipline and active engagement with traditional and religious leaders.

The minister was responding to a question from Serowe South MP, Mr Leepetswe Lesedi, who wanted to know why government had moved against Batswana cultural norms and biblical principles that encouraged corporal discipline.

Mr Lesedi had also raised concerns regarding a perceived lack of consultation and asked how government planned to protect staff from unruly learners who may feel emboldened by the new restrictions. **BOPA**

Ministry opts for low cost maintenance solution

GABORONE

The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has adopted possible methods that will be affordable to provide adequate maintenance to government facilities owing to the current fiscal constraints faced

by government, Parliament heard Wednesday.

Answering a parliamentary question, Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka said the state of schools, especially boarding schools, across the country including in the Serowe West Constituency were in a dire state.

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Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said despite ongoing economic challenges, government had successfully steered the national economy, as evidenced by a suite of newly initiated social and developmental programmes.

Mohwasa outlines government successes amid challenges

Tebagano Ntshole

GABORONE

Government has, despite ongoing economic challenges, successfully steered the national economy, as evidenced by a suite of newly initiated social and developmental programmes.

This was said by Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, during his contribution to the 2026/27 budget debate on Wednesday.

Minister Mohwasa highlighted several historic milestones, including the increase of the Old Age Pension to P1 400 and the substantial hike in brigade student allowances, which rose from P300 to P1 900.

He also noted that government had successfully reduced water and electricity tariffs by 30 per cent to ease the cost of living.

On the support for the creative industry, the minister said P200 million had been earmarked for the sector.

Additionally, he said, infants under one-year-old would receive a monthly allowance of P300 starting this April. Addressing long-standing labour issues, Mr Mohwasa said government had assisted former BCL employees to purchase mining houses while all outstanding payments owed to former staff would be settled soon.

He added that a joint committee involving former employees and the

liquidator had been established to oversee the process.

The minister further noted that the Labour Relations Act had been amended to prioritise employees during company liquidations.

Other labour wins, he said, included the introduction of paternity leave and the resuscitation of the Public Service Bargaining Council (PSBC), which had been dormant for years.

Under the public service, Minister Mohwasa announced that all Special Constables would soon be absorbed into the Police Force.

Similarly, he said all temporary cleaners and security guards were set to be offered permanent and pensionable positions.

He further indicated that the traditional Ipelegeng programme was replaced by Ikageng Public Works, under which allowances had been increased to P2 500, while focusing on upskilling participants to ensure future self-sufficiency.

On the legal front, the minister confirmed that Parliament had approved the establishment of Constitutional Courts, a move intended to anchor government's commitment to human rights.

Regarding the media, Mr Mohwasa stated that while government supported a self-regulatory industry, journalists must remain committed to professional ethics.

He also noted that news broadcasts had been expanded to include

various local languages to promote inclusivity.

Furthermore, he said the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) had turned its fortunes around, significantly reducing the payment turnaround time for farmers to just seven days.

The minister explained that his ministry received the lion's share

of the budget primarily because P5 billion had been allocated to pay former soldiers who had been owed for several years.

Meanwhile, the budget debate followed the initial speech presented by Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, on February 9. **BOPA**

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said Mmashoro Junior Secondary School was the hardest hit and therefore, the ministry had devised ways through which it could rehabilitate it to make it conducive for learners.

“Currently there is a company attending to the plumbing works at both boys and girls' hostels,” she said.

She added that the new Ikageng Public Works Programme would come handy to address maintenance issues.

Serowe West MP, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe had asked the minister if she was aware that all schools in his constituency were not conducive for learning.

Mr Kedikilwe also asked if the ministry would consider engaging Serowe brigade to undertake the necessary renovations on the facilities to reduce costs and align it with the new national policy announced by government to utilise the new Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for students to acquire skills. **BOPA**

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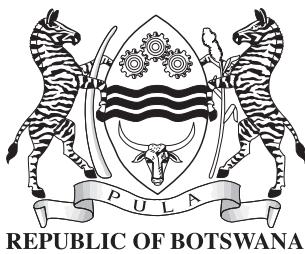
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THE PUBLIC IS NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10 (2) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) ACT (CAP. 65:07) OF THE REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF KASANE PLATEAU INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. POU/MLWA/PMO/KASANE PLATEAU EMP/0041/20092022

The proposed project is being implemented by the Department of Technical Services (DTS) under the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture. The Project is for the provision of infrastructure services for the Plateau area in Kasane, located in the Chobe District.

The major findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed construction of Kasane Plateau Infrastructure Development project are summarised below;

(i) Nature and Magnitude of the Activity

The scope of works entails the construction of the following; water pumping main and elevated tanks, water reticulation and plot connections, sewage reticulation and plot connections, sewage pump stations, sewage pumping mains, roads and stormwater drainage and street lighting and landscaping

(ii) Location of the Activity

The four proposed additional project components are located in Kasane Plateau area. The project site assumes an irregular shape measuring about 247 ha and is bound by road from Kazungula-Ngoma (A33) road on the eastern/south side and Kasane developed area to the north/east/west sides

(iii) Anticipated Environmental impacts of the Activity and proposed mitigation measures to respond to the negative environmental impact

Phase of Development	Environmental Impact	Mitigation Measures
Construction Phase	Job creation	Project should be implemented timeously as there is a shortage of jobs in Chobe District.
Construction and Operational	Increase in HIV and AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A SHE officer must be employed for arranging health awareness campaigns to equip employees with knowledge and information of HIV and AIDS and related illnesses. Free distribution of condoms, voluntary testing and counselling to employees and the local community.
All	Human – wildlife conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Contractor should minimise noise levels that may agitate wild animals. Contractor to liaise with DWNP to train workers on animal behaviours.
All	Surface and ground water pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of properly serviced machinery Maintenance and repairs of vehicles should be carried out in a manner that contamination of water bodies and drainage channels can be avoided.
Construction	Loss of vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selective clearing of vegetation must be applied and confined to only areas that will possibly be affected by developments.
All	Noise Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction works should be properly planned to avoid prolonged noise generating activities. Work should be carried out during daytime only from 7.00am to 5.00pm. All machinery and plants which will be used intermittently should be shut down during periods of inactivity.
All	Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that dust production from the work site and access roads is minimised by sprinkling water three times a day. Truck operators should limit their speeds to 40km/hr.
All	Land Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of sufficient waste receptacles for solid waste collection on site and emptied regularly by DEP licensed contractor and disposed at a Kasane landfill. Drip trays should be provided onsite to act as catchment for any emergency oil spillages.

(iv) Environmental Impact Statement Placement

Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment can be accessed at the following by the public:

- Department of Environmental Protection – Kasane
- Kasane Plateau Kgota

Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested persons should be submitted directly to the Department of Environmental Protection, Kasane Office by 9th March 2026.

(v) Correspondences

All correspondences should be addressed to

The District Environmental Coordinator (DEC), Department of Environmental Protection Private Bag 24 Kasane. And Tel: 6240197/8/9 or hand delivered to DEP-Kasane Office opposit



KITSISO MO SETSHABENG

SECHABA SE ITSISIWE GO YA KA TSETLANA YA 10 (2) YA MOLAO WA TSHEKATSHEKO YA TIKOLOGO (CAP. 65:07) KA PATLO MAIKUTLO MABAPI LE TSHEKATSHEKO YA TIKOLOGO YA KAGO YA MAFARATHLATHLA MO KASANE PLATEAU NO. POU/MLWA/PMO/KASANE PLATEAU EMP/0041/20092022

Tiro e e dirwa ke ba Lephatha la Technical Services Ka fa tlase ga bodiredi ba Lefatshe le Temothuo (Ministry of Lands and Agriculture). Tiro e e taabo e itebagantse le go dikago mo motseng wa Kasane ko Plateau, mo kgaolong ya Chobe. Kitsiso e e tlhalosa diphithlelo tse bothokwa tsa tshekatsheko ya tikologo ka patlo maikutlo mabapi le tshekatsheko ya tikologo ya kago ya mafarathlathla mo Kasane Plateau.

- Ditiro tse di akantsweng go dirwa ke;
- Lefelo la go pompa metsi le ditanka tse di goleditsweng; Kanamiso ya metsi mo Motseng; Go anamisa metsi a a leswe; Lefelo la go pompa metsi a leswe; Kgopo wa metsi; Dipone tsa tsela le go kgabisa

ii. Lefelo la Tiro

Di tiro tse nne tse di taabong di tlatsa tse di leng teng di mo Motseng wa Kasane mo Plateau. Tiro e e taabo e le mo selekanong sa di hekere tse di makgolo ale masome mabedi le masome mane le bosupa (247), go bapa le tselo ya Kazungula- Ngoma (A33) ko bothaba tsatsi abo e nna go bapa le Kasane ka fa go agilweng teng mo bokoni/ bophirima le bothaba.

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Legato la tlhabologo	Ditlamorago tsa tikologo	Motlhale wa go fokotsa manokonoko
Ka nako ya kago	Koketsego ya ditiro	Tiro e tshwanetse e simolodisiwe ka potlako, ka go niale lethoko la ditiro mo kgaolong ya Chobe.
Ka nako ya kago le ka nako ya tiriso ya lefelo	Koketsego ya go anama ga HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mookamed wa tsa tshireletso mo tirong (SHE Officer) o tshwanetse a thapiwe go tsisa tshiboso le go tlhathelela babereki ka kitsa ka ga HIV/ AIDS le malwetsi a mangwe a a amanang le one. Kabo dikausu ya mahala, itlhobelo mogare le tshidilo maikutlo ya babereki le batho ba motse ka kakaretsa.
Tsotlhe	Kgotlheng fa gare ga batho le diphologolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mong wa tiro o tshwanetse go fokotsa modumo yo o ka kgoberang maikutlo a diphologolo tsa naga. Mong wa tiro o tshwanetsetse go ikgolaganya le ba DWNP go rutuntsa babereki ba bangwe ka maitsholo a diphologolo.
Tsotlhe	Kgotlelesego ya metsi a a kwa godimo ga lefatshe le a a fa tlase ga lefatshe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiriso ya dietswa tse di tlhokometsweng di itekanetse. Tlhokomel le paakanyo ya dikoloi e dirwe ka tsela e sireletsang go kgotlela ga metsi kana ditselang tsa kgopho ya metsi.
Ka nako ya kago	Go kgaolwa ga dithlare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go itsa kgatlampolo le tshenyo ya dithlare/dimela mo mafelong a ditlhabololo di sa dirweng mo go one.
Tsotlhe	Modumo o o kgopisang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse go fiwa dilwana tsatshireletso tsa modumo o o feteletseng ka nako e go nang le modumo o o ko godimo.
Tsotlhe	Kgotlelesego ya loapi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metsi a gasiwe fa lefelong la kago go fokotsa lerole Dikoloi di tshwanetse go tsamaya ka lebelo le le sa feteng 40Km/h.
Tsotlhe	Kgotlelesego ya tikologo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dira di tlamel o tse go latlhewang matlakala mo go tsone gore ba lephata la DEP e leng bone ba ba nang le tetla ya go tsaya matlakala, ba tle ba kgone go a tsaya. Dilwana tse di sireletsang go rotha ga oil di tshwanetse go diriwiwa go sireletsang go lebantle la Shoprite tse di ka tlhagogang.

(iv) Kanamiso ya Lenaneo la Pabalelo Tikologo

Mokwalo o o feletseng wa ditshekatsheko tsa tikologo o ka bonwa mo mafelong a a latelang:

- Department of Environmental Protection (Kasane)
- Kasane Plateau Kgota

Mokwalo wa dikakgelo go tswa mo go ba ba ka amiwang kgotsa ba ba nang le kgatlhego ka tiro e, o ka romelwa ko go ba Lephata la Tikologo (Department of Environmental Protection), Kasane) ka (9th March 2026).

(v) Dikakgelo

Mekwalo yothi e ka fetisediwa kwa atereseng e e fa tlase;

The District Environmental Coordinator (DEC) Private Bag 24 Kasane. And Tel: 6240197/8/9 kgotsa e ka isiwa ka letsogo kwa Ofising ya DEP-Kasane Office go lebagana le lebantle la Shoprite



Pandamatenga farmers return to full operation

Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association executive member Mr Ryan Neal said they were compelled to return to full operation by the fact that Pandamatenga was the primary source of grain production in Botswana.

Portia Keetile **PANDAMATENGA**

Pandamatenga commercial farmers have resumed ploughing operations following heavy downpours in January that left fields inaccessible and crops submerged in water.

In an interview, Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association executive member Mr Ryan Neal emphasised that this was a critical season to sustain national grain stability and financial viability for farmers.

Mr Neal said the fact that Pandamatenga was the primary source of grain production in Botswana compelled farmers to return to full operation to ensure a steady supply of harvest.

He said it was essential for the soil conditions to continue to hold optimal moisture, adding that if the soils became waterlogged it would affect the yields.

He assured that despite substantial damage to crops, farmers were working hard to ensure a good output.

Mr Neal said the unprecedented flooding struck when only 8 500 hectares of a total 40 000 hectares project area had already been planted.

He explained that assessment was ongoing, and noted that some farmers had to replant the whole fields while some would have to attend certain portions.

"The biggest damage was to the farms as they suffered top soil erosion, drainage damage, road damage as well as equipment damage. All these damages are being assessed by insurance companies," he said.

Mr Neal pointed out that farming was a high risk undertaking requiring heavy capital investment, hence good yields were vital for farmers to remain solvent, and thereby retain their capacity to

service bank loans.

He pleaded with government to facilitate settlement of debts owed to farmers by BAMB as the 26 per cent debt was affecting their operations.

He revealed that this year,

The biggest damage was to the farms as they suffered top soil erosion, drainage damage, road damage as well as equipment damage. All these are being assessed by insurance companies

farmers were diverting from planting sorghum heavily and gravitating toward sunflower to mitigate risks associated with delayed payments from BAMB.

He said farmers were flexible with their cropping plans, into which they easily incorporated high soil moisture crops like wheat, chickpeas, sunflower and mung beans. Mr Neal acknowledged the critical role played by the Pandamatenga commercial farms drainage system that was installed by government, noting that without it, the flood would have left a total calamity.

"Massive erosion occurred on farming areas and unfortunately the bridge along the A33 highway has insufficient capacity to handle that much water and it became a wall, blocking the flood waters."

He suggested that during road repairs, the bridge be elevated to allow excess water to be released from the farms. **BOPA**

Botswana and Namibia sign cross-border connectivity deal

WINDHOEK

Namibia's largest mobile operator, the MTC, Botswana Fiber Networks (BoFiNet) have signed an agreement to enhance cross-border connectivity and collaboration between the two nations.

The partnership poised to enhance digital infrastructure in southern Africa was formalised Tuesday in Gaborone, the MTC said in a statement released on Wednesday. Through the memorandum of understanding, the two parties will establish a structured framework for cross-border fiber interconnection,



BoFiNet acting chief executive officer
Mr Keabetswe Segole

capacity exchange, and IP transit collaboration between Namibia and Botswana, the statement said.

It will help improve the important Buitepos-Ngoma corridor route to make both countries' digital networks more

reliable and faster. "It is a key route to our international expansion strategy, providing an operational entry point into the Botswana wholesale ecosystem while reinforcing Namibia's position as a transit and digital gateway market."

"The Buitepos-Ngoma corridor is not a mere physical interconnect point," MTC Managing Director Licky Erastus said. "It is a key route to our international expansion strategy, providing an operational entry

point into the Botswana wholesale ecosystem while reinforcing Namibia's position as a transit and digital gateway market."

BoFiNet acting chief executive officer Keabetswe Segole reaffirmed his company's commitment to deepening practical, infrastructure-led collaboration between Botswana and Namibia.

"This engagement is not merely institutional but strategic at a national level, contributing to regional digital resilience and strengthening long-standing bilateral relations between Botswana and Namibia," Segole said. **Xinhua**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Namibia keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent

WINDHOEK

The Bank of Namibia on Wednesday decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent, citing the need to safeguard the one-to-one peg between the Namibia Dollar and the South African Rand while supporting domestic economic activity. Governor of the central bank Ebson Uanguta announced at the first monetary policy meeting that the policy stance was taken to ensure orderly capital flows and maintain the currency peg arrangement. Commercial banks are accordingly expected to maintain the prime lending rate at 10.00 per cent. **Xinhua**

Financial inclusion project targets 370 110 households

LUSAKA

Zambia and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on Wednesday launched a project to strengthen financial access and resilience for rural people in the southern African nation. The Financial Inclusion for Resilience and Innovation project is a US\$49.8-million, seven-year initiative targeting 370 110 rural households, or about 1.85 million people, across the country. It seeks to expand access to financial services for smallholder farmers, women, and youth, while improving livelihoods, enhancing climate resilience, and increasing the uptake of client-centric financial services. **Xinhua**

Ghana settles more local debt exchange interest payment

ACCRA

Ghana government has made an additional payment of GH₵ 10 billion (about US\$909.5 million) to service interest obligations under the Domestic Debt Exchange Program (DDEP). The statement from the Ministry of Finance said the payment covered Cedi-denominated DDEP coupons and represents the sixth settlement under the programme. "This settlement is in line with the restructuring memorandum and the government's broader debt management and fiscal consolidation strategy." **Xinhua**



Ms Keloetetse Bothang currently supplies vegetables to Mahutsane Primary School once a month under the school-feeding programme. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

Backyard gardening makes life easier for Bothang

Thuso Kgakatsi
KANG

Fifty-two-year-old Ms Keloetetse Bothang of Gapanyane Ward in Kang has created a small garden sanctuary in her backyard. What began as a modest project to produce vegetables for home consumption in 2022, has since evolved into a thriving horticultural enterprise, supplying the local community and contributing to the school-feeding programme.

The rapid growth of the project has since surpassed the capacity of Ms Bothang's residential yard, which has now turned into a green oasis, prompting plans to relocate to a larger space to meet the rising demand.

For Ms Bothang, backyard gardening was born out of necessity but sustained by her deep love for nature.

She started with only a few beds of spinach, green pepper, onions and beetroot to feed her family. "I had no capital, I had to use the little money from my first sales to buy more seeds and gradually expanded," she says as she explains her journey.

Her turning point came at a time when she was struggling to make

ends meet due to prolonged illness that forced her to close her sewing business which was supported through the poverty eradication initiative.

An eye condition had made it

impossible for her to continue with the business, leaving her without a stable source of income.

It was through determination and passion that Ms Bothang rebuilt her life after years of ill

health and financial hardship.

"I had to turn to gardening to rebuild my life and provide for my children. As production increased, neighbours began buying from me and the demand kept growing," she says.

Since people are now more conscious about their health and wellness, Ms Bothang says many have reduced their consumption of meat, thus creating a ready market for fresh vegetables.

On the other hand, restrictions on the slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals following the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease have also boosted demand for her produce.

Ms Bothang currently supplies about 90 bundles of vegetables to Mahutsane Primary School once a month under the school-feeding programme. She hopes to increase production and eventually supply Kang Primary School with at least 155 bundles per month.

"My plan is to expand production and reach more markets. Backyard gardening has great potential and can change lives if taken seriously."

With the income Ms Bothang

generates from her backyard garden, she has now been able to cover expenses that she struggled to afford in the past.

"I am now able to stand on my own and support my family again. This garden has given me a second chance in life," says Ms Bothang noting how the project has restored her dignity and gave her hope for the future.

Her efforts have also attracted support from development partners. In recognition of her contribution to household food security and community nutrition, the Botswana Red Cross Society recently donated a JoJo water tank, treated poles and shade net, which have enhanced her production capacity.

She admits that the journey has not been without challenges and that at some point, she once considered giving up.

"It has never been easy, but passion kept me going. Support from the community and non-governmental organisations also gave me the strength to continue."

She encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to venture into projects they are passionate about rather than following trends.

Ms Bothang also highlighted the growing role of small-scale horticulture in improving rural livelihoods and called on community members to make use of available space to grow own food and sustain their families.

As she looks into the future, she hopes to secure a larger piece of land where she can scale up production, supply more institutions and create employment for others in her community. **BOPA**

“I am now able to stand on my own and support my family again. This garden has given me a second chance in life. ”



Ms Bothang has turned hardship into hope through her backyard garden.

Tonota residents differ on Constitutional Court establishment

Kelebogile Taolo
TONOTA

As the debate for and against the establishment of a Constitutional Court continues, Tonota residents are split on the direction that Botswana should follow in the matter.

Residents are torn between what should precede the other between establishing the court and reviewing the Constitution.

A resident, Mr Ratshimo Ramahobo, says the establishment of the Constitutional Court must first be enshrined in the Constitution itself.

Speaking at a kgotla meeting addressed by the Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga on Tuesday, Mr Ramahobo argued that a provision must clearly state that a Constitutional Court would be created, otherwise it risked being deemed unconstitutional.

"I'm not opposed to the Constitutional Court. My stance is that we should review the

Constitution first," he said.

"The constitution, in its current form, specifies the existence of a High Court, and my view is that there should be a provision in it that similarly provides for the existence of the Constitutional Court. If we establish a Constitutional Court without such mention, it would be an unconstitutional Constitutional Court," remarked Mr Ramahobo.

Mr Reuben Motswakae, another resident, expressed his support for the establishment of the court, deeming it long overdue.

He pointed out that this apex court would act as a referee in case challenges arose regarding the impending constitutional review.

"The Botswana Constitution was drafted before independence and has historically invaded upon human rights for individuals and communities alike. It merely acknowledged eight principal tribes in Botswana," he noted.

Accordingly, Mr Motswakae underscored the necessity of a Constitutional Court to address disparities and challenges stemming from the Constitution to protect human rights.

Similarly, Messrs Oteng Thokoeng and Charlie Obotseng echoed the same sentiments.

Mr Thokoeng stated that it was crucial to establish the Constitutional Court prior to undertaking any constitutional

review as it would act as a referee for the process, while Mr Obotseng mentioned its role in safeguarding the rights of the minority.

Ms Seipone Radipitse also highlighted the need for a Constitutional Court and observed that it would protect those who have been marginalised, citing instances of unfair treatment towards groups like widows.

She said widows often struggled with legal matters, which usually dragged on for extended periods before the courts, expressing hope that the Constitutional Court would provide speedy redress in such situations and spare them from undergoing undue suffering.

Former National Assembly deputy speaker and former MP for Tonota, Mr Pono Moatlhodi, argued that government should set aside this significant initiative to prioritise the resuscitation of the healthcare sector instead.

He suggested that the P275 million allocated for the associated referendum could be better spent on purchasing medication and addressing other essential needs of the healthcare sector.

Mr Motshambisa Seganabeng shared similar views, asserting that while a Constitutional Court was beneficial, now was not the appropriate time for its establishment.

He thus urged government to

reassess priorities to determine what should come first.

A youthful resident, Mr Omphile Kgokong raised concerns about the rapid push for setting up a Constitutional Court at a time when the country was faced with serious financial limitations.

Mr Kgokong stressed that unemployment had severely impacted the youth and therefore implored government to prioritise job creation over establishing what

he considered the non-urgent Constitutional Court.

Responding to the residents, Assistant Minister Nyatanga said the input of Batswana would be taken into consideration.

Mr Nyatanga had earlier told residents that the Constitution of Botswana was drafted a long time ago and needed to be reviewed, hence it was important to establish the Constitutional Court. **BOPA**



The Phitshane Molopo Police Station constructed by China Jiangsu is at 92 per cent completion. The site agent, Mr Obakeng Leboifo said the project, which employed 52 people started in March 2025 and is expected to be handed over in April 2026.

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The Palapye glass project spanned the terms of former presidents Dr Festus Mogae and Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama.

Palapye Glass Project - The Art of Impunity

How Botswana's former government perfected a system where P380 million could vanish without consequence.

Tshireletso Motlogelwa

The final accounting arrived in Parliament on 10 February 2026, though the project itself had ceased to exist over a decade earlier. Responding to Serowe South MP Leepetswe Lesedi, the Minister confirmed the arithmetic that had long circulated in audit reports and court papers: P601.2 million expended on the Palapye float-glass project, P67.8 million recovered, P380 million realised as loss. The venture-conceived in 2007 as a joint enterprise between the Botswana Development Corporation and Shanghai Fengyue, stalled by 2011, liquidated in 2013, was now reduced to a line in the Hansard. The furnaces never fired. The glass was never produced. What remains unresolved is the question of consequence for those culpable, whether by omission or commission, directly or indirectly.

The Documented Warnings

The Auditor General's report for the year ended 30 June 2012 recorded the investment in Fengyue Glass at P422 million, noting that "the Board approved additional funding amounting to P332 million to cover additional project costs". The report carried this finding: "The auditors were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence... because the financial

information of the joint venture company was not available." The same report observed that "payments were not made directly to the EPC contractor but into the bank account of Fengyue Glass Manufacturing Botswana (Pty) Ltd," and that auditors were denied access to those records.

These were findings of the constitutional officer charged with safeguarding public funds. They did not result in publicly recorded disciplinary action against board members, executives, or ministerial overseers at the time.

The Parliamentary Special Select Committee of Inquiry, appointed in December 2011 and chaired by Abram Kesupile, submitted its report in 2012. The committee found the project was "premised on poor due diligence, doubtful technical project partner selection, a litany of project implementation violations, and doubtful and reckless project fund disbursement". A forensic audit referenced in committee proceedings revealed "hundreds of thousands of Pula in the bank accounts of key BDC executives and employees that could not be accounted for".

The Prosecutorial Gap

In July 2013, then Minister of Trade and Industry Dorcas Makgato-Malesu assured Parliament that "Government is not sitting idle... DCEC is investigating this matter." She confirmed that "some of the

files have been passed on to the DPP".

The investigation produced no prosecutions. In September 2020, Director of Public Prosecutions Stephen Tiroyakgosi informed the Public Accounts Committee that his office was "still awaiting evidence from Beijing" regarding a mutual assistance request sent in February 2012-eight years prior. No charges were laid against BDC executives, board members, or ministerial overseers. The DPP is not compelled by law to provide reasons for declining prosecution. The DCEC itself has acknowledged this pattern. According to Commonwealth Africa anti-corruption research citing DCEC annual reports, the agency referred multiple dockets to the DPP concerning the BDC allegations, yet "there were no cases sent for prosecution".

Liquidation and Recovery

The High Court in Lobatse granted a provisional liquidation order on 13 November 2013, with BDC lawyers stating that "the company has no sources of income. It is hopelessly insolvent and its liabilities far exceed its assets". Court papers noted that Fengyue Glass had "failed to submit PAYE, WHT and Income Tax returns and has many VAT returns outstanding," and that "the full extent of its liabilities are unknown, because the company has no reliable financial records and has never been subjected to an

annual financial audit". Assets were eventually sold for P54.3 million in 2017, with Assistant Minister Biggie Butale informing Parliament that "the valuation report showed that the technical equipment to be sold was either used, incomplete, considerably deteriorated or out of any possible warranty". The land was separately sold for P50 million.

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The project spanned multiple administrations. Conceived during Dr Festus Mogae's presidency, it escalated during Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama's. Trade portfolios during its active period included Neo Moroka, Dorcas Makgato, and Thapelo Olopeng.

Finance oversight during key phases was provided by Kenneth Matambo, who subsequently attempted to sue Parliament over the select committee report-a litigation dismissed by the Attorney General on grounds of parliamentary privilege.

No parliamentary finding has established that any of these individuals engaged in criminal wrongdoing in relation to Palapye. The public record does, however, document a consistent pattern: forensic findings of unaccounted funds, parliamentary findings of "reckless" disbursement, and no prosecutorial outcome.

Systemic Patterns

Reports from the Accountant General and Public Accounts Committee over the last decade have recurrently cited: "Delays in submission of financial statements," "Weak commitment controls," "Inadequate asset management," "Unreconciled balances". PAC Chair Taolo Lucas noted in 2025 that some cases "from as far as 2014 were still pending in 2025, with little progress to put issues to finality".

The Ombudsman's recent reports, while focused on service delivery, echo a broader institutional diagnosis: "systemic challenges," "failures in implementation." Palapye followed a comparable trajectory, findings issued, frameworks adjusted, enforcement uneven.

The Verdict of 2024

The Minister's February 2026 statement closes the legal dimension of Palapye. The arithmetic is settled: P380 million lost. What remains unsettled is the governance question. The Parliamentary Select Committee found "reckless" disbursement. The forensic audit found unexplained funds in executive accounts. The DCEC referred files to the DPP. The DPP awaited evidence for eight years, then silence.

Yet the final footnote to this saga may have already been written. In October 2024, the Botswana Democratic Party was removed from office after 58 years of uninterrupted rule. The electorate's verdict was delivered not in audit language but in ballots, an assertion, rendered at the polling station, that the architecture of in consequence had exhausted public patience. Palapye was not the sole cause of that electoral outcome. But it stands as the definitive case study of a system in which P380 million could vanish and no one would pay, a system that Batswana, by their vote, declared they would no longer tolerate.

Dikgang

PAMPIRI YA THUTO LE DIKTSISO

Ba marekisetso a nama ba gomagometsa go kgaola babereki

Goitsemadimo Williams-Madzonga
TUTUME

Bagwebi ba marekisetso a nama kwa kgaolong ya Tutume ba gomagometsa go kgaola babereki fa seemo sa kanamo ya bolwetswe jwa tlhako le molomo se sa fetoge mo nakong e khutshwane.

Ba supile fa ba setse ba balelwae ke go duela babereki mme go rekisa nama go eme.

Rre Ishmael Mokgethi, yo a nang le madirelo a a nang le marekisetso a nama, a re fa puso e ka seke ya ba thusa mo mading a P97 million a a seegetsweng fa thoko go lwantsha tlhako le molomo, go ya go nna bokete gore ba ka tswelela ba duela babereki.

O tlhalositse fa a na le babereki ba le babedi ba ba direlang mo marekisetsong a nama jaanong ka nama e sa tlhole e le teng, o bone gore e re kgwedi e tlang e simologa a ba segele fa thoko go fitlhelela seemo se tokafala.

A re mo nakong ya gompieno, o ba duela ka madi a gagwe e seng a kgwebo mme se, se a mo kokonela e bile se ama kgwebo e nngwe ya gagwe.

O kopile puso go ba thusa ka se se ka sireletsang dikgweba le ditiro tsa Batswana. Rre Moseki Mathodi yo le ene a nang le marekisetso a nama, o kopile gore badiredi ba lephata la matlhoko a leruo ba ba tlhalositse ka bottalo methale e ba e dirileng go thibela go anama ga bolwetsi le gore ba solo fela gore batlaabo ba kgonne go bo lwantsha mo nakong e kae.

Are ba tsweletse ka go tlhatlhoba kwa dikgaolong tsotlh tse di amegileng go rurifatsa gore ga gona matlhasedi a masha.

A re se, se ka ba thusa go rerisana le gore ba ba dirisanang nabo jaaka beng ba madirelo a ba a hirisitseng. Rre Mathodi a re fa e sa le go emisiwa go tlhabiba ga dikgomo a na letseno mme o tshwanetse go duela lefelo le a le hirisitseng.

Fa ba matlhoko a leruo ba ka sedimosa gore seemo sa bolwetsi se lebege se ka tokafala mo nakong e kae, go ka re thusa go ithulaganya le ba re hirisitseng mo go bone le go sireletsa ditiro tsa babereki, Rre Mathodi a tlhalosa.

A re le fa go supilwe mo tekodisong bosheng fa dikgaolo tse dingwe go buletswe gore dikgomo di ka tlhabiba, go ya go nna turu mo go bone go ya go tsaya nama teng.

Kgaolo e e gaufi ke Letlhakane mme go ya teng go ya go batla madi a mantsi.

Modiro mo lephateng la matlhoko a leruo, Rre Batsho Mabechu, a re go kentiwa ga leruo go ntse go dirwa, ba setse ba emetse go tla go boeela gape morago ga malatsi a le masome a mabedi le boferabobedi.

A re ba tsweletse ka go tlhatlhoba kwa dikgaolong tsotlh tse di amegileng go rurifatsa gore ga gona matlhasedi a masha a ba tshwanetseng go a tsibogela.

Rre Mabechu o kopile barui go dirisana sentle le badiri ba ba tllang kwa masakeng a bone go tla go tlhatlhoba leruo. Molaodi wa Tutume, Mme Tlotogo Rampho, o kopile gore mongwe le mongwe kwa kgaolong e nne matlhao puso, go loma tsebe ba ba tshwanetseng fa ba bona sengwe se se fatlhlang.

A re fa botlh ba ka sala tsamaiso morago, seemo se ka boela mannong mo nakong e e seng kgakala. **BOPA**



Rre Ishmael Mokgethi, wa marekisetso a nama kwa Tutume, a re fa puso e ka seke ya ba thusa mo mading a P97 million a a seegetsweng fa thoko go lwantsha tlhako le molomo, go ya go nna bokete gore ba ka tswelela ba duela babereki.

Phimolo keledi ga setuelo - mogolwane

Keetile Botsibokae

MOLEPOLOLE

Mogolwane wa bakenti kwa Molepolole, Rre Kelebile Mmutsi, o tlhaloseditse barui ba baneng ba ngongoregela phimolo keledi ya P700 e morui a e newang ke puso fa kgomo ya gagwe e bolailwe, go thibela kanamo ya bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo gore madi ao, ga se tuelo.

O kaile se ka Mosupologo, kwa kgotleng kgolo ya Bakwena kwa Molepolole, fa a ne a tlhalosetsa banni ba Molepolole le metse e e mabapi ka letsholo la go kokonya madi go lwantsha tlhako le molomo.

Barui bangwe ba ne ba botsa

gore ke eng puso e sa duele morui yo o bolaetsweng kgomo madi a a lekanang le tlhotlhwa ya kgomo.

Rre Mmutsi o tlhalositse gore phimolo keledi e abo e le gore morui a seka a sala a iphothere morago ga go latlhgelwa ke leruo.

O lemositse setshaba borai jwa go tlhoka go obamela melawana ya go thibela bolwetsi, a tlhalosa gore kgomo e e kentilweng e raya gore kgaolo jaanong e dule mo maemong a yone a go babalesega mo bolwetsing jwa tlhako le molomo (green zone) mme jaanong e le mo gotweng, red zone, ke gore kgaolo e amegileng.

Ka jalo dikgomo tse di tswang mo kgaolong ya mofuta oo, ga di sa tlhola di ka rekisa nama kwa BMC.

Rre Mmutsi o ne a araba morui

yo o neng a botsa gore mokento wa tlhako le molomo o fodisa bolwetsi kgotsa o a bo thibela mme a re, fa e le gore o a bo thibela, ke eng puso e sa kente dikgomo tsotlh.

A re mokento o kokobetsa mogare gore o seka wa galefa mo o ka anamang ka lebelo le le kwa godimo, a tlatsa ka gore mogare wa tlhako le molomo ga se yo o folang, fa o tsene seruiwa tshwetso ke gore se fofodiwe go itsa go tloga se anamisetsa mogare kwa leruong ka bontsi.

Bolwetsi jo, bo tsena leruo le diphologolo tsa sika loo-tlhako e maphata jaaka kgomo, podi, kolobe, nku jalo jalo mme bo lemogwa mo seruiweng ka go tsurutla mathe mo ganong, dintho mo ganong le mo ditlhakong tsa kgomo le go tlhotsa.

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A re go thusa baba tlhokileng lesego ga se gore motho o go dira ka gobo a na le gole gontsi ke sesupo sa lerato le bopelotlhomogi.

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A re fa ba tsaya ditluto tsa bone tsia ba ka tsoga ba le maemong a a kwa godimo jaaka motho mongwe

le mongwe.

Motshwarelela mogokgo wa sekole seo Mme Maipelo Monyatse o supile fa lekalana la ba-na-le-bogole le simologile ka ngwaga wa 2007, le tsaya bana ba ba-na-le-bogole ba Mahalapye le metse e mabapi.

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Fa a amogela dimpho mogolwane wa lephata la bana ba ba-na-le bogole Mme Bolokang Passman o ne a lebogela dimpho, a re di tlaa ba thusa thata, a tlhalosa gore bana ba rutwa le ditiro tsa diatla jaaka go lema, go roka le tse dingwe.

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Mokhanselara wa kgaolo ya Mahalapye Bokone Rre Emanuele Saakane o ne a lebogela ba dikgolegelo tiro entle e ba e dirileng.

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Legwale and Mkuha appeal 40-year prison sentence

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Amistaken-identity murder stemming from witchcraft claims has left Ernest Legwale and Hamadi Mkuha fighting 40-year prison sentence each, with judges describing the

matter as a borderline case that could have attracted the death penalty.

A Court of Appeal panel comprising Justices Isaac Lesetedi, Modiri Letsididi and Tshepo Motswagole, hearing the duo's appeal against both conviction and sentence on Thursday, observed

that even the trial judge had noted that the case rooted in the weight of traditional beliefs could have resulted in a death sentence.

"This is an extreme case by all standards. It involves money and cold-blooded murder," Justice Motswagole said during the appeal hearing on Wednesday.

Murder convicts Ernest Legwale (left) and Hamadi Mkuha during their sentencing appeal hearing at the Court of Appeal in Gaborone on Wednesday. The two are serving 40-year prison terms each and will return to court on March 27 for judgment.
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of Legwale's wife, Dimpho.

Legwale had allegedly hired Mkuha and another person not before the court to murder his wife and mother-in-law, believing they were bewitching him. However, the attackers mistakenly killed the younger sister.

"Your client is riding on someone's belief in witchcraft," Justice Motswagole said after listening to Mkuha's attorney, Mr Letlhogonolo Makgane, who reasoned that his client's sentence was unprecedented and without justification.

"A 40-year sentence, in all honesty, is a slow death sentence; for a 56-year-old man to be sentenced to 40 years, he will die in prison," Mr Makgane submitted.

He argued that, in comparable circumstances, courts typically impose sentences ranging between 25 and 30 years.

He further submitted that the appellants should not receive equal punishment, stating that 'the perpetrator should get more than the hired hands.'

Mr Makgane also argued that his client was convicted on double hearsay evidence which the court should not have relied upon, and that no evidence placed Mkuha at the crime scene in Oodi or linked him directly to the conspiracy.

Counsel for the first appellant, Mr David Ndlovu, likewise told the court that the 40-year sentence was excessively severe and should only be imposed where strong aggravating circumstances exist.

He argued that the case did not warrant such punishment and described the sentence as unusual in Botswana.

On conviction, Mr Ndlovu submitted that the High Court erred in relying heavily on the evidence of a traditional doctor.

He said the court should have treated the traditional doctor's testimony with caution, arguing that the traditional doctor allegedly triggered the chain of events by prophesying that Dimpho and her mother were bewitching Legwale, performing charms intended to kill them, and later cleansing Legwale.

He further alleged that the traditional doctor assisted in disposing of the getaway vehicle and was in fact the mastermind behind the killing, having promised to eliminate those allegedly bewitching Legwale and later orchestrating the murder when that failed.

"The court erred in finding that the traditional doctor was a credible witness," he said, adding that when first interviewed by the police, he denied everything but would later change his story to say that he knew the killers.

The two accused persons and another not before court, on or about September 10, 2015, at or near Oodi, allegedly acted jointly and with common purpose to unlawfully assault Thato Meswele, inflicting injuries from which she died four days later, on September 14. Judgment in the appeal is expected on March 27. BOPA



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Authorities dispose 1900 expired medicines

GABORONE

Parliament has been informed that the Ministry of Health has disposed of 1 900 medicines due to expiration between 2015 and 2025.

Responding to a parliamentary question Wednesday, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said the medicines were disposed of to ensure compliance with Botswana Medical Regulatory Authority (BOMRA) regulations.

Mr Ookeditse said 347 were disposed of during 2019/20, another 347 in 2020/21 and 268 in 2021/22.

He said in 2022/23 they disposed of 342, 283 in 2023/24 and 313 in 2024/25.

He added that the expired quantities increased during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Mr Ookeditse further indicated the value of disposed doses due to expiration, which included P5,373 997.91 worth of medicines in 2017/19 while in 2020 destruction value stood at P10,185,638.40 and there was no destruction in 2021/22.

In 2023, he said the value of disposed doses was P1,424 579.01 and P1,092,373.17 in 2024.

He added that 1 9478 packs of 1 000 paracetamol 500mg tablets valued at P1,081,029 were also disposed of.

Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga had asked the minister to state the quality of medicines which were recommended to be disposed due to expiration between 2019 and 2025 and their estimated value as recommended by BOMRA. **BOPA**

Damaged cordon fences increase risk of FMD

GABORONE

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has acknowledged that cordon fences are frequently damaged or destroyed by veldt fires, with the risk heightened when surrounding areas are not adequately debushed.

Answering a parliamentary question on Wednesday, acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, explained that the ministry undertook debushing along cordon fences as part of its maintenance programme.

"This facilitates patrols, prevents bush encroachment and helps protect the fences from veld fires," Dr Dikoloti said.

However, he said resource constraints made it difficult to keep pace with maintenance, particularly for inter-zonal fences. He noted that internal self-assessments (DVS audits) and external evaluations had underscored Botswana's vulnerability to Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) due to damaged cordon fences. For instance, he said following a 2013 audit, the European Union suspended imports of beef from Zone 4a (Boteti) owing to a non-negligible risk of FMD linked to veld fires.

"Faced with escalating challenges, including limited resources, persistent vandalism and wildlife damage, the ministry has adopted a multipronged approach to combating FMD. This combines technical and

Efforts underway to protect artistes interests

Minister of Sport and Arts, Mr Jacob Kelebeng said the ministry intended to table the Performer Protection Bill before Parliament to solidify the legal framework safeguarding the rights and welfare of performers across the country.

GABORONE

Plans are afoot to strengthen the creative industry's legal standing.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, the Minister of Sport and Arts, Mr Jacob Kelebeng, said that through National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12), the ministry intends to table the Performer Protection Bill before Parliament soon.

"This legislation is expected to solidify the legal framework safeguarding the rights and welfare of performers across the country," Mr Kelebeng said.

The minister also detailed the payment framework designed to ensure fair remuneration for the creative sector.

Minister Kelebeng confirmed that the Guidelines for the Procurement of Arts and Culture Products and Services have been in effect since 2018.

He noted that the guidelines were developed to implement Presidential Directive Cab I (B) of 2015.

Furthermore, the minister highlighted that following the COVID-19 pandemic, several fee

structures were revised upward to support the industry's recovery.

Notably, he said the minimum fee for groups, including traditional song and dance, choral and dikhwae, was increased from P10 000 to P25 000.

He added that the current payment structures included P25 000 as a standard rate for performance groups and contemporary live bands,



P10 000 for Disk jockeys (DJs), one-man bands and contemporary backtrack bands and P5 000 for poets, *mamogolokwane*, traditional instrument players and directors of ceremonies. Minister Kelebeng emphasised that the figures represented minimum fees intended to guide procuring entities.

He noted that artistes may be paid

higher rates depending on the specific budget and scale of the event.

The minister's response followed a question from Kgatleng Central MP, Mr Mpho Morolong, who had sought clarification on whether formal guidelines existed to ensure that artistes were fairly and consistently compensated across different categories. **BOPA**

New UB structure prioritises research and academic efficiency

GABORONE

The University of Botswana is undergoing major transformation following the adoption of its 2020-2029 strategy, which aims to reposition the institution as a higher learning institution, Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele

has said.

Responding to a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Minister Maele said a consulting firm was engaged to review the university's organisational structure and

performance management systems, owing to misalignment with the new strategic direction.

The minister said as a result, a comprehensive restructuring process was initiated in March 2020, focused on creating an organisational design that supported research, increased efficiency and channeled more resources towards academic functions.

He said the university's act and statutes had been under review by its council, adding that once the process was complete, the amendments would be published in the Government Gazette in due course.

He said the UB statutes on the other hand were amended at the sole discretion of the University council, adding that the council had resolved that it shall be reviewing statutes on an ongoing basis to ensure alignment with the new organisational structure and any new processes and procedures.

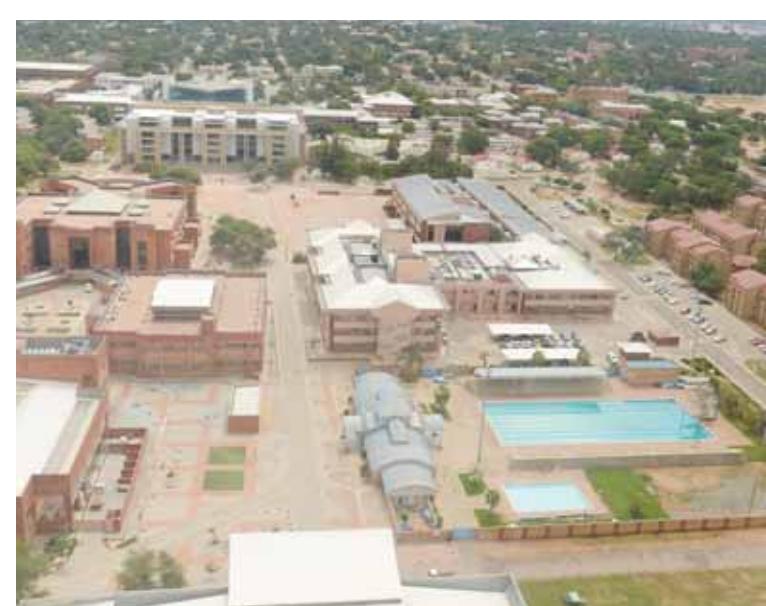
The minister further said the latest amendments to the University of

Botswana statutes were published to the university community on January 30, 2026, adding that its council was in place and had begun convening meetings. He said he was aware of the frustrations and disgruntlements regarding the restructuring process, saying he was however satisfied with the progress thus far and remained hopeful that the remaining process would be completed amicably by the target date of March this year.

He was answering the question from Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, who had wanted an update on the restructuring process at the University of Botswana.

Mr Hikuama had also asked the minister to state whether the University of Botswana Act and related statutes were revised and the dates of the revision, if any.

He had also wanted to know whether the Act and statutes were availed to the university community and public, if there was a university council and if the minister was satisfied with the entire restructuring. **BOPA**



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He highlighted the crucial role of local authorities and Dikgosi leadership in mobilising communities and maintaining engagement.

Examples, he said included ongoing efforts in Mophato in Bobirwa and enhanced livestock herding in the Okavango, which had contributed to reduced stock theft and extended periods without FMD outbreaks in

regarding increased vulnerability to the spread of FMD from red zone to green zone areas. **BOPA**



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of affordable housing; • Diversification of local economy; and • Creation of employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste generation; • Loss of vegetation cover; • Soil erosion and pollution; • Traffic congestion; and • Risk of fire

Residents, interested and affected parties are invited to a Kgotla meeting at the following location;

Location/Venue	Boswa Primary School, Gaborone
Time	1700 HOURS
Date	10 March 2026

For further enquiries please write to or contact:
The Project Environmental Consultant
Enviro-Solve Consultancy
P O Box 70327, Gaborone
Tel:+267 3915386
Fax:+267 3915387
Email: enviro.solves@gmail.com

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use. Owner of plot 4193 Pilane intends to change land use from single family residential to commercial guest house. For any objection contact Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office on 5773512/5773511 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

KEA LEBOGA TATA (Pty) Ltd, owner of Farm 34 JO Sunnyside, intends to subdivide their farm. Any objections contact Ramotswa district council 5381200 or 76952994 within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 18669 Selepa Francistown intends to change land use from residential to commercial use/development. For objections contact Francistown Council on +2672412788/ +26776033978

I GOSEKWANG M. Kgatalala owner of plot 15733 Letlapeng, Tlokeng wish to change land use from single family to multi-family residential. Any objections contact Tlokeng district council or call 3695000 within (14) days of publication of notice.

OWNER OF TRIBAL Lot 17911 Tlokeng wants to change land use from Agriculture to Mixed Use of (Agriculture and Industrial / Truck -Stop). Any objections should be forwarded to Tlokeng District Council on contact+ 267 369 5000 or plot owners on contact + 267 3900457 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of Tribal Lot 334 Kopong wants to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Kweneng District Council on contact +267 5922100 or plot owners on contact +267 72151774 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF SEWING Centre Plot in Moshupa behind Kgabosetso Primary School wants to change land use from Residential to multi-residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Moshupa District Council on contact +267 5449950 or plot owners on contact +267 75557339 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

INTENT TO ERECT boundary wall. The owner of plot no. 1108, Platue Kasane, plans to build a boundary wall. If you have any objections, Please contact CHDC Physical Planning Department at 6250275 within 14 days.

CHANGE LAND-USE: owners of plot 4513 Palapye, Industrial wishes to notify the public & neighbors 4512 & 4514 their intent to change land-use from industrial to mixed-use industrial. Any objections contact Palapye district council, physical planning office on: 4930800/89 within 14 days of this advert

I, MOSUPIEMANG KEMOTHO, owner of plot 9711 in Extension 7 Palapye, wish to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections, contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning on 4930881 or 71553225 within 14 days.

OWNER OF PLOT no 6393, Disaneng, Maun intends to change use from residential to commercial guesthouse. For comments, please contact physical planning North-West district council at 6860241 within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT no 3629, Tati-Siding intends to change use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For comments, please contact physical planning, North-East district council at 2489242 within 14 days of publication.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT no 3629, Tati-Siding intends to change use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For comments, please contact physical planning, North-East district council at 2489242 within 14 days of publication.

NANTANGA HOLDINGS PTY LTD WISHES TO APPLY FOR A BOTTLE STORE LICENSE AT SAVUTI - CHOBE NATIONAL PARK. ANYONE WITH OBJECTION CAN WRITE TO: COUNCIL SECRETARY CHOBE DISTRICT COUNCIL P /BAG K30 KASANE.

CHANGE OF LAND use Owner of plot 8700 Molepolole, Motswasele ward intends to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. Anyone with objections, contact Molepolole council physical planning at 5922100 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

MARVEL-NET HOLDINGS (Pty) Ltd wishes to open a bar liquor at Rasesa, plot No. 1653, owned by Tamarks Investments (Pty) Ltd. It will be trading as Marvel-Net Pub.

I, MOLEFI KITSO LINCHWE hereby notify my neighboring plot owners that I intend to build a boundary wall on my property. Any objections to this development should be made with Kgatleng District Council, Building Control Office on 5777411 within 14 days of this advert.

KEBUANG MOLOI OF Plot No.8534 Madikwe, Tutume intends to change land use from residential to multi-family. For any objection, contact Tutume District Council physical planning office or Call 2987232 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT no. 37557 Block 4, Mogoditshane would like to change land use from single family to multi-family residential. For objections, contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga council physical planning office, Tel: 3166653 or 3105615 or in writing within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 4636 Extension 14 Gaborone wishes to apply for change of land from single residence to group living residential. Any objections contact +267 72890666 or +267 71290904 within 14 days (2 weeks)

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: 31:01), 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
ONESIMUS B. MMOLAWA	ESHFT-000090-26	28/04/26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 00000269-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Amos Dube -ESHFT/0000269-23 who died at Francistown District on the 02 August 2023.

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 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Cathrine Dube
The Executrix
P O Box 25368
GABORONE
76400712

Tinabo Dabutha
The Executrix
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN
741215532

AND TO : MASTER OF HIGH COURT
PRIVATE VAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No. 118/95 dated the 22nd day of November 1995 passed by TECHMIN (BOTSWANA) (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED in favour of LASER LINES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, in respect of LEASE AREA NO. 160-KO.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

BBL BOOKBINDER

Our Ref: CONV.cmj.M07366

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed NO: T6 221/2013 dated 8th day of July 2013 made in favour of MOAGI DWIGHT KGOKANO BATHULENG in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being T6 221/2013
SITUATE: in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 2.4617 Ha, Two Comma Four Six One Seven Hectars
HELD UNDER: Diagram DSM NO 1916/2013 Survey by Land surveyor Wilson Mhuri in June 2013

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 11TH DAY OF February 2026

Moagi D.K. Bathuleng

APPLICANT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB 000769/25

IN THE STATE of the late DIPONKA VIRGINIAH GASEITSIWE who died at Bamalete Lutheren Hospital, Ramotswa, Ramotswa District, Botswana on the 26th July 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their 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, Ganga Tumelo Gaseitsiwe, P O Box 390, Mahalapye
Cell: 71691151

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000957-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late OGOPOTSE GABARONGWE Who died at Matoba Ward, Paje Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 21st day of July 2022.

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 Paje on this 17th Day of February 2026.

The Executive Dative
Thlobogano Badirwang
Paje Postal Agency
Paje Via Serowe
Cell: 77081925

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No.2180/2006 dated 08-day September 2006 made in favor of REBABONYE PHARITHI.

CERTAIN: Piece of land being, LOT 22721 Gaborone
SITUATE: In Gaborone G West Extension 17 four sq
MEASURING: 584m², Five Hundred and Eighty-four

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 14th DAY OF August 2025......
APPLICANT

RE: TEACHING VACANCIES

Cathedral Commercial School is looking for qualified, dynamic and dedicated persons to fill the posts of Shorthand and Audio Transcription and Quantitative Methods lecturers.

Qualifications: Teaching/Trainer's certificate, Advanced Diploma in Teaching, Moderator and Assessor certificates a MUST. Should have 120 wpm or above in Shorthand, Advanced 100/120 wpm Audio Transcription, diploma/degree in Computer Studies.

Minimum Experience: 5 years in related field of work.

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Applicants must include certified true copies of certificates, curriculum vitae, national identity (omang) and references from at least three referees.

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P O Box 218
GABORONE
email: cathcsch@gmail.com

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An established diamond manufacturing and polishing company based in Gaborone is inviting suitably qualified and experienced candidates to apply for the following positions:

1. Laser Operator

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum 5 years' experience operating diamond laser cutting machines
- Strong knowledge of diamond planning and marking
- Ability to interpret planning instructions accurately
- Experience with Galaxy / Helium or similar laser systems will be an added advantage

2. Accounts Assistant

Minimum Requirements:

- Diploma or Degree in Accounting, Finance or related field
- Minimum 3-5 years' experience in a similar role
- Knowledge of accounting software (Pastel / Sage or similar)
- Strong understanding of reconciliations, creditors, debtors, and payroll support
- Good knowledge of Botswana tax regulations
- High level of integrity, accuracy and confidentiality

3. Diamond Planner

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum 7-10 years' experience in diamond planning
- Proficiency in planning software (Sarin, Helium, OGI or similar systems)
- Strong understanding of rough diamond analysis and yield maximization
- Ability to work closely with production teams

4. Galahad / Fancy Stone Polisher

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum 10 years' experience in polishing round and fancy cut diamonds
- Experience in Galahad department will be a strong advantage
- Ability to achieve high makeable and excellent symmetry
- Strong knowledge of proportions and finishing standards
- Ability to meet strict quality and production targets

Interested candidates should submit their CVs, certified copies of qualifications, and references to:

Email: hr.ankitbotswana@gmail.com

Closing Date: 26 February 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Farm Manager- Sandveld Ranches

I am looking for a Farm Manager to work on a Cattle Ranching Enterprise in Western Sandveld (Central District). Prospective Candidates should have a Certificate or Diploma in Animal Husbandry or similar qualification. Candidates should have a minimum of three years of experience as Farm Manager in a Cattle Ranching Enterprise. Experience in Artificial Insemination will be an added advantage. Write, enclosing Certificates and written References to P. O. Box 81432, Gaborone. Email address: modisego@hotmail.com.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000048/21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MASEGO MOSO MOTSETSE**, who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 28th day of January 2021.

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

Any objections to the said Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

THE EXECUTOR
TERENCE DAMBE
C/O MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA)
PLOT 54349 CBD, BLOCK B, 3RD FLOOR
P O BOX 1339 GABORONE TEL: 3912734
EXECUTOR'S REF. TD/rf/M04263

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

ESHFT-000006-22

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

In the Estate of the Late Bothata Lekgwe who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital in the North East District of Botswana, on the 1st of July 2022.

The First and Final Liquidation Distribution Account in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the office of the Master of the High Court at Francistown for a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

BOIPUSO LEKGWE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
CELL: 74571800

AND TO: MASTER OF HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intentions to apply for a certified copy of the Deed No FT 420 / 2010 dated the D1 / 06 / 2010 made in favour of Estate of the late Babile Mothudi in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being 6228, Selebi Phikwe
MEASURING: 490m² (FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY SQUARE METERS)
SITUATED: In Selebi Phikwe Township Extension 12
HELD UNDER: FT 420/2010

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

Dated: 09/02/2026.

ADDRESS: P O Box 4, Francistown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO. FT 576/2004 DATED 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004 MADE IN FAVOUR OF MMOLOKI JUSTICE TSHUPELO in respect of

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 19033, Francistown;
SITUATE : In the Francistown Extension 27
MEASURING : 462m² (Four Hundred and sixty two Square Metres);
AS WILL MORE
FULLY APPEAR : From General Plan D.S.L No. 501/90 Surveyed by Land Surveyors B.C Malatsi and T.W Briddes in July 1990 to January 1991 and July-August 1994 and approved by the Director of Surveys and Lands on the 6th December 1994.
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Certificate of Registered state Title No: 12/95 dated 20th January 1995 and subsequent DEED of Fixed Period State Grant No: FT 576/2004 dated 27th September 2004 made in favour of MMOLOKI JUSTICE TSHUPELO

Dated 9th February 2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person **Estate Number** **Date Of Meeting** **Time** **Master**
MARGRET FANYANA ESHFT-000147-26 28-04-26 0900HRS ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person: Gobonamang Palai
Estate Number: ESHMN-000003-26
Time: 0900
Date of Meeting: 18-03-2026
Place of meeting: Maun

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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VACANCIES

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

WHOLESALE PHARMACIST NEEDED. Requirements: degree in pharmacy, registered with BHPC, min 1 year experience, basic computer knowledge. Send Cv to: montelosolutions@gmail.com Closing date 06/03/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED: at Gateway Poultry farm in Kgope. P O Box 50470 Gaborone. 71812138

PERSONAL / RESEARCH ASSISTANT wanted. Must be female, must be tech-savy, know how to use microsoft office, must have own laptop, must have minimum degree, starting salary P1000. Email: drknm@outlook.com

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PUMPKIN PATCH DAY CARE and Pre-School in Phase 2, Gaborone is looking for Teachers with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and atleast 5 years experience in teaching. Apply to P O Box 3141, Gaborone. Closing date: 5 march 2026

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST, Position: Principal Laboratory Scientist, 15 years at least 5 years at Management Level Training on ISO 15189 critical email: northernpathology_lab@hotmail.com phone: +26771666700

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINIST (crankshaft grinder operator) required. Qualified, dedicated and skilled automotive precision machinist the crankshaft grinding section with a minimum of 10 years experience. Equivalent to diploma. Apply to: Hanpec Auto Grinders Private Bag Ae 945 Ae Gaborone

DATA SECURITY SPECIALIST required. Relevant Degree, 10 years experience in cloud computing, security. Apply - best moves, Box 20, Molepolole (06/03/2026)

WANTED EXTRA HEAVY duty driver, minimum 10 years experience cross border. Good with manual gear change. Contact : Mistophia 71829448, 77084434

GABORONE UNITED FC is looking for Head Coach with Caf A license or equivalent, and an experienced defender, midfielder and striker. Closing date 06 March 2026. Call +267 71346334

LIVE IN NURSE AID Assist with activities of daily living (ADL's) Support with medication reminders and simple health tasks. Prepare meals, maintain safe, clean living environment. Previous experience, training + certification. Contacts 75794520, tumi.sej@gmail.com

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VCI-CAREERS (PTY) Ltd: (1) Director of studies: qualifications: masters in management/education plus BQA accreditation, 15 years experience. (2) Trainer in education qualification: diploma in education plus guidance and counselling, 10 years experience. Apply to Manager: Box 1733 Mogoditshane. Plot 360 Mogoditshane. 74988402. Closing date: 27 February 2026

QUALIFIED UPHOLSTERER WANTED, minimum 20 years experience. Must have a driver's licence. Contact 72794748 / 76690606

Application for a Certified Copy Lost Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No MA562/2013 dated the 17th day of July 201, made in favour of **SEA CREST HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being tribal Lot No 76, Rasesa

SITUATE: in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory,

MEASURING: 1617 m² (One thousand Six hundred and seventeen Square Metres):

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed Cession No MA562/2013 dated 17th day of July 2013 in favour of **SEA CREST HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**.

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

DATED at Gaborone this 5th Day of February 2026
MOARSH HOLDINGS for the applicant plot 1248 Block One Mmopane, Botswana P O Box 2720 Aad Gaborone Telephone : + (267) 391 10990 + (267) 7284472

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person: Gobonamang Palai
Estate Number: ESHMN-000003-26
Time: 0900
Date of Meeting: 18-03-2026
Place of meeting: Maun

Marvelous Light Investments (Pty) Ltd is a 100% owned Batswana recruiting agency situated in plot 1766 phase 1 Letlhakane, Botswana.

Marvelous Light is urgently looking for people to fill in the following positions:

VACANCIES

Locum Radiation Therapist, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Theatre nurses, Diagnostic Radiographers, Registered nurses, Nurse midwife, Medical officers, Theatre nurses, anaesthetic nurse and Family nurse Practitioner. Health professionals will be attached to Gaborone Private Hospital, Jwaneng Mine Hospitals and Sidilega Private Hospital.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

A minimum of 3 years post qualification experience in a busy organisation, competence required: be able to work within the scope of practice, strong customer orientation, team builder, well organised and very energetic. A degree or diploma in Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, general nursing/ midwifery, diagnostic radiography is required.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications must include copies of CV,

QUALIFICATIONS and REFERENCES

All requirements are to be emailed to marvelouslight1@gmail.com

NB: ONLY shortlisted persons will respond to.

CLOSING DATE: 06/03/2026

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(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
MOTLHABANE MOLALE	ESHFT-001548-25	23-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
OBONYE KETHOBOGILE	ESHFT-001521-25	22-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
MOTSHABI MMAKGABO SEKGOMA	ESHFT-000168-26	23-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
DANIEL MAKHILA	ESHFT-000784-25	26-03-2026	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of 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
EMANG KGWADU	ESHFT-001042-25	31/03/26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
MOLAPISI MASILU	ESHFT-000079-26	28-04-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 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
TABOKA VICTORIA BOREKILWE	ESHFT-000145-26	29-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 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
SEGAMETSI MONTSHO	ESHFT-000164-26	28-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000276-21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **TENDAI KUFA** who died at Lenmed Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 26th June 2020.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

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Executor Dative, Kudakwashe Kufa, P O Box 1420, MOCHUDI, CELL: 76449703

Intention to Change Marriage Property Regime
 (In terms of section 8 (1) (f) of the Married Persons Property Act,2013)

1. **THABISO PATRICK MOHLOMI AND SHARON MOHLOMI**, married in community of property on **26th July, 2012** in **Tlokweng**, intend to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime from "in community of property" to "out of community of property".

2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication hereof.

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/ or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

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- Copy of valid trade license
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Adjudication of appeals emanating from decisions
of Land Boards in terms of the Tribal Land Act,(CAP 32:02)
and Planning Authorities in terms of the Town and
Country Planning Act (CAP. 32:09)



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St Joseph's Mission Clinic
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OR

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AUCTION SALE

Lobatse region intend to hold auction sale on 26 February 2026. Attached is a list of goods for auction sale to be placed on the advert in the local media.

Date: 26/02/2025

Venue : BURS Regional Office-Lobatse

Time: 0830 – 1530 HRS

Viewing date: 25/02/2026

Time: 0830 – 1530 HRS

Terms of sale: CASH/SWIPE

Goods below are to be auction:

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE(BWP)
LOT 2	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 3	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 4	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 5	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 6	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 7	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 8	1 BLANKET	100
LOT 9	10 BLACK TIES	50
LOT 10	5 FACE CLOTH	20
LOT 14	20 MIXED LABEL T-SHIRTS	250
LOT 15	20 MIXED LABEL T-SHIRTS	250
LOT 16	20 MIXED LABEL T-SHIRTS	250
LOT 17	20 MIXED LABEL T-SHIRTS	250
LOT 18	20 MIXED LABEL T-SHIRTS	250
LOT 19	20 MIXED LABEL T-SHIRTS	250
LOT 20	SET OF 3 BAGS (BLUE)	200
LOT 21	SET OF 3 BAGS (GREY)	200
LOT 22	SET OF 3 BAGS (PINK)	200
LOT 23	TOILET PAPER 48 X2	100
LOT 24	2 DOOR HISENSE FRIDGE	1500
LOT 25	34 BERRETS	100
LOT 26	7 HANDABAGS	150
LOT 27	6 HANDABAGS	120
LOT 28	6 HANDABAGS	120
LOT 29	6 HANDABAGS	120
LOT 30	6 HANDABAGS	120
LOT 31	3 TRAYS OF EARINGS	50
LOT 32	34 BLACK CAPS	150
LOT 33	35 GREEN CAPS	150
LOT 34	27 MIXED COLOUR CAPS	120
LOT 35	25 RED T-SHIRTS	200
LOT 36	25 RED T-SHIRTS	200
LOT 37	24 CORSETS	150
LOT 38	12 BODY SHAPER BELTS	100
LOT 40	2 TRADITIONAL BAGS	50
LOT 41	12 HIPS & BUM SHAPER	100

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE(BWP)
LOT 42	6 TRACKSUITS	250
LOT 43	5 TRACK PANTS	200
LOT 44	8 REPLICA T-SHIRTS	200
LOT 45	10 SPOTTI HATS	100
LOT 46	MIXED CLOTHES	150
LOT 47	10 CATAPULTS	20
LOT 48	10 CATAPULTS	20
LOT 49	5 TRACK PANTS	200
LOT 50	2 WHITE HEELS	80
LOT 51	2 WHITE HEELS	80
LOT 52	2 KIDS WHITE SHIRTS	50
LOT 53	4 PACKS WIG ESSENTIALS	100
LOT 54	4 PACKS WIG ESSENTIALS	100
LOT 55	11 CAPS	70
LOT 56	7 -T SHIRTS	50
LOT 57	2 RIB STOP PUFF JACKET	100
LOT 58	10 PAIRS SOCKS	20
LOT 59	2 PAIRS SNEAKERS	100
LOT 60	2 PAIRS SNEAKERS	100
LOT 61	2 PAIRS SNEAKERS	100
LOT 62	3 PAIRS FLIP FLOP	80
LOT 63	8 DRESSES BALE	150
LOT 64	7 TRACKTOPS	150
LOT 65	6 BOTTLE NECKS	100
LOT 66	6 JACKETS	150
LOT 67	1 PERFUME	100
LOT 68	5 PERFUMES,1 ROLL ON	100
LOT 69	6 PERFUMES	100
LOT 70	6 TRACKSUITS	150
LOT 71	6 TRACKSUITS	150
LOT 72	2 STANLEY CUPS	50
LOT 73	5 BAGS	50
LOT 74	10 T-SHIRTS	100
LOT 75	6 BERRETS	100
LOT 76	30 PENS	30
LOT 77	7 CAPS	50

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE(BWP)
LOT 78	12 PERFUMES	120
LOT 79	40 X 10G VAPO RUB	100
LOT 80	10 EGG HOLDERS	100
LOT 81	10 VAPES	250
LOT 82	10 VAPES	250
LOT 83	10 VAPES	250
LOT 84	9 VAPES	240
LOT 85	ADIDAS SNEAKERS	200
LOT 86	ADIDAS SNEAKERS	200
LOT 87	ADIDAS SNEAKERS	200
LOT 88	ADIDAS SNEAKERS	200
LOT 89	VANCE SNEAKERS	200
LOT 90	ASICS SNEAKERS	200
LOT 91	FLIP-FLOP	150
LOT 92	YARDRUN SNEAKERS	200
LOT 93	SUIT CASE	50
LOT 94	COMFORTER	150
LOT 95	2 RIMS+4 WHEEL CAPS	300
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LOT 97	FEATHER DUSTERS	30
LOT 98	LIGHT COAT BALE	500
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LOT 108	LIGHT COAT BALE	500
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- The auction sale will be open to Botswana Citizens and wholly citizen owned companies.
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 - i) Valid copy of identity card(Omang / company certificate
 - ii) Contact details
- Goods will be offered to the highest bidder, after payment of the bid price within 24hrs from the time of the offer is announced to the winner.
- Goods will be sold with Reserve Prices and only bids equivalent or above the Reserve Prices will be considered.
- The highest bidder will be required to pay within 24hrs and collect the goods within two days, failing which the goods will attract a state warehouse rent at a prescribed rate.
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- Goods will be "SOLD AS IS" i.e. without any form of warranty or guarantee hereto attached.

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Boasa embraces Moringa economic potential



Tshiamiso Mosetlha
MABELEAPUDI

Boasa Integrated Farmers Association in Mabeleapudi would want to fully embrace the economic potential of Moringa tree. The economic spin-offs of this ambitious project abound and can bring about a ray of hope at a time when the country's economic landscape is at its lowest ebb.

Upon realising Moringa's economic potential, the 48 member' association have a dream to plant the 'tree of life' over a huge chunk of land measuring 28 hectares at Selathamokwe/Taukome lands.

To date, the association has started the ball rolling by digging deep-down individual members' pockets to plough 10 of the 28 hectares with the view to augment hectrage planted in the near future.

Boasa Integrated Farmers Association have started the project with the help of Mr Hunter of Hunter Global Network, who was the brain behind the planting of Moringa trees at Gakutlo in the Kweneng district.

The upbeat Boasa Integrated Farmers Association Chairperson, Mr Gobonetse Seetswane, relayed in an interview with BOPA that the huge employment prospects lie ahead if all goes well.

To add cherry on top, the

expected economic spin-offs that will be derived from the multi-million project according to Mr Seetswane, will bolster the overall development of the little-known Mabele-a-pudi village located within the Serowe North constituency.

"Members of the association conceived the idea of ploughing Moringa tree as a business as far back as 2025 and we remain ambitious that we will become the beehive of Moringa production and its 17-level value chain ranging from seed propagation to products like oil, powder, tea, capsules and many others," he said of the high-value 'miracle tree'.

At full production, the multi-million mega project is expected to churn-out a staggering P5.6 million from the sale of Moringa trees and will supply far-flung places, including Europe, which has shown interest in the project.

Furthermore, Mr Seetswane indicated that together with the group he leads they have done fair share of research on Moringa and learned about the symbiotic relationship between the plant and humans and realized the tree's nutritional value and healing power.

Beyond providing food, he noted moringa leaves can be used as relish or Morogo, adding that every part of the Moringa plant is edible. "Moringa powder is used as a medicine in multiple ways that prevent and treat chronic diseases like inflammatory diseases, diabetes and cancer, among others," he said.

He said they have decided to plant the Moringa Oleifera variety, whose leaves can also be used to produce tea. "It boosts the immune system and improves digestive

Moringa seeds are also rich in vitamins and minerals. The seeds extracts show antibacterial activity and are also used as water purifying agent.



"Moringa powder is used as a medicine in multiple ways that prevent and treat inflammation, diabetes and cancer, among others".

health. It supports blood sugar regulation, heart and skin health while providing vitamins A, C and E," he said.

The saying that one should not despise small beginnings resonates well with Boasa Integrated Farmers Association's vision, which advocates for a full-blown professional company that will have a board of directors conducting its affairs, accountants, security personnel, transport and logistics, and many other professionals.

Mr Seetswane is worried, though, about the impassable road that leads to the farm, especially during the rainy season. It is his fervent prayer that the road could be maintained to a better standard sooner than later to ensure smooth production.

An elderly man, Mr Maruapula Tumelo from Molodi cattle post, near Tshimoyapula attests that Moringa leaves and powder have healing properties, having used the same, to treat his foot joint that was problematic in the past.

He attributed the improvement of his blood pressure to Moringa leaves. He advises people to normalize using Moringa and to plant the trees in their yards. Ms Mogametsi Tapologo, aged 47, attested that after drinking Moringa juice, one feels confident and energetic, describing the tree as a powerful remedy for numerous ailments.

The tree, also known as a wonder tree, has enormous value and incredible potential for protecting and nourishing hair and skin as well as treating swelling and stomach upset.

Traditionally, the plant is used to cure wounds, pain, ulcers, liver and heart diseases, cancer and inflammation. **BOPA**

Kenya receives 21 000 starter doses of injectable HIV prevention drug

NAIROBI

Kenya's Ministry of Health has received a consignment of 21 000 starter doses of Lenacapavir, a twice-yearly injectable drug for HIV prevention. Patrick Amoth, director general for health at the ministry, received the consignment on Tuesday in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

He said the first phase of the rollout of Lenacapavir, a long-acting injectable HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, would

begin in early March. "The medicine works by blocking critical stages of the HIV life cycle, preventing the virus from establishing infection in the body.

Its greatest advantage is that it is administered only twice a year, offering six months of protection per dose," Amoth said, emphasizing that the medicine was designed for HIV-negative individuals.

He said the shipment represented a significant milestone in expanding access to

next-generation HIV prevention technologies across the region, as several African countries prepare to introduce the intervention.

Kenya expects an additional 12 000 continuation doses by April to ensure uninterrupted treatment for those who begin the injections.

Amoth said the ministry would implement a phased, evidence-driven rollout guided by epidemiological trends and health system readiness. Phase one will target 15 high-burden counties, followed by two additional phases

to progressively expand coverage nationwide, ensuring service preparedness, reliable commodity supply, and sustainable scale-up.

Kenya has been witnessing a sharp increase in HIV cases, with more than 20,105 new infections reported in 2025, according to the health ministry. The country's HIV prevalence stands at about 3.7 per cent, with about 1.34 million people currently on antiretroviral treatment.

"Of particular concern is the fact that 41 per cent of new HIV

infections occur among young people below the age of 24 years, underscoring the urgent need for novel prevention strategies," Amoth said.

Lenacapavir is expected to be offered at an estimated annual cost of about 7 800 shillings (about US \$60 US) per patient, a substantial reduction from the previous price of about 42,000 dollars. In July 2025, Kenya was selected among the first nine countries to introduce Lenacapavir. **Xinhua**

Lokgwabe community launches *Nama Online Radio*

Thuso Kgakatsi
LOKGWABE

The Lokgwabe community has taken a decisive step towards safeguarding its cultural heritage with the launch of *Nama Online Radio*, an initiative aimed at promoting and revitalising the Nama language.

There is a general fear among residents that the language is steadily losing ground to dominant languages.

The project answers government's call to preservation and broadcasting of indigenous languages through the establishment of community radio stations across the country.

For the people of Lokgwabe, the station is more than a communication platform, it is a cultural lifeline intended to restore pride in their identity and provide a voice for a community that has long felt marginalised in mainstream discourse.

Nama Development Trust chairperson, Nicholas Cooper, told *BOPA* that the online station was funded through the Cultural Survival Fund, an international non-governmental organisation based in the United States with a regional office in Cape Town, South Africa.

The fund had invited proposals for a 10-month indigenous radio establishment programme, for which the trust successfully applied. Now in its second month of operation, the station has already hosted a three-day intensive training workshop, facilitated by *Kaisames Radio Station* of Namibia.

The indigenous broadcaster was engaged to equip the project team with essential skills in broadcasting, ethical journalism and content production.

"The initial plan was to train 10 presenters, but the project scope provided for four presenters, a coordinator and a project officer who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the station," said Cooper.

He noted that the primary objective of the radio station was to create a platform through which the Nama people could discuss issues affecting them in their own language and from their own perspective.

"Indigenous communities across the world often remain unheard because they are minorities and most public discourse is dominated by majority groups. This radio station is meant to give us a voice and ensure that our concerns reach both our people and policy makers," he said.

Although the station prioritises Nama, about 30 per cent of its programming is broadcast in Shekgalagari, Setswana and English, to accommodate the broader community and encourage inclusivity.

Cooper said years of cultural assimilation had resulted in many Nama people, particularly the younger generation, speaking less of their mother tongue in favour of more dominant local languages.

"Through the radio, we want to encourage our people to speak Nama again. Language carries

identity, history and pride. When people begin to speak it more frequently, they revive the spirit of the community," he said.

The station's programming also addresses youth development, human rights, climate change, gender issues and the preservation of cultural heritage. Content is carefully prepared to meet ethical journalism standards, a principle Cooper said was emphasised during training.

Nama Online Radio currently broadcasts live from 9am to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with a second live session from 6pm to 9pm. A dedicated one-hour children's programme airs on Sundays and focuses on teaching the Nama language through educational content.

"So many children cannot speak Nama, so we are deliberately using radio as a learning platform to reach them at an early age," he said.

Evening programmes feature live interviews with relevant stakeholders on topical issues. Traditional leaders have already been engaged to discuss challenges such as stock theft and possible solutions for the district.

Cooper said listener feedback had been encouraging, noting that the project was still in its formative stages and that presenters would continue to receive training to enhance their professionalism and improve content quality.

Looking ahead, the trust plans to engage the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority with the aim of transitioning from an online platform to a fully-fledged frequency-based community radio station once the 10-month project period ends.

"Online radio limits listenership because it requires smartphones and reliable internet access. Our long-term goal is to operate a community radio station that can be accessed by everyone while still maintaining our online presence," he said.

He welcomed government's commitment to community broadcasting and the dissemination of news in indigenous languages, describing the project as timely and aligned with national development priorities.

Beyond language preservation, the initiative is expected to create employment opportunities and open up a value chain that includes presenters, technicians, producers and administrative staff. It is also seen as a platform for nurturing local talent in music, poetry and storytelling, which Cooper said remained largely untapped.

"We want this station to inspire our people, uncover hidden talent and attract qualified journalists from within the community so that it becomes a permanent institution that promotes our language and culture," said Cooper.

He said *Nama Online Radio* represented a technological milestone and was a symbol of cultural resilience.

Its coming into being means that the Nama language would be heard, celebrated and passed on to future generations. **BOPA**



Toby and Abby Café breaks traditional culinary boundaries

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

What began as a small stall selling *lerotse* juice, *lerotse* porridge, *lengangale* and seed snacks has grown into a vibrant indigenous foods café.

Last week, Triple A Farm, based in Gakuto locality, officially expanded its operations with the launch of Toby and Abby Café in White City, Gaborone, along Kaunda Road.

The founder and managing director of Triple A Farm and the café, Lere Tapologo said the café was named in remembrance of her two sons, Toby and Abby, who died in a car accident in February 2020. She noted the painful coincidence that Kaunda Road where the café now stands was the same road that claimed their lives, a fact she only discovered after choosing the location.

"As we officially open our café today, may Toby and Abby Café stand as a beacon of community spirit, creativity and cultural achievement," she said.

Tapologo explained that the name Triple A was derived from the names of her children: Aobakwe, Atang and Ame.

"Some people thought this is a tuckshop. This is a café. Our mission is simple. We do not only want to serve coffee because it is a café or because people are hungry, we want to give people indigenous

food," she said.

She added that the business focuses on making indigenous food fashionable while maintaining their health benefits. Traditionally, foods such as *lengangale* were served plainly and attracted little interest, but the café has repackaged them to be visually appealing.

Tapologo said Toby and Abby Café was born from a powerful dream to create a one-stop destination where culture, community and culinary creativity thrive together.

"We did not want to sell just food. We wanted to tell a story through every bite and every sip, the story of the land that nourishes us, the hands that cultivate our food and the traditions that ground us, from agro-processing to the final plate," she said.

She emphasised that the café celebrated

sustainability and authenticity. She often labels her products 'authentic *bogobe jwa lerotse*' to distinguish them from modern city versions that include added spices.

Every ingredient, she said, represented a journey from farm to table, connecting rural producers with local consumers in ways that uplift communities.

Local collectors supply Triple A Farm with indigenous fruits such as brandy bush (*moretlwa*), sour plum (*moretologa*), milo and others. Ms Tapologo believes many people are now eager to reconnect with natural, traditional foods, and the café provides easy access to those tastes.

The café strictly sells indigenous beverages and foods, including *morula* nectar, *lerotse* juice, baobab drinks and *moretologa* juice, rather than products commonly found in large retail stores.

She said the café also served as a platform for other citizen-owned indigenous brands. Producers such as Secret Kalahari, which trades in donkey milk products, and Phatsima Innovations, which adds value to moringa and other indigenous products, are invited to sell their goods there.

"We want this café to be a one-stop shop where any Motswana who wants indigenous products can come and find everything from our land," she said.

Tapologo stressed that the business was not only about selling food, it was also about sustaining livelihoods, supporting farmers and cultivating change through investment in local produce, people and the environment.

Founder of Toby and Abby café, Lere Tapologo, said the business focuses on making indigenous foods fashionable while maintaining the health benefits. Photo: Keetile Bontsibokae

She urged the nation to take indigenous foods seriously and embrace healthier alternatives, cautioning against snacks and foods high in refined sugars. She said Triple A Farm avoided harmful additives in its processing and took pride in producing healthy items such as its energy bars.

She acknowledged that the journey of Triple A Farm had been supported by stakeholders including the Local Enterprise Authority. Tapologo also noted that the café ensured its organic products met quality standards by testing them at the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute. **BOPA**



Premier league coaching carousel in full swing

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

As the race for the FNB Premiership title intensifies, so too are the winds of change continuing to blow through the league contenders' dugouts and technical setups.

With 19 of the expected 30 matches played this season, the traditional coaching merry-go-round has already taken centre stage.

The rumour mill is in full swing, with some coaches having already been shown the exit door by their respective clubs.

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saying that a coach is only as safe as his team's last result holds true in many sports and the Botswana Premier League is no different.

When things go haywire, as they often do at some point in football, debate always arises over where to place the blame after a string of poor results.

While some point to players and bad influence, others look toward the coach.

There are arguments for both sides, but a team cannot change an entire squad mid-season; therefore, the axe usually falls on the coach.

As the coaching merry-go-round continues to spin, one thing is clear: the FNB Premiership has become a high-pressure environment.

Currently, all the top three teams on the log have made notable changes in their dugouts midway through the campaign.

Interestingly, all the new gaffers at the centre of the carousel are European-born, which could be testament to the growth of the local game.

A notable change is the recent appointment of Dimitar Pantev at Jwaneng Galaxy, replacing Sean Connor, who parted ways

with the club amicably on February 12.

On the back of winning a league title with Gaborone United in the 2024/2025 season and an impressive CAF Champions League campaign, the well-travelled Pantev left Moyagolele for Tanzanian giants Simba SC, only to be dismissed 60 days into the new job.

The Bulgarian tactician returns to Botswana at a crucial stage of the campaign, with Galaxy firmly in the title race and currently at the summit of the standings, tied with Gaborone United on 44 points, separated only by goal difference.

Similarly, Gaborone United (GU) have announced the appointment of Sean Connor as the club's new head coach on a two-and-a-half-year contract.

The Irish gaffer takes over from interim head coach Khalid Niyonzima, who oversaw 15 matches and suffered his first defeat last Saturday at the hands of Sua Flamingoes.

Connor is no stranger to the local football fraternity, having steered Matebele FC to the Orange FA Cup semi-final in his maiden Botswana season, and later guiding Jwaneng Galaxy to the FA Cup title and a CAF Confederation Cup spot.

The former Cape Town Spurs technical director is regarded as a highly experienced football manager and holds a UEFA Pro License, the



Gaborone United coach Sean Connor

highest coaching qualification in European football.

Another dark horse in the title race, Mochudi Centre Chiefs, hired new head coach Miguel Corral Torreira, replacing club legend Pontsho Moloi.

The appointment of the 34-year-old Spaniard has been under the spotlight due to his relative inexperience.

Nonetheless, the reality of the side's revival is that the Spaniard has maintained an unbeaten record since taking over.

Torreira's side has won four of their previous four encounters and drawn one.

To his credit, Chiefs are back in contention for Botswana Premier League honours in third position with 37 points, only seven behind pace-setters Jwaneng Galaxy and GU. **BOPA**



Mochudi Centre Chiefs new head coach Miguel Corral Torreira

Tonota FC and Eleven Angels clash in thrilling encounter

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Eleven Angels FC coach, Shepherd Seathloho said the encounter would be an interesting one as they faced the log leaders.

He however mentioned that they lost some of their key players in January transfer window and brought in new ones.

"As such, we are still trying to find our combination but so far so good, we are going there to test ourselves against the log leaders, to also learn and enjoy," said Seathloho.

In other games to be played this weekend in the First Division North, second placed Ndundu Young Fighters FC will travel to Kasane to meet with Ferry Wanderers SC at the Prisons Ground.

Ndundu Young Fighters FC moved to second place last week after beating Enesia FC by 2-1.

In Francistown at the Francistown City Council Stadium, Enesia FC will play Motlakase Power SC, BR Highlanders FC will welcome JJ United FC in Mahalapye at BR Stadium and Sankoyo Bush bucks FC will lock horns with Mbalakalungu SC at Maun Sports Complex at Maun.

The other game will be in Serowe at Newtown Primary Ground, where Tsabotho FC will be against Mahalapye based Tshikenyega Tigers FC, which is currently fighting in the relegation zone.

With six games to go and how the log table is tightly contested, it is crucial for every team to secure the maximum points to be in a better place, this makes the fixture of **this** weekend even more electrifying. All the games are scheduled to start at 3:30pm. **BOPA**

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Top seed Cerundolo exits Rio Open

RIO DE JANEIRO

Top seed Francisco Cerundolo retired from the Rio Open on Wednesday due to a lower back injury, ending his bid for a maiden ATP 500 title.

The world No. 19 was trailing fellow Argentine Thiago Agustin Tirante 6-2, 3-1 in their last-16 match at the Jockey Club Brasileiro when he stopped play to receive treatment from a physiotherapist before deciding he could not continue.

An official medical report was not immediately available.

"It's not good to win like this, especially with Fran, one of my friends. I knew that he was very tired from last week, so I had to improve myself on the court and focus on me," Tirante said.

Tirante will meet either Francesco Passaro or Alejandro Tabilo in the next round.

Cerundolo arrived in Rio in strong form after winning last week's Argentina Open without dropping a set, and he had beaten compatriot Mariano Navone 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday.

His withdrawal opens up the

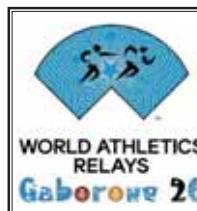
draw for Brazilian favorite and third seed Joao Fonseca, the world No. 38, who will face Peru's Ignacio Buse in the round of 16 on Thursday as he looks to recover from a slow start to the season in front of his home crowd.

Second seed Luciano Darderi of Italy and Argentine fourth seed Sebastian Baez were eliminated in the first round on Tuesday.

Darderi lost to Juan Manuel Cerundolo while defending champion Baez fell to Portugal's Jaime Faria. **Xinhua**



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Jade from Goshwe to the World

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

When she raked in three gold medals at the Africa Aquatics Zone IV Championships in eSwatini last September, Jade Chilisa knew instantaneously that the path she has been walking since infancy had finally started paying off.

She had come into the competition as a debutante, but she walked away all decked in gold, having clinched the medals in the 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and the 50m fly.

In the course of securing the top spots, Jade also set two new Championship Records (CRs) of 28.62 and 1:10.05 for the 50m backstroke and the 100m breaststroke, respectively.

Jade's journey of conquering the waters began in an

unconventional way.

At just nine months of age, her parents decided to introduce her to the waters of a swimming pool as a way of training her for safety purposes.

Unbeknown to them, that act of love was a seed that would later sprout and blossom into something truly beautiful—a seed that has since begotten a potential world icon in swimming.

And because an apple does not fall far from the tree, the 12-year-old from Goshwe is following on the footsteps of her father, Will Chilisa,

whose achievements she has dwarfed already.

Jade's choice of swimming over other sporting codes came naturally.

The early introduction to water and the fact that she spends most of her time in the pool at home solidified her affinity to water.

Her late grandmother, who saw the swimming potential in her, also triggered ripples in the little girl's heart by tagging her along to different swimming galas.

The rest, as the adage holds, is now history.

Jade started participating in swimming competitions at Thornhill Primary School, and later transferred to a school in Pretoria, South Africa where competition is fiercer.

"The competition in Pretoria is tough, but I am enjoying the challenges; they force me to work extra hard," she said.

Her ambition is to someday make it to the Olympics, hence her working hard now.

Who knows, she might be Botswana's talisman to its first-ever Olympic swimming medal!

And worth noting is that Jade's achievements are not results of solo effort.

She has a robust support system, which includes her parents, fellow athletes and coaches.

Her mother, Refilwe Chilisa, has had the privilege of watching her grow, not only as a swimmer, but also as a disciplined and

determined young athlete.

"Jade is focused, hardworking and incredibly resilient for her age. She approaches every training session with purpose and understands that success in swimming comes from consistency and sacrifice," she said.

Chilisa is always in awe of Jade's competitive spirit, which is balanced with humility.

"Whether she is racing the 50m freestyle or pushing through the 800m freestyle, she gives her absolute best. She is goal-driven and is constantly working to improve her times. She always listens to her coaches and learns from every race," she noted.

For Chilisa, her daughter's admirable demeanour extends beyond the pool as the youngster is respectful, coachable, and maintains a strong commitment to her academics.

The mother is glad that her daughter understands that being an athlete also means being responsible enough to represent both her club and country with pride.

She believes that Jade has the potential to grow into one of Botswana's outstanding female swimmers.

"As her mother, I am most proud of her perseverance and the discipline she shows daily. She gives everything in every race, whether it's a sprint or a long-distance event," she said.

After all is said and done, Jade's resilience is astounding: the early mornings, the hard training, and the unwavering commitment to always improve will bear fruit.

And as things are, she is not just chasing medals, she is building character and edging Botswana closer and closer to the possibility of winning an Olympics medal in swimming.

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Jade Chilisa

Tonota FC and Eleven Angels clash in thrilling encounter

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

An exciting encounter is expected this Saturday as the First Division North league log leaders Tonota FC host Eleven Angels at Rutwang grounds on Saturday.

So far with an unbeaten record, Tonota FC would not want to look back but to go for positive results as the matches are slowly fading.

With only six games to go, every win will be vital for the hosts to ensure that they seal the league earlier to advance to the FNB Premiership.

Playing home, also serves as a good advantage for Tonota FC to collect maximum points against their opponents on Saturday.

However, playing a youthful side, Eleven Angels FC, which its performance has been growing well with every match, is going to be a rocky road ahead.

Eleven Angels, at the moment occupies position six, having 21 points out of the 16 matches they played. The last encounter when they met in the first leg, Eleven Angels narrowly lost to Tonota FC with a 0-1 margin.

Tonota FC Coach, Thaloba Nthaga told BOPA that the team is on a mission to collect maximum points in every game they play. Nthaga added that they have prepared well for the game, citing that the one challenge they have been struggling with was scoring, which they worked on.

"We have been trying to address our lack of scoring more goals, we want to improve that," he stated.

However, as Tonota FC seem to be the favourites of being promoted to the premier league, Nthaga said they should not change the attitude but must continue to get the three points every game until its mathematical confirmed that they won the league.

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