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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and member of Qatar's royal family, Mr Sheikh Mansour Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Office of the President yesterday. The President announced US\$12 billion (over P160 billion) investment from the Qatar towards strengthening economic cooperation and addressing immediate challenges faced by the country. President Boko said the MoU signed through Botswana Development Cooperation and Al Masour Holding, underscored government's commitment to driving economic progress and diversification while cultivating stronger ties between the two nations. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Atamelang urges staff to remain focused

By Thuso Kgakatsi

KANG - Employees of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure have been encouraged to remain committed to their work despite the ongoing financial constraints affecting

government operations. Speaking during consultative engagements with the ministry staff in Kang on Monday, Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure Mr Keoagile Atamelang acknowledged the difficult fiscal environment but

reassured the employees that government was working actively to address the situation. “We are doing everything we can to stabilise the finances. Your continued dedication, even during these tough times, is both appreciated and essential,” he

said. The assistant minister further noted that one of the key objectives of his tour was to identify gaps in the current planning process ahead of the public rollout of the upcoming National Development Plan (NDP).

“Before the NDP is implemented, it is important that we address any shortcomings and ensure the planning is thorough and inclusive,” he stated.

Mr Atamelang applauded the staff for their resilience and commendable performance under the challenging circumstances.

“Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Keep up the good work, and know that better days are ahead,” he concluded.

As part of his nationwide infrastructure assessment, Mr Atamelang also toured key gravel roads connecting settlements such as Zutshwa, Monong, Maake, and Ukhwi in an effort to gather first-hand information about infrastructure needs in the area.

For her part, senior human resources manager from the ministry, Ms Lebang Lerothodi, echoed the minister’s sentiments and issued a strong warning against corruption.

Ms Lerothodi advised that corruption did not only damage the nation, but that it also affects families hence the need for members of staff to uphold

integrity in the execution of their duties.

Officers took the opportunity to voice their grievances over ongoing challenges affecting their daily work life.

Amongst the key concerns raised were prolonged overstays, poor management, unpaid or excessive overtime, and inadequate accommodation arrangements.

Employees described the situation as unsustainable, noting that such issues have negatively impacted morale and productivity within their departments.

A ministry employee, Mr Othusitse Hamate said while they were committed to serving the country, they felt they were being stretched beyond reasonable limits as most of them had overstayed in the district.

“Some of us have been here far longer than our assigned rotations without proper support or clarity,” Mr Hamate said.


The issue of poor management and communication was highlighted as a recurring problem, with staff calling for improved leadership, transparency in deployment procedures, and better planning to avoid extended field postings without relief.

Accommodation was also cited as a serious concern, with reports of substandard living conditions and lack of proper support for employees stationed in remote areas. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang (third right), inspecting 17 unfinished clinic staff houses in Kang during his nationwide tour to appreciate challenges since the relocation of primary healthcare services to councils. Hukuntsi Transport and Infrastructure District Coordinator, Ms Gloria Gaosikelwe said the project, launched under the 2017 Economic Stimulus Programme, remained incomplete due to contractor-government dispute. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

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**THE PASSING OF COURT OF APPEAL JUSTICE -
HONOURABLE JUSTICE LAKHVINDER SINGH WALIA**

1. It is with deep sadness that the Administration of Justice announces the passing on of Honourable Justice Lakhvinder Singh Walia, Justice of the Court of Appeal, who departed on 20th August 2025.

2. Justice Walia started his career in the Judiciary in April 2001 when he was appointed as Acting Judge and subsequently substantive in January 2003. During his tenure, he served at Francistown, Lobatse and Gaborone divisions of the High Court. He has also served on various occasions as the Acting Chief Justice.

3. After serving nearly 15 years as a High Court Judge, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Botswana in 2017, where he continued to serve with distinction until his passing.


4. Prior to joining the Administration of Justice, Justice Walia practised as a Private Lawyer at Walia Attorneys from the mid 1970's and thereafter at Armstrongs Attorneys in Gaborone for many years.

5. The Administration of Justice on behalf of the people of Botswana extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife, family, friends, and colleagues.

6. May his soul find eternal rest.

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Residents demand review of law

By Aobakwe Molefhi

SEDIBENG- Residents of Sedibeng and Phitshane Molopo have urged their area MP, Dr Edwin Dikoloti to advocate for the review of section 37 of the customary law.

Residents argued that under that section, perpetrators were free to demand where they could be tried, noting culprits always demanded to be taken to court.

They gave example of stock theft cases, which took long for culprits to be convicted.

Residents claimed, in kgotla meetings recently, that in the process, culprits ended up being given bail and continued reigning terror in the community.

In his welcoming remarks, Kgosi Brown Keogotsitse of Sedibeng reiterated lamentations of Phitshane Molopo residents that time was now for government to review the act.

He asserted that if left unchecked, perpetrators would continue with their bad deeds as the laws seemed to be giving them preference over victims. Responding to resident’s grievances, Dr Dikoloti who is also the acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, said he would consult with relevant authorities and present the issue to them for consideration.

He also said that he was worried about the escalating number of stock theft cases because they impoverish Batswana.

Earlier, Kgosi Keogotsitse also told the MP that they needed staff houses for nurses in their village.

He pointed out that without proper accommodation, civil servants were not able to deliver to the best of their ability.

He urged Dr Dikoloti to look into the issue when the economy recovered. **BOPA**

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Francistown South Member of Parliament and Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi (right) with Somerset East residents following a kgotla meeting in Francistown on Wednesday. Mr Mmolotsi said a decision was taken to allow the ministry to directly purchase medicines from manufacturers, eliminating the use of agents. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Ministry opts for direct purchase of medicine

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - Government has taken steps to tackle present challenges facing the Ministry of Health.

Addressing the community of Somerset East on Wednesday, Francistown South MP, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said a decision was taken to allow the ministry to directly purchase medicines from manufacturers, eliminating the use of agents.

“The use of agents in purchasing of medicines was more expensive. We want to buy directly, which means we can save up to 70 per cent of the budget,” he said

Mr Mmolotsi who is also the Minister of Environment and Tourism said government had reached a decision to set up a pharmaceutical warehouses within the country.

Additionally, he said as part of ongoing interventions to rescue the health crisis, the Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe was currently on an official visit in Japan to engage more on majors to address drugs shortage.

The Francistown South MP remained hopeful that with time, given the ongoing interventions, the situation would normalise.

Meanwhile, residents of

Somerset East commended their MP for giving them timely updates from Parliament. However some issues of concern emanated from the meeting.

Mr Sani Mojeremani was concerned by increasing unemployment rate in the city. He urged Mr Mmolotsi to advocate for re-opening of Botswana Meat Commission abattoir in Francistown which he said used to hire a good number of people.

Ms Thabo Ramontsho, echoed the same sentiments that unemployment especially on graduate youth was a serious concern in need of urgent interventions.

Ms Maipelo Mabutho, pleaded with MP Mmolotsi to take cognisance of the illiterate at an era where advancement and use of technology was the norm.

Even though appreciated, she said such developments could somehow hinder those who did not know much about technology to miss on opportunities and other new developments.

Mr Mmolotsi assured residents that despite ongoing economic challenges government was taking all possible measures to introduce interventions aimed at lessening the impact of financial crisis. **BOPA**

Government reconfigures priorities

GABORONE - Government is choosing to relentlessly prioritise and pursue, with all its might, opportunities in agriculture, energy, mining and tourism.

Other priority areas include the creative industry, manufacturing, as well as financial services and digitalisation.

Speaking during the Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD), Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said the country's Economic Transformation programme was a bold programme coordinated towards the national effort to diversify, innovate and restore dignity to the nation.

“We are now choosing to pursue a Botswana Transformation Programme, a rapid-fire process that has shaped our true north, a high income Botswana that is

digitally-enabled, diversified, export-led, where every citizen is employed, empowered and fulfilled,” he said.

Mr Gaolathe thus said Japan was a partner that shared Botswana's clarity and the zeal to learn, adding that Japan was also endowed with material assets, citing technology, depth of human resource, a developed hi-tech manufacturing sector and finances.

He, therefore, pleaded for Japanese partnerships in building mega projects that had been rigorously tested for transformative potential and bankability.

“Partner with us to build our sustainable transport systems, energy grids, water and food systems, our tourism assets, our capacity in AI, digital technology, robotics and advanced manufacturing as well as our universal health coverage, our vaccine production, our disease surveillance,” he said.

Drawing similarities to Botswana, the Vice President indicated that Japan's true asset was also its people and their character.

“The quiet truth is that, yes diamonds have been our mainstay, but our true diamond has been the generation of people before us, a generation of clarity, a generation of learning,

a generation of character and a generation of a selfless community spirit,” he said.

Mr Gaolathe hence expressed Botswana's appreciation to Japan, African Union Commission and all TICAD partners for convening the summit, indicating that the conference was more than just an event, but a ‘covenant with the future’. **BOPA**

Botswana open to investment with Qatar - President

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - As a state eager to join emerging economies that have rapidly progressed towards high income status, Botswana is open to investment from successful markets such as Qatar, and learn from the robust and diversified Qatari economy.

President Advocate Duma Boko expressed these sentiments while welcoming senior Qatari political and business figure, Mr Sheikh Mansour Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani, who paid a courtesy call to the Office of the President on Tuesday.

Leading a delegation from Qatar to explore investment projects in Botswana, Mr Sheikh Mansour Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani, member of the Qatar royal family and chairperson of the Al Mansour Group, also a leading entrepreneur with a

wide portfolio of businesses, was assured of Botswana's yearning for collaboration.

“We welcome you to Botswana, a warm safe and friendly country, a developing country bristling with hope. We are facing challenges that we need to find solutions for, we have been heavily reliant on diamonds. We are looking to sustain our involvement in natural diamonds and diversify our economy,” President Boko said

He added that as Botswana yearned to expand revenue income streams and develop industries the country was inspired by Qatar's rapid development.

“Qatar pulled off an amazing feat, from zero towards developed level despite facing a blockade, including rapidly developing a robust milk

production industry from scratch. We look forward to working together in the dairy industry, agriculture, mining and other sectors that could be identified,” President Boko stated.

The President wished the delegation fruitful discussions in identifying key projects to invest in, stressing that Botswana was ready and eager to see new business projects developed.

The Qatar delegation is in the country to establish strategic partnership for major infrastructure and development projects.

During their stay, they will meet different ministries and key stakeholders such as state owned enterprises, captains of industry across different sectors of the economy and identify projects that could be undertaken. **BOPA**



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Government strengthens GBV response



National Gender Commission, vice chairperson, Dr Morena Rankopo (left) and Botswana Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Support Centre CEO, Ms Lorato Moalusi during the University of Botswana intimate partner violence stigma and help-seeking behaviour workshop in Gaborone on Wednesday. Dr Rankopo said amid growing incidents of violent crimes against women, government was committed to strengthening its national response to gender-based violence. Photo:Phenyo Moalosi

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Amid the growing incidence of violent crimes against women, government is committed to strengthening its national response to gender-based violence.

The vice chairperson of the National Gender Commission, Dr Morena Rankopo said Wednesday, during the launch of the intimate partner violence stigma and help seeking behaviour study findings.

He explained that the country had frameworks such as the National Gender and Development Policy and the National Strategy Towards Ending Gender-Based Violence.

“But we know that strategies are only as effective as the partnerships and actions that bring them to life. This is where your role, as stakeholders from government, civil society, academia, faith-based organisations, traditional leaders, and development partners, comes in,” he said.

Dr Rankopo also appreciated the role of the University of Botswana and Botswana Gender Based Violence Prevention and Support Centre in conducting the study.

“Let us remember, behind every statistic on intimate partner violence is a woman, a man, a child, a family, real lives disrupted, sometimes loss,

because stigma and silence stood in the way of protection,” he added.

He said the overarching responsibility was to ensure that survivors did not feel alone, fear speaking out, and had a system ready to support them with dignity, respect and justice.

Dr Rankopo further said stigma could be dismantled, violence reduced if stakeholders and community work together, and when response was bold, evidence-based and inclusive.

University of Botswana (UB) Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Professor Doreen Ramogala-Masire stated that one in every three women experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, adding that such was a major challenge faced by families and communities.

Prof Ramogala-Masire said the study aimed to explore the health-seeking behaviour of women who had experienced intimate partner violence and to develop, validate, and test a measure of culturally salient intimate partner violence stigma as a deterrent to intimate partner violence self-help seeking behaviour among women.

Noting that the study was led by academic community partnership between the UB and Botswana gender-based Violence Prevention and Support Centre, a leading support service in Botswana for those affected by gender-based violence.

She said it was exemplary of the priorities of the UB to advance high-quality, socially impactful scholarly research that was consequential to society and contributed to the upliftment of the nation and the region.

She said university’s strategy of 2020-2030 had put intensification of research at the centre of the strategy in a way to answer to the 2030-36 vision of the nation, which looked at making Botswana a knowledge-based society and economy, and a socially impactful economy as well.

The study among others found that women in intimate partner violence survivors who endorse such are likely to experience more intense forms of anticipated, enacted and internalised intimate partner stigma, while others who endorse are more likely to have contemplated or attempted suicide or less likely to disclose their abuse to someone. **BOPA**

Group mulls peaceful demonstration

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Despite efforts by North West district leadership to intervene, members of Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (OKMCT) are mulling a peaceful demonstration against the hosting of the third edition of the Tapyowa NG 32 Experience initiative billed for Saturday at Xaxaba in the Okavango Delta.

Organised by OKMCT, the annual initiative is a cultural tourism aimed to celebrate the diverse multi-ethnic groups found in NG 32 concession.

The event brings together communities from villages affiliating to the trust to participate in mokoro race and it is also characterised by activities such as storytelling, cultural activities and games among others.

The concerned group call for cancellation of the event this year saying it did not benefit the large community from all villages affiliated to the trust.

They threatened to protest in a peaceful demonstration if the trust proceeded with the event.

In an interview, vice chairperson of the concerned group, Mr Tlotlo Baganeletso said following an arbitration meeting by North West district commissioner, Mr Thabang Waloka on Tuesday at Botswana Wildlife Training Institute to address burning issues between the trust and concerned group.

He said the meeting was convened after they wrote to the district commissioner’s office demanding explanation on the said initiative and its significance as well as demanding the board of trustees to account for the event stating that they had noted that a significant amount of money was spent in organising and hosting the cultural tourism event.

The concerned group also wanted to know who approved the budget for such activity since the annual general meeting had

not been convened. community could approve the budget and they also pleaded appraisal on actual amount to be spent on the event.

They also argued that the trust was complaining about insufficient budget, which resulted in some projects suspended for the current financial year and questioned where the money for event would be sourced.

“I do appreciate efforts by the district commissioner to convene the meeting but we are not convinced with the advice and if the trust proceed with the event, we will do all in our power to distract it because it does not generate revenue for the trust and it uses a lot from our coffers,” he added.

While he appreciated the significance purpose of the activity, Mr Waloka advised board of trustees to prioritise the interests of the community noting that they should revisit the issues at hand.

“I am not taking decision for the board, but I can advise them to consider proceeding with the event

provided they have sponsors but if it is digging a lot of money from the trust coffers, then it should stop. As the trust, you should put your priorities right and ensure provision of potable water first,” he added.

Although, Mr Waloka appreciated that the event attracted a lot of attention from both locally and internationally adding that it also has the potential to diversify the tourism product through cultural and sport tourism and provide the travellers with a variety of experience.

He wished the trust could design attractive initiative in a manner that it could generate more income to diversify the trust’s revenue streams.

However, he urged the community to work as a unit noting that they should appreciate that government had granted them NG32 to operate tourism activities and reap benefits.

As such, he said they could achieve that through teamwork and cooperation. He also vowed to consult communities from all

the six villages affiliated to the trust to appreciate the cause of the division within the trust and address the standoff amicably. On the other hand, the trust leadership maintained that Tapyowa event would proceed as planned.

Ms Boitumelo Samoxhosa said preparations were on track as the community approved the event during the recent kgotla meetings. She argued that only the community could cancel the event not a concerned group adding that the event would have been held in June but delayed due to some cases before the court.

The trust general manager, Mr Seikaneng Moepedi also concurred that they would continue with the event saying they had secured funds from some of their partners.

The trust, he said has some joint venture partnerships with several companies that conduct photographic tourism in the area.

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Court remands two pending ruling

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - Principal Magistrate Thapelo Buang of Francistown Magistrate’s Court has remanded in custody a murder accused mother and daughter, Ruth and Onalenna Fana pending a ruling on their bail application.

The two appeared before court for bail application on Tuesday.

Magistrate Buang, who extended their remand to September 25 when they will make their next appearance, also ordered that the brother to the first accused appear before court in the next mention for the court to further enquire from him.

The two accused persons applied for bail, with the second accused,

Onalenna advancing the possible lack of accommodation for her children as one of her reasons.

She said her children had been accommodated by one teacher and that she was worried that when the school term ended they would no longer have a place to stay.

Further, she said the other child was unwell and therefore needed her care.

Ruth, a teacher at Mpiti Primary School who is the daughter to the deceased and Onalenna who is the granddaughter to the deceased are accused of killing their mother and grandmother, Elicah Fana who was found dead on June 9.

The two were arrested on June 24 following a police breakthrough. **BOPA**



Chairperson of the concerned group, Mr Allen Monnaletsatsi during the arbitration meeting convened by the North West district Commissioner to resolve a standoff between OKMCT and the concerned group in Maun recently. Photo Esther Mmolai

School head condemns rising violence among learners

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN - An alarming rise of violent behaviour among school children has sparked concern in Matlapana in Maun, with educators urging parents to take a more active role in shaping their children's discipline and values.

Speaking during a recent community engagement, Sexaxa Primary School head, Ms Keabonye Maoto expressed concern over the increasing number of physical altercations among learners, citing a an incident where a fight between two pupils escalated to one stabbing the other with a pen on the shoulder.

"That's no longer just a fight rather this is attempted murder. Children must be taught that violence is not the solution as these acts can lead to life-threatening injuries," she said.

She stressed that parents needed to be more involved in instilling discipline and guiding their children at home.

"If we do not correct them at home, they will come to school and harm others hence the need to teach our children to resolve conflicts peacefully," she said.

Ms Maoto also condemned a trend where some parents, upon learning that their child had been hurt or bullied, resorted to attacking the bullying child.

"Instead of reporting to school authorities or speaking to the

other child's parent, some adults are taking justice into their own hands by beating someone else's child and that's not the way," she said.

She appealed to parents to model respectful conflict resolution and to work closely with schools in addressing such issues legally and constructively.

For his part, Kgosi Tapologo Mosika of Matlapana Ward shared the school head's sentiments, particularly around the rise in gender-based violence and emotional abuse in the home.

"We are seeing more cases of verbal abuse, especially women insulting men. These fights often end in violence or even death hence when things get heated, step away and let emotions cool before sitting down to talk," he said.

Kgosi Mosika encouraged residents to turn to church, saying it offered spiritual guidance, peace and healing.

"We need to find our way back to God because He is our Redeemer and through Him, we find peace and learn how to live with one another," he said.

He also raised concerns about noise pollution and urged people to respect quiet hours during the night.

Furthermore, he addressed growing waste management issues, especially the improper disposal of diapers and the burning of waste, which posed health risks. **BOPA**



Bantshuti Nkgarapi, who is charged with the murder of a University of Botswana employee during his mention at Extension II Magistrate Court on Monday. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Lawyer accuses state of delay tactics

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - A lawyer representing, Bantshuti Nkgarapi, who is charged with murdering a University of Botswana employee in June, Mr Tiroyaone Sedimo has accused the state of using tactics to prolong his client's remand.

He made the accusations when appearing before Chief Magistrate Chief Ms Kamogelo Mmesi of Extension II Magistrate Court on Monday.

"The contentious conduct of the state is deliberate and purposeful

to ensure the accused is remanded in custody," Mr Sedimo said.

"It is a covert approach to perpetuate the remand of the accused," he argued in court after the state indicated that the accused had not undergone psychiatric assessment as ordered by the court during the last sitting.

The state counsel, Mr Michael Mookantsa, had informed court that the accused was booked for assessment on August 21, hence he had not been assessed had the court had ordered. However, Mr Sedimo expressed apprehension about the state's statement, arguing that the state was in contempt of the court order.

He said the accused was rushed to Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital the previous week after he inquired about when he would be taken for assessment as per the court order. "The doctors, I am told, made it clear that the assessment cannot be taken hastily; it takes a minimum of a week," he said.

He added that the state should be cautioned for delaying in presenting his client for assessment as per the court order.

Additionally, Mr Sedimo requested court to grant the accused's family access to the farm in Mokatse, where he kept his livestock.

He said the farm was co-owned by the deceased and the accused, and the deceased's family had been denying the accused's family access to the farm to provide care for the livestock.

However, the Magistrate advised the attorney to make a miscellaneous application to offer the deceased's family an opportunity to respond.

Nkgarapi is alleged to have murdered one Bogadi Mokganelwa at the University of Botswana, where she was employed, by stabbing him with a sharp instrument. He is set to appear for status hearing on September 3. **BOPA**

Court grants 16 Letlhakane male learners bail

By Kabo Keaketswe

LETLHAKANE - Senior Magistrate Atlanang Manchwe of Letlhakane Magistrate Court has granted bail to the 16 Letlhakane Senior Secondary school male learners accused of assaulting another pupil of the same school. Conditions of the bail were that parents for each learner bind themselves with P1 500 and that the pupils should report to Letlhakane Police station every Friday during school holidays and to the school head every Friday when schools are open. Meanwhile, the victim is said to be recuperating from home and attending scheduled medical checkups.

In another matter, Senior Magistrate Manchwe has sentenced Emmanuel Mothobi

(39) to a 15-year imprisonment for possession of Methcathinone, an illicit drug popularly known as Cat weighing 150 grams.

He was charged in February 2024 for unlawful possession of illicit substances contrary to section 4 of the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 2018 of the laws of Botswana.

She said the offence carried a minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment or P1 million charge. She therefore said she had found no exceptional extenuating circumstances in the matter hence the 15-year jail term.

In his mitigation, the accused had indicated that he was a breadwinner, taking care of his mother and children, and also that his partner was heavily pregnant. **BOPA**



Metlhaeno Gaseitsiwe (right) has pleaded not guilty to a charge of undermining the powers of a Kgosi. Gaseitsiwe is accused of stating that Kgosi Malope II was not of royal blood, neither did he possess the intellect to be called a leader and referring to him as a commoner without any lawful excuse on February 13, 2024. Photo: Kehumile Mokejo

Gaseitsiwe pleads not guilty

By Kehumile Mokejo

JWANENG - Metlhaeno Gaseitsiwe on Tuesday pleaded not guilty to a charge of undermining the powers of a Kgosi, where he is accused of stating that Kgosi Malope II has no royal blood, neither does he possess the intellect to be called a leader, as well as referring

to him as a commoner without any lawful excuse on February 13, 2024.

Appearing before Senior Magistrate Keneilwe Kgoadi of Kanye Magistrate Court, the accused person was represented by Ms Palesa Moletsane of Moletsane and Company while Mr Kamogelo Maleke of the Directorate of Public

Prosecutions (DPP) appeared for the state.

The prosecution told the court that investigations into the matter were complete and the accused person had been served with all the relevant documents.

The case is scheduled for a case management conference on October 8 to set trial dates. **BOPA**



Farmers King Shop managing director, Mr Victor Digwaamaje (left) conversing with Ledumadumane Junior Secondary School learners at the National Agricultural Show in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Digwaamaje encouraged learners to embrace agriculture subject as it could help them to become agripreneurs. Photo: Felicity Male

China supports companies innovation drive

BEIJING - China's private companies are spearheading breakthrough innovations across various key sectors, supported by favourable government policies that encourage entrepreneurship and unleash market vitality in technological advancement.

The latest data shows that the private sector has emerged as a key driving force behind China's technological development, with private firms accounting for over 92 per cent of the country's high-tech companies since the beginning of the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), according to the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

In recent years, Wuhu Churui Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. has dedicated itself to developing high-performance AI computing batteries.

The tech company, based in Anhui Province one of China's fastest-rising tech powerhouses, has secured a solid footing in the global power battery supply chain.

According to Zhang Huai, president of the company, its rapid development results from the deep integration of industry, universities and research institutes.

"We have worked with several universities to build joint laboratories, and as an outcome of the collaboration, many of our technologies have reached globally leading levels," Zhang said.

This success story exemplifies how China's evolving policy framework enables private enterprises to thrive.

The enterprise-led collaboration between industry, universities and research institutes represents one of the key policy measures outlined by this year's government work report to help businesses advance technological innovation.

Over the past years, the government has implemented multifaceted policies that foster a favorable environment for private firms to flourish.

A landmark development came in May this year, when China officially put into effect a historic private economy promotion law, which provides legal guarantees for enterprises to promote innovation.

Notably, the law stipulates that support should be provided for the private sector to play an active role in advancing science and technological innovation, fostering new quality productive forces, and building a modern industrial system.

Furthermore, eligible private firms should be supported to lead China's major technological breakthroughs, while the country's key scientific and technological infrastructure should be made accessible to private companies, according to the law.

Beyond legislative support for private companies' growth, the country has rolled out heavyweight policies to alleviate corporate burdens. From 2021 to the first half of 2025, China has implemented a total US\$1.4 trillion in tax and fee cuts, with 72.9 per cent benefiting taxpayers in the private sector.

The government has also enforced a nationwide unified negative list system for market access and continuously reduced the number of items on the list. These comprehensive measures are yielding measurable results, with recent indicators showing that China's corporate innovation vitality has strengthened, while new quality productive forces have continued to grow.

In July, the Purchasing Managers' Index for the equipment manufacturing and high-tech

manufacturing sectors stood at 50.3 per cent and 50.6 per cent, respectively, with both remaining within the expansion zone.

The high-end equipment manufacturing sector also maintained its expansion momentum.

In recent years, China's financial system has made continued efforts to expand financing access for private companies, including those committed to technological innovation.

The outcomes have been remarkable, with official data showing that outstanding inclusive loans for small and micro enterprises surged from 15.1 trillion yuan at the end of 2020 to 35.6 trillion yuan by the end of June 2025.

Building on this foundation, China has introduced innovative financing mechanisms to further diversify funding channels.

A key move was the introduction of a sci-tech board in its bond market in May, which aims to better cater to the financing needs of technology firms. Since its launch, the new platform has attracted a wide range of participants, with 288 entities issuing approximately 600 billion yuan in technological innovation bonds by the end of June.

A prime example is China's leading AI company iFlytek, which successfully issued 800 million yuan technological innovation bonds with a coupon rate of 1.83 per cent.

"We will spend the majority of the funds we raise on technological research, development and application," an iFlytek spokesperson said. Currently, 63 per cent of China's A-share listed companies are private enterprises. **Xinhua**

Domestic water bills cripple WUC

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Water Utilities Corporation (WUC), Kanye Service Centre is choking with a close to P58 million domestic water debt.

The centre covers Kanye, Moshupa, Jwaneng, Mabutsane and their catchment areas.

Speaking at the stakeholder engagement in Jwaneng on Wednesday, the General Manager, Mr Monametsi Ramosu said domestic customers' debt amounted to P33 million, followed by government with P13 million, businesses at P6 million and P5.8 million for local authorities.

Mr Ramosu said efforts to recover debt included revised tariffs, which commenced in April, as well as the just-ended debt amnesty.

"The debt amnesty was intended to encourage customers to pay their bills in order for the corporation to continue providing and improving services. Even though a lot of people benefited from this initiative, there are still calls to re-do it," he said.

He appealed to stakeholders to encourage the community to conserve water and pay their water bills on time to avoid disruption of service.

He urged them to visit the nearest offices for clarity on the billing system and any queries related to water consumption.

"As community leaders you are our strategic partners in mobilising

the communities to pay their bills and also conserve water at all times," he noted.

While he acknowledged water shortage in some areas, Mr Ramosu said WUC were concerned about mismanagement and use of domestic water for farming purposes.

Regarding waste water services, he said blockages and old infrastructure were some of the factors hindering effective waste water works in the area.

Mr Ramosu noted that WUC was currently undertaking two projects intended to improve waste water services, to cater for the growing demand experienced particularly around Jwaneng/Sese areas.

He however noted that the long term plan was to have a Jwaneng Water Master Plan to address the challenges.

WUC Lead Engineer for the Jwaneng Cluster, Mr Kagiso Lobeko cited declining borehole yields, illegal connections, vandalism and cable theft, old infrastructure and pipe blockages by lime as some of the challenges experienced in the area.

Mr Lobeko said the cluster covered nine villages with close to 50 boreholes. He said the waste water infrastructure was old and not properly designed, resulting in inefficient service delivery.

"The Jwaneng waste water network was built in 1982 and it has a total of 61 pump stations, which is a big number for a small area like this one," he said. **BOPA**



Water Utilities Corporation in Kanye is choking with a close to P58 million domestic water debt. The centre covers Kanye, Moshupa, Jwaneng, Mabutsane and their catchment areas.

BrainSTREAM hosts successful camp

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Botswana’s BrainSTREAM Institute of Technology team has just returned from a Robotics & Coding Holiday Camp in South Africa where they hosted more than 200 learners from over 100 schools. The initiative introduced children aged 6-14 years to robotics, coding, artificial intelligence, animation and drone technology. Head of Education at BrainSTREAM, Mr Mohit Lohani, said the camps were more

than just technology lessons. “This is not just about teaching technology, it is about nurturing curiosity, creativity and critical thinking. We want every child to feel they can be an inventor, a coder or a problem solver,” he said. He noted that interest generated in Durban was overwhelming that a second camp had to be scheduled immediately. Mr Lohani also mentioned that learners with special needs participated fully, showing that technology-driven learning could be inclusive and empowering. The programme tour included

Hillcrest Primary School in Durban, Education Evolution Academy in Johannesburg, Morning Star Academy in Vryburg, Aborvitae Academy in Benoni and Pink & Blue Preparatory in Pongola. He said the initiative was also endorsed by the Gauteng District Education Department, which praised its alignment with South Africa’s digital skills and youth empowerment goals. Mr Lohani said what made the event significant was that it was led by a Botswana-grown institution. He said so far, more

than 80 teachers had been trained through the Human Resource Development Council accredited STEM & Robotics Educators Certification Course, with another 30 set to join in August. “Most of these teachers are already running robotics and coding programmes in schools across Botswana and the region,” he said. He further said the success in South Africa was only the beginning, as BrainSTREAM would launch Robotics & Coding Camps in Harare, Zimbabwe, later this month in partnership with

Eastern Heights Junior School. However, Mr Lohani said while neighbouring countries were embracing Botswana’s innovation, uptake at home had been slower. “If our teachers are not trained and supported, implementing Robotics and Coding across schools will face critical delays,” he said, adding that local institutional support was needed. With the right backing, he said, Botswana’s classrooms could also become hubs of innovation, preparing the next generation of problem-solvers for Africa and the world. **BOPA**



Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ARTS

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Ministry of Sport and Arts invites applications from talented, decisive, self-driven and qualified citizens of Botswana to fill the following vacant positions tenable in the Ministry Headquarters:

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2025

1. COORDINATOR TRANSFORMATION OFFICE (1 POST)

SALARY SCALE: E1 (P512,148 – P532,860) per annum.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To provide leadership in strategy planning and development and performance monitoring & evaluation of policies, programmes and projects.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Provides professional advice on strategy formulation, monitoring and evaluation.
- Advices the Organisation on the impact of policies and strategies the Ministry is implementing and guides on the best implementation approach.
- Coordinates the development of Ministry’s Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan.
- Oversees the cascading of Ministry’s Annual Performance Plan.
- Oversees implementation of the Ministry’s Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan
- Oversees development of performance management framework, associated guidelines, toolkits and templates to facilitate effective, consistent, and proper application of the system.
- Oversees the implementation of performance management and development system, related incentives and recognition interventions to drive employee engagement, motivation and productivity.
- Oversees the development and implementation of evaluation, research and sector statistical plans.
- Oversees the design of data collection tools, data collection and analysis strategies.
- Establishes links with Ministry Departments and Parastatals and other stakeholders to identify policy areas for evaluation and research.
- Advocates for adoption of evaluation and research findings and oversees implementation of recommendations.
- Identifies opportunities for reforms, advocates for their implementation and oversees implementation of change management framework.
- Oversees the development and sustainment of strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders.
- Oversees the development and implementation of advocacy and capacity building programmes on relevant areas.
- Jointly agrees performance objectives and targets and signs performance agreements with staff, undertakes performance reviews in accordance with the performance management system.
- Provides professional guidance, coaching and mentoring.

QUALIFIED APPLICANT’S PROFILE

To be considered for appointment to this position, candidates must have the following qualifications;
• Degree in Strategic Management/Monitoring and Evaluation/Public Policy/Social Science (Economics, Statistics) and or related field. Master’s Degree in any of the above will be an added advantage.

Applicants should have a minimum of sixteen (16) years post qualification experience two (2) years of which must have been served at E2 salary scale in Government or equivalent level in the Private Sector/Parastatal Organisation.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Formulating Strategies and Concepts
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectation
- Adapting and Responding to Change

BENEFITS

- Leave - 30 working days per annum
- Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee 50%).
- Contributory Pension Scheme (Government pays 15% and employee 5%).
- 30% Gratuity for employees on fixed term contract

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 5 OF 2025

2. MANAGER – FACILITIES (1 POST)

SALARY SCALE: E2 (P449,256 – P467,436) per annum.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To direct the planning and management of the Ministry of Sports and Arts facilities; and provide leadership in the implementation of strategies for facilities maintenance, repair, replacement, in order to achieve the desired outputs within agreed time frame, within budget, to specification and operational standards.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Directs the implementation of facilities management regulations, procedures and requirements.
- Engages in contract negotiations to ensure that all obligations of the contract are met.
- Maintains and updates as needed a comprehensive safety plan, a process for facilities opening and lock down, and emergency notification procedure.
- Manages the provision of cleaning, security landscaping services.
- Plans, develops and prioritises projects and weekly work plans; ensures that materials are ordered, projects are designed and monies are available.
- Interprets and administers facilities management procedures and regulations.
- Advices Senior Management on other areas to consider for outsourcing and leads their implementation.
- Assesses and monitors facilities repairs to ensure cost effectiveness; establishes criteria for repair versus replacement of facilities, forecasts and plans facilities improvements.
- Supervises maintenance works to ensure they meet regulations and standards.
- Enforces fire and safety policy and procedures.
- Prepares reports on the operational effectiveness of the facilities.
- Makes routine and scheduled foot patrols of the facilities grounds and parking lots, maintaining a high degree of visibility at all times.
- Enforces compliance with applicable building and safety codes, hazardous waste disposal and hazardous material etc.
- Monitors facilities emergencies, including equipment breakdowns, malfunctions and alarm calls.
- Resolves disputes as they arise and escalating where necessary those that require Senior Management’s intervention.
- Prepare budget for the maintenance of facilities.
- Identifies and engages viable opportunities to ensure optimal usage of

facilities.

- Monitors compliance with budgetary constraints.
- Initiates and manages procurement of Ministry/Department facilities.
- Makes routine and scheduled foot patrols of the facilities, grounds and parking lots, maintain a high degree of visibility at all times.
- Undertakes any other related duties as assigned by Management.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS PROFILE

To be considered for this position, candidates must have Degree in Estate/Property Management/Construction Management/Facilities Management, Engineering & Building Services or any related field fourteen (14) years post qualification experience, two (2) years of which should have been served at D1 salary scale level in Government or equivalent level in a private/parastatal organisation.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies and Concepts
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectation
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BENEFITS

- Leave - 30 working days per annum
- Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee 50%).
- Contributory Pension Scheme (Government pays 15% and employee 5%).
- 30% Gratuity for employees on fixed term contract.

IMPORTANT

Applicants should quote the number of this vacancy circular and provide the following details:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Certified copies national identity card
- Certified copies of certificates and transcripts
- At least three recent work-related references (not more than six months old) confirming the required experience.
- Date of first appointment, present post, salary scale and date of appointment thereto.
- Applications from serving Public Officers must be routed through their Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries (Accounting Officers). Applications not so routed and those received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. No emailed or faxed documents will be considered.

Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sport and Arts
Private Bag 00384, GABORONE and hand delivered to the Ministry Headquarters, Plot 54355 Central Square Building, West Wing, and Office Number 221. Gaborone CBD, Phase 2.

For further information, Contact Telephone Number 369 8227 / 369 8315.

CLOSING DATE: 5th September 2025



1. The Agency wishes to inform all interested stakeholders that it has resolved to cancel the below mentioned insurance tenders;
 - 1.1. **CEDA 003 / 2025-2026** Invitation to Tender for Provision of Underwriting Services for Group Life Assurance for CEDA Staff
 - 1.2. **CEDA 004 / 2025-2026** Invitation to Tender for Provision of Underwriting Services for Group Funeral for CEDA Staff
 - 1.3. **CEDA 005 / 2025-2026** Invitation to Tender for Provision of Underwriting Services for Short Term Corporate Cover for CEDA Assets
 - 1.4. **CEDA 006 / 2025-2026** Invitation to Tender for Provision of Underwriting Services for CEDA Miscellaneous Single Line Business Scheme (Grants) – Multi Peril Policies
 - 1.5. **CEDA 007 / 2025-2026** Invitation to Tender for Provision of Underwriting Services for CEDA Staff Schemes – Motor, Homeowners, House Contents & All Risk Insurance
2. This decision was made in line with section 66 (4) (c) of the Public Procurement regulations. Bidders who have purchased any of the tender document(s) will be refunded the paid amount accordingly and should send their request for refund to procurement@ceda.co.bw with proof of payment(s). The Agency apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.
3. For further inquiries or clarification regarding the cancellation of this tender, please contact our Procurement Unit at (procurement@ceda.co.bw or 3170895).



18 August 2025

VACANCY ADVERT

Position Title: Head of Brand and Operations

Location: Motor Holdings Botswana

About the Role:

We are seeking a highly driven and experienced Franchise Manager to lead our dealership's sales operations. This role requires a strategic leader who can drive performance, inspire a sales team, and ensure the highest levels of customer satisfaction.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and execute sales strategies to achieve monthly, quarterly, and annual targets
- Monitor market trends and competitor activities, adjusting tactics accordingly
- Lead, coach, and motivate the sales team to consistently deliver outstanding results
- Implement effective customer retention programs and follow-up processes
- Collaborate with the marketing team to create impactful campaigns and events
- Manage showroom standards and ensure a premium customer experience
- Analyse sales performance data to identify opportunities for improvement
- Oversee deal structuring, pricing strategies, and finance collaboration to maintain profitability

Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Business administration, Marketing, Sales Management, or related field.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in automotive sales, with at least 2 years in a management role.
- Strong leadership and team development skills
- Solid understanding of sales processes, customer engagement, and retention strategies
- Proficiency in Dealer Management System, CRM systems and data analysis tools

How to Apply:

Send your CV and cover letter to US@Motorholdings.co.bw with the subject line Franchise Manager

Application. Application Deadline: 12 September 2025

Application addressed to:

The Managing Director
Motor Holdings Botswana (Pty) Ltd
P O Box 821, Gaborone

DIRECTORS: M.C. Tibone, B.B. Tibone, D. T. Tibone

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

CASE NO: UAHGB 000223-25

In the matter of the petition for judicial management of the 1st Respondent:

YVONNE CHARLTON

PETITIONER

And

AUSTERLIFE SYTEMS (PTY) LTD
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
FIRST CAPITAL BANK LIMITED
PHEJU INVESTEMENT T/A PREMIUM STEEL
STEPHEN MASUNGWA
IMPALA STEEL (PTY) LTD
SEVENTY5 DEGREES (PTY) LTD

1ST RESPONDENT
2ND RESPONDENT
3RD RESPONDENT
4TH RESPONDENT
5TH RESPONDENT
6TH RESPONDENT
7TH RESPONDENT

ORDER

Before **JUSTICE DR O MAPHAKWANE** at Lobatse on this **7th day of August 2025.**

UPON HEARING Attorney **M. MBEHA** for the Petitioner and Attorney **Malema LP** for the 2nd Respondent, Attorney **Mbewe** for the 3rd Respondent, Attorney **Rantsudu O** for the 4th Respondent and Attorney **Moakofi P.** for the 7th Respondent and having read the documents filed of record.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Directing and declaring that this Petition (alternatively the relief sought in paragraphs below and any ancillary relief pertaining thereof) be heard, determined and disposed of as an urgent petition in accordance with the provisions of Order 12 Rule 12 of the High Court and that the Petitioner complies with the forms and service provided in the order be dispensed with.
2. That a Rule Nisi be issued, calling upon all interested parties to appear and show cause on the **16th of September 2025 at 0930 hours**, why an order in the following terms should not be made final;
 - a. That the 1st Respondent subject to the supervision of this Honourable Court, be placed under the management of a judicial manager and that any person(s) vested with the management of the 1st Respondent affairs shall, from the date of making of the order be divested thereof;
 - b. That subject to Section 445(1) of the Companies Act, **Nsi Janet Pabalinga** be appointed as the judicial manager of the 1st Respondent;
 - c. Any legal proceedings contemplated and/or subsisting by or against the 1st Respondent be stayed and restrained in terms of section 372 of the Companies Act as read with section 471(3) of the Companies Act;
 - d. That the remuneration of the judicial manager be determined by the Master of the High Court;
 - e. That the judicial manager is and is hereby authorised in terms of section 472(l)(a) as read with section 381(2) and (3) of the Companies Act to:
 - i. Secure and preserve the assets of the 1st Respondent.
 - ii. Ensure that the 1st Respondent will be able to meet its obligations so as to avoid a winding up thereof; and
 - iii. To do all things as may be necessary to preserve the interests of the members and creditors of the 1st Respondent.

- f. That the judicial manager shall by no later than August 2025 submit, in accordance with section 472(b) of the Companies Act, at the meeting of the creditors of the company to be convened before the Master of the High Court, a report showing the assets and liabilities of the 1st Respondent, its debts and obligations, as verified by auditors if any, and all such other information as may be necessary to enable the Master of the High Court and the members and the creditors to become fully acquainted with the 1st Respondent's position.
 - g. That the matter be set down for hearing on the of July 2025 for the Court to determine if the 1st Respondent be discharged from judicial management or make any other order it deems fit;
 - h. That the cost of this Petition be costs in the judicial management of the 1st Respondent.
 - i. That the service of the provisional Judicial Management Order referred to in paragraph 2 above, is to be effected by publication, in any newspaper circulating in Botswana, and the Government Gazette.
3. Such further and/or alternative relief as the above Honourable Court deems fit.

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ALTERNATIVE RELIEF

4. In the alternative, and only in the event that this Honourable does not grant the relief sought in paragraphs I —3 above, your Petitioner will seek the following relief set out below;
 - a. An order directing that the 1st Respondent be placed under provisional liquidation in the hands of the Master of this Court in terms of Section 369(b) and/or Section 369(f) of the Companies Act;
 - b. An order directing the Master of this Honourable Court, subject to the provisions of section 445 of the Companies Act, to appoint Nsi Janet Pabalinga as the Provisional Liquidator of the 1st Respondent in terms of Section 381(2)(b) of the Companies Act;
 - c. An order directing that the Provisional Liquidator is hereby authorized, in terms of Section 384(4) (e) of the Companies Act, to carry on or discontinue the business of the 1st Respondent, as the Provisional Liquidator deems fit;
 - d. An order directing that any action or proceedings that is contemplated or pending in any court of law in Botswana or about to be instituted against the company or are about to be instituted against the company shall be stayed in terms of Section 372 (a) and (b) of the Companies Act;
 - e. That a Rule Nisi be is issued calling upon all persons who have a legitimate interest to appear and show cause, if any, on a date and at a time to be fixed by this Honourable Court why;
 - i. paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this Order should not be made final;
 - ii. the costs of this petition should not be costs in the winding-up of the 1st Respondent.
 - f. A copy of this order be published forthwith in the Government Gazette and in any newspaper circulating throughout Botswana.
5. The motor vehicle **B357 BKG** is parked at the 3rd Respondent's premises by **0930 hours** on the **8th August 2025** by the petitioner.
6. The motor vehicles **B485 BBH** and **B351 AMX** are parked at the 2nd Respondent's premises by **0930 hours** on the **8th August 2025** by the petitioner.

BY ORDER OF COURT

REGISTRAR/MASTER

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10 Weeks
Products
Winners

1 OF 10



SAVE
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EXTRA
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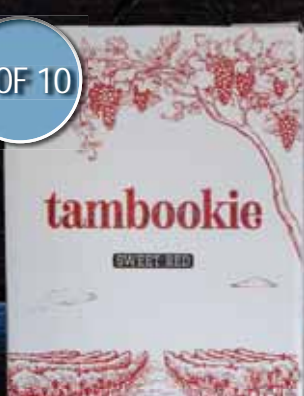
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Assorted
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Dry Red
Wine
5 litre

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Corona
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Non-Returnable
Bottles
24x 355 ml

384⁰⁰
per case

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Sparkling
Spritzer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Statement from Travel Trends Botswana

Travel Trends Botswana wishes to inform the public that we have no association or affiliation with Ms. Emelda Kruger. We urge members of the public to verify the authenticity of any travel offers or correspondence purporting to be from Travel Trends Botswana by contacting us directly.

Badiri ba isa ditirelo kwa setshabeng

Ka Relief Lephutshi

MOLAPOWABOJANG - Molaodi wa kgaolo ya Kanye Rre Mompoloki Mochanang o simolodisitse lenaneo la monongwaga la go isa ditirelo tsa puso kwa setshabeng.

Fa a bua kwa Molapowabojang ka Labobedi, o tthalositse fa maikaelelo e le go netefatsa gore banni ba tikologo ya mafelo a ditirelo di lerilweng kwa go one ba bona ditirelo tse puso.

Rre Mochanang o tthalositse fa komiti ya dithabololo tsa kgaolo, e tsere tshwetso ya gore ditlhabololo di isiwe kwa metseng ya Molapowabojang le Gasita mo seelong sa dibeke tse pedi kgwedi le kgwedi go tloga Phatwe a le lesome le boferabongwe go tsena Sedimonthole a tlhola malatsi a le mane.

A re le fa go na le maphata kwa metseng eo, bogogi bo lemogile gore maphata a a seyong koo, a patelesega go isa ditirelo kwa setshabeng kgapetsakgapetsa.

O kaile fa ditirelo tsa dithulaganyo tsa manyalo jaaka go kwadisa le go nyadisa di tlaa boela jaaka gale.

Fa a amogela maphata a puso, Kgosi Kadirile Letshabo wa Molapowabojang, o lebogetse gore a bo maphata a tsisitse ditirelo.

Kgosi o ikuetse kwa pusong gore ofisi ya gagwe e tlhoka mokwaledi.

Kgosi o tthalositse fa seemo se, se baya morafe ka fa mosing bogolo jang fa go na le mongwe yo o athloetsweng go ya kgotlatshekelong.

A re go tsaya nako e telele

go isa dipampiri tsa bone kwa kgotlatshekelong ka ntlha ya go sa nneng teng ga mokwaledi wa kgotla.

Fa a ntsha malebogo mokhanselara wa Molapowabojang Central, Rre Kagiso Mogorosi o ne a leboga Molaodi le maphata go bo ba isisitse ditlamelo kwa bathong, a ba a kgothatsa le go rotloetsa morafe go etela metlaagana ya maphata ka go farologana, a re seo se ka sedimosetsa maphata letlhoko.

O ne a kopa molaodi gore ere go sekasekiwa kgang ya mokwaledi wa kgotla, go gopolwe le go thusa ka kgokelo ya motlakase kwa leobong la kgotla. **BOPA**



Mme Tlhabologang Mogampane (molemeng) le Mme Nkalafang Nare ba le ko ditshupong tsa temo thuo kwa Gaborone ka Laboraro. Mme Mogampane o tthalositse fa a tsisitse letlhodi la gagwe kwa ditshupong, a re le fa ntsa a sa fenywa o ithutile go le gontsi ka dijjwalo le tlhokomelo ya tsone. A re ngwaga o o tlang o tla leka ka bojjotlhe go tlhokomela dijjwalo tsa gagwe gore a tle a gape maemo a ntlha.

Senepe : Felicity Male

Kgosi Sekwenyane o kopa ditlamelo

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

PHITSHANE MOLOPO - Kgosi Odirile Sekwenyane wa Phitshane Molopo o kopile Mopalamente gore nako e gorogile ya gore jaanong kgaolo ya Good Hope/Mmathethe e okelediwe diofisi tsa puso.

Mo phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa kgaolo, Dr Edwin Dikoloti kwa Phitshane Molopo bosheng, Kgosi Sekwenyane a re e re ka jaana metse e e mo kgaolong eo e le mentsi, go maleba gore ba atamelediwe diofisi ka go direlwa kgaolo potlana ee ka thusang metse ee e mo tikologong ya Phitshane Molopo, e akaretsa Sedibeng, Loporung, Dikhukhung, Tshidilamolomo,

Mabule le Sekhutlane.

O tswetsetse a supa fa seemo sa sekole se se segolwane kwa motseng oo, se ngomola pelo ka jaana dikago tsa sone di senyegile.

Kgosi Sekwenyane o supile fa seemo seo se tshwanetse go potlakelwa ka gore baithuti baa sokola.

Fa a ba kgwa dikgaba, Mopalamente o supile fa a tlaa fetisetse dilelo tsa bone kwa go ba ba maleba.

O akgoletse morafe go tlhama dikomiti tse ba tsamaisang motse wa bone ka tsone.

A re seo se bothokwa ka gore go nna motlhofo gore bagwebi ba thuse ka madi fa ba thusa dikomiti kana mekgatlho ya motse.

Dr Dikoloti a re o mo thulaganyong ya go simolodisa

letlole la diphitlho (insurance) la kgaolo yotlhe le koporase ya balemi-barui.

A re seo ke maiteko a gore e re motho a tlhokafetse a kgone go fitlhwa ka seriti, a tlatsa ka gore koporase le yone e tlaa thusa ka go tlhama ditiro tse banana ba di tlhokang thata.

“Maikaelelo ke gore re akanyetse go phunya didiba gore banana ba seka ba palelwa ke go tsaa mananeo gotwe ha gona kwa ba tlaa nosang teng”, ga buwa jalo Dr Dikoloti.

Modulasetilo wa mokgatlho wa Mmatla-kgwana, mme Boitumelo Motseolapile o tthalositse fa bogodu jwa leruo bo sa ba robotse.

A re e re ntsa ba bereka le mophato wa barui kwa Afrika Borwa, ba kopa puso gore e

sekaseke molao motheo gore magodu a leruo a sekisiwe ke dikgosi.

O tthalositse fa seo seka fokotsa mosuke wa ditsheko tse mo malatsing ano tse di tsayang dingwaga go fela kwa makgotleng a ditsheko.

Mme Motseolapile o supile gape gore magodu a leruo a seka a fiwa tetla ya go letela tsheko kwa ntle ka gore ba tswelela ba ntse ba senya ba emetse tsheko.

Banni ba kopile gape gore puso e busetse morago tshwetso ya gore bana ba seka baatholwa ka thupa kwa dikoleng, ba re tshwetso eo e dirile gore bana batswe mo tseleng. Batsadi ba supile fa barutabana ba sa kgone go tsenya bana mo taolong ka jaana tiriso ya thupa e sa letlelelwe. **BOPA**

Ntwa kgolo ke ya molomo - kgosi Tawana II

Ka Esther Mmolai

MAUN- Kgosi Tawana II o akgotse molaodi wa kgaolo ya Bokone Bophirima, morago ga go tsaya boikarabelo jwa go rarabolola dikgang tse di ntseng di tlhora morafe boroko tsa lekgotla la Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (OKMCT).

Kgosi Tawana a re go boela ga gagwe mo setilong sa Bogosi jwa Batawana ka 2023, o gorogetse mo madubedubeng a lekgotla leo ka jaana lekgamu lengwe le ne

le tsile go ikuela le ngongorega ka tsamaiso e e sokameng ya khuduthamaga ya lekgotla.

O buile jalo kwa bokopanong jo bo neng bo biditswe ke molaodi, Rre Thabang Waloka go tsibogela mokwalo wa lekgamu le le neng ngongorega ka tsamaiso ya lekgotla le moletlo wa Tapoywa o o tshwarwang ngwaga le ngwaga kwa Xaxaba.

A re dikgang tsa makgotla a merafe di tshwanetse tsa rarabololwa ke ofisi e e maleba ka jaana fa di tla kwa go ene, bangwe ba ka mo supa ka monwana gore

o a di ikgakgapelela.

Kgosi Tawana a re le ka nako ya lekgamo leo le tsile go ikuela, o ne a ba kopa go ya kwa ofising ya ga molaodi ka jaana kgakololo ya gagwe e le Kgosi e ka seke e dire pharologanyo e e kalo fa a tshwantshayna le ofisi ya ga molaodi ka jaana e na le melawana e e tsamaisang makgotla a merafe.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Kgosi Tawana o supile fa le ene a tshwenyega ka tsamaiso tsa makgotla a morafe, a supa fa e se OKMCT fela e e aparetsweng ke dikgang

tsa makgamu le tsamaiso e e sokameng. O gwetlhile maloko a OKMCT go dira mmogo ka neelano, tlotlo le lorato gore morafe o kgone go akola maduo a lekgotla la bone.

E ne e rile go le pele, molaodi Rre Waloka a tthalosa fa ba hupeditse ke dikgang tsa OKMCT tse di sa feleng a supa fa beke le beke ba dubana tsone fela, ka jalo a gwetlha maloko go itsaya motlhalale le gone go batla tharabololo.

A re makgotla a mangwe a na le dikgang le matshwenyego

mme ba kgona go a rarabolola mo nakong e khutshwane, fa la OKMCT lone dikgang tsa lone di felela kwa kgotla tshekelo.

Le fa go ntse jalo a re ba ne le tshepo ya gore molao o moshwa wa Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM Act) o o sa tswang go fetisiwa kwa Palamenteng o tlaa nna rarabolola dikgang tse tse ba emeng pele.

A re makgotla a merafe a tshwanetse go tlhaloganya gore puso e dirile lenaneo la CBNRM gore merafe e itlhabolole. **BOPA**

ACCOMMODATION

MASHUSHA GUESTHOUSE, SHOSHONG. From P 450.00. 73873037/ 78468818.

MASHUSHA BED & BREAKFAST Gaborone Block 5 from P400.00. 73062819 / 3101996

FARM WORKERS

HERD BOY WANTED AT SERIBA CONTACT : 71452623 / 75577240 REUBEN CHISWANISO

JOHN TEBOGO.LOOKING for two farm workers in Shakwe P.O Box 2903 Mahalapye 77069824.

FARM WORKER WANTED, contact Gobe Mosinyi at 74404316 P O Box 94 Marobela

WANTED 2 HERD BOY Box 40227 Gaborone Cell 72297258

WANTED HERD BOY Box 18 Mahalapye cell: 71828050

MODISA WANTED - Shandweza Chobe West. Call 71516924.

FARM WORKER WANTED Lobatse farm Tlhareseele, Box 141, Diniwe Duta 71329844

HERDBOY WANTED IN Dutlwe Seshatong Farms. Margaret Boitumelo Makwaeba Box 47531 Gaborone 72548297.

4 FARM WORKERS wanted contact Masego Setabo Box 502561 Gaborone.

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted Metsimotlhabe Lands Box 141 ADD Gaborone.

SHINDINGS (PTY) LTD plot 32860, Glenvalley farms, Gaborone wants 6 experienced horticulture farm workers. Contact 74712178 Willem J. Henning. Closing date 07/09/2025

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Medie (Moetlo) lands -Lentsweletau. Apply to: Geofrey Matswa Box 202154 Gaborone.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Lepashe Farms. Apply to Matthews Segatsho at P O Box 10108 Tatitown 74992910

1 FARM WORKER WANTED at Boyo. Thabo Koobuse Box 7 Moiyabana. 74541337

FARM WORKER WANTED in Sandveld. Box 41021 Gaborone. Contact 71307343

HERDBOY WANTED AT SATAU CONTACTS KABOZU KABOZU 76779933

WANTED 2 FARM WORKERS for growing, taking care of crops and horticulture in Malwelwe village Kweneng District 72515642 / 71202172.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Phuduhudu Lands, Palapye to take care of goats and crops. P o Box 11616, Palapye for applications.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Leithlong Damuchujena. Contact 77101010

FARM WORKER NEEDED Kgatleng (Sekotlong) P o Box 10411 Palapye. Cell 74373503

MODISA WANTED Shandweza Chobe West. Call 71516924

FARM WORKERS WANTED . Maiswe lands 72243567

FARM WORKER WANTED at Gakuto. Apply to Bandie Ramothibe P O Box 2777 Gaborone. Cell No 74046036.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Nneneke near Kanye. Call 71551484/ 74589380

TEN FARM WORKERS wanted urgently at Poana farms with 3 years experience. Closing date 25 August 2025. Contact Mr A. Moosajee at 71300073

SEASONAL FARM WORKERS wanted at Mosamowakwena, Apply to Box 1205 Lobatse.

FARM WORKERS X 2 wanted at Oak Gate farm. Must have experience in vegetable farming and small stock. We are at Malotwana, Kgatleng. Call 75070206/ 71774254

HERDBOY/ MODISA WANTED Kweneng, a palama pitse/ horse rider: 72100673.

FARM LABOURER REQUIRED IN LESOMA BOX 590 KASANE CELL : 71673709 WILSON GUMBO

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sesanagkopa Lands near Molepolole. Call 72261493.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted for general farm work to look after cattle sheep goats and chickens .Call 71534385

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URGENTLY LOOKING FOR a farm worker age 30-50 years, Sookoso Farm, Paje. Conelius Lekgathanye, Box 30613 ,Serowe. 72620544

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Malotwana P O Box 1413 Mochudi. Contact Caroline Modimakwane on 71758833

WANTED FARM WORKER IN CHOBE BOX 404081 GABORONE CONTACTS WAYNE MULAZI 71787657

FARM WORKER WANTED at Molapowabojang. Contact 72247907

FARM MANAGER 1, FARM LABOURERS 4 WANTED (CROPS) @ PANDAMATENGA. SOTS INVESTMENTS BOX 354 KASANE, CONTACTS 71663426 / 76408896

KE BATA MODISA ko Bobonong 74768469

WE ARE LOOKING for farm workers at Motatawa farms at Letlhakane (Boteti) Age 27upwards. Contact details : 75777444, 77607472 P O Box 289 Letlhakane.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: HERDMAN WANTED. LOCATION, MUNGA KAVIMBA. CLOSING DATE, 23/09/2025 CONTACT, +26774402627 / 73744411

ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER AT DOUBLE NOD FARM Q95, PANDAMATENGA BOTSWANA POSITION REQUIREMENTS- WILLING TO SPEND EXTENDED PERIODS IN REMOTE AREA- NO DEPENDANTS- BACKGROUND IN ELECTRICAL AND TECHNICAL FIELDS IS ESSENTIAL- APPLICANT MUST BE WILLING TO WORK AFTER HOURS CONTACT RIAAN HUMAN +267 77703328, riaan14@gmail. com APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 SEPTEMBER

FARM WORKER WANTED at Moralane/ Kgomodiatshaba. Call: 73969428 Tom Kutlapye

FARM WORKER IS urgently wanted at Patayamatebele with experience in farming. Apply to Clement K. Kamera , P.O Box 10048 Tatitown. 71828812

HERD BOY WANTED AT KACHIKAU CONTACT 77495660 GABRIEL TSHUPO

HERD BOY/GIRL wanted at Dibongwane Tonota. Contact Ellen Nkamogelang. Box 113 Tonota

EXPERIENCED MIXED / INTEGRATED farm worker needed. Apply Nametso / Tshenolo Lekgetho, Box 396ABG, Sebele

FARM WORKER NEEDED in Thamaga, Rammidi Contact 73567818

FARM LADY WANTED AT KACHIKAU FIELDS CONTACT GAATWAELEW DITSHWANE 74096389

FARM WORKER WANTED Call 74014588/ 71149299

HERDGIRL WANTED BOX 139 Selebi Phikwe

3 FARM WORKERS wanted at Goodhope Farm with 5 years work experience. Apply Ernest Letebele Box 153 Goodhope. Contact 75929565 closing date 30/08/25.

LOOKING FOR FARM workers, Apply to P.O Box 1659 Gaborone.

URGENTLY LOOKING FOR farm workers with atleast 5 years experience. Apply to Box 30246 Tlokweng.

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted Tonota Makomoto Farn Box 304065 Ftown Bonalo R. Tahlha 71743765

MISCELLANEOUS

THE OWNER OF BMW B 216 BAJ contact 76161357.

CARETAKER URGENTLY NEEDED for a mature female patient. Apply to Gaositwe Mooka P O Box 4099 Gaborone. Cell: 75389248. Email: gaositwea@icloud.com. Closing date 07.09.2025

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF Plot 37322 Block 8, Gaborone would like to change land use from single residential to group living. Any objections should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office (3657400) in writing within 14 days of the publication of the notice.

EXPAND (BOTSWANA) (PTY) Ltd intends to change land use designation of its property located at Lotsane Ward, Palapye from Civic and community (Hospital) to commercial. Any objections to the proposed change should be directed to Physical Planning Office, Palapye District Council, within 14 days of this publication. Telephone 493- 0800/821/824.

I OWNER OF Plot 16231 at Maratadiba, Tlokweng. I would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential & construction of boundary wall. Whoever has any objection shall contact Tlokweng District Council on 3655003/ 02 within 14 days after publication.

OWNER (MICHAEL G. KEBASITILE) of Mabuo village, would like to inform his neighbours about change of land use from General Dealer and Takeaway to Multi-family residential on plot next to Mabuo Primary School. Contact 71124197 for more information or for any objection forward it to Serowe Physical Planning Office in writing.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Refence: ESHFT – ESHGB-000599/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NORAH JENAMO KEFITLHILE** who died at Goo Madisa Ward, **Metsimotlhabe**, Central – Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the **20th day of May 2025**.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

Norman Nkosana
The Executive Dative
P. O. Box 47, Chadibe North.

AND TO: Master of the High court,
Private Bag 00220, **Gaborone**

Judicial Manager`s Notice
Austerlife Systems (Pty) Ltd-Under Judicial Management
Master`s reference: JMHGB-000003-25

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Nsi Janet Pabalinga, was appointed the Provisional Judicial Manager of Austerlife Systems (Pty) Ltd on the **07th of August 2025**.

Debtors and Creditors are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof. **NSI JANET PABALINGA**, The Provisional Judicial Manager, info@pabalingalaw.com Pabalinga & Associates, Plot 14008 CBD Extension, Francistown. P O Box 3275 Francistown.

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MONNYE NTEMA** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **TSING HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the following property namely:-

CERTAIN	: piece of land being Tribal Lot 37482, Maun;
SITUATE	:at Maun Village in Batawana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING	: 4064m² (Four Thousand and Sixty-Four Square Metres);
HELD UNDER	:Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. FT TL 733/2014 dated 23rd July 2014 made in favour of Monnye Nteba;
CONSIDERATION	: P3,000,000.00 (Three Million Pula) excluding any VAT/ Transfer Duty consequential to the transaction;
SUBJECT	: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement of Lease.

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

Should any person wish to object to the above transaction you are requested to lodge such objection, with reasons, in writing with Bookbinder Business Law, Private Bag 382, Gaborone **within Thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

GABORONE PHIRI PLOT 11777 would like to inform plot 11176 and 11178 I would like to erect a boundary wall for enquiries contact Lobatse Town council at No. 5305851

OWNER OF PLOT 3321, Metlhabeng ward, Tlokweng wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi family residential. Any objection should be forwarded to Tlokweng district council physical planning office in telephone 3695000 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

THE GARDENERS VIEW NURSERY (Pty) Ltd of Plot No 17219, Egepeto, Tlokweng wishes to change land use from ploughing field to agrotourism. Anyone with objections should contact Tlokweng District Council, Physical Planning unit on Telephone No 3695000 if they disapprove of the change within 21 days of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owners of plot no. 4125, Mogoditshane would like to change from commercial to industrial use. For any objections contact Mogoditshane Sub Landboard Mogoditshane, Tel: 3905333/ 4 within 14 days of this notice. P. Gounden, G. Gounden 72310035

OAKANTSE MOTSUMI OF ploughing field in Lecheng/ Mapokwe ward would like to change land use from ploughing field to mixed use (civic and community). For any objections, please contact Palapye District Physical Planning office tel number 4930821/24/83 within 14 days of this publication.

YATCHT HOLDINGS, THE owner of property 15631 in Mathuba ward, Serowe wishes to install a commercial boundary wall. Any objections should be forwarded to the physical planning office at Serowe District Council. Call 4630503 within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 3781 at Khaekholo ward in Tlokweng, wishes to change land use from mixed use (commercial and industrial) into commercial (shopping complex). For any objections contact Tlokweng District Council, Physical Planning Office on 3695002 within 14 days of publication.

DIANE JESSICA NTOKONYANE being owner of Lot 6183 Gaborone, Broadhurst Extension 19 intends to change land use from residential to multi family residential. Objections are advised to consult Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office (3657400) within 14 days of this publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 7614, extension 6 Palapye would like to construct a boundry wall. Objections are advised to consult Palapye District Council Physical Planning Office , 4960821 in 14 days of the publication notice

I BRASSO SETSO of plot 7153 in Tlokweng would like to change land use from single family to multi family residential. For any objection neighbours should contact Tlokweng physical planning office within 14 days of this advert publication.

OWNERS OF PLOT no. 1705 Metlhabeng Tlokweng, wishes to change land use from single-family to multi-family residential. For any objection, please contact Tlokweng sub-district council physical planning department or cell no 76433223/ 76494633 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 3917 Kopong wishes to develop double storey building and erect boundary wall, thereby neighbors are informed. For any objections, contact Kweneng District Council 5922100 within fourteen days of this notice.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000260-24
FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT: ESTATE OF THE LATE CATHRINE SEKHABE WHITTLE AND ROBERT GRAHAM WHITTLE- ESHFT 000260-24
IN THE ESTATE of the CATHERINE SEKHABE WHITTLE AND ROBERT GRAHAM WHITTLE ESHFT- 000260-24 who died at PABALELO HOSPICE, METSIMOTLHABE , KWENENG DISTRICT AND ORAPA HOSPITAL, ORAPA DISTRICT on the 20th and 05th JULY 2024 RESPECTIVELY.
FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Francistown for a period of thirty days (30) days from the date of publication hereof.
Any objection of the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within thirty days (30) days stated above.
AUBREY MAPHANE, EXECUTOR DATIVE, P O BOX 991, ORAPA, 71580896

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 : **MAVIS NDUCHWA**
Estate Number : **ESHFT-000123-24**
Date of Meeting : **23-09-2025**
Time : **0900HRS**
Master : **ARM**

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05th DAY OF AUGUST 2025



Dawn Bell Academy
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ESHFT-000260-24

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AUBREY MAPHANE, EXECUTOR DATIVE, P O BOX 991, ORAPA, 71580896

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that SUSAN BONGANI MOLATLHEGI (ID NO: 110 221 817) intends to enter into sale agreement with TAFADZWA GUTSA Passport No. GN482236) a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the sum of P80 000.00 (Eighty Thousand Pula) namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Residential Plot 16657, Palapye;
SITUATE: at Palapye (Cadastre 433) in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 18.41 x 35.96 x 20.02 x 6.91 x 26 x 7 Metres;

HELD UNDER: Resolution letter dated 12th day of May 2025 made in favour of SUSAN BONGANI MOLATLHEGI.

SUBJECT TO: such terms and conditions as the aforesaid of Lease will more fully point out.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the Palapye Sub Land board, P. O. Box 868, Palapye, within thirty (30) days.

Dated at Palapye this 11th August 2025

KEOAGILE & ASSOCIATES (Applicant's Attorneys) GAMPONE COMPLEX
NEXT TO JAGO INVESTMENT, P.O. BOX 749, PALAPYE, Tel No. 4923550

OWNERS OF PLOTS 76276, 76278, 71381, 71382 in Gaborone North are notified to contact their neighbor of plot 76277 at 74096640 or 71277179 for consultation regarding construction of a boundary wall.

OWNER OF PLOT 11368 and 11370 being neighbours of plot 11369, Broadhurst are consulted on to erect boundary wall. Any concern must be communicated with Gaborone city council at 3657433 or contact me at 76553838

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000135-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ESTHER MOJI KUTE- ESHFT-000135-25** who died at Francistown Town Centre, District on the **15th December 2024**.

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 publications hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

Thabo Matlakala
Executor Dative
P O Box 371 **Francistown**

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

LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer **No. 923/1999** dated **9th June 1999** in favour of DRIFTWOOD PROPRIETARY LIMITED, in respect of:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Portion 9 of Portion 3 of Farm No. 36-NQ;
SITUATE : in the North East Administrative District;
MEASURING : 4,5048 m² (Four comma Five Zero Four Eight Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Deed of Transfer No. 923/1999 dated **9th June 1999** in favour of **DRIFTWOOD PROPRIETARY LIMITED**.

ANY person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

MOGALE LEGAL PRACTICE
Applicant's Attorneys | P.O. Box 931 **FRANCISTOWN**.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB 000183/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **EMANG VICTORIA MOSIMANE** who died at Mogoditshane Senior School, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **26th September 2022**.

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

DATED at _on this _Day of _2025

The Executrix Wame Mosimane
P O Box 373 Metsimotlhabe
Cell: 74 641 826

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no 2431/01 dated 18/09/01 made in favour of **COFFIN AND FUNERALS UNDERTAKERS (BOTSWANA) (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**

In respect of;
CERTAIN: PIECE OF LAND BEING LOT 4259
MEASURING: 1948 M² (ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT SQUARE METRE)
SITUATE: IN THE SELEBI-PHIKWE ADMINSTRATIVE DISTRICT

All Persons having objection to the issue of such copy are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown within three (3) weeks from the last publication notice.

Dated: 15/08/2025

ADDRESS: P O BOX 1110, FRANCISTOWN, BOTSWANA
COFFIN AND FUNERALS UNDERTAKERS

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

ESHFT 000274-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late PULENG MADZIBA ESHFT000274-24 who died at Francistown District on the 12/08/2021

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 publications hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

THABANG MADZIBA
Executor Dative
P O Box 64, Marobela

AND TO: Master of High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

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

ESHFT 000597/24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEBASIILE MAFA ESHFT000597/24** who died at Tutume District on the **06 February 2021**.

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 publications hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2025

Mbatshi Mafa
P O Box 301113, 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-000107/23

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late ELIAS SALATIEL MGILILA ESHFT-000107/23 who died at NYANGABWE HOSPITAL FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 01ST May 2009.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

LAMBILANI ELIAS
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 10373, TATITOWN

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

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION OWNER of plot 14579 Palapye Extension 11, would like to erect a boundary wall. Owners of plot 14580 and 14578 are hereby consulted. For any objections contact Palapye district council, physical planning department.

THE OWNER OF Tribal Lot 90 Bokaa wishes to change land use from commercial to single residential. For objections, please contact Kgatleng Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days after publication of this notice. Tel 5773512

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WE ARE DEVELOPING a double storey residential house at plot 5887 Lobatse. All neighbours concerned may contact Lobatse building control or call 72607815

OWNER OF PORTION 24 of the Farm Knockduff No 6-JO wishes to change the use of their plot from agriculture to mixed use (Agriculture/ Industrial/ Commercial). Any objections to the proposal should within 14 days be referred to the Ramotswa District Council, Physical Planning Department, Telephone number 5381200.

MODIEGI PELAELO, OWNER of portion 3 of farm 901-NQ wishes to change land use on their plot from agriculture to mixed-use in North East Administrative District. For comments contact North-East District Council on 2489242 or Urban Heights on 71329400 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 33719, Kanye, Mheelo, would like to consult owners of Plots 33718, 33720, 33712 to erect boundary wall. For any objections contact Kanye Physical Planning office, Telephone 5440117, in writing within (14) days publication of this notice.

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APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a Notarial Deed of Cession **No. MA 546/2007** dated **12th NOVEMBER 2007** made in favour of **LETLOTLO BRANDON DUHA** and **LEKGOTLA FELIX DUHA** in respect of:

CERTAIN SITUATE : Piece of land being Lease Area Mo: 2571-KO;
: on Portion 91 (a Portion of Portion 78) of the Farm Senthane No: 18-KO in the South East Administrative District;
: 3400M2 (Three Thousand Four Hundred Square Meters);

MEASURING AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR : from the Diagram D.S.M. No. 174/2005 surveyed in October 2004 By Land Surveyor C.P. Vista and approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on the 14th day of May 2005;

WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. **MA 546/2007** dated **12th day of November 2007** passed by **TEST WELL (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in favour of **LETLOTLO BRANDON DUHA** and **LEKGOTLA FELIX DUHA**;

SUBJECT TO : the conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Lease. (hereinafter referred to as "the Property")

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

MACK, BAHUMA ATTORNEYS | P O BOX 203149 | PLOT 54350, 430 SQUARE NORTH TOWER, 3RD FLOOR, CBD GABORONE [UM/td/4717]

TEL: (00267) 3922862

FAX: (00267) 3922953

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO TRANSACTION WITH A NON CITIZEN IN TERMS OFSECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT THAT SHILLAH MOKOBI, ID No: 001 729 517 Intends to enter into sale agreement with **MORGEN DANGA**, Passport No: FN 071436, in respect of a residential plot at BOKAA for the sum of BWP140 000.00(One hundred and Forty Thousands Pula).

Namely:
CERTAIN: Piece of land being a residential plot
SITUATE: BOKAA
MEASURING: 600 sqm (Six hundreds square metres)
HELD UNDER: CERTIFICATE OF CUSTOMARY LAND GRANT issued by OODI SUB Land Board on the 09 March 2018.

SUBECT TO: such terms and conditions as the aforementioned certificate.
Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties. Any objection to this transaction should be done in writing, giving reasons to:
OODI Sub land Board PRIVATE BAG 002 OODI.

Dated at 13 August 2025

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

TEBATSO KHUNONG – ESHGB-000353/25

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act (**Cap 31:01**) the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **10th day of September 2025** at **1100 hours** at the before – **Felicity S. Sigweni**. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting 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

MOTLHABI J

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

CASE NO. CVHGB-000263-25

In the ex parte application of:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED Applicant
And Respondent
OTSILE KEOLELETSE

In re:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED Plaintiff
And Defendant
OTSILE KEOLELETSE

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: SHORT FORM OF PROCESS

TO: **OTSILE KEOLELETSE**, an adult male of full legal capacity residing in Botswana and whose domicilium citandi et executandi is **Plot 21926, Maun**.

TAKE NOTICE that by Application issued out of this Court, you have been called upon to give notice within twenty one (21) days after publication hereof, to the Registrar of the High Court, Gaborone and to **MASWABI LAW** the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to oppose (if any) in an application wherein **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED** claims the following orders:

- Payment in the sum of **P482,678.91**;
- Interest thereon at the rate of Prime plus 3.50% per annum compounded monthly and calculated on the daily balance from **18th September 2024** to date of full and final payment;
- Collection commission at the rate of 10% on amounts or instalments actually collected; and
- Cost of suit on an attorney and client scale; and
- Any further and/or alternative relief

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED IN GABORONE ON THE 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2025

MASWABI LAW
Applicant's Attorneys
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LEKORWE J
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT LOBATSE
CASE NO: CVHGB-000099-25

In the matter between:

JOHNSON MADILE

PLAINTIFF

and

DEMAND DRILLING (PTY) LTD
MAKHULUMO

1ST DEFENDANT T/A DEMAND HUB JUSTICE
2ND DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: DEMAND DRILLING (PTY) LTD, a company registered and incorporated in accordance with the laws of Botswana with the powers to sue and be sued in its own name, whose fuller and better particulars are unknown to the Plaintiff.

AND

TO: JUSTICE MAKHULUMO, an adult male person of full legal capacity residing in Gaborone and whose fuller and better particulars are unknown to the Plaintiff.

TAKE NOTICE THAT by Application for Summons Commencing Action issued by this court have been called to give notice within **14 days** after publication hereof, to the Registrar of the High Court at Lobatse and to the Plaintiff of your intention to defend (**if any**) in an action wherein the Plaintiff seeks the following reliefs:

- A refund of **P105 700.00** (One Hundred and Five Thousand and Seven Hundred Pula) with 10% interest thereon from September 2024 per annum to the final date of payment.
- Costs of Suit.
- Further and/or alternative relief.

Take further notice that in the event you fail to give such notice within the aforementioned time frame, judgement as set above, may be granted against you without any further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 31ST DAY OF JULY 2025.

OTHUSITSE MBEHA LAWYERS

Applicant's Attorneys
Plot 50362, Ground Floor, Unit 3
Fairgrounds, The Office Park
P O Box 70498,
GABORONE
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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ESHMN-000061-24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE EDWARD BURWELL WILLIAM DARRELL who died at Matlapana Ward, Maun, Republic of Botswana on the 27th of June 2024.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

Executrix Testamentary
Mary Adwoa A Adom
c/o Adom & Botha Attorneys
P O Box 27
LOBATSE
TEL: 686 10 90

Botha revives, preserves phate



By Naomi Leepile

TSABONG - In the quiet village of Kolonkwaneng, Dinah Botha has positioned herself as a self-appointed custodian of culture, assigning to herself the preservation of a single item out of the array cultural artefacts that require preservation from possible extinction.

The journey into the craftsmanship of the self-confessed guardian of tradition began at a young age, with her grandmother endowing her with the art of leather tanning.

And of

all the leather products that she could craft, she chose phate, a traditional mat that holds a special place in Setswana culture.

To Botha, phate is not just decorative items, it is a symbol of respect and culture, deeply embedded in the traditional weddings of Botswana.

Traditionally, the use and significance of phate get projected during wedding ceremonies, where new brides seat on the mat to receive guidance about married life.

Botha's passion for this craft stems from a desire to preserve the rich cultural practice.

The process is not only a tribute to her heritage but also an environmentally friendly one, relying on natural resources.

She has noticed that many young brides today are moving away from traditional customs, opting for modern mats or even chairs, and it is this trend that she yearns to reverse.

Through her work, she hopes to reintroduce the phate and ensure the next generation understands its importance.

Beyond its traditional use, the phate has found new life as a unique item for home decor, corporate gifts, and even funerals, showing its versatility

and enduring appeal.

Botha, who uses hides from goats, sheep, and even game animals to create her unique designs, is not just building a business; she is building a legacy.

She inspires her own children to learn the craft, giving them tasks and encouraging friendly competition to ensure the tradition continues long after she is no longer able to work.

Her message to young brides is a simple yet powerful one: "Always use phate to give your marriage dignity and to preserve this aspect of culture for the coming generations."

Despite her dedication Botha faces significant challenges. The most pressing is a shortage of raw materials, particularly game skins. This forces her to import hides from South Africa, a process that is both challenging and lengthy.

The creation process itself is also time-consuming due to the lack of modern machinery.

To overcome this, Botha is seeking pledges to acquire a tanning drum, which would make her work easier and faster, allowing her to produce more mats and increase her income.

Through her skilful hands and unwavering spirit, Botha is not just making mats; she is weaving the threads of her culture, one stitch at a time, ensuring that the legacy of phate endures. **BOPA**

Legong set to release 28-track mixtape *African Khumbai*

By Banyatsi Banyatsi

KANYE - Botswana's music scene is about to experience a cultural explosion as rapper and producer Johnson Legong aka J-Traxy gears up to release 28-track mixtape titled *African Khumbai* by November end.

Born and raised in Selebi Phikwe, J-Traxy started his musical journey in 2008, identifying as a Motswako artist, a style of rap that blends Setswana and English.

In an interview, he shared that his early career began on the streets through freestyle rap battles, before moving to the city where he developed an interest in music production.

"I started producing because I felt that back then, the producers did not quite understand my sound. I dropped my first single *Daddy's Baby* in 2016, followed by *Voka Ntwana*. In February this year, I released *Selepe* while compiling the *African Khumbai* mixtape."

According to J-Traxy, *African Khumbai* is a celebration of

African beauty, diversity, culture, and unity.

J-Traxy runs his own recording label, True-African Studio, based in Gaborone. The studio has become a hub for both upcoming and established artists.

The mixtape boasts collaborations with top local and international talent, including the late Dramaboi, Motlha, M.O.D, and others.

International features include Munemo Simns (Zambia), Nel Carter (Nigeria), Brian Lorenzo (Tanzania), Ntate Stunna (Lesotho), Thembi Mona (South Africa), and Prince Dube (South Africa).

As a producer, J-Traxy has worked with major names in Botswana's music industry such as Motlha, Spizza, Double-Up, and Brio. He also recalls recording a single for the legendary Vee Mampeezy.

"As an artist, I have collaborated with several international acts, including Nail Cutter from Nigeria," he added.

"When it comes to recording artists at my studio, I am not all

about the money.

I believe in supporting raw talent. I charge those who can afford it, but I have helped many artists get their break, like Spizza, Motlha, and Double Up, who came through me," he said.

His performance resume is equally impressive.

He once co-hosted an Edu-tainment show funded by the government alongside Spizza Valentino.

"I have performed in schools across Botswana and realised that most of my fan base comes from students.

I am also a regular performer at the Bobirwa Festive Punch in Bobonong, and have toured venues like Capadona, Famous Lounge in Phase 2 as well as appearing on Mokaragana."

J-Traxy said he also hosts his own annual concert, Winter Shutdown.

When asked to advice up-and-coming musicians, J-Traxy offered said 'you are great. The industry needs what you have. With time, you'll be recognised , patience pays. A journey of a thousand

miles starts with a single step. People know J-Traxy for hard work, vocal quality, and lyrical strength."

With a deep love for African

heritage and a strong commitment to nurturing talent, J-Traxy is not only making music, he is making a movement. **BOPA**



Local rapper and producer Johnson Legong aka J-Traxy gears to release his 28-track mixtape titled *African Khumbai* by end of November.



Dirang Thipe (right) showcasing power and skill during his days in the ring. With 15 years as a boxer (1992–2007), he has won medals at the World Military Games, Commonwealth Championships, African Military Games and African Championships.

Thipe: From village boy to president

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE – A teenage boy’s journey from Mmathubudukwane in Kgatleng District, to the classrooms of Molefi Senior Secondary School in 1992, was not just about a change of environment, but a crucial moment in his life and a leap into the unknown, in a quest of a brighter future.

Leaving home at 17, saying goodbye to loved ones, he carried with him more than just his belongings, he also carried the hopes and expectations of those who believed in traditional paths of becoming a teacher, soldier, or nurse. Yet, the atmosphere in Mochudi and within the halls of Molefi Senior Secondary, would open doors to a world of new

possibilities and forever reshape his destiny.

“During boxing training, I used to go and watch,” recalls Dirang Thipe, now the president of Botswana Boxing Association (BoBA). Gradually, I got more interested and eventually joined the school club,” he said.

Back then, while in Form 3, Thipe was under the mentorship of teacher Peter Mlewa.

He describes how boxing was Mlewa’s passion, his breath, and purpose. By 1993, Molefi made history when its learners became national boxing champions.

After finishing at Molefi, Thipe took a two-year break from the ring to serve in the Tirelo Setshaba programme, working as a teacher.

But even during this time, he

did not let go of his dream. During school breaks, he continued to nurturing his talent and honing his skills.

His journey took him to Botswana Diamond Valuing Company boxing club, now known as Diamond Trading Company Botswana.

His stay there was brief, however, as he soon found a new chapter with his current employer, the Botswana Defence Force (BDF).

Today, Thipe is a librarian with BDF, but his true passion has always been boxing.

He boasts 33 years of experience, starting as an amateur, rising to professional, coaching and serving in administrative roles and ascending to presidency.

In our interview, Thipe keeps on highlighting how pivotal his

employer has been in his boxing journey. “In 1999, after training, I decided to go back to boxing,” he says. “One thing about BDF is that when they see potential in you, they give you an opportunity.”

He was appointed Glen Valley Boxing Club head coach from 2008 to 2010. In 2008 also, Thipe recalls being assigned to coach the Botswana youth boxing team that participated in South Africa, where eight boxers competed and secured five medals.

“From there, in 2009, I was promoted to the senior team, which took part in the Zone 4 Games in Swaziland. We sent 10 boxers and returned with 10 medals (nine gold and one silver), marking the best team we have ever had,” he explains.

In 2010, he was also elected BoBA vice president (technical). When his tenure ended, he returned to coaching at Glen Valley until mid-2013, when he was elected BoBA secretary general, a position he held until 2015.

Throughout this period, whenever possible, he returned to coaching, resuming his role as head coach at Glen Valley for the next two years. In 2017, he was elected vice president of BoBA, once again halting his coaching career.

In 2020, SSKB, where he is currently based, appointed him as head coach, a role he held until August 9, when he was appointed p resident. With 15 years as a boxer (1992–2007), Thipe’s achievements include a bronze medal at the 1999 World Military Games in Croatia.

That same year, through dedication and hard work, he was called up to the national team, serving until 2006.

His notable accomplishments include a bronze medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Championships in Malaysia, gold at the 2002 African Military Games in Nairobi, reaching the quarter-finals at the 2003 Abuja All Africa Games, and a bronze medal at the 2004 Gaborone African Championships, narrowly missing Olympic



Dirang Thipe

qualification.

Just as a soldier fights tirelessly to defend and serve, Thipe’s extensive experience is reflected in his efforts to transform SSKB, which he joined with just four boxers, into a club boasting 11 female and 17 male boxers.

He is committed to reviving boxing to its former glory during his four-year tenure as the president.

“As a product of school sport, I want to start at the grassroots, making sure clubs adopt schools at the same time reviving various categories from junior to elite tournaments, similar to the days of the Keone Mooka Mageu Championship,” he said.

A priority for Thipe is increasing the number of women boxers to match their male counterparts, with plans to host sparring sessions and women-only tournaments.

Although financial challenges remain, he remains optimistic about securing sponsorships rather than relying solely on the Botswana National Sports Commission.

He describes the BDF as his backbone and hopes for its continued support, whether through venues or other means.

A father of three, Thipe’s passion for boxing has also influenced all his children. His second born, Gift Thipe, represented Botswana at the 2019/20 Malawi Youth Games, showing the family’s dedication to the sport. **BOPA**

Saleshando misses semi-final slot

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Local tennis player, Seabo Saleshando has missed an ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J30 second leg boys’ singles semi-final slot after losing 6-0, 6-0 to Dehan Van Deventer of South Africa.

Saleshando said in an interview that he was happy with his performance in the tournament despite finishing in the quarterfinals in both legs.

“It was a really tough match, my opponent changed his game and I was not expecting that, although I gave him too many errors,” he said

Furthermore, he said there were some positives

from the two-legged tournament, as he learnt something new with every match.

He said he was also happy that his level had improved, expressing confidence that he would do better in the coming tournaments.

His coach, Phenyio Matong said he was also happy that the player fought in two legs to make it to the quarterfinals, despite the fact that he had not been active due to examinations and illness.

Going forward, Matong said the player, who was now looking forward to playing in another tournament in South Africa, would need a lot of time and patience. **BOPA**



Seabo Saleshando in action against South Africa’s Dehan Van Deventer during the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors boys’ singles quarterfinals in Gaborone on Thursday. Saleshando bowed out 6-0, 6-0, with Deventer advancing to the finals. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo



Botswana Football Association president Tariq Babitseng (fifth left), Assistant Minister of Health, Lawrence Ookeditse (centre) with The Mares players and officials during the team's prize money award ceremony in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Gothusang Lesego.

The Mares climb FIFA rankings

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Botswana Football Association (BFA) president has revealed that the senior women national football team, The Mares has climbed FIFA rankings, moving from position 153 to 146 following their performance at the TotalEnergies CAF Women's Africa Cup of Nations, which were held in July.

Speaking at the team's prize money award ceremony in Gaborone on Wednesday, Tariq Babitseng said the results were a statement of progress, discipline and determination.

Meanwhile, The Mares players were each rewarded with P33 000 for their performance at WAFCON, while technical staff each got P15 000.

The incentives were from the business community and BFA, which dedicated US\$75 000 from the WAFCON US\$150 000 prize money for rewarding the players.

Meanwhile, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Arts, Boineelo Hardy said The Mares' success reflected government's commitment in advancing sport and arts at national level.

She said their achievements were testament to the team's discipline, resilience and exemplary representation of Botswana on the continental stage.

She further said The Mares players were role models and that their perseverance, discipline and teamwork led to national and continental recognition.

"What The Mares did is what is called top notch national diplomacy. Thank you The Mares," she said.

Hardy also highlighted that the ministry was working on a number of policies aimed at improving conditions of national teams, elite athletes, officials, sponsors and other dedicated stakeholders in the sport fraternity.

For his part, Botswana National Sport Commission chairperson, Marumo Morule hailed BFA for dedicating part of the WAFCON prize money to reward the players, saying that proved that athletes' efforts and sacrifices mattered.

He also said they were grateful for government's P11million investment on The Mares.

He said they wanted The

Mares' preparations impactful, as they had to engage people with the skills, competencies backed by training.

First National Bank Botswana Communication and Public Relations Manager, Boga Chilende-Maseku said they came on board as partners in 2018 and the team team had shown growth.

Chilende-Maseku said The Mares carried the national flag with dignity when they played in the continental competition.

With every pass and sprint, she said players proved that Botswana also belonged to the continental stage, adding that beyond the statistics, the real story was the team's resilience, passion and determination that inspired every girl child to aspire for greatness. **BOPA**

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