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Heavy rains destroy crops in Pandamatenga




Heavy downpours in Pandamatenga have submerged farms, destroying a total of 8 082 hectares of crops from sorghum, sunflower, maize, onion and tomatoes. In an interview, Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association executive member, Mr Ryan Neal said on Wednesday, their area received 200mm of rain coupled with storms, an occurrence he labelled one in hundred years. He said most farms were affected due to inadequate drainage, which left crops submerged in water. He said the state of the farms was dire rendering access to assess the damages difficult. He said the next days were quite crucial if the rain continues, as many crops would be completely written off. Photo: Pandamatenga Commercial farmers association

Boko meets Cuba and France Ambassadors



French Ambassador Valerie Baraban



Outgoing Cuban Ambassador Orlando Alvarez

Ketshepile More GABORONE

Botswana and Cuba aim to deepen cordial relations, with President Advocate Duma Boko expressing appreciation for Cuba's support, particularly in healthcare. During a courtesy call by outgoing Cuba Ambassador

Orlando Alvarez, President Boko hailed Cuba as a key partner, not just for Botswana, but for Southern African states like Namibia and Angola. Ambassador Alvarez assured President Boko of Cuba's commitment to collaborate with Botswana in areas like agriculture, education, and health.

He said Cuba was keen on sharing expertise in irrigation, animal bio-technology and veterinary medicine, among others. The same day, France Ambassador Valerie Baraban also met President Boko, discussing bilateral relations in defence, security, environment and cultural exchange. BOPA

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Leaders differ over constitutional review terms

Manowe Motsaathebe
BOBONONG

At the height of consultations on the establishment of the constitutional court, dubbed a key reform intended to enhance constitutionalism among other things, the Member of Parliament for Bobirwa differed significantly with the Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs over the order of review.

While Mr Ignatius Moswaane argued that it was imperative to carry out a constitutional amendment with the view of establishing a Constitutional Court, which he says would be a launchpad towards a comprehensive constitutional review, Mr Taolo Lucas held that the latter should obtain in order to provide for the constitutional court in the new constitution.

Speaking during a consultative meeting in Bobonong on Tuesday, Assistant Minister Moswaane told residents that the government needed to establish the Constitutional Court before a holistic review of the constitution.

The ConCourt, he said, would address constitutional matters in the interim while the comprehensive constitutional review was underway.

He argued that the review process may take long, and therefore there was a need for the establishment of the ConCourt to address specialised constitutional matters.

"If we conduct a constitutional review before the establishment of the constitutional court, it means whatever constitutional matter we have in the interim will be resolved through the cabinet, which will then engage the ruling party before subjecting the matter to a vote in Parliament," Mr Moswaane said and warned that voting in Parliament was done along party lines.

He warned that without the Constitutional Court, constitutional matters would continue to be resolved through the cabinet which might not be as objective and informed as would be the case if addressed via the court.

"I have indicated that many ethnic groups and individuals

continue to suffer due to constitutional matters and therefore we cannot prolong their plight by waiting for the long-drawn-out constitutional review... some people need the intervention of the constitutional court as soon as yesterday," Mr Moswaane underscored.

Mr Moswaane also clarified that, when in operation, the constitutional court would be above the president, contrary to fears that the President would

interfere with its processes.

He said that as a final arbiter on constitutional matters, the court's findings and decisions would be final and binding.

The Francistown West legislator further clarified that conducting a comprehensive constitutional review without a Constitutional Court would result in the final document being handed over to the cabinet, which would then take it to Parliament, where voting was usually partisan.

Also, Mr Moswaane argued that the Constitutional Court would ensure that the constitutional review process was in order.

However, area MP, Mr Lucas dismissed the urgency of the establishment of the constitutional court.

"You cannot separate the constitutional court and constitutional review. These two are about the constitution and one begets the other," argued the Bobirwa lawmaker who said that holistic constitutional

review was superior to the Constitutional Court in terms of urgency. The comprehensive review of the constitution will beget the constitutional court, the piecemeal approach should cease, he stated further.

"We changed government in 2024 and handed power to UDC and now the expectation is that the tradition of amending the constitution by a piecemeal approach will end as promised," said MP Lucas.

Mr Lucas questioned the urgency behind the establishment of the Constitutional Court ahead of the comprehensive review of the constitution.

He argued that the establishment of the ConCourt ahead of the comprehensive review of the constitution meant that the court would then interpret the current constitution, which is deemed lacking in many facets.

"This is the same constitution that bestows unlimited powers on the President and denies Batswana an opportunity to vote for their president," Mr Lucas contended.

He said that without a holistically reviewed constitution, the President remained with unlimited powers, something he said would not be resolved by the establishment of the ConCourt.

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Mr Taolo Lucas

Mr Ignatius Moswaane

Batswana raise concerns over timing of ConCourt establishment

FRANCISTOWN

The proposed establishment of a constitutional court has elicited mixed reactions from the public, with some questioning the timing and motive behind the move. President Advocate Duma Boko has stated that the court would address existing challenges in the country's legal framework.

However, councillors in Francistown have expressed concerns that the move might be linked to government's intention to abolish the death penalty or extend its term of office.

Mophane Ward councillor, Thambo Nyambe, said, "I am not against the establishment of the court, but what is the rush?" He raised concerns during a special full council meeting addressed by Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Moeti Mohwasa.

Donga Ward councillor, Moagi Koketso, echoed similar concerns, stating that introducing the constitutional court would be a costly undertaking for government.

Itekeng Ward councillor, Lesego Kwambala, said Batswana are not ready for this court, citing the need for more education on the constitution. "We should not copy the product, but also the process," he said, referencing South Africa's experience.

However, Monarch Central Ward councillor, Dorcus Moemedi, welcomed the proposal, highlighting its potential to protect human rights, especially for women. Specially elected councillor, Tshepo Madeluka, likened the court to a referee, ensuring government's actions align with the constitution.

In Jwaneng, where Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana addressed councillors during a full council meeting, Kehumile Moekejo, reports that councillors supported the establishment of the constitutional court, with Ngami Ward councillor, Bankinyana Montsiemang, calling it a key step towards legislative reforms and improved service delivery.

"This is a welcome development and I urge the government to continue amending other laws and policies for effective service delivery," he said.

Teemane Ward councilor, Mr Warren Kewagamang called for intensive public education on the matter, saying even though the Constitutional Amendment Bill of 2025 came at the right time, there was need to keep people informed



Francistown councillors during a special full council session to discuss the proposed introduction of a Constitutional Court with the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa. The plan was met with skepticism, particularly from opposition members, who argued that the proposed court was a power play aimed at abolishing the death penalty. Photo: Thamani Shabani

to demystify confusion.

Raphalane Ward councilor, Mr Lebogang Pelayamotho questioned the urgency of the bill, when government's focus should be on more pressing issues such as the deteriorating health sector and unemployment rate. He also said the establishment of the constitutional court and associated processes would dent the already ailing economy.

In Matshelagabedi, Kelebogile Taolo, reports that though some residents acknowledged the importance of setting up the constitutional court, they did not deem it urgent.

Responding to the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major

General (Rtd) Pius Mokgware in a kgotla meeting on Tuesday, Mr Tobakane Chengeta said, "Let's set our priorities straight, we already have problems in our hospital which needs to be attended to, we need the constitutional court but it can come at a later stage," he said.

Another resident, Mr Moagi Mothaope, said that the consultation of the constitutional court should be done by dikgosi alongside law experts.

"The community is led by dikgosi and it will be appropriate for them to consult on this matter. Dikgosi understand the community well and they will be in a better position to make this matter easier for the community," said Mr Mothaope.

Ms Clara Chabata said the constitutional court had its good and bad, noting that the nation should be consulted accordingly, in order to get the full understanding of what the constitutional court meant.

"Thorough consultations should be done, let it be village to village not district, even other leaders including social workers, health workers and police should be trained and involved in these consultations to share their insights," she said.

As Botswana grapples with pressing development needs, residents argued that establishing a constitutional court was not a priority. **BOPA**

Govt shells out P12m on private ambulance services

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Government spends P12 million annually on private emergency medical services due to shortcomings in the public ambulance system, Ombudsman Advocate Stephen Tiroyakgosi has revealed.

Presenting findings of an investigation into Princess Marina Hospital's Accident and Emergency Department, Advocate Tiroyakgosi said the Ministry of Health's fleet of 101 active ambulances was plagued by ageing vehicles, with most over five years old and failing to meet roadworthiness standards.

"The Ministry lacks a policy or planning framework to determine the optimal number of ambulances required to meet national demand, leading to the procurement of an insufficient fleet," he said.

This has led to frequent

breakdowns and substantial costs servicing and repairing the fleet.

Government's reliance on private emergency medical services is a costly consequence of shortcomings in the public ambulance system, Ombudsman Advocate Stephen Tiroyakgosi has revealed.

The Ministry of Health's fleet of 101 active ambulances is plagued by ageing vehicles, with most over five years old and failing to meet roadworthiness standards. Repairs and deployment are often hit by funding issues, and without a long-term plan, costs keep piling up.

The emergency medical transport system is basically firefighting, with lots of spending but no sustainability.

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During an interactive session, the Ombudsman met with media and stakeholders to clarify its role in addressing challenges at Princess Marina Hospital and the Ministry of Health.

Mr Mandla Pule of BONELA sought clarity on economic and cultural rights, specifically how they relate to the Constitution and Public Health Act, and citizens' right to health.

Ms Thato Selemogo asked about patient mortality rates during the six-month investigation period. However, lead researcher Ms Michelle Micinthe said there were no available data on patient deaths.

Ms Micinthe also highlighted that medicine shortages at Central Medical Stores (CMS) have been an ongoing issue since 2020, worsening over time. She attributed this partly to CMS's leadership instability, with the director position being filled by acting officers only. **BOPA**

Gaolathe reaffirms Bogosi as as pillar of unity and governance

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, has reaffirmed government's respect for the country's traditional leadership, describing Ntlo ya Dikgosi as a vital pillar of national unity, cultural preservation and democratic stability.

Addressing Dikgosi during a sitting in Gaborone on Thursday, Mr Gaolathe emphasised that the counsel of traditional leaders, grounded in lived experience and custom, remained essential in shaping principled leadership and sound governance.

He praised Dikgosi for serving as the custodians of the nation's moral compass, bridging the gap between Botswana's rich heritage and modern democratic systems.

"Progress without heritage is fragile and leadership without wisdom is hollow," Mr Gaolathe said, adding that the nation's enduring stability was anchored in the noble traditions upheld by Bogosi.

The engagement marked a significant milestone in the working relationship between the Finance Ministry and Ntlo ya Dikgosi, building on their inaugural meeting in Palapye in January last year.

Mr Gaolathe commended the members for their focus on key national briefings, including the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12), Bonno National Housing Programme, updates on National Health Insurance (NHI) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) as well as the Forensic audits and Industrial Court matters.

"These engagements will deepen the understanding of government programmes and strengthen the quality of your advisory role to Parliament," he said.

On institutional matters, Mr Gaolathe acknowledged submissions regarding the conditions of service for Dikgosi. He said he was confident that ongoing dialogue would yield practical solutions to improve service delivery and member well-being.

He also highlighted the recent consultation between Ntlo ya Dikgosi and President Advocate Duma Boko regarding the proposed Constitutional Court.

He said such interaction was a landmark moment in reinforcing the relationship between traditional and elected leadership.

Mr Gaolathe urged Dikgosi to remain steadfast in their roles as a unifying force, promoting social cohesion and justice through the customary courts to ensure continued nation-building. **BOPA**

Youth Centres undergo transformation

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana Youth Centres are being re-imagined as engines of opportunity, shifting from recreational spaces to integrated development hubs that equip young people with skills, confidence and pathways to economic independence. This transformation is at the heart of renewed government efforts to invest in the country's youth, whose potential will shape Botswana's future.

On Tuesday Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs together with Lucara Botswana Proprietary Limited signed of a five-year partnership through Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at translating policy into community impact.

The MoU covers digital skills, entrepreneurship, Information and Communication Technology, sports and arts.

Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs said youth centres must no longer be places where young people simply pass time but should

be places where futures are built.

The move comes against a demographic backdrop in which citizens aged 18 to 35 make up 30 per cent of the population, according to the 2022 Housing and Population Census. Minister Chombo noted that this youthful demographic presents both an opportunity and a responsibility that could not be ignored.

Traditionally viewed as venues for sport and leisure, youth centres across Botswana will now be repositioned as safe, inclusive spaces that provide life skills, training and support. The planned refurbishment and construction of youth centres, particularly in marginalised communities, will strengthen programmes focused on entrepreneurship, employability and innovation, enabling young people to turn ideas and talent into sustainable livelihoods.

Ms Chombo also emphasised the need for youth development to be understood through a gender lens. Census data shows that Botswana's population remains skewed towards females, with a sex ratio of 95 males to 100 females. In addition, 44.5 per cent of households are headed by women, many supporting larger families.

"These realities demand development interventions that are inclusive, gender-responsive and socially grounded," she said.

In Botswana, she said being the third most populated village, Molepolole was highlighted as a key beneficiary of the initiative. With a population of 74 719 and an estimated 22 415 residents, she said Molepolole fell within the youth age group.

"The envisaged youth centre in the village is expected to support young people navigating the transition from education to employment. The facility will offer leadership development, career guidance, social skills training and psychosocial support, while



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs Lesego Chombo (left) and Lucara Botswana managing director, Ms Naseem Lahri during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the ministry and Lucara Botswana in Gaborone on Tuesday. Ms Chombo said youth centres must no longer be places where young people simply pass time but where futures are built. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

promoting positive relationships and community engagement," she added. Additionally, Ms Chombo said youth mental and emotional well-being would be central to programming, 'with mentorship and counselling services providing support amid mounting social and economic pressures'.

Ms Chombo said youth empowerment was closely linked to national security and social cohesion. When young people are meaningfully engaged, they become agents of peace, reform and innovation.

Lucara Botswana managing director, Ms Naseem Lahri expressed delight that Lucara Botswana remained committed to delivering lasting and sustainable benefits to communities in its areas of operation. "This is an impactful

strategic partnership. I see a lot of impact coming out of this MoU, as a lasting value and it will reflect our commitment interms of what we bring for the youth in an impactful manner," she added.

The MoU is meant to facilitate and develop a framework for cooperation in youth and gender empowerment and development to advance and accelerate efforts toward youth and gender empowerment and development.

Furthermore, the cooperation, in the context of the MoU, also includes partnership in the construction and commissioning of state of the art facility for operational spaces, capacity building, digital skills, counselling services, entrepreneurship, Information and Communication Technology, sports and arts. **BOPA**

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Lemang Dijo uptake progressing well in Okavango

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

About 2 001 farmers have been assisted through Lemang Dijo programme in Okavango so far. However, the numbers of applications are increasing steadily.

In an interview, acting District Agricultural coordinator in Okavango, Mr Luther Ndjarakana said while farmers were given seeds equivalent to one hectare, they were free to plough more when they had the capability.

While he appreciated the uptake of the programme, he said they faced challenges such as Open Pollinated Variety seeds required and pests such as rats, which destroyed seedlings.

Lemang Dijo, a subsidy

programme, launched last year to assist small scale farmers attain food security, offers draught power, seed supply, pesticides, threshing and shelling mechanical support and one beehive colony.

One of the beneficiaries, 57-year-old Mr Emang Opadile of Pelotshweu cattlepost near Gumare said he was always prepared to make use of government programmes aimed at supporting farmers. He therefore did not hesitate to apply for Lemang Dijo programme once applications were opened for public and was assisted within a short period of time.

Since the programme only offered maize or beans seeds for a one hectare, Mr Opadile settled for beans seeds.

He appreciated government efforts but of the view that the



Mr Emang Opadile of Pelotshweu cattlepost near Gumare is one the 2 001 farmers who benefited from Lemang Dijo programme in Okavango District. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

number of hectares should be increased for some farmers like him who preferred to farm on a large scale.

Mr Opadile, however did not limit himself to the government assistance, hence he ploughed extra three hectares consisting of maize, sorghum, watermelon, groundnuts and makgomane.

He said he was able to plough on a large scale as he used his donkeys adding that he also ploughed for others at a fee.

Mr Opadile said he had previously benefited from programmes such as Temo Letlotlo for fencing his farm. Going forward, his desire is to use some sales from his farm produce to erect solar powered

fence around the farm to mitigate elephants' destruction as well as to drill a borehole to explore vegetable production in the near future.

Farming, he said was something he learnt from his parents from a young age and had proven to be a source of living since he had gained many rewards such as purchasing a vehicle. **BOPA**

Unmasking triple lives of modern learners

Mothusi Galekhutle
TAKATOKWANE

In Takatokwane, a sobering message is echoing through the halls of Mahupu Unified Secondary School that one's child might not be who you think they are.

At home, they are the helpful daughter or the quiet son.

But once they cross the school gates or disappear around a street corner, a different persona often emerges.

This masquerade of good behaviour was the central theme of a recent disciplinary bootcamp, an initiative spearheaded by the Total Man Organisation and Journey of Life, aimed at rescuing a generation from the social hurdles threatening their academic futures.

The keynote speaker, a social worker, Ms Maureen Lefifi, did not mince words and challenged parents to look past the surface, which revealed a startling reality that many learners

were effectively living three separate lives.

"There is the child you see at home, the learner seen at school and the person they become on the streets," Ms Lefifi explained.

Such fragmentation often creates a dangerous blind spot for parents.

When a school calls to report disruptive behaviour or truancy, the common parental reflex is one of denial, 'Not my child. They are so well-behaved at home'.

Ms Lefifi warned that such denial was a luxury parents could no longer afford.

"Ignoring these reports does not protect the child. It jeopardises their future and puts the parents in a position of risk they never saw coming," she warned.

However, the bootcamp was not just about warnings but about empowerment.

As the sun beat down on the Takatokwane campus, Mr Leatile



Mahupu Unified Secondary School learners during a bootcamp organised by the Total Man Organisation and Journey of Life recently. Photos: Mothusi Galekhutle

Mphee-Mompoloki of BOSETU addressed the learners directly.

He spoke of 'engines', not the kind found in vehicles, but the internal drive of personal responsibility. "Responsibility is the engine of progress. It is what allows you to rise above your circumstances and actively chase your goals," he told the hushed assembly.

His message took a modern turn when he addressed gender dynamics. While female empowerment is rightfully taking centre stage nowadays, he encouraged young girls to be unapologetic in their pursuit of independence.

To the boys, his message was one of partnership where they had to look at the success of their female peers as an inspiration, not a threat.

Perhaps the most poignant moment came from acting Student Representative Council president, also Letlhakeng District Children's

"There is the child you see at home, the learner seen at school and the person they become on the streets."

Consultative Forum chairperson, Ms Lelentle Sekatane, who reached back into traditional wisdom and invoked the proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child'.

However, Ms Sekatane's tone was one of regret. She argued that the 'village', the collective watchfulness of neighbours, teachers and elders, was crumbling. "We are seeing a rise in indiscipline because learners no longer heed

guidance from anyone who is not their biological parent," she said.

Such shift, she believed, had stripped mentors and teachers of their ability to guide the youth, which left learners to navigate complex social pressures without a safety net.

As the bootcamp concluded, the message to Mahupu Unified learners was that they should see themselves as leaders of tomorrow, but leadership starts with the self.

By the end of the day, the masquerade was stripped away, replaced by the need for transparency between parents and schools and a demand for students to surround themselves with influences that enriched rather than distracted.

In Takatokwane, the village is trying to find its voice again and the question remains, will the parents be ready to listen to what it has to say? **BOPA**



Ms Maureen Lefifi

BNF deploys four central committee members to UDC NEC

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The Botswana National Front (BNF) Central Committee has taken a decision to deploy the party president, President Advocate Duma Boko to the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) National Executive Committee (NEC).

Other party central committee members who have been deployed to the UDC NEC include chairperson, Mr Moses Bantsi, secretary general, Dr Stephen Modise and Women's League president, Ms Monica Molome.

This was announced by BNF vice president, Mr Moeti Mohwasa in a press conference, Wednesday in Gaborone.

Present at the meeting that was convened to give an update on the decisions taken by the BNF central committee, following its recent meeting and retreat that were held from January 16 to 18, 2026 were other central committee members.

The central committee meeting and retreat, Mr Mohwasa said afforded an opportunity for the party top leadership to discuss party direction and priorities.

Additionally, he said the central committee had resolved to hold the BNF Leadership Forum in March.

Prior to that, he said the central committee would embark on countrywide consultative meetings to discuss pertinent issues concerning the party with its membership.

The forum, Mr Mohwasa said would also provide an opportunity to ensure alignment among leadership across regions and party wings to re-affirm party goals and promote unity, as a consultative and strategic platform for party leadership to exchange views on party priorities.

Further, the BNF vice president said BNF had taken the opportunity to re-assess its mission in the new political landscape of Botswana, following the 2024 general elections and the party's ongoing role within the UDC coalition.

Botswana National Front vice president said BNF chose coalition, not for convenience, but to amplify the voice of ordinary Batswana, especially those marginalised by economic stagnation and unemployment. For that reason, he said the

BNF vice president, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (right), BNF Youth league president, Mr Tumelo Legase (centre) and BNF Information and Publicity Secretary, Mr Carter Joseph during the party press conference in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Mohwasa said the BNF central committee had deployed four members to UDC NEC. The four include party president Advocate Duma Boko, BNF chairperson, Mr Moses Bantsi, BNF secretary general, Dr Stephen Modise and BNF women's league president, Ms Monica Molome. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

party was committed to democratic values and the UDC coalition.

"While the retreat was introspective, it also re-affirmed the need for the BNF to remain anchored in its core principles of democratic reform, economic inclusion and social justice. Our allegiance is to the people of Botswana. We must serve the aspirations of citizens first," Mr Mohwasa emphasised.

He also announced that the party central committee had also made a decision to hold BNF Leadership Forum in March 2026.

Explaining the critical medical supply challenges that the country is currently faced with, Dr Modise, who is also Minister of Health, said there was need for systematic reforms to procurement, governance and distribution within the health sector.


He said the government was committed to ensuring more reliable healthcare delivery, calling for political and public sector cooperation to support reforms.

Dr Modise said the Ministry of Health had increased the availability of some essential medicines and medical supplies across public facilities, as part of its continuous efforts to eliminate the challenge of persistent stock-out issues and inefficiencies in order to improve medicine availability.

Mr Bantsi, Dr Modise, Ms Molome, BNF Youth League president, Mr Tumelo Legase and BNF treasurer, Mr Arafat Khan and were also among other party central committee members who attended the press conference. **BOPA**



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Letlhakeng Deputy Council Secretary, Dr Delic Sehunwe (right), chairperson of the Letlhakeng District Council, Mr Gordon Mokgwathi (second left) and chairperson of the health committee, Coucillor Ontuetsa Kenosi (second right) receiving litter bins from organisers of the annual Shutdown Music Festival - Ms Lucie Jacobs (third right) and Mr Dion Jacobs (third left). Organisers of the festival donated 300 waste bins to Letlhakeng District. Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle



Shutdown festival organisers donate 300 waste bins

Mothusi Galekhutle
LETLHAKENG
Organisers of the annual Shutdown Music Festival have given back to the community

of Letlhakeng by donating 300 waste drums to keep the village tidy. Speaking at the donation handover ceremony on Wednesday, Letlhakeng Deputy Council Secretary, Dr Delic Sehunwe expressed gratitude to the Shutdown Festival for recognising the importance of maintaining a clean environment and said their generous gesture would promote proper waste disposal, environmental protection, and sustainable living in the community. Dr Sehunwe said the gesture was aligned to and supplemented the council’s mandate of properly managing waste.

‘Together, we are investing in a brighter, cleaner, and healthier environment - one in which every community member may live and thrive’

She stated that the event's theme: Towards A Clean Environment, served as a call to action for everyone to play a role in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for present and future generations. Chairperson of the Letlhakeng District Council, Mr Gordon Mokgwathi, who highlighted that civic involvement was crucial in all communities, stated that through their gesture of donating dustbins, the organisers of Shutdown Music Festival promote a clean environment and proper sanitation. He stated that the Shutdown Music Festival played an important role in the community of Letlhakeng, citing that it enhanced the village’s tourism and socio-economic standing. One of the organisers, Ms Lucie Jacobs pledged that they would give back to the community each year after hosting the event. Ms Jacobs stated that through the donation, they wanted to make Letlhakeng appealing to visitors and investors. Principal community development officer, Mr Tiroyaone Rampe observed that a clean environment is a reflection of respect for God's creation. **BOPA**

Interest Rates 2025

Lending Rates as of 24th November 2025

The following lending rates will apply

Lending Rates

Loan Classification Loan Range	Micro P500 – P300,000		Small P300,001– P1,000,000		Medium P1,000,001– P10,000,000		Large P10,000,001 – P50,000,000	
	Non-Special Sector	Special Sector	Non-Special Sector	Special Sector	Non-Special Sector	Special Sector	Non-Special Sector	Special Sector
Nominal Interest Rate	CEDA PLR	CEDA PLR less 3%	CEDA PLR to CEDA PLR + 2%	CEDA PLR less 3%	CEDA PLR to CEDA PLR + 5%	CEDA PLR less 2.0%	CEDA PLR to CEDA PLR + 5%	CEDA PLR less 1.5%
Average Effective Interest Rate	10.76%	7.76%	10.76% to 12.76%	7.76%	10.76% to 15.76%	8.76%	10.76% to 15.76%	9.26%
Other Loan Terms	Negotiable							
Monetary Policy Rate	3.50%							
CEDA Prime Lending Rate	10.76%							

*All loan applications will include a 1% arrangement fee.

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DailyBusiness

Kanye WUC battles vandalism and revenue loss

Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) is transitioning to plastic metre alternatives and intensifying partnerships with law enforcement to combat a surge in water metre theft and rising financial losses.

Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE

In an interview, WUC general manager in Kanye, Mr Monametsi Ramosu said such measures aimed to curb a trend that had significantly disrupted service delivery and strained the corporation's resources in Kanye.

Mr Ramosu said the corporation had since shifted from traditional brass metres to plastic versions during replacements.

He explained that while brass metres were frequently targeted by thieves for their scrap metal value, the move to plastic was intended to devalue the units to criminals, despite the transition adding to the corporation's current economic challenges.

As such, he said WUC had launched joint investigations with local police.

He noted that all metres were engraved with unique serial numbers, which allowed the corporation to trace recovered

units back to specific properties once they were found.

Furthermore, he said the corporation had been on high alert since November 2025, recording more than 50 cases of stolen metres in that month alone, which resulted in the financial and operational impact including replacement costs at P700 each new metre, while the Non-Revenue Water (NRW) recorded 34 per cent of produced water was currently lost to leaks, theft and vandalism.

He indicated that targeted areas included Kgwatlheng, Taukobong and Mahikana wards, as well as areas surrounding Mongala Mall.

Amidst the operational challenges, Mr Ramosu said WUC had resumed the Debt Amnesty Programme, with the second phase of the initiative having began in December 2025 and is scheduled to run until



Water Utilities Corporation general manager in Kanye, Mr Monametsi Ramosu urged Kanye residents to remain vigilant and secure their metres and promptly report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

February 28 this year.

The programme, he said was designed to assist customers in managing arrears and it covered balances accumulated from December 2024 and earlier, as well as debts accrued throughout 2025.

He said
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more recent debts, qualifying customers can arrange flexible payment plans spanning four months.

Mr Ramosu urged Kanye residents to remain vigilant and secure their metres and promptly report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

He said through continued infrastructure investment and community cooperation, WUC aimed to recover lost revenue and ensure reliable water supply for the nation. **BOPA**



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

South Korea rice consumption hits record low

SEOUL - South Koreans' rice consumption hit a record low last year amid changes in eating habits, official data showed Thursday.

The per-capita rice consumption decreased 3.4 per cent to 53.9kg in 2025 compared to the previous year, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics. It was about half of the consumption level of 106.5kg in 1995, marking the lowest since relevant data began to be compiled in 1962. The rice consumption had been on a steady decline due to changes in eating habits and food culture. The annual grain consumption per person, which includes rice and other grains such as barley and wheat, averaged 62.5kg in 2025, down 3.0 percent from a year earlier. **Xinhua**

Crude palm oil prices hold steady as supply drops

KUALA LUMPUR - The Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC), a key palm oil industry group in Malaysia, foresees crude palm oil prices to be range-bound at RM4,000 (about US\$988.36 to RM4,300 per tonne in February, supported by seasonal declines in production and stocks. The council said in a statement on Wednesday that seasonal factors are also expected to support prices, as February's shorter trading month, combined with multiple public holidays such as Thaipusam, Lunar New Year and the fasting month, was likely to weigh on harvesting productivity and constrain near-term supply. However, the council noted that a sustained price rally in palm oil and other vegetable oils would require either a progressive rollout of Indonesia's B45 biodiesel mandate, a recovery in crude oil prices, or clarity on US biofuel policy that boosts soybean oil demand. **Xinhua**

EU proposes Digital Networks Act to enhance connectivity

BRUSSELS - The European Commission on Wednesday proposed the Digital Networks Act to modernise, simplify and harmonise European Union (EU) rules on connectivity networks. The proposal aims to create conditions for operators to invest in the rollout of advanced fibre and mobile networks, which underpin technologies like artificial intelligence and cloud computing, the Commission said in a press release. Under the act, companies would be able to provide services across the EU while registering in only one member state. It would also introduce an EU-level spectrum authorisation framework to promote pan-European satellite communication services, while increasing consistency in national spectrum authorisation by granting longer licenses and making renewals the default option. **Xinhua**

China emerging hub for agricultural innovation

DAVOS - Artificial intelligence (AI) and digital technologies are reshaping how food is produced, and China is emerging as an increasingly important hub for agricultural innovation and R&D, Syngenta Group Chief Executive Officer Jeff Rowe told Xinhua in an interview on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2026.

As CEO of Syngenta, a leading agricultural technology company headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Rowe has been a frequent visitor to China over the past decade, allowing him to witness tremendous progress in the country's agricultural sector most strikingly in its steadily rising productivity, improving quality of

agricultural output, and faster-paced innovation.

Rowe stressed that agriculture was much more of an innovative industry than most people realised, adding that China was moving quickly to adopt new technologies and build digital solutions that could benefit farmers, consumers and the environment.

In his view, each of China's five-year plans had created new opportunities for advancement, and agriculture has been a consistent priority.

China's upcoming 15th Five-Year Plan, he said, signaled a continued commitment to strengthening food supply security and boosting overall grain production capacity.

Rowe described the policy direction as "inspiring," saying the sustained, long-term focus on food production and agricultural modernisation was important to society.

"Artificial intelligence can help China produce more efficiently, help Chinese farmers make better decisions, adopt precision agriculture, and it can also help rehabilitate degraded land," Rowe said. Attributing China's robust



TIANJIN - People visiting the exhibition zone of agricultural technology during the 22nd China International Agricultural Trade Fair in north China's Tianjin Municipality. Syngenta Group CEO Jeff Rowe said the company was expanding its footprint of innovation centres in China.

R&D environment to long-term investments in education, talent and technology systems, Rowe said Syngenta was expanding its footprint of innovation centers in China and he planned to visit China again soon for the opening of a new facility. Rowe voiced a strong interest in partnering with Chinese technology and AI companies. "China is absolutely one of the most important markets for us globally," Rowe said.

Xinhua

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Istanbul street food keeps tradition affordable and alive

ISTANBUL - Around noon, a long line waits outside a tiny shop on a back street in Istanbul's historic Karakoy district. Inside, the rhythmic motion of knives stripping fish bones signals the

preparation of the fish wrap, a beloved traditional street food.

"What really sets us apart is our sauce and our spices," said Servet Ikitar, 33, co-owner of the shop, which has been running for 30 years.

The sauces are made in-house, using 45 ingredients in secret blends of olive oil, pomegranate molasses, soy sauce and special spices. Priced at about US\$ 5.9, the mackerel wrap is filled with fish and salad, making it a hearty meal by local standards.

With no seating and barely enough room inside, customers place their orders and eat on the street - an experience many say is part of its appeal.

The popularity of such food reflects both culinary tradition and economic realities. Despite a recent downturn in Türkiye's long-standing high inflation, rising food prices continue to hit hard, especially in Istanbul, where the cost of living is most acute.

Turkey's annual inflation rate landed at 30.89 per cent year-on-year in December 2025, according to official data.

Millions of workers are trying to make ends meet on a monthly minimum wage of approximately US\$508. By contrast, the monthly food expenditure for a family of four stood at around US\$693 in November, and the total income required to cover all basic expenses, including food, housing, transportation, education and healthcare, was calculated at roughly US\$2,234, according to data from the

Confederation of Turkish Trade Unions.

Against this economic backdrop, street food remains a lifeline for many.

The Karakoy shop serves a wide range of customers, from tourists to workers and students, and stays busy from morning until late at night. Metin Erenel, a retired veterinarian who waited about an hour in line one evening, praised both the taste and affordability of the food.

"For anyone on a limited budget, it's incredibly affordable," he said.

While fish wraps are a common sight along Istanbul's waterfront, the city's street food culture extends far beyond seafood.

One iconic dish is kokorec, a local delicacy made from lamb intestines wrapped around skewers and grilled horizontally.

Oguzhan Sayi, owner of Ozzie's eatery, said his family's kokorec tradition dated back nearly 130 years.

Having run the business for the past 11 years, he focuses on preserving the dish's original spirit while introducing subtle innovations. Among his signature offerings is a kokorec wrap made with sweetbreads using his own formula.

Located in Istanbul's Dolapdere neighborhood, Sayi's small shop draws a diverse crowd, from celebrities and food critics to workers and students.

"Offal-based dishes like kokorec, which originated in poverty, remain among the cheapest meals available, often purchased with just 'loose change,'" Sayi said.

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Shenzhen tops Chinese cities in foreign trade

HENZHEN - Shenzhen, a major city in south China's Guangdong Province, recorded a 1.4 per cent year-on-year rise in foreign trade to ¥4.55 trillion (US\$649.8 billion) in 2025, securing the top rank among all Chinese mainland cities, Shenzhen Customs and the city's department of commerce said on Thursday.

Shenzhen's exports hit ¥2.74 trillion in 2025, while its imports climbed 8 per cent year on year to ¥1.81 trillion over the same period. Shenzhen was home to 62 300 enterprises with actual import and export operations in 2025, marking a 16 per cent year-on-year increase. This figure included more than 8 600 new market entrants,

reflecting steady expansion in the scale of its trade entities.

Private enterprises powered Shenzhen's trade growth, contributing nearly 70 per cent of the city's total foreign trade value.

In 2025, Shenzhen's combined import and export value regarding high-tech products reached ¥2.6 trillion, up 10.6 per cent compared with 2024, accounting for 57.1 per cent of the city's total. Shenzhen's trade with countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative stood at ¥1.57 trillion last year, making up 34.5 per cent of Shenzhen's total foreign trade during this period.

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Editorial

EDITOR'S NOTE

Let us all make customer service our responsibility

Botswana is positioning itself as a hosting hub for international events. The country is capitalising on the Meetings Incentives Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) strategy developed by Botswana Tourism Organisation.

Critical to hosting visitors, is customer service or service quality, which has emerged as key differentiator and can either make or break the host. Despite strides made in hosting a number of events, the country still struggles with low-level customer service. There is no day that passes by without a customer complaining on social media platforms because of the poor service received. Maya Angelou once said: “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Her words should remind us that as we prepare to host World Relays, we not forget the importance of making guests feel valued. That at the heart of any experience

is superior customer service. The World Relays scheduled for May 2 to 3 in Gaborone, puts Botswana on the spotlight as the first African Nation to host the event. Because of its magnitude, the event will attract top athletes and sports enthusiasts from around the world. Of importance is knowing that building lasting relationships across borders is critical, hence the need to always be ready to serve our visitors in a way that they will want to return to Botswana. The countdown towards the big day should be a reminder to every business, institution and individuals alike to know the type of customers they serve and challenge themselves to do better in serving them. In the quest to improve customer service, each organisation and government departments should also take it upon themselves to adopt customer service as core principle. Where possible, institutions like Botswana National Productivity Centre should come on board and help in transforming the work culture that is tied to poor service provision. With its small population, Botswana, is revered for its principle of BOTHO, which emphasizes mutual respect, warmth, thoughtful hospitality and serving a customer with a warm smile. Let us therefore, protect that which has always been the bedrock of ‘Botswana’s being’, BOTHO. We can all position ourselves as a trailblazer when it comes to service provision.



Kgosi Bafedile Lesoma of Lesoma (left), Lesoma Ward councillor Mr Baboloki Mpebe (centre) and headman Mr Kenneth Moyoba after a kgotla meeting addressed by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks officials in Kasane on Wednesday. A resident, Ms Sipiwe Dube said should the community agree to use their portion of annual dividends from PALEKA Community Trust to address human-wildlife conflict, a proper scope should be drafted as a guiding tool. Photo: Portia Keetile

Lesoma community maps way forward

Portia Keetile
LESOMA

Lesoma community has called for funds generated from Pandamatenga-Lesoma-Kazungula (PALEKA) Community Trust to be used toward mitigation strategies to address human-wildlife conflict. This view surfaced during a kgotla meeting addressed by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks on Tuesday, in relation to the recent killing of six lions, 16 vultures and a jackal in Lesoma. One resident, Ms Sipiwe Dube held the view that there was need for empowerment and capacitation of the community on human-wildlife conflict mitigations. She said if residents agreed to use their portion of annual dividends from PALEKA to address human-wildlife conflict, then a proper scope was to be drafted as a guiding tool. Kgosi Bafedile Lesoma of Lesoma stated that due to the village’s geographical location nestled between forest reserves and Hwange National Park on the Zimbabwe side, wildlife encroached on residential areas along their corridor. He said conservation was paramount to them, having coexisted with wildlife for many

years hence condemned the killing of animals. Kgosi Lesoma introduced the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), an NGO from Zimbabwe as a potential partner that promoted coexistence and harmony of human and wildlife. He pointed out that he met the NGO representatives at the traditional leaders’ forum on conservation in Zimbabwe where he expressed interest for collaborations to develop concept notes to address human-wildlife conflict. He said the current economic climate prompted for innovation and collaboration in order to cushion government from the economic strain hence the importance to devise new strategies for Lesoma to eliminate human-wildlife conflict. IFAW programmes manager-community engagement Mr Simba Chiseva said Lesoma was privileged to have PALEKA as an income generation wing, raking in millions annually through hunting. He said in order for the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Act to be effective, communities must champion sustainable conservation then cascade it to government. Mr Chiseva said IFAW footprint was in 40 countries globally including Kenya, Zimbabwe,

Malawi and Zambia, adding that they earmarked expansion to Botswana and Namibia because they were human-wildlife conflict hotspots. Chobe District wildlife officer Ms Gaone Nkganetsang proposed that Lesoma community should adopt human-wildlife conflict mitigations in their plans and budget submitted at PALEKA. She said the community trusts escort guides who are engaged during the hunting season to accompany the investor could be capacitated on human-wildlife strategies to position them better for income generation. Ms Nkganetsang stated that compensation guidelines were currently under review to include animals like hyenas and baboons as liable for compensation in the event of the damage caused. The officer indicated that the CBNRM Act espoused sustainable use of natural resources for communities existing around such resources and said killing of wildlife defeated the purposes of the Act. She pleaded with farmers to stop retaliation killing of animals as it could wipe out a population of some endangered species, “When an animal threatens your property, report to our department or just kill one of the animal species to scare the rest away.” **BOPA**

Hold on to land - Saleshando urges

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

Maun North Member of Parliament Mr Dumelang Saleshando has cautioned residents of Senonori Ward in Maun against selling their residential plots out of pressure linked to development timelines and economic hardships. Addressing them during a kgotla meeting on Wednesday, Mr Saleshando said the five-year development period attached to allocated plots had pushed many, particularly unemployed youth, into selling land out of fear of repossession. He stressed that land remained one of the most valuable assets communities could hold, noting that its value increased over time and should not be surrendered for short-term relief. The MP said government policies around land development timelines needed reconsideration to reflect current economic realities, especially for young and

unemployed plot holders. He added that extending the five-year development window could reduce the growing trend of plot sales in the country while allowing beneficiaries a fair chance to mobilise resources. “For some of us who are working, the five-year period to develop land is fine but for the unemployed, especially youth, it is a disadvantage and it needs to be changed,” he said. Mr Saleshando also warned residents against occupying or inhabiting land that had not been officially allocated to them, stressing that such actions were illegal and often resulted in financial losses when land boards enforced evictions. He assured the community that he would continue engaging the land board and relevant authorities to fast-track plot allocation processes and address long-standing delays. Speaking on behalf of the traditional leadership, Mr Kenson Kgage said some residents have sound ideas of

businesses that they could pursue from home but cannot actualise their dreams because of lack of access to land for residential purposes. He said access to land could unlock economic opportunities and afford such people long-term financial stability, noting that delays in land allocation was a stumbling block to the financial freedom of many. Mr Kgage noted that the delays also denied residents dignity and a sense of belonging, leaving many feeling marginalised, both economically and socially. Meanwhile, a representative from Innovation Kgotla, Ms Tshepiso Botumile highlighted the role of technology in community upliftment, saying their organisation empowered community members through digital skills training. She further said Innovation Kgotla encouraged residents to leverage the internet to improve livelihoods, access information and build sustainable economic opportunities. **BOPA**

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Therisanyo e maleba mo pusong ya batho ka batho

Gaboselwe Olesitse
SELEBI PHIKWE

E ne ya re ka Labobedi mothusa tona wa dikgaolo le tlhabololo magae, Rre Ignatious Moswaane a buisa banni ba Selebi Phikwe, se e le tsewediso ya dipuisanyo tsa go tlhoma kgotla ya molao-motheo.

Rre Moswaane o ne a re therisano le morafe e maleba mo pusong ya batho ka batho, ka jalo go le bothlokwa gore setshaba se kgone go nna le seabe mo go tseyeng ditshwetso mo go se se dirwang mo lefatsheng.

Rre Moswaane o ne a simolola puo ya gagwe ka go tlhalosetsa morafe fa kgotla ya molao-motheo e le ya maemo a a kwa godimo e e tla a bong e tlhomamisa gore ditshwanelo tsa setho ga di gatakiwe le go rarabolola dikgang tsotlhe tse di amanang le molao.

O ne a re fa go na le dikgang tse dintsi tse di iseng di sekwe kwa makgotleng a ditsheko, kgotla ya molao-motheo e ka nna yone tharabololo.

O tlhalositse fa kgotla ya molao-motheo e tla abo e

itebagantse le go seka seka melao yotlhe e e tla a fetisetwang kwa palamenteng go tlhomamisa gore ga e gatake ditshwanelo tsa batho.

O file sekai ka babereki ba pele ba moepo wa BCL, a kaya fa ditshwanelo tsa bone di ne tsa gatakiwa, ka dingwe tse ba neng ba di solofeditswe ba ne ba seka ba di bona.

O ne a re fa nne lekgotla le le teng ka nako eo, ba ka bo ba ne ba nna le sebaka sa go itsheka mme ba bona se se neng se ba lebane.

E rile ba mokgwa dikgaba, bangwe ba banni ba ne ba tlhalosa fa ba le sebete se molangwana ka mogopolo, ka o tla ka nako e itsholelo e phuthameng. Mme Sinah Teemane o ne a tlhalosa fa lekgotla la ditshwanelo le le bothlokwa, mme kakanyetso e tla ka nako e lefatsheng le senang madi.

O ne a re go bothlokwa gore go itebaganngwe pele le se se tlhokiwang ke setshaba.

Rre Moswaane o ne a tlhalosa fa e ne ya re mo nakong e e fetileng, go ne ga tlhomiwa lekoko le le neng le itebagantse le go tsamaisa morero wa go seka seka molao-motheo o maduo a yone a neng a supa fa Batswana ba sa itse sepe ka molao-motheo le gore o raya eng mo matshelong a bone.

Mme Teemane a re go bothlokwa gore go simololwe ka go ruta batho ka molao-motheo gore ba bo ba na le lesedi fa go ya go tsenwa mo go ya go tlhoma kgotla ya molao-motheo, a tlhalosa fa a se kगतलानग le mogopolo o tona tileng ka o ne.

E rile a ntsha malebo, mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Selebi Phikwe Bophirima Rre Reuben Kaizer o kaile fa ene a le kगतलानग le ka fa puso e batlang go fetola molao-motheo ka teng.

Rre Kaizer o tlhalositse fa go na le tsetlana ya lesome le boferabobedi ya molao-motheo e e buang ka ditshwananelo tsa setho, mme go ka itebaganngwa le yone ya nonotshiwa go na le gore go tlhomiwa kgotla molao-motheo e e yang go lopa lefatsheng madi a mantsi a a ka dirisiwang mo ditirong tse dingwe.

O ne a gakolola ba-tsena-phuthogo fa ba na le tshwanelo ya go seka seka dikgang tse ditona a di ba beileng pele go bona gore se se ba siametseng ke eng. **BOPA**



Banni ba Selebi Phikwe ba le mo phuthogong e e neng e buisiwa ke mothusa tona wa dikgaolo le tlhabololo magae, Rre Ignatious Moswaane mabapi le go tlhomiwa ga kgotla ya molao-motheo bosheng. Rre Moswaane a re therisanyo e maleba mo pusong ya batho ka batho ka jalo go le bothlokwa gore setshaba se kgone go nna le seabe mo go tseyeng ditshwetso mo go tse di dirwang. Senepe: Gaboselwe Olesitse

Badiri ba Tirelo Setshaba ga se barutabana

Relief Lephutshi
SEGWAGWA

Badiri ba Tirelo Setshaba ga ba se barutabana, mme tiro ya bone ke go thusa barutabana.

Motshwarelela Mogolwane wa lephata la thuto kwa kgaolong potlana ya Kanye (Kanye education sub region), Mme Galaletsang Robi o tlhalositse fa go le maswabi go utlwalela fa badiri ba Tirelo Setshaba jaanong e le bone barutabana.

Se se supagetse kwa bokopanong jwa pitso ya thuto jo bo neng bo rulagantswe ke mopalamente wa Kanye West Rre Victor Phologolo ka Labobedi, kwa sekolong se se botlana sa Segwagwa. Mme Robi o boletse fa seabe sa ba-tsaya karolo ba Tirelo Setshaba se le bothlokwa ka jaana ba thusa barutabana ba ba faraferweng ke tiro.

A re le fa go ntse jalo ga ba letlelelwe go ruta bana ba sekolo ka jaana ba sa rutuntshiwa tiro ya borutabana. O ne a tshepisa fa se, se tlaa latedisiwa go hema selelo se se aparetseng sekolo seo sa maduo a a kwa tlase. Pitso e, e ne e itebagantse le go sekaseka seemo sa maduo a a sa itumediseng a sekolo se se botlana sa Segwagwa se se bonyeng 17.5% mo maduog a Lekwalo la bosupa ka ngwaga wa 2025 mo dikolong tsa

Go le pele, batsadi ba ne ba ntsha matshwenyego, a akaretsa letlhoko la dibuka, go rutwa ga bana ke badiri ba lenaneo la Tirelo Setshaba, le kakanyo ya gore morutabana a tlhatloge le sethlopha mo loetong lotlhe lwa thuto.

Mme Robi a re le fa sekolo se aparetswe ke dikgwetlho tse, go supega fa e le dikgwetlho tse di

sa farologaneng le tsa dikolo tse dingwe ka jaana ba iteka thata go ntsha maduo mme a kgothatsa thata gore dikgwetlho tse di seka tsa gatelela thata ba-tsaya karolo ba thuto kwa Ga Segwagwa.

Godimo ga tseo a re se se itumedisang ke gore bana ba lokwalo lwa ntsha ba Ga-Segwagwa, ba dira sentle thata ngwaga le ngwaga ka ba kgona go tshwara go bala le go kwala ka seelo se se kwa godimo go fithelela kwa mephatong ya bofelo e e ko tlase (lower classes). A re sebe sa phiri ke gore tsele a lathega jang fa go tsena mo mephatong e e fa godingwana.

Mme Robi a re mo gare ga ba-tsaya karolo ba thuto, ga go ope yo o itumedisang ke maduo a sekolo seo.

Fa a tsibogela matshwenyego a mangwe a batsadi, Mme Robi o boletse fa lephata la thuto le kgonne go dira theko ya dibuka tse di balwang mme a re sekolo se di solofele nako nngwe le nngwe.

O tlhalositse fa mogopolo wa batsadi wa gore barutabana ba fetele le baithuti kwa mephatong e e latelang e ka nna le tshiamo le tshiamologo segolo jang fa gongwe morutabana a ka nna le botsogo jo bo sa iketlang, a re go ka felela go busetsa bana morago mo dithutong.

Fa a tshwaela mabapi le dikgwetlho mothusa mogokgo wa sekolo sa Segwagwa, Mme Lorato Jack o ne a supa fa seemo sa boroko jwa barutabana se sa ba jese diwelang ka jaana bangwe ba nna kwa Kanye ka ntsha ya tlhalelo ya boroko mo motseng.

A re barutabana ba le barataro ba nna kgakala le sekolo le ntsa go le mo motseng. O kopile gore a rolwe tiro ya go ruta gore a kgone

go lebagana le go thusa mogokgo. O ne a re ga a dire tiro ya mothusa mogokgo sentle ka ntsha ya go thusa go ruta bana.

A re bonno jwa barutabana ga bo a agelelwa, se se baya diaparao tsa bone mo diphatseng tsa go jewa ke dikgomo fa ba ile tirong.

A re sekolo se dikaganyeditswe ke sekgo le tlhaga mo e bileng ntlwana nngwe ya bathuti e sa dirisiwe ka jaana noga e tshelela mo teng. Mo godimo ga moo o kaile fa botsogo jwa badiri bo le mo seemong se se sa itekanelang ka ntsha ya go tshelela mo leroleng la mantle a bommanthwane segolo jang mo ofising ya ga mogokgo.

Fa a ntsha la gagwe mopalamente Rre Phologolo a re, matshwenyego a a amang bana ga a a tshwanelwa go mpampediwa. A re go le gantsi batsadi ba bana ba saletse kwa morago ka thuto ya bana ba bone.

A re jaaka thuto e le pitsa ya matshego a mararo; ngwana, motsadi le morutabana; gantsi boikarabelo bo tlogelwa morutabana mme go solofelwe tokafalo maduo.. Mopalamente o tlhalositse fa go sa tshwanela go nna jalo. A re ga se gore fa ngwana a tsaya nako e ntsi a na le morutabana go tshwanetse go fedisa boikarabelo jwa motsadi.

O kopile ba-tsaya karolo go sala ba rulaganya le go sekaseka tsela go ya pele go bona ka fa go ka tokafadiwang maduo ka teng mme a tshepisa fa go tlaa nna le bokopanao mo dibekeng tse pedi tse di tlaa latelang go kopanya megopolo.

Bokopano jo bo ne bo tsenwe ke ba-tsaya karolo ba akaretsa batsadi, barutabana le bana ba sekolo sa Segwagwa. **BOPA**



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Serowe motorist begins 2026 with VW Polo win at Shell

- A new year. A new journey. Real rewards for loyal Shell customers.

The start of the new year has delivered an unforgettable milestone for Thabang Goletilwe, a 31-year-old construction specialist from Serowe, who has driven into 2026 in style after winning a brand-new Volkswagen Polo through Shell’s popular Bozza Tsa Tsela Promotion and on his birthday.

As many Batswana set goals and embrace fresh beginnings, Goletilwe’s new year has started with a life-changing reward sparked by a simple, everyday habit. Having consistently poured P300 worth of fuel into his Hilux at Shell service stations, he never imagined that his routine would result in the ultimate birthday and new year surprise.

“This is the best way to start the year,” said Goletilwe. “I have always fuelled at Shell without expecting anything in return. Winning a car on my birthday, right at the beginning of the year, feels like a sign of great things ahead.”

The exciting draw brought together finalists from across the country, reinforcing Shell’s commitment to turning everyday journeys into meaningful rewards. Through Bozza Tsa Tsela, Vivo Energy Botswana, the Shell Licensee in Botswana, continues to celebrate customer loyalty while helping motorists begin the year with renewed optimism.

Goletilwe encouraged motorists nationwide to make Shell part of their 2026 journeys.

“As the year starts, I encourage drivers to fuel at Shell service stations and also buy at least two Shell Helix lubricants,” he said. “There is still a Toyota GD6 coming up as the grand finale, and anyone could be next.”

Beyond the vehicle prizes, the promotion continues to reward customers with cash prizes and fuel vouchers, giving motorists even more reason to start the year strong.

To stand a chance to win, customers simply need to:

Fuel with P250 or more, or purchase any two (2) 500 ml Shell Helix lubricants at any Shell service station nationwide.

Speaking at the prize-giving ceremony, Vivo Energy Botswana Marketing Manager, Gaamangwe Ramokgothwane, said the promotion reflects Shell’s commitment to rewarding loyalty while helping customers begin the year on a positive note.

“There is no better way to start the year than by recognising our customers,” he said. “Bozza Tsa Tsela continues to show that every visit to Shell brings customers closer to meaningful rewards and new opportunities.”

With the Toyota GD6 still up for grabs as the grand finale, the Shell Bozza Tsa Tsela Promotion continues to build momentum into the new year reminding motorists that sometimes, the journey to a great year begins with a simple stop at Shell.

Ts and Cs apply. GA 165398

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FARM WORKES

FOUR (4) FARM WORKERS wanted at Manong Game Lodge. Apply to: P O Box 45006, Riverwalk. Cell: 74 741 590 Closing date: 31/01/2026
5 FARM WORKERS WANTED. apply to P O Box 150, Palapye.

WE ARE HIRING herdboy/Modisa wanted at Mabowana/Lecheng. Call 72 515 554.
HORTICULTURE WORKER required in Mawang. Contact Moshabi 71 730 739
FARM WORKER WANTED contact Ketlogetswe C Maibi Box 32 Mabutsane

KE BATLA MODISA. 71 226 683 / 77 500 960 Simon Parakarungu
TWO FARMWORKERS WANTED Dipotso Mondela Box 60 Sefhophe 77 607 471
LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER and a herdboy at Manaledi village. Apply at Box 2600 AAD Poso House, Gaborone.

ARYL MMONESI RALEBALA is looking for farm workers to work in Hildavale farm in Lobatse. Applications to be forwarded to P O Box 45006, Riverwalk Gaborone. Closing date 03 February 2026
FARM LABOURERE WANTED (two) Salome Tase Box 41 Sefhophe. 75 981 237

WE ARE URGENTLY looking for two seasonal farm workers and two farm workers to work at our farm located at Malongwane, Bakgatla Tribal Area. Apply to Ronald Boitumelo Seane, P.O. Box 47265, Gaborone. The post will remain vacant until filled.

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED in Gamononyane. Apply to P O Box 1382 AAD Poso House Gaborone Botswana

WE ARE URGENTLY looking for two seasonal farm workers and two farm workers to work at our farm located at Raijagane, Mahalapye Area in the Ngwato Area. Apply to Monametsi Daniel Rebaone, P. O. Box 1679. Mahalapye. The post will remain vacant until filled.

CITIZEN / NON CITIZEN farm worker required. Sedibeng Farm Box 135 Sedibeng. Contact S. Nage 77 130 787

FARM LABOURER WANTED at Parakarungu. Write to Monnawapula Motseokae Box 121 Kasane Call: 74 210 114

WE ARE LOOKING for a farm worker in Tlokweng. Contact Tebogo Molefi 71 211 661 & 75750945

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mogolori/Pallaroad contact 71204632

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted Mabile. Setlhako Galetlwaelwe, Box 427 Tonota 75 787 089

FARM WORKER WANTED at Artesia. Kethabile Lutunda. Box 736 Mochudi 74 623 102 / 72638110

FARM WORKER WANTED *2 in Kanye. Contact Mr Mopolo - 72822255

THIS IS TO LET YOU KNOW that Amadou Barrow will be working as a farm worker at Rasesa farms. Any objection contact Stephen 76346336

FARM WORKER MODISA wanted ko Morakeng (Serowe). Driver's licence will be an added advantage. Call 71 377 105. Closing date 06 Feb 2026

FARM WORKERS REQUIRED. Apply to Kopanong Thekiso, Box 211008, Gaborone

3 FARM WORKERS urgently needed at Mahuhumetsa farm. Call: 71 501 059

FARM WORKER WANTED at Suping, Molepolole. Apply to Gagolekane Letsatle P. O Box 501162 Gaborone.

WANTED 2 FARM WORKERS age 25-35 Poloka, Apply to Box 20488 Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED at Kalakamati farm. Sindiso Maphane, Box 488 Masunga 71554814 / 72734410

FARM WORKER WANTED at Matsiloje. Contact Segopolo Aron Modisapudi, Box 3331 Matsiloje, 75 964 474

A FARM WORKER IS WANTED at Mabesekwa. Call Mr Joseph Mafa at 76 755 266

HERDBOY WANTED at Satau Maunga Contact Chiza at 76539762

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Farm 229-NL in Ghantsi district. Apply to P O Box 26550, Gaborone. Contact 71 315 676

3 FARM WORKERS WANTED in Dikgathong (Ramotswa) by John Batsalelwang. P O Box V840, Ramotswa. Closing date: 05/02/2026

HERDBOY WANTED at Satau Chida Contact: Moses @ 73266862

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administrative of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TSHOLOFEL KEINEETSE	ESHFT-000877-25	29-04-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



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Date : 19/01/2026
Company Name: *Tshepidiso Proprietary Limited*
Position Title: *Administrative Director*
Employment Type: *6 Months fixed Contract*
Closing Date: *18 February 2026*

Requirements
Business Certificate Translator or above
Preferably Traditional chinese laguage
Minimum of 5 years' experience in administrative management
Proven experience in office, personnel, and logistics management

How to Apply
Interested candidates should submit their applications, including a CV and copies of relevant qualifications, to: evochen6@tshepidiso.ac.bw

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Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Shathani Ndzinge	ESHFT-001502-25	28-05-26	09000hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAUN THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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[Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MAIKAELELO SELOTATE	ESHFT-000871-25	30-04-2026	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no: Lot 13956 dated 14/05/2008 made in favor of Khatazo Maganyambo

In respect of:
CERTAIN: Piece of land being lot 13956 Francistown
MEASURING: 420 m² (four hundred and twenty square metres)
SITUATE: at Francistown extension 25
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown within three (3) weeks from last publication of notice.

Dated: 20 January 2026

ADDRESS: P O Box 76 Moroka

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Sectional Cession **No. SMA 66/2019** dated the **11th day of October 2019** made in favour of **Kensal Rise Proprietary Limited**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;


CERTAIN: Unit Consisting of Section no. 42;
SITUATE: on Portion 1113, (a Portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Forest Hill No. 9-K0, in the South East Administrative District;
MEASURING: 56 m² (Fifty-Six Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Sectional Cession **No. SMA 66/2019** dated the **11th day of October 2019** made in favour of **KENSAL RISE PROPRIETARY LIMITED**;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025

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Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

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

**AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES**
NOTARY PUBLIC
VAT Registration No: 1482319510-00-05-61
Akheel Jinabhai (Managing Partner) | Mark McKee (Consultant Partner) | Topiwa Chikume (Partner) | Obrien Brindji (Partner)

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000003-18**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ANWAR AHMAD KHAN** who died at 412 Francis Baard Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, Gauteng Province, Republic of South Africa on the 25th August 2017.

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

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor
Sovaid Ahmad Khan
PO Box 45950 GABORONE
TEL: 73215214

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Andrina Puleng Tshelwane	ESHFT--000719-24	29-04-26	09000hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAUN THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000340-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Legwata Rasegojwa-ESHFT 000340-24** who died at **Nyangabgwe Hospital Francistown District** on the **16th day of September 2023**.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

Robert Rasegojwa
Executor Dative
P O Box 428
Serowe

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

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Administrative of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MCDONALD O SEBINA	ESHFT-001209-25	30/04/2026	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LOST MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Covering Sectional Mortgage Bond No. SB 61/2014 dated the 1st day of September 2014 passed by CITYSKAPES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED in favour of SEAGA PROPERTY INVESTMENT (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, in respect of Unit Consisting of Section 2 and Parking Bay Nos. P91, P92, P93, and P94 I-Towers Scheme.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2026

BBL BOOKBINDER

FARM WORKES

FARM WORKER WANTED at Rathlong farm Pitseng. Contact Constance Mannathoko at 76059262

GENERAL / SEASONAL FARMWORKER wanted. Apply to P O Box 601099 Gaborone. Pius Sione

WANTED URGENTLY FARM worker: To be employed in Rasegojwa, Mogapinyana with a minimum of Three years experience in cattle and small stock husbandry. Must be capable of Diagnosing animals with sickness. Free accommodation and basic foods. Contact Mrs E. B Prebble. Cell No. 74 231 246.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Lephepe, Kweneng Call: 71758863

FARM WORKER WANTED at Molalatau Farms. Contact 74121724 Box 403866 Gaborone.

HORTICULTURE FARM WORKER needed at Dikgathong farm lands near Ramotswa. For application call +267 76 948 694 / 71 611 133. Deadline: 30 January 2026.

FARM WORKERS WANTED X4, Mmaditau Lands Semolale. Contact: Goitseone Nage 72160392 Closing Date: 13 February 2026

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted to look after cattle and goats at Takeng, Kanye district. Must be aged above 21 years and fluent in English. Contact 75512062 / 73011455. Email kaboalfredpretros5@gmail.com

FARM WORKER REQUIRED at Kaulani Ranches Lobatse with experience in livestock. Send CV to dalenemaree@gmail.com or Whatsapp 71 300 469,P/Bag 65, Lobatse. Closing date 13-02-2026

HERDBOY WANTED BOX 10705 Selebi Phikwe

FARM WORKER NEEDED in Paje. call 72 339 909 Gofeemaone Mokonoono. box 1339 Jwaneng

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF INDUSTRIAL plot 23448, Ramotswa, Sepitswana ward proposes to change land use to mixed-use industrial. Objections shall be forwarded to Gamalete District Council physical at 538 1200 within 14 days of this publication.

TSHOLOFELO MOKALAKE, owner of lot no. 80122 located at Gaborone North would like to build a boundary wall. For any queries contact Gaborone City Council at 365 7400/ 365 7492, building control department within 14 days of this publication

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased - Losika Molefhi

Person Estate Number: ESHMH -000098-25 2

Date of Meeting: 5/03/2026

Time: 14000hrs

DATED AT MAUN THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

OWNER OF PLOT 9877, Lesetlhana ward at Ramotswa, Goitsemodimo Monere wishes to change plot land use from residential to community and civic. Any concerned party can contact Ramotswa Council physical planning.

MALEBOGO RAMADITSE of plot 1824 Nata/ Basimane would like to change use of the plot from guest House to a hotel. Any objection contact 71 322 233 or Tutume Sub-District Council physical planning office on Tel: 245 1345 / 2451395 within fourteen (14) days of publication of notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 3581 at Tatisiding would like to erect a boundary wall. Any objection contact N.E.D.C 243 1136

ITSENG KGALAJWE OF PLOT 6667 Metsimothabe Block 4 would like to erect a boundary wall. Any objection contact 72 428 128.

OWNER OF PLOT 7525, Block 7, Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from residential to multi-family residential use. For any objection, contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council, physical planning office at Telephone No. +267 310 5615.

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No: FTTL897/2017** dated **17th day of November 2017** made in favour of **Samuel Tebogo Seeletso Sekgoma** In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being **lot 1506 T.**

SITUATE: Tswana

MEASURING: **36.9044, HA Thirty Six Point Nine Zero Four Four hactors**

HELD UNDER: Samuel Tebogo Seeletso Sekgoma

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

DATED AT Gaborone on this 14 day of January 2026.

Nkemelang Lekhutile

APPLICANT

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession of Real Rights No. CRR 169/2019 dated the **11th day of October 2019** made in favour of **Kensal Rise Proprietary Limited**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Balcony B42;

SITUATE: on Portion 1113, (a Portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Forest Hill No. 9-KO, in the South East Administrative District;

MEASURING: 6 m² (Six Square Metres);

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Cession of Real Rights No. CRR 169/2019 dated the **11th day of October 2019** made in favour of **KENSAL RISE PROPRIETARY LIMITED**;

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DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025

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NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

Please take notice that **KAREN KATO KUHLMAN AND KARELYN LOLA KUHLMAN** intends to enter into an agreement with **HILLSIDE INN PROPRIETARY LIMITED**, whose beneficial is a citizen and a non-citizen, over a Commercial plot in **Modipane**.

Details of this transaction are:

1. The property is held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant.

2. The property description is as follows

Certain: piece of land at Modipane

Situate: In cadaster 19 in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;

Measuring: 35.48x28.02x41x04x37.13 (1222sqm) ;

Held under: N/A;

3. The proposed Cedent is **KAREN KATO KUHLMAN AND KARELYN LOLA KUHLMAN** and the Cessionary is **HILLSIDE INN (PTY)LTD**

4. The proposed transaction is an outright sale of the Commercial plot is **P300,000.00**

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to Oodi Land Board, **within 30 days** from date of this Notice.

Senamela Sekga Attorneys

P.O. Box 1551

Gaborone

VACANCY

A reputable earth-moving equipment company, urgently seeks applications from eligible candidates for the position of Senior Heavy Plant Mechanic

THE SUCCESSFUL INCUMBENT MUST HAVE:

- NCC or equivalent in Diesel/Heavy Plant Mechanics. o a minimum of 25 years continuous post apprenticeship experience in Diesel/Heavy Plant Mechanic
- a minimum of 10 years proven track record on Bell and Liebherr Earthmoving Machines supervisoryexperience

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE INCUMBENT:

- can plan, organize and control his workforce, to ensure that optimum efficiency is obtained
- can repair and maintain Heavy Plant Machinery In the Field and in the Workshop
- is also able assist as a working Charge-hand in order to ensure that everybody's required paperwork is done correctly as regards spares and warranty
- is able to issue instructions and delegate effectively
- is able to resolve any technical issues is able to coach all trainees in his/her department, so that all trainees acquire a similar level of skill as him/her
- is able to check all work-done for operation, quality, company procedures cleanliness and safety
- is able to compile and present a comprehensive machine condition and assessment report for repair thereof
- is able to present a concise Spares Order List and continuously follow up the spares status
- is willing to enforce and adhere to Company Health and Safety Practices at all times is willing to adhere to Company Policies and Stipulations
- has very strong fault-finding abilities
- is responsible for performing full engine rebuilds
- has sound product knowledge of the complete range of Bell & Liebherr machines

It is very important that the incumbent has the relevant experience on diagnostic equipment and software including Mini Diag, Serdia 2000, Cancom Programmer, Service Advisor and Pro-Link 9000. Furthermore, the incumbent must be fluent with all Microsoft program applications.

Candidates to send a Comprehensive C.V., Certified copies of Certificates, References, ID Documents, Driver's License and a Job Application to: The Admin Manager, .Dynamic Edge, Box 162, Rakops

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The person should have more than **5years experience** in the same field and who can work with minimum supervision with traceable references and formal Qualifications.

Interested persons email your CVS and applications to **operations@kalahari-tours.net**

Tel: 625 0802 / 71 775 889

BEFORE HIS WORSHIP DANIEL NKAU IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT VILLAGE

CCMVL- 002371 - 24

In the matter between:

PRESCIOUS MOTSWASELE and COLLEN BOTHO KGWAADIRA

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment granted by the above **Honourable Court** **DEFENDANT'S** property will be sold by public auction by **Deputy Sheriff VINCENT MASALILA** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 30th January 2026

PLACE OF SALE: Broadhurst Police

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: Double Door Hisense Fridge, Dish Washer LG, Three (3) Piece Sofa and Washing machine

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF VINCENT MASALILA
c/o TSHEBO & COMPANY AT LAW
Plot 18947, Phase 2
GABORONE
CELL: 71750960 / 73685802

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT IN RELATION TO TRIBAL GRANT LOT 36045, PALAPYE

In accordance with the provisions of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, sections 33 and 34 thereof, notice is hereby given of a proposed transaction with the following details:

ENRC (Botswana) Proprietary Limited ("ENRC") intends to enter into a transaction relating to the proposed sub-lease, of the hereinafter described property to Lotsane Solar (Botswana) Proprietary Limited (a non-citizen) ("Lotsane Solar") for a rent consideration of **P845,185.00/annum (Eight Hundred and Forty Five Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Five Pula per annum)** ("the Proposed Transaction").

Lotsane Solar is leasing the property in connection with the development design, financing, construction, testing, commissioning, ownership, operation and maintenance of a 100MWp solar power plant in Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory of Botswana together with all carrying out, or procuring the carrying out of, all other works and services ancillary thereto as well as the generation and supply of electricity produced by the power plant ("Project").

ENRC is required to advertise the proposed transaction in terms of Sections 33 and 34 of the Tribal Land Act.

The property subject to the above Proposed Transaction is:

Description of Land: Lot 36045, Palapye, in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory.

Measuring: 169.0370 HA. (One Hundred and Sixty-Nine point Zero Three Seven Zero Hectares) and from Diagram, No DSM 6998/2025, Surveyed by Land Surveyor T. Kgafela.

Held under : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease between Ngwato Land and ENRC (Botswana) Proprietary Limited in respect of Lot 36045 Palapye under Deed No. DR 004 – 309 – 415.

Rent: BWP845,185 .00/annum (eight hundred and forty five thousand, one hundred and eighty-five Pula per annum).

Names of Parties: ENRC and Lotsane Solar.

Contact: The Partners/ Conveyancing Manager Bookbinder Business Law, iTowers North, CBD, Gaborone, Floor 9 Private Bag 382, Gaborone Tel: +267 391 2397

Any citizen interested in entering a similar transaction to the Proposed Transaction in respect of the property in question has the right to register such interest within **thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice to receive (subject to the provisions of the Tribal Land Act) any priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above. Any citizen who objects to the proposed transaction should write to the Secretary of Tati Land Board, with reasons therefor, within **thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 6211 in Kazungula wishes to change land use from residential to commercial. Any objection should be forwarded to Chobe District Council physical planning office on 75 225 547 within 14 days from the date of this publication.

JIMMY RAMADITSE OF PLOT 1399 Nata Phase 1 would like to change use of plot from single residential to commercial use. Any objection contact 71 322 233 or Tutume Sub-District Council physical planning office on Tel: 2451345/ 245 1395 within fourteen (14) days of publication of notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 233 at Palapye Ward in Matlhakola, wishes to change land use from single family residential to commercial (butchery & liquor restaurant). For any objections contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 493 0881 within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT No. 8858 Lesetlhana, Ramotswa wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential development. Anyone with objections to the proposal can contact Ramotswa District council, Physical Planning on telephone No. 538 1200 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OWNER OF LOT 20473 at Phase 2 Gaborone wishes to change use from residential to multi- family residential. Any objection should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council Physical planning office on 365 7494.

PROPERTIES

LOBATSE PLOT SWAP with Palapye or Selibe Phikwe plot. Contact 74 191 724 Box 403866 Gaborone

FARM FOR SALE Dutlwe 10ha P70,000.00 (76848480).

VACANCIES

WANTED PANEL BEATER/spray painter at Earth digging ground equipment with immediate effect. Must have 5 (five) or more years of experience in the field. Phone or contact at 393 9036 or 77 358 741. All apply to Earth digging ground equipment. Private Bag 63 AAH Masa CBD Gaborone

SEEKING EXPERIENCED VIP Close Protection Officer with 18 years of experience. Basic first aid plus life support skills, maritime training and VIP chauffeur license. Contact 75015634

URGENTLY WANTED IN G-WEST: Part-time tutors for primary and secondary kids. Must stay in/ near G-West. Diploma/Degree in Early Childhood Education, Maths and Sciences. Phone/text 72 294 686

AL-HAQ PRE-PRIMARY and Primary School, plot number 1739 Lekgwapheng, P.O. Box 1543 Molepolole Telephone 72 427 823. Applications are invited for a qualified French teacher, who holds at least a Diploma and has experience of at least 5 years. Closing date 13/02/2026

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SHOP MANAGER WANTED. The person must have knowledge with electrical. Crystal Gabz Trading as Sesolo Hardware Box AE 132 AEH Gaborone, Plot 2321 Lenganeng. Call 71 575 489 Akbar.

REGENT HILL INTERNATIONAL school Mochudi is looking for 2 science teachers for upper primary - minimum Diploma in Primary Education with more than 10 years experience. Apply to mochudi@rhis.ac.bw before 28/02/26

J.C.B OPERATOR WANTED Contact 77 307 940

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000042/16

IN THE ESTATE of the late **TSHIPANA TSHIPANA** who died on the way to the hospital, Mahalapye, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **13th December 2015**.

THE 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.

DATED at_ on the _day of _2025

The **Executor** Fred G. Gaboyo Bakwena
P O Box 26327 Gaborone
CELL: 71 310 053

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000511-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE OF THE **LATE LEOGANG DINYAO-ESHFT 000511-25** WHO DIED AT MAANAGE LANDS,THEBEPHATSWA IN THE KWENENG DISTRICT ON THE 09TH FEBRUARY 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT IN THE ABOVE ESTATE WILL LIE OPEN FOR INSPECTION AT THE CHAMBERS OF THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR AND MASTER OF HIGH COURT FRANCISTOWN FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION THEREOF.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS -----DAY OF -----2025

OSENOTSE DINYAO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O. BOX 30116
SEROWE

AND TO: MASTER OF HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 001699/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BURGERT GOTTLIEB MALAN** who died at Plot 43136, Phakalane, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **18th November 2025**.

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

DATED at GABORONE on this 16 Day of January 2026.

Executor Testamentary Schalk Willem Coetzee
P O Box 403236 GABORONE
TEL: 72 210 986

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
PATRICK TEBELELO	ESHFT-000005-26	30-04-26	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

POSITION: DRILL RIG TECHNICIAN
QUALIFICATION

- >Must be a recognized apprenticeship Trade
- >Must have an NCC certificate in heavy plant / auto Mechanics
- >Must have Drill Rig Certificate (sandvik) or atlas copco
- > 7 years' Experience at least in a mining environment
- >Proof of appointments as a I4.2
- >Must be capable to train apprentices
- >Must have a good knowledge of schematic Diagrams

EXPERIENCE

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- Knowledge in SAP will be an added advantage

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

Please note that we will only contact shortlisted candidates.

Apply to: The Human Resources Department
Private Bag 047, LOBATSE
OR EMAIL TO: boitshwarelo@gearmc.africa

Closing Date : 03 FEBRUARY 2026

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that Kathleen Moseki (formerly Hall) intends on applying for a certified copy of:- **Deed of Transfer No. 1165/2003** dated **17th June 2003** in respect of:-

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 6786 Gaborone
SITUATE : in Gaborone Extension 21
MEASURING : 630m² (Six Hundred and Thirty Square Metres)
HELD : under Deed of Transfer No. 1165/2003 registered on the **17th June 2003** in favour of **KATHLEEN HALL**
SUBJECT : to the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Deed

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

ARMSTRONGS ATTORNEYS | P O BOX 1368, GABORONE

NOTICE OF LOST DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned intends applying for certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No: 2768/2000** dated **06th** day of **December 2000** made in favour of **Modisane Ramphaleng** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 27362 Gaborone;
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 30;
MEASURING: 405m2 (Four Hundred and Five Square Metres);

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2026

S.G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS (Attorneys Notaries & Conveyancers)
Plot 7906, Maruapula: P.O. Box 793 AAH, Gaborone; Contacts: 3910606/71487747

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend on applying for a certified copy of Continuing Covering Mortgage Bond No. 3150/2012 dated 21st day of May 2012 made in favour of **BOTSWANA BUILDING SOCIETY**, in respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2470 Ramotswa;
SITUATE: at Ramotswa in the Bamalete Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 875 m² (Eight Hundred and Seventy Five square metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 129/2012 dated the 31st day of January 2012 made in favour of **MARTHA MOTSI**;

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

Dated at Gaborone this _ day of _ 2026.

Kalake Attorneys Plot 3475, Extension 12
P O Box 201585 Gaborone
(+267) 3910443

LOST TITLE DEED

PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF KUMI & KEKANA
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (PTY) LTD – UNDER PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION

Master's Reference – LQHGB – 000003 - 25

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, Chapter 42:01, the First Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at **09:00 hours** on the **16th of February 2026** for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Provisional Liquidator's Report
- Consideration of the remuneration of the Liquidator
- Appointment of Liquidator
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit

Claims should be filed with the Master and copies with the Provisional Liquidator at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Provisional Liquidator | Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants | Sethoa Office Park, Unit 6
PO Box 602430, Gaborone



LEGAE ACADEMY

VACANCY FOR ACCOUNTANT/OFFICE MANAGER

Legae Academy, an Independent International Senior Secondary School has an opening in March 2026 for a qualified Accountant/Office Manager.

Job requirements:

- . Bachelor of Commerce Degree or equivalent
- . Computer proficiency, familiar with Pastel
- . Minimum of 5 years work experience
- . Excellent communication skill
- . A good command of the English Language (written and verbal)
- . Be able to maintain confidentiality

Forward application letter, with C.V, certified copies of qualifications and the names of two referees to

The Operations Manager | P O Box 750, Mogoditshane, Botswana
Tel: (267)3919179 | e-mail: u.barwise@legaeacademy.co.bw
www.legaeacademy.co.bw

Only those short-listed will be contacted for interview.
DEADLINE: 13th February 2026

Job Advert: Electrical Technician

Company: Gaborone Electronics (Pty) Ltd
Location: Gaborone, Botswana

Gaborone Electronics (Pty) Ltd, a provider of commercial laundry, catering, butchery, and bakery equipment, invites applications for the position of Electrical Technician.

Key Duties

- Installation, commissioning, maintenance, and repair of commercial equipment
- Electrical wiring, fault finding, and troubleshooting
- Ensure compliance with electrical safety standards

Requirements

- Certificate in Electrical Trades / Electrical Installation
- Minimum 6 years' experience as an Electrical Technician or related role
- Knowledge of electrical systems
- Good communication and problem-solving skills

How to Apply
Submit CV and cover letter to
• hr@geggroup.co.bw
Closing Date: 07 February 2026

VACANCY: PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Location : Botswana , Maun
Employment Type : Permanent
Reporting To : Managing Director / Board

ROLE PURPOSE

The Projects Director will provide executive leadership and strategic oversight across a portfolio of major construction and infrastructure projects, ensuring delivery in line with international best practices, contractual obligations, and governance standards.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The applicant will provide strategic leadership across multiple projects. Ensure delivery on time, within budget, and to quality standards. Lead senior project and commercial teams. Oversee contract administration especially (FIDIC, NEC, JBCC).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree in **Engineering, Quantity Surveying, or Construction Management**. Must have Project Management Professional (PMP), and be registered with the Project Management Institute Botswana Chapter and Minimum 15years of experience, including 5 years at senior leadership level. Proven experience in large-scale infrastructure, power, or building projects. Strong commercial and contractual expertise. Professional registration (**PMI, ERB, QSRC, SACQSP**) will be preferred.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit CV to : Tef grass pty Ltd | Box 20305, Maun
Manager@bioflash.co.bw

VACANCY: ENGINEERING MANAGER

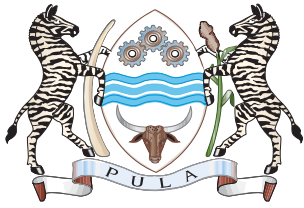
A leading earthmoving and mining support services contractor operating across major mine sites in Botswana invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of Engineering Manager.

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 - Manage workshops, mobile maintenance teams, and technical staff
 - Ensure compliance with the Mines, Quarries, Works and Machinery Act.
 - Enforce HSE systems, statutory inspections, and mine client standards
 - Lead incident investigations and corrective actions
 - Manage engineering budgets, spares, and procurement
 - Liaise with mine site management and regulatory authorities
 - Prepare technical, safety, and compliance reports

- Minimum Requirements:**
- BEng (Honours) Degree in Industrial Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering.
 - Registration with ERB with current practising licence a must.
 - Minimum 12-15 years post-graduate experience.
 - Project Management Certification - PMP, a prerequisite.
 - Maintenance Certification, e.g CMRP, a prerequisite.
 - Proven fleet management experience (CAT, Komatsu, Hitachi, Volvo, etc.)
 - Strong knowledge of open-pit mining operations.
 - Understanding of Botswana mining legislation and HSE standards
 - Valid driver's licence

How to Apply:
Email your CV, certified qualifications and certifications to mobilequiphire@gmail.com by 5 February 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



Republic of Botswana

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Government of Botswana recognises the importance of a free, independent, and ethical media as the backbone of democracy and as such seeks to solidify those commitments by establishing a legal framework that fosters press freedom, journalistic integrity, and responsible reporting and information dissemination. As such, the Government appointed a Task Team/Force in March, 2025 to review and reform existing media laws and such other laws that may adversely impact on media freedom, ensuring they uphold press freedom, access to information, and accountability.

Following its appointment, the Task Team has since submitted the Media Legislative Review Report and the Draft Media Bill. Consequently, the Government wishes to consult the general public/nation further on the Draft Media Bill and its pronouncement especially on the establishment of the Media Regulatory Council in Botswana, setting out its governance, membership, functions and funding model to ensure sustainability. The proposed framework combines self-regulation within a statutory framework, to safeguard media freedom of expression while maintaining accountability, respect for human rights and ethical standards to eliminate inaccurate reporting and violation of other persons rights across both traditional and digital media.

You may access the **Draft Media Bill** at https://dailynews.gov.bw/dailynews_pdf or visit the **Office of the District Commissioner** in your jurisdictions, **MISA Botswana and Editors Forum Offices**. Furthermore, you are requested to submit your comments through the following platforms:-

- **Email/Electronic:** to bgmotsamai@gov.bw and gubanabolthe@gov.bw
- **Post Mail:** Ministry for State President, Defence & Security. Private Bag 001, Government Enclave. Gaborone.
- **Physical Address:** Hand Delivery Submissions to Ministry for State President, Defence & Security. Finance House Building. Khama Crescent Street. Gaborone West Ext. 9. Government Enclave.

The Deadline for the submissions is the 10th February 2026.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

5. CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot No. 2040 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Extension 4;
MEASURING: 570m² (Five Hundred and Seventy Square Metres);

14. CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot No. 2369 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Extension 5;
MEASURING: 1356m² (One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Six Square Metres);

16. CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot No. 2323 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Extension 5;
MEASURING: 976m² (Nine Hundred and Seventy Six Square Metres);

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025



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- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 211 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Township;
MEASURING: 1350m² (One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Five Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 224 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Township;
MEASURING: 1200m² (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 256 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Township;
MEASURING: 1200m² (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 257 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Township;
MEASURING: 1200m² (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 266 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Township;
MEASURING: 1200m² (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 270 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Township;
MEASURING: 1200m² (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);

ALL HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 457/75 dated the 13th day of October 1975 registered in favour of BCL LIMITED.

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag FT283, Francistown within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified true copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 468/76 dated the 13th day of August 1976 made in favour of BCL Limited in respect of;

- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 2117, Selebi -Phikwe;

SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Extension 4;
MEASURING: 630m² (Six Hundred and Thirty Square Metres);

- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 2118 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Extension 4;
MEASURING: 630m² (Six Hundred and Thirty Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot No. 2119 Selebi -Phikwe;
SITUATE: in Selebi-Phikwe Extension 4;
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Kwele aims to restore pageantry dignity

After being left stranded and silenced by international organisers, Goitse Kwele decided that if she could not find a pageant that valued its queens, she would build one herself.

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

What was supposed to be the pinnacle of her career, representing Botswana at the 2020 Miss Philanthropic pageant in Abuja, Nigeria, turned into a nightmare for the then 23-year-old. Despite promises of full sponsorship, organisers abruptly cut off communication, leaving Kwele stranded in Gaborone, far from her home in Maun.

“It was a huge disappointment that I will never forget. Imagine how Batswana, who had supported me and were rooting for me, felt. I asked the organisers to release an apology statement because it was their fault, but they never did,” she said

The pain was so palpable that Kwele nearly walked away from pageantry forever. Instead, she chose resilience.

Channelling her frustration into a mission for change, she founded The Dignified Pageantry, a platform designed to promote modesty, empowerment and, above all, professionalism.

“With this project, I want to rectify the mistakes I experienced and bring dignity back to the industry,” she explained.

The inaugural edition of the pageant is set to take place in Maun on October 23, opening its doors to young women from across the country. By hosting the event in the north, Kwele aims to solve a major barrier for local talent.

“We have immense talent in the north, but many girls miss auditions in Gaborone because of the high travel costs,” she noted.

Themed, Crowning Dignity,

Celebrating Botswana’s Tourism Hub, Maun, the event serves to empower women and revive a tourism sector still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 10 selected finalists will participate in a specialised boot camp, where they will tour Maun premier attraction sites, explore and promote local cuisine as well as undergo intensive preparation for the grand finale.

Beyond logistics, Kwele, a professional makeup artist and a psychiatric and mental health nurse at Jubilee Hospital, is on a mission to dismantle societal prejudices. She is firm in her stance that beauty pageantry is an inclusive space.

“In beauty pageantry, there are no physical attribute qualifications,” she stated, addressing the stereotype that pageants are only for specific body types.

As a devoted Christian, she also faces scrutiny from religious circles. “Beauty pageantry is for everyone. It is about passion and I won’t throw away my passion just because of my faith,” she added.

With a growing presence on her Facebook page, The

Dignified Queen, and sponsors beginning to sign on, Kwele is optimistic about the future.

Her five-year plan includes expanding auditions to every corner of Botswana and ensure that no girl is left behind due to her location.

Kwele’s journey is a demonstration of the power of determination. She has successfully transformed a moment of personal heartbreak into a movement that promises to empower the next generation of Batswana women. **BOPA**



Goitse Kwele

Francistown new adventure awaits

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

Nestled between Gerald Estate and Shashemooke, a wildlife park spanning approximately 19 kilometres is set to become Francistown’s latest hotspot for thrill-seekers and nature lovers. The Francistown Education Park, established by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, will introduce a unique blend of adventure and wildlife experiences, setting it apart from other parks in the country. For athletes, the park’s bush walk and marathon trails offer an unparalleled experience.

Imagine running through a lush landscape surrounded by zebras, kudus and wildbeest, with birds chirping in the distance. That is exactly what awaits participants in the park’s upcoming marathons. “I have run in several marathons, but this one is going to be a game-changer. The scenery is breathtaking, and the fact that I will be running alongside wildlife makes it even more exciting. It is like being part of a real-life National Geographic Channel,” said a local athlete with the Francistown Athletics Club, Rose ‘Myguel’ Ditihalo. The park’s bush walk trail takes participants on a five-kilometre journey through the heart of the wildlife reserve, offering a chance to get up close with animals. For those seeking a more adrenaline-fuelled experience, the marathon trail stretches 10 kilometres, winding through the park’s rugged terrain. “As an athlete, it is exhilarating to run in a park full of animals. You have to be aware of your

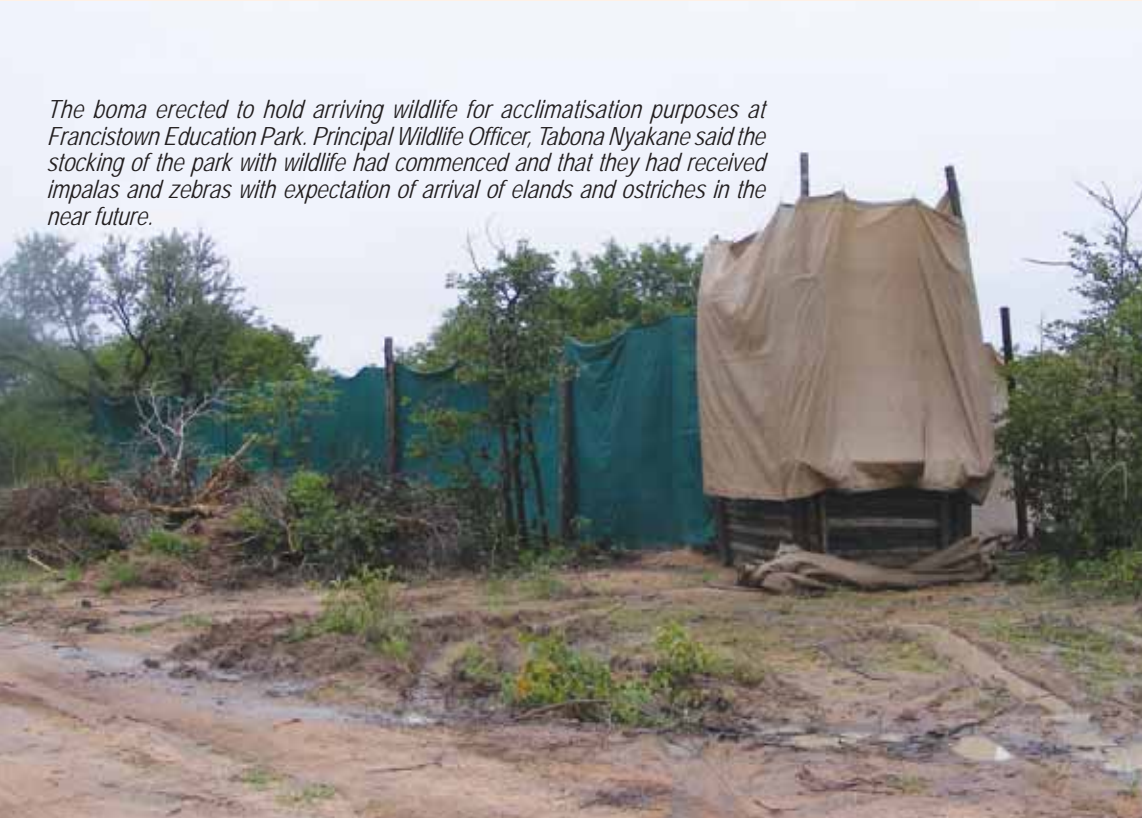
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surroundings, but it is also incredibly freeing. The animals themselves seem to be enjoying the show too, I have seen zebras alongside the trail, completely unfazed by the runners,” Ditihalo added. The park’s unique activities are designed to promote eco-tourism and diversify Botswana’s tourism sector, which has traditionally focused on wildlife viewing. “We want to show the world that there is more to Botswana than just wildlife,” said the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Wynter Mmolotsi, recently when addressing a Francistown special full council meeting. He said the park was just the beginning, adding that the new administration planned to develop more innovative tourism products showcasing the country’s natural beauty. “The park will form part of Francistown’s city tourism attractions and encourage visitors to stay longer in the city,” he said. Meanwhile, a paddock has been demarcated, fenced and gated. Within it, a boma has been erected to hold incoming wildlife for acclimatisation purposes. Stocking of the park has commenced, with impalas and zebras already introduced. Elands and ostriches are expected to arrive in the near future. Principal Wildlife Officer, Tabona Nyakane said the Big Five would not be introduced due to safety reasons. However, giraffes would be introduced in future, the current challenge being the lack of suitable equipment for their transportation.

He said the animals were sourced from the Gaborone Game Reserve, with expectations that other reserves such as Sowa, Orapa and Jwaneng would donate wildlife to boost the park’s population. Some of the ongoing developments include construction of a gatehouse, which is almost complete, and grading of game-drive routes. Nyakane explained that the park’s ultimate goal was to provide hands-on experiential learning, boost community development and foster environmental stewardship by transforming green spaces into dynamic learning environments for students, communities and tourists. He said the current developments

were partial, as funds for full development were still awaiting disbursement. Upon full operation, activities such as educational facilities, game drives, camping and chalet-style lodging will be introduced. However, challenges have emerged, with some animals dying due to stress and difficulties adapting to the new environment. “We have already lost five impalas due to stress and other complications. Some sustained serious injuries after fighting in transport trucks and later died,” said Senior Game Warden, Emmanuel Jeremiah. He added that one impala bull with a stomach wound was

receiving treatment and was in a stable and promising condition. As the park prepares to welcome its first visitors, residents are eager to experience the new attraction. “It is about time we had something like this in Francistown. I cannot wait to take my kids on the bush walk and see the animals up close,” said resident Masego Motingwa. The park is expected to boost local tourism, create jobs and generate revenue for the community. With its unique blend of adventure and wildlife, the Francistown Education Park is poised to become a must-visit destination for thrill-seekers and nature lovers alike. **BOPA**



The boma erected to hold arriving wildlife for acclimatisation purposes at Francistown Education Park. Principal Wildlife Officer, Tabona Nyakane said the stocking of the park with wildlife had commenced and that they had received impalas and zebras with expectation of arrival of elands and ostriches in the near future.



Principal Wildlife Officer, Tabona Nyakane (left) explained that the park’s ultimate goal was to provide an experiential learning, boost community development and foster environmental stewardship by transforming green spaces into dynamic learning environments for communities and tourists. Photos: Thamani Shabani.



Gaborone United's Omphile Ramoagi (left) and Jwaneng Galaxy's Tebogo Kopelang vying for the ball during FNB premier league in Gaborone on Wednesday. Both teams played to a goalless draw. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

GU and Galaxy share spoils

By Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Premier League pacesetters Gaborone United (GU) and second-placed Jwaneng Galaxy played to a goalless draw on Wednesday night at the UB Stadium, a thrilling spectacle despite the lack of goals.

A crowd packed to the rafters as the two title contenders locked horns, witnessing an enthralling contest that unfortunately lacked the final touch in front of goal.

GU adopted a cautious approach, with man of the match Lebogang Ditsele dictating play from a deep-lying midfield role.

The Reds preferred patient build-ups from the back, retaining possession in midfield with only occasional forward forays.

Galaxy showed greater attacking intent but were let down by Lesotho international winger Neo Mokhachane, an otherwise skilful player whose tendency to hold on to the ball too long slowed down attacks and allowed the GU defence time to recover.

The visitors attacked mainly from the wings. While Mokhachane's right flank proved less effective, Kgotsa Radithongwa was a constant threat on the left, repeatedly troubling GU right-back Alford Velaphi. Early in the contest, GU's tricky youngster Omphile "Pist" Ramoagi attempted to break the deadlock, but Galaxy goalkeeper Goitseone Phoko was equal to the task.

Midway through a first half of scant opportunities, GU goalkeeper Thabo Motswagole threw his body on the line alongside his defenders to block a series of Galaxy shots during a goalmouth scramble.

At the other end, Galaxy's Manda Nonto was cautioned for a challenge as GU attempted to break through the visitors' defensive lines.

Towards the break, Phoko went

down to pull a save off of Ditsele as the match went into recess goalless.

Both technical teams made tactical substitutions in the second half to introduce fresh legs. GU brought on Godfrey Tauyatswala and Obry Amseb for Sheikh Sesay and Omphile Ramoagi, while Galaxy introduced Onkabetse Makgantai and Dynamo Fredericks in place of Thabang Sesinyi and Nongo.

Late in the match, Omaatla Kebatho tried his luck from

distance, but his ambitious effort sailed just over the crossbar.

GU remained top of the log with 36 points from 14 games, while Galaxy stayed second on 33 points from the same number of matches.

Unbeaten GU now face traditional city rivals Township Rollers in a mouth-watering Gaborone Derby at Royal Aria Stadium in Tlokweng on Saturday in the pick of the weekend fixtures as the first round draws to a conclusion. **BOPA**

BTTA gears up for WTT Youth Contender

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Botswana Table Tennis Association (BTTA) has commenced preparations for the World Table Tennis (WTT) Youth Contender scheduled for November 11 to 14, this year. This follows an approval by Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) to host the event.

BTTA marketing and public relations officer, Tshegofatso Malepa said preparations for the tournament were officially underway, with BTTA set to announce Local Organising Committee (LOC) in the near future. She said engagements with key stakeholders had already commenced as the association intensified planning efforts ahead of the event.

"BTTA is also calling on corporate sponsors and strategic partners to come on board and support the hosting of the WTT Youth Contender.

This tournament is a valuable platform for brand visibility at both local and international level, while directly contributing to youth sport development in Botswana," she said. Malepa said the WTT Youth Contender was expected to play a crucial role in preparing Botswana's junior athletes for the Region V Games, providing them with competitive match experience against elite youth players from across the world.

"BTTA reaffirms its commitment to hosting a well-organised, internationally compliant event that supports athlete development, strengthens administrative capacity, and advances the growth of table tennis in Botswana," she said.

As part of the preparations, BTTA will over the weekend start the process of selecting a

national youth team, dubbed Diteemane to represent the country at the games. Malepa said the selection process would simultaneously take place at three venues being Babusi Hall in Gaborone, Mabeleapodi Junior Secondary School in Mabeleapodi and Delta Waters International School in Maun.

She said the selection process was aimed at expanding their reach to all corners of the country and ensuring greater inclusivity by giving more junior players from different regions an opportunity to be assessed.

She said at each selection venue, three top players from each gender would advance to a final selection phase, to be held at a later date, where the final BTTA youth national team would be confirmed.

Malepa emphasised that the decentralised selection approach was part of BTTA's broader development strategy to identify and nurture young talent nationwide while ensuring fair access to national team opportunities for juniors regardless of location.

She said hosting an international and world class event signaled the country's growing capacity to host the global table tennis community and the capacity to host sporting events of such magnitude. BTTA president, Kudzanani Motswagole said hosting the WTT Youth Contender was a significant step in their long-term development strategy.

"This event gives our young athletes exposure to high-level international competition while also positioning Botswana as a credible destination for major table tennis tournaments. We are appealing to sponsors to partner with us in delivering a successful and impactful event," said Motswagole. **BOPA**

BCF selects national team

By Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

The Botswana Chess Federation (BCF) national team selection continues into its second phase this weekend at the University of Botswana.

A communication from BCF marketing and communication manager, Goitsemodimo Makgatle said the second stage of the selection invite all chess players who have qualified from the first stage.

The second stage will feature top 20 players from the open section and top 18 women from the ladies section who made it past the first round selection.

The communication says current top two ranked players in the country both in the men and women categories being International Master (IM) Providence Oatlotse and Woman Fide Master (WFM) Natalie Banda respectively will automatically be included in the national team.

It further indicates that the

tournament shall be run under FIDE international chess federation laws of chess as a seven

round swiss system. Additionally, eight players from both the open section and ladies

section will qualify for the third and final round of the national team selection process. **BOPA**



The Botswana Chess Federation (BCF) national team selection continues into its second phase this weekend at the University of Botswana. BCF marketing and communication manager, Goitsemodimo Makgatle said the second stage had invited all chess players who qualified at the first stage. Photo: Keetile Bontsibokae



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TENNIS

Swiatek powers into Australian Open 3rd round

MELBOURNE - World No. 2 Iga Swiatek's hunt for an elusive Australian Open title gained steam on Thursday after a crushing straight-sets victory over Marie Bouzkova in the second round. Opening the night session at John Cain Arena, Swiatek hit 31 winners in her commanding 6-2, 6-3 win in one hour and 19 minutes. It was a significantly improved performance for the six-time grand slam champion, who had battled past Chinese qualifier Yuan Yue in a gruelling first round match. "It felt great playing today, I felt much more free than in the first round. I wanted to go for it," said Swiatek, with Bouzkova limited to just three winners. Swiatek was untroubled as she claimed the first set in 38 minutes before Bouzkova, the world No. 44, provided some resistance but it was not nearly enough. *Xinhua*

Tennis prodigy makes history at Melbourne Park

The world will tomorrow watch as the Australian Open Junior Championship officially begins, but for Botswana's Ntungamili Raguin, the preparation for this moment started over a decade ago.



Ntungamili Raguin

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Raguin enters the tournament in peak form, fuelled by a rigorous developmental path and recent high-profile victories.

His readiness was on full

display during the qualifying rounds, where he dominated his opponents to become the first Motswana ever to reach the Australian Open Junior main draw.

The journey to Melbourne Park was a masterclass in focus. In his opening qualifying match, Raguin dispatched Australian Elijah Dikkenber with a confident 6-2, 6-3 victory. However, it was his second-round performance that truly resonated back home.

On January 22, Batswana

woke up to the news that Raguin had swept aside Japan's Riku Nakamoto with a commanding 6-3, 6-0 win.

Raguin's rise is a 'full circle' story that began 12 years ago in Francistown.

As a four-year-old boy in Area W, he was simply fascinated by the racket and the red developmental balls.

His former coach and current Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) president, Oaitse Thipe, recalls those early days with pride.

"When he started, he just enjoyed playing and hitting the ball. He was talented and that is exactly what we love to see in young players," Thipe said.

Raguin's qualification is not just a personal victory but a beacon for the future of Botswana tennis.

His momentum built significantly last year after winning prestigious J60 and J100 tournaments on home soil.

"The young players watched him win in November, now seeing him on the world's biggest


stage will definitely inspire them.

Tennis participation in the country is set to rise because of this," he added.

Thipe attributed such success to a long journey that was supported by the relentless hard work of Raguin's parents and his coaching team.

As the tournament kicks off this Saturday and runs through February 2, a nation stands behind the boy from Francistown who turned a childhood hobby into a historic sporting feat. *BOPA*

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