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New partnership to boost prison rehabilitation and skills development

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The Botswana Prison Service (BPS) and Boitekanelo College have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a cooperative framework for education, training and rehabilitation services within the country's correctional system.

The agreement places healthcare education and skills development at the centre of efforts to strengthen the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders and enhance professional development among correctional officers.

Under the MoU, the two institutions will collaborate in areas including nursing, leadership and management, health sciences and public health. Programmes will be extended to officers, prisoners and, where lawfully authorised, former prisoners, subject to existing laws, security protocols and human rights principles.

The partnership is founded on a shared conviction that innovation, collaboration, experiential learning and practical skills development are essential to staff development and the successful rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders into their communities.

The scope of cooperation includes rehabilitation and systems strengthening aimed at developing a holistic and sustainable correctional model, as well as life-skills training to empower prisoners and former prisoners for reintegration.

The institutions will also collaborate on psychosocial support programmes for staff and inmates, with the aim of improving mental health outcomes and reducing behavioural incidents within correctional facilities.

Dr Tiro Mampane, Provost at Boitekanelo College, said the partnership was ultimately about transforming individuals before they returned to society.

"Ensure that the person who is committed to prison does not return to society in the same bad form and character that he was at the time of conviction or commission to prison. That person must be changed," he said.

He added that meaningful transformation required adequate tools and support to shape the character of offenders.

The MoU also provides for student placements and the establishment of a pilot rehabilitation unit, offering a potentially cost-effective way of strengthening institutional capacity.

Botswana Prison Service Commissioner Anthony

"The agreement places healthcare education and skills development at the centre of efforts to strengthen the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders and enhance professional development among correctional officers"

Mokento said the partnership would provide mutual benefits, particularly through the placement of Boitekanelo students at correctional facilities.

"A partner like Boitekanelo, with over 3 000 students who at some point in their studies require placement, and we've been ready to offer and accept them into our fold to do their practicals," he said.

He said the students would not only fulfil their academic requirements but could also contribute to the delivery of rehabilitation programmes.

Mr Mokento said the partnership would help multiply the human resources available to support rehabilitation programmes, with Boitekanelo expected to make a significant contribution to prisoner rehabilitation.

"Research and data-driven policy development also feature prominently in the agreement. However, any research will require prior written approval from BPS and must comply with applicable ethical, consent, institutional and legal requirements."

Other areas of collaboration include community reintegration and outreach initiatives aimed at reducing recidivism and improving public acceptance of returning citizens.

The institutions will also work towards standardising rehabilitation programmes to promote greater consistency and scalability across correctional facilities.

The agreement further provides for collaboration in health services, including the deployment of a mobile clinic to provide general health screening, mental health assessments and specialised services, integrated with existing BPS health provisions.

Implementation of the MoU will be guided by annual plans jointly developed and approved by the competent authorities.

The agreement specifies that annual plans will not, by themselves, authorise expenditure, procurement, research, clinical work or access to personal data. Such activities will require separate approvals in accordance with applicable laws, policies and professional standards. **BOPA**



Botswana Prison Service commissioner, Mr Anthony Mokento (left) and Boitekanelo College founder and provost, Dr Tiro Mampane exchanging files after the two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Tlokweng on Monday. The MoU aims to strengthen collaboration between the two institutions in the areas of rehabilitation, psychosocial services, occupational services, staff development and practical training. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Marriages plummet as births outside wedlock rise

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The number of marriages solemnised annually continues to plummet amid a sharp rise in births outside wedlock, according to the Botswana Statistics Report on births, marriages and deaths registered in Botswana during 2024.

The report shows that 4 517 marriages were registered in 2024, the lowest number recorded over the past decade. The figure represents a 41 per cent decline from the peak recorded in 2021, when 7 631 marriages were solemnised.

According to the report, most marriages involved individuals residing in the same district, while the majority of unions were first marriages for both spouses.

Marriage patterns also point to delayed union formation, particularly among men. The mean age at first marriage was estimated at 43 years for bachelors and 38 years for spinsters.

No person aged 18 or below entered into marriage during the year. However, one male and four females were recorded as

marrying at age 19. The report further indicates that in about 80 per cent of marriages, the groom was older than the bride. In 2024, most men who married were older than their wives, regardless of their marital status at the time of marriage. This marked a shift from a previous trend in which women tended to marry younger men.

Meanwhile, birth statistics for 2024 show a significant shift in family formation patterns, with births outside wedlock accounting for the overwhelming majority of registered births. The report notes that the marital status of mothers provides insight into changing family formation patterns and social dynamics, with variations among married, single, divorced and widowed mothers having implications for social policy, maternal and child health programmes and family support initiatives.

Of the 41 784 births registered in 2024, 84 per cent occurred outside wedlock, while 6 545 births, or 16 per cent, were to married mothers. The legitimacy status of 29 births was not stated.

Births outside wedlock were

concentrated among mothers aged between 20 and 34 years, with women aged 20 to 24 years recording the highest number.

In contrast, births within wedlock were highest among mothers aged 30 to 34 and 35 to 39 years, suggesting that marriage and childbearing within marriage are more common among women in the older reproductive age groups.

The report notes that, overall, non-marital childbearing remains the dominant pattern across all reproductive age groups, particularly among younger women, while births within wedlock are relatively more common among women in their thirties.

"This trend may reflect changing social norms, delayed marriage, increased cohabitation, and economic factors influencing family formation patterns," it added, noting that the pattern has important implications for social protection systems, child welfare, and family support policies.

The data analysed in the report were sourced from the Department of Civil and National Registration. **BOPA**

Lack of funds stall Good Hope road projects

Aobakwe Molefhi
GOOD HOPE

Significant progress has been made in the output and performance-based road contract in the district despite ongoing financial challenges.

Speaking during the opening of a full council session of the Good Hope District Council on Tuesday, the council chairperson, Mr Gofaone Nkwane said the design phase of the 250-kilometre Mmathethe-Metlobo-Bray-Werda Road was complete, though the project, which was to be carried out through the Development Manager Model,

had been suspended due to a lack of funds.

He further mentioned that ongoing financial constraints had also halted the construction of the Mabule-Sekhutlane Road, which was awarded to Van and Truck Hire Pty Ltd.

Mr Nkwane stated that procurement of the asphalt overlay and shoulder reconstruction of the Ramatlabama-Mmathethe Road, which was approved under the Road Fund Levy, had also been halted due to lack of funds. Despite this, he said, the project has been submitted for funding consideration in the 2026/2027 financial year.

He added that the dry grading of

roads in the district had also been affected by funding limitations and machinery shortages.

He explained that the deployment of graders for Foot and Mouth Disease control has reduced availability for road works, adding that ongoing machinery breakdowns and slow repair due to insufficient funds were also a factor contributing to the situation.

However, the chairman revealed that other projects like the 174.4 km Rakhuna Junction-Mabule Main Road and Good Hope-Kgoro-Gathwane Road, awarded to SteelBase Pty Ltd, was now at 99.49 per cent complete.

Mr Nkwane stated that the design review and construction of

the Good Hope-Kgoro-Gathwane Road and associated access roads have been completed and were now open to traffic, adding that routine maintenance and network performance activities were ongoing on the roads until October 2026.

Mr Nkwane reported that the construction of the Good Hope-Gamajaalela Road and the Malokaganyane-Sheepfarm Roads were complete, while the Rakhuna-Ngwatsau Road was nearly complete.

He noted that progress on the 52-kilometre Borobadilepe-Hebron-Mokatako Road was at 41 per cent, compared to the planned 53 per cent. **BOPA**

Botswana donates FMD vaccine to Lesotho

MASERU

Botswana has donated 100 000 doses of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine to Lesotho as part of efforts to strengthen the country's response to the disease and deepen cooperation between the two countries.

Handing over the vaccines produced by the Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) in Maseru on Wednesday, Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, described the donation as a demonstration of friendship, solidarity and practical cooperation between Botswana and Lesotho.

He said the support followed commitments made under the Botswana-Lesotho Binational Commission and reflected the two countries' shared interest in protecting livelihoods, food security and economic development.

FMD remains a major threat to livestock production and trade because outbreaks can disrupt livestock movement, restrict market access and place pressure on farmers and veterinary services.

Dr Dikoloti said Botswana therefore considered it necessary to support Lesotho in its efforts to control and manage the disease.

The minister highlighted the role of BVI, describing it as a strategic institution in Botswana and Africa's livestock and animal health sector.

Over the years, BVI has supported Botswana's national livestock disease control programmes and developed into a regional and international supplier of veterinary vaccines, particularly those used to combat FMD.

Dr Dikoloti said the donation demonstrated Botswana's scientific and technical capacity and showed that African countries could develop home-grown solutions to animal health challenges.

However, he cautioned that vaccines alone were not sufficient to control FMD.

Effective vaccination, he said, needed to be supported by proper planning, correct vaccine storage, cold-chain management, appropriate administration, disease surveillance, livestock movement controls and sustained farmer awareness.

To enhance the impact of the donation, BVI is also providing technical support through a vaccine handling and administration workshop for veterinary officials in Lesotho.

Dr Dikoloti said the training

would help ensure effective use of the vaccines while strengthening the sustainability of Lesotho's disease control efforts.

He said livestock remained central to national development, noting that healthy animals contributed to productive farming, stable livelihoods, improved nutrition and stronger communities.

The donation is expected to support Lesotho's immediate FMD response and protect cattle and other susceptible livestock. It could also create opportunities for expanded cooperation between Botswana and Lesotho in animal health, livestock production, veterinary services, research, training and trade.

Dr Dikoloti said the fight against transboundary animal diseases required regional cooperation because such diseases did not respect national borders.

He said Botswana remained committed to working with Lesotho and other SADC member states to strengthen regional animal health systems, improve preparedness and protect livestock value chains.

The minister described the donation as an example of African solidarity, saying an animal disease outbreak in one country could have consequences beyond its borders.

Supporting affected countries, he said, was therefore not only an act of goodwill but also an investment in regional resilience and shared prosperity.

Dr Dikoloti said Botswana valued its relationship with Lesotho and hoped the handover would further strengthen bilateral ties while creating new opportunities for collaboration between technical institutions, including veterinary services and vaccine production entities. **BOPA**



A total of 237 individuals classified as non-former employees of BCL mine will be required to vacate and return BCL houses to the BCL/Tati Mines Task Force Team within three months. District Commissioner for Selebi Phikwe, Ms Boikhutso Matenge, who also spearheads the task force team, announced this during a consultative meeting with non-former BCL employees.

Non-former BCL employees to vacate mine houses

Chendzimu Manyepedza SELEBI PHIKWE

A total of 237 individuals classified as non-former employees of BCL mine will be required to vacate and return BCL houses to the BCL/Tati Mines Task Force Team within three months.

District Commissioner for Selibe Phikwe, Ms Boikhutso Matenge, who also spearheads the BCL/Tati Task Force Team, announced this during a consultative meeting with non-former BCL employees.

Non-former BCL employees are individuals who were engaged on contract by companies involved in various mining activities at BCL before its closure. Some of them currently occupy houses among the 1 232 units purchased by government from the BCL liquidator.

Ms Matenge said the decision was intended to facilitate the smooth handover of the houses to eligible former BCL employees who had undergone assessment and verification to determine their eligibility for housing allocation.

She said the initiative would also

ensure that available housing was allocated fairly and efficiently, enabling eligible beneficiaries to move into the houses without unnecessary delays.

Ms Matenge said 1401 individuals had undergone assessment for housing eligibility, with 1139 qualifying for allocation under the established housing guidelines.

She said government would prioritise allocating the remaining available houses to former BCL employees currently residing in hostels.

"Government has purchased 1 232 BCL houses from the liquidator. Of the 1401 former BCL employees who were assessed, 237 individuals do not meet the criteria outlined in the housing guidelines and, as a result, will be required to vacate their current residences and return the houses to the Task Force Team within three months," she said.

Ms Matenge further said the houses earmarked for allocation would undergo conditional surveys to assess their current condition and determine the extent of any damage.

She said the assessment was expected to be completed by next month to ensure that the houses were suitable for occupation.

Meanwhile, a former BCL employee Mr Busang Masole expressed concern over the prolonged challenges surrounding the BCL mine and its former employees.

He stressed the need for the matters to be resolved expeditiously, saying closure was important not only for former employees but also for the wider community affected by the mine's closure.

Ms Gofamodimo Lekgowe, a former non-BCL employee however, appealed for an extension to allow current occupants to remain in the houses until December.

She said some occupants had children attending school and were facing difficulties finding suitable alternative accommodation in Selibe Phikwe.

Ms Lekgowe said requiring families to vacate their homes at this stage would force them to relocate, potentially disrupting the children's education and negatively affecting their academic performance. **BOPA**

Ministry contains FMD outbreak in zones 3c and 6b

FRANCISTOWN

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has announced that the outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Disease Control Zones 3c and 6b have been successfully suppressed and officially closed with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

According to a press release from the Ministry, the strategy in the now closed zones was based on emergency vaccination, animal

identification, and enhanced surveillance, with the long-term goal of attaining FMD Free with vaccination status.

"The successful closure of these zones is a result of coordinated efforts between government, farmers and stakeholders," the ministry stated.

Zones 3c and 6b cover parts of the North East District. Zone 3c lies to the west of the railway line while Zone 6b lies to the east.

The epicentre of the outbreak was first reported in Ramokgwebana

early this year.

The release further notes that prevention and control measures remain in full force in Zones 11 and 13. These include emergency vaccination, biosecurity, livestock movement controls, active surveillance, and the maintenance of containment zones.

"The outbreaks in Zones 11 and 13 are responding very well to the instituted animal health protocols," the release said.

However, the ministry has flagged localised cases in the

Mabule, Molapowabojang, Lobatse and Pitshane Molopo extension areas and is urging farmers in the areas to be on high alert.

In light of the ongoing risk, the ministry is urging all farmers, members of the public and stakeholders to comply with the revised disease prevention measures, remain vigilant, and immediately report any signs of illness in livestock to the nearest Department of Veterinary Services or Botswana Police Service station. **BOPA**



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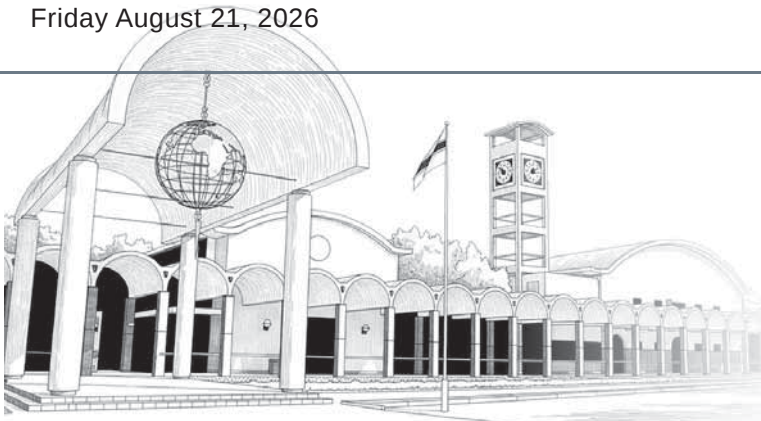
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Policy to reform health system

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Minister of Health Dr Stephen Modise says the proposed National Health Insurance policy is a historic protective framework aimed at improving transparency, minimising waste, and securing medical supply chains for future generations.

Speaking this week, Dr Modise described NHI as a potential ‘defining social investment of the generation’ and a paradigm shift for Botswana’s health ecosystem. “For too long, health systems around the world had been designed around the hospital where health officers waited for people to become sick, then we treat them, wait for complications, then we intervene, wait for emergencies, then mobilise resources,” he said.

The minister said the future must focus on ‘prevention before treatment, early intervention before complications and primary healthcare before hospitalisation.’ Dr Modise noted that NHI would help government better manage and stabilise the rising costs of outsourced medical services that were currently straining the public budget.

“For many years, the state has absorbed heavily inflated costs to outsource complex diagnostics, specialised surgeries and long-term care due to a lack of centralised, coordinated purchasing power,” he said. Citing World Health Organisation data, he said government accounted for approximately 74.7 per cent of current health expenditure in 2020.

Yet Botswana’s Universal Health Coverage service coverage index stood at approximately 55 out of 100 in 2021, compared to a global average of about 67 and an average of 77 among upper-middle-income countries. “This is the paradox we must confront.

We are investing substantially, but the return in health outcomes is not yet commensurate with the investment,” Dr Modise said. He identified administrative and financial fragmentation in the dual-tier health system as the core challenge.

Families across constituencies, he said, still faced unexpected out-of-pocket spending during medical emergencies. Meanwhile, systemic inefficiencies, billing discrepancies and duplicate procurement structures absorb resources that could otherwise go to patient care.

If left unaddressed, national health spending is projected to rise from P10 billion to over P15 billion within five years without delivering the full improvements in clinical care and facility modernisation that citizens deserve, he warned. Dr Modise stressed that NHI did not mean government was

withdrawing from financing healthcare. “Rather, it seeks to broaden the financing base, increase predictability, improve efficiencies and sustainability,” he said.

The policy envisages a mixed financing model. Potential revenue sources include general taxation as the core source, earmarked health-related or sin taxes, progressive formal-sector payroll contributions, and mechanisms for informal sector participation.

Mandatory employer and employee participation is also envisaged, but implementation will be phased according to system readiness, enrolment capacity, provider accreditation and institutional preparedness.

“This is not an experiment that Botswana is undertaking in isolation. Countries across the world have travelled this road. Some have succeeded spectacularly, others have encountered difficulties. From both experiences, we can learn,” Dr Modise said. Dr Modise said implementation of the policy would be in three phases. Phase 1 include the legal, policy and institutional development.

This includes NHI legislation, establishment of NHI structures, governance arrangements, system preparation, and finalisation and costing of the Essential Health Services Package. Phase two comprise the system development and pilots, covering provider accreditation, digital systems, provider contracting, payment mechanisms and initial enrolment while Phase three will address progressive national expansion, subject to readiness and evidence. “It is an invitation to reform and to build something better,” the minister concluded. **BOPA**

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GABORONE

The Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa says government has disbursed P2.7 billion for Botswana Defence Force (BDF) pension pay out since 2024.

Making a statement in Parliament on Wednesday, he said the BDF Pensions matter related to historical pension arrangements for members of the BDF pre-dating the Botswana Pension Officers’ Pension Fund (BPOPF) established in 2001, Mr Mohwasa said in 2017, a government-commissioned actuarial analysis revealed that the defined contribution scheme unfairly impacted BDF personnel due to the early retirement mandates affecting their replacement ratios.

He said in March 2024,



Minister of Higher Education Mr Prince Maele said government is committed to Vision 2036 and various educational strategies aimed at strengthening Botswana’s technical and vocational education training system.

Ministry commits to strengthening TVET

GABORONE

Government is committed to Vision 2036 and various educational strategies aimed at strengthening Botswana’s technical and vocational education training (TVET) system, the Minister for Higher Education Mr Prince Maele has said.

Presenting the National Technical and Vocational Education and Training Policy to Parliament on Wednesday, Mr Maele said the policy for TVET sector aimed to closely align education with the labour market’s demands and industry needs, and emphasises developing skills that prepared learners not only for existing jobs but also for future opportunities.

The policy seeks to cultivate an innovative, entrepreneurial generation that not only seeks employment but also creates opportunities.

Minister Maele also said the policy aligned with Vision 2036, which prioritised quality education and vocational skills as key to national progress, and was consistent with the National Development Plan 12 (NDP12), while promoting globally competitive human capital.

Also, he said the policy aimed to revitalise TVET to develop a productive and adaptable workforce in response to technological

advancements and new industries, crucial for economic growth and competitiveness; addressing critical issues such as entrepreneurship, dual qualifications, recognition of prior learning, lifelong learning and sustainable development related to green economies.

Additionally, Mr Maele said the policy supported the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG4, which advocate inclusive education and lifelong learning, and strived to eliminate gender disparities and enhance access for vulnerable groups.

Ultimately, he said the policy sought to create a responsive and equitable TVET system alongside traditional academic pathways, open to all based on potential rather than circumstance. Furthermore, Mr Maele said this policy was not just an educational initiative, but served as a tool for economic transformation. He therefore said an implementation plan and monitoring framework were key to translating policy ambitions into measurable outcomes; as success centred on collective commitment, with the private sector recognised as a crucial partner in aligning skills development with economic needs.

Moreover, Mr Maele said the policy aimed to reposition TVET as a crucial component of education

and skills development, integrating academic and vocational pathways.

He emphasised the importance of sustainable collaboration among government, industry and civil society as essential for success and called on all stakeholders to translate the policy into actionable opportunities.

Mr Maele said the revitalisation of TVET was framed as a national development imperative, emphasising investment in the workforce and reshaping perceptions of vocational education as a path to competence and innovation. **BOPA**



Minister for Higher Education Mr Prince Maele

More than P2 billion for BDF pensions

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

government decided to enhance transfer values for BDF members who served before April 2001, resulting in the issuance of Statutory Instruments 52 and 53 to amend related pension regulations.

Mr Mohwasa said 5767 separated members and beneficiaries of deceased members registered and provided the requisite information across the country.

He said the collected data was deposited with the Accountant General for verification.

“The verification, among other things, entailed confirmation of the date an individual joined the fund and the salary applicable on the date they joined the fund,” said Mr Mohwasa.

Additionally, Mr Mohwasa said that information was verified and shared with BPOPF and the National Medical Group (NMG)

for actuarial calculations based on the adjusted denominator.

He said government aimed to complete payments to living BDF veteran members by end of September and finalised payments to deceased veterans’ beneficiaries by year-end. As of August 2026, he said, NMG reported that 79 per cent of eligible military veterans had received payment, primarily covering retirements and death claims.

Notably, Mr Mohwasa said a group of ‘forgotten soldiers’ retirees faced difficulties owing to lack of record from their transfer to the BPOPF.

He said requests have been made for adjustments and recalculation of their benefits in light of administrative omissions.

The minister also said some veterans have expressed concerns

regarding mandatory annuity purchases due to their age, with 182 members already having to comply. Therefore, Mr Mohwasa appealed for patience as government worked through the legal and administrative processes required to reach a durable resolution.

He said the complexities surrounding the transfer of BDF members to the BPOPF presented a challenge that required thorough assessment, data-driven decisions, due diligence and the avoidance of emotive pronouncements.

The minister noted that government remained committed not only to resolving the legacy administrative errors underlying this matter, but also to securing a long-term solution for BDF pensions, adding that the resolve would be reflected in the BDF Act Amendment Bill. **BOPA**

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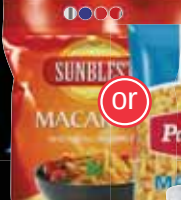
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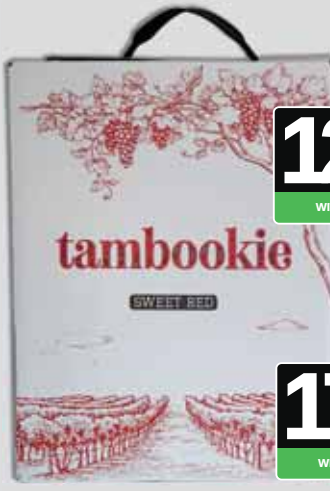
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- Implementing controls to make sure that correct procedures are followed when payments are made out of trust
- Managing the closure of month ends in the accounting system and making sure all the trust bank reconciliations balance.
- Assist the external auditors with Trust audit
- Preparing Management Accounts and Annual Financial Statements

Qualifications

B.com degree in Accounting or Finance or Business Management

Masters in Commerce degree in Finance or other related areas

Minimum of 3 years' experience in the similar role

Key attributes

- Highly motivated, proactive, and results-driven
- Confident in challenging processes and driving continuous improvement
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- A collaborative, reliable team player with a professional approach

Applications

Interested candidates should submit their CV and supporting documents to:

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Closing date: 5 September2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contact

13th PARLIAMENT



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THEKISO KA PALABALO

Palamente etla a bo e rekisa dithoto ka palabalo. Thekiso etla a tshwarelwa ko dikagong tsa Palament.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
28 th August 2026	0800 – 1600	Pono ya dilwana le tseo ya dipampiri tsa theko	Dikago tsa Palamente
29 th – 30 th August 2026	0800 – 1600	Thekiso ya dithoto le tuelo ya tsone	Dikago tsa Palamente

DITHOTO TSE DI REKISIWANG KE:

- Dithoto tsa ofisi (ditafole, ditilo, khabinete, mechine e ntsifatsang jalo jalo)
- Dilwana tsa mo ntlung (malao, ditilo jalo jalo)
- Dilwana tsa motlakase (diaircon, gysers, coffee machine, fridge, jalo jalo)
- Dilwana tsa kago

Ditumalano tsa thekiso

1. Palabalo etla simolola ka nako ya 0830 ka di 29th August 2026, e tswelele ka tsatsi le le latelang fa esa wela.
2. Bareki ba kopiwa go tla ba ipaakantse go duela le go tsaya dilwana
3. Mo palabalong e, gotla a letlelelwa Batswana fela (lo kopiwa go tlisa Omang yoo o rurifaditsweng ele sesupo)
4. Dithoto di rekisetwa moreki wa madi a ako godimo ga ba bangwe. Palamente ena le tshwanelo ya go sa amogele moikopedi le fa a ka tswa ele ene mofenyi ka tlhwalhwa e ekwa godimo.
5. Dithoto di tla a rekisiwa di le mo seemong se di fithletsweng dile mo go sone.
6. Dithoto di duelwa ka machine fela (**swiping fela**). Dituelo di tshwanetswe go duelwa mo malatsing a mabedi go simolola ka tsatsi la palabalo (29 – 30/08/26)
7. Dithoto etla a nna tsa mofenyi fela a sena go di duelela.
8. Dithoto di tlaa ntshiwa mo lefelong la palabalo fela fa moreki a ntsha sesupo sa tuelo morago ga go duela.
9. Ope fela yoo sa kgonang go duela mo Nakong e e beilweng (29 – 30/08/26), otla a latlhegelwa ke tshwanelo ya gagwe ya theko, go bo go neelwa yoo mo tlhatlhamang.
10. Palamente ga e tsee boikarabelo jwa go beela ope dithoto fa di sena go duelelwa. Dithoto di tshwanetse go bo di ntshitswe mo lefelong la palabalo malatsi a le mabedi di sena go duelwa. E seng jalo moreki o ka lopiwa dipula tse di masome mathlano (P50.00) ka letsatsi gore a bo a di beetswe sentle.
11. Go ntsha dithoto le go di rwa go tswa mo lefelong go mo maruding a moreki.

Fa o batla thuso, leletsa ba ba latelang.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

The Public is hereby informed that there will be an auction sale on the dates stipulated below at the Parliament grounds.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
28 th August 2026	0800 – 1600	Viewing of items	National Assembly Grounds
29 th – 30 th August 2026	0800 – 1600	Auction sale and payment of items	National Assembly Grounds

ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED INCLUDE

- Office furniture
- Household items (beds, chair lounge, coffee tables etc.
- Electrical items (shredder/fax machines, fridges, aircons etc.)
- Building materials

Terms and Conditions of the Public Bidding Auction Sale

1. Action sale will start at 0830 hours on the 29th August 2026 and will continue the following day the 30th August 2026 if not completed.
2. Bidders should come prepared to pay upon winning a lot/lots and collection to be done immediately.
3. The auction sale will be restricted to Botswana citizens only. Certified proof of omang (National Identity) required.
4. The auction sale will be sold in lot numbers to the highest bidder. The National Assembly reserve the right to reject any bid whether or not the highest.
5. All items shall be sold in "as is" condition without warranty or guarantee of any kind expressed or implied as to age, year of manufacture, model, condition etc.
6. Payment for lots shall be made strictly by **swiping only** for the full amount within **2 days** (29th – 30th August 2026) of the sale including the day of the auction sale.
7. A successful bidder shall become the owner of the item immediately upon full payment for the lot.
8. All items shall remain the property of National Assembly until fully paid for and may only be removed from the auction sale premises upon presentation of an official receipt of payment.
9. Any successful bidder who fails to make payment within two (2) days (29th – 30th August 2026) will lose his/her right to the item.
10. The National Assembly shall not be responsible for the safe custody of sold items, therefore sold items must be collected at least two (2) days after full payment is done. Otherwise, a penalty of P50.00 per day after the stipulated collection (2 days) will be charged for storage and security.
11. The handling and removal of sold lot shall be at the risk and expense of the purchaser.
12. **NO REFUND WIL BE ISSUED FOR GOODS PAID.**

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Fiscal reforms shield Botswana against downgrade

“Fiscal reforms, rebounding foreign reserves and stronger economic growth are expected to cushion Botswana against a potential credit rating downgrade by S&P Global”

ABSA macroeconomic specialist
Mr Ridle Markus



Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Ongoing fiscal reforms, rebounding foreign reserves and stronger economic growth are expected to cushion Botswana against a potential credit rating downgrade by S&P Global on September 11.

Speaking at the ABSA Bank Botswana Business Banking Risk Management seminar in Gaborone on Wednesday, ABSA macroeconomic specialist, Mr Ridle Markus stated that structural adjustments over the past two to three years, focused on revenue mobilisation, expenditure containment, favourable agriculture conditions and solid commodity prices, have provided crucial economic buffers.

“Reserve levels across the board

have actually risen quite sharply, and that allowed for additional interventions if we needed during this period,” Mr Markus said, noting there was a strong chance that the rating could be affirmed.

He added that the non-mining sector grew 2.7 per cent in the first quarter, though momentum may slow over the next 18 months.

However, he said the country faced a material risk of another downgrade as its fiscal position remained precarious.

He said the budget deficit was projected at nine per cent this year before falling to eight per cent next year and six per cent the year thereafter.

On one hand, he warned that domestic borrowing had more than doubled over the past year, offshore borrowing would

continue and the debt-to-GDP ratio could approach 50 per cent by next year.

“It also means then that, with conditions as it is, there is a risk of a rating downgrade,” Mr Markus said.

Again, he indicated that mining was expected to lead overall growth following a 107 per cent jump in second-quarter diamond output, pushing first-half production up nearly 43 per cent. Consequently, he added that second-quarter GDP could spike between 70 and 100 per cent before contracting in the third quarter due to base effects.

However, he said lower global diamond prices meant that increased exports would not automatically boost government revenue.

“Despite the fact that diamond exports will increase, that revenues to government will not necessarily increase as well,” he said.

He said additional economic headwinds included high inflation, expected to stay above the three to six per cent target band until April next year despite dropping from 10.7 to 9.4 per cent in July, alongside a nine per cent electricity tariff increase and el niño risks to food security. Ultimately, he said Botswana’s outlook remained tied to diamond production, fiscal sustainability, inflation, foreign reserves and agriculture.

Meanwhile, the seminar aimed to equip local businesses with key economic insights, foreign exchange trends and risk management solutions to guide financial decisions. **BOPA**

Youth carve paths into tourism careers

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

A 14-day journey on foot through the Okavango Delta has exposed a group of young aspiring trails guides and wildlife filmmakers to practical skills and real-world experiences intended to help them carve careers in the tourism and film industries.

The group completed the expedition from Xaxaba to Maun, with their achievement celebrated at a welcome ceremony held at Moeti Kgotla in Maun to recognise the participants behind The Longest Walk.

Supported through the 2023 CIPA Open Call with a grant of P999, 905.35, the project equipped youth from the NG32 communities with skills in professional trails guiding, photography and wildlife filmmaking.

According to Ledvac Holdings

managing director, Mr Molebi Otukile, the initiative was conceived after the organisation identified a gap in the country’s production sector and recognised the need to expose young people to specialised fields.

“The intention was not simply to take young people into the Delta for an expedition, but to give them practical exposure that could help them establish themselves professionally,” he said.

He noted that the intention was to continue the project and work with NG32 offices to identify and train more young people.

During the expedition, aspiring guides learned tracking, navigation, animal behaviour and responsible wildlife approach techniques.

Meanwhile, aspiring filmmakers gained practical experience observing and capturing animal encounters without interfering with natural behaviours.

For one of the trainees, Mr

Baboloki Dipogiso, the training meant confronting the physical demands of the industry, as the journey required them to walk long distances through difficult terrain and cross rivers and waterways, experiences which gave them a practical understanding of the environments in which they could eventually work rather than limiting their training to theoretical instruction.

For her part, 25-year-old professional guide, Ms Edna Batlhalefi, said the experience had added significant value to her professional development, particularly through the opportunity to learn from experienced practitioners and apply the knowledge gained during the expedition.

The significance of the training was also recognised by Deputy District Commissioner in the North West District, Mr Ramogaupi Gaborekwe, who applauded the initiative for

exposing young people to tourism filmmaking, which he described as a relatively new area in Botswana and one with potential to broaden opportunities for young people within the country’s growing tourism industry.

Mr Gaborekwe said the physical demands of the 14-day expedition also provided a valuable health benefit for the participants at a time when non-communicable diseases were increasingly challenging communities, noting that initiatives which encouraged young people to remain physically active can contribute to healthier lifestyles.

He further observed that the expedition demonstrated that human-wildlife coexistence was possible and attainable, as the trainees were able to spend an extended period moving through wildlife areas while learning how to understand animal behaviour and interact with the environment without disrupting it. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

South Africa inflation eases for first time in 5 months

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa’s consumer price inflation eased to 4.3 per cent in July, down from 5 per cent in June, marking its first decline in five months, according to data released by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) on Wednesday.

According to Stats SA, inflation stood at 3.5 per cent in January before rising to 5 per cent as the Middle East conflict continued to disrupt fuel supplies. The decline was attributed to slower food inflation, lower municipal tariff increases and lower fuel prices. Despite the month-on-month decline in fuel prices, petrol prices remained 19.3 per cent higher and diesel prices 28.8 per cent higher than in 2025. Patrick Kelly, chief director of price statistics at Stats SA, said food and non-alcoholic beverage inflation recorded its lowest level in more than 16 years.

Xinhua

East Africa forecasts above-average rainfall

NAIROBI - East Africa’s climate agencies have forecast wetter-than-normal conditions for the remainder of 2026, signaling increased seasonal rainfall across the Greater Horn of Africa.

In a forecast released Tuesday evening, the Climate Prediction and Applications Center, part of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, together with National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and regional partners, said the atmospheric conditions are typically associated with enhanced rainfall across the Greater Horn of Africa during the October-December season.

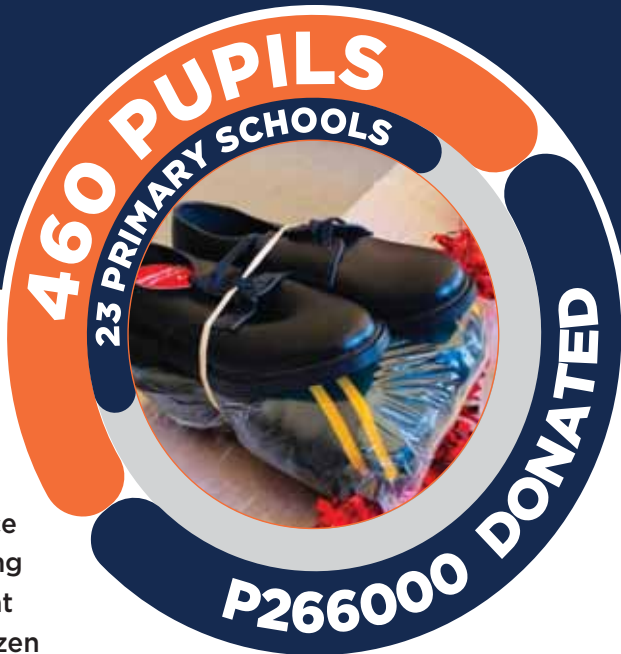
“The forecast also indicates a high chance of seasonal rainfall exceeding 400 mm in parts of central to southern Somalia, central Kenya, the Lake Victoria Basin region, Burundi, western Rwanda and western Tanzania,” the agencies said. **Xinhua**

Rising Swine fever cases disrupt Finland export

HELSINKI - Finland plans to fence off parts of the African swine fever (ASF) restriction zone in its southeastern region, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Sari Essayah said Wednesday, as confirmed infections among wild boars rose to 19. The exact area to be fenced has yet to be determined, Essayah said, adding that the work would be carried out in the coming months as part of efforts to contain the outbreak.

The Finnish Food Authority has established a restriction zone covering about 1 500 square km in southeastern Finland. The zone has been adjusted as more infections have been detected. The authority said 19 wild boars had tested positive for ASF as of Wednesday, while no infections have been detected in domestic pigs. **Xinhua**

UPLIFTING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH INVESTMENT IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS



“Since our founding in Palapye in 2003, De Vre Trans has grown into a proud, Batswana-owned company employing over 300 citizens. With our head office in Mmamashia and branches spanning Palapye and Ghanzi, we believe that being a responsible corporate citizen means actively uplifting the communities we serve.

As a reputable and responsible corporate citizen, we believe in being actively involved in our communities just like any citizen. We aim to participate in community development initiatives in line with our CSR objectives . Once again, we have stepped forward to ensure that 460 pupils across 23 primary schools were kept warm this season by donating school tracksuits and school shoes. By providing these essentials, we are creating cohesion and equality in the classroom so that these students can focus entirely on their studies. No child should ever have to worry about basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing in their pursuit of education.

There is no doubt that quality education has the power to transform lives and change the trajectory of the future for students and societies alike. But quality education does not just pop up overnight. It is a long-term effort and commitment. We are deeply honored to partner with local schools and parents to ensure that these students are set up for their future, and are fully equipped and empowered to thrive.

After all today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders, truck drivers, entrepreneurs, doctors, pilots, politicians, teachers, actors, and inventors—and education lays that vital foundation. This investment is worth every effort, and the return on investment for our society is simply too good to ignore.



EMPOWERING LOCAL SERVICE: PROVIDING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Our commitment to community development extends beyond the classroom. To support local governance and the justice system, we also donated a portable office unit to the Toteng Customary Court. This unit will provide the Kgotla with much-needed administrative space, ensuring they can serve the public efficiently and comfortably.

In delivering this infrastructure, we are proud to support the Kgotla’s core operational values: Batho Pele (“People First”). By expanding the court’s physical capacity, this donation ensures that community consensus, transparency, and justice will continue to flourish where they rightfully begin—at the Kgotla.”

PPP ideal for public transport facilities upgrade

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

The government says it remains committed to upgrading public transport infrastructure across the country, and will pursue alternative funding options including Public-Private Partnerships to address budgetary limitations. Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Minister of Local Government and Traditional

Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said the ministry would continue engaging stakeholders to secure resources for facilities in areas such as Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe. “These options include, but are not limited to, securing resources with private sector through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) frameworks should suitable investors express interest,” Mr Motshegwa told MPs. He said a dedicated site for

public transport had already been reserved at Plot No. 346 in Metsimotlhabe. In Mmopane, operators are currently using a temporary space near Tau Manthe Primary School. The ministry, he added, would initiate consultations with all relevant stakeholders to identify a permanent, accessible and convenient site that meets the long-term transport needs of the Mmopane community.

Mr Motshegwa acknowledged that both the Metsimotlhabe site and the temporary rank in Mmopane lacked essential infrastructure such as public restrooms. “While it is acknowledged that these conditions present genuine health, safety, and convenience challenges for both transport operators and commuters, prevailing fiscal constraints and competing national development priorities have prevented the provision of these facilities from being included in the current government development programme,” he said.

The minister was responding to Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe MP, Ms Helen Manyeneng, who asked if he was aware that there was no designated combi rank in the area, forcing operators to use informal open spaces. Ms Manyeneng also raised concerns that the absence of basic facilities, including toilets, posed public health and safety risks, and asked what steps the ministry would take, in collaboration with relevant ministries, to establish a formal combi rank with adequate facilities. **BOPA**



Government remains committed to upgrading public transport infrastructure, despite budgetary limitations.

Textbook shortage hits schools in Boteti West

GABORONE

The government has admitted to a nationwide shortage of teaching materials, with schools in Boteti West Constituency among the hardest hit, despite its commitment to quality and accessible education under the AU Charter and the Continental Education Strategy for Africa. Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa, told Parliament on Wednesday that both core and supplementary textbooks were in short supply across the country. Mr Hunyepa attributed the problem to financial constraints, saying the ministry was unable to allocate funds for textbooks in the 2025 financial year. “The ministry was aware of the shortage of both core and supplementary textbooks in Boteti

West Constituency, including the rest of the schools countrywide,” he said. He noted that funding has now been set aside for the purchase of textbooks for all schools, including the five junior secondary schools in Boteti West, in the 2026/2027 financial year. The minister was responding to a question from Boteti West legislator Mr Sam Digwa. Mr Digwa had asked whether the ministry was aware of the ‘serious shortage’ in the five junior secondary schools in the constituency and what measures were in place to ensure adequate supply. The admission comes as government continues to align its education policy with the AU Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and Africa’s continental education goals, which emphasise access to learning resources for all children. **BOPA**

Government cites legal process in Gaoberekwe burial decision

GABORONE

The government says it relied on court rules allowing a party to abandon a judgement in its favour when it permitted the burial of the late Gaoberekwe Gaoberekwe

in the Central Kgalagadi Game Reserve. Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga, told Parliament on Wednesday that the decision did not override or

disregard rulings of the High Court or Court of Appeal. Answering questions from Kgatleng East MP Mr Mabuse Pule, Mr Nyatanga said the Executive acted under Order 47, Rule 2 of the Rules of the High

Court. The rule allows a party in whose favour a judgement is given to abandon it in whole or in part by delivering a notice of abandonment. “The matter was therefore addressed through the applicable legal processes before permission was granted for the burial in the Central Kgalagadi Game Reserve,” he said. “By choosing to abandon the enforcement of the judgement, the Executive exercised Administrative Mercy. This is a lawful exercise aimed at rectifying a historical grievance.” Mr Nyatanga said the ‘human-rights centric government sought to use the law as a tool for reconciliation rather than exclusion. He stressed that the action did not review or set aside any court decision and that respect for judicial authority did not require the state to be ‘a heartless litigant.’ “By resolving this matter through applicable legal process, especially the formal abandonment of the court order, the executive acted within the framework of the law, not outside of it. This demonstrates a respect for the rule of law; acknowledging the Court’s decision while simultaneously exercising the Executive’s mandate to prioritise national harmony and human dignity,” he said. The assistant minister said government appointed an inter-ministerial committee in February 2025 to assess the situation of the

San in Botswana, including those in the CKGR. Its mandate, he said, was to advise government on sustainable solutions that respected the rights, culture and dignity of the San, and to align domestic policies with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He said the move signaled a shift from ‘Development by Displacement towards a model of Development by Inclusion,’ where protected areas and indigenous rights were treated as complementary. Extensive consultations with San communities have been conducted, he added. Mr Nyatanga acknowledged the decision set a precedent but described it as one of ‘Restorative Justice.’ He said it was not a blanket lifting of regulations, but a specific recognition of the San people’s ancestral ties to the land. “Any such matter that arises in future will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Policies and legislative interventions will be informed by the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee,” he said. Mr Pule had asked whether the Executive had lawful authority to permit a burial that differed from prior court decisions, how it justified the decision in light of separation of powers, and whether government intended to amend legislation to guide future ancestral burials in protected areas. **BOPA**

President foreign trips yield billions in investment deals

GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko’s regional and international trips since taking office have cost government P27.99 million, an amount below what was budgeted, Parliament heard on Wednesday. Answering questions in Parliament, the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, said the President’s annual allocation for regional and international visits was about P20 million. Since the new administration assumed office up to June 2026, total expenditure stands at P27.99 million against a budgeted P40 million. The disclosure came in response to Tati East MP Mr Tlhabologo Furniture, who asked for the number of trips undertaken by the President, their purpose, and a full breakdown of costs including

air travel, accommodation, subsistence, delegation expenses and other government spending. Mr Mohwasa said the trips have already yielded major investment commitments. These include a P13 billion, 500MW solar plant by Oman in Maun, a Tsehe Hill fuel plant worth over P6 billion, a P2.2 billion credit line from the UAE for medical supplies, and the P26 billion Albadad Convention Centre in Gaborone. He noted the list is not exhaustive. Government remains bound by non-disclosure agreements on other deals as they are commercially sensitive. “These visits are key instruments of diplomacy. They allow leaders to meet face-to-face with foreign counterparts, which can help build trust, resolve conflicts and engage on international issues such as security, trade and climate change,”

Mr Mohwasa told Parliament. “The minister said state visits also signaled Botswana’s intent to build strategic alliances and open new avenues for bilateral agreements. He added that such visits carry grandeur and pageantry that underscore strong bilateral ties. Against the backdrop of falling diamond sales and the push for economic transformation, Mr Mohwasa said the trips were also meant to influence global perceptions of the country’s priorities and to drive critical dialogue between government and foreign leaders. “For the new administration, these travels remain critical to build diplomatic relations at the highest level, engage global communities and attract foreign investors into the country in an endeavour to build and transform the economy,” he said. **BOPA**

Feedlot operators seek court order to slaughter or export cattle

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Two major feedlot operators have asked the High Court to allow them to export or slaughter more than 6 600 cattle, arguing that continued restrictions arising from the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak are threatening their operations.

JS Beef Pty Ltd and PrimeFast Pty Ltd have cited the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, the Director of Veterinary Services, Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and others before Justice Onkemetse Tshosa, arguing that they could no longer afford to maintain the cattle, which had remained in feedlots for more than 200 days beyond their intended slaughter dates.

Represented by Advocate Reginald Wills, the applicants argued on Tuesday that they accounted for about 30 per cent of BMC's beef exports to the European Union.

Advocate Wills said the imposition of livestock movement restrictions left the two companies with about 6 600 cattle stranded in feedlots, resulting in additional feeding costs of approximately P27 million to date.

He argued that if the cattle were not slaughtered, they could ultimately be destroyed, which he said would not benefit the country and could damage Botswana's reputation.

Advocate Wills further argued that although Maun and the North East were designated red zones, cattle in those areas were permitted to be slaughtered. He said his clients' cattle had been vaccinated as required by the ministry and should therefore also be allowed to be slaughtered for local consumption.

"The fourth respondent (BMC) is able to slaughter cattle and the only thing that prevents them is that Dr (Kobedi) Segale's measures prevent them," he said.

He said there had been no consultation between his clients and the ministry despite their status as major industry players, adding that no explanation had been given for what he described as different regulations applying in different red zones.

"We can see Maun is a red zone and Zone II is a red zone, the meat can be slaughtered and even exported. They do not tell us why they cannot slaughter our cattle," he said.

Advocate Wills further submitted that World Organisation for Animal Health standards indicate that meat from infected animals can, after a 24-hour freezing period, be consumed and exported.

He said his clients had complied with the law and were aware of the presence of FMD in South Africa, but should at least be allowed to export the cattle to avoid their destruction.

"We are not asking for all measures to be taken off or suspended, we are asking for relief, so that we can deal with

the consequences of the decisions taken," he said, adding that the temporary relief sought was limited to the affected cattle.

He maintained that the matter was of significant public importance and did not concern public policy, but rather measures issued by Dr Segale.

Deputy Attorney General Mr Joao Salbany opposed the application, arguing that the relief sought could not be granted because it involved executive policy and decision-making.

He said the relief sought by the applicants should be a relief that could be enforced by the court, adding that the current one engaged policy and executive functions, thus it cannot be granted.

He also said the urgency of the matter raised by the applicants was self-created, adding that the case was more about the economic hardship faced by the applicants.

"The real relief they are asking for is to export, whether by carcass or car," Mr Salbany said, adding that while the State was sympathetic to their circumstances but what they "are dealing with here are the requirements of the law."

He said the applicants had gone to the extent of calculating the damage they will suffer, and argued they would be forced to liquidate, noting that there were alternatives to liquidation such as judicial management. Mr Salbany further said the applicants had failed to demonstrate that both respondents acted in bad faith, noting such was a requirement to dislodge the protection under legislation.

He further added that the economic impact was felt by all, adding that there was a need to weigh the needs of the few against the needs of the many. Mr Charles Batsalelwang for BMC also opposed the application, saying while BMC sympathised with the applicants, unfortunately the law was the law and it had to be complied with.

He said the applicants had failed to comply with the basic elements of entry to the court by showing that the matter was urgent.

He said the applicants had failed to account for the period from when they saw the notice extending the movement restriction measures until the matter was brought before the court.

He also said BMC does not have the capacity to give the applicants preferential treatment over a couple of dozen cattle producers in the country, hence BMC ought not to have been cited in the proceedings. He further said BMC should remain autonomous to carry out its business without interference from the applicants. They should not call on the court to tamper with the autonomy of BMC under the BMC Act, he said adding that the application ought to be dismissed with costs.

The judgment has been reserved for 01 September. **BOPA**



Mr Motshegetsi Wadikobo doing what he does best.

Wood carving sustains pensioner

Khumile Moekejo
JWANENG

Mr Motshegetsi Wadikobo's journey to becoming an established carpenter is a result of fate rather than design.

The 68-year-old Mmathethe native is fully driven by the zeal to eke out a living in the mining town of Jwaneng.

While others banked on academic qualifications to unlock future opportunities, the pensioner pursued a simple dream to transform his life, having never seen the inside of a classroom. Coming from a generation mostly subjected to cattle herding as the primary role for young men in rural areas, he set out in 1993 to look for any menial job within the vibrant mining township, a huge contrast to his routine as a herdsman.

As expected, hunger dictated his start in a place where everyone constantly rushed to find their next meal, and expenses like rent were a luxury.

"I started selling earrings at the mall and kept adding other items such as picture frames, and I kept at it for a while. Even though it was not much, the dream gradually became a reality

because, in addition to other small hustles, I was able to maintain myself and keep up with the necessities of life. After some time, I tried making drawings out of passion, but because I am illiterate, I could not succeed," he reminisces about his early days in Jwaneng.

As a dreamer, he kept imagining how he would carve wood, specifically making traditional chairs to supplement his income.

At the time, these chairs were the epitome of culture, representing authority and status. The vision became clearer and developed into action. A decade later, in 2013, he secured funding through the Poverty Eradication Programme.

Although unable to quantify the exact funding amount, he vividly recalls how a single machine and a small operating space offered by the Jwaneng Town Council (JTC) transformed his life.

Still leasing premises at the JTC Multipurpose Hall, Mr Wadikobo has turned his dream into a fully-fledged business that counts high-profile people among its clients. Some of his pieces have been presented as tokens of appreciation to

President Advocate Duma Boko, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, and other dignitaries during their visits to Jwaneng.

One of his major highlights was gifting a Morukuru chair to former President Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama during his public farewell tours across the country in 2018.

His small workshop also hosted the late Namibian president, Dr Hage Geingob, who purchased two chairs.

Although he acknowledges that such businesses struggle to keep up with modern markets due to a decline in consumer spending and lower demand for traditional chairs, he remains optimistic that art bridges the gap between poverty and economic opportunity. He seizes every opportunity, showcasing his products at District Market Days or displaying them in high-volume areas like shopping malls.

Faced with escalating operational costs and long travel distances to fetch raw materials, especially Morukuru trees from the Moshupa area, he barely makes ends meet. Fortunately, he notes, Mokgalo, Morolwana, and cow skin used as main materials are easy to find locally. While grateful that his dream enabled him to build a home for his family in nearby Sese village and provide for them, he sometimes falls behind on business rent due to irregular income.

Furthermore, his health has suffered, and he complains of constant backaches from the manual labour of fetching, cutting, and carving wood. Funds permitting, he hopes to acquire industrial machinery to make production more efficient. Consequently, he has brought in his son to help revamp and carry the business into the future.

To adapt to a changing environment, they formally registered the company as Wadikobo Enterprise, a name honouring his legacy. "Since I am not educated, my wish is for my son to continue the legacy and take this business to greater heights. He is also better positioned to penetrate today's technology-driven markets that call for innovative ideas," he says. **BOPA**



One of Mr Wadikobo's highlights is gifting a Morukuru chair to former President Lt Gen. Seretse Khama Ian Khama.
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Ofisi ya Mosireletsi e tthalosa ka ditirelo

Masego Tabengwa
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Ene ya re bosheng ofisi ya ga Mosireletsi ya isa thuto kwa banning bakgaolo ya bokone botlhaba ka ditirelo tsa yone le ka ditsela tse setshaba se ka ikgolaganyang le yone ka tsone.

Mo phuthegong ya kgotla e neng e tshwaretse kwa Masunga bosheng, badiri ba ofisi eo ba tlhalositse fa boikarabelo jwa ofisi e le go tlhotlhomisa dingongorego tsa badirelapuso le tsa setshaba tebang le tshokamo e e ka tswang e diragala mo maphateng a puso le a ikemetseng.

Ba boletse gape fa ba itebagantse le dikgang tsa ditshwanelo tsa setho ga mmogo le tsa bana, go netefatsa gore ditshwanelo tsa motho mongwe le mongwe ga di gatakwe ka gope.

Fa a tswa la gagwe moeteledipele wa ofisi ya ga Mosireletsi Advocate Stephen Tiroyakgosi o boletse fa ba netefatsa gore maphata ka go farologana a dira dilo ka tshiamo, ka tekatekano le gone go di direla mo pontsheng.

A re fa go na le ngongorego, ba dira dipatlisiso tsa bone ntle le go sekamela ntlheng epe.

A re keletso ya ofisi ke go thusa batho ntle le tiego epe, a re fela sebe sa phiri ke go bo maphata mangwe a diega go ba neela dipego fa di tlhokega, a tlatsa ka go supa fa bobotlana jwa bodiredi jwa ofisi e le sengwe sa dilo tse di bakang gore ba seka ba tsibogela dikgang ka nako e setshaba se e solofetseng.

Advocate Tiroyakgosi o ne a supa maphata mangwe ka monwana tebang le go goga dinao go diragatsa ditaelo tsa Mosireletsi.

O bile a supa fa ofisi ya ga Mosireletsi e nale diofisi di le nne fela lefatshe leno ka bophara kwa Gaborone, Tsabong, Maun le Francistown, a re ka jalo seo se baka gore diofisi tseo di tlamele dikgaolo di le mmalwa mme go bo go dira gore ba seka ba kgona go dira dipatlisiso ka nako.

O ne a supa gape fa seo se baka gore setshaba se kokonelwe ke mosepele wa go etela diofisi go isa dikgang. Le fa go ntse jalo, Advocate Tiroyakgosi o ne a gwetlha setshaba go seke se ipona tsapa o pega dikgang tsa bone, a ba gakolola gore fa ba nale dikgang tse di lebaneng ofisi ya ga mosireletsi, ba di romele kwa diofising dingwe tse di maleba jaaka kwa kgosing, ofisi ya mopalamente, mokhanselara le diofisi tse dingwe tse di maleba, pele ba di fetisetse kwa go bone.

Mo go la gagwe, mothusa-moeteledipele wa ofisi ya ga Mosireletsi, Mme Beaula Mguni le ene fela jalo o ne a tlhalosetsa morafe fa diofisi tsa bone di ba bulegetse go ka amogela dikgang tsa bone ntle le tefo epe.

O boletse fa go dira dilo ka tshokamo mo maphateng a puso le a ikemetseng e le go gataka ditshwanelo tsa setho, a supa botlhokwa jwa gore maphata a thuse bodiredi jwa one le setshaba ka ditsamaiso tse di siameng.

O bile a gakolola ba ba nang le

dingongorego go ala dikgang tsa bone ka botlalo ka mokwalo le go ntsha masupi otlhe a a tlhokafalang, a tlatsa ka go supa go le botlhokwa gore ba bege dikgang tsa tshokamo gore di lwantshiwe go itsa gore seemo seo se jwelelele.

Moeteledipele wa ofisi ya ga Mosireletsi kwa Francistown, Mme Constance Letswalo o gwetlhile badirelapuso go thusa batho ka tekatekano ntle le go ba kala go ya ka seemo sa bone sa itsholelo kgotsa ka sepe fela se se ka nyenyafatsang

seriti sa motho.

Mme Letswalo o ne a ba gakolola gore fa ba diretse setshaba phoso, ba nne ba ikoba, ba ikopa maitshwarelo go nale go dirisa maikutlo, a supa fa ditsamaiso dingwe tse di sokameng mo diofising di baka gore puso e latlhegelwe ke madi.

O bile a supa botlhokwa jwa gore ba nne ba tsaya tsia megopolo e e ntshiwang ke setshaba go nale gore ba e lebe ekete ke ya go ba nyenyafatsa, a re ba e tlhotlhe mme ba dirise e ba bonang e ka ba isa golo gongwe.

Kgosi Maruje III Masunga o ne a gatelela botlhokwa jwa ditshwanelo tsa setho, a re di tshwanetse tsa akolwa ke mongwe le mongwe go sa kgalhalesege letso le mmala wa gagwe. Kgosi o ne a supa botlhokwa jwa gore ofisi eo, e okelediwe dithata e bile e nne le makalana otlhe a a itebagantseng le go dira ditlhotlhomiso ka dikgang ka go farologana ga tsone.

O supile fa go le gantsi setshaba se isa dingongorego dingwe tsa bone kwa go bone mme ba sena dikarabo

tsa tsone.

Kgosi Maruje III o gwetlhile setshaba go dirisa ofisi ya Mosireletsi go isa dingongorego tsa bone go na le go swa senku. Le fa go ntse jalo o ne a supa go tshwenyega tebang le maphata mangwe a a santseng a thusa kgaolo ya bokone botlhaba a le kwa Francistown, a re seo se kokonela morafe wa kgaolo.

Banni ba ne ba supa fa loeto la ofisi ya ga Mosireletsi le ba butse matlho le go ba neela lesedi la kwa ba ka begang teng. **BOPA**



Mogokgo wa sekole se segolwane sa Mokgalo kwa Lecheng, Rre Moti Kwelagano a re boitsholo jwa baithuti, segolo jang basimane, bo batla go emelwa ka dinao. Sekole se, se amogela baithuti ba metse ya Poloka, Malaka, Matlhakola le Mokungwane, mme se se raya gore bontsi jwa baithuti ba nna kwa sekoleng.

Maitseo a baithuti a a tshwenya

Amantle Onneng
LECHENG

Maitsholo a baithuti a tshwenya Mogokgo wa sekole se segolwane sa Mokgalo kwa Lecheng, Rre Moti Kwelagano a re boitsholo jwa baithuti, segolo jang basimane, bo batla go emelwa ka dinao.

Sekole se, se amogela baithuti go tsweng ko metseng ya Poloka, Malaka, Matlhakola le Mokungwane, mme se. se raya gore bontsi jwa baithuti ba nna kwa sekoleng.

Rre Kwelagano a re go bo baithuti ba tswa kwa metseng e e farologaneng, go baka gore ba itire digongwana go ya ka metse e ba tswang kwa go yone mme go nne le botlhoka tsebe jo bontsi. O buile se ka Laboraro kwa Lecheng, mo phuthegong ya batsadi le barutabana, go bua ka seemo sa baithuti.

Rre Kwelagano a re baithuti ba, ba lwa ntw e e matlho mahibidu ebile go dirisiwa dilo tse di borai jaaka ditshipi, dithipa, melamu le mantswe mme go felele go nna le dikgobalo tse di masisi.

A re fa ntw e simologa,

baithuti ba bangwe ba e tsenelela ba tsaya letlhakore mme go tsogetse ntw e tona go ya ka semorafe mo go felelang go jweletse mo baithuting botlhe mme go bake tlhakatlhakano mo sekoleng.

Mogokgo o ne a supa fa baithuti ba bangwe ba felela ba siya kwa matlong a bone a borobalo, bangwe ba ipha naga mo sekgweng se se kitlanyeng ka fa morago ga sekole fa ba bangwe ba siela kwa metseng ya bone e e kgakala le sekole ebile ba tsamaya ka dinao mme se se baye matshelo a bone mo diphatseng.

Rre Kwelagano o supile fa barutabana ba felela ba tlogela tiro ya bone go ya go batla baithuti ba ka batsadi ba beile mo go bone go ba tlhokomela. A re fa ba tsena kwa malwapeng a bone ba bolelela batsadi dikgang tse e seng boammaruri mme go tlise dikgogakogano gareng ga batsadi le bogogi jwa sekole.

Mogokgo a re o simolotse go itshwaraganya le mapodise, mmaboipelego, kgosi, baruti le mokhanselara go leka go itepatepanya le seemo, le go thusa baithuti go tlogela maitseo a a makgasa. A re go itepatepanya

le seemo se ke go leka go lemotsha baithuti mosola wa thuto ka ba ikgatholositse thuto, bangwe go lebege ba sena dibuka, ba sa kwale, ba sa bale fa go tla nako ya ditlhatlhobo. O ne a supa fa baithuti ba tsaya nako e ntsi ba lwa, ba utswa le go tlhokela barutabana botho ba lebetse se ba se tletseng mo sekoleng.

A re dintwa tse tsa baithuti di tsile go felela di amile maduo a bone ka le fa ba kgalemelwa ba sa reetse le fa o ba otlhaya ka go ba neela tiro ya diatla ba tswela fela.

Morutabana, Rre Joshua Gaothobogwe, o gakolotse batsadi go tshwaraganela thuto ya bana mme ba seka ba baya mo barutabaneng fela ba le nosi.

O buile a sa kgwe mathe ka bana ba basetsana ba ba buisanang mafoko a a botlhoko, a bosula a re go buiwe le bone ba emise go kgobana ka dipuo ba tlhoafalele thuto.

Rre Gaothobogwe o gakolotse batsadi go bua le bana ka maitshwaro mme ba ba gakolole ka dinako tshotlhe go itshwara sentle le go tlhoafalela dithuto. O rotloeditse batsadi go ruta bana ba bone go tshela le ba bangwe

sentle go itsa dintwa tse ba di simolotseng tsa semorafe.

Rre Gaothobogwe o gakolotse batsadi go emisa go reetsa dikgang tsa bana tse di seng boammaruri mme ba ikgolaganye le bogogi jwa sekolo ka dinako tsoatlhe.

Fa a tswa la gagwe mogolwane wa tsa thuto mo kgaolong ya Palapye, Mme Segopoditso Selato o tlhalositse fa ba itse ebile ba tlhaloganyo seemo sa sekolo sa Mokgalo mme ba tla a tsenya letsogo ka go tsisa badisa dikago le go oketsa batlhokomedi ba bana. O tlhaloseditse baithuti fa moremogolo go betlwa wa taola wa motho o ipetla.

A re ba itshekatsheke thata ba ipotse gore ba batla go nna eng mo sechabeng ka maitseo a a makgasa a sa busetse sepe. Motsadi, Mme Lilian Segkore a re o lemogile fa go emisiwa ga thupa kwa dikoleng e le gone go dirang baithuti gore ba tlhoke maitseo phetelela a supa fa bana ba ba le lenyatso le fa ba kgalengwa ba sa reetse.

O kopile bagolwane ba tsa thuto go sekaseka kang e mme go boelwe kwa segologolong sa go otlhaya baithuti ka thupa gore ba tsene mo tseleng. **BOPA**

INTRODUCING THE

Botswana Currency Journey from 1976

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

Almost a month away to Botswana day celebration on September 30, ahead would be the historic celebration of Botswana's currency, a milestone to be held in Kanye on August 24.

In 1976, a young nation made a bold statement of independence - not only political, but economic. On 23 August that year, a day now celebrated as Pula Day, Botswana introduced its own currency and stepped away from the South African rand.

The move was deliberate and carefully planned. The Bank of Botswana (BoB), established on 1 July 1975 under the Bank of Botswana Act, led the process. Ms Gaone Motsumi, public education manager at BoB shared insights on the evolution of the Pula from the Rand Monetary Area (RMA). Ms Motsumi said seven technocrats then guided the central bank. Its first board of five members was chaired by Mr Henry Christopher Lamp "Quill" Hermans as governor.

The other members were two government representatives, Dr Festus Mogae and Mr Titus Madisa; Mr Tony Woodcock, general manager of the National Development Bank; and Mr Alan Clark, a director of the Botswana Development Corporation. Already in the early 1970s, Botswana's leaders had signaled their desire for a currency that truly belonged to the people, the one that reflected national identity, values and aspirations. On 6 September 1974 the country took the decisive step of withdrawing from the Rand Monetary Area, Ms Motsumi said.

Subsequently, the Monetary Preparatory Commission, working with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, then invited the public to suggest names for the new notes and coins. She revealed that the call to name the new Botswana currency saw an overwhelming and gratifying response from the public, with all suggestions centred on themes of unity and independence,

awakening, traditional weapons, agriculture, water, wildlife, mining, leadership, soil, stone and fauna.

Remarkably, she said within three weeks of the mid-November announcement, about 200 letters had reached the secretary of the Monetary Preparatory Commission for Botswana's new currency. After intensive consultation, she said the government chose 'pula,' which means 'rain' or "blessings" in Setswana. In a dry, semi-arid land where rain is precious and life-giving, the name carried profound meaning. The smaller unit, the thebe ('shield'), completed a picture of protection and prosperity.

Notably, Ms Motsumi said the

new currency entered circulation under the guidance of the fledgling Bank of Botswana, adding that for a short period the pula and the rand traded at parity while people exchanged their old money, citing that the transition was largely smooth and the pula quickly became a symbol of national pride and self-reliance, though some business people were initially reluctant to convert their rands. That reluctance faded as the currency performed well and public confidence grew.

President Sir Seretse Khama and Lady Ruth Khama formally launched the exchange of rand for pula and helped drive a public-awareness campaign in the lead-up to Pula Day alongside Radio Botswana and the DailyNews, the main media outlets of the time, which further spread messages

on adoption of the new currency. Moreover, she said Posters appeared in Setswana and English, and Botswana Postal Services issued a set of stamps depicting the new notes and coins.

In early August 1976, a nationwide broadcast by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe, urged citizens to convert their Rands when the momentous day arrived, Ms Motsumi added. By 1977, roughly two years after the bank's establishment, BoB assumed another core national function: it took over government banking accounts from Standard Bank of Botswana (now Standard Chartered Bank Botswana).

The transfer of accounts such as the Government Investment Account centralised the

management of public funds, strengthened macroeconomic stability and improved fiscal transparency, foundations that helped Botswana build a record of steady development. That same year the bank set up an internal Clearing House to certify bank cheques, ensuring transactions settled smoothly for buyers and sellers alike. On July 1, 1977, Governor Hermans handed over to Mr Brenton Copman Leavitt. Leavitt's tenure was marked by long-range planning to safeguard financial stability. Under his leadership the Bank of Botswana building was officially opened by President Sir Seretse Khama and Vice-President Dr Quett Masire. Mr Leavitt remained governor until 1980.

Ms Motsumi reiterated that Botswana's growing economic independence resonated beyond its borders, citing that in 1980 the country became a founding member of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), established on April 1 in Lusaka, Zambia. President Khama played a catalytic role in its creation and the organisation aimed to reduce the region's economic reliance on apartheid South Africa and later evolved into the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The body is headquartered in Gaborone. On July 13, 1980 Sir Seretse Khama died in office. Five days later Dr Quett Masire was appointed the nation's second president.

The same year Dr Festus Mogae became governor of the Bank of Botswana, a post he held until 1982. During his tenure the Pula was delinked from the US dollar. Instead of a fixed exchange rate, a basket of currencies - the Pula Basket - was introduced to determine its value and help stabilise the currency. Over



Minister of Local Government and Lands, Mr Peter Mmusi (left), Minister of Education, Mr Kebatlamang Morake (second left), Bank of Botswana governor, Mr Quill Hermans (second right) and Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe admiring the newly introduced pula in 1976.

E PULA:

Bokao jwa Pula le Thebe



Keep 5 and 10 thebe coins in circulation - BoB

Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE

Botswana is experiencing limited circulation of the lower denominations of 5thebe and 10thebe coins. With the 50th Pula Day commemorations just three days away, the Bank of Botswana has since issued a public notice on shortages of these lower denominations therefore encouraging Batswana, businesses and retailers to continue using and accepting the 5thebe and 10thebe coins as they remain legal tender. In a notice dated August 19, 2026, the central bank stressed that the coins were essential for everyday transactions, accurate pricing and the provision of exact change.

It acknowledged reports of limited availability of the 5thebe coin, which made it difficult for some businesses to give exact change. Bank records show that adequate quantities of the coins have already been issued and remain within the economy. The shortage, the Bank said, stems largely from coins being held outside active circulation for long periods, discarded or left on the ground, rather than from any shortfall in supply of coin by the

central bank.

The Bank therefore urges members of the public to deposit excess coins with commercial banks so they can be redistributed and remain available for daily use. In the notice, head of communications and information services at the Bank of Botswana Dr Seamogano Mosanako, appealed to the nation to collect and return lower-denomination coins into the banking system. “Members of the public are encouraged to deposit excess coins with commercial banks to support redistribution and continued availability,” she said. Dr Mosanako advised that coins not needed for immediate use should not be left sitting for long periods in piggy banks, coin boxes or other long-term storage. Accumulated coins should instead be taken to commercial banks or exchanged with trading businesses so they could re-enter circulation. She outlined practical steps for the public and businesses noting, that coins should be handled carefully and not bent, defaced, damaged, discarded or left on the ground.

Damaged or unusable coins can be taken to a commercial bank branch for assessment and exchange. Lower-denomination coins should

be used for small-value payments and change where appropriate, and excess coins should be returned to the banking system promptly to facilitate re-distribution. Dr Mosanako reiterated that all denominations must be recognised as having monetary value and forming part of the national currency. She added that lower-denomination coins cost money to produce and should not be wasted. Businesses and vendors, she said, have an obligation to provide correct change, while customers have the right to receive the exact amount due. The Bank said it was actively engaging relevant stakeholders to improve the distribution of these coins across the country.

It called for the public’s cooperation in accepting coins as change, using them when suitable, obtaining them from commercial banks when needed, and depositing excess amounts for re-distribution. All denominations of the national currency remain important for efficient everyday transactions, Dr Mosanako emphasised. **BOPA**

Relief Lephutshi

KANYE

Pula le Thebe kwa merafeng e e kwa ntle ga Botswana go itsewe e le madi a lefatshe mme mo Motswaneng, ke maina a a nang le bokao go feta foo. Maina a, a tlotlilwe gape go fiwa bana. Monongwaga, Botswana o ipelela dingwaga tse di masome a marataro a ntse a ipusa, mo godimo ga moo, Botswana o ipelela masome a matlhano a dingwaga, lefatshe leno le na le madi a lo ne, Pula le Thebe. Mme Keimetswe Mpadiasang wa ngwaga tse di masome a a ferang bobedi le bongwe kwa kgotleng ya GooMotebejana kwa Kanye a re, thebe e amanngwa le itshireletso.

A re ka dinako tsa ntwaga malobeng, batlhabani ba ne ba dirisa thebe e e neng e dirwa ka letlalo, go itshireletsa mo ntweng. Go ya ka Mme Mpadiasang, se ke bokao jwa gore ledi la Pula ke Thebe kgotsa phemelo ya itsholelo ya Botswana. A re maina a tshwana le Thebe, Kgosithebe Monnathebe, a fa bokao jwa gore motho wa leina le o solofelwa kgotsa o bonwa a tliša tshireletsego. Lefoko pula, le lone jaaka thebe, le kaya le bo le eleletsa Botswana go tshelala mo letlepong le ka boitumelo ka dinako

tsotlhe. A re fa pula e na, lefatshe le a itumela, ka go bo go tlaa nna le metsi le dijo jalo, go bitsa ngwana ka maina a tshwana le Pulafela, Rapula, Mmapula, ke go eleletsa ngwana go tshela botshelo jo bo elelang ka boipelo.

A re mo gongwe go ka supa seemo kgotsa paka e motho a belegwetsweng ka yone jaaka ka nako ya pula kgotsa fa gone go tlhokega tshireletsego. Mme Mmapula Gobotswang wa dingwaga tse di masome a marataro le botlhano kwa kgotleng ya Mmalekwa a re fa a botsa mmaagwe gore ke eng a mmiditse Mmapula, o ne a mo araba ka gore, “ke go belege go le pula e e tsididi ya medupi ka ba ka fetsa go go belega e ntse e na.” Ka Setswana se re leina le ya mareelelong, Mme Gobotswang a re o ne a itemogela boamaruri jwa se fa a ntse a tswetse le botshelo.

A re se, se ne se itshupa thata ka nako ya dikwaere, ka malatsi a Botsalo jwa Morena. “Nako nngwe ke na le setlhopha same sa Moraga, re ne re goroga go phadisanya le sa Metlobo, pula ya bo e simolola go na ka medupi,” Mme Gobotswang a tlhalosa. “Rapula ke mo tshotse go le pula kwa Ramotswa, ka bo ke re ke mo raya leina lesele fela”, ga tlhalosa Mme Akanyang Hule wa dingwaga tse masome marataro le boferabongwe wa Otse, kwa Kgotleng ya Tswapong.

Mme Hule a re o ne a eleditse go bitsa morwae ka leina le sele mme babelegisi ba ganana le lo ne, lebaka e le gore ga a kake a raya ngwana leina le se le, a mo tshotse go le pula. “Rona re le babelegisi ra re ke Rapula,” Mme Hule a tlhalosa, a supa gore go tsile jang leina la ngwana wa gagwe le biditsweng ka teng. **BOPA**



the decades that followed, the pula evolved quietly.

New denominations were added, designs refreshed and security features strengthened. In 2009 a modern family of banknotes was introduced, later a polymer P10 note appeared.

Through careful management the currency earned a reputation for stability in a region often marked by volatility. Diamond wealth was stewarded prudently, inflation kept in check and public confidence maintained. Ms Motsumi said fifty years later, in 2025-2026, that journey was marked with a special limited-edition P50 commemorative banknote.

It celebrated both the Golden Jubilee of the Bank of Botswana and the nation’s wider achievements, featuring the central bank’s headquarters, a famous diamond and Botswana’s Olympic heroes. The note itself became a pocket-sized reminder of how far the country had come.

From its first appearance in 1976 to the present day, the pula has told a quiet but powerful story: a small nation choosing its own path, building stability step by step, and turning the simple idea of ‘blessings’ into a trusted currency that has served its people for half a century.

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO (2) mature persons to work at Patel's farm in Taung, Ramotswa. Please apply to P O Box 1950, Gaborone.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Mortgage Bond No. FT 505/2015 dated the 30th June 2015 passed by **White Lotus (Proprietary) Limited** in favour of **First Capital Bank Limited** in respect of:-

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 100, Mmadinare;

SITUATE: in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 3520m² (Three Thousand Five Hundred And Twenty Square Metres);

WHICH PROPERTY: Is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No FT MA 236/2014 dated 17th July 2014 made in favour of **WHITE LOTUS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**

SUBJECT TO: The conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Deed.

Any **person having objection** to the issuance of such copy is hereby required to **lodge the same, in writing**, with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone **within three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 17th August 2026



S.KHAN LAW ATTORNEYS
PLOT 2851, South Ring Road, P O Box 72, Gaborone

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed No: 1859/2025 Dated 15th Day of September 2025. Made in favour of Apple Box (Proprietary) Limited

CERTAIN: Piece of land being lot no: 81905 Gaborone (a portion of the farm content No.1-KO)

SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District

MEASURING: 540 metres squared Five Hundred and fourty square meters

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 17th DAY OF August 2026

APPLICANT

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2013)

1. **ZIBANE PAPHANE** and **GOFAONE MARAPE**, married in community of property on the 21st August 2020, in Tlokweng, Gaborone wish to change their property regime to out of community of property

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

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties Attorneys, Cele Lebakeng Attorneys, before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04th DAY OF JULY 2026

CELE LEBAKENG ATTORNEYS

Ntote House, office 4
Opposite Thapama cresta
P.O Box 11389 **FRANCISTOWN**

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Tholo Holdings urgently requires the services of an Enterprise Development Manager to lead and coordinate enterprise development initiatives aimed at improving organisational performance, business growth, operational capability and long term sustainability.

Key performance areas:

- Enterprise development planning
- Strategy implementation
- Business systems coordination
- Organisational performance improvement
- Continuous improvement

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural economics
- Minimum 4 years' experience in Agri-

Manufacturing environments with high volume output.

Skills and Competencies

- Strategic and analytical thinking
- Strong project coordination skills
- Change management capability
- Enterprise strategy development, implementation and problem solving
- Deep understanding of Agricultural value chains.

Send applications enclosing CV, Certificates, and ID copies to **vitalbusinessservices71@gmail.com**

Closing date: 30 September 2026

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

ESTATE LATE ANTONIO PAIVA DA SILVA- ESHGB-000526/25

IN PURSUANCE to Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (CAP 31:01), the **heirs and next of kin** of the deceased person specified above are hereby invited to attend a **next of kin meeting** on the **10th day of December 2026**, at **08:30hours** at the office of the **Master-B. Kgerethwa** located at **Gaborone High Court Division**.

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

For **any enquiries concerning the estate** of the deceased person **please contact the Master's office** on Telephone No's 371 8083, 371 8384 or 371 8000 / 371 8040/ (switchboard).

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 18th DAY OF JULY 2026



AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

Tel: (+267) 316 3125 **Fax:** (+267) 316 3124
Email: info@aja.co.bw
Web: www.aja.co.bw

DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

Partners **Akheel Jinabhai** | Consultant Partners **Mark McKee** | **Obrien Bvindi** (F I Arb) | **Lebogang George Associates** **Mary Maeda** | **Juwairiyyah Maher** | **Ame Rindo**

19 August 2026

A Diamond Cutting and Polishing factory located in Block 8 Industrial, Gaborone is looking for suitably experienced people for the following two positions:

• 5 x Full Stone Polisher

Required Skills:

-Adequate knowledge of processes that are required for full stone polishing.

Competency:

- Ability to assess if the diamond they have polished is damaged, determine where the problem is, how it could have happened, and then do your own repairs on the diamond.

• 2 x Laser Cutter.

Required Skills:

- A thorough understanding of the DaVinci Laser Microjet Machine Software
- Ability to set-up the diamond on the machine with precision before lasering it.
- Ability to do small maintenance on this machine if required.

Please note that the proficiency of your skills will be thoroughly tested during the job interview.

Send your detailed CV's and Covering Letter to:

The Recruiter
P.O. Box 2039ABG
Sebele Mall
Gaborone

Closing date: 04 September 2026

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Lease No. MA 583/2006 dated 14th day of September 2006 made in favour of Brasha Investments (Proprietary) Limited and Abraham Thando Nyoni and Osego Garebamono and Tshiamo Rantao and Reitumetse Felicity Mbuso and Tefo Goitseone Bogosi in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Sub Lease Area No. 2613-KO;

SITUATE: on Lease Area No. 2597-KO over Portion 13 of the Farm Crocodile Pools No. 15-KO in the South East Administrative District;

MEASURING: 4.0000Ha (Four decimal Zero Zero Zero Hectares);

AS WILL MORE

FULL APPEAR; From General Plan Diagram D.S.M No 1647/2004 surveyed in September 2004 by Land Surveyor Ma Li Rong and approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on the 11th day of November 2004;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

ELIJAH ATTORNEYS
Attorneys, Notaries, and conveyancers
P O Box 4413, Gaborone
Tel 3113690
Fax 3971773

Change of Land Use

Neighbors of **Plot No.9672** Marumo Ward, Moshupa Village are informed of proposed change of landuse from Single Residential to Multi-Family Residential use.

Any objection should be forwarded to Moshupa District Council, Physical Planning Office Telephone no.5447000 within fourteen (14) working days.

Baaisi Investments (Pty)Ltd,Contact no.**77549590**

MI CLINIC INVITES

APPLICATIONS FROM QUALIFIED:

- General Surgeon
- Physician (Internal Medicine)
- Paediatrician
- Gynaecologist
- General Practitioner

Apply : mi2021clinic@gmail.com or deliver to MI Clinic, Unit G1B, Fairground Mall.

Tel : +267 73 210 444

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: - ESHGB 000692-25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BINNIE JOSEPHINE GABAJESANE** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 15th April 2025.

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

DATED at on this Day of 2026

Diphetogo Mangwane
P O BOX 21812, GABORONE
Cell: 74835602

FARM WORKES

HERDBOY WANTED, Bobonong.
Contact 75 326 049

FARM WORKER WANTED at
Bobonong Mokgobokanyi Kanego
76 305 664 Box 267 Francistown

LOOKING FOR HERDBOY aged
between 20 years and above.
Address number. Cell number:
72 492 605 or 72 806 507. Postal
address no: AD55ADD

HEARDBOY WANTED at Dinde
Botswana Call: Bdirang 72 779 112
/ 76 676 620

HOUSEMAIDS

MAID WANTED IN PALAPYE.
Apply to Tapologo Denest. P O Box
1262 Palapye. Contact 77 487 104.
Valid until Dcember 31, 2026.

MISCELLANEOUS

KE KOPA GO BATLISIWA
Onaethata Tsie wa Kgotla ya
Magope ko Ramotswa. Ntshware
mo 74 845 959.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 5476, Tlokweng
Masetlheng would like to consult
owners of plots 5475 & 5477 of their
intentions to construct a boundary
wall. For any objections, contact
Tlokweng Physical Planning office
on 392 5242 within 14 days of this
publication.

CHRISTOPHER MOLOSIWA
OF Plot No. 1622, Lenganeng
Ward in Tlokweng village intends
to change land use from single
family residential to multi family
residential. Any objections to
the above proposal should be
forwarded to Tlokweng District
Council Physical Planning office or
call Telephone no. 369 5000 within
14 days of publication.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 3974 in
Minestone, Francistown, intends
to change landuse from residential
to mixed use Civi and Community
(Dental Clinic) and commercial use
(Office Space). Any objections may
be forwarded to Francistown City
Council Physical Planning Office
or contact 241 1050 within fourteen
(14) days of publication of this note.

Looking for a **Farm Manager**
in Rasesa Lot 4075
With 5years + experience with
BSc Agriculture Management

Send application to:

The Farm Owner
Dr Ishmael Takaedza
Nshakashogwe
P.O.BOX 1020, Gaborone
Tel: +267 71302931

**FIRST AND FINAL
LIQUIDATION AND
DISTRIBUTION
ACCOUNT**

Master's Reference: ESHMY-000185-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GASENONE
TEFELO** who died at Mahalapye West,
Mahalapye, Central District Botswana on the
16th day of April, 2022.

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

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE ON THIS
12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026**
The Executor Oageletse Tefelo
P. O. Box 503409 GABORONE
TEL: 71 702 688

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of
Deed NO: 27/08/2017 dated 5th day of December 2017made in favour of:
JOBO LAZARUS SITHOLE In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 1662, Gaborone
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 7
MEASURING: 413m², Four Hundred and Thirteen Square Meters
HELD UNDER: JOBO LAZARUS SITHOLE

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2026
APPLICANT: JOBO LAZARUS SITHOLE

Wanted for newly established and dynamic Insurance Brokerage:
(NB – We will be handling all the major Insurance Companies)

INSURANCE CONSULTANTS / FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Requirements

- COP (Long-Term
- Clean Record
- A minimum of 2 years exposure in Insurance, Banking, Microfinance and Marketing
- Knowledge of the major underwriters advantageous (Botswana Life, Metropolitan Life, Holland Life and Liberty Life, etc)

Benefits and Incentives

- Competitive Commission Structure
- Practical Mentorship, Upskilling, Empowerment and on-field support
- Professional and Family Environment for you to thrive
- A lifetime opportunity to establish a career in Personal and Corporate Financial Planning
- Performance based bonuses
- Hybrid type of working system
- Clear progression path

If you are keen and passionate about touching people's lives, kindly email CV:
hello@eternalrisk.co.bw

Closing Date: 18th September 2026

MOTUMISE J

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC O BOTSWANA HELD AT
GABORONE**

Case No: CVHGB-002549-23

In the matter between
TRANS AFRICA (PTY) LTD Plaintiff

And
BOI'S AGRIC SHOP (PTY) LTD 1ST Defendant
BOITUMELO KHUMALO 2ND Defendant
KGOMOTSO KHUMALO 3RD Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of the above
Honourable Court the following movable property of the Defendants will be sold by public
auction by **DEPUTY SHERIFF OMPHEMETSE KAISARA** to the highest bidder
as follows:

DATE OF SALE: Friday 28th August 2026
TIME: 11:00 hours
VENUE: Broadhurst Gaborone (By Broadhurst Police Station)
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 2piece Sofas, 2piece Couch, Double bed, Defy Fridge,
Hisense washing machine, Defy microwave
CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash and EFT will be accepted.

DATED at Gaborone this 24th day of July 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF OMPHEMETSE PETER KAISARA, cell Nos. **71222244 or
72195113** | **Telephone No.** 3190188, c/o **PELOMPE LEGAL PRACTICE**, Plaintiff's
Attorneys, Plot 18938, Segakwana Road, Phase 2, P. O . Box 45123, Riverwalk, Gaborone.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE
CASE NO. MAHGB-000192/26

In the matter between:
TIEGO RABASHA Applicant

and

ALBERT TEFO MAKOLOANE 1st Respondent
TLOKWENG LAND BOARD 2nd Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALBERT TEFO MAKOLOANE, an adult male of full legal capacity whose further and better particulars
are unknown to Applicant.

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that by Notice of Motion the Applicant has filed an application in which
he has sought the following orders:

1. An order directing the 2nd Respondent to transfer Lot 401, Lenganeng, Tlokweng to the Applicant and
waive the requirements for the filing of the 1st Respondent's valid Identity Documents and Affidavit of
Marital Status; and
2. An order authorizing Sidney Tshepiso Pilane per the General Power of Attorney granted to him on
the 15th November 2000 and/or in his absence, a Deputy Sheriff of this Honourable Court to sign all
documents required to effect transfer of Lot 401, Lenganeng, Tlokweng on behalf of the 1st Respondent
to the Applicant.
3. Cost of suit only in the event that the Respondents oppose this application.
4. Further and/or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that any person, including the 1st Respondent, claiming an interest in the
property is called upon to give notice of such interest to the TLOKWENG LAND BOARD and to the
Applicant's attorneys of record within 30 (thirty) days of the date of publication hereof.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

DOW & ASSOCIATES
Applicant's Attorneys
Plot 16527, Phase 1, Gaborone
P.O. Box 45992 Riverwalk, Gaborone
Tel: 350 0108

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of
Deed No. 689/2010 dated **25th day of March 2010** made in favour of **Gaofennngwe Mokotedi**
In respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land Being Lot 336 Jwaneng
SITUATE : In Jwaneng Township Extension 1
MEASURING : 450m² (Four hundred and fifty square metres)
HELD UNDER : Deed No: 689/2010 dated 25/03/2010 in favour of Gaofennngwe Mokotedi

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 11th DAY OF August 2026
APPLICANT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT LOBATSE
CASE NO: CVHGB-000709-25

In the matter between:

POWER METAL RECYCLERS PROPRIETARY LIMITED	PLAINTIFF
And RIVER REALITIES PROPRIETARY LIMITED T/A LEBS RECYCLERS	DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Judgment of the above Honourable Court, the following
movable property of the Defendant shall be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by **Deputy Sheriff
Onkgopotse Motlhaodi** as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 11th September 2026;
TIME OF SALE: 10:00hrs;
VENUE: Plot 2204, Unit E, Gaborone West Industrial;
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: X 1 Komatsu forklift; X 1 Komatsu executor; X 4 containers; HP printer (white);
Canon printer (black); x 2 Boardroom table; X 50office chairs; X 2 Laptops (HP and
ACER); X 1 Top land generator; X 1 Rolls Royce generator; x 2 office tables; x1
Lindemann cutter-order no: 610806, works no: 515014-5.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Details and conditions of sale may be inspected at the Deputy Sheriff's offices
and the Plaintiff's Attorneys Offices.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ONKGOPOTSE MOTLHAGODI
CELL: 71 411 705/75 284 049
**C/O BROWN & COMPANY
ATTORNEYS**
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 18461, Phase 2
P.O.Box 4890
GABORONE

**NAMPOL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
ADMISSIONS OPEN
P200.00 - REGISTRATION FEE**

ENROL NOW FOR JULY/AUGUST 2026 INTAKE

1. Diploma in Early Childhood Education
2. Diploma in Primary Education
3. Diploma in Secondary Education

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: 30 points and above (inclusive of English)

SHORT COURSES:

- Risk Management
- Introduction to Computer Operations
- Psycho-social Counselling
- Training of Trainers
- Assessor & Moderator

All short courses range from 1 week to 2 months
CLOSING DATE: 31/08/2026

Physical address: Legotlhong ward, Molepolole Opposite BPC in Molepolole
(along Gaborone-Molepolole road)

Call: 591 0392 / **Whatsapp no:** 73 804 323

E-mail: enquiries@nce.ac.bw | **Website:** www.nce.ac.bw

All courses are offered on Fulltime, Saturday and Online/Distance Learning

VACANCY: GENERAL MANAGER – MICROBREWERY

A growing microbrewery based in Maun, Botswana seeks an experienced
General Manager to lead its operations and commercial growth.

Key Responsibilities:

Overall management of brewery operations, production, quality,
sales, distribution, finance, staff and business development; ensuring
regulatory compliance and implementing strategies for sustainable
growth.

Requirements:

- Degree or equivalent qualification in Business, Brewing, Food Science,
Hospitality, Manufacturing or related field.
- Minimum 5 years' relevant management experience, preferably in
brewing or beverage manufacturing.
- Proven experience in operations, financial management, sales and
people leadership.
- Knowledge of brewing and beverage production will be an advantage.
- Excellent leadership, communication and organisational skills.
- Valid driver's licence.

Location : Maun, Botswana

Preference will be given to suitably qualified Botswana citizens.

Please submit CV and covering letter to **dumela@okavango.beer** by
04th September 2026.

**Only suitably qualified candidates will be considered,
only those shortlisted will be contacted.**

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. **282/96** dated the **23rd** day of **April 1996** passed by **BARCLAYS BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** in favour of **GEOFFREY ALAN WILLIAMS**, in respect of **LOT 347, KASANE**.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2026
Our Ref: CONV/cmj/M07891



Master's Reference: ESHMY 000035-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late MOTSHIDISI SUPING who died at Nnyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown , Francistown District, Botswana on the 31st day of July 2020.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE on this 12th day of August 2026

Executrix Dative | Sheila Mmaopelo Gobotswang
P O Box 28, SEFHARE | CELL: 76697234

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000310-024

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kumbulani Mbaya-ESHFT-000310-024** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Kweneng District on the **20th May 2023**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY the 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 the period of twenty one (21) days from the date of the second publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Nthami Chilisa AND TO: Master of High Court
Executor Dative Private Bag F13
P.O.Box 4320 GABORONE FRANCISTOWN
71828793

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPLUBIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-001307-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BANI KUMILE, ESHFT 001307-25** who died at Academic Hospital, Francistown District on the 22nd of September 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

Tshokolo Beni Manyiwa, Executor Dative, P.O. Box 200, Francistown, 72205247 / 71530135
AND TO: Master of the High Court, Private Bag F13, FRANCISTOWN

EMPLOYER : Express Concepts T/A InlandIT Solutions

Services: Networking and Slope Management Services

Address and Phone numbers:

Plot 2800, Unit 3,Jwaneng , +267 73562222

Qualifications: Intracom Network Support

Physical location: Jwaneng | **Job title:** Intracom Technician,

To manage and support the Intracom Radios and Cameras and network.

Number required: 1 | **Closing date:** August 26 ,2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OF 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
LAMECK MABETHO	ESHFT-000758-26	04-11-2026	0900HRS	SARM 2

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

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST NOTARIAL DEED OF SUB-LEASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of a lost Notarial Deed of Sub-Lease No. MA58/99 dated 6th day of April 1999 made in favour of APRIL ORCHARD PROPRIETARY LIMITED in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN:	Lease Area No. 518-KO, being a subleased portion of Lease Area No. 70-KO situate on Portion 15 of the Farm Crocodile Pools 15-KO;
SITUATE:	in the South East Administrative District;
MEASURING:	4.0472Ha (Four Decimal Zero Four Seven Two Hectares);
HELD:	under Notarial Deed of Sub-Lease No. MA58/99 dated 6 th day of April 1999 made in favour of APRIL ORCHARD PROPRIETARY LIMITED.

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Gaborone, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within twenty one (21) days from the second publication of this notice.

Dated at Gaborone on this 7th day of August 2026.

RAHIM KHAN & COMPANY | Applicant's Attorneys
Office#1, Plot 50362 | Showgrounds Office Park | P.O. Box 1884, Gaborone
info@rahimkhan.co.bw | Tel. 3188988/9 Fax 3188951/3188990

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF PLOT NO. 59024

Block 7 would like to build a double story. The owners of plot 59023 & 59025 must contact Physical Planning office, Gaborone for queries.

KELEBOGILE STIMELA OF

PLOT 20512, Molapo, Francistown intends to change land use from residential to multi-family . For any objection, contact Francistown City Council Physical Planning Office or call 241 1700 within 14 days of this publication.

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 the Estate Act(Cap:33:01),heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all person's 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 relative for purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or person's 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
NONOKA AMOS	ESHFT-00749-26	04/11/26	00900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of **section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01)**, heirs and next of kin of 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 their deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BAAKANYTSE MMUSI	ESHMY 000216-26	23.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 18TH AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHFT 000260-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late Keitumetse Machera ESHFT000260-26 who died at Orapa Hospital District on the 2nd February 2018.

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 09th day of June 2026.

Gabariele Poloko Executive Dative P.O.Box 30 Letlhakane Cell: 75874379	Machera Selinah Simon Executive Dative P.O.Box 10103 Palapye Cell: 71601495
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WE URGENTLY NEED FOLLOWING STAFF FOR OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS IN BOTSWANA

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APPLY IN CONFIDENCE TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS BEFORE 28TH AUGUST 2026:

MANAGER HR
NKOPOLA HOLDINGS PTY LTD
P.O.BOX-360, SELEBI-PHIKWE

Application for a Certified Copy of Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of a Deed in respect of the following: **Title Deed No. 522/225** dated 21st day of March 2005 made in favour of **Wilson Opiyo (Pty) Ltd** in respect of:

CERTAIN:	Lot No. 11936
SITUATE:	at Gaborone Township, Extension No. 50
MEASURING:	1643 m² (One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-three square metres)
HELD UNDER:	Deed no. 522/2005

Any objections are to be lodged, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within **three (3) weeks** of publication of this notice.

Signed at Gaborone on this 10th day of August 2026.

Jolly Adereda Opiyo, | Plot 11936, Tsholofelo, Gaborone | Cell: 73906760; 77546738

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

CASE NO: CVHGB – 001258-25

In the matter between: -
MOMA PANEL BEATERS AND SPRAY PAINTING (PTY) LTD
and
BARONA KGOSIKHUMO

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the following shall be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff **GAONE RATSONA** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE	:	26TH September 2026
TIME OF SALE	:	11:00 am
PLACE OF SALE	:	Plot 53610, Gaborone West Industrial, Gaborone
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD	:	1xToyota V105 B237BEN (White)

CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash or bank guaranteed cheque.
Detailed conditions of sale may be inspected at the Deputy Sheriff's offices c/o Rabashwa Attorneys at the address below.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 7th DAY OF August 2026

DEPUTY SHERRIFF GAONE RATSONA
Cell No: 72199719
c/o **RABASHWA ATTORNEYS**
Plot 14416, Sable House, First Floor, Unit 4
Gaborone West
P.O. Box 6AAH
GABORONE
Tel: 3105646; Fax: 3191032.

OWNER OF PLOT 9844, Serowe/ Mannathoko Ward would like to change land-use from multi-residential to single family residential. Whoever object may contact Serowe Physical Planning Office or contact 71 124 197.

CHANGE OF LAND USE. owner of tribal lot 6167, Bobonong Dandane ward would like to change land use from civic and community to single residential. For any objection contact Bobirwa District Council on Telephone No. 261 9282 within 14 days of publication

REMEMBER KAKUWA of commercial plot 28260 at Maitengwe, Mpapho ward would like to inform the neighbors that he is developing a fuel and gas filling station. Any objections be forward to Tutume district council planning office 245 1345/95

GOITSEONE IMELDAH MERE of Plot No. 30191 at Mogoditshane Block 5 wishes to notify neighbours about erection of boundary wall and change of land use from single residential to multi residential use. Objections can be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council physical planning office, on 3105615 within days.

OWNER PLOT 4261, Mheelo ward, Kanye wishes to build a boundary wall and double storey house. Neighbours in plot 4260 & 4262 are herein informed. For objection/consent contact Thabo @ 71612915 or view drawings @ Ngwaketse district council - building control dept

CHANGE OF LAND USE. I Phora Gaborone-Youngman owner of a farm in Lemonyaneng ward, Tlokweng wishes to change land use from horticulture to mixed use. For any objections contact Kgatleng council physical planning office on telephone 3105615 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

BOINEELO KHOWE OWNER of plot at Sefoke ward, Tlokweng informs neighbours of change of land use from single to multi family residential. Contact Physical Planning Office on 369 5000 or consultant on 74119098 to view or object to plans.

CHANGE OF LAND USE. Tsholo M. Motlathledi owner of plot 5730 at Goodhope wishes to change land use of the property from single residential to multi-residential. Objections should be forwarded to GoodHope District Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days of publication of this advert,

CHANGE OF LAND USE consultation. Amogelang A. Mothibi-Jeremane wants to change the land use of their single-family residential plot to multifamily residential at plot 1379, Extension 7, Gaborone. Any objections should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office within 14 days or contact 76307222

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

Master's reference: ESHFT 000714-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Petrus Lesego Seema**, ESHFT 000714-24 who died **MAHALAPYE HOSPITAL**, MAHALAPYE DISTRICT on the **3rd** day of **November 2024**.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS _DAY OF _2024.

Moeteledi Seema
Executor Dative
P.O. Box 1090 Serowe

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

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I AM WILLING TO CHANGE a ploughing field/ integrated farm lot 4953 Artesia to commercial and light industrial respectively. Please do contact the undersigned: +267 71 205 955 / 77 339 911 for any queries

LEFAKAE MMAPASEKA MOSEKI of Plot No: 17950 Tlokwen/ Sefoke eredicate boundary wall, any objection to be forwarded to Tlokwen District Council Physical Planning Tel 369 5002.

I BASHI MOGOBYE NYEPETSI wishes to change land use of my residential plot located at Rammopyane Ward, Mochudi to commercial. For any queries please contact Kgatleng District Physical Planning Department @ Telephone No. 577 3512.

OWNER OF PLOT 9184, at Extension7, Palapye wishes to change landuse from single residential to multi residential. Any objection should be forwarded to Palapye District Council or contact 492 1092.

I THAPELO KEREBOTSWI of Plot 16017, Tlokwen notifies neighbours about intent to erect boundary wall. Any objection contact Tlokwen Council Physical Planning office, Tel: 369 5000.

OWNER OF PLOT no 7698, Moshupa village intend to change land use from residential to commercial. For any objection contact Moshupa District Council on telephone number 5449950 within fourteen days of the publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 712, at Extension 4, Palapye wishes to change landuse from single residential to multi residential. Any objection should be forwarded to Palapye District Council Physical Planning or contact 492 1092.

KGALALELO MERCY MOSHABO of Plot No. 66115 at Metsimothabe Block 4 wishes to notify neighbours about erection of a boundary wall. Objections can be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council physical planning office, on 310 5616 within 14 days of this publication.

PROPERTIES

COMMERCIAL PLOT FOR SALE at Lekgwapheng ward, Molepolole. Contact 71 786 802.

TRACTOR FOR SALE: TAFE7050 still new (13 years old), P120,000.00. 73 349 515 / 78793950

BUBBLESTONE LIMITED: owner of tribal lot: Bubblestone Matebeleng informs the public about change of land use from orchard to multi family development. For any objections, contact Kgatleng district council, physical planning office at Telephone No. 57 7411 / 577 3512 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

Intention to Sell and Transfer Immovable Property

(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs Amina Hafesji has entered into an offer to purchase agreement with Mr SM Atiqur Rahman (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:
CERTAIN: Piece of Land being commercial at Gakebuang Ward, Kanye
SITUATE: at Ngwaketse Sub Landboard
MEASURING: Approximately 901m².
HELD UNDER: Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business Plots

Hereafter referred to as (the "Property").

Purchase consideration is the sum of P350 000. (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula only) 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.

AMINA HAFESJI, Applicant,
Cellphone No. 73 662 552

VACANCIES

A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Manager required. Requirements: Degree in Civil Engineering, atleast 5 years. A Chinese language advantageous. Contacts: Future 10, Manager: 74 419 230

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000091/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Thejwane Tshomane & Mmasamoele Kabelo** who died at Masilwana Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District on **28th March 2001 & 31st October 2008** respectively.

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 thisday2026

Executor Dative, Thito Kabelo, P O Box 618, **MOLEPOLOLE, CELL: 72228230**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters' S Reference: - ESHGB 000907-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ALDRIN GAREGOPE N. LETSHOLO** Who died at Nyangagwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the **12th October 2024.**

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

DATED at Mogoditshane on this 19th Day of August 2026.

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Mortgage Bond No 153/09 dated the 7th March 2009 made in favour of Tiny Nsakwa in respect of:
CERTAIN: Piece of land being: Tribal Lot 2243 Mmadinare
SITUATE: At Mmadinare in Bamangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 966m², Nine Hundred and Sixty Six square meters
HELD UNDER: Title Deed No FTTL 82/09 dated 18th day of February 2009 In favour of Tiny Nsakwa

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

Dated: 13/07/2026
ADDRESS **Box 726 Mmadinare**

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000112-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **MOLATEDI SEEMO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 19th February 2026.

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

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 18 day of August 2026

Executrix Dative | Goitsepele Seemo
P O Box 914, Serowe | CELL: 71414703

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000062-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DINKWETSE BOIDITSWE** who died at Kgaratshi Ward, Ramokgonami, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 31st August 2024.

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

Dated at MAHALAPYE on this 28 Day of JULY 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE
Kedisaletse Boiditswe
P O BOX 142
RAMOKGONAMI Cell: 76692582

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG 6
MAHALAPYE

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 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
ABEL MMITSI MAFOJANE	ESHFT-000690-26	20/10/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31ST DAT OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the 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 High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of meeting	Time	Master
Pheto Moloi	ESHFT-000554-26	04/11/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

RE: **TALENTED FOOTBALLERS** urgently needed: Thamaga Shooting Stars football club is on the lookout for skilled and dedicated football players to strengthen our squad. Apply now to join our dynamic team and compete at highest level. Requirements: experience, skill and passion for sport. Deadline: 21 September 2026. Email: thamagashootingstars@gmail.com

UNION FLAMINGO SANTOS Football Club in Gabane is looking for 5 international players. The national team cap is added advantage. Apply to Team Manager at 72 154 414 or by person to Santos office at Gabane. Closing ate is 25/11/2026

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

ESHFT 00000-000543-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Batshani Monyatse ESHFT 00000-000543-25** who died at Nswazwi Village Central Tutume District on the 19th of March 2025.

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 **17th day of august 2026**

Baganetsi Monyatse
Executor dative
P O Box 83 Nswazwi
FRANCISTOWN

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

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

ESHFT-000906-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SETHUKILE MLOTSHWA - ESHFT-000906-25** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the **24th day of April 2025.**

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 30TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

DEBIYA MLOTSHWA
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 10502
FRANCISTOWN

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

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
JOHN MIZIYONKE	ESHFT – 000767-26	04/11/26	0900 HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

ESHFT 001559-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Chazha Pitse, ESHFT 001559-25 who died at Tutume Primary Hospital, Tutume Central District, Botswana on the 30th day of October 2025.

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 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Chabo Pitse, Executor Dative, P O Box 87, Sebina

And to: Master of the High Court, Private Bag F13, Francistown

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 1254/2009 DATED 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2009.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified true copy of Deed of **Transfer No. 1254/2009** dated **10th day of June 2009** registered in favour of **MELCOMB BEN FLATTERY** in respect of;

CERTAIN : Piece of Land being Portion 132 (a portion of portion 115) of the Farm 150-NK
SITUATE : In the Ghanzi Administrative District;
Measuring : 10,0884 ha (Ten comma Zero Eight Eight Four Hectares)
HELD : Under Deed of **Transfer No. 1254/2009** dated the **10th day of June 2009** made in favour of **MELCOMB BEN FLATTERY.**

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 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

BROWN AND COMPANY ATTORNEYS
PLOT 18461, PHASE 2, GABORONE, BOTSWANA
TELL : (+267) 311 6991
EMAIL : admin@brownandcompany.co.bw

NOTICE OF NEXT OF 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
GABARATE SUMBOLU	ESHFT-000653-26	13-10-2026	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED IN TERM OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. 10/88 dated 10th day of February 1988 passed in favour of MOUTLAKGOLA NGWAKO in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN :Piece of land being Tribal Lot 85 Palapye;
SITUATE : in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 1061m² (One Thousand and Sixty One Square Metres);

Any such person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag F72, FRANCISTOWN within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

MODIE AND PARTNERS P.O. BOX 3259 GABORONE , TEL: 71840341, Block 9 , Plot 24270

Motherhood Botswana expands school support drive

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Motherhood Botswana is targeting P450,000 to support about 450 vulnerable children across 15 schools. The organisation marks its 11th anniversary with a fundraising drive focused on providing essential school necessities and the initiative forms part of its Adopt-A-School project which targets schools in Kweneng, Kgatleng and Central districts. The funds will go towards buying school shoes, uniforms and other basic clothing needs for children identified as vulnerable. Motherhood Botswana founder, Ms Lindiwe Nkomo, told BOPA that this year’s anniversary would be different from previous celebrations, as the organisation had chosen to turn the milestone into an opportunity to give back to communities. “This is not simply an 11th anniversary celebration, it is a fundraising mission where every ticket can translate into dignity for a child,” said Ms Nkomo. She said Motherhood Botswana had spent the past 11 years responding to the needs of women, children and families, often prioritising community work over celebrating its own achievements.

Assessments conducted at schools have highlighted the extent of the need for basic necessities, particularly school shoes, complete uniforms and appropriate clothing. Ms Nkomo said some vulnerable children were forced to use their school uniforms as everyday clothing at home, leaving them without suitable attire when the uniforms became worn out. The organisation has already engaged schools including Diphuduhuhu and Medie primary schools, where it identified children in need of assistance. Ms Nkomo said Motherhood Botswana physically visited schools to assess their needs and identify vulnerable children, rather than selecting beneficiaries without first understanding their circumstances. However, the approach comes with logistical challenges, including the costs of long-distance travel, fuel and accommodation. “We want to reach those children before their circumstances make them feel forgotten,” she said. Since August is Women’s Month, Nkomo said the anniversary also provided an opportunity to reflect on Motherhood Botswana’s wider work with

women, children and families, while encouraging communities to take collective responsibility for vulnerable children. She said the organisation’s experience of supporting individual children had demonstrated the need for a larger and more structured intervention. The Adopt-A-School Project seeks to build on Motherhood Botswana’s previous efforts by expanding its reach to more schools and children across the three districts. For Nkomo, the 11th anniversary is therefore, not simply a celebration of the organisation’s journey, but an opportunity to turn community support into tangible assistance for children facing hardship. BOPA



Motherhood Botswana founder, Ms Lindiwe Nkomo



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 13 of 2026 | REF: ENT 4/26/1 VI (51) | DATE: 19 July 2026

TO: All Permanent Secretaries
All Heads of Departments

VACANCY: – PRINCIPAL TOURISM OFFICER I – D2
(1 POSITION)

Applicants are invited from suitably qualified Botswana Citizens for the above mentioned position, which is tenable at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism – Department of Tourism (Tsabong).

Salary Scale: D2 - (P337, 008 – P371, 628) per annum

Benefits:

- i) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee 50%)
- ii) Contributory Pension Fund (Government pays 15% and employee 5%).

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Qualifications:
Degree in Tourism Management/Tourism Hospitality/Tourism Planning/Statistics.

Experience: A minimum of ten (10) years relevant work experience of which two (2) should have served at D3 salary scale.

Main Purpose of the Job
To coordinate the implementation of short, medium and long term tourism development.

DUTIES

- Collaborates with stakeholders on pertinent tourism issues and objectives. Promote and facilitate tourism growth.
- Disseminate tourism information to stakeholders.
- Represents the Department in relevant committees locally, regionally and internationally, all matters related to tourism industry.
- Analyses and interprets data on the impact of tourism to the economy.
- Verifies business plans for tourism enterprises license applications prior to submission to tourism industry license

board.

- Recommend for the review of Tourism legislation.
- Initiates strategies and programmes for the Department

COMPETENCIES

- Deciding and initiating action
- Adhering to principles and values
- Working with people
- Analyzing
- Writing and reporting
- Planning and organizing
- Delivering results and meeting customers
- Adapting and responding to change

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

- a) Full name,address, Date and place of birth.
- b) Brief summary of careers with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- c) Certified copies of Certificates and Omang
- d) Date of first appointment
- e) Present post and date of appointment thereto
- f) Two references (not older than 3 months)

Important:
All applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their Heads of Department and Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Private Bag BO 199, Gaborone

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

Closing Date: 4th September 2026

For further information, required please contact: Ms B Mpipi at 3647938 or Ms R. Tumelo 3647995.

WE URGENTLY NEED FOLLOWING STAFF FOR OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS IN BOTSWANA

1. RIGGER WITH MINIMUM FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN HEAVY STEEL WORKS
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APPLY IN CONFIDENCE TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS BEFORE 31stH AUGUST 2026:

MANAGER HR
LECO BOTSWANA PTY LTD
P.O.BOX-291, SELEBI-PHIKWE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 001450-25**

IN THE ESTATE of the late KUTLWANO PEARL STANLEY who died along A1 Road, Artesia, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 27th day of September 2025.

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

DATED at on this Day of 2026.

The Executor, Thapelo Stanley, P O Box 53650, Gaborone
Tel: 77054732

Intention to Sell and Transfer Immovable Property
(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs Amina Hafesji has entered into an offer to purchase agreement with **Mrs Humeira Quaderi** (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being residential at Mafhikana Ward, Kanye.
SITUATE: at Ngwaketse Sub Landboard
MEASURING: Approximately 1358m². (One Thousand Three Hundred
HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land grant
Hereafter referred to as (the "Property").

Purchase consideration is the sum of P350 000. (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula only) 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.

AMINA HAFESJI, Applicant, Cellphone No. 73662552

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000370/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BARAYANG MAISWE** who died at Dinokwane Ward, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, on the **13th May 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 on this 19th Day of August 2026

Executor Dative
Khumo Motsumi Maiswe
P O Box 20096 **GABORONE**
Cell: **75061906/75061902**

THANK YOU

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Setting the record straight

Union Calls on DailyNews to Uphold Ethical Journalism and Respect Its Public Mandate

The National Amalgamated Local and Central Government, and Parastatal Workers Union expresses serious concern over the misleading article published by DailyNews on 4 August 2026 titled “How Manual Workers Union Froze Workers’ Salaries.” The article unfairly targets the union and its leaders, Johnson Motshwarakgole and Robert Rabasimane, and falsely suggests that they are responsible for salary stagnation among public sector workers.

These claims are inaccurate, unbalanced, and fundamentally misrepresent how salary negotiations occur within the Public Service Bargaining Council (PSBC). Salary adjustments in the public service are determined through collective bargaining, government policy, and multi-stakeholder processes. No single union or individual leader has the authority to “freeze” salaries. The article’s framing distorts these facts and misleads the public.

As a government-owned publication funded by taxpayers, Daily News carries a heightened responsibility to uphold the principles of ethical journalism, fairness, accuracy, and public accountability. Its mandate is not only to inform but also to contribute to nation-building, social cohesion, and constructive engagement between government institutions and the labour movement. It is essential that a publicly funded news organisation respects its role as a national communication tool rather than allowing itself to be used

for partisan or factional purposes.

It is important that we express that this is not the first time we have seen biased opinion pieces of this type masquerading as credible news articles. When the ongoing health crisis was at its peak some months ago, we noticed with concern a series of write-ups that dismissed the crisis by invalidating the concerns of workers. These write-ups were crafted in a manner that clearly lionised the Minister of Health, while vilifying those who were raising legitimate concerns about the failure to provide medication for Batswana.

To be clear, they were veiled attacks on the labour movement, which had held a series of press briefings to raise these concerns. In our belief, the news department cannot possibly use such an important communication tool for partisan propaganda purposes, and at the time we allowed the matter to pass. Clearly, that emboldened the editorial team. We do not have any wish to engage in a back-and-forth with a media organisation, whether government-owned or private. Our hope is simply that ethical standards will be maintained.

Responsible journalism requires:

- Truthfulness and factual accuracy
- Balanced reporting and fair representation of all parties
- Avoidance of sensationalism and personal targeting
- Commitment to strengthening national unity and institutional

- trust
- Respect for the taxpayers who fund state media institutions

The labour movement is a critical partner in Botswana’s democratic and developmental journey. Media narratives that unfairly vilify unions undermine this partnership and erode the mutual respect necessary for productive relations between workers and the state.

In addition to the right of reply that we were unethically denied, we demand that the following be done to protect the integrity of the media:

1. An immediate review of the article and the editorial process that produced it.
2. A correction, clarification, or retraction published in the same print format as the original article.
3. Clear measures to prevent similar breaches of journalistic ethics in future.

The union remains committed to defending workers’ rights, promoting accurate public information, and fostering constructive relations between government, labour institutions, and the citizens of Botswana.

Yours Faithfully
Robert R. Rabasimane

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Arts & Culture



Beauty Mareetsane

Mareetsane turns tradition into livelihood

Samantha Gabaeme
MAAKE

The tiny white beads scattered across Beauty Mareetsane’s hands may appear insignificant to an unfamiliar eye. But to the 49-year old Maake native, each bead carries a piece of a tradition passed down through generations of the Basarwa community. Seated among her beadwork, Mareetsane carefully threads

moraka beads together, her fingers moving with the ease of someone who has spent years mastering the craft. For Mareetsane, the beads are more than ornaments. They are a connection to her heritage and a skill through which she earns a living while helping to keep her community’s traditions alive. Her connection to moraka beadwork began long before she started making it herself. In an interview, Mareetsane said

she grew up watching her mother make moraka beadwork and saw how the skill could become a source of income. Her mother would travel to the Ghanzi Craft Centre to sell her beadwork, where she made good sales over the years. When age eventually caught up with her mother and she could no longer continue with the craft, Mareetsane stepped in, taking over the skill she had spent her childhood watching and learning. What began as childhood memories of watching her mother work has since become Mareetsane’s livelihood and a continuation of a tradition that might otherwise have faded with the generation before her. Mareetsane began making moraka beadwork in 2009, driven partly by a lack of employment opportunities and a desire to create a livelihood for herself. She said the President’s Day Competitions also encouraged her to venture into traditional crafts by providing an opportunity for people to develop and showcase their skills. What had once been a skill she watched her mother practise gradually became an opportunity to earn an income at a time when formal employment was difficult to find. Today Mareetsane makes necklaces, wristbands and earrings, blending traditional moraka beads with modern shiny beads for a contemporary touch. The process starts with eggshells. She crushes and mixes them, then shapes and stirs the mixture for one to two weeks before forming beads and threading them by hand. “It takes time and patience,” she said. “From preparing the eggshells to threading the final piece, every ornament has a story.”



Some of the accessories that Beauty Mareetsane produces from eggshells, which she cuts into moraka beads, transforming a traditional Basarwa craft into an income-generating business. Photos: Samantha Gabaeme.

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Innovative artisan moulds cement into lasting crafts

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Phomolo Mathekga, a 24 year-old Motswana from Tsetsebye, has turned his passion for innovation into a thriving business that transforms cement into durable outdoor furniture, custom log gates, rock-art walls and kgotla structures that closely resemble natural wood

and stone. His journey began in 2023 after he discontinued his Bachelor of Science degree in Quantity Surveying at Ba Isago University. Determined to build a career with his hands, Mathekga taught himself the art of crafting outdoor furniture from cement through extensive research, experimentation and practice. He remains a self-taught

and self-funded artisan. At the early stages of his business, he worked alongside Eliphus Moshokwa, who helped bring his creative ideas to life. Moshokwa said Mathekga introduced innovative techniques for creating artificial pavement, rock-motif and wood-motif designs using cement. He credited Mathekga with mentoring him in the craft and

inspiring him to pursue the trade independently. “My journey is about preserving natural resources by recreating their beauty in cement. Real wood rots quickly and is attacked by termites, so I taught myself to cast cement into wood and log designs that last for years without rotting and can withstand rain and sunshine,” said Mathekga.

He said his customer base had steadily grown across Botswana through Facebook marketing and word-of-mouth referrals and clients include homeowners, lodges, schools, offices and community spaces such as dikgotla, with prices varying according to size, design, quantity and installation requirements.

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Mareetsane turns tradition into a livelihood

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Beyond aesthetics, moraka beads hold cultural meaning. Traditionally worn on the neck, waist and wrists, they were believed to promote wellbeing. They also marked life stages for newborns and for girls transitioning into womanhood. The beads also formed part of important stages in a person's life.

Mareetsane said they were traditionally used for newborn babies after birth and for young girls during the transition into womanhood following their first menstruation.

For her, these practices give moraka beadwork a deeper meaning, connecting the craft not only to adornment but also to cultural practices and knowledge passed down through generations.

Mareetsane's skill has also earned her recognition beyond her village.

She said she once participated in the President's Day Competitions, where she scooped first position with a necklace she specially

crafted for the competition.

She named the piece "Qhadorm", a traditional necklace that holds particular significance in her culture.

Mareetsane explained that the necklace is traditionally worn by women when they get married, making it more than an ornament but a piece associated with an important milestone in a woman's life.

For her, winning with Qhadorm was therefore not only recognition of her craftsmanship, but also an opportunity to showcase a piece of cultural heritage through her art.

The achievement affirmed that the tradition she inherited from her mother could provide a livelihood while also earning recognition for the cultural knowledge and craftsmanship embedded in each piece.

Mareetsane's beadwork has found a market among traditional groups, schools and individuals, providing her with an income from a craft rooted in her heritage.

She recalled that she also benefited from opportunities facilitated by the former

Department of Gender Affairs, which assisted local artisans by taking their crafts to exhibitions and markets in Gaborone, where they could reach tourists and other potential buyers.

According to Mareetsane, such opportunities gave her access to a wider market beyond her village and enabled her to earn more from her beadwork while reaching customers she would otherwise have struggled to access.

Despite the recognition her beadwork has received, Mareetsane said sustaining the craft has become increasingly difficult, with limited markets affecting her ability to purchase the materials she needs.

She said obtaining eggshells, which are central to making her moraka beads, has become a challenge, as she sometimes has to travel as far as Dibete to source them.

With sales declining, she said she often does not have enough money to make such trips or purchase other materials required for her work.

Mareetsane recalled that

things were easier in the past, particularly when she participated in exhibitions in Gaborone.

She explained that she would travel to the capital knowing that she would not only have an opportunity to sell her beadwork, but could also use the proceeds to source other raw materials needed to continue producing her crafts.

Pointing towards her house, Mareetsane reflected on how the decline in income has affected her plans beyond beadwork.

She said she could have completed the house a long time ago had her craft business remained as viable as it once was, but the lack of a reliable market has made it difficult to generate enough income.

"Since COVID-19, a lot of things have been mixed up," she said, explaining that the disruption caused by the pandemic had affected the progress she had made in her business.

Mareetsane said she had hoped to expand her work to the point of employing two people to assist her, but financial difficulties had made that impossible.

For now, she continues to do every stage of the work herself, from sourcing raw materials and preparing the eggshells to shaping the beads and creating the finished pieces, as she tries to keep both the tradition and her livelihood alive.

With the challenges threatening the sustainability of her craft, Mareetsane appealed to government and other stakeholders to help create markets for traditional crafts, saying access to customers would make a greater difference than

assistance with raw materials.

She said she was capable of sourcing the materials needed for her beadwork herself, but what she needed most was a reliable market where she could sell her products and earn enough to sustain and grow the business.

Mareetsane also called for business management training to help artisans develop the skills needed to run their crafts as sustainable enterprises.

She believes creating markets for Basarwa crafts would go beyond improving livelihoods, as it would also help safeguard a rich cultural heritage that risks being lost if younger generations are not given opportunities to learn and practise traditional skills.

Mareetsane said the Basarwa community possesses numerous traditional skills and crafts that could be transformed into sources of income if artisans were given access to viable markets.

For her, supporting such crafts is therefore not simply about helping people make money, but about giving tradition a future.

She hopes that the next generation will not only hear about moraka beadwork as something their ancestors once made, but will see it, learn it and have the opportunity to earn a living from it.

As her fingers continue to shape each tiny bead, Mareetsane is doing more than creating necklaces and ornaments.

She is carrying forward a tradition inherited from her mother, turning it into a livelihood and, one bead at a time, ensuring that a piece of Basarwa heritage continues to live on. **BOPA**

Contestants reconnect with culture at bootcamp

Bakang Wren
GABORONE

Miss Independence Kgatleng(MIK) 2026 contestants spent three days immersed in Setswana traditions during a cultural bootcamp at Moreti's Farm in Oliphant's Drift from August 14 to 16.

The camp was designed to ground the young women in core values of Botho, Tlhompho le Maitseo before the pageant's coronation next month.

Speaking during the bootcamp, Kgosi Mohutsiwa of Oliphant's Drift said the experience gave contestants a chance to appreciate the importance of respecting and preserving their roots.

Miss Independence Kgatleng founder and CEO, Lebopo Bulayani said the objective went beyond pageant preparation. She urged the contestants to remain grounded in their principles while embracing faith, hard work, dedication, commitment and discipline.

The participants experienced Botswana's way of life first-hand. Activities included cooking competitions, traditional games, collecting firewood, milking goats and horse riding.

Reigning MIK Male Ambassador and sponsor Andrew Motlhapeng also addressed the group. He reflected on how the pageant had contributed to his personal growth and encouraged the contestants to be mindful of why they joined and to use their

platforms to make a positive difference in their communities. The bootcamp winner will receive P500. The Miss Independence Kgatleng 2026 coronation is scheduled for September 19 at Leobo La Bakgatla. **BOPA**



Miss Independence Kgatleng 2026 contestants spent the weekend reconnecting with their cultural roots during a three-day bootcamp held at Moreti's Farm in Oliphant's Drift from August 14 to 16. Photos: Courtesy of Miss Independence Kgatleng

Innovative artisan moulds cement into lasting crafts

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Mathekga emphasised that cement art was not a side business but his full-time career.

"This is my main career, and I am ready to exhibit and grow every day. Although I am not yet a member of any arts association or hosted exhibitions, I am open to opportunities that will help promote my work locally and internationally," he said.

One of his greatest challenges, he said, was convincing people that his products were made primarily from cement reinforced with steel because the wood-grain finish appeared so realistic.

Despite this, he believed the future of cement art was promising as more customers sought durable, low-maintenance outdoor furniture.

He said technology helped him develop new ideas while social media enabled him to reach a wider customer base, although creativity and hard work remain essential.

With Botswana's 60th Independence celebrations approaching, Mathekga plans to design a commemorative bench, table set and log gate symbolising strength, durability and nation-building.

He hopes to establish cement art as a recognised craft in Botswana by opening a workshop that creates employment opportunities for young people while supplying durable products across Botswana and the wider SADC region.

Mathekga encouraged aspiring cement artisans to identify problems within their communities, remain consistent and use social media to showcase their work.

Mathekga further appealed to fellow artists to protect their intellectual property by patenting their ideas and forming partnerships with companies that could help expand their markets.

"My designs are unique, and I would like to see stronger protection for small creators so that people do not copy and sell our work without giving credit. I source all my materials locally in Botswana, and I remain open to partnerships that support local craftsmanship and youth employment," he said.

A customer, Sylippa Kamogelo, praised the quality of his craftsmanship, saying his products were highly durable and resistant to termite damage, making them a worthwhile long-term investment. **BOPA**

TAFISA congress to boost sports tourism

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Botswana is set to host the 30th TAFISA World Congress next year, with organisers seeking to use the international gathering to promote sport for a l l



The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA) World Congress 2027 organising committee chairperson, Molefhi Obenne (left) with committee members Peaceful Seleka (second right) and Carol Kgafela during a press briefing in Gaborone on Wednesday. Obenne said Botswana would host the TAFISA 2027 world congress from October 18 to 20. The congress brings together sports leaders, practitioners, researchers and representatives from different sectors to examine how sport can contribute to healthier, more inclusive and sustainable societies. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

while creating opportunities in tourism, business and economic development. The congress will be held in Gaborone from October 18 to 20, with October 17 and 21 designated as arrival and departure days. It will be the first time Botswana hosts the global event and only the second time the congress has been held in Africa, following Cape Town’s hosting in 2001. The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA), is a global organisation that promotes sport and physical activity. Its World Congress brings together sports leaders, practitioners, researchers and representatives from different sectors to examine how sport can

contribute to healthier, more inclusive and sustainable societies. The organising committee chairperson, Molefhi Obenne, said Botswana’s hosting should be measured by the opportunities and long-term benefits it created rather than simply by the event itself. “Our mission is not to simply say that we hosted a conference, but we want to say Botswana used the congress to create opportunities, stimulate business, build international relations, strengthen institutions and stimulate the economy,” he said. The congress is expected to attract about 500 participants, giving Botswana an opportunity to

showcase its tourism attractions, local businesses and capacity to host major international events. Obenne said international visitors would spend money on accommodation, transport, food, entertainment, security and other services, creating opportunities for local businesses. He said organisers would therefore have to ensure that local businesses benefitted from the increased economic activity. “This means our procurement and programme design must deliberately ask how much of the value created by this can stay in Botswana,” he said. He added that the congress would also challenge the traditional perception of sport as being primarily about competition, noting that sport for all should include people of different ages and abilities. He cited examples ranging from children playing and older people walking to women feeling welcome in sporting spaces and persons with disabilities being able to participate. Head of the 30th TAFISA Congress secretariat, Thuto Molebatsi, said Botswana was already benefitting from the association’s supported capacity building initiatives.

Molebatsi said the commission, through the TAFISA capacity building programme and its TAFISA CLC, had partnered with the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) to provide training to at least 39 participants in Mahalapye, Mokgenene, Mabuo and Mahalapye Prison. He said the programme was fully funded by TAFISA, demonstrating the practical benefits of Botswana’s engagement with the organisation. Molebatsi said hosting the congress would provide an opportunity to build on such initiatives while addressing physical inactivity and expanding participation beyond traditional sporting structures. Although the congress will take place in Gaborone, he said organisers wanted its impact to extend to communities across the country. He said the event would further position Botswana as a destination for international meetings and events, strengthening its competitiveness in the events tourism sector. Furthermore, he said the congress also aligned with the aspirations of Vision 2036, particularly the use of sport and creative industries to support sustainable development and human development. **BOPA**

Stage set for Southern League Top 4 series

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

With the curtains falling on this year’s Botswana Basketball League (BBL) regular season, basketball fans are now set for the start of the Southern League Men’s Top 4 series, tipping off on Saturday at the Ba Isago courts. From the six teams that started the campaign, two have fallen by the wayside. That leaves four formidable contenders poised to dig deep for a spot in the National Championships, where Northern League champions Maun Delta Spirit and second-seeded Francistown Heart City await. Defending champions, Dolphins, lead the pack as the top seed following a flawless 10-0 regular season run, accumulating 20 points. BDF V, Police V and Diamond Bullets complete the top four respectively. The ‘Phins’ dominated the regular season, reinforcing their status as the premier club in Botswana basketball. Coming off a 2025 playoff title after defeating Police V in a thrilling final series, the Dolphins have built a reputation as perennial champions and regional contenders. Having also lifted the trophy in 2023, sandwiched around BDF V’s 2024 triumph, the Dolphins remain a dominant force and the heavy favourites heading into the post-season. Roster depth has been the Dolphins’ hallmark all season, anchored by international talent and bolstered by the recent acquisition of American-born guard Dylan ‘KJ’ Walker. Second-seeded BBL V enter

as dangerous contenders after dropping just three games during the regular season. The 2024 national champions capped off a stellar regular season last Sunday with a commanding 82-48 victory over the youthful UB Relics to secure second place in the standings. Third-seeded Police V cannot be written off given the sheer quality and experience on their roster. While it was an inconsistent campaign by their usual high standards, opening in May with a 64-53 loss to rivals BDF V, the ‘Popos’ found their winning rhythm as the season progressed. They sealed their Top 4 spot with an inspired 57-47 victory over Diamond Bullets. Though faced with a tough road to the National Championships, Police V will rely on their playmakers to dictate tempo and spark an offense driven by rising talent. Rounding out the field are the Diamond Bullets, who are no strangers to the fight for Southern League supremacy. Making their second consecutive Top 4 appearance, the Jwaneng-based side enters as the clear underdog. The Bullets head into the series on a downward turn, having lost their penultimate regular-season game 86-53 to BDF V before falling 57-47 to Police V in the finale. A heavy burden falls on Joel Mothusi to lead the Bullets to a major upset against their more decorated rivals. With everything on the line, Jwaneng will have almost zero margin for error if they hope to secure a maiden berth in the National Championship final. **BOPA**

Selepe steps into spotlight

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Sling-shotting off the turn, he carries enormous fluid momentum directly into the home straight, a weapon that leaves rival sprinters scrambling in his wake. That explosive curve running made his call-up to the senior national squad an easy decision for national selectors. Selepe has anchored critical legs to help the men’s 4x100m relay team punch their official ticket to the 2027 World Athletics Championships in Beijing, China. Selepe first sent shockwaves through the Southern African athletics circuit in April. Storming to victory at the Orange Botswana National Athletics Championships, he claimed the senior men’s 200m crown with a blistering personal best of 20.08 seconds. Any doubts about whether his domestic dominance could translate internationally were silenced weeks later in May, when he captured a magnificent silver medal in 20.43 seconds at the Senior African Athletics

Championships to formally announce his arrival among the continent’s elite speed merchants. The true test of his mettle arrived during the mid-season European swing and the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. Making his highly anticipated Diamond League debut against the world’s fastest men, Selepe shaved fractions off his lifetime mark, clocking a stellar 20.01 seconds. In Glasgow, while Botswana’s overall delegation battled tough conditions on the podium front, Selepe provided a brilliant silver lining. He navigated gruelling preliminary heats and dropped a 20.31-second clocking in the semi-finals to reach the Commonwealth Games 200m final, ultimately placing eighth in the world with a time of 20.54 seconds. Selepe’s rise is proof to resilience and as he awaits the trip to Beijing 2027, one thing is certain, that the country’s new sprint prince has earned his crown. **BOPA**



Prince Selepe



Collen Kebinatshipi



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Letsile Tebogo



Bayapo Ndori

Selepe steps into spotlight

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

From a sport-starved childhood in Kanye to storming the global track circuit, 20-year-old Prince Selepe has transformed into one of Botswana's most lethal half-lap sprinters.

Wrapped in the unhurried routines of village life, his family never envisioned that years later, he will don the iconic blue, black and white colours on the world's grandest athletics stages to prove that his status on the track is entirely self-made.

Selepe's love for sprinting ignited on the dusty grounds of his primary school in Kanye, but his trajectory hit an immediate wall when he transitioned to junior secondary school and structured school sports came to an abrupt halt.

The prolonged absence of competitive fixtures left him without formal coaching or a platform to hone his raw talent during critical developmental years. Where others might have drifted away from the sport, Selepe remained patient.

While he emerged much later than traditional prodigies who enjoy uninterrupted academy pathways, his 2026 breakout campaign has proven that in athletics, timing is everything. Stepping onto the track this season, the Jwaneng Athletics Club standout commands attention, particularly in his signature 200m event.

What sets Selepe apart is his rare technical mastery of the bend.

Sprinting coaches often describe the 200m curve as a brutal test of centrifugal force and mechanical balance, but Selepe navigates it with uncanny and weightless ease.

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Botswana stars in Lausanne and Silesia for Diamond League

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Local elite track and field stars are set to continue their global campaign as the Wanda Diamond League circuit resumes with a fast-paced double-header in Lausanne, Switzerland today with another schedule set for Silesia, Poland on Sunday.

Reigning Olympic 200m champion, Letsile Tebogo and mid-

dle-distance runner, Oratile Nowe will anchor today's campaign at the Athletissima meeting in Lausanne.

Tebogo returns to the track following a brief competitive break to line up in the men's 200m. He faces a strong field featuring Zimbabwe's Mekanakaishe Charamba, South Africa's Sinesipho Dambile, Puerto Rico's José Figueroa, Zharnel Hughes of Great Britain, Swiss sprinter Timothé Mumenthaler and the American duo of Courtney Lindsey and Brandon Hicklin.

On paper, Tebogo enters as the clear favourite. Athletic pundits note that if the Olympic champion executes his trademark smooth bend, he will be tough to catch

as he powers down the home straight.

Tebogo is already in a prime position for the season final, currently sitting second in the Diamond League standings with 22 points.

Meanwhile, national record holder, Nowe returns to action fresh off her campaign at the Commonwealth Games.

She is scheduled to line up in a highly competitive women's 800m field. Nowe faces stiff opposition from Dutch stars Femke Broeders-Bol and Myrte van der Schoot, USA's Sage Hurta-Kleckler and Addison Wiley, Kenya's standout Lilian Odira, South African champion, Prudence Sekgodiso, Ethiopia's Saida Tsehaye and local Swiss favourite, Audrey

Werro.

Top of Form

Action then shifts to Poland on Sunday for the Silesia Diamond League meeting, where quarter-milers Bayapo Ndori and Collen Kebinatshipi will contest the men's 400m.

Kebinatshipi will look to build on his strong recent form, while Ndori makes his long-awaited comeback after being sidelined by injury.

The duo faces a stacked field, including South Africa's Zakithi Nene, Trinidad's Jereem Richards, Poland's Maksymilian Szwed, Hungary's Attila Molnár and a formidable American trio of Jacory Patterson, Chris Bailey and Rai Benjamin. BOPA

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