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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) test-driving an eMobility vehicle with a local journalist, Ms Matlhogonolo Letshelaphala at the showcasing of vehicles at State House in Gaborone on Saturday. President Masisi said government had a long term binding agreement with the original manufacturers of the Electric Vehicles (EVs) and has through negotiations, allowed for making locally as many of the components as possible and grow its local value chain. He said the agreement also allowed for the country to name the locally manufactured EV, which name would be easy to sell locally, regionally and in the global market. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Trio receives Honorary Doctorate

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The trio of messrs Legwaila Legwaila, Satar Dada and Johnson Motshwarakgole were on Thursday during the 42nd University of Botswana (UB) graduation ceremony bestowed with Honorary Degrees of Doctors Letters.

The Honorary Degrees were in recognition of their immense and notable contribution to various sectors of the economy.

Sharing profiles of the recipients, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Teaching and Learning, Professor Richard Tabulawa, said Ambassador Legwaila Joseph Legwaila was a distinguished diplomat and towering figure in Botswana's diplomatic history.

Prof. Tabulawa said the recognition was in appreciation of his exceptional contribution to the public service, diplomacy and conflict resolution across Africa and globally.

With a career spanning several decades, Mr Legwaila has held various key positions in the public service.

Born February 2, 1937 in Mathathane in the Bobirwa District, Mr Legwaila's journey started as an Assistant External Affairs Officer in the Office of the President before becoming Senior Private Secretary to the country's founding President Sir Seretse Khama.

Prof. Tabulawa said his impactful tenure as Botswana's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to the United Nations lasted from 1980 to 2002, during which he played a crucial role in multiple international negotiations.

Mr Legwaila received his primary education in Bobirwa and the Transvaal Province, South Africa, before founding and teaching at a primary school in Semolale.

In 1967, he pursued studies at the Serowe Teacher Training College, where he was given special dispensation entry since he was a mature student.

Based on his nine years teaching experience, he was enrolled into the third and final year instead of starting in the first year. He later obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from the University of Calgary between 1968 and 1972.

He also holds a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Alberta, further enhancing his capacity to contribute to public service and diplomacy.

Prof. Tabulawa said his remarkable contributions had earned him several accolades, including the Presidential Order of Honour, awarded by the late President Sir Ketumile Masire in 1992.

Furthermore, his influence extends to various national and international assignments where he has demonstrated exceptional leadership.

Notably, he served as the chairperson of the founding Board of the Botswana Radiation Protection Agency and led a task force on corporate governance at the Botswana Meat Commission.

His expertise was also sought during critical moments when he was appointed Botswana's team leader for Mozambique's SADC Election Observer Mission in 2019



Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Teaching and Learning, Professor Richard Tabulawa (left) and UB's Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris (right) awarding an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters to Ambassador Joseph Legwaila at the 42nd University of Botswana Graduation Ceremony in Gaborone on Thursday.

and served as a Special Advisor to former President Festus Mogae during the South Sudan peace process from 2015 to 2018.

Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Legwaila's extensive contributions to diplomacy, public service and conflict resolution made him a highly deserving candidate for the honorary degree.

"The recognition not only honours his achievements but also reflects the University of Botswana's commitment to acknowledging individuals who have made substantial contributions to society," he said.

Another recipient of the UB Honorary Doctorate was veteran unionist, Mr Johnson Motshwarakgole.

The award is in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the labour movement, humanities

and social sciences.

Mr Motshwarakgole was born on May 25, 1954 in Molepolole. Despite never attending formal schooling, Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Motshwarakgole started working early as a boy at an Indian store as a labourer and later a gardener and driver at veterinary services to provide for his family.

With his meagre proceeds, Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Motshwarakgole was able to provide for his family, taking his siblings through formal schooling and building them a proper housing structure.

With a career spanning over 50 years, Mr Motshwarakgole has been a key figure in advocating for workers' rights across Botswana and he played a key role in founding the Botswana Federation of Public Sector Unions, Southern Africa Trade Union Council and



Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Teaching and Learning, Professor Richard Tabulawa (left) and UB Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris (right) awarding an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters to unionist, Mr Johnson Motshwarakgole.



University of Botswana Chancellor, Ms Tebelelo Seretse (right) awarding an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters to business mogul, Mr Satar Dada. Photos: Thompson Keobaletswe

Botswana Federation of Trade Unions.

"His leadership led to critical victories, including the reinstatement of union members following the 1991 and 2011 public service strikes," said Prof. Tabulawa.

Beyond his union work, Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Motshwarakgole had served as vice chairperson of the Presidential Constitutional Review Commission in 2021 and was a member of both the Ibrahim Salaries Review Commission (2007) and the Steenkamp Salaries Review Commission in the 1970s.

Internationally, Mr Motshwarakgole had represented Botswana at various high-level forums, including his role as an official delegate to the International Labour Organisation in Geneva between 2015 and 2019 as well as his participation in the US State Department Delegation in 2000.

He said through the honorary degree, UB acknowledges not only his contributions to the labour movement but also his significant achievements in shaping national and international labour relations as well as his leadership in driving social justice and policy reform. Although, Mr Motshwarakgole was the Chief Executive Officer of Botswana Manual Workers Union, and now a retiree, he still served as a senior consultant for the Manual Workers Union.

Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Motshwarakgole had made a long and rewarding career as a member of the Botswana National Front, which he had served for over 40 years in the central committee and as Councillor for Kgale View from 1994 to 1999.

Businessman and philanthropist, Satar Dada was recognised for his outstanding contributions to the humanities, social sciences and the business world.

Born January 9, 1940 in Moshupa, Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Dada had built an exceptional career as a business leader and philanthropist, significantly contributing to Botswana's economic growth.

"As the founder of the Associated Investment Development

Corporation and owner of Tswana Pride, the country's largest poultry business, Mr Dada has created thousands of jobs. His entrepreneurial ventures also include Motor Centre Botswana, a prominent Toyota dealership," said Prof. Tabulawa.

Beyond his business achievements, Mr Dada has been a dedicated philanthropist, supporting numerous community projects and people in need.

Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Dada's charitable work includes a US\$3.5 million donation of property to the World Memon Organisation, the construction of clinics and houses for vulnerable communities as well as contributions to Botswana's COVID-19 Relief Fund.

In addition to his philanthropic efforts, Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Dada had made remarkable financial contributions to the UB.

"As the founder and long-serving chairman of the UB Foundation, he has helped raise millions of Pula for the institution over the past 23 years. His dedication to supporting higher education has had a lasting impact on the University and its students," he said.

Prof. Tabulawa said Mr Dada's leadership extended beyond business and philanthropy as he had served on numerous boards, including Orange Botswana and Botswana Railways and had been a longtime treasurer of both the Botswana Democratic Party and the Botswana Muslim Association.

He is also the president of the World Memon Organisation, an international charitable group.

His contributions to Botswana's political landscape are equally notable, as he has served as a councillor in Kanye, a Specially Elected Member of Parliament and an active member of various committees within the Gaborone City Council.

Prof. Tabulawa said in recognition of his exceptional service to the business world, UB, and philanthropy, the honorary degree is a fitting tribute to Mr Dada's lasting legacy.

"The University is proud to acknowledge his achievements and the positive impact he has made on the nation," he said. **BOPA**

Tsogwane graduates with Masters Degree

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The University of Botswana (UB) Indoor Sports Arena broke into a jubilant mood when the name Tsogwane Slumber was called among the University of Botswana Class of 2024 graduands. The Vice President graduated on Friday with a Master's Degree in Development Studies.

Speaking in an interview post-graduation, Mr Tsogwane said being among the 2 681 graduates at the 42nd UB graduation ceremony was a great milestone.

He said his zeal to pursue further education was driven by his love for reading and learning and the desire to broaden his scope of knowledge in order to inform, shape and guide government policies.

Mr Tsogwane said his quest to further his studies was further inspired by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, who was advocating for the instigation of change and for Batswana to use their knowledge to grow and diversify the economy.

Mr Tsogwane said there was a time where he suspended his studies to prioritise and focus on issues of national interest as dictated by his office portfolio.

Despite lagging behind, he worked hard to ensure that he completed his studies.

"It was not easy, I had to work hard. Even the supervisors were doing their best to guide where necessary," he said.

Giving a synopsis of his paper, he said it focused on identifying the challenges of the rural development policy and opportunities that it presented to rural communities to better their lives.

He said even though livelihoods of people in rural areas were challenged, the thesis had established that there were opportunities that were not fully utilised that could go a long way in bettering rural livelihoods.

He further said it was important for every individual to advance their scope of knowledge by furthering their studies.

In addition, he said it was important to engage in research that would inform decision-making, guide people on the kind of businesses to venture into that would serve the interests of the people as well general understanding of the business and market environment.

He observed that research was a critical guide of a development agenda, in which government strongly believed as research

works guided government agenda in serving people's needs and growing the economy.

Mr Tsogwane said tertiary institutions such as UB, Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Botswana International University of Science and Technology were engaged in research works to assist government in making informed decisions when drafting its development plans.

Mr Tsogwane said one of the PhD graduates had written a paper that was focused on the LIMID programme.

The graduate in question, Ms Angela Seiphethheng, a former employee of the Ministry of Agriculture graduated with a Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration and her thesis title was: An evaluation into the implementation of LIMID Phase II Agricultural Program in Botswana: The case of Mahalapye District.

Of the University of Botswana, Mr Tsogwane said it was an institute of excellence and was among the best.

He said it had always been the best and its graduates were well equipped and ready to influence change.

He observed that UB was also doing all it could to modernise the learning environment. **BOPA**



Vice President, Mr Slumber Tsogwane (right) being congratulated by UB Vice Chancellor, Prof. David Norris (left) and ActionSA founder, Mr Herman Mashaba at the University of Botswana 42nd graduation ceremony in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Tsogwane graduated with a Degree of Master of Arts in Development Studies. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

EVs manufacturing sign of promise

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The government has a long term binding agreement with the original manufacturers of the Electric Vehicles (EVs) and has through negotiations, allowed for making locally as many of the components as possible and grow its local value chain.

This was said by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi during the showcasing of the eMobility vehicles in Gaborone on Saturday.

President Masisi said the agreement with the Chinese on manufacturing of EVs allowed the country to develop its value chain domestically without alteration of their standards.

He said the agreement also allowed for the country to name the locally manufactured EVs, which name would be easy to sell locally, regionally and in the

global market.

President Masisi further said once the country had reached the required threshold of the locally produced electric cars, excess would be exported, at least within Southern Africa Customs Union and then the rest of Africa through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the demand would go up and so would be the case in job creation.

"The very fact that we have signed and respect the agreements that we have with our neighbours and the rest of Africa through the AfCFTA enables businesses to set up here.

The fact that we have a lot of raw materials to manufacture batteries for electric cars and more than anything else, we have a vibrant educated and trainable young workforce that is disciplined, hardworking, hungry to earn and

motivated increases stability and prosperity here," he said.

Although, he was not in a position to give the exact number of employment opportunities that would be created by the local assembly and manufacturing of the electric vehicles, he said the hypothesis was that from the onset, when the idea was hatched employment was created as there was a team assigned to follow up on the idea of assembling and manufacturing such vehicles.

Currently, he said there was a factory producing cables for electric cars in Botswana and was exporting to South Africa, adding that once there was a blip in demand as the manufacturer of the local electric car would also be buying such cables, the said company would have to increase its labour force.

Responding to a question

relating to the current increase in imported cars in the country and if such was to be the case with electric cars and the possible negative consequences likely to impact on the locally produced EVs, President Masisi said Botswana was an open economy that believed in competition.

"We believe we can make the case for ours to be competitive in price and quality. We shall watch such a development and seek to compete," he said.

On other issues, he informed the media that a decision had been made that up to three per cent of the GDP would go toward research and development.

"We will have an eco-system of evacuating and distributing that, but most of the beneficiaries will be the young and innovative Batswana, be it start-ups or any other business they will find support and associate, collaborate and sometimes enter into partnerships with the likes of the manufacturer of EVs," he said.

The eMobility showcase was also meant to release the EVs, currently known as Skywell, for test-driving.

President Masisi said he would personally test drive one of the vehicles.

Others who will get an opportunity to test drive EVs are; Vice President Slumber Tsogwane, Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Mr Thulagano Segokgo and Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr Eric Molale.

President Masisi also announced that 200m Olympic champion, Letsile Tebogo, Miss World Africa, Lesego Chombo and Miss Botswana, Anicia Gaothusi will also get an opportunity to test drive the EVs for a year. **BOPA**



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BOTSWANA DECIDES

BDP hopes for landslide victory

By Baleseng Batlotleng

MOLEPOLOLE - Residents of Metsimotlhabe/Mmopane have been encouraged to vote for Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) candidates in the upcoming general elections.

Launching area parliamentary candidate, Mr James Lekgetho and councillors in Metsimotlhabe on Friday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said BDP was the only party that deserved to be voted for as it was trustworthy with a good record.

President Masisi stressed that the BDP was the only trustworthy party, boasting a commendable track record. He asserted that an overwhelming victory for the BDP would facilitate development, as it would allow him to govern without opposition hindering progress. For instance, Dr Masisi said the Constitution Amendment Bill that recently failed to pass through Parliament was due to the BDP's lack of sufficient parliamentary seats.

He said failure of the Bill to pass meant that the number of Specially Elected MPs would not be increased to 10, saying he intended to appoint people or minority groups to Parliament.

Dr Masisi further said the Bill sought to give employees the right to bargain with their employers. This, he said was because opposition members only blocked the ruling party's initiatives.

The President said government, although faced with challenges from COVID-19 pandemic, was able to deliver its promises

within two and a half years.

He revealed that significant resources had been diverted to vaccine procurement, prioritising the health and safety of citizens during the height of COVID-19 pandemic. President Dr Masisi said following the recovery, government had been able to undertake major developments across the country, saying prior to 2019, the nation faced shortage of water, undeveloped road infrastructure and constant blackouts due to insufficient electricity supply.

He said they were able to develop e-mobility programme and electric vehicles, through the assistance of China, and were now being assembled in Botswana.

Dr Masisi said the Chinese were the only one whose terms were favourable, adding that in time they would set-up a completely knocked down vehicle assembly in the country.

He further said this had potential to increase more job opportunities through value chain development as some parts would be developed in the country.

The President said Chinese had agreed that it should be given a local name and every Motswana will be given an opportunity to suggest a name.

Dr Masisi refuted allegations surrounding the purchase of Tautona Lodge, clarifying that it was acquired by the government for official use, not for personal ownership.

Talking about Mr Lekgetho, President Masisi said the aspiring



President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi at the launch of BDP Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe parliamentary candidate, Mr James Lekgetho in Metsimotlhabe on Friday. President Masisi reiterated his commitment to developing Botswana and the constituency. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

candidate had demonstrated that he was a hard worker during his 10 years in council adding that it was through his dedication that Mmopane and Metsimotlhabe were developed and more developments were coming.

Amongst the developments are the new primary and secondary school and expansion of a clinic that will have a maternity wing and operate on a 24-hour basis.

Further, Dr Masisi said Chinese government would develop a road from Mmopane to Block 8.

All the council candidates were males and the President said this should in future be corrected and encouraged women to participate in politics.

In his words, Mr Lekgetho promised to work hard for the constituents. He said he would

abide by the party rules.

Mr Tumiso Rkgare, the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, who is also the BDP candidate for Mogoditshane West, said Mr Lekgetho deserved to be in Parliament as he had a good track record.

He described him as a humble man who was worthy to be trusted and was also a hard worker. **BOPA**

Candidates vow to tackle human-wildlife conflict

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

SHAKAWA - Three Okavango West Parliamentary candidates have vowed to address issues of poverty, poor academic results and human wildlife conflict if elected to office.

The candidates made the remarks during Radio Botswana Live Debates held at Shakawe Senior Secondary School on Thursday.

Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) candidate, Mr Sekwaya Pikinini said he would focus more on improving agricultural sector to increase the economic status of the people of Okavango West.

Mr Pikinini said Okavango West had a high population of cattle hence agriculture value chain development such as food processing should be explored to create employment.

He said BDP led government had put in place a vegetable ban which horticulture farmers should use to their advantage to

benefit economically.

Mr Pikinini blamed Okavango West's lack of development on the parliamentary leadership since the constituency has been under opposition party control.

He said other area of his focus would be arts and culture development since Okavango West was rich in that aspect as well as women and youth empowerment and manufacturing and value chain development.

Regarding human-wildlife conflict, Mr Pikinini said he would ascertain that boreholes were drilled for watering elephants to curb conflict between human and wildlife.

He also said farmers should electrify their farms and make use of BDP government programmes that assisted farmers with electrifying of farms such as Temo Letlotlo.

Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) candidate Mr Tshenolo Kandoda said statics showed that Okavango West was among the

poorest constituencies.

Mr Kandoda therefore said BPF if elected would address the predicament of poverty in the district.

He said BPF would come up with a financial review policy which would ensure the country's economy was well distributed and prevention of misuse of the countries' revenue as was the case with the current leadership.

Mr Kandoda said Okavango West constituency was rich in natural resources since it had two World Heritage Sites of Tsodilo Hills and Okavango Delta.

He therefore said BPF would ensure that tourism benefited the Okavango West constituency more since it contributed immensely to the economy of the country.

Mr Kandoda said his party would ensure establishment of Botswana Tourism Organisation offices in the constituency as a step to realise its promise.

He also said his party would

address the issue of human-wildlife conflict which was rife in the constituency.

Mr Kandoda said his party if elected would improve health services in the country and review the constitution to introduce direct presidential elections.

Botswana Congress Party (BCP) candidate, Mr Kenny Kapinga said Okavango West constituency was underdeveloped since it had poor road infrastructure, poor water supply and limited electricity distribution, poor residential and school infrastructures.

Mr Kapinga said that most Okavango West people depended on social welfare services and Ipelegeng program as a main form of employment.

He said that there was high rate of human-wildlife conflict as wild animals put people's lives in danger and damaged properties therefore said his party would address the catastrophe.

Mr Kapinga said as a former

member of Parliament for the then Okavango constituency he had already made effort in addressing poor academic results in the area.

He therefore said if re-elected he would continue his advocacy for better education which would ensure that every homestead produced a graduate by the year 2029.

Mr Kapinga said if the BCP was elected to rule the country it would create permanent jobs to improve the lives of the people of Okavango.

He said his party would also ensure re-construction of Sehithwa-Mohembo road as well as construction of roads to the World Heritage site of Tsodilo which he said would bring economic benefits to the constituency by easing travel.

Mr Kapinga said he would also ensure mechanised farming which he said would improve yield. He said his party would also be committed to eliminate corruption. **BOPA**

BPF launches Watshipi in Mmopane

By Baleseng Batlotleng

METSIMOTLHABE - The Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) has unveiled its parliamentary and council aspirants for the Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe constituency.

Mr Olebogeng Watshipi the

BPF parliamentary hopeful for the area had been described by many speakers as a youthful and vibrant leader who had the interests of his constituents at heart.

Launching the candidates on Saturday BPF chairperson, Mr Carter Morupisi said the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) led

government had failed to deliver on its promises over the years and it was therefore time to try his new party.

The former Permanent Secretary to the President appealed to Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe electorate to entrust Mr Watshipi and his team of dedicated

councillors with the obligation to represent them and bring desirable changes to their lives.

Mr Morupisi said BDP leadership was not telling Batswana the real state of economic affairs but rather resorting to character assassination of their political opponents.

He said the education and health sector were in a very poor state mainly due to poor leadership and governance.

Mr Morupisi said the diamond industry was facing uncertainties because of the character of Botswana government and its leaders.

He said Botswana neighbours such as Namibia were recording impressive sales and Botswana was largely punished by its clients and there was nothing such as weakness in demand.

BPF Gaborone North parliamentary hopeful, Ms Virginia Boingotlo highlighted her party's policy and programmes which included among others job creation, eradication of poverty and better social safety nets.

She pleaded with the constituents to vote for her party as the BDP had failed them and made amends through the ballot.

Ms Boingotlo said the recent import bill was ill timed as Botswana was not yet ready to produce its own.

She urged Metsimotlhabe voters to give Mr Watshipi a chance because he was a reputable and trusted individual.

BPF Molepolole South candidate, Dr Tlamele Mmatli said he was hopeful of Mr Watshipi's victory in the Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe constituency. He said Mr Watshipi had in the previous elections posted good results with a very slim margin with the eventual winner.

For his part Mr Watshipi thanked his party for offering him an opportunity to represent the aspirations of his people saying he would strive to ensure all challenges were addressed.

He decried poor lighting in Metsimotlhabe which incited criminal activities. Mr Watshipi said he yearned for financial prudent political leadership. He said his party promises to set up health facilities or improved primary health care which remained a challenge in his constituency.

Mr Watshipi said he was confident of victory as he had a dedicated team of councillors who had been working tirelessly to sell the party's promises. **BOPA**

Second chance to vote October 26

By Ndingilo Gaoswedibe

GABORONE - Those who were eligible to vote in the Saturday advance polls, but could not, either due to ballot paper shortages or procedural controversies will be accorded an opportunity on October 26.

In a Botswana Television update, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) chairperson, Justice Barnabas Nyamadzabo said that out of 51 polling stations abroad, 10 experienced ballot shortages, and measures would be taken to ensure adequate supplies for the October 26 voting.

The IEC secretary, Mr Jefferson Siamisang announced that voters from three constituencies; Thamaga/Kumakwane, Tati West and Kanye East would be able to cast their ballots then.

Advance voting is designed for individuals who will be working on election day such as police officers and election officials.

Mr Siamisang said voting in the Thamaga/Kumakwane constituency proceeded smoothly until, at the time when the election officers were packing to leave, a candidate snatched ballot papers and fled in a vehicle.

The incident, he said, disrupted the process and the matter was handled by the police.

In Tati West, he said one council candidate's name was omitted from the ballot papers, causing confusion.

Meanwhile, in Kanye East, voting was halted due to a mix-up with the ballot papers that could not be rectified.

Despite earlier assurances that the advance poll was successful

across all 61 constituencies, Mr Siamisang acknowledged several challenges.

He noted that the shortage of ballot papers stemmed from a lack of accurate voter information, which led the IEC to prepare for only 12 000 voters, a number that ultimately proved insufficient.

The IEC is working round the clock to ensure a smooth voting process for the Saturday election, and arrangements will also be made for voters from other constituencies

to participate on October 30.

These includes redeploying election officers to facilitate voting near voters' registered locations.

Mr Siamisang stressed the importance of political parties understanding the Electoral Act, particularly regarding the requirements for advance voting, where parties are permitted one polling agent compared to two during general elections.

The commission plans to address all outstanding queries. **BOPA**



GENEVA - Some of Batswana in the diaspora casting their votes in Switzerland on Saturday. Those in the diaspora and officers who will be engaged during general election were part of the early voting held this Saturday. Photo: Ministry Courtesy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Police officer, Ms Olorato Gadibolae casting a vote during the advance polls in Gaborone Central Constituency on Saturday. The polls were conducted across the country with some of the constituencies experiencing shortage of ballot papers which delayed the process and hence extension of voting times. Photo: Felicity Male

UDC interdict application impractical - Ngcukaitobe

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) and 10 others applications to interdict the appointment of the Commissioners of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) serves only to create a constitutional crisis.

A lawyer representing the Attorney General and Judicial Services Commission (JSC), Advocate Thembeke Ngcukaitobe said on Friday before a panel of three judges of the High Court.

"There is in fact no case. This is a case with zero prospects of success," Adv. Ngcukaitobe said, dismissing the UDC and ten others' arguments for interdicting the appointment of the commissioners pending a review application.

He said should the relief sought by the applicant be granted, there would be no mechanism in place to take the country to the October 30 elections, as there would be nobody to perform the IEC

functions.

Adv. Ngcukaitobe dismissed the applicants' reasoning that JSC could appoint interim commissioners as a remedy, saying such was not part of their notice of motion.

"You cannot interdict with your relief in the back pocket, you must play your cards openly," he said, adding that the applicants were now litigating by ambush. Notwithstanding such, he said even the law did not allow the IEC to appoint interim commissioners.

He said the constitution regarded selection of the commissioners as a political decision and JSC only came in as a remedy, as the constitution anticipated that some would go to the All Party Conference with their political differences and squander an opportunity given.

Adv. Ngcukaitobe further said the applicants argued that should the interdict relief they sought fail, they would suffer an irreversible harm.

He said such was surprising as the same applicants had a review application before the court, which showed they had other alternatives and other alternatives could be to challenge the elections.

Further, Advocate Ngcukaitobe said the applicants argued that the commissioners would not be independent as they were appointed by JSC, whose members were mostly appointed by the President who was a member of the ruling party.

He said that reasoning showed that the applicants seemed to confuse independence and appointment, adding that even if the appointment of commissioners was unlawful, they could still make independence decisions as per the dictates of the law.

He said the relief sought by the applicants had no prospects of success, impractical and there were clear alternatives the applicants could pursue if they were rejected by the court.

Earlier, attorney for the

applicants, Mr Wanano Lumbile said it was their plea that the current status be frozen, as such would protect them from an unlawful election process as the commissioners were unlawfully appointed.

"The harm that we envisaged cannot be repaired," Mr Lumbile said. He said the applicants were not seeking the postponement of the elections, adding that as a remedy, JSC could appoint interim commissioners as the constitution did not inhibit such.

Mr Lumbile said applicants' discontent was that the All Party Conference recommended names which were disregarded by JSC in appointing commissioners.

Another applicant attorney, Mr Chibuya Lowani said the constitution created All Party Conference on equal footing where each political party was entitled to one vote during decision making.

He said the wisdom of the legislation was that the decision making would not be unanimous

but through simple majority, adding that such was to avoid a situation where a party would have veto power.

He said all parties present at the All Party Conference meeting which generated 10 names to be considered for appointment were in agreement except that the ruling party wanted the names to be 26.

As such, he called on the court to promote democracy when applying its mind as envisaged by the constitution.

The case is before Justices Chris Gabanagae, Michael Leburu and Dr Ookeditse Maphakwane.

The applicants in the matter are UDC, Botswana Congress Party, Botswana National Front, and Alliance for Progressives, Botswana People's Party, Botswana Patriotic Front, Botswana Labour Party, Real Alternative Party, Botswana Movement for Democracy, Botswana Republican Party and MELS Movement of Botswana. **BOPA**



Auto Sueco Botswana adopts Nors brand

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - The renowned Volvo dealership, Auto Sueco Botswana, has officially adopted the Nors brand, reflecting a unique, transversal, and global dimension. This strategic transition is rooted in over 90 years of legacy and progress as Nors consolidates its vast portfolio of brands.

Since 2006, Nors Botswana has served as the exclusive representative of Volvo trucks and buses in the country, as well as an authorised repairer of Renault Trucks. The rebranding marks a crucial step in Nors' commitment to enhancing its presence and service offerings.

At a recent launch event in Porto, Portugal, attended by approximately 3 000 employees, Nors Group Chief Executive Officer Tomás Jervell unveiled the company's new brand strategy. The initiative aims to "improve life and business through reference services and equipment, creating continuous value for all." This mission, he said was supported by core values of legacy, humanism, ambition, diligence, and integrity.

Mr Jervell announced that the Nors brand would replace the 17 brands currently representing Nors' companies across seven

countries on three continents. The rebranding encompasses other entities, including Auto Sueco Portugal, Galius, Civiparts, AS Parts, Onedrive, Nors Centro Oeste, Agrofito, AgroNew, Auto Maquinaria, Auto Sueco São Paulo, Auto Sueco Centro Oeste, KinLai, Auto Sueco Angola, Auto Sueco Mozambique, Auto Sueco Namibia, Great West Equipment, and Strongco.

To further streamline its operations, the Nors brand will be organised into five key segments: Trucks and buses, construction equipment, Agro, aftermarket, and Ventures.

This new strategy and brand architecture, he said were set to globally enhance Nors' distinctive offerings. By integrating quality service, technical expertise, and an expansive network, the company aims to strengthen its market position and deliver exceptional value to its customers. Mr Jervell said the Nors brand embodied what had been for over 90 years and their even greater ambition to be recognised for their exceptional quality service and teams, boosting future growth in all the geographies in which they were present.

This brand would be stronger, closer and more sustainable, prepared for the future and for the global transformations that



Nors has united its vast portfolio of brands, to which Nors Botswana, formerly Auto Sueco Botswana, has belonged since 2006, as the exclusive representative of Volvo trucks and buses in the country, as well as an authorised repairer of Renault Trucks. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

Nors was already accompanying, he said.

"The Nors brand has existed since 2013 in an institutional dimension," he added. Mr Jervell said the implementation of the new brand in the different geographies would take place

from the launch on October 11th, guided by a classic strategy and an action plan that meets the needs of the business, segments and different geographies.

The brand architecture and identity development were carried out by Born Portugal agency,

while the brand's launch and communication strategy, as well as its implementation, were carried out in partnership with Havas and would be the subject of an online and offline campaign over the next few weeks, he said.

Meanwhile, Nors Botswana Human Resource Manager, Ms Chamada Gilbert, said formerly known as Auto Sueco Botswana, the company has created employment opportunities for 52 Batswana and two expatriates, and has four branches; Gaborone, Francistown, Ghanzi and Maun.

With over 18 years of existence in Botswana, Ms Gilbert said Nors was the exclusive representative of Volvo trucks and buses and an authorised repairer of Renault Trucks, citing that in Botswana, Nors also distributed Vesper Energy Solutions own-brand generator sets.

It is a reference brand with decades of history which began its activity in Portugal with the distribution of Volvo brand products, she said.

Ms Gilbert said in addition to Portugal, it was present in five markets - Angola, Brazil, Botswana, Mozambique and Namibia - with a portfolio of products and services adapted to each geography.

She said taking a transversal approach, it distributed a diversified range of products, with a focus on Volvo trucks.

The offer also includes Volvo buses, Volvo Penta marine and industrial engines, Kohler-SDMO generators, Isuzu buses, among others. **BOPA**

Access Bank, Trans Cash & Carry sign MoU

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Access Bank and Trans Cash and Carry have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in establishing the beverages distributor credit programme.

Speaking at the signing of the MoU, Access Bank Head of Wholesale Banking, Ms Pauline Motswagae said they harnessed and learnt solutions for different markets which they packaged and brought what was relevant to their market.

Ms Motswagae said they took the best from their 22 markets and were privileged to learn and deploy, adding that the programme aimed at facilitating Trans distributors and Trans store.

She also said they wanted to ensure there was financial inclusion while taking the burden of credit from Trans.

Trans Head of Marketing, Ms Thapelo Mmono, expressed her belief in the power of collaboration.

"We believe that by working together, we can achieve more," she said. She acknowledged the economic challenges faced by their customers, particularly bars and restaurants, which often

request credit but do not have access to banking services.

"As a trading company, we cannot provide funds directly; therefore, this collaboration for the Beverages Distributor Credit

Programme is exciting," she explained.

Ms Mmono said the partnership with Access Bank would create opportunities that would benefit a broader

community of distributors and retailers.

She said with the partnership with Access Bank, many people would benefit from the programme. **BOPA**



Access Bank head of wholesale banking, Ms Pauline Motswagae (left) and Trans Cash & Carry CEO, Mr Hiten Upadhyay at the beverages distributor credit MoU signing in Gaborone on Thursday. Ms Motswagae said the MoU would go a long way in providing financial upliftment to local beverage retail stores. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

Education life inheritance - Morwaeng

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - Teachers, parents and the community have been urged to work together with government to strive for academic excellence.

As basic education remained the core foundation in raising future leaders, it was therefore critical for all stakeholders to take part.

The Minister for State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng said at Bonewamang and Lewis Memorial Primary Schools prize giving and graduation ceremony on Thursday.

He encouraged students to take their education seriously as it was a life inheritance that no one could take from them.

Mr Morwaeng said education played an important role in shaping the future of students and opened

doors to different opportunities to enable them to achieve their dreams. He said education was an integral part in the development of the country, hence the need for learners to value it.

Mr Morwaeng commended teachers for their sterling job in nurturing and educating students to attain better academic results.

He implored them to remain committed to enhancing education empowerment, noting that literacy continued to be an essential component of sustainable development. He appreciated parents for their support as education required the support from all stakeholders.

He said he would continue to support the schools so that students had a strong educational

foundation.

He donated two gas stoves, each worth P3 000 to both primary schools to help curb shortage of kitchen equipment, especially during bad weather.

The guest speaker at Bonewamang Primary School, Ms Khumiso Kgakge, a former student and a member of class of 1983, advised students to remain focused on achieving their goals and be each other's keeper in attaining success.

She implored students who performed well not to relax but study more to exceed expectation and encouraged those who did not get prizes to pull their socks.

Ms Kgakge encouraged them to be devoted to their studies to achieve their targets.

She said not all students were gifted academically but advised them not to despair as they had other talents, which they could use to enhance their lives.

Bonewamang Primary school head Ms Peggy Thebeyadira said their PSLE results have been good for the past years, as they got 80 per cent in 2020, 81 per cent in 2021, and decreased to 66.6 per cent in 2022, and improved to 77.6 per cent in 2023.

She said they got position four in Molepolole sub-region and second position in Molepolole South in the 2023 PSLE results.

Ms Thebeyadira said the Standard Sevens who recently wrote their PSLE got 71.9 per cent in their mock examinations and expected better outcome.

Head of the Department of Learning Difficulties at Lewis Memorial School, Ms Tiny Ditao, said they appreciated the support the school got from all stakeholders among them parents and the community at large which eased their work.

She said the school had in the past performed well though their grades have been dwindling since 2020 mostly due to the effects of COVID 19.

Ms Ditao said the school got 80.8 per cent pass in 2021, 69.8 per cent in 2022 while last year they obtained 64.4 per cent pass mark.

She nevertheless said they were expecting better grades with the recent standard sevens and hoped to meet the required pass mark. **BOPA**

Breast cancer killer disease

By Tshiamiso Moseitlha

SEROWE - While Breast Cancer is most common among women in Botswana men are not immune to it, despite the relatively low cases with less than one per cent a year. As such a nurse at Modikwana Ward health post in Serowe, Mr Eric Nthoiwa said it was advisable for both genders to go for annual general check-ups, as this would help in early detection of the disease.

He said this during a Breast Cancer awareness workshop on Thursday.

He said Breast Cancer was the second most common cancers in Botswana following cervical cancer.

Mr Nthoiwa further said lifestyle factors such as smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, lack of exercise and consumption of processed foods high in sugar, fats, and artificial flavours were linked to an increase in Breast Cancer cases.

He also advised Botswana to introspect their lifestyle, diet, urging them to resort to traditional food instead. Women, he further said, should familiarise themselves with the signs and symptoms of Breast Cancer.

Attendants were also advised to take note of early symptoms such as unequal growth of their breast, lumps in the breast or armpit, irritation or dimpling of breast skin, puckering of the nipple or pain in the nipple area and nipple discharges such as blood among other signs.

Mr Nthoiwa encouraged all to do this self-examinations every month. For her part a matron at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Ms Ruth Olebetse said every October, communities around the country come together to recognise Breast Cancer Awareness Month; a national campaign that promotes breast cancer awareness, education, screening, fundraising and more. She said Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a time to honour those who are living with breast cancer. **BOPA**



BOTSWANA STOCK EXCHANGE TENDER NOTICE

SUITABLY QUALIFIED COMPANIES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, CONFIGURATION, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF NETWORK AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT FOR BOTSWANA STOCK EXCHANGE AT MAIN OFFICE AND DISASTER RECOVERY SITE

The Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) is Botswana's national stock exchange given the responsibility to operate and regulate the securities market in Botswana. BSE invites local reputable and qualified entities to submit **PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, CONFIGURATION, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF NETWORK AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT MAIN OFFICE AND DISASTER RECOVERY SITE.**

Tender Information

Tender No: BSE 002/2024

Tender Name: Proposal for the supply, delivery, configuration, installation, testing and commissioning of network and security equipment for Botswana Stock Exchange at main office and disaster recovery site.

Procurement Method: Open Domestic Bidding

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference (TOR) document pack for this tender is available at BSE Offices, Plot 70667 Fairscape Precinct, BDC Building, 4th Floor, OR via email, upon submission of proof of payment for tender documents. A non-refundable fee of **P250.00** will be required for the TOR

documents. Payment must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) to the banking details provided below:

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Bank Name: Rand Merchant Bank/ First National Bank

Account Number: 62710885643

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Documents may be collected during working hours from **8 October 2024** between 0800 -1245hrs and 1400 -1700hrs.

BSE is not bound to accept any tender nor to incur any expenses in the preparation thereof.

Closing Date for Submissions

The closing date for submission of the responses to the tender is **8 November 2024 at 11:00hrs**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Bidders are invited for a tender opening at **11:05hrs** on the closing date. Details of the tender opening are in the TOR document pack.

Queries or clarifications regarding this tender should be addressed to the e-mail address below.

Email: proposals@bse.co.bw



Tautona o supa koloi ya motlakase

Ka Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi o tlhomamisitse semmuso tiriso ya koloi ya motlakase e e dirwang mo Botswana. Dr Masisi a re maikaelelo a puso ke go fefosa mesepele ka go dirisa dipalannwa tse di dirisang motlakase.

O buile jalo ka Matlhatso kwa bonnong jwa gagwe jaaka a ne a amogela dikoloi tse di dirisang motlakase gore di tsene mo tirisong.

“Go tsweng fa, ke tlaa tsaya koloi e nngwe, mothusa tautona le ene a tsaya e nngwe, re di kgweetsa, re di bapatsa, re tlhalosa ka tsone, re di lekeletsa jaaka re tswelsetse ka dipatlisiso, mme morago re rolele ba BITRI, bone ba ba dirang dikoloi pego,” Dr Masisi a tlhalosa.

O tlhalositse gore tona wa Dithlaeletsanyo, Dikitso le Maranyane, Rre Thulagano Segokgo yo o okametseng lekalana la BITRI le Rre Eric Molale wa Dipalamo le Ditirelo tsa Setshaba le bone ba tlaa kgweetsa dikoloi tse, mme morago ba ntshe pego ya ditshkatshako tsa bone.

Tautona Masisi a re bangwe ba ba tlaa adimiwang dikoloi tsa motlakase go di lekeletsa ke Miss World Africa, Lesego Chombo, Miss Botswana, Anicia Gaothusi le sekgantshwane sa diolimpiki sa lebelo la 200m, Letsile Tebogo.

Tautona o kaile fa batho ba, ba tlaa fiwa dikoloi tse, sebaka sa ngwaga go tsewa dipatlisiso mo go bone.

A re tse dingwe dikoloi di tlaa sala le ba BITRI ba di dirisa mo dipatlisisong. O tswelsetse ka gore ba BITRI ba tshwaraganye le ba AliBoats kwa Maun ba dirile mokoro o o fetlhwang ka motlakase.

A re le fa go nnile bonya, boammaaruri ke gore puso e ne e santse e buisana le makalana le baitseanape ka go farologana.

Tautona Masisi a re tse di setseng di dirilwe di kgatlhile bangwe, ka jalo go bothokwa gore go fefosiwe go dirwa ga tsone.

Tona Segokgo a re Tautona o setse a kile a etela lefelo le dikoloi di dirwang teng, ka jalo maikaelelo ke gore jaanong Motswana a bone koloi ya motlakase e tsamaya mo tseleng.

A re bangwe ba ntse ba tlhobosa gore ga gona koloi ya go nna jaana, ka jalo go bothokwa gore Motswana a bone koloi eo ka matlho e le mo tirisong. Rre Segokgo a re boammaaruri ke gore koloi ya motlakase e teng, e bile e mo tirisong.

Rre Segokgo a re puso e diragatsa maitlamo a ngwaga wa 2019. A re le fa go ntse jalo bangwe ba ne ba ganetsa ba re ga go dirwe sepe. Ka jalo a re tiro ya go dira koloi ya motlakase e nnile mosepele o o tsereng lebaka ka go ne go le dingwe tsa bothokwa tse di neng di tshwanetse tsa dirwa

pele.

A re sa ntlha go dirwa e ne e le go aga kitso mo Batswaneng, ba rutuntshiwa ka dikoloi tsa motlakase. O supile gore ba ba setseng ba alogile ba feta 150.

O tswelsetse a re sengwe se se neng sa dirwa mo maikaelelong a go dira koloi ya motlakase, ke go ba tlatlhelela gore ba nne le bokgoni jwa go tsaya koloi e e dirisang leokwane, mme ba e fetole gore e kgone go dirisa motlakase.

Rre Segokgo a re mhama wa go dirwa ga koloi e, o tlaa dira gore go nne le dikgwebo tse disha di le mmalwa tse di tlaa thusang go tlhamiwa ga ditiro ka go farologana.

O tlhalositse gore mo nakong e khutshwane ba tlaa aga dikoloi tse 50 le dibase di le 30.

Rre Segokgo a re sengwe se se tlaa tsibogelwang ke go anamisa mafelo a e leng gore dibetiri tsa dikoloi tse di tlaa nna di gotediwa mo go one.

A re puso e tlaa dira ka gotlhe go tlhomamisa gore dikoloi tse di a itshetlela, go tlhama ditiro mme e bile di diragatsa maitlamo a puso a go lwantsha kgotlelesego ya tikologo.

Mogolwane wa BITRI, Dr Ditshupo Maje a re o lebogela boeteledipele jwa ga Tautona Masisi a re se a se dirileng go rotloetsa go dirwa ga koloi ya

motlakase go tla ka nako e mafatshe a emeng ka dinao go fokotsa kgotlelesego ya tikologo le loapi.

Dr Maje a re kgotlelesego ya loapi e baka komelelo ka jaana dipaka di fetogile le pula e le boutsana, ka jalo a re tiriso ya koloi ya motlakase ke nngwe ya tse di dirwang go fokotsa kgotlelesego ya loapi le tikologo.

A re go tswa ka ngwaga ya 2050

go tlaa bo go sa dirwe dikoloi tse di dirisang leokwane, mme a re go bothokwa go bona Tautona Masisi a di goga kwa pele go rotloetsa setshaba go tswa ka methale e e babalelang tikologo.

Dr Maje a re go boammaaruri gore dikoloi tse di dirwa mo Botswana, ka jaana go setse go rutuntshitswe bana ba mo gae ba ba

dirisang dikitso tsa bone go godisa itsholelo, go itepatepanya le tiriso ya boranyane le go tlhama ditiro ka go farologana.

A re keletso ke gore Batswana ba reke le go dirisa dikoloi, gore lefatshe la Botswana le nne le seabe se se bonalang mo go lwantsheng go fokotsa tse di borai mo lebopong. **BOPA**



Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi a re maikaelelo a koloi ya motlakase e e tlaa dirwang mo Botswana ke go tlhama ditiro le go diragatsa maitlamo a puso a go lwantsha kgotlelesego ya tikologo.

Senepa: Godfrey Mpuse

Kgosi Motshegare o itumelela ditlhabololo

By Malebogo Gaolebogwe

MALOKAGANYANE - Mothusa Kgosi ya Barolong, Kgosi Botiki Motshegare, o boletse fa a itumelela ditlhabololo tse di dirwang mo kgaolong ya Good Hope. Fa a bua kwa tirong ya go simolodisa kago ya ditsela mo kgaolong ya Good Hope, e e neng e ribololwa ke Tautona, Dr

Mokgweetsi Masisi ka Laboraro kwa Malokaganyane, Kgosi Motshegare o boletse fa a tletse ka boitumelo ka jaana bontsi jwa ditsholofetso tse ba ntseng ba di solofeditse di diragaditswe.

Kago ya ditsela e e akaretsang sekgele sa dikhilomethara di le masome a matlhano le borobabobedi e abetswe komponi ya mo gae ya Tau Grading and

Building Construction ka P654 million.

Kgosi o boletse fa go le dingwaga ngwaga ba solofeditse go dirwa ga tsela ya Gathwane-Kgoro-Good Hope, mme a re o itumelela gore puso ya mo nakong eno, e diragaditse ditiro tse ba saleng ba di solofeditse.

O boletse fa Barolong e se batho ba ba nnang ka go etela

kwa le kwa jaaka go ya masimo, magae le meraka, mme a supa fa tseo tsothle ba di direla golo gole gongwe mme ka moo, go le motlhofo gore fa ditlhabololo di tshwana metsi, motlakase le maranyane di goroga, di fitlhelele ditiro tsa matshelo a bone ka bontsi.

O supile fa ditsela tse di sa tswang go ribololwa, di feta mo magaeng, meraka, le masimo a Barolong, mme a bolela fa tse dingwe jaaka metsi le motlakase di setse di gorogile mo kgaolong.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Kgosi Motshegare o kopile gore tsela nngwe e e saletseng morago ke ya Lejwana e a supileng e se sekgele se seleele mme e tshwaraganya kgaolo ya Barolong le Gangwaketse.

E rile a bua kwa moletlong oo, tona wa dipalamo le ditiro tsa sechaba, Rre Eric Molale a bolela fa mo nakong eno, banni ba akola motlakase wa mono go tswa Palapye mme ba sa tlhole ba ikaegile ka wa South Africa.

Momodisetilo wa khansela ya Good Hope, Rre Kenaleone Motsaathebe le ene o rurifaditse fa kgaolo ya Good Hope e bone ditlhabololo, a bolela fa gape ba itumelela kago ya diofisi tsa sepodisi kwa Digawana, Metlobo le Phitshane Molopo.

Rre Motsaathebe o solofeditse fa ba e le banni, ba tlaa tlhokomela ditlhabololo tseo. **BOPA**



Kgosi Motshegare

Kago ya ditsela e e akaretsang sekgele sa dikhilomethara di le masome a matlhano le borobabobedi (58km) e abetswe khamphani ya mo gae ya Tau Grading and Building Construction ka P654 million. Kgosi Botiki Motshegare o boletse fa a tletse boitumelo ka jaana bontsi jwa ditsholofetso di diragaditswe.

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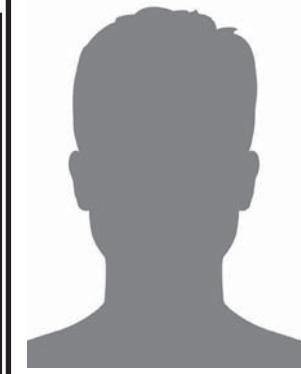
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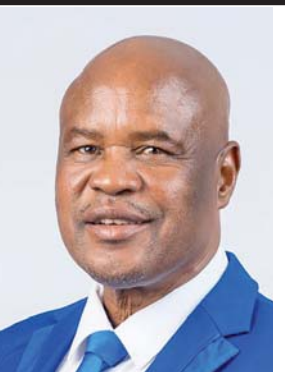
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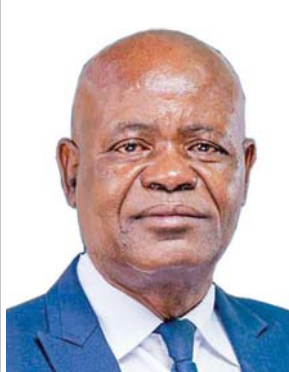


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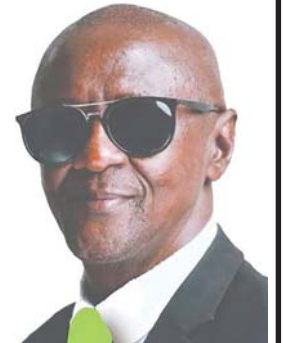
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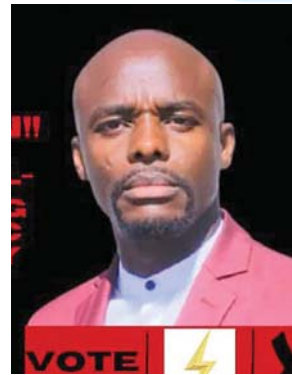


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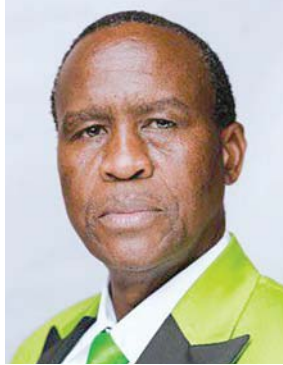
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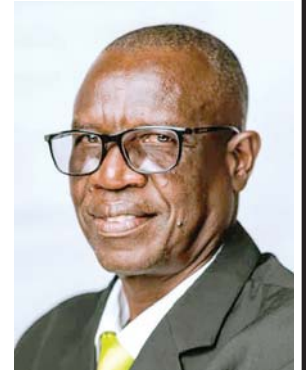
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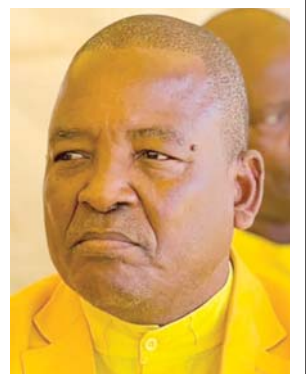
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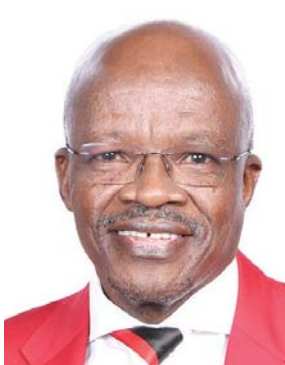


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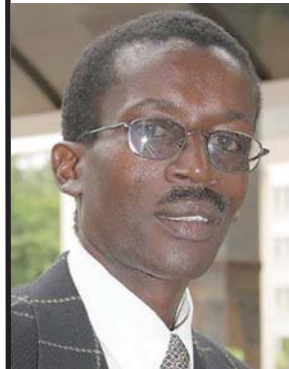
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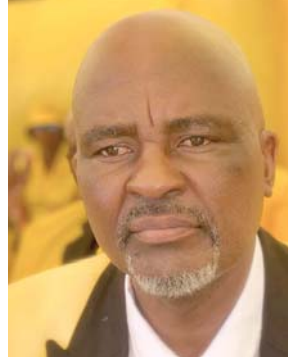


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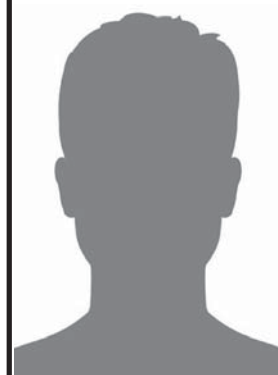
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2 FARM WORKERS Molokwe 72750001

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 32351, Ramogate ward Serowe, wishes to change land use from single family residential to Civic and Community (Pre-School). Please forward queries to Physical Planning Office, Serowe District Council within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNERS OF LOT 33191 Mogoditshane would like to express their intention to make some developments on their commercial plot. Any objections may be forwarded to Mogoditshane/Thamaga sub-district council physical planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 7165, Mmaratanang, Tlokweng wishes to inform owners of plots 7164, 7161, 7160, 7159, 7166 for his intention to erect a boundary wall on property. For any objection contact 72134007 or Tlokweng sub district council at 369 5000.

PORTIA PULE, WISHES to change land use her plot situated at Sebego ward in Kanye from residential to commercial use. Any objection should be forwarded to Kanye district council physical planning office or call 77 621 481.

OWNER OF PLOT 8949 Newstance Tatisiding is proposing change of land use from residential to multi-family residential. Any objections contact North East District Council Physical Planning office on 2431136.

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CHANGE OF LAND USE

Mopati Oscar Thebe, owner of commercial **tribal Lot 18421 Moshupa**, proposes to subdivide the plot in to two portions, A measuring 4 Ha and portion B measuring 13.2250 Ha. The owner further proposes to change use of resultant portion B to Agricultural, ploughing filed.

For any objection contact Moshupa District Council Physical Planning Department at **Telephone No:544 7000** for any queries **within fourteen(14) days** of publication.

APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No. 919/2000** dated **10th May 2000** made in favour of **Vinolia Kalanke** in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 11548, Gaborone;
SITUATE : in Extension 34, Gaborone;
MEASURING : 559m² (Five Hundred and Fifty Nine 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 0020, Gaborone **within three (3) weeks** from the second publication of this notice.

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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 119/79 dated 29th March 1979 made in favour of **MACKAY MATSIE KHIBA** in respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 419, LOBATSE
SITUATE: in the Southern Administrative District
MEASURING: 3171 m² (Three Thousand One hundred and Seventy-One Square Meters)

HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. 119/79 dated 29th March 1979 made in favour of **MACKAY MATSIE KHIBA**

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

DATED AT MOLEPOLOLE THIS 2nd DAY OF AUGUST 2024

LERATO LEONA OTHUSITSE
c/o **LEGOLO RELANG ATTORNEYS**
PLOT 7064, MAGOKOTSWANE
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Number required : 1 | **Closing date** : 03 November 2024

Please submit applications by email to **managerbspca@gmail.com / office.bspca@gmail.com**

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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that **OFENTSE SEBEGO** in his capacity as the Chief State Counsel (Lands) and duly authorised thereto under section 4 of the State Land Act, Cap. 32:01 of one part and section 10 of the Deeds Registry Act, Cap. 33:02 of the other part hereby intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1874/2018** dated **19th October 2018**, in favour of **GABOLETSE BAREELENG** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN : piece of Land being Lot 9709, Ghanzi
SITUATE : In Ghanzi Administrative District
MEASURING: 1114 m² (one thousand one Hundred and fourteen Square Metres)
HELD UNDER : Deed of Fixed Period State Grant **No. 1874/2018** dated **19th October 2018**

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge the objection, in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone **within three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this _____ day of _____ 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PRIVATE BAG 00128, GABORONE.
GABORONE.

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(IN TERMS OF SECTION 8 (1) OF MARRIED PERSONS PROPERTY ACT, 2014)

CLIFFORD B. LOETO and **MPHO LOETO (nee BAITSE)** married in community of property on **18th September, 1982** in Kanye, wish to change their property regime to **out of community** of property.

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

Any person, creditor, or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objection to the parties changing regime, are to inform the parties at P.O Box 1413 Kanye before the expiration of the said three weeks period or make presentations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 2243/2001 dated the 3rd day of September 2001 made in favour of LOBDEL INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, in respect of LOT 1076 LOBATSE.

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 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

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9th Floor iTowers North
Lot 54368, Gaborone Central, Gaborone
Private Bag 382 GABORONE

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 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 the 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 relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	TIME
T. DIKGANG MOREKWA	ESHFT-000329-24	03-12-24	0900AM

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Please send your application to: p.vdberg@tshepo-themba.co.za, or **PO Box 372, Lobatse, cell: 74561009**. Your application should include a detailed CV with contactable references and certificates. **Closing date 4 November 2024**



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Interested candidates should submit their detailed CV and certified true copies of academic credentials before 25th October 2024 to: recruitment@innoleadafrika.com

NB: WE WILL BE CONTACTING ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES

APPLICATION FOR A COPY OF A LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Intends to apply for a certified copy of a lost deed being **Deed of Fixed Period State Grant 787/95 Dated 19th September 1995** In Favour of **ROBERT TLHOBOGANG MAKHURA**

In respect of the under mentioned:
CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Lot 19071, Gaborone

SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 12
MEASURING: 450sqm Four Hundred and Fifty Metre Square

HELD UNDER: 787/95 dated **19th September 1995**

IN FAVOR of ROBERT TLHOBOGANG MAKHURA

All persons having objections to the issuance of such a copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds P Bag 0020 Gaborone, Attorney General Chambers within three (3) weeks of the last publication hereof .

Robert Tlhobogang Makhura
Contacts +267 74 235 356

Dated 8th October 2024

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: FT 195/2016** dated **2nd day of MARCH 2016** made in favour of **JIMMY MATHAMBO** in respect of:

CERTAIN : PIECE OF LAND BEING LOT 12352, FRANCISTOWN

SITUATE : IN FRANCISTOWN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

MEASURING : 405 SQUARE METERS

HELD UNDER : STATE TITLE NO. 744/89 DATED 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1989 AND SUBSEQUENT DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT **NO. 1075/2015 DATED 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015** IN FAVOUR OF **EDITH NYAMUNDUNDU**.

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds **within three (3) weeks** of the last publication this notice hereof

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KGK JEWELRY BOTSWANA PTY. LTD.

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Qualification & Experience

- Degree/Diploma qualification.
- At least 10/15 years in Jewellery manufacturing.
- Proven leadership skills.
- Computer literacy.
- Ability to manage dynamic and changing workforce as well being able to work extremely well under pressure.

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- Providing training & support.
- Oversee computer technical matters & manage information technology support teams.
- Coordinate work and solve problems.

Qualification & Experience

- Degree/Diploma qualification.
- At least 10/15 years in Jewellery manufacturing.
- Proven leadership skills.

- Computer literacy.
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Prosecutor prays for life term for rapist

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - A 38-year-old father (whose name cannot be mentioned to protect the child's identity) convicted of raping his own daughter should be slapped with a severe punishment for his immoral and unspeakable conduct.

The state prosecutor, Ms Seeletso Ookeditse said on Thursday as she implored the Magistrate Goratile Moremi-Ramakoloi of the Broadhurst Magistrate's Court not to sentence the convict, to anything less than 30 years behind the bars.

She said the offence in its form qualifies for the maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

"In the event the court sentences him, it should not go below 30 years as he has not shown any exceptional extenuating circumstances. The maximum imprisonment he can get is life imprisonment," Ms Ookeditse pleaded with the Magistrate.

Although only the High Court can impose a life imprisonment on the convict, she said there

was nothing from the convict's mitigation that warranted the court's mercy.

On the contrary, she said the prosecution noted several aggravating factors from the matter.

"The convict is the victim's father and this aggravates the matter, Your Worship," Ms Ookeditse remarked.

Also, she said the victim was 13-years-old when the offence first was committed.

She also said rape on its own was aggravating as it was the most terrible offence any woman could go through, as it was horrible, despicable and it took away the victim's dignity.

Further, she said the convict breached the trust the child had on him as a father and also abused his authority.

She said when the child's mother took up a job in Maun, the convict seized the opportunity to sexually exploit the child.

"No person in their right mind can doubt the trauma and the hurt

as well as the emotional shock that the victim will live with for the rest of her life," adding that what was even worse was that such was done by her father.

Furthermore, she said the father was negligent as the child's custodian, as evidence suggested that he left the child alone on the night of September 8, only to appear in the morning of the following day to rape the child.

Ms Ookeditse said although the convict agreed to two rape incidents, the child had been subjected to rape for a prolonged period of one year and seven months, which dates back to September 9, last year.

Ms Ookeditse further said the offence was committed at the child's place of abode where she was to build life memories.

"Unfortunately for the victim, her memory is of her being abused by her father," she stated.

She further said when considering the moral blameworthiness of the case, it was not morally acceptable for a father to sleep with her



A 38-year-old male (right) appearing for defiling his daughter at Broadhurst Magistrate Court in Gaborone on Thursday. The convict, who pleaded guilty to raping his daughter, will be sentenced on October 28. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

daughter, adding that even the legislation abhors rape.

During mitigation, the convict, who hails from Machaneng and was staying at Tsholofelo in Gaborone, said he was the family breadwinner and taking care of her aged mother and the children of his late sibling

who passed away this year.

He further said what happened was a mistake.

The convict, who was a security officer at Zebra Security and has pleaded guilty to raping her daughter, will be sentenced on October 28. **BOPA**



INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AT BOTSWANA PUBLIC OFFICERS SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED (BPOSACCOS) - GABORONE

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Branch Name: First Place Gaborone
Branch Number: 281467

3. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENT

Tender documents can be collected from the HR and Admin / Procurement Office on production of proof of payment at Botswana Public Officers Savings and Credit Cooperative Society Limited (BPOSACCOS), Plot 50667, Fairgrounds, Block B, Ground Floor, Gaborone between 0800hrs - 1230hrs and 1400hrs - 1630hrs from the 10th October 2024.

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Online store offers creatives global reach

Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The First National Bank of Botswana (FNBB) Foundation has injected P2.4m into the newly launched Botswana Art Online (BAO). BAO is an online platform that will sell Botswana art.

Speaking at the launch of BAO at Thapong Visual Arts Centre in Gaborone on Thursday, First Lady Neo Masisi said the foundation's contribution and support to the creative sector was an investment.

Masisi said the support from the FNBB Foundation would have an impact not only on artists but their families, as well as the country's economic growth.

She also said the Foundation was a great partner in developing the sector, adding that the establishment of the online platform meant artists would now join the ranks of world class as they would be elevated.

She said this would speak on sustainability, copyright and originality of Botswana art to the world. The First Lady said the Foundation's support addressed job creation, livelihoods, and spoke to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 of education as well as that of reduction of poverty, which is SDG 1.

She said government took pride in promoting and supporting the arts space in Botswana, and applauded entities such as Thapong Visual Arts Centre as they reduced reliance on government by creating the much-needed jobs for the youth.

Furthermore, the First Lady said this project was testament of realising President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi's vision of a digitalised Botswana.

She said the platform would ease the expenses of transporting art pieces by artists to the relevant market, as they would now use the platform to showcase their craft and get fair compensation.

However, Masisi raised concern about Botswana art, which she said was still under developed.

She said there was need to share the value of creating art pieces, as this could advise properly the pricing of art pieces in Botswana.

The chairperson of National Arts Council of Botswana (NACB), Abram Kesupile they would continue their support and commitment to the Thapong Arts Centre.

Kesupile welcomed the initiative, saying technology drives everything and encouraged artists to use the platform and other technological means to profit and transform lives.

Through BAO, artists' art works will be showcased and sold on the platform. A team of experts will travel across the country to seek pieces curated by Botswana artists, which will be displayed for sale on this platform. **BOPA**



First Lady Neo Masisi (left), Thapong Visual Arts Centre coordinator, Reginald Bakwena (centre) and FNBB Foundation board chairperson, Myra Sekgororoane during the launch of Botswana Art Online which has been sponsored by FNBB Foundation to the tune of P2.4m in Gaborone on Thursday.

Photos: Gothusang Lesego



Art pieces on display at Thapong centre.

Festival brings together theatrical artistes

HANGZHOU - The 11th Wuzhen Theatre Festival raised the curtain Thursday in the ancient water town of Wuzhen in Zhejiang Province, east China, bringing together theatrical artistes-young and old-and enthusiasts from home and abroad.

This year's festival, which runs until October 27 under the theme: Solidarity, features 24 specially-invited plays from 11 countries, 18 plays that will compete in the emerging theater artistes' competition segment, as well as teaching and reading sessions and outdoor carnivals.

The theatrical play *We Are Leaving* presented by the Nowy Theatre from Poland, was featured at the opening ceremony.

The emerging theater artistes' competition, a major component of the Wuzhen Theatre Festival, aims to provide a platform for promising young artistes to develop original theatrical works.

Eighteen creative works have been chosen from about 560 candidates to perform in Wuzhen under the prescribed themes.

Chen Xianghong, one of the

co-founders of the festival, noted that the Wuzhen Theatre Festival was committed to cultivating young talent, creating sustainable and

high-quality cultural experiences, and making a name for itself as a window into the Chinese theater scene. *Xinhua*



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Panthers start season on high note

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - Panthers Softball Club started their 2024/2025

league campaign on a high note with an impressive 9-1 victory over UB Giants at the National Diamond Circuit on Saturday.

Following years of idle as the league was halted owing to unavailability of sponsorship and other administrative issues, the

Botswana Softball Association (BSA) league returned to action this past weekend and Panthers was on song proving their mettle throughout the entire game scoring runs in every inning.

The Gaborone-based Panthers were not only a marvel to watch with the bat but also complemented their bating skills with some infield heroics as they denied the youthful UB Giants any free base or home run hit.

Speaking during the post-match interview, Panthers captain and caretaker coach, Tshepiso Mphapogang expressed delight over the win attributing it to the hard work and resilience his team demonstrated throughout the game.

“We came to play basic softball and it is impressive that our tactics of the day paid off despite the rustiness since we have played as a team in very long time,” he said.

In his game analysis, Mphapogang commended the players for executing the game plan as per instructions adding that his team was quick to read the weakness of their opponent pitcher who was off target and more closer to the bat throughout the innings.

He said victory was obviously a good start to the season and remained hopeful to build on that as the season continued.

Mphapogang nonetheless cautioned his team of being over confident since this was just

the beginning of a very lengthy season.

He said now that the league had resumed, it was welcomed development that would contribute towards the growth of softball in the country.

UB Giants head coach Kelebogile Mabua said though not pleased with the results, he was nonetheless happy with the overall team performance following a lengthy dry spell of active softball.

“We cannot read much into today’s results because it has been difficult to assemble a team due to the lengthy league stoppage and I am hopeful that the boys will jell with time,” he said.

Mabua said the game was lost in the first innings since they did not execute the pitching role to perfection which granted their opponents easy runs.

He said all was not lost as the team would go back to the drawing boards in an effort to find a winning formula as the league progressed.

It is, however, worth noting that the last BSA league action was in 2019/20 but it was cut short by the pandemic.

The BSA league had resumed without a sponsor following the elapse of the BoFiNet P4.5 million sponsorship in 2015.

BSA is currently dependent on the Botswana National Sports Commission cash injection of P937 000 grant geared towards administration. **BOPA**



UB Softball Club’s Otsile Masitha (left) tagging out Kgathlanang Elliot of Panthers Softball Club during the Botswana Softball League encounter in Gaborone on Saturday. Panthers walloped UB 9-1. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse



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Esi Molefe

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Junior J60 starts today

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - More than 50 players from different continents are expected to ascend in Gaborone to compete in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J60, which starts today.

In the boys category, Botswana will be represented by amongst others, Mark Nawa, Ntugamili Raguin, Esi Molefe, Seabo Saleshando and Katlego Regoeng.

Naledi Raguin, Chelsea

Chakanyuka, Nino Sekonopo, Kagello Marumo and Ditshegofatso Bapaletse are in the girls category.

Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) president Oaitse Thipe said he was happy that the competition would help players to better their ranks.

He said a week after J60, J100 would also take place in Gaborone.

He said Nawa had secured himself a USA scholarship in January, but he would still play

to improve his ranking so that his continual development into professional tournament in America would be characterised by wild card attainment.

“Raguin is making a push to qualify for the Junior Australian and French open next year, 2025 is a crucial year, which can see him as the first Motswana player to play in the Grand slam,” he said.

Thipe said on the girls’ side, Chakanyuka would also be eyeing more points so that

she could secure herself good scholarship.

He said Naledi was also looking forward to turn professional, adding, expectation was that she would do her best and get more points so that her transition to professional circuit would be smooth.

However, Chakanyuka said she was ready for the tournament, adding that she had been training with both her coach and other players to check her readiness.

She also had been doing extra exercises, and said her goal was to win, adding that she would like to make it to the quarterfinals then take it from there.

As for Molefe, he said he was ready for the tournament. He said they had been doing a lot of work at training and working on his serves.

“People should expect a good performance from me, the intension is to go all out and do my best,” he said. **BOPA**

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