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New facilities catalytic for investment attraction

Portia Keetile
KASANE

The new institutional office building and the Government Fleet Management (GFM) workshop in Kasane, which are both catalytic to attracting investment to Kasane, have officially been opened.

The two facilities were constructed by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism following the relocation of facilities that were located along the main road at the Chobe River front to pave way for the Kasane-Kazungula redevelopment project.

Government departments that will be housed in the new triple-storey building are the Department of Information Services, Department of Gender Affairs, Department of Civil and National Registration, Department of Immigration, Department of Water and Sanitation, Department of Tourism and the Department of Labour and Social Security.

Officially handing over the facilities to user ministries on Tuesday, Minister of Environment and Tourism Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said the facilities were not just a place of work but a new chapter in Botswana's tourism story.

He said the objectives of the redevelopment project were to promote citizen economic empowerment, thereby enhancing conservation, preservation and promotion of the area's natural and cultural heritage while ensuring environmental sustainability.

Moreover, he stated that the project was conceived in order to improve the environment and infrastructure to make it attractive as a place to visit, live and do business in.

"The towns of Kasane and Kazungula occupy a key strategic position in northern Botswana, at the confluence of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers where they are the main gateway into Botswana for the high spending foreign visitor market."

Mr Mmolotsi said the construction of the office building was awarded to Landmark Projects (Pty) Ltd at a cost of P93 million, with construction having commenced in August 2023 and the project reaching completion stage in December.

He said construction of the GFM workshop and fuel station was



The newly opened Kasane institutional office building will house departments that were relocated from the Chobe River front to pave way for Kasane-Kazungula Redevelopment Project.
Photo: Portia Keetile

awarded to Trust Construction (Pty) Ltd at a cost of P73 million, explaining that the projected had commenced in August 2023 and was completed in November.

The minister implored those who would occupy the two facilities to serve Batswana with dignity, efficiency and pride for generations, a dedication and

resilience that he said would play a critical role in propelling the economy forward.

Accepting the GFM workshop facility, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae said the workshop was built to be the backbone of transport services, which he described as a force that carried government services to communities on a daily basis.

"When a vehicle is well-maintained, a nurse reaches a clinic on time, an officer responds quickly to community needs, and development reaches places that might otherwise be left behind. Therefore, this facility represents more than infrastructure; it represents reliability, readiness, and responsibility."

Mr Salakae said the redevelopment project was a vision for a thriving tourism hub, new opportunities for citizens, and a future where development and sustainability moved forward together.

In his acceptance speech, secretary for public administration Mr Richard Molosiwa said the office building stood as proof of what could be achieved when government ministries worked together.

Mr Molosiwa said the infrastructure served as an inspiration for the occupants to serve Batswana diligently and with pride in the services they rendered.

He thanked the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, technical teams and experts who designed and constructed the offices that elevated the status of Kasane.

MP for Chobe Mr Simasiku Mapulanga said the two facilities were a dream fulfilled because Chobe deserved facilities that matched its tourism brand.

"Chobe transformation has begun with this state-of-art and aesthetically pleasing facilities and we need to further leverage on our strategic location at a quad point because it one of a kind."

He advised that planners and architects should take advantage of the beautiful aerial views of Chobe when they design building in future and make multi-storey buildings for breathtaking views. **BOPA**

Ramaotwana promises projects fulfilment

Chenzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services has assured Tobane residents that the proposed establishment of the Constitutional Court will not interfere with development plans.

In fact, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said planned and routine projects

such as maintenance and refurbishment of facilities in the health and education sectors, would go as planned.

Consulting with the residents on the proposed establishment of a ConCourt on Wednesday, Mr Ramaotwana said over P800 million was allocated for maintenance and refurbishment of various education facilities across the country, as well as for

purchasing necessary educational resources.

He also stated that the health sector had been prioritised too, with arrangements being made to acquire new ambulances, medication, and other essentials.

Mr Ramaotwana said the aforesaid planned projects were an indication that government acknowledged challenges in the sectors.

He highlighted that the purpose of the court was to uphold the rule of law and ensure justice for all citizens, emphasising that it would coexist with, rather than hinder, necessary developments throughout the country.

While residents said the initiative was rushed, Mr Ramaotwana assured them that government would follow all democratic measures regarding the court's establishment, including consultation and transparent feedback.

One of the residents, Mr Leonard Mosweu supported the establishment of ConCourt, saying it was vital in upholding fair and impartial justice within the legal system.

He acknowledged that such an institution could contribute to the safeguarding of citizens' rights and the promotion of the rule of law.

However, Mr Mosweu highlighted that issues in the health and education sectors, should take precedence.

He said some schools were in a bad state and needed significant maintenance so as to provide a conducive learning environment for the learners.

Ms Olorato Boifang and Mr Mogomotsi Rasentho also supported the establishment of a ConCourt arguing that it would serve as a vital institution within the legal framework, ensuring that the Constitution was upheld and interpreted appropriately.

They said it would play a role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of citizens while also providing a platform for resolving legal disputes that involved constitutional matters. **BOPA**



Tobane residents during a consultation meeting on the proposed establishment of the Constitutional Court on Wednesday. Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana assured them that the establishment of the Constitutional Court would not interfere with development plans.
Photo: Courtesy of Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services

Gaolathe Champion for Education

GABORONE

Vice President and Minister of Finance Ndaba Gaolathe, has been appointed Champion for Education by the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), says a press release from the Office of the President.

The release says his appointment places him among a select group of global leaders committed to expanding access to quality education, particularly in low-income countries.

Mr Gaolathe joins other prominent figures, including Sierra Leone's President Julius Maada Bio, as global efforts intensify to mobilise resources and address persistent gaps in education systems worldwide.

The development, according to the release, signals Botswana's growing role in shaping global education advocacy at a time when millions of children remain out of school or lack basic learning outcomes.

In his new role, the release states that Mr Gaolathe will support GPE's 'Multiply Possibility' campaign, which aims to raise US\$5 billion and unlock up to US\$10 billion in financing to strengthen education systems in more than 90 countries, potentially reaching nearly 750 million children.

According to the release, the GPE, the world's largest fund dedicated to improving education in developing nations, brings together governments, donors, international organisations, civil society and private sector partners to strengthen education systems, especially in regions affected by poverty and conflict.

The release notes that Botswana has achieved near-universal access

to primary education and strong progression to secondary level, largely due to decades of sustained public investment.

However, recent challenges, the release says have prompted national reflection on education quality and outcomes, with renewed focus on improving learning results, modernising delivery methods and aligning skills development with the demands of a changing global economy.

The release also highlights Mr Gaolathe's long-standing personal involvement in education, including years of volunteer teaching and mentorship in mathematics, science and life skills, working directly with young people in classrooms and communities.

BOPA



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) being seen off to Angola by Botswana Defence Force Deputy Commander, Lt Gen. Joseph Seelo at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone yesterday. The President is on a two-day working visit to Angola and Namibia respectively, in a move to strengthening Botswana's regional ties and advancing cooperation in key economic sectors. He met with Angola President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço yesterday and will proceed to Namibia today for talks with President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah. The engagements are expected to focus on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on trade, investment and enhanced collaboration in the mining and energy sectors. President Boko is accompanied by Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo, along with senior government officials. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Butale warns against foreign military work

GABORONE

The Minister for International Relations Dr Pheny Butale has issued a strong warning to Botswana against accepting foreign military or security-related opportunities, as the government intensifies investigations into two citizens believed to have been recruited into the Russia-Ukraine conflict under unclear circumstances.

The caution reinforces a February advisory issued by the government, which warned of emerging recruitment schemes targeting young Africans with promises of employment and training abroad, particularly in regions affected by conflict.

The government confirmed that it first became aware of the matter on November 17, 2025, following reports that the two nationals may have been enlisted under contract and placed under the control of the Russian military.

To date, authorities say they have not received credible information confirming the status of the two men, with their exact whereabouts still unknown.

"Do not be misled."

In a firm advisory, the Minister warned that offers of overseas training or employment, particularly those linked to security or military work, can conceal dangerous recruitment schemes.

"The information we have received suggests that the individuals were persuaded to

travel under the pretext of training opportunities.

We urge Botswana, especially young people, to exercise extreme caution and to verify any such offers through official channels," the government stated.

The February statement had similarly cautioned citizens against engaging with unverified foreign recruiters, noting that such schemes often operate through informal networks, social media platforms, and intermediaries posing as legitimate agents.

Authorities emphasised that Botswana law strictly prohibits citizens from enlisting in foreign armies or participating in foreign wars, warning that such actions carry both legal and life-threatening consequences.

Potential trafficking case

The government is treating the matter as a potential case of human trafficking or unlawful recruitment, consistent with concerns raised earlier this year about the growing international trend of covert recruitment into conflict zones.

Records show that the two men travelled from Botswana to South Africa on June 30, 2025, before eventually making their way to Russia.

Diplomatic missions have since been placed on heightened alert, with specific instructions, first outlined in the February advisory, to prioritise cases involving possible trafficking or recruitment of Botswana into foreign conflicts.

Diplomatic pressure mounts

Botswana has engaged both Russia and South Africa at multiple levels in an effort to trace the missing nationals.

The Ministry confirmed that continuous diplomatic engagement with the Russian government is underway, with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs acknowledging Botswana's communication and indicating that it is still investigating the allegations. At the same time, Botswana's High Commission in Pretoria is working closely with South African authorities, including the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), to track the movements of the individuals and any networks involved.

Ministerial-level engagements between Botswana and South Africa are ongoing, with the government expressing appreciation for South Africa's cooperation.

Presidency involved, families supported

The Presidency has been fully briefed and continues to receive regular updates from relevant agencies, with the government confirming that high-level diplomatic engagements are ongoing.

Meanwhile, the families of the missing men are receiving psycho-social support, with the government maintaining regular contact to provide updates as investigations progress.

Previous repatriation offers hope

In a related development, the government confirmed that one Mbotswana citizen was successfully repatriated in December 2025, following coordinated efforts by the Botswana Embassy in Stockholm, which is accredited to Russia. Authorities say this demonstrates that diplomatic channels remain critical in resolving such cases.

Strengthening prevention measures

Building on measures announced earlier this year, the government has intensified efforts to prevent similar incidents.

Officials have urged the public to report any suspicious offers, particularly those targeting unemployed youth with promises of training or employment abroad.

Repatriation contingent on findings

The government reiterated that repatriation efforts will proceed once the whereabouts of the two men are established, adding that all diplomatic and legal channels are being pursued to secure their return.

As investigations continue, authorities say the case highlights a broader national concern that Botswana are increasingly being targeted by transnational recruitment networks linked to foreign conflicts, requiring heightened vigilance from both citizens and the state.

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Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana has told Parliament that government was committed to uplifting the dignity of the San people. He said the ministry had facilitated participation, inclusion and integration of San communities in the development of the National Development Plan 12.

Justice ministry anchors budget on human rights and dignity

Tebagano Ntshole
GABORONE

Government has adopted Human Rights as its core principle of governance, hence its commitment to uplifting the dignity of the San people.

Presenting the budget estimates for the 2026/27 financial year for the ministry on Wednesday, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said extensive consultations with the San had been carried out but halted due to budgetary constraints.

Minister Ramaotwana said the ministry facilitated participation, inclusion and integration of San communities in the development of the twelfth National Development Plan 12 (NDP12). Further, he said the San participated in the development of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) as part of socio-economic inclusion.

He added that representatives of the San from Okavango, Kgalagadi, Boteti, Ghanzi and Charleshill were present at the BETP labs.

“During the Lab sessions,

representatives of the San developed a culturally appropriate programme, which was subsequently submitted to the Ministry of Finance to inform the NDP 12,” he said.

Minister Ramaotwana said government would ratify all regional and international instruments that promote protection of rights of indigenous people, make Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) a symbolic recognition of indigenous people and the right of return and formalising participation of the San in development.

“Government’s commitment to uplifting the lives of the indigenous people has been acknowledged and positively received at the international level. The UN’s Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous People commended Botswana’s demonstrated political will, openness to reform and growing leadership in the region with respect to the recognition, protection, and promotion of Indigenous People’s rights,” the minister said.

Debating the ministry’s budget request, Okavango West MP, Mr Kenny Kapinga said justice delay was

a major reason Botswana were calling for lengthy sentences and application of the death penalty.

Mr Kapinga said such, however, were not deterrent to crime, adding that effective justice characterised by quick disposal of cases was the best deterrent. The MP said everyone, including the worst criminals, had a right to a fair trial and urged the politicians to refrain from running along with mob justice, pronouncing people guilty before they were tried in a competent court of law.

MP Kapinga also appealed to government not to come up with trumped up charges against its opponents as it happened under the previous government.

“The more they get arrested, then it becomes a deterrent. Increase convictions before courts,” he said.

He further decried delayed justice in juvenile offences, saying children ended up being tried as adults although they had not reached the age of maturity when they committed the crimes. For her part, Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow said as a human rights-centred government, it should be visible in the justice system,

Asset declaration vital corruption deterrent tool

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Asset declaration is a vital anti-corruption tool with the potential to act as a deterrent against abuse of office.

Contributing to the debate on the Directorate of Ethics and Integrity budget

proposals for the 2026/27 financial year on Wednesday, Palapye MP, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi, said it was crucial for public officials to disclose income, assets and liabilities immediately after taking an oath of office.

That, he noted, would help detect illicit enrichment and prevent conflicts of interest.

Mr Ramogapi stated that requiring politicians and public officials to disclose their financial status served the public interest and assists in rooting out corruption, a vice he described as a threat to national security that undermined the well-being of citizens.

He emphasised that asset declarations were a powerful mechanism to prevent corruption and expose unexplained wealth.

Similarly, in support of the budget proposals, Lentsweletau/Lephephe MP, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu noted that preventing corruption was a matter of public interest.

He highlighted the importance of funding the Directorate to ensure that senior government officials did not exploit the country’s economy for self-enrichment.

However, Mr Bogatsu pleaded for the independence, resourcing and capacitation of oversight bodies, particularly the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) as custodians of such declarations.

He also called for an amendment to the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act, arguing that the current Act was ineffectual because it covered all government employees.

He suggested that the law should be more specific and target elite government accounting officers, politicians and procurement officers.

“Clearly the Act has so many loopholes, hence the need to amend it with the intent to further fortify its objectives,” he said.

Letlhakeng MP, Brig. Domcaza Mokgwathi commended the Directorate on its commitment to fostering accountability.

He emphasised the need to establish a robust system to systematically monitor the interests and assets of officials.

Brig. Mokgwathi noted that by requiring officials to disclose assets both upon taking and leaving office, it became easier to identify unjustifiable increases in wealth that may suggest bribery or corruption.

Maun East legislator, Mr Goretsetse Kekgoneng highlighted the need to make asset declaration a legal requirement for those involved in procurement, citing ongoing corruption related to the awarding of public tenders.

He also opined that the ruling party should avoid soliciting sponsorships from companies doing business with government.

Additionally, while supporting the Directorate in principle, Mr Kekgoneng cautioned that the entity would not serve its intended purpose unless the DCEC was granted true independence from Office of the President to enable it to execute its duties without restriction from the Executive. **BOPA**

Commercial borders key to regional integration and community growth

GABORONE

Government fully recognises the importance of upgrading borders into commercial border post to support logistical supply chains that are critical for regional integration and to act as a catalyst for economic activity and development of communities surrounding such infrastructure.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, said government aimed to establish additional commercial border facilities to generate new trade routes with a view to open Botswana to the world trade markets and to distribute traffic flows for enhanced seamless cross border movements.

Mr Gaolathe stated that the intention was to convert Platjan

Border Post in the Bobirwa constituency into a commercial border post.

“Botswana did engage South Africa on the matter as far back as 2018. However, South Africa cited insignificant movement of persons across the border thus negating the proposal to convert the border in this regard,” he said.

He noted that commercialisation of Platjan Border Post was a strategic intervention to redistribute and optimise regional freight flow to relieve the current congestions experienced at Martin’s Drift Border Post. He added that the development would ensure that Botswana added a critical route for cargo feeding into Zimbabwe and Zambia, extending to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania along North South

Transport Corridor.

“South Africa was not keen on the matter and it was removed from agenda. The only development that was carried forward on the agenda was the development of a new bridge across the Limpopo River at this border,” he said.

He told Parliament that the next Bi-National Commission is scheduled for May 21, and the intention was to resuscitate the engagement on the matter given that it had the potential to relieve the traffic congestion at the Martin’s Drift Border Post.

Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas, had wanted to know if there were any plans to upgrade borders in the Bobirwa constituency to commercial status, and if so, state the progress recorded so far in actualising such plan. **BOPA**

with balanced rights between the crime victims and perpetrators.

Dr Dow said justice must make sense to the victims, not just through punishment for the perpetrators but they should also have financial award, hence a civil case should follow criminal proceedings.

She further asked for review of divorce cases saying at times the division of properties left people impoverished, giving an example where the married couple had only one residence but had to sell it, hence left homeless.

MP Ignatius Moswaane of Francistown South, said finger prints should be expunged when people either completed their sentences or received presidential pardon. He said in some cases, people were never told about their rights but instead tortured by the police.

MP Moswaane said many people were still waiting to be assisted by Legal Aid, adding they should be allowed to choose their own lawyers, however based on the rates offered. He said some refugees had been in Botswana for more than 30 years and therefore should be awarded citizenship and their children sent to tertiary institutions.

MP Shima Monageng of Molepolole South called upon ministries to ensure that funds allocated were adequately utilised.

He said affirmative action should be introduced to assist indigenous communities. Mogoditshane West MP, Mr Galenawabo Lekau said children imprisoned at Moshupa Boy’s Prison were likely to reach mature age before their trials.

He decried dilapidated infrastructure at prisons adding even the officials were discouraged by lack of progress.

MP Lekau agreed with MP Kapinga saying the ruling party should not use government resources to silence their opponents. Kanye East MP, Mr Prince Mosanana called for the parole of prisoners saying that would reduce costs and give them an opportunity to fend for themselves. He further said they should be upskilled so that they had something to use when they were free.

MP Mosanana further called for increased capacity for customary courts to lessen the burden carried by magistrate courts.

Parliament, meanwhile, approved the requested budget of P151 million and P48,940,400 for recurrent and development, respectively. **BOPA**

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

ESHFT-000454-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ELISA KOONTSE ESHFT-000454-24** who died at **NYANGABWE REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **19 JULY 2020**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Assistant and Master of the High Court Francistown for period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MOOKETSI KOONTSE | EXECUTRIX DATIVE AND TO : **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	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
SUSAN CHALEGWA	ESHFT-001297-25	20-05-26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT- 001002-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MR SELEKANYO NKOKETSANG-ESHFT-001002-25 WHO DIED AT LETLHAKANE HOSPITAL, BOTETI DISTRICT ON THE 07 JUNE 2025.

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DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11 DAY MARCH 2026

MR ONTHATILE BOSEPENSENG
EXECUTOR DATIVE
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LETLHAKANE

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
GALALETSANG LETSHOLO	ESHFT-000052-26	27-05-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference ESHGB- 000158/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late Ellen Ratau who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 12th September 2024.

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

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Exclusive Human Capital Consultancy chairperson (EHCC), Mr Joe Ndadi during the EHCC summit in Gaborone on Wednesday. The summit brought together key stakeholders to equip them with practical tools to strengthen compliance and effectively manage risk in an evolving business environment. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

Surge in non-bank financial sector prompts tighter oversight

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

The rapid expansion of non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), now representing a substantial share of financial assets worldwide, is reshaping global and domestic financial systems, prompting regulators to strengthen oversight and adapt to a range of emerging risks.

According to the Financial Stability Board, the sector grew by 9.4 per cent in 2024, almost twice the pace of traditional banking institutions, and accounts for nearly 51 per cent of global financial assets. Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA) senior risk coordinator, Ms Tumisang Ramotlopi, said Wednesday during the Exclusive Human Capital Consultancy (EHCC) summit that was held in Gaborone.

Domestically, she said NBFIs constituted more than half of the financial system's assets, with retirement funds, insurance companies and capital markets contributing significantly to the sector's growth.

Ms Ramotlopi explained that the regulatory landscape was shared among several key institutions, adding that the central bank oversaw banking stability, while the Financial Intelligence Agency focused on combating money laundering and terrorism financing.

NBFIRA is tasked with supervising the non-bank sector, including insurance, retirement funds, capital markets and virtual assets, ensuring those institutions operate safely and in line with regulatory expectations.

A central concern Ms Ramotlopi raised was the increasing interconnectedness between banks and NBFIs, explaining that previously distinct sectors were now deeply linked, creating structural vulnerabilities that could amplify the transmission of financial shocks.

She mentioned that geopolitical tensions, cross-border financial flows and technological disruptions, including advances in artificial intelligence and digital assets were further complicating the risk landscape.

Cybersecurity threats were also highlighted as a critical concern, with global assessments showing that such threats continued to rise in frequency and severity, and had the potential to disrupt essential services, undermine public trust and cause economic damage, particularly if large institutions are targeted. To address these challenges, Ms Ramotlopi stated that regulators were enhancing risk-based supervision, improving stress testing and operational resilience as well as strengthening financial crime detection systems.

She further added that there was also a growing focus on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) compliance, data protection, and the adoption of regulatory technology (RegTech) to monitor compliance in real time.

Ms Ramotlopi emphasised that the future of compliance was in balancing innovation with robust governance, noting that technology offered significant opportunities for efficiency and risk management, but must be implemented responsibly with proper oversight, ethical safeguards and risk frameworks.

"Effective collaboration between regulators, financial institutions, and stakeholders is essential," she said, further adding that "ensuring resilience in the non-bank financial sector is crucial for economic stability and sustainable growth."

Ms Ramotlopi said that as NBFIs continued to expand, the sector's resilience and compliance capabilities would be key to maintaining confidence in the financial system while supporting innovation and long-term growth.

EHCC chairperson, Mr Joe Ndadi, highlighted the organisation's mission to deliver tailored digital solutions focused on customer needs, security and ethical practices.

With the theme: The Future of Compliance, Innovation, and Artificial Intelligence, Mr Ndadi said the summit would address growing regulatory demands and the impact of emerging technologies.

The two-day summit, featuring discussions on risk management, corporate governance, ESG principles and global compliance trends, brought together government officials, business leaders and key stakeholders, to equip them with practical tools to strengthen compliance and manage risk in an evolving business environment. **BOPA**

Local production eases import reliance

Gaboselwe Olesitse
SELEBI PHIKWE

There is need to localise production and strengthen supply chain resilience to transform the country's economy from import dependent to manufacturing driven.

The Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said this during a tour of Emerging and Prospective Health Manufacturing facilities, a project facilitated by SPEDU, in Selebi Phikwe on Wednesday.

He said the visit was part of the government's push under the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan Programme (BETP) to increase local production of goods.

He said the tour was also to gain a comprehensive understanding of the ministry's objectives regarding direct procurement from producers; an initiative aimed at identifying producers who not only met rigorous standards of quality but also offered cost efficiency and reliability.

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to stimulate and enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities," said Mr Ookeditse.

He emphasised that the approach would play a crucial role in the ministry's broader strategy aimed at reducing dependence on distributors and middlemen.

He said sourcing directly from producers, the ministry sought to streamline the supply chain, improve product availability and ultimately create a more resilient and self-sufficient manufacturing environment within the region.

"This strategic shift is expected to empower local industries and ensure sustainable access to essential medicines while reducing exposure to global shock," he said.



Assistant Minister of Health Mr Lawrence Ookeditse

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ethiopian Airlines resumes passenger flight to Atlanta

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's largest flight carrier, on Wednesday announced the resumption of its direct passenger flight between Addis Ababa and Atlanta in the United States, starting from May 21. The Ethiopian flag carrier will resume the service after a temporary interruption of the route since February, the airline said in a statement. Chief Executive Officer of the Ethiopian Airlines Group Mesfin Tasew said that the route will serve growing demand from business travelers, members of the African diaspora, and tourists seeking convenient access to destinations across the African continent. "Atlanta is one of the most vibrant markets in the United States, and Ethiopian Airlines is delighted to bring this route back into its network," the statement quoted Tasew as saying. **Xinhua**

Tanzania to implement tax reforms

DARES SALAAM

Tanzania's Directorate of Presidential Communications said on Wednesday that the East African country is set to carry out comprehensive tax reforms. According to a statement issued by the directorate, the move signals a shift toward building a modern, service-oriented tax system aligned with the country's evolving economic needs. President Samia Suluhu Hassan said that a commission was established to conduct a thorough review of the tax system following longstanding concerns raised by citizens, businesses, investors and development partners. She said that nearly 35 years have passed since the last major review, highlighting the urgency of modernising the system to reflect current economic realities. She said the plan envisioned contributions of 22 per cent from public revenue, 70 per cent from the private sector, and 8 per cent from public institutions, stressing the need to empower private sector growth. **Xinhua**

Zimbabwe announces second fuel price hike

HARARE

Zimbabwe on Wednesday announced the second increase in petrol and diesel prices in recent weeks as the ongoing conflict in the Middle East continues to put pressure on global oil markets. The Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA) announced in a statement that blended petrol now costs US\$2.17 per liter, up from US\$1.71 set on March 4, while diesel costs US\$2.05 per liter, up from US\$1.77. "The government is taking deliberate actions to ensure that fuel brought into the country is accessed by all fuel stations, especially those in the far-flung areas of the country," the ZERA said. The ZERA said the government would endeavor to keep the price of diesel low. **Xinhua**

Skills and jobs mismatch remains concern

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana is at risk of experiencing a higher increase of unemployment due to a persistent mismatch between skills produced by the education system and those demanded by industry, Business Botswana's Construction and Built Environment Sector chairperson, Mr Caesar Tshupelo has warned.

Speaking during the inaugural Higher Education Sub-High Level Consultative Council (Sub-HLCC) meeting in Gaborone on Tuesday, Mr Tshupelo said the country's long-standing failure to align training outcomes with market needs had created deep structural inefficiencies in the labour market.

"Weak collaboration between education and training institutions and the private sector has, over time, resulted in graduates whose qualifications do not match industry expectations," he said.

While acknowledging that Botswana had consistently produced skilled graduates, Mr Tshupelo expressed a concern that many were not being absorbed into the economy because their competencies did not correspond with real-time demand.

The situation, he cautioned, had led to a paradox in which unemployment continued to rise despite the availability of trained individuals, "as critical sectors remain under-served while others are over-saturated." Mr Tshupelo attributed this imbalance to the absence of a coordinated national approach to skills planning, which he said had made it difficult to accurately identify shortages and surpluses across different disciplines.

Without such coordination, he said training institutions continued to produce graduates in fields with limited employment opportunities, whilst industries with high growth potential struggled to access appropriately skilled workers.

Focusing on the construction, engineering and facilities management sectors, Mr

Tshupelo noted that the industries had historically demonstrated strong potential to generate employment, particularly during periods of economic expansion.

However, he said the potential had not been fully realised in recent years, partly due

to gaps in skills alignment and insufficient industry readiness among graduates.

He further explained that the construction sector, alone, encompassed a wide range of specialised competencies, including infrastructure development, engineering

systems such as water supply, sewerage and wastewater management and ongoing facilities maintenance.

"These interconnected areas require a diverse and highly skilled workforce, which Botswana has struggled to consistently develop and integrate into the labour market," he added.

As a result, he said the country had increasingly relied on imported skills from neighbouring countries to meet industry demands.

This trend, Mr Tshupelo stressed that it did not necessarily reflect a lack of local talent, but rather the absence of structured systems to enable graduates to transition effectively into employment.

"The migration of skills is not simply because we do not have capacity locally, but because we have failed to create systems that allow our graduates to penetrate the market," he said.

He further criticised prolonged consultative processes that did not translate into tangible outcomes, arguing that whilst other countries moved swiftly to align education systems with industry needs, Botswana continued to lag behind due to bureaucratic inertia.

Drawing on past experience, Mr Tshupelo cited the mining sector as an example of missed opportunities in local skills development.

He said inadequate coordination between training institutions and industry had previously forced reliance on foreign expertise in specialised trades such as boiler making and instrumentation, despite the existence of technical colleges capable of developing such competencies.

He also pointed to major infrastructure and energy projects as lost opportunities for skills transfer, noting that foreign contractors were often engaged to deliver within tight deadlines without structured apprenticeship programmes to equip local workers with practical experience.

"In the private sector, projects are driven by performance and timelines. Companies cannot afford to wait for underprepared graduates, so they import ready skills," he said, adding that whilst this approach might address immediate project needs, it undermined long-term national capacity building.

Furthermore, Mr Tshupelo raised concern over the government's ongoing infrastructure maintenance programme, valued at approximately P1.8 billion, warning that there was no clear strategy to ensure that local graduates, particularly those from Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions, benefited from the opportunities.

He questioned how the country intends to absorb skilled individuals in areas such as maintenance, painting, plumbing and facilities management, cautioning that without deliberate policy intervention, existing contractors were likely to continue dominating projects without integrating new entrants into the workforce.

"There is already a crisis in infrastructure, but we are not seeing clear strategies on how these projects will be used to absorb and develop local skills," he said.

Mr Tshupelo, therefore, urged policymakers to move beyond dialogue and implement practical measures that directly link training to employment, particularly in sectors with high job creation potential.

Additionally, he stressed the need for deliberate and structured partnerships between education providers, regulatory bodies and industry to ensure that skills development was informed by current market demands.

Mr Tshupelo's emphasised that without stronger coordination between government, training institutions and the private sector, Botswana risked deepening its unemployment challenges, whilst missing critical opportunities to build a competitive and self-sustaining workforce. **BOPA**



Business Botswana Construction committee member, Mr Caesar Tshupelo said Botswana job market was challenged by lack of specialised skills training, especially in mechanical technical jobs and skills transfer to help young people gain experience. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

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Mr Ookeditse said building a competitive industrial landscape was about elevation and encouraging those willing to join the wagon band to be innovative and deliver up to satisfaction and expectation for better alignment with global competition.

"The idea is to empower locals. The government spends a lot in the health sector, and the procurement is done outside the country, so this is to encourage local manufacturers to grab the opportunity. We understand that manufacturing comes along with its challenges, but concrete measures should be considered," he said.

Mr Ookeditse stressed the importance of developing both long-term and short-term strategic partnerships to address challenges in the manufacturing sector.

For his part, Technical Advisor to SPEDU Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ronnie Phuthogo, said some manufacturing companies were struggling to penetrate the market and the situation had over time, negatively impacted profit margins, making it difficult to service loans, pay rental bills, and attend to other business necessities. **BOPA**

China automakers gain foothold in Namibia market

WINDHOEK

Chinese automotive brands are expanding their presence in Namibia, moving beyond a marginal foothold, according to a report released Tuesday.

The latest data from Simonis Storm Securities, a local research firm, shows that Chinese manufacturers collectively sold 142 units in February, accounting for 12.2 per cent of total vehicle sales, up from 127 units in January.

Noting a broad-based expansion by multiple Chinese brands across passenger and commercial segments, the report said that Haval led Chinese sales with 31 units, while Jetour recorded a sharp increase to 27 units from just five units in January.

Other contributors included GWM with 23 units across its passenger and light commercial vehicle range, Chery with 14 units, and JAC with 21 units, mainly in the commercial vehicle segment.

Foton and LDV jointly supplied 18 units,

primarily into the light commercial and utility space, among others.

Despite the Chinese surge, Japanese manufacturers maintained a dominant position, collectively selling 728 units, representing 62.2 per cent of total volumes. German brands saw a recovery to 141 units, or 12.1 per cent of sales, led by Volkswagen.

According to the research firm, February brought a welcome acceleration in Namibia's vehicle market.

A total of 1 165 units were sold during the month, up 4.1 per cent year-on-year from 1 119 units in February 2025 and 15.9 per cent higher than January's 1 005 units.

"This represents the strongest February outturn since 2016 and lifts year-to-date volumes to 2 170 units, 4.1 per cent above the corresponding period last year," it noted.

"The sharp monthly rebound suggests that the seasonal softness typically associated with the start of the year has largely run its course, and that underlying demand conditions remain intact," the firm added. **Xinhua**

Govt commits to provision of conducive learning environment

GABORONE

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Kethlalefile Motshegwa has told Parliament that the ministry remains committed to ensuring that all pre and primary schools operate in an environment that is conducive to effective teaching and learning.

Answering a parliamentary question from Kgalagadi South MP, Mr Joseph Modise on Wednesday, Minister Motshegwa said the ministry continued to provide essential materials and equipment to all 773 public pre and primary schools across the country.

He added that provision of transport in pre and primary schools was learner-centred and local authorities strived to provide vehicles whenever such services were needed.

However, he said, provision of dedicated official motor vehicles to individual schools had not been possible due to prevailing budgetary constraints and competing national priorities.

“While we acknowledge that access to reliable transport would enhance operational efficiency and

support school based administrative and supervisory functions the current resource allocations do not permit the acquisition of vehicles for each school,” he said.

Mr Motshegwa said the procedure was that schools operated under the administration of their respective district and city councils and did request for transport support from their councils through the offices of the education secretaries, in the same manner as other departments with local authorities.

He said councils were responsible for coordinating and allocating available transport resources to support official duties, including those of schools.

“It is not government’s policy to require teachers, like all other public officers, to use their personal vehicles for official duties and where official travel is authorised, it should be facilitated through existing council transport arrangements,” he added.

Mr Modise had asked the minister to state when it would be possible to provide pre and primary schools with official vehicles considering that teachers used their vehicles for official duties. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe said government had secured 1 000 Girolando dairy cows from Brazil to bolster the nation’s milk production. He said the acquisition was a cornerstone of the Milk Valley project’s strategy to ensure sustainable milk supply and reduce the country’s heavy reliance on imported dairy products.

Botswana secures Brazil dairy cows

GABORONE

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Mr Mathoothe said the cattle would be imported in staggered phases to ensure the health and safety of the herd, with the first batch of 200 cows expected to arrive in May this year.

He said each batch would undergo a six to nine-month observation period to ensure that they properly acclimatised to the local environment.

He added that the full procurement process for all 1 000 cows was projected to span 24 months.

“To ensure the project’s long-term success, the Brazilian suppliers

will provide an intensive 18-month technical training programme. This partnership includes on-site training at the dairy facilities and comprehensive coursework covering breeding, nutrition and herd management,” he said.

The assistant minister told Parliament that the Milk Valley project currently maintained a foundation of 250 milking cows.

He indicated that the transition from the former MilkAfric model to the current Milk Valley initiative represented a renewed commitment to self-sufficiency in the agricultural sector.

“The progress made towards having a sustainable milk supply to Botswana is still ongoing,” Mr Mathoothe stated, emphasising the goal of gradually phasing out dairy imports.

Shoshong MP, Mr Moneedi Bagaisamang, had asked the minister to state progress made in the MilkAfric project, now Milk Valley, towards having a sustainable milk supply to Botswana. **BOPA**

Fibre optic rollout renders towers obsolete

GABORONE

Parliament has learned that the objectives of the initial towers of Ghotha, Savuti and mid Mababe were achieved when BoFiNet deployed an underground fibre optic line along the same route connecting Maun and Kasane, rendering the towers redundant for the purpose they were initially planned for.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere said the previous administration directed Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) to halt the construction of the towers project and explore alternative methods linking the two areas. Minister Tshere said the administration was of the view that the towers were negatively affecting the terrain and aesthetics of wildlife

parks and nature reserves.

He stated that the completed Maun-Ngoma Bridge link connecting to Kasane served Mababe, Savuti and Ngoma, adding that, funds permitting, Ngoma would be connected in the near future.

The towers in question, Minister Tshere clarified, were part of Ntelets II Project, implemented in 2009 to 2012 by BTC, designed to provide redundancy or backup route in case of network failures in the Nata-Pandamatenga communications link.

He further clarified that the towers were not planned to provide services to communities residing within the park.

Meanwhile, Minister Tshere said the ministry was planning to decommission the towers in the 2026/27 financial year. He expressed

the ministry’s commitment towards provision of accessible and affordable communications to all communities, aligning with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal Nine.

“Through other initiatives such as universal access and service fund projects and SmartBots, the ministry continues to provide connectivity to all gazetted villages,” he said.

He further informed Parliament that the ministry would engage that of environment and tourism to find a delicate balance since the two were aware of the fact that Kasane-Maun route, through the park, had been opened to the public for formal use.

“Therefore, my ministry recognises the need for continuous coverage of communication services along this strategic route, especially considering the remoteness of the area,” the minister said.

Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga had asked the minister to state why the telecommunications towers of Ghotha, Savuti and Mid Mababe had not been completed and when the ministry intended to complete the towers. **BOPA**

Financial constraints halt national border buffer

GABORONE

The exercise to create a buffer along the international boundary was put on hold on account of financial resources, acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti has said.

Dr Dikoloti said this answering a question in Parliament on Tuesday, indicating that the exercise commenced in May 2024 and was intended to cover the entire boundary of Botswana with its neighbours, including the Molopo area, to address territorial integrity and sovereignty.

He said the ministry recognised that the land located along the international boundary had strategic significance to the economy and the social lives of Botswana.

He added that the absence of a buffer along the international boundary constrained border management and undermined security patrols, animal disease control, cross-border crime surveillance and community access to rivers and related resources.

“The threat of Foot and Mouth Disease has reinforced the need to address this colonial legacy where farms were allocated abutting the international boundary and the threat has now placed this exercise on the priority list of the ministry’s projects,” he said.

He also explained that the implementation of the National

Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) and the ongoing response to the Thibelo FMD exercise would go along with supporting and encouraging communities who had volunteered their time and resources to prevent possible incursion of the disease by maintaining the cordon fences.

Notwithstanding the challenges faced concerning freehold and leasehold farms, he said there had been a notable achievement in the Borolong area and 14 649.4 hectares had been acquired and all affected land rights holders had been compensated.

Additionally, he said government-owned Farm 1-JN (Banyana Farm) had been set back by 100 metres from the boundary and the remaining farms had been profiled while negotiations with farm owners would commence in the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year.

He further said the acquisition involved several steps of land acquisition, including consultations, valuation for compensation purposes and surveying the remaining extent of the land.

Kgalagadi South MP, Mr Joseph Modise, had inquired on the possibility to provide a passage between Molopo ranches and the border line for other farmers and government officials to have access along the boundary line at Molopo farms to reduce cross-border exit or entrance in the ungazetted areas. **BOPA**

Escort service for cash-in-transit vehicles still ongoing - Mohwasa

PARLIAMENT

Parliament has been informed that the decision to escort cash-in-transit vehicles was taken following a series of armed robberies involving vehicles transporting cash.

Responding to a question in Parliament on Tuesday, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said the measure was to introduce a proactive intervention to enhance security during the transportation of cash.

Minister Mohwasa stated that the Banking Association of Botswana (BAB) had, during that period within which the service was granted to the members, donated 12 vehicles to the Botswana Police Service.

He said currently, there was no formal agreement between

government and private security companies regarding such escorts and there was no cost-sharing with the relevant banks.

He, however, said the ministry was actively engaging relevant stakeholders with a view to mitigating the financial implications of the operation and identifying sustainable long-term solutions that would relieve government from that responsibility.

Mr Mohwasa also stated that the ministry resolved to enhance security during the implementation of such measure and there had been a decline in armed robberies related to cash in transit.

Regarding the costs for government, he said there was still a need to calculate how much had been spent on operations, although there was no dedicated unit for the operation, as it formed part of

normal daily duties, therefore, there were no readily available figures for police escort operations.

He also indicated that there were no plans to facilitate private security companies to independently undertake such operations. Serowe South MP, Mr Leepetswe Lesedi, had asked the minister to update Parliament on the nationwide Botswana Police Service escorts of security companies’ cash in transit vehicles and if the escorts were free or if there was cost sharing with the relevant banks.

Mr Lesedi also wanted to know when the escort started, their efficacy and how much it cost government per month for police escort services and whether it was not time to facilitate private security companies to enable them to handle such operations through capacity and arming. **BOPA**

Trust strives for sustainable community development

Kehumile Moekejo
KUTUKU

Community trusts have been embedded in the conservation and income-generation ecosystem, hence the villages of Mabutsane, Kanaku, Kokong, Morwamosu, Mahotshwane, Sekoma, Khonkhwa, Keng, Itholoke, Khakhea and Kutuku have come together with a common purpose of tapping into the natural resources in their area to develop the local communities.

Established in 2001, Mekgatshi Conservation Trust's major area of interest was the Wildlife Management Area commonly known as SO2, which covers a significant area in the district.

The area is home to wildlife species, which include Kudu, Gemsbok, Warthog and

Ostriches, and lately the highest valued commodity being the Leopards.

In collaboration with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, the Trust entered a verbal agreement in which an annual animal quota would be allocated to the communities to raise funds.

What started as a humble initiative, with each village contributing P500 towards the establishment of the Trust, has now reached a cumulative savings of over P3 million, an achievement which they mainly attribute to the sale of leopards over the few years from 2022.

"We started getting leopards in 2022, starting with one. Before then, our account savings was less than P200 000, but we started selling the first leopard for P110 000 and our savings kept increasing over the years as the quota increased," Mekgatshi Conservation Trust chairperson, Ms Bantlhotse Taole explained in a recent interview.

Nonetheless, the SO2 has become a topical issue between the government and the affected communities, particularly after suggestions that the area be



Mekgatshi Conservation Trust chairperson Ms Bantlhotse Taole says the SO2 hunting quota is the economic mainstay for their Trust. Photos: Kehumile Moekejo



Senior chief representative, Kgosi Kgakgamatso Moletsane has opposed the demarcation of the SO2 into ranches, indicating that it would compromise the grazing area and hinder the growth of the villages in the peripheries.

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From the tribal leaders' point of view, the proposal would have a negative impact on livestock grazing and thwart any future growth and expansion for the villages.

The senior chief representative for Mabutsane area, Kgosi Kgakgamatso Moletsane has never ceased the opportunity to express their views during public gatherings, the latest being a consultative kgotla meeting on the establishment of the Constitutional Court which was addressed by the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhlalefile Motshegwa in January.

"The idea to demarcate the area for ranches was conceptualised

with no consultation with the affected communities and I believe we could have been given the opportunity to express our views. Another point of contention is that we know that the local residents would not be able to compete with other applicants for the ranches owing to financial limitations, hence no benefit to our communities. We therefore still maintain our stand that the SO2 area should be left as a grazing area for the people in its proximity," Kgosi Moletsane had said.

On the other hand, if executed, Ms Taole believes the plan would end the Trust's dream of growing the economy of the district. Even though their future plans include exploring ways of commercialising and packaging

wild fruits, the SO2 remains the economic mainstay of their Trust.

Currently, discussions to venture into the hospitality industry are ongoing, with the aim to secure a prime spot along the Trans Kalahari Corridor for hotel business. The latter is expected not to only create jobs for the locals, but to also create a sustainable legacy for the district.

"We are planning to benchmark from other community trusts which have similar well-established businesses. Our goal is to start a hotel business which will create employment opportunities for the young people in our area, while at the same time creating a legacy that is economically sustainable to ensure continuity in community development," Ms Taole explained. **BOPA**

GCC records mixed performance across key sectors

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

The Gaborone Urban Development Committee has reported mixed performance across key sectors, citing notable improvements in service delivery alongside persistent socio-economic and infrastructure challenges.

Presenting the committee report during a recent Gaborone City Council meeting, Principal District Officer - Development, Ms Diane Oabile, said the district currently had 2 136 economic projects.

Of these, 852 are operational, 1 226 are non-operational, 56 have failed and 39 are classified as success stories.

She said the projects had collectively created 2 154 jobs, while 206 beneficiaries were still awaiting funding.

Ms Oabile noted that project numbers had remained unchanged in recent months due to halted packaging processes following the suspension of Government Purchase Orders (GPOs).

On health indicators, she expressed concern over the rising number of underweight children under five, which increased from 1.4 per cent in the first quarter to 1.6 per cent in the third quarter. At the same time, she highlighted a contrasting trend in the capital, where cases of overweight children are becoming more prevalent.

On HIV testing, 8 967 individuals were tested, 3 338 males and 5 629 females, including 422 non-citizens. A total of 145 people tested positive, representing a 1.61 per cent positivity rate, which is a decline from previous quarters.



Principal District Officer - Development Ms Diane Oabile

Mental health services recorded a sharp increase in uptake, with new cases rising from 121 in the first quarter to 336 in the third quarter. She attributed this to the return of psychiatric nurses to health facilities after



their deployment in the national suicide prevention campaign.

In immigration and citizenship services, performance improved during the reporting period. A total of 10 884 passports were issued, an increase from the previous quarter, while uncollected passports declined from 1 220 to 947. Residence permit services processed 1 873 applications, slightly fewer than the previous quarter, but uncollected permits also dropped from 268 to 158, indicating improved compliance.

On HIV testing, 8 967 individuals were tested, 3 338 males and 5 629 females, including 422 non-citizens. A total of 145 people tested positive, representing a 1.61 per cent positivity rate, which is a decline from previous quarters. However, Ms Oabile cited a shortage of

test kits as a challenge affecting service delivery. Women aged 20 to 39 continue to account for the highest number of those tested.

Antiretroviral therapy (ART) coverage continues to expand, with 37 434 patients currently on treatment. Meanwhile, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) recorded a slight decline, with 6,406 cases reported in the third quarter, down from 6 538 in the second quarter and significantly lower than 8 642 cases in the first quarter. The most common conditions remain Urethral Discharge Syndrome and Vaginal Discharge Syndrome.

She said health authorities continued to intensify education campaigns, screenings and condom distribution to curb infections.

In the education sector, Ms Oabile cited a high teacher-to-

learner ratio and inadequate resources as ongoing challenges. Interventions include the introduction of double shifts, improved admissions management and requests for additional resources.

On social and community development, she reported that the supply of bread to schools is running smoothly following the signing of tenders in November 2025. A total of 21 schools are supplied by five bakeries, while 10 schools are supported by poverty eradication and economic empowerment beneficiaries, helping to improve local livelihoods.

However, she noted that schools currently had no spreads after previous procurement attempts failed due to a lack of response from manufacturers.

She further highlighted infrastructure challenges in schools, including a shortage of furniture due to funding constraints. Many primary schools require major maintenance, with some facilities infested with bats and others reporting flea infestations.

Ms Oabile said the situation had created an unconducive learning environment, with reports of unbearable odours affecting both teachers and learners.

Meanwhile, transport for learners with disabilities remained a concern due to an ageing fleet, although improvements were expected once financial conditions stabilised. **BOPA**

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Motlobo wa ditso wa Kgari Sechele I Museum o tla fetoga serala sa ditragalo jaaka badiragatsi ba poko ya Setswana ba tlabo ba iteisana borathana ka Matlhatso.

Morulaganyi wa tiro, yo gape e leng moeteledipele wa Maruping Poetry Organisation, Mme Keabonye Bareeng a re ba tlaabo ba ipelela letsatsi la mafatshefatshe la poko ka setlhogo se se reng: Poko Sgarona.

A re ba solofetse phadisanyo e masetla go tsweng mo baboking ba ba setseng ba itiretse maina jaaka Moroka Moreri, Tlharantlhophe le ba bangwe.

Mme Bareeng a re tlaabo ele tlholontsha mokgatlo o ipelela letsatsi la mafatshefatshe la poko, mme a re ba dumela fa ba tlaa tswela ba dira jalo ngwaga le ngwaga. A re tiragalo ya mofuta o, e thusa go lemoga le go akola talente ya baboki ka go farologana.

Le fa ntswa go sena meputso mo phadisanyong e, Mme Bareeng o kopa setshaba go ba rotloetsa, go tiisa baboki moko le gore ba kgone go itshela metsi ganong ka kitso ya bone ya

ngwao.

Mme Bareeng a re ga ana pelaelo ya gore barati le barotloetsi ba itloso bodutu e tlang ka bodiragatsi jwa ngwao, ba tla ja mogopo o tletse ka gore phadisanyo e tlaa bo e le kwa godimo.

O gakolotse baboki go somarela tlhamo tsa bone, ka jalo a re ba gatise le go kwadisa kwa Copyringt Society of Botswana gore ope yo o dirisang ditiro tsa bone ba kgone go bona meputso.

Mme Bareeng a re Maruping Poetry Organisation e tlhamilwe ka ngwaga wa 2016, maikaelelo e le go somarela poko ya Setswana.

A re o dumela gore maiteko a mokgatlo a tswa tema ka o setse o alositse baboki ba jaanong poko ya bone e nowang moro lefatshe ka bophara. A re bangwe ba bone ba setse ba diragaditse mo mafatsheg a tshwana le Zambia, South Africa le United Kingdom.

“Maruping Poetry Organisation e simolotse go tshwara dikgaisanyo tsa poko ka ngwaga wa 2017. E rile ka ngwaga wa 2019, ra tshwara Botswana International Poetry Festival e e neng e akaretsa baboki ba ba tswang South Africa, Mozambique le Zimbabwe,” ga tshalosa Mme Bareeng. **BOPA**

Tshwaragano e ka tsisa pharologanyo

Cathrine Simane
WERDA

Mothusa modulasetilo wa lekgotla la barui kwa Werda, Rre Tebogo Gaboitaolelwe a re tshwaragano ya barui mo kgaolong ya Kgalagadi Borwa e ka tlisa pharologanyo mo go kganelang bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo go goroga mo Botswana.

O buile jalo mo potsolosong le BOPA ka Mosupologo jaaka ba ne ba abelwa dijo ke balemi mo kgaolong, e le tsela nngwe ya go tshwaragana le bone go tsenya letsogo mo go lwantsheng bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo

jo bo tlhagotse kwa South Africa.

Rre Gaboitaolelwe o ne a tlhalosa fa ba abetswe P2,300 go tswa kwa Kokotsha ga mmogo le P200, morogo le dinawa go tswa mo baleming ba Werda, e le seabe sa bone sa go tshwaragana le barui ba ba ithaopileng go baakanya terata ya molelwane.

A re barui mo kgaolong eo, ba ne ba ipopa ditlhopho go tswa kwa Werda, Makopong, Draihok le metse e mengwe go baakanya terata ya molelwane go itsa leruo go kgabanganya.

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Are fa ba ithaopa, ba ne ba lebeletse gore e le banni ba Kgalagadi ba tswa kgakala ba ikaegile ka leruo bogolo jang kgomo le dihutshane.

O boletse fa go le pele, ba ne ba ithaopa ka didirisiwa tsa bone, mme se se itumedisang ele gore mo nakong ya gompiano, ba na le kemonokeng go tswa mo pusong. O ne a tswela ka go gwetlha

banni ba metse yotlhe ee gaufi le terata go ema ka dinao go tshwaraganela tiro e.

Modulasetilo wa balemi, Mme Marea Mogotsinyane o ne a supa fa ba ne ba lemoga letlhoko la baithaopi, mme ba dumelana go thusa ka jaana puso e sa ntse e tshwere phage ka mangana ka ntlha ya letlhoko la madi.

Mme Mogotsinyane o ne a supa fa ba ikaelela go abela baithaopi ba terata ya molelwane, dijo tsa masimo e le bontlha bongwe jwa go ba leboga.

Molemisi go tswa kwa Werda-Kokotsha Mme Silvia Podisi o ne a lebogela balemi go bo ba bone go le botlhokwa go tsenya letsogo go thusa baithaopi ka bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo bo ama mongwe le mongwe.

Mme Podisi o ne a tlhalosa fa mo kgaolong ya gagwe, ngwaga ono ba solofetse thobo ee nametsang ka pula e nele e le ntsi.

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Moeteledipele wa Maruping Poetry Organisation, Mme Keabonye Bareeng a re maikaelelo a letsatsi ke go lemoga le go akola talente ya baboki.

Staff and drugs shortage disrupts health services

Lindi Morwaeng
MOGODITSHANE

Shortages of critical health personnel and limited drug supplies continue to hamper service delivery in the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District, Council Chairperson Mr Molatedi Selala has said.

Addressing the Mogoditshane-Thamaga full council meeting on Monday, Mr Selala said the district was grappling with a shortage of doctors, pharmacy personnel and other health professionals, a situation that continued to

affect the quality of health care. "These challenges continue to impact service delivery, particularly in key areas of primary health care," he said.

He noted that while the council had undertaken targeted recruitment of nurses, midwives and other support staff, many remain on short-term contracts, raising concerns about sustainability.

Drug availability also remains a major concern, currently standing at around 45 per cent due to supply constraints at Central Medical Stores.

"Although weekly orders

are placed, deliveries continue to fall short of demand," Mr Selala said.

He added that infrastructure gaps, particularly in radiology and laboratory services, continued to limit the district's capacity to provide comprehensive healthcare.

Despite these challenges, Mr Selala said the council had made efforts to expand services, including the establishment of a minor surgical clinic at Gabane, which was improving access to basic procedures.

He also revealed that Thamaga Primary Hospital had been

earmarked for refurbishment under the 2026/2027 development budget with planning already underway.

Beyond the health sector, the Council Chairperson outlined a range of service delivery pressures facing the district. In education, rising enrolment has led to overcrowding, forcing more than 20 schools to operate under a shift system due to a shortage of classrooms.

In environmental health, waste management remains a challenge despite recent improvements, with the council previously struggling with

fleet breakdowns and delays in procurement processes. Compliance levels in schools, day care centres and businesses also remain a concern, largely due to limited resources for inspection and maintenance.

The district is also experiencing growing pressure on land administration, with high demand for residential plots and a surge in illegal land occupation in areas such as Mogoditshane, Mmopane and Metsimothabe.

Mr Selala further noted that rapid urbanisation had contributed to rising crime levels, particularly offences such as theft, robbery and motor vehicle break-ins, placing additional strain on law enforcement.

He also highlighted social challenges, including unemployment and increasing demand for government support programmes which continue to affect households across the district.

He further said these issues underscored the need for coordinated planning, adequate resourcing and stronger collaboration between government, communities and stakeholders to improve service delivery.

He emphasised that community engagement remained central to the district's approach, with outreach programmes and public health initiatives continuing to play a key role in bringing services closer to the people. **BOPA**



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STATION	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	AUCTION DATE
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MPs call for codified foreign policy and economic diplomacy

Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

Legislators have emphasised the need for diplomatic reforms, including economic diplomacy, enhanced global engagement and a codified foreign policy.

Debating the Ministry of International Relations' budget request for the 2026/27 financial year recently, Members of Parliament argued that while Botswana's foreign policy had traditionally focused on non-alignment and peaceful resolution of disputes, the country's voice on global affairs must be more distinct.

Tlokweng MP, Mr Pheny Segokgo, suggested that Botswana should pivot toward economic diplomacy to yield tangible outcomes in trade,

investment and job creation. He asserted that a codified foreign policy was essential to explicitly define and prioritise national interests and ensure consistency in international interactions. Again, Mr Segokgo called for an independent office to market the expertise of Botswana's diplomats, noting that citizens serving in the diaspora contributed significantly to the Gross National Income (GNI) and ultimately the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Contributing to the debate, Francistown East legislator, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima, commended the shift toward economic diplomacy as a driver of trade and praised the ministry for recognising the diaspora as a vital resource for national development.

Okavango West MP, Mr Kenny Kapinga, opined that government must strike a balance when appointing ambassadors and utilise both seasoned career diplomats and political appointees to enhance mission quality. "We should maintain a good balance and appoint fit and proper persons," he said. He also cautioned against expanding diplomatic outreach at the expense of strengthening existing missions during times of economic hardship.

Conversely, Takatokwane MP, Mr Jacob Kelebeng, welcomed the expansion of missions, noting that seeking partnerships beyond traditional Western allies was vital. He emphasised that codifying foreign policy would mark a milestone in outlining the roles and career progression of diplomats. Leader of

the Opposition and Maun North MP, Mr Dumelang Saleshando, called for the appointment of highly experienced diplomats.

He argued that a human rights-driven government should publicly pronounce its position on rights violations in countries where the will of the people was disregarded. "Are we driven by human rights selectively? Where we may seem to ruffle feathers, do we compromise our values?" he asked. Kgatlang Central legislator, Mr Mpho Morolong, expressed concern over instability within the SADC region. He warned that the concept of sovereignty should not be used as a shield to mask electoral irregularities.

Lethakeng MP, Brig. Domcaza Mokgwathi and specially elected MP, Dr Stephen Modise both emphasised the importance of demystifying the rumour that there was a United States military base in Botswana, stating that such misconceptions would damage the country's international image.

Mahalapye West MP, Mr David Tshere, commended the ministry's leadership for steady hand in ushering in the new Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) administration. He noted that the country's connectivity and communication networks were anchored on strategic collaborations the ministry maintained globally.

Lentsweletau/Lephepe MP, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu, stated that Botswana should maintain its posture as an active member of the international community by engaging in issues of global concern.

He also expressed support for economic diplomacy as a vital tool for trade, adding that international interactions can establish collaborations and generate trade

leads such as potential investment in Sengaparile (Devil's Claw), a resource his constituency was well-endowed with.

Specially elected MP, Maj. Gen. Pius Mokgware emphasised that foreign policy was essential for projecting the country's power. He supported the opening of more foreign missions to exert national influence where it mattered most and described the diaspora policy as a welcome development.

Molepolole South MP, Mr Shima Monageng, observed that the policy of non-alignment had served Botswana well, suggesting that it was better than aligning strictly with specific nations. Mr Monageng added that, moving forward, the country should strengthen regional dialogue and enhance diplomatic capacity, noting that economic diplomacy remained crucial for the promotion of trade.

Maun East MP, Mr Goretsetse Kekgonegile, stated that Botswana's voice in global affairs needed to be heard. He said to meaningfully participate in global affairs, it was high time the principle of non-alignment was reviewed.

Responding to the debate, Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale informed Parliament that plans were underway to rationalise diplomatic missions through targeted deployments to ensure optimum benefits.

Dr Butale explained that expanding missions was closely tied to private sector growth and necessitate presence in countries with high capital flows. He also announced that the ministry was planning a consultative forum to discuss the formal codification of Botswana's foreign policy. **BOPA**

Ministry addresses Mogoditshane drainage woes

GABORONE

The Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has outlined strategic measures to address the critical drainage challenges in Mogoditshane.

Answering a question in Parliament on Tuesday, Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Kethalefile Motshegwa stated that several initiatives were underway, including the development of the 25km internal roads network with integrated stormwater drainage, which was currently halted due to a court issue.

Minister Motshegwa said a road

project donated by the People's Republic of China, involving the construction of the Mmopane-Gaborone Block 8 road, was at an advanced stage, with procurement of the contractor and land acquisition in progress.

Additionally, he said the Mogoditshane-Mma Kgosi Junction Road project, which included an integrated stormwater drainage system, was being reassessed following government's review of the Development Manager (DM) model.

He further told Parliament that as an interim solution, the Solomon Dihutso-Mapitse Junction drainage project had been approved, but was

currently being re-evaluated due to grievances raised during the award process.

"The ministry is committed to resolving these challenges and providing relief to affected communities," he said. Mogoditshane East MP, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang, had asked the minister to state measures to expedite the development of stormwater drainage systems in Mogoditshane and other affected areas, subsequent to recent heavy rainfall in southern Botswana that resulted in destruction of residential homes and displacement of individuals, particularly those from less privileged communities. **BOPA**



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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
LECHEDZANI MBAIWA	ESHFT-000006-26	12-05-26	0900HRS	ARM

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of Administration of Estate 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 Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of the deceased for purposes of recommending for the appointment, a person or persons as **Executor/Executrix Dative** as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss other business relating to deceased relatives.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEIKABILE BALEKILE	ESHMY 000110 - 26	28.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 9TH MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FARM ASSISTANT WANTED x1


SETHREN HOLDINGS

Sethren Holdings is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Farm Assistant based in Mokatse.

The successful candidate will assist with daily farm operations including cleaning and general farm maintenance. Applicants must have at least a Junior Certificate or equivalent, with previous farm or agricultural work experience being an added advantage. The position requires a physically fit, hardworking, and reliable individual who can work in a farm environment and follow instructions.

How to Apply
Interested candidates should send their CV and relevant documents with subject line "FARM ASSISTANT" to: hr@sethren.co.bw or hand deliver Mokatse Plot 3023. Call 575 0660 for enquiries

Closing Date: 03 April 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000213-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late late BAFUMI EVIS TAMOCHA ESHFT: 000213-25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 27th day of January 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 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

TAMOCHA TAMOCHA EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 40077 FRANCISTOWN	AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NTEMA DAVID	ESHFT - 000225-26	13/05/26	0900hrs	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 1387/2005 DATED THE 06TH DAY OF JULY 2005 MADE IN FAVOUR OF INNOCENT NDOLO MBULAI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a DEED OF TRANSFER NO.1387/2005 DATED THE 6TH DAY OF JULY 2005 made in favour of INNOCENT NDOLO MBULAI in respect of;

CERTAIN SITUATE Piece of land being Lot 19953, Gaborone; In Gaborone West Extension 11;

MEASURING 461m² (Four Hundred and Eighty One Square Metres)

HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. 1387/2005 dated 6th day of July 2005 made in favour of INNOCENT NDOLO MBULAI;

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

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MATLALA ATTORNEYS
PRIVATE BAG B0224 GABORONE

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ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BABUI MOILWA	ESHFT-000250-26	19-05-26	0900HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
PHIZA MOTSWAODI MPEDI	ESHMY-000072-26	11/05/26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

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Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BENJAMIN MAKHALA	ESHFT-000258-26	19-05-26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

FARM WORKERS

TWO FARM WORKERS at Tonota (Tapaladipoo lands), Box 95 Tonota. Bonolo Charles 72216813

FARM WORKER URGENTLY required at Serowe, Moiyabana. Apply to Oforile Sethamo P O Box 1070 Serowe. Cell: 71680487.

PELMAN PRODUCTS (PTY) LTD Looking for supervisor with experience in Horticultural farming under irrigation. Ability to repair tractors, vehicles and electrical pumps. P.O. Box 30962, Metsef, Francistown74347585

FARM WORKERS WANTED, Gathupa, to look after Livestock. Contact Sethunya Gaongalelwe 71843395

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Magotlhadisa Lands. Apply to Moabi Parafene at Box 20160 Mochudi.

PHEKO KHUPE MORRIS Requires farm worker at Makomoto West. Apply to Box 2374 Francistown Cell 71675587

SYMPATHY CLEANERS (PTY) Ltd is a company that does cleaning, construction, agriculture and supplies. We are seeking for a farm worker. The company is based at Tlokweng. Apply to Sympathy Cleaners Pty Ltd P O Box 46496, Gaborone. Closing date: 4th April 2026. Cell: 73734860.

A MATURE FARM Labourer wanted in Ditladi. Call 74600540, Bag F8 Francistown. Kango Phusele

KE BATA MODISA ko morakeng k Toteng (Sedibana) 73943511

WANTED FARM WORKERS. Apply P O Box 4727 Gaborone, Sinini S Sibanda.

TWO FARM LABOURER wanted preferably ladies Mahalapye P O Box 2385 Flowertown Mahalapye Contact 71544755

FARM WORKER WANTED at Farm No P16 Zone 7 Mashoro, Box 200 Letlhakane Mr P Mahube 71305126

FARM WORKER WANTED at Serowe. Apply to P O Box 30175 Gaborone. Apply to Poomore Mosetsanakhumo

FARM WORKERS WANTED Kumakwane and Gabane. Call Milton Thar Johwa 74604446

10 FARMWORKER WANTED in Oodi, kagomapini@gmail.com 77676533.

EXPERIENCED LIVESTOCK FARM assistant wanted. Minimum 3 years experience. Location at Itsokwane lands Serowe. Apply to Box 849 Serowe. Call 26775320249. Closing date: 03-04-2026

HERDBOY WANTED: MOAMOGWA cattlepost, Kweneng district with at least seven years work experience. Contact: Laurent Moretaka, Box 40025, Gaborone. Cell: 71308928, Closing date 31-03-2026

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted for horticulture and livestock. Call 71304198

WANTED: FARM WORKER at Moloto. Apply: Sebetso Tshenyoo P O Box 20739, Gaborone. Closing date: 02/04/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at the Promised farm P O Box 653 Letlhakane. Call 74558988. adnyoni@yahoo.com

FARM WORKER WANTED at Kgatleng district. Apply to P Bag 0065 Gaborone. 3 years experience in horticulture. Contact Faisal Kamal 72853749

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mmakante call 75980301

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted. Marea Otukile Box 256 Sefhophe 76272023

FARM WORKER WANTED, specializing in mushroom production, & horticulture: 72532915.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mosetsanamontle. Contact Molebatsi 76763030

HOUSEMAIDS

LOOKING FOR MAID at Jwaneng. Plot 4816, Unit 7, Box 16, Sekoma. From Eden Mokgothu. 72643020/73643020.

MISCELLANEOUS

FARMWORKERWANTED in Molepolole contact number: 72243989/73148119.

VEGETABLE GARDEN FOR sale in Malolwane, along the Madikwe River, Size: 9724.73 sqm, Price: P350 000, Contacts - Ref: P O Box 78, Mathubudukwane Sub Land Board

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use: The public is informed of the proposed change of use from multi residential to residential use at Lot 16207 in Molepolole, Motswasele ward by Goitsemodimo Godfrey Koosimile, any queries may be forwarded to the physical planning division, Kweneng district council, Tel: 5922100/5915122

OWNER OF PLOT 6182 Kanye- Mheelo ward wishes to inform the public and neighbours about the intention to build a double storey building. For any objection kindly contact Kanye District Council Physical Planning Office or call 5440217, within fourteen days of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND use: I, Patricia Mojanaga owner of plot 11412 in Francistown Block 8, would like to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections, contact Francistown city council physical planning office, 2411050 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

KABELO LEONARD MAUCO of plot 7161 Pitikwe Lobatse would like to change the land use of the plot from single family residential land to multi-residential. For any objection to the proposed please contact Lobatse Town Council physical planning office 5305800, fourteen days after the date of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 23771, Lotsane, Palapye seeks to change land use from singlefamily residential to multifamily residential. Contact Palapye District Council 4921092 for objections.

KAONE MANTU OF Plot 15296 Ext 11, Palapye seeks to change land use from Residential to Commercial. Contact Palapye District Council 4921092 for objections.

I FREDRICK TSHEPO KAU Owner of Tribal Lot 2975 Oodi intends to change land use from commercial to residential. Whoever has an objection regarding this proposal should forward it to the Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning, no is 5773514 or in writing within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot No. 53914 in Block 5, Gaborone would like to notify that he intends to change land use from single family to multi residential and erect development on the plot. Any queries to be addressed to Gaborone City Council within 14 day of this publication.

MRS MMAMA DAISY Mhlanga-Fichani of plot 723, Tlokweng, wishes to change land use from residential to multi0family. Anyone with objections should consult Tlokweng District Council

THE OWNER OF plot 2167 at Kumakwane, wishes to change land use from residential to Civic & community (church). Any objections contact Mogoditshane district council, physical planning office at 3105615 within 14 days of this publication

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION OWNER of plot No. 1859 in plateau, Kasane would like to notify the neighbours of the intention to construct a boundary wall. Any objection should be submitted to Chobe District Council Physical Planning Office at 6250275 within 14 days of the publication

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plots No.61584 to 61592 & 61649 in Maruapula, Gaborone intends to consolidate the plots, change land use from single family to multi residential and erect development on the consolidated plot. Queries to be addressed to G.C.C within 14 days of this publication.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Seanyatseng Bakgani	ESHFT-000037-26	21-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT-0000-37-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Modisaotsile Mothibi** ESHFT- 0000-37-24 who died at Francistown district on the 3rd of January 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above **Estate will lie open for inspection** at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown for **period of twenty-one (21) days** from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10th March 2026.

Elisha Mothibi **Executor Dative** AND TO: Master of the High Court
P O Box 176 Letlhakane Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

- BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE** that, Maano Mmereki and Kabelo Sesupo married in community of property on 13 May 2022 in Tonota, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intent to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the prescribed three (3) weeks' notice from the date of first application hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and or liabilities of the parties estates, should they have objections to the parties changing regime are to inform the parties at Private Bag T10, Tonota before the expiration of said three (3) weeks period or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated applications is lodged.

DATED AT THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Ntise Emah Basupi	ESHFT-000261-26	20-05-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DANIEL MMOPI	ESHMY-000125-26	11-05-26	0900hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master reference: ESHGB 0000162/13

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SOTIRIOS KAVOURAS** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye, Central – Mahalapye District, Republic of Botswana on the **16th day of July 2013**.

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

The Executrix Dative
Hildah Sedio
P O Box 1106
MAHALAPYE
CELL: 71581412

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

DATED AT GABORONE this ___ day of ___ 2026.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate ACT

(Cap. 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MAREA TSHIAMISO	ESHMY000034-26	28.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
GASESALE THEBEETSILE AND THEBEETSILE RAMUSU	ESHFT-001273-25	19-05-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

(In terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

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

PARTIES:
TRANSFEROR: Boikhutso Naledi Segana
TRANSFEEEE: Royal Capital Investments Proprietary Limited

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2031, Palapye;
SITUATE: At Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 2649m2 (Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Nine Square Metres);
HELD: Under a Notarial Deed of Cession
SUBJECT: To the conditions and reservations mentioned;

CONSIDERATION: BWP1 550 000.00 (**One Million Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula Only**)

By virtue of this notice, any Botswana citizen interested in entering in to similar transaction in respect of the above mentioned property shall be given priority and any person wishing to object to the proposed shall be given contention to object with reasons thereof in writing to the Ngwato Land Board after publication of this notice.

DATED AT PALAPYE THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

AGNES AND BAREFEET INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEYS
UNIT 1 FIRST FLOOR, ABOVE CENTURY OFFICE SUPPLIES
P O BOX 1297 PALAPYE
TEL: 492 5050 / 71 445 095

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF LOT 20411, Tati River plots, Francistown has applied for change of land use from single family residential to a multi-family residential for an existing double storey house. For objections call City of Francistown Physical Planning office on 2411929 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

TSHEPO SEBINA, OWNER of Plot 776, Tloaneeng (Mmokolodi), intends to rezone the plot from Agriculture to Industrial. Any comments must be submitted within 14 days to: Urban Heights- 71329400 or Physical Planning office, Mogoditshane- Thamaga District Council.

OWNER OF PLOT 2530 Tatisiding would like to inform neighbours of intention to construct a boundary wall. For queries contact N.E.D.C on 2982229/ 71714325

OWNER OF PLOT 1565 Minestone wishes to change land use from single-residential to commercial. For queries contact 73341814 or C.O.F on 2411040.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Kago Mokute, owner of Lot 28139, Block 5, Mogoditshane intends to change land use from single-family to multi-family residence and build a screenwall. For objections contact 74572018, or Physical Planning at Mogoditshane Sub-District Council, Private Bag 0032, Mogoditshane, (landline 3166646) within 14 days.

PROPERTIES

FOR SALE PLOTS Bachelor pad Hatsalatladi with electricity- P180 000 Mahetlwe with electricity & water - P170 000 Tsamaya 25 X 36 =P35 000, 72210229

VACANCIES

REGISTERED PHYSIOTHERAPIST NEEDED at About Physiotherapy Clinic. Candidate should have at least 5 years experience. Application to be submitted to aboutphysiotherapyclinic@gmail.com Due date 31-03-2026

URGENTLY REQUIRED - PASTOR. New Life Mission, Box 10284 Tatitown. Requirements: Associate Degree in Biblical Theology and a knowledge of Apologetics. Experience; 10 years experience in pastoring a church. All applications to reach the Chairperson Before 25th March 2026.

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Name of Deceased Person
BENEDICT PARIREWA

Estate Number
ESHMN-000030/26

Date of meeting : 21/05/2026

Time : 10:00am

DATED AT MAUN THIS 09 DAY
OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED (2)

LittleBabas Nursery and Preschool is looking for qualified preschool Teachers to take up the Teaching Job.

Qualifications: Certificate, Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Development with a minimum of 3 years experience and valid permission to Teach.

If you meet the above qualification deliver your cover letter, Academic, CV and Professional credentials by hand to:

The Principal

LittleBabas Nursery and Preschool
Plot # 2704 Kgosing Ward Kopong
P.O Box 381 Kopong, Botswana.
Contact: 77517495/ 73243275

Closing date for will
on Friday 24 April 2026

CREATIVE TAILOR / FASHION DESIGNER (1) Eccentric Loft Pty Ltd, Plot 15561 Gwest, Phase 1 +267 74051445. Closing date : 31/03/2026. We are hiring a Creative Tailor / Fashion Designer with 15 years experience and a Diploma in Fashion Design. A creative Tailor designs and crafts unique garments, blending fashion artistry with expert tailoring.

URGENTLY NEEDED: PHARMACIST with private practice license for Tonota. Requirements: -Degree in pharmacy,-5 years working experience in Botswana, -At least 6 months plus working in private.-Two ref not older than 6 months. Send to: P. O. Box 301632 Francistown or email: Lifemartpharma@gmail.com

DESIGNER/TAILOR WANTED. Call 74887860

VACANCIES : ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS Buildings, Civil Engineer - Roads, Plumbers, Civil Engineer Construction, Environmental Engineers, Geotechnical Engineers, Carpenters. Apply to Roads Safety Alliance, P.O Box 501972 Gaborone, trusteesbotswana7@gmail.com 74514967

BLOCKBUSTERS VOLLEYBALL CLUB invites applications for an outside attacker for Serowe based team. Send your application to blockbustersvc@gmail.com

HEAVY PLANT MECHANIC to include diesel and tractor wanted with 10 years + practical traceable experience. Venereregime Constructors (PTY) 76100919/ 75229033

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONTROL TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 5 OF THE LAND CONTROL ACT (CAP 32:11)

Description of Land
Certain: piece of land being Portion 2 (A Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm 111-OQ (formerly known as Farm 22);
Situate: in the North East Administrative District;
Measuring: 8,3880 Ha (Eight comma Three Eight Eight Zero Hectares);
Held under: Deed of Transfer No. FT 104/2013 dated 5th February 2013 made in favour of THRUST BORE (BOTSWANA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED.

Full names of parties to the proposed Controlled Transaction
Seller: THRUST BORE (BOTSWANA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED
Purchaser: VIVO ENERGY BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED

Details of the proposed Controlled Transaction
The Purchaser wishes to transfer from the Seller the above property.

Consideration for the proposed Controlled Transaction
P17,000,000.00 (Seventeen Million Pula)

Reference
This is to give notice that any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property in question shall receive priority and must if interested write to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Housing stating so. Any person wishing to object to this proposed Controlled Transaction may give written notice of his/her/its objection, with reasons therefor, to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Housing. Please note that the proposed control transaction as stated above shall take place within 90 days from the date this notice is published.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000184-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NELLY ZIGA** who died at **Francistown Academic Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the 23rd day of December 2023**

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

Dated at Gaborone on this 17th day of March 2026

The Executor
Mothusi Serumola
P O Box 201205
Gaborone
Tel: 73108899

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GAGOITSIWE C. LEAWETSA	ESHMY 000057-26	11.05.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 16TH MARCH 2026

GMC MARUDING RESOURCES PROPRIETARY LIMITED

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

SENIOR CNC SUPERVISOR

- Certificate in Basic CNC Technology
- Minimum 5 years in a heavy steel fabrication workshop and/or mining environment and a minimum of 5 years in a senior position.
- Experience in heavy steel fabrication and installation of mining type equipment
- Knowledge in SAP will be an added advantage

Technical competencies for the disciple must include:

- Ability to read/interpret Engineering drawings
- Excellent HSE Knowledge
- Thorough understanding of the MQWM Act, Botswana
- Ability to develop basic risk assessment and associated risk mitigation strategies

Please note that we will only contact shortlisted candidates.

Apply to: The Human Resources Department

Private Bag 047 LOBATSE

OR EMAIL TO: boitshwarelo@gearmc.africa

Closing Date: 31 March 2026

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000180/13

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DESMOND LEKONE** who died at **Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on 19th January 2013.**

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE this day 2026

Executor Dative Charles Lekone

P O Box 602160 GABORONE

CELL: 77 875 996 / 71 654 575

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. FT TL 753/2014 dated 24th JULY 2014 made in favour of ESTATE LATE THUSO MOREMEMI in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 23925, Mahalapye
SITUATE: at Mahalapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 5950M2 (Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Square Meters)

Any person having objection to the issuing of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks from last publication of this notice. **DATED AT GABORONE THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH 2026.**

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NOTICE OF IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **MORTGAGE BOND No. 1774/2001** dated the 18th day of **JULY 2001** made in favour of **ASTRAL CABLES (BOTSWANA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned properties, namely;

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| <p>1. CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 37952 Gaborone;</p> <p>SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 39;</p> <p>MEASURING: 413 m² (Four Hundred and Thirteen square metres);</p> | <p>3. CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 37997 Gaborone;</p> <p>SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 39;</p> <p>MEASURING: 413 m² (Four Hundred and Thirteen square metres);</p> |
| <p>2. CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 37996 Gaborone;</p> <p>SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 39;</p> <p>MEASURING: 413 m² (Four Hundred and Thirteen square metres);</p> | <p>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.</p> |

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2026

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Kgakololo | Gorata Major | Lefika Nkolonyane | Ame Rindo

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (In terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of given that **TABOKA FAITH MPENYA** proposes to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with **NARAYANA RAO GURRALA** (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

- (a) **CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 4000 Masunga;
SITUATE: at Mpenya Ward, Masunga in the Tati Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 40m x 32m (Approximately 1280 m2);
HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 24th day of **March 2017** in favour of **TABOKA FAITH MPENYA;**

Hereafter referred to as (the "Property")

The Property is valued and transferred at **P260,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula)** excluding any VAT/ transfer duty consequential to the Transaction.

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

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Tati Land Board, Private Bag 009, Masunga, Botswana within **30 (Thirty days)** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2026

PETO & CO. ATTORNEYS

PLOT 1363, GUY STREET FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of 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 High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommendations 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
DITHAPELO MOTSWANTWENG	ESHMY 000070-26	21.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02ND MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S Reference: ESHGB- 0000036-16

IN THE STATE of the late **TSHEKISO MONYATSI** who died at Lenmed Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District on the 2ND January 2016.

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

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

Dated at Gaborone on this 17TH Day of March 2026.Poppy Monyatsi **The Executor**

Gaborone

P O Box 134

Tel: 71392669

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
BILLY MAKABI	ESHFT-000525-25	19-05-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 347/2023 DATED 7TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified true copy of Deed of Transfer No. **347/2023** dated 7th day of **March 2023** registered in favour of **TETOEN MONAGEN MONAGEN** in respect of;

CERTAIN : Piece of Land being Portion 3241-KO Portion of Portion 21 (A portion of portion 8) of the Farm Senthane No. 18-KO
SITUATE : in the South East Administrative District;
Measuring : 2511 m² (Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven Square Metres)
HELD : Under Deed of Transfer No. **347/2023** dated the 7th day of **March 2023** made in favour of **TETOEN MONAGEN MONAGEN**.

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

DATED 18TH MARCH 2026BROWN AND COMPANY ATTORNEYS
PLOT 18461, PHASE 2, GABORONE, BOTSWANATELL : (+267) 311 6991
EMAIL : admin@brownandcompany.co.bw**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that undersigned intends applying for certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No. FT TL 82/2009** dated **18th July of February 2009** made in favour of **TINY NSAKWA** in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2243, Mmadinare
SITUATE : At Mmadinare in Bangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING : 966 m² (Nine hundred and sixty-six square meter)

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KGOTSO SILENT MASEPE	ESHMY-000027/26	11-05-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ARTS

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2026

The Ministry of Sport and Arts invites applications from qualified citizens of Botswana to fill the following post tenable in the Ministry Headquarters:

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Applications should be addressed to the:

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Members of Botswana Democratic Party carrying the body of former Speaker of the National Assembly, Gladys Kokorwe to her final resting place at Phomolong Cemetery in Phakalane on Wednesday. Speakers described her as a people-centric person, who had interest of many at heart. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Keorapetse praises Kokorwe for fairness

Booster Mogapi
RAMAPHATLE

The proverb, *Mmangwana o tshwara thipa ka fa bogaleng*, loosely translated to mean, a mother will do anything to protect her children, suits the character of former speaker of the National Assembly, Gladys Kokorwe.

It was she, whom the current Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse, said warmly welcomed him to the House in 2014.

Her considerate nature, together with other women politicians in Ms Botlogile Tshireletso and Dr Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, became his guide in parliamentary proceedings.

In her role as speaker, Mr Keorapetse remembers that she was fair and neutral.

Kokorwe carried herself with honour and respect and loved her job, Mr Keorapetse said on Tuesday during a memorial service held at Tapologo Farm, Ramaphatle, in her honour.

Him being of the opposition party and Kokorwe of the ruling party never stood in the way of their cordial working relations even when he challenged policies of the government of the day.

This is what makes politics in Botswana beautiful, because you can belong to the opposition party and still be friends with those in the ruling party. It ought to be celebrated as the same cannot be said about politics in other nations, said the Speaker.

He was quick to say that Kokorwe was a great lesson to young women, that it was possible to rise through the ranks of leadership and become who they wanted to be.

Kokorwe rose from being a typist to being a Member of Parliament, minister, ambassador and Speaker of the National Assembly, making her a force to be reckoned with.

Mr Keorapetse thanked the family for lending Kokorwe to serve the nation with all her heart and the changes she brought to the communities she served.

Lions International District chairperson, Dr Thanuja Panicker, said Kokorwe was defined by selfless service, kindness and dedication to help others.

She was a lady of substance, dignity and humility, yet with the strength of an empowering leadership, he said.

Dr Panicker said she joined Lions Club August 2015 and understood the spirit of lionism.

Her sibling, Ms Tshogfatso Mapqazana, said her sister loved with all of her heart and made sure they were taken care of.

She said Kokorwe was a unifier who desired a well-knit family that loved one another, adding that they would continue her legacy of love and care. Kokorwe died March 11 and was laid to rest on March 18. **BOPA**

Multitudes bid former Speaker farewell

Lindi Morwaeng
THAMAGA

The nation on Wednesday stood still in solemn reflection as family, friends and leaders of the political divide and the general public paid their last respects to former Speaker of the National Assembly and diplomat, Gladys Kokorwe.

Kokorwe, was a trailblazing leader whose life was defined by service, dignity and an unyielding commitment to justice.

She was laid to rest at Phomolong Cemetery in Gaborone, following a dignified funeral procession from her residence at Tapologo Farm, in Ramphate.

Tributes delivered during the service painted the portrait of a woman whose influence spanned public service, politics and diplomacy.

Her uncle, Mr Obolokile Molale, described her as a leader who served with "unwavering dedication," noting that as a politician she uplifted her community and as an ambassador she represented Botswana with grace and integrity.

Drawing from scripture, he said Kokorwe's life embodied righteousness and justice. "Her legacy is a testament to her unshakable commitment to justice, compassion and service," he said, adding that her leadership will remain a guiding light for generations.

On behalf of her parents, Mr Richard Nkae said Kokorwe's illustrious career brought pride and honour to the family, noting that her achievements have etched their name into the country's history.

Her sibling, Mr Tuelo

Bothhoko, offered a deeply personal reflection, recalling her natural leadership qualities from a young age.

"She was decisive even as a child, always taking the lead among us. "Our father always said one day she will be a leader and indeed she became one," he said.

He revealed that the family had been preparing to celebrate her 80th birthday in November, a milestone now marked with bittersweet remembrance.

Her grandchild, Mr Billy Junior Kokorwe, delivered an emotional tribute, reflecting on the woman behind the public figure.

"To the world, she was a

minister, an Ambassador and a powerful Speaker. To us, she was simply our grandmother," he said. "She taught us that hard work and perseverance define greatness, and she encouraged us to follow our own paths without fear or limitation."

Close friend, Ms Damara Tsiane remembered her as loyal, generous and family-oriented, while former minister and ambassador, Mr Jacob Nkate, described her as disciplined, principled and steadfast.

"In the often turbulent world of politics, she was a calming force. She believed in doing things the right way and remained grounded throughout her career."

The Botswana Democratic

Party leader, Mr Mpho Balopi described her as a dedicated cadre who rose through the ranks of the party with distinction.

Mr Balopi noted that she entered Parliament in 1994 as Member of Parliament for Kweneng South, succeeding the late Peter Mmusi and went on to serve three consecutive terms.

Messages of condolence from former presidents, including Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama and Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi were read during the service alongside tributes from Speaker of the National Assembly and Chairperson of Ntlo ya Dikgosi, Kgosi Malope II reflecting the breadth of her national impact. **BOPA**

'Kokorwe served to her best abilities'

Booster Mogapi
RAMAPHATLE

Former legislator and cabinet minister, Dr Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi has hailed Gladys Kokorwe as a great administrator, who was committed to work and excelled in her duties.

Speaking at a memorial service at Tapologo farm in Ramaphatle on Tuesday, Dr Venson-Moitoi said she met Kokorwe at the then Ministry of Local Government where she was working as an Establishment Officer.

She said the former Speaker was a training officer of note, gifted with administration, to a level that many were amazed at her abilities.

Dr Venson-Moitoi said based on her abilities, Kokorwe was trusted to lead the establishment of Sowa Town, where she did wonders.

She added that God has a way

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of giving people gifts no matter how insignificant they may be, they would bring great change to the lives of people.

Dr Venson-Moitoi said her life ought to teach people about what matters most in life and take the baton to continue her legacy.

A representative of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), former councillor Major Driver Motlokwa said following his retirement from Botswana Defence Force in 2001, Kokorwe roped him into the team that was tasked with driving the BDP mandate.

Mr Motlokwa said Kokorwe served for three terms as the Member of Parliament for Kweneng South from 1994, a time in which she worked with determination and commitment.

He said Kokorwe worked tirelessly, adding that former President Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama President Khama loved her because she was time conscious and always delivered on her assignments.

Mr Motlokwa said



Gender Links reflects on 25 years of excellence

Baleseng Batlotleng
TLOKWENG

Gender Links has been commended for entrenching itself and expanding its footprint as a 'go-to' regional and global gender equality organisation.

Speaking during the 25 years anniversary celebration

of the non-governmental gender movement in Tlokweng on Tuesday, former attorney general and ambassador, Dr Athalia Molokomme, highlighted that Gender Links' many achievements included successfully lobbying for the adoption of the SADC Gender Protocol and through the

regional alliance monitoring its implementation and that of other regional and global instruments.

Dr Molokomme who serves as the interim chairperson of Gender Links Botswana board said the organisation had been a regular presence at SADC and African Union Heads of State Summits, the UN Commission

on the Status of Women and other fora tracking progress towards gender equality.

"The organisation has developed a modern governance structure at regional level, established affiliates in some SADC countries and conducted gender training and empowerment programmes in others beyond the region. Research conducted by Gender Links, statistical gender-disaggregated data and publications such as the Gender Barometers have become important sources of knowledge globally and have directly influenced policy," said Dr Molokomme.

She said despite progress in some areas many challenges remained in the social, political and economic spheres where deep inequalities between women and men persisted.

Dr Molokomme said more still needed to be done and that the current uncertain geopolitical environment presented further challenges.

A human rights lawyer, Dr Molokomme said Gender Links traced its roots to the end of the 1990s, following the 1995 UN Conference on Women held in Beijing, China.

"I had temporarily taken off my academic hat to establish an institutional base for Emang Basadi, a human rights organisation we had started in the mid-1980s in Botswana. I found myself among a coalition of activists determined to 'bring Beijing back home' to SADC. This group successfully lobbied for the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and the introduction of a policy and institutional framework for gender issues in SADC," she added.

Gender Links Botswana country director, Ms Keabonye Ntsabane, said the organisation focused on cooperation with other partners in Botswana, lobbying and advocating for the SADC gender protocol and development.

She said the Beijing platform for action had main focus on critical issues of concern in Botswana including among others education and training, women in decision making and power sharing.

Ms Ntsabane said the SADC gender protocol was translated into Setswana thus making it easy to disseminate to rural areas and the communities were mobilised and sensitised on GBV which resulted in Gender Links produced I Stories.

She noted that the media was also trained on gender related issues and reporting which resulted in some media houses having media policy in their newsrooms.

In their solidarity message Botswana Association on Local Authorities (BALA) executive secretary, Mr Steve Pheko, said over the years, Gender Links had played a critical role in the development of women in the local government space.

The organisation established interventions against social ills especially GBV which were implemented at council level and that alone empowered a lot of women locally.

Mr Pheko said the BALA secretariat was established in 2008 and grew its structures including the establishment of the women's commission which was later rebranded the gender commission through the assistance of Gender Links Botswana. **BOPA**



Members of Gender Links celebrating the organisation's 25th anniversary in Tlokweng on Tuesday. Former Attorney General, Dr Athalia Molokomme highlighted that Gender Links' achievements included successful lobbying for the adoption of the SADC Gender Protocol and through the regional alliance, monitoring its implementation along with other regional and global instruments. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Chevrolet captivates crowd at Francistown Motor Show

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

A vintage Chevrolet, a true relic of the past, stole the spotlight at the inaugural Francistown Motor Show, drawing admiration from

dignitaries and motor enthusiasts alike.

With its distinctive back-to-back doors and rugged design, the classic vehicle was a demonstration to the enduring appeal of iconic cars.

The 1933 Chevrolet Series

CA Master Eagle, originally manufactured in the United States, has become an iconic symbol of American automotive excellence.

The Chevrolet's presence at the motor show was a nod to the country's rich automotive

heritage, and its display at the show was a fitting tribute to Botswana's history.

The particular types of models, similar to those once used by Botswana's founding president, Sir Seretse Khama for official travel, are a rare sight in today's modern era.

Mr Chris Jackson, the owner and exhibitor, said the vehicle's unique features and that its historical significance continues to make it a crowd favourite at motor shows.

While his own vehicle was showcased for the first time at the Francistown Motor Show, he affirmed that it would be showcased at other similar events in the future.

"The year 1933 was a pivotal year for Chevrolet. Originally launched as the Eagle, the model was renamed the Master to

accommodate the introduction of a more affordable 'standard' Series CC," he explained.

Featuring no draft ventilation, a V-shaped radiator, and skirtd fenders, Mr Jackson highlighted the window design, noting that the early Eagle models had a chrome divider that rolls down with the window, while the Master Eagle models, which came later, had a fixed divider.

Francistown Mayor, Gaone Majere, and Specially Elected Councillor, Marios Mozawazia, were among the dignitaries who admired the vehicle, with Mr Majere remarking that the Chevrolet's presence at the motor show was a reminder that classic cars are not just relics of the past, but are also a celebration of the country's automotive heritage.

"It has good comfort and, from the look of things, you could tell it is a hard body made of pure metal, unlike today's cars," Mr Majere said.

Additionally, Mr Majere said the vehicle was a demonstration to the country's rich history and its potential for growth and innovation.

"This car is a piece of history, a symbol of resilience and durability. It is amazing to see how it still turns heads and sparks conversations about the past," he said.

Chevrolet produced approximately 450 435 Master Eagle units in 1933, making it a highly sought-after classic car. **BOPA**



Motor enthusiasts, admiring a vintage Chevrolet, which stole the spotlight at the inaugural Francistown Motor Show recently. Its presence celebrated the country's rich automotive heritage, making it a fitting tribute to Botswana's motoring history.

Photo: Thamani Shabani

Police deliver life-saving message

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The inaugural Francistown Motor Show proved to be more than just a showcase of

sleek vehicles and cutting-edge technology, but was also a platform for Botswana Police Service to spread a crucial message about road safety.

Held over the weekend,

Botswana Police Service seized the opportunity to spread anti-crime message, leveraging the large gathering to educate motorists about the dangers of driving under the influence of

alcohol and illicit drugs.

The police had a range of interactive displays and demonstrations to drive home their anti-crime message.

Detective Sergeant Alice Toteng of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) from Kutlwano Police station emphasised the importance of the police presence at such events, saying,

“We are much concerned about people dying in road crashes because of drug influence. Every chance we get where there is a crowd, we educate people about the dangers of using drugs whenever they’re behind the steering wheel,” she said.

She said police’s presence at the motor show was a deliberate effort to target a captive audience.

Sergeant Toteng said with statistics showing a significant number of road fatalities linked to driving under the influence of drugs, the police are pulling out all stops to spread their message.

She highlighted the risks of driving under the influence of not just alcohol, but also illicit drugs.

“Time and again, people think that it is only alcohol that can change your driving habits, but illicit drugs are even more worse because of hallucinations,” she said.

The message resonated with attendees, including Mr Michael Nyoni of Masunga village, who

had previously experienced a car crash due to drunken driving.

“I do not think that I will ever repeat the same mistake again because I could be far, looking at the money that I spent in repairing the vehicle,” he said, urging motorists to desist from drunken driving.

“I commend the police for using this opportunity to remind people that driving under the influence of drugs is a recipe for disaster. The vehicles on display here today are not just machines, they are potential killers if not handled responsibly,” said Mr Nyoni.

The police presence at the motor show was a welcome move, and a hope that their message would have a lasting impact on the driving habits of those who attended.

One attendee, Mr Morgan Saolo of Borolong said, “This is the same vehicles that kill us on road crashes, it is good that they are here to remind us to be careful.”

He explained that the Francistown Motor Show may have been a celebration of the automotive industry, but the police presence served as a timely reminder of the importance of responsible driving.

The Francistown Motor Show provided a perfect platform for the police to reach out to a large audience and drive home the importance of responsible driving.

BOPA



Botswana Police Service used the inaugural Francistown Motor Show to spread anti-crime message, educating motorists about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and illicit drugs. Photo: Thamani Shabani

German Chancellor urges swift end to war against Iran

BERLIN

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Wednesday called for efforts to achieve a swift end to the war against Iran through diplomatic means, warning that the ongoing conflict damages all parties, including the United States.

In an address to the Bundestag, the lower house of the German parliament, Merz noted that Germany still has many unanswered questions regarding the war and that there is no

convincing concept of how this military operation could succeed. He pointed out that Washington did not consult Berlin prior to the strikes.

Had Germany been consulted, it would have advised against the operation, he added.

As long as the war continues, Germany will not participate in using military means to ensure freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, Merz reiterated. Merz emphasized that Europe had an interest in seeing a swift end to the war. **Xinhua**

Forty students hospitalised for suspected food poisoning

JOHANNESBURG

A total of 40 students from Ekwazini Secondary School in South Africa’s Mpumalanga province were hospitalized on Tuesday following a suspected food poisoning incident, local authorities said Wednesday.

Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Education said that three students initially reported severe stomach cramps after consuming snacks.

As more learners presented similar symptoms, the number of those transported to a nearby hospital for assessment rose to 40, the department said, adding that all affected students are in a stable, non-critical condition

and have since been discharged. Health inspectors have been deployed to investigate the cause of the outbreak.

Samples of the suspected snacks, other food items and local water sources have been sent for laboratory testing to determine the exact cause of the illness.

This incident followed a series of similar cases across South Africa.

Media reports said that dozens of students have died or have been hospitalised in recent years due to suspected food poisoning linked to snacks purchased from local informal shops, leading the government to previously declare such outbreaks as “a national security threat.” **Xinhua**



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Arts & Culture

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Nomina bags major award in Rwanda

The Shining Stars Africa Awards is one of Africa's leading platforms recognising excellence in the creative and entertainment industry

Baleseng Batlotleng
RAMOTSWA

Decorated Botswana songstress Pamela Bhulu fondly known as Nomina in the music scene has once again received a top tier award, further positioning her as a rising female artiste on the continent.

Held at the Olympic Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda, the Shining Stars Africa Awards is one of Africa's leading platforms recognising excellence in the creative and entertainment industry.

Speaking from her base in the African Great Lakes region, Nomina expressed joy after visiting Rwanda for the first time and being awarded a continental award which brought together top artistes, entertainers and creative from across the continent.

She was awarded the Best Female in Africa award, a recognition that highlights her growing reputation on the global and continental music scene.

"It is one of my memorable moments in my music journey and I'm delighted that my music has reached a wider global audience and receiving much recognition in my homeland Africa," she said.

Nomina was excited to discover that her music was a universal language that connected people from different cultures and countries as far as Rwanda.

Born to a Zimbabwean mother and a Motswana father, Nomina is a reputable songwriter and music producer known for her vocal prowess and blending genres such as afro pop, RNB and soulful amapiano sounds.

She was born in Plumtree but grew up in Botswana before spreading her wings to international stardom and finally landing in Germany where she is currently based.

Throughout her music career, she has

built a strong reputation with music that talks about love and general life experiences.

Her debut single, *Don't Cry for Me Africa*, received widespread praise for its emotional depth and sonic richness.

Nomina's hit singles, *Luthando* and *Amadlozi*, have topped charts with the latter reaching number one for three weeks on the USA top 40 radio charts while *Luthando* was number one for six weeks on the Zimbabwean charts making a significant impact on the African music scene.

She was nominated for the Zikomo Africa awards last year in the best Zikomo artist of the year for southern and east Africa and collaborated with among others celebrated international artistes such as Sean Kingston.

Her victory in Kigali highlights her growing influence and continued contribution to the continental music.

Despite working and living in Europe she has remained connected to her African roots consistently reflecting her culture through her soul soothing sounds.

Her music career dates back to 2016 and among her many accolades was the 2024 RBE award in London for the Best International Artist, a testament of her global influence. **BOPA**



Tsodilo Hills film returns home after New York Premiere

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

A documentary celebrating Botswana's iconic Tsodilo Hills has returned home following a successful international debut in New York City.

Tsodilo: The Jewel of the Desert premiered locally on Tuesday at the Botswana National Museum and Monuments, marking 25

years since the site was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Produced by Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met) and directed by Sosena Solomon, the documentary was first screened at The Met on May 31.

The artworks, many of them finger-painted, depict animals such as giraffes, cattle and rhinos, as well as rare therianthrop (human-animal hybrid) figures that reflect a deep spiritual relationship between people and their environment.

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Through interviews with anthropologists, archaeologists and local experts, the documentary also highlights the urgent need for preservation. The paintings are increasingly threatened by natural elements such as sun, wind and rain, as well as human interference. In some cases, attempts by

locals to “revive” the artworks for spiritual purposes have unintentionally accelerated their deterioration.

Speaking at the premiere, Solomon said filmmaking was a powerful tool for cultural preservation.

“When this project was introduced to me, it was incredible to use my skills to tell these stories and explore heritage

that many people are not aware of,” she said.

Meanwhile, Alisa LaGamma, curator in charge of the Michael C. Rockefeller Wing at The Met, emphasised the global importance of Tsodilo Hills.

“It is the place where the visual arts begin. Tsodilo is a treasure that preserves evidence of early

‘The documentary is scheduled to tour Shakawe and Tsodilo Hills starting Friday, bringing the story closer to the communities at the heart of its heritage.’

attempts to capture something magical,” she said.

LaGamma added that the film

is accessible to visitors at The Met and on digital platforms such as YouTube. She also confirmed that Botswana’s Department of National Museum and Monuments has been granted full rights to distribute and use the film.

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Gaothobogwe uses animation to preserve culture

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Try Gaothobogwe, a Tutume native currently pursuing a Master of Education in Electrical Engineering at the University of

Melbourne under the Botswana Top Achievers scholarship, takes pride in animating traditional fables.

At 28, he describes himself as passion-driven, with a vivid memory of the humorous yet

instructive tales once told by grandmothers.

“Cultural preservation is one of those things I adore most,” he said.

Before publishing his animations, Gaothobogwe often debated with friends about the interpretation of folklore, such as the story of *Tshuele*.

He argues that analysing such tales more deeply can inspire longer narratives, books, or even films, an effective tool for preserving culture.

For too long, he noted, Botswana have imported foreign myths like *Cinderella* and *Harry Potter*.

His vision is to see Botswana’s own legends, *Lentswe la Baratani*, *Matsieng*, *Tintibane* adapted into films and celebrated globally.

“Why are we not exporting our cultural stories and myths?” he asks. He imagines Otse village rivalling Paris as a “city of love,” with couples marrying atop Baratani Hill as a romantic gesture rooted in local myth.

Gaothobogwe stressed that Botswana’s calendar lacked holidays celebrating indigenous identity.

Storytelling, he believes, is key to building authentic identity and has real economic potential, pointing to Disney’s success and Netflix’s *Vikings*, inspired by Norse mythology.

His animations resonate with children and adults and teachers even use them as classroom aids. He hopes to collaborate officially with the Ministry of Basic Education.

Drawing inspiration from his grandmother’s fables, Gaothobogwe has animated three stories: *Bampedza we Phengwe* (an Ikalanga tale), *Lentswe la Baratani*, and *Ntiti le Ntitietsana*, his first

motion 3D animation created with AI tools.

The latter has garnered over half a million views on TikTok, released weekly as a limited series.

Voiced by Natasha Oitsile, *Ntiti le Ntitietsana* will premiere as a full film during a Culture Night hosted

with Livingstone Kolobeng College on May 2.

The event will feature live folklore storytelling by his grandmother, Chituelele Gaothobogwe, comedy by Emmanuel ‘Depay’ Tumelo, and traditional snacks to bind arts and culture. **BOPA**



Try Gaothobogwe takes pride in animating traditional fables. He said cultural preservation was one of the things he adored the most. Photos: Courtesy of Try Gaothobogwe



Gaothobogwe’s animations resonate with children and adults. He said he hoped to collaborate with the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education.

Stars host BDF XI in FA Cup clash

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Calendar Stars will host BDF XI in the last 32 of the Orange FA Cup Season 7 at the Francistown City Council Stadium on Sunday.

Calendar Stars proceeded to the last 32 after beating Dessert Buffaloes by 5-4 in penalty shoot-out.

The game ended in a two-all draw, which led to penalties shoot-out.

In an interview, Calendar Stars coach, Joseph Mokgacha said their game with BDF XI would be a tough encounter as they had played with BDF XI twice in the league matches and managed to draw all the games.



Calendar Stars coach Joseph Mokgacha

He said they did not have enough time to prepare well for the game as they had a league match on Wednesday, which left them with only two days to prepare for the Cup game.

However, Mokgacha said their Orange Cup game meant a lot.

“On the positive side, it means when we progress forward, our players will have more game time, which will boost their morale. On the negative side, it means we will have to juggle between many games, which means we will be fatigued,” he said, adding that the team is also at a

critical moment where it is facing relegation.

Coach Mokgacha encouraged Calendar Stars supporters to come and support the team in this thrilling competition adding that playing on the home advantage could be a morale booster for good results.

BDF XI coach, Mogomotsi Mpotse said they were ready to play Calendar Stars and they had prepared well for the encounter, with a morale boost after winning against Police XI in a league match.

He said his squad was fit without injuries, adding that Tapiwa Namanjiva, who was on injury, was now back and started training and looks well to play.

Coach Mpotse said cup games were important in giving ample game time also noting that the opportunity for the winner to participate in the CAF competition offered exposure to players, which could add value to the national team.

“We take this cup seriously as it increases our competitiveness”.

In other games, Tsabong Red Lions will lock horns with Gaborone United, Lokgwabe United with Matebele FC as well as Tonota FC and Security Systems.

Kanye United take on Nico United, Ghanzi Swallows play Enesia, Tsetseng United host Jwaneng Galaxy and Tlokwen United take on Township Rollers. Ndundu Young

Fighters FC will be up against Sua Flamingoes; Tonota FC will battle Security Systems XI FC while Jwaneng Young Stars FC will be playing against Extension Gunners.

MR Highlanders will take on TAFIC FC as Motlakase Power Dynamos will be with Orapa United while Ferry Wonderers will host Black Lions.

JJ United FC will face Morupule Wanderers, while Holy Ghost will lock horns with Flamengo Santos. Santa Green will welcome Mochudi Centre Chiefs.

The Orange FA Cup season 7, commonly called Kgaatshoo Bophaskelem, is a knockout completion, which gives platform to lower league teams to compete with the top flight teams.

At the end of the tournament, the winner will receive P700,000 and will qualify for the CAF Confederation Cup. **BOPA**



BDF XI coach Mogomotsi Mpotse

Bayern ease past Atalanta to set up Real Madrid clash in last eight

BERLIN

Bayern Munich completed a dominant 10-2 aggregate victory over Atalanta with a 4-1 win at the Allianz Arena to advance to the UEFA Champions League quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The tie had effectively been decided after Bayern's emphatic first-leg performance, yet the hosts still controlled proceedings from the outset, enjoying prolonged spells of possession and repeatedly testing Atalanta goalkeeper Marco Sportiello.

The breakthrough arrived in the 25th minute when Harry Kane converted a retaken penalty after his initial effort had been saved, with Sportiello adjudged to have moved too early off his line.

Atalanta adopted a deeper defensive approach than in the first leg, limiting space inside the box, but Bayern continued to threaten from distance while rarely being troubled at the other end, with Jonas Urbig only called into action once before the interval.

Bayern increased the tempo after the restart and doubled their lead in the 54th minute when Kane produced a precise finish into the top corner after working space inside the area.

Moments later, Lennart Karl extended the advantage, finishing clinically into the far corner following good work from debutant Deniz Oflü, before Luis Diaz added another by lifting the ball over the advancing Sportiello.



MUNICH - Bayern Munich players celebrating their 4-1 victory against Atalanta during the UEFA Champions League Round of 16 second leg match in Germany on Wednesday. Photo: Xinhua

With the contest long settled, Vincent Kompany introduced further young players, including Filip Pavic, as Bayern maintained control despite easing their intensity in the closing stages.

Atalanta managed a late response in the 85th minute when Lazar Vujadin Samardzic headed in from close range following a flick-on by Mario Pasalic, but the goal had no bearing on the overall outcome.

The result confirmed Bayern's passage into the quarterfinals,

where they will face Real Madrid. “We wanted to win the game in the same style as we did in the first leg,” said Kane.

“Motivation is harder, but we were there from the start. Overall, it was a really good knockout round for us and we can be happy. Whenever you play Real you have to be ready for a fight. We will be ready for that. We don't fear anyone. We just have to carry on as we are doing,” he added. **Xinhua**

Tonota mini stadium nears completion

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

The Tonota mini stadium, currently under construction, is approximately 90 per cent complete, with the project expected to be finalised in May.

Reporting on the progress of the project, council secretary for Tonota District Council, Mogomotsi Seemule revealed that completed infrastructure included five kiosks, a ticket booth, two changing rooms, an office block, canteen, and a boundary wall.

She explained that water and electrical connections have been secured from Water Utilities Corporation and Botswana Power Corporation, respectively.

Ongoing works, Seemule explained, include water and electrical reticulation to buildings and pitch grading, with two

contractors on site.

She attributed delays in the implementation of the project to poor contractor performance, leading to contract terminations and re-procurement processes.


The council secretary explained further that the total project budget was P6 million, with P4.9 million spent to date.

“The project, implemented by Tonota District Council, has engaged six contractors and 14 artisans, with two contractors and two artisans terminated due to non-performance,” she said.

Upon completion, Seemule said the stadium would be handed over to the Ministry of Sport and Arts for management and maintenance.

“The facility is expected to boost sports development and create economic opportunities through kiosk rentals and community activities,” said Seemule. **BOPA**


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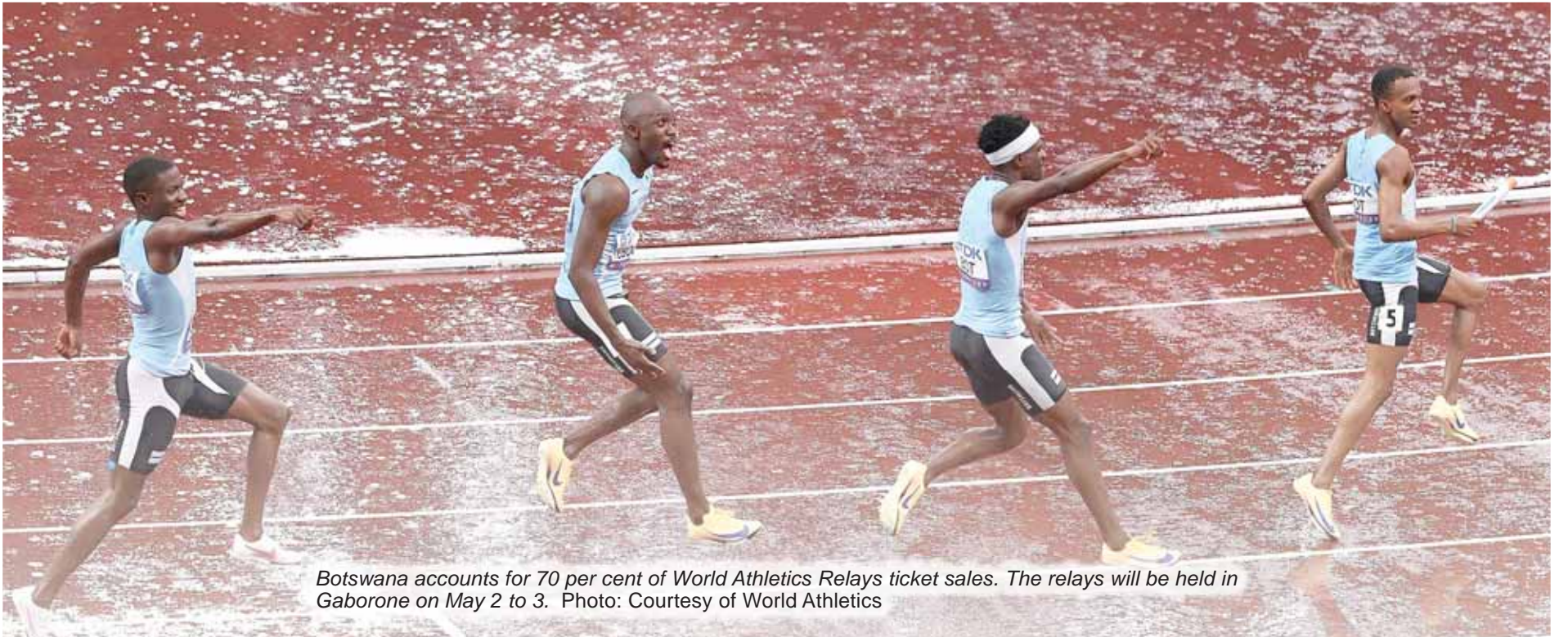


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Botswana accounts for 70 per cent of World Athletics Relays ticket sales. The relays will be held in Gaborone on May 2 to 3. Photo: Courtesy of World Athletics

Botswana leads in World Relays tickets sales

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

World Athletics Relays Gaborone 2026 organisers are impressed with ticket sales for the world showpiece planned for May 2-3.

Currently, statistics show that Botswana account for 70 per cent

sales, followed by South Africa.

Other countries such as Canada, the United States, Switzerland and Kenya have also recorded significant sales.

Tickets were made available to the general public from February 23. World Relays Gaborone 2026 ticketing committee chairperson, Naledi Lemogang said in an

interview that they received more bulks sales from companies than individual buyers.

She also said organisers were expecting purchases from international athletics associations as well as individual foreign spectators.

"This will not be an ordinary track event; it will be more of

a festival, with entertainment before the main competitions. We therefore encourage people to come and experience Botswana as the first African country to host the World Relays," she said.

"We are also appealing to stakeholders and companies to purchase tickets in bulk and also groups of people, they can simply

go to World relays Facebook page for all the information or visit the National Stadium where the world relays offices are for more information," she added.

She confirmed that tickets were still available and urged the public to purchase them through the official World Athletics Relays Gaborone 2026 website.

To boost sales, she said ticketing agents would soon be deployed in various shopping malls, where they would assist customers with online purchases.

"We have also introduced cash payment options at our activation points and through ticketing agents. Additionally, discounted student tickets are available at P250 for day one and P250 for day two."

Despite concerns that ticket prices may seem steep, she said it was crucial for local supporters to fill the stadium, especially as countries such as Jamaica, Kenya and the United States were expected to bring their fans.
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Tennis players set for Davis Cup showdown

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Botswana's national tennis team is set to compete in the Davis Cup Africa Group IV tournament in Kenya planned for July 17-20.

The tournament will feature eight nations; Algeria, Angola,

Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

All teams will compete in a round-robin format, with the top two nations earning promotion to Africa Group III in 2027, while the bottom two will be relegated to Group V.

In an interview, Botswana Tennis Association vice

president Nonofu Othusitse said following one of the country's most memorable Davis Cup performances on home soil in 2025, which secured their promotion, the team was eager to build on that momentum and push for elevation to Group III.

"With this depth of talent, head coach Phenyio Matong will have a solid foundation to

assemble a competitive squad capable of challenging for promotion," he said.

He said competing in Kenya would not be easy as it was an unfamiliar territory for the team.

He noted that when Kenya last hosted the Group IV tournament in 2019, which Botswana participated and finished sixth. **BOPA**

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