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President Advocate Duma Boko (right) being taken on a tour of the hemp pilot project by National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) Executive Director, Dr Charity Kruger (centre) and Executive Director - Hemp Innovations Botswana, Mr Lameck Nthekela (second right), at the NARDI Hemp Research Site in Gaborone yesterday. The project forms part of ongoing efforts to explore hemp's potential in Botswana's agricultural sector, including its contribution to research, value addition, industrial development and economic diversification.
Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Ke Abela Sekolo campaign kicks off

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The newly launched Ke Abela Sekolo Campaign is embarking on a vital mission to modernise the country's ageing public schools. The initiative seeks not only to restore those ageing structures but also to preserve an important part of Botswana's educational heritage, all while creating learning environments fit for future generations.

At the heart of this movement, the Education Infrastructure and Management Company's (EIMC) Ke Abela Sekolo Campaign has placed revitalisation of school infrastructure at the centre of its mission.

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BCP set for elective congress

Lindi Morwaeng
MOLEPOLOLE

The leader of the Botswana Congress Party (BCP), Mr Dumelang Saleshando has secured another term to lead the party toward the 2029 general elections as his seat will not be challenged at the coming party elective congress.

The party will over the long weekend (July18-21) hold an elective congress at Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School.

The congress will elect office bearers for the positions of vice president, chairperson, secretary general, deputy secretary general, treasurer general and secretary for information and publicity.

The spotlight is expected to fall on what is shaping up to be the most closely watched contest of the congress, being the race for vice presidency.

The contest pits Dr Unity Dow, against incumbent vice president Mr Taolo Lucas, in a battle expected to test the influence of the party's most prominent figures.

Another competitive race is for the position of chairperson, where Mr Sennye Obuseng, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama and Ms Daisy Bathusi are seeking delegates' endorsement.

The 2026 BCP Elective Congress will gather 3 200 delegates from all regions with the view to rejuvenate the party by electing new leadership that will steer the party toward the 2029 General Election.

The elective congress, held under the theme: Renewing our Commitment: Preparing the BCP for 2029 and Beyond, will be officially opened on Sunday.

For the seat of secretary general, Mr Emmanuel Maite will challenge the incumbent, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile, while Ms Refiloe Aphiri and Ms Tebogo Molefe are

Mr Taolo Lucas

Dr Unity Dow

contesting for deputy secretary general.

The race for treasurer general has attracted three candidates; Mr Obakeng Moumakwa, Mr Reuben Kaizer and Ms Manka Gampone while Mr Gregory Kelebonye and Mr Olebile Machete will compete for the position of secretary for information and publicity.

According to the programme, delegates will begin arriving on Saturday (July 18), before the official opening on Sunday.

Proceedings on the opening day will include the treasurer general's audited financial report and the secretary general's report.

Voting for the party's new leadership is scheduled for Monday, July 20, with polling expected to run from 0600hrs until 1500hrs.

The party has indicated that no constitutional amendments are expected at this year's congress, having held a constitutional conference in 2025.

The congress is also expected to reaffirm the party's political direction and strategy as it prepares for the 2029 General Election.

Invitations have been extended to opposition political parties from across the Southern African Development Community (SADC), diplomatic missions accredited to Botswana, as well as labour movements and trade union federations. ***BOPA***

AP holds leadership retreat

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

The Alliance for Progressives (AP) President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe will on Saturday officially open the party's leadership retreat which will be held under the theme: AP in Government: Turning Policy Precision to Real Impact, in Palapye.

In an interview, Alliance for Progressives (AP) deputy secretary general, Mr Phemelo Kedumele said the retreat would bring under one roof party officials from all levels, from Members of Parliament to regional chairs and secretaries.

According to Mr Kedumele, the main agenda was to provide training on leadership matters.

The session will also reflect on the journey the AP has taken so far, including its role in government in partnership with other political parties.

"We expect a lot from this meeting, as it will be the first time since 2024 general elections this leadership gathers to discuss and interact on issues affecting the party," Kedumele said.

He added that the training will be conducted in collaboration with leadership development experts.

"In other words, we will have leadership training as part of the sessions during this meeting," he noted.

Furthermore, a special programme is scheduled for Sunday, specifically targeting members of the women's and youth committees.

"We will gather our members to train them and collect feedback on what needs to be done, as well as the next course of action for their committee leadership," Mr Kedumele explained.

The main leadership retreat begins tomorrow and concludes on Sunday, running parallel to the special programmes for the women and youth wings. ***BOPA***

BNF members head to Jwaneng

Kehumile Moekejo
JWANENG

Members of the Botswana National Front (BNF) will converge in Jwaneng for their 61st national congress scheduled for July 18-20, which will be officiated by President Advocate Duma Boko.

Held under the theme: The Torch We Carried, The Nation We Must Build, the conference will be graced by delegates from the party's fraternal partners from the region and beyond including the African National Congress (ANC), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), South African Communist Party(SACP), Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front(ZANU-PF) and South West Africa People's Organisation(SWAPO).

Dr Stephen Modise

Addressing the media during a press briefing yesterday, BNF Secretary General, Dr Stephen Modise said the event was a defining moment for their party to lead the transformation they have been advocating for.

He said this was a call for their members to collectively contribute towards implementing the ideals of the masses who have entrusted the party with governance.

"This reflects the defining moment in the BNF's journey from carrying the hopes of the people in the struggle for change to carrying the responsibility of leading that change in government. The torch symbolises the values that have sustained our movement for generations; justice, equality, solidarity and the liberation of the working people. Today, those ideals must find expression not only in our words, but in the way that we govern," he noted.

Dr Modise said one of the key priorities of this gathering was to strategise on how to address the current fiscal challenges and other national issues affecting various sectors of society. He said the time was nigh for the party leadership and the general membership to confront issues such as unemployment, women and youth empowerment, gender-based violence and education matters, among others, with a view to map the way forward.

"These are issues we cannot run away from, and these are issues we cannot tackle alone as leadership, they are our issues as comrades and as the country. It is important that we get everyone's input about what their thoughts are as we resolve these issues," he said.

In addition, Dr Modise said the party would cease the opportunity to launch their nationwide membership drive and online registration system, as well as the funeral and insurance scheme for members. He noted that the former would be the start of an extensive membership recruitment drive to ensure the party remained as robust in the future. ***BOPA***

BPP leaders convene for second leadership forum

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The Botswana People's Party (BPP) will this Saturday hold its Second leadership forum in Francistown.

The forum will bring together party leaders from across the country to assess progress, strengthen internal structures and align the organisation with its strategic priorities as the country moves closer to the electoral cycle.

BPP Secretary General, Ms Mmantlha Sankoloba said the forum was intended to review the implementation of resolutions adopted during the first leadership forum held two months ago, while also evaluating the party's organisational progress over the past period.

She explained that the meeting will further seek to strengthen leadership cohesion and adopt practical measures that would accelerate the implementation of the party's strategic objectives.

According to Ms Sankoloba, the forum would also provide an opportunity for leaders to engage candidly on the challenges facing both the party and the nation, while ensuring that the BPP remained a disciplined, responsive and people-centred organisation.

On why the party is convening another forum just two months after the last one, the secretary general said leadership development was a continuous process that could not be confined to annual gatherings. She noted that while the first forum laid a strong foundation by identifying priorities and setting a clear direction, much more work remained to be done.

She said the party believed in regularly reviewing progress, addressing emerging challenges and maintaining momentum. Since the first forum, she added, significant progress had been made but additional work was required to strengthen structures, improve coordination, refine programmes and prepare the party for the next phase of growth and electoral readiness.

Ms Sankoloba said the forum would also deliberate on a wide range of strategic matters including progress on resolutions from the first meeting, organisational strengthening, constituency development, membership growth

Ms Mmantlha Sankoloba

and mobilisation.

"It will also look at political education and ideological orientation, youth and women empowerment within party structures, communications and public engagement, as well as the party's contribution within the Umbrella for Democratic Change government," she added.

Other issues to be discussed include national socio-economic challenges and BPP policy responses, preparations for future elections, resource mobilisation and institutional sustainability.

She stated that the party expected the forum to adopt practical resolutions that would strengthen implementation and accountability.

These, she said, would include clear action plans for leadership deployment, membership expansion, policy advocacy, strengthening of grassroots structures, communication strategies and timelines for implementing key organisational programmes.

The aim, she explained, was to ensure that every leader left the forum with measurable responsibilities and clear deliverables.

On how the outcomes will impact the party's preparations for upcoming elections, Ms Sankoloba said the forum would significantly strengthen the party's readiness by improving organisational efficiency, enhancing leadership coordination and strengthening constituency structures.

This, she noted, would increase the party's political visibility and ensure that the BPP was fully prepared to mobilise communities and present practical solutions to the challenges facing Batswana.

She stressed that electoral success began with a well-organised party and that the forum formed part of that preparation.

Touching on the current state of the party, the secretary general said BPP continued to experience renewed growth, increased membership and renewed confidence among its supporters.

She said internal structures continued to be strengthened and that the party remained united around its founding principles of social justice, Pan-Africanism, democracy and national development.

While acknowledging that every organisation encounters challenges, she said the party's focus remained on unity of purpose, organisational discipline and delivering meaningful leadership to the people of Botswana.

Ms Sankoloba said the BPP remained committed to serving the people with integrity, patriotism and visionary leadership. She assured the nation that the party continued to work tirelessly to build a stronger economy, create sustainable jobs, empower young people, support local enterprise, strengthen democratic governance and improve the quality of life for every citizen. ***BOPA***

Ke Abela Sekolo campaign kicks off

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The initiative kicks off with the Winter 'Doors and Windows' Campaign, which aims to repair and replace damaged classroom doors and windows across 20 initially identified schools countrywide, effective yesterday.

The 20 schools include Shakawe, Kasane, Tobane, Paje, Sese and Gakgatla Primary Schools, Sedie, Motsumi, Donga, Palapye, Kwena Sereto and Maoka Junior Secondary Schools, Moeding and McConnell Colleges as well as Ghanzi, Madiba, Seepapitso, Lobatse, Molefhi and Gaborone Senior Secondary Schools.

The initiative recently received a significant boost following a P950 000 donation from the First National Bank Botswana (FNBB) Foundation.

This contribution is expected to immediately improve learning conditions while inspiring broader private-sector participation in educational development.

Speaking at the handover ceremony in Gaborone on Wednesday EIMC board chairperson, Mr Tebogo Sebego said the occasion represented much more than the acceptance of a financial contribution.

Rather, he said, it marked the beginning of an important journey towards transforming the country's educational landscape through meaningful partnerships.

"The EIMC is committed to revitalising learning environments, beginning with 20 schools, many of which have served communities since before Botswana attained independence and continue to stand as enduring symbols of resilience, history and cultural heritage," he said. Mr Sebego explained that preserving the schools was meant to safeguard the country's educational legacy and also ensure that future generations continued to learn in environments that promoted dignity, safety and excellence.

He noted that EIMC board members were products of Botswana's public education system, thus understand from personal experience the life-changing impact that supportive learning environments can have on young people.

"For us, the campaign is not simply about repairing ageing infrastructure. It is about creating opportunities for children to realise their full potential by giving them classrooms that inspire confidence, pride and ambition," he said

He indicated that the Winter 'Doors and Windows' Campaign reflected the philosophy by addressing one of the most basic, yet essential, requirements for effective learning.

"Functional doors and windows protect learners from harsh winter weather, improve classroom safety and security and restore dignity to schools that have faithfully served communities for decades," he added.

Beyond improving infrastructure, the EIMC board chairperson highlighted that the campaign had been designed to stimulate local economic activity by engaging community-based suppliers, local artisans and skilled tradespeople to undertake the repair and refurbishment work.

Mr Sebego further explained that the company's multifaceted funding model sought support from corporate foundations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), development partners and local communities, while recognising that government funding remained the cornerstone of public education infrastructure development. He emphasised that the Ke Abela Sekolo Campaign should not be interpreted as government withdrawing from its responsibilities.

"Instead, it serves as one of several innovative financing strategies intended to accelerate infrastructure development through stronger public-private partnerships. The guiding principle of the EIMC is that by focusing on the basics, everything else will fall into place," Mr Sebego said.

Additionally, he said the Ke Abela Sekolo initiative embodied such philosophy by inviting partners to contribute towards safe, resilient learning environments and modernised infrastructure capable of meeting the demands of contemporary education.

Appreciating the FNBB Foundation, Mr Sebego said the donation represented far more than financial support.

He emphasised that it reflected shared commitment to ensure that every child in the country had access to quality education in surroundings that promoted dignity, safety and empowerment.

He encouraged more organisations to emulate the FNBB Foundation's example by supporting the campaign through financial donations, construction materials, skilled labour, technical expertise, volunteer service and strategic partnerships.

For the EIMC board chairperson, every renovated classroom represented far more than bricks and mortar but represented renewed hope for learners, stronger communities and a lasting investment in the future.

"The future of Botswana resides in our hands. Every classroom we refurbish, every school we modernise and every partnership we forge contributes to the foundation of our nation's future.

Together, let's carry forward the stories of resilience and culture that define us, inspiring future generations to achieve even greater heights," Mr Sebego said. ***BOPA***

Kasane Primary School handymen installing classroom doors donated by First National Bank Botswana (FNB Botswana) under the Keabela Sekolo campaign, an initiative aimed at improving learning environments in schools. School head Ms Leabaneng Mukuwa said the donation of 14 doors would enhance the safety, security and functionality of classrooms, providing a more conducive environment for teaching and learning. She further said the support would help safeguard school property while contributing to the well-being of learners and staff.
Photo: Portia Keetile

EIMC board chairperson, Mr Tebogo Sebego

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Hemp production proves viable

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GABORONE

Industrial hemp, a plant that can be used to develop a wide range of products including clothing, paper, biodegradable plastics, biofuel, paint and animal feed, has passed the initial proof of concept test that it is viable to be cultivated in Botswana, President Advocate Duma Boko has said.

Speaking during a tour of the hemp pilot project at the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) at Sebele in Gaborone yesterday, President Boko said this was the beginning of a process that would ultimately see cannabis contributing to the diversification of agricultural produce in the country.

"We took a bold but somewhat unpopular decision at the time that when we take over the leadership of the country we would grow hemp, legalise its cultivation and open up opportunities in that space and enable our people to benefit," he said. "The time came, we now had to operationalise that. We first had to do the proof of concept, seeds were procured from abroad; in Bulgaria, Europe.

We had to be certain that these seeds would germinate in our climatic conditions and we had to bring in experts to conduct the experiment," President Boko explained.

He said the experiment had proved to perform better than anticipated as the seeds had responded well to Botswana soil with different shades and hues, including a purple hue germinating locally that is unknown in Europe.

"We have a unique contribution to make now in terms of the research and development of hemp, and we are grateful to the scientists - the experts who dealt with this experiment.

They say the plant can give, at the lowest, P50 per gram and each plant gives upwards of 30 to 50 grams.

So, this is a reasonable amount to be made; a lot of value in the production of hemp," President Boko said.

He said it was pleasing that the country now had proof that the seeds could grow and added that they would be availed to farmers at affordable rates.

He further said research had demonstrated that hemp was viable in different soils across Botswana and that interested citizens who wish to partake in its production would be permitted to apply, provided they comply with the regulations of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

He said DEA was actively involved in monitoring the hemp business to gauge the levels of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the principal psychoactive element found in hemp and cannabis plant, primarily responsible for the intoxicating factors associated with marijuana.

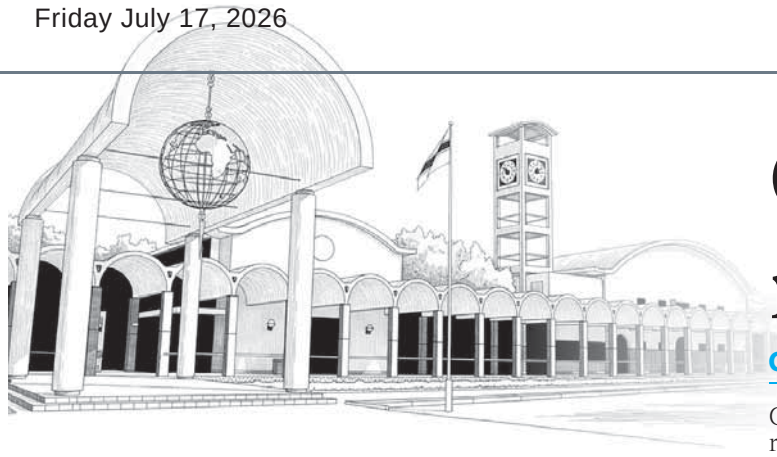
The President said in addition to industrial hemp, the country would also cultivate medicinal cannabis, which would also require close regulation by DEA because of its high THC component, but had to be pursued for its medicinal properties and high value and could generate good returns.

He said industrial hemp and medicinal cannabis would generate jobs and income streams through value chain development, with farmers who grow the plant, transporters and industrialists among those who would benefit, while the country would enjoy the opportunity to interact with the broader pharmaceutical sector internationally.

For his part, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai said the work of creating the industry had started and that jobs would be created and livelihoods improved as its result.

He said Batswana should understand that agriculture could be diversified beyond regular crop production, livestock and smallstock, and that a variety of agro-produce could be developed as well as value addition industries.

Mr Motsamai said this could help the country's economy become more resilient and less susceptible to external shocks as has been the case when heavily reliant on the natural diamond commodity. ***BOPA***



PARLIAMENT 2026

‘Supply tenders empower citizens’

GABORONE

Government is committed to citizen economic empowerment, inclusive growth and the diversification of the economy by ensuring that government supply tenders empower a broad spectrum of citizens.

This was said by Minister of Environment and Tourism Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, who was responding to a question in Parliament on Wednesday, on behalf of the Minister of Finance.

He said public procurement was a strategic instrument for economic transformation, job creation and the empowerment of Batswana, especially the youth, women and emerging entrepreneurs.

He said government reserved procurement schemes for citizens or citizen contractors and the schemes applied to works, services, supplies and/or combination thereof.

Also, he said government mandated a 50 per cent discount for tender document purchases and contractor registration fees for 100 per cent youth owned businesses aimed at enhancing their access to procurement opportunities.

All these measures, Mr Mmolotsi said were to ensure that public procurement drove citizen economic empowerment, spreads opportunities widely, builds local capacity and protected small medium enterprises from unfair domination by a few entrenched players.

Mr Mmolotsi said these were designed to advance economic and social objectives while remaining consistent with international obligations and maintaining macro-economic stability.

He said Section 74 of the Public Procurement Act of 2001 governed the implementation of preferential procurement schemes, which included processes for eligibility certification, reserved schemes, scales of preference, ranking bids, preference for supplies and rules of governing primary contractors and subcontractors.

The minister said compliance was exercised and PPRA monitored and enforced the Act to ensure compliance, as the Act mandated the Authority to conduct periodic inspections, procurement and contracts audits and performance reviews.

He also said the Authority had the power to demand information, investigate contraventions, summon witnesses and impose administrative sanctions where violations were noted.

Furthermore, Mr Mmolotsi said the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) required all central government ministries, local authorities and parastatals to prioritise locally manufactured goods, services and agricultural produce.

He said eligible enterprises should register with the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship to obtain the EDD certification, which qualified them for preference to EDD certified local producers.

The minister said the initiative worked with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act to grow the capacity of local producers and promote new entrants.

Moreover, Mr Mmolotsi said the ministry was committed to protecting the intellectual property rights and safeguarding innovations while ensuring fair competition.

He was responding to a question from the MP for Kgatleng East, Mr Mabuse Pule who had asked the minister to state how compliance with citizen participation and local content requirements was monitored and enforced and also to state specific initiatives that existed to enable new and emerging supply companies to access government contract. ***BOPA***

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Govt engages over 200 retired officers on contract

GABORONE

Government, currently, has 253 retired employees employed on contract in the public service, Minister for State President, Defence and Security Mr Moeti Mohwasa has said.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Minister Mohwasa said the number of retired officers appointed on contract by government was at 309 since January 2024, but has since been reduced to cut reliance on retired officers.

He said of the 309, 22 were on F scale, 33 on E scale, 57 on D scale while 182, 4 and 11 were C, B and A scales respectively.

Minster Mohwasa said the officers were given contracts on 24-36 months, where there was demonstrated shortage of specialised, high-level and critical skills that were not readily available within the public service.

Those skills, he said were medical specialists, engineers and technical experts, legal and judicial experts, specialised educators and training experts as well as accounting officers, such as permanent secretaries and ambassadors.

Mr Mohwasa explained further that contract appointments were utilised as an interim measure, while government advanced long-term capacity-building initiatives, including ongoing specialists training as well as succession planning and Leadership Development programmes scheduled for implementation during the 2026/2027 financial year.

Furthermore, he said the promotion or recruitment of other officers was not always possible on highly specialised or critical roles because of shortage of required qualified personnel.

He said due to the long lead time needed to build specialised capacity, retired officers were therefore re-employed only in these exceptional circumstances for continuity in essential services and to sustain government operations.

Tati East MP, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture had asked the minister to state the number of retired officers appointed on contract by government, their skills and the length of their contracts. ***BOPA***

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said local authorities were assessed using the Balanced Scorecard methodology, which measured performance through four key perspectives.

Ministry assess authorities on four perspectives

GABORONE

Local authorities are assessed twice a year using the Balanced Scorecard methodology, which measured performance through four key perspectives.

This was revealed by Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwaw when answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday.

He said the first perspective assessed how local authorities delivered their core products and services to customers, adding that the products and services were prescribed under the Local Government Act and Government Gazette Extraordinary G.N. No. 742 of November 12, 2024.

Mr Mohwasa said the second perspective evaluated the efficiency of the internal processes used to deliver those services, while the third assessed institutional capacity to manage the processes effectively.

He said institutional capacity covered areas such as human resource management, staffing levels, leadership, management competencies and organisational agility.

The minister noted that the fourth perspective measured the ability of local authorities to generate revenue and effectively manage the resources at their disposal.

Therefore, he said the ministry did not compare the performance of local authorities.

Instead, Mr Motshegwa said each was assessed individually based on its unique circumstances and socio-economic environment as each institution operated under different conditions.

“Each local authority is assessed on its own, considering its uniqueness and the socio-economic dynamics therein. Some local authorities have high levels of poverty, while others have limited enablers for social and economic development. It would therefore not be fair to compare institutions that are not congruent,” he said.

Minister Motshegwa also pointed out that the ministry had identified 10 factors contributing to poor service delivery and weak development outcomes, as well as 41 interventions aimed at addressing the challenges.

He said the interventions formed part of government’s efforts to improve service delivery by removing administrative bottlenecks that slowed down the delivery of public services.

Among the challenges identified, was a fragmented policy and legislative framework.

Mr Motshegwa said the ministry had resolved to harmonise the relevant policies and legislation in consultation with government institutions and other stakeholders.

“Other factors affecting service delivery include an unfavorable fiscal environment for local authorities, weak project management, poor monitoring and evaluation systems, inadequate digitalisation, shortages of human resources, ageing fleets, equipment and infrastructure, lack of a governance framework for local authorities, corruption perceptions and incidents, as well as high prices of government goods and services,” he said.

In addition, he said factors affecting service delivery would continue to evolve, with some disappearing as solutions were implemented, while new challenges emerged in response to changes within local authorities.

He said the ministry would continue to monitor the performance of each local authority and work closely with their leadership and management to improve performance, service delivery and development outcomes.

Minister Motshegwa was answering a question from MP for Kgatleng Central, Mr Mpho Morolong who had asked the minister to brief Parliament on the comparative performance by local authorities and what factors contributed to poor service delivery and development outcomes. ***BOPA***

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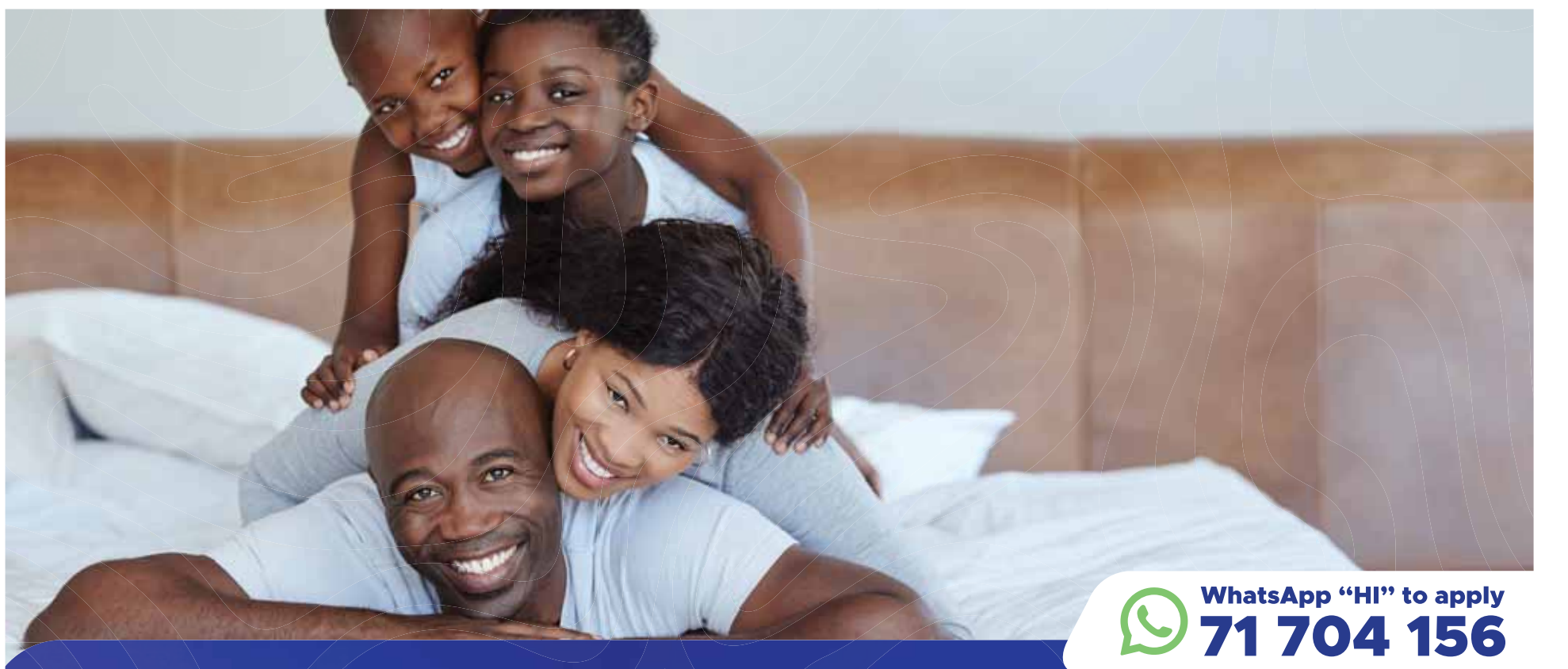

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Brazil dairy cattle to enhance milk production

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The radiant dance of golden light before evening cast a golden glow across the serene landscape as an epic scene unfolded at Milk Valley Farm nestled between the rolling hills of Lobatse.

The dairy farm was bustling with activity on Monday marking a historic moment for the country as many witnessed the imperial arrival of first batch of the high yielding, prominent tropical Girolando dairy cattle from Brazil.

The government-owned picturesque state of the art Milk Valley Farm, equipped with highly automated systems stood proudly on the charming hilly area to receive the solid black and roan white curious herd of bovine heifers.

"The animals are doing very well. We are working together with a team of veterinary experts on the project to ensure the acclimatisation goes according to plan. We also roped in a nutritionist who is balancing feed ration to match with what the animals were fed in Brazil as they transition to what they will be fed in Botswana. All is going well, the cattle are calm and there is not much being observed at this juncture," said Milk Valley Farm interim general manager, Mr Onkemetse Bareki in an interview.

He said the arrival of the Girolando dairy cattle was part of strategic and robust flagship dairy project expansion plan adding that it was running parallel to the construction of cow houses in preparation for the other batch that would follow in due course,

"We are on track as planned and we expect everything to be completed early next year," he said.

Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) managing director, Mr Oteng Keabetswe said the project was targeted at transforming Milk Valley Farm into a large-scale commercial dairy operation.

The first batch of Girolando dairy cattle arrived from Brazil at Milk Valley Farm in Lobatse on Monday. Botswana Development Corporation managing director, Mr Oteng Keabetswe said the project was targeted at increasing Botswana's milk production capacity.
Photos: Calviniah Kgautlhe

> "Beyond strengthening Botswana's domestic milk production capacity, Milk Valley Farm is expected to become an anchor for the development of a vibrant dairy ecosystem"

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

African manufacturers tap China industrial experience to boost growth

JOHANNESBURG - African manufacturers and trade officials have called on the continent to draw lessons from China's industrial transformation by strengthening long-term planning, investing in innovation and skills, and pursuing a development path suited to Africa's own conditions. On the sidelines of the 2026 Manufacturing Indaba in Johannesburg on Wednesday, Rhyan Injendi, Kenya's commercial and trade attache at the High Commission in Pretoria, told *Xinhua* that China's success demonstrated the importance of strategic planning and consistent implementation."If we want to achieve something in industrialisation, we must first have a clear plan, supported by research and well-defined targets. China plans first, develops a programme of action, and then implements it step by step," he said. ***Xinhua***

Huawei promotes market-ready digital skills for youth

NAIROBI - Chinese telecom firm Huawei will strengthen its partnership with Kenyan higher learning institutions to equip local youth with market-ready digital skills and tackle unemployment, an executive said on Wednesday. "In the last decade, the Huawei ICT Academy programme has partnered with Kenya universities and vocational training institutions to provide training to more than 12 000 youth with industry-relevant ICT skills," Khadija Mohammed, director of public affairs and communications at Huawei Kenya, said during the fourth edition of Skill Up Africa 2026 in Nairobi,Kenyan. Huawei is a technology partner for the two-day event, which brought together senior policymakers, industry executives, and scholars. Participants are exploring new pathways to upskill African youth, ensuring they are adequately prepared for future tech-driven jobs. Mohammed added that Huawei provided opportunities to up to 100 management trainees and interns annually, ensuring that young graduates acquired valuable workplace experience, while bridging the gap between industry and academia. ***Xinhua***

Public-private partnership key to accelerating Africa growth

JOHANNESBURG - Government officials, manufacturers, and investors have called for stronger investment, deeper regional integration, and closer public-private collaboration to accelerate Africa's industrialisation at the 2026 Manufacturing Indaba in Johannesburg. Addressing the two-day event, South Africa's Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry, and Competition John Steenhuisen said manufacturing was the foundation of industrial development, noting that rebuilding the sector was essential to creating jobs, increasing exports, and driving long-term economic growth. "Manufacturing remains the backbone of every successful industrial economy. It has the potential to create sustainable employment, drive technological innovation, raise productivity, stimulate exports, and generate demand throughout the economy," he said. ***Xinhua***

Fiscal discipline weakens amid rising debt

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Botswana's current fiscal crisis reflects a prolonged weakening of fiscal discipline, characterised by repeated budget deficits and rising public debt, following a decline in the country's share of global exports from about 40 per cent to 20 per cent over the past three decades.

World Bank Group Division Director, Ms Satu Kahkonen, said this during the launch of the Botswana Economic Update in Gaborone on Tuesday.

She said the crisis had been exacerbated by the country's small economy and heavy reliance on a single commodity, making it highly vulnerable to external shocks, including the conflict in the Middle East, which continued to weigh on global growth prospects, fuel prices and investor confidence.

"Public debt surged from 22 per cent of GDP to nearly 40 per cent of GDP between 2023 and 2025, prompting an increase in the statutory debt ceiling from 40 per cent of GDP to 60 per cent of GDP in early 2026," she said.

Ms Kahkonen cautioned that unless corrective measures were taken, the increase in public debt would place the country on an unsustainable debt trajectory, a risk already reflected in the sharp rise in domestic interest rates in recent months.

Beyond fiscal adjustment, she said Botswana needed to diversify its export base, which remains heavily dependent on diamonds that account for about 80 per cent of total exports.

She said this would require unlocking private sector potential through reforms aimed at improving the business environment and expanding access to infrastructure and financial services, particularly for new and small businesses.

"This Economic Update argues that Botswana needs to shift its economic model.

While this message has been repeated many times in the past, including across multiple government strategies, the urgency of such a shift is now greater than ever," she said.

Ms Kahkonen said fiscal deficits had widened in recent years and, unlike in the past, government could no longer cushion temporary declines in diamond revenues by drawing down fiscal buffers, limiting its ability to implement countercyclical fiscal policy.

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She noted that the fiscal outlook remained challenging, with the budget deficit expected to remain high during the 2026/27 financial year due to an expansionary budget combining increased development spending with significant one-off expenditures.

She said financing constraints had become a major risk, as limited depth in the domestic financial market and rising borrowing costs meant budget implementation would increasingly depend on access to affordable external financing.

In the absence of such financing, Ms Kahkonen warned that liquidity constraints could result in under-execution of planned expenditure, a situation already experienced in recent years.

Despite the challenges, she said a modest economic recovery was expected over the next two to three years, driven mainly by a rebound in diamond production from historically low levels.

Economic growth, she said, was projected to recover to about 3.2 per cent in 2026, supported by increased diamond production, although output would remain well below the levels recorded over the past decade. She added that growth in the non-mining sector was likely to remain subdued due to the fiscal adjustment programme and weak private investment amid a still-challenging business environment.

Over the medium term, Ms Kahkonen said economic growth could average around 3 per cent, supported by gradual improvements in the policy environment and the maturation of investments in renewable energy and base-metal mining, which were expected to stimulate economic activity. ***BOPA***

Govt turns economic adversity into opportunities

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Government remain steadfast to tackle pressing economic challenges such as a staggering decline in diamond revenues and transforming such hurdles into growth opportunities through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), which aims to transition the nation into a services-led, investor-friendly and export-driven economy.

With Botswana's heavy reliance on diamond exports having created a 'perfect storm' of economic challenges, the crisis has nonetheless forced the country to pivot toward long-term resilience and diversification.

The current economic meltdown has led to a depletion on government investment account which stood at P6.1 billion in April 2026, while public debt rose from 22 per cent of GDP in the 2003-2004 financial year to an estimate of 38 per cent at the end of March 2006.

Speaking during the official launch of the maiden edition of the World Bank group's Botswana Economic update, Ministry of Finance, Secretary of Macroeconomics and Financial Policy, Dr Sayeed Timuno reaffirmed government commitment to seize the moment and turn the current economic crisis into opportunity.

He stated the need to get a diversified, high-resilient economy which is underpinned by disciplined public finances and a labor force equipped for work that diversification demanded.

Transforming economic challenges into opportunities, he said required shifting from single-sector dependence to a diversified, technology-driven and sustainable economy adding that by reframing problems as invitations to innovate, both government and private sector could turn adversity into long-term growth.

"Our analysis shows that diamond still accounts for roughly 72 per cent of exports, largely unchanged from three decades ago, though there are opportunities in livestock, mineral processing, green energy, high-end tourism, which creates a near-term avenue for export diversification to carbon-neutralised investment," Dr Timuno said.

He said it was also important to invest in human capita in order for the public service to deliver measurable results for harnessing human capital for sustainable and climate-resilient growth, principally through renewable energy and water security.

To that effect, Dr Timuno highlighted that it was pleasing to note that the World Bank group also recommends employer-led sector skills compact, a re-oriented human resource development fund and a balanced structure for the revival of the economy.

Thus noted no degree of fiscal consolidation or private sector reform would diversify the economy if the labour force continually increases with less value addition.

Additionally, he said it was key to restore fiscal sustainability through a more efficient government spending and stronger domestic revenue normalisation as well as management of the wage bill as a direct rationale for the wider challenges.

"Our true north has not changed. We still want to build a high-income, digitally-labeled, export-driven, and economically-diversified country by 2036, where every citizen is employed, empowered and fulfilled," he said.

This goal, Dr Timuno said was underpinned by disciplined public finances and strong human capital and was the destination set out in the National Development Plan 12 and given operational form in the BETP. ***BOPA***

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe meeting learners from Chadibe Primary School on Tuesday. He encouraged learners to dream big and embrace values that would prepare them for a successful future. He further said discipline, punctuality, honesty and hard work were key to achieving their goals. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

Brazil dairy cattle to enhance milk production

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So far, he said they have received 186 of pregnant Girolando dairy cattle from Brazil marking the commencement of a phased importation programme that would see 1 000 dairy cattle introduced to Milk Valley Farm anticipated to be completed within a period of 18 to 24 months.

Additionally, Mr Keabetswe said the arrival of dairy cattle followed an achievement by Milk Valley Farm as it was recently awarded a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)-Free Dairy Compartment Status by the Department of Veterinary Service. This he noted reinforced confidence in the farm's operational integrity, animal welfare standards and disease prevention systems, while positioning the farm to pursue future export opportunities for dairy cattle and fresh milk as well as boost local dairy production.

He said to support the Milk Valley Farm expansion programme, BDC had invested significantly in the development of modern dairy infrastructure which included water supply systems, dairy housing, feed regime, farm mechanisation, breeding technologies and strengthened biosecurity measures.

"These investments are designed to support long-term productivity, sustainability and operational efficiency as the project continues to scale," he said.

He said in terms of the dairy value chains they were looking for feed partners and will soon roll out expressions of interest.

Additionally, he said the farm occupied about 300 hectares of land and with time BDC shall invest in a milk processing plant as well as construct a research laboratory.

He highlighted that the Girolando dairy cattle had top of the range genetics adding that they would start trading in genetics as well.

Mr Keabetswe underscored that Botswana imported about 90 per cent of milk and milk products noting that the project at its full operation would reduce milk importation to 50 per cent.

"Beyond strengthening Botswana's domestic milk production capacity, Milk Valley Farm is expected to become an anchor for the development of a vibrant dairy ecosystem. The project will create direct and indirect employment, develop specialised agricultural skills, facilitate knowledge and technology transfer, and unlock meaningful opportunities for citizen participation across the entire dairy value chain," he said. ***BOPA***

Various factors delay road project completion

Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae said completion of the Kachikau-Parakarungu road project was delayed by factors such as contractor's poor performance and unfavourable weather conditions.

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The re-gravelling and culvert installation project along the Kachikau-Parakarungu road has not been completed to the large extent attributable to the contractor's poor performance while unfavourable weather conditions such as heavy rainfall's contribution were quite minimal.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae said it was awarded to Heritage Contractors Company at the sum of P 19,617,739.40 and started on February 9, 2024 and was scheduled for completion on May 9, 2025.

He noted that the completion date was extended to August 8, 2025 to compensate for the time lost while sourcing the borrow pit.

In a bid to fulfil contractual obligations, he said the ministry issued Notices to Correct, requiring the contractor to improve performance and the first notice was issued in June 2025 while the second one was issued at the end of March 2026 and the contractor was terminated on the 30th April 2026.

"At the time of termination, progress was at 47 per cent against the planned 100 per cent completion and contractual matters on this project have not been concluded and once done, procurement of another contractor to complete the outstanding works will commence," he added.

The minister was responding to a question from Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga, who had asked the minister to update Parliament on progress of the Kachikau-Parakarungu road project, in particular why the project has not been completed to date and if he would consider terminating the contract as it was evident there was failure to deliver the project. ***BOPA***

Ministry to upgrade Sese

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Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has taken a decision to upgrade Sese given the growing population and size of the village.

Responding to a parliamentary question on Tuesday, the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said Sese, with a population of 7119 inclusive of its associated localities, had been identified as qualifying for upgrading.

However, he said the implementation had been deferred due to prevailing budgetary constraints.

Mr Motshegwa said the ministry applied the Revised National Settlement Policy of 2024 together with data from the 2022 National Housing and Population Census in determining the upgrading of villages across Botswana.

Meanwhile, Minister Motshegwa said the upgrading of Sese kgotla from Headman of Records status to Chief Representative (Moemela Kgosi) would be done during the first quarter of 2026/27 financial year.

He was responding to a question from Jwaneng/Mabutsane MP, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa, who had asked the minister to state whether there were plans to upgrade Sese Headman of Records given the growing population and size of the village. ***BOPA***

Govt commits to improve workers' welfare

GABORONE

Government remains committed to improving the welfare, dignity and purchasing power of workers, particularly low-income earners who continue to bear the greatest burden of the rising cost of living.

Responding to a question in Parliament, on behalf of the Minister of Finance on Tuesday, Minister of Environment and Tourism Mr Wynter Mmolotsi stated that the commitment was already reflected in the public service as the lowest paid public officer currently received P4,000, comprising of a basic salary of P2,895.00 and a housing and upkeep allowance of Pl,105.40.

Mr Mmolotsi said in addition, through the Collective Labour Agreement, housing and upkeep allowances for employees in salary scales A3 to Dl were enhanced during the 2025/26 financial year.

To sustain the improvements, he said the government had made a budget provision of P542 million in the 2026/27 financial year.

"The issue before us is therefore not one of policy intent but of economic capacity and sustainability. While the government remains committed to extending this objective across the economy, prevailing economic conditions do not yet support the immediate implementation of a P4,000 minimum wage in the private sector," he added.

Mr Mmolotsi also highlighted that as outlined in the 2026 budget speech, the government projected an overall fiscal deficit of P26.35 billion.

Furthermore, he said the economy contracted by 0.7 per cent in 2025 following a 2.8 per cent contraction in 2024 while the government investment account had declined substantially from a historical peak of P37.2 billion in 2024 to P6.1 billion in April 2026.

Such developments, he said, underscored the need to safeguard macroeconomic stability while supporting economic recovery.

He noted that an immediate across-the-board increase in the statutory minimum wage would significantly raise labour costs, particularly for small and medium sized enterprises that continued to operate under challenging economic conditions.

"This could adversely affect business viability, constrain employment creation and in some instances result in job losses and such an outcome would not advance the objective of improving workers' welfare," he said.

Furthermore, Mr Mmolotsi pointed out that the government therefore considered it prudent to pursue a balanced approach that protected workers while preserving the productive capacity of the economy.

Accordingly, he said their immediate priority was to strengthen economic growth, restore fiscal resilience and create the conditions necessary for sustainable wage growth.

He said through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), the government was implementing reforms aimed at enhancing productivity, stimulating private sector investment, diversifying the economy and creating sustainable employment opportunities.

The reforms, he said, would strengthen the economy's capacity to support higher wages on a durable basis, emphasising that the government commitment to a P4,000 minimum wage remained unchanged.

However, the minister also stated that its implementation must be sequenced and aligned with economic recovery, productivity improvements and fiscal sustainability.

"This approach will ensure that the policy achieves its intended objective of improving living standards without compromising employment, enterprise development and long-term economic stability," he noted.

Mr Mmolotsi said government had already demonstrated its commitment of improving workers welfare through remuneration of the lowest paid public servants.

As the economic conditions continued to improve, they would advance the implementation of the initiative across the broader economy in a manner that was sustainable, inclusive and supportive of long-term economic transformation.

Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas had asked the minister to state if the current state of the economy could support a P4,000 minimum wage across the board as it was the desire and wish of the current government. ***BOPA***

Minister of Environment and Tourism Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said government's commitment to improve welfare and purchasing power of workers was already reflected in the public service as the lowest paid public officer currently received P4,000.40, comprising of a basic salary of P2,895.00 and a housing and upkeep allowance of P1,105.40.

Tombstone unveiling for Mmamatlakala victims tomorrow

Workers preparing tombstones ahead of the unveiling and memorial monument event, which will be led by First Lady Kaone Boko tomorrow. The initiative is part of a psycho-social support programme for families of the 45 Batswana who lost their lives in the Mmamatlakala bus tragedy in South Africa and aims to promote healing and closure. Photo: Moshe Galeragwe

MOLEPOLOLE

Tomorrow marks another phase of the National Healing, Remembrance and Closure Programme, which seeks to assist communities, institutions and families affected by traumatic events to find healing while preserving the memory of those who were lost.

The programme, which kick started last week Thursday, takes the nation to Garanta Cemetry in Molepolole for the Tombstone Unveiling and Memorial Monument event for the 44 members of St Engenas Zion Christian Church and their bus driver who lost their lives in a horrific accident on March 28, 2024, when traveling to Moria for the annual Easter pilgrimage.

The bus plummeted 50 metres into a ravine before blasting into flames on the Mmamatlakala bridge in Limpopo, South Africa, leaving only one survivor, a little girl who at the time was aged 8 years.

The victims were laid to rest in Molepolole, while the driver was buried in his home village of Thamaga.

The tragedy saw the compassion of Batswana, as the nation came together to remember the lost souls and one official said during the burial ceremony, *fifing go tshwaranwa ka kobo*, meaning a friend in need is a friend indeed.

It is on this background that First Lady Kaone Boko embarked on a journey of remembering those departed, stand with their families to help them heal and enable them to finally get closure.

Kweneng District Council Chairperson Mr Ontefetse Rankhibidu said preparations were at advanced stage with 44 tombstones erected in Molepolole and the other in Thamaga, which would be unveiled by the First Lady.

He said the programme for the day was expected to start at Molepolole Sports Complex where different speakers, including experts in psychosocial support would deliver messages aimed at healing and recovery.

Mr Rankhibidu said the day's activities would be led by the First Lady and there was hope that President Advocate Duma Boko would also be in attendance.

He said the programme would conclude with the unveiling of the tombstones at the cemetery, adding that the cemetery part of the event would be attended by the deceased families and selected dignitaries, while the public would only attend the start of the programme at Molepolole Sports Complex. He said the general public were invited to be in attendance as the psychosocial support event offering healing and closure would not only be extended to family members and relatives of the deceased.

Mr Rankhibidu added that the programme was targeting all who might be carrying a heavy burden or undergoing any form of difficulty and in need of closure and rejuvenation.

He said core to the event would be healing, therefore different speakers including pastors, psychologists and motivation would be delivered to offer hope and a renewed lease in life.

Mr Rankhibidu said the church would equally play a leading role in the programme, recollecting that the bus accident occurred in South Africa at Mmamatlakala as the deceased were among the St Engenas (ZCC) congregation on an Easter Holiday pilgrimage.

Concerning government's contribution to the event post the accident, Mr Rankhibidu applauded First Lady's office for having found it fit to engage the affected families and the nation as a while through a programme aimed at healing following the loss of family members and any other challenges emanating from other societal challenges.

Mr Rankhibidu said the programme augmented what government was already doing in supporting the affected families, adding that post the unveiling, the affected family members will be assessed on a case by case programme to ensure that each individual was accorded counselling through a tailor made programme. ***BOPA***

Healing programme aims for closure

Moshe Galeragwe

MOLEPOLOLE

Government has initiated a robust plan to ensure healing and psycho-social support for families that lost their loved ones in a bus accident at Mamatlakala bridge in South Africa.

Chief Social and Community Development Officer, Ms Masego Motsewakgosi said the plan was part of the National Healing, Remembrance and Closure Programme, noting that social workers had already started with assessing and profiling families and individuals to pave way for programmes targeted at their healing.

She said two years down the line since the bus tragedy that claimed the lives of 45 Batswana who were on an Easter Holiday pilgrimage, they have realised that some families had not found healing and closure.

"It came to light during assessment that after the burial of Mmamatlakala victims, service rendered by social workers to the families was disengaged prematurely as there were signs of challenges that have mounted over time," she said.

Ms Motsewakgosi also said social workers were preparing families for the Tombstone Unveiling and Memorial Monument billed for Molepolole tomorrow, as it was meant to offer closure.

She said the initial stages of the assessment and profiling had revealed that indeed the affected families were facing a mirage of challenges, seeking immediate attention.

"It was clear that the families were not in good shape as some have not healed as expected. As the First Lady has appealed, it is necessary to offer them healing, as some of the conflicts in the families emanates from lack of support and proper counselling," she said.

She said even though grief cannot be avoided, it was important for the bereaved to get the necessary support and move forward, despite the loss.

Ms Motsewakgosi said the plan to ensure healing was in four phases and included assessment and profiling of the families in terms of the needs in psycho-social support, followed by instigating measures to resolved the raised concerns.

"The programme will have the post unveiling stage, which will run for six months. We are currently visiting families and attending to individual members, using a tool designed to gauge grief. What is gathered through this tool will assist in the analysis stage, as individual issues will be addressed as per their level, family conflicts will also be resolved,"she said.

> "It was clear that the families were not in good shape as some have not healed as expected. As the First Lady has appealed, it is necessary to offer them healing..."

Ms Motsewakgosi said at some point, group counselling would be considered for those with similar issues, as the platform would make them understand that they were not suffering in isolation and there was room for healing.

She said the healing process would also engage a referral system for further management of cases, noting that healing was a process and did not have a defined time frame, as it depend how one reacts, therefore some were unlikely not the heal within the set six months post unveiling. ***BOPA***

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Mokhanselara wa kgaolwana ya Boswelatlou kwa Lobatse, Rre Omar Raphel a re borre ga ba rate go supa mathata a bone fa ba le mo dipharagobeng.

Rre Raphel o buile jalo kwa Lobatse ka Laboraro jaaka go ne go tshwerwe bokopano jwa borre bo itebagantse le botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo, ka setlhogo se se reng: Ga o a tshwanela go rwala o le nosi.

O tlhalositse gore bokopano jo bo tlaa thusa thata borre ka e bile e se batho ba ba buang fa ba lebanwe ke dikgwetlho.

Bokopano joo bo ne bo tseneletswe ke baitseanape gotswa kwa mafelong aa farologaneng go ba tla go reetsa le go thusa borre.

Mogolwane wa tsa botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo gotswa kwa kokelong ya Sabrana, Dr Lebopo Sebapadi o boletse gore botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo bo bakiwa ke seemo sa maikutlo le gore motho o akanya jang. O tsweletse a tlhalosa gore ga gona tlhatlhobo epe, e e dirwang go lekola tlhaloganyo, mme goya ka fa motho kana molwetse a itlhalosang ka teng kwa bongakeng. Are ba seka ba tshaba go itlhalosetsa ba bongaka, a tlatsa ka gore motho o a bo a sireletsegile e bile a le mo diatleng tse diphepa.

Mogakolodi wa tsa manyalo le kago sesha ya manyalo, Moruti Joseph Mohlomi a re go le gantsi banyalani ba kgona go iphitlhela dikakanyo tsa bone di sa tsamaisane, are seo, se felela se baka tshakgalo le dipolaano tse dintsi.

Mo go tse dingwe, Moruti Mohlomi, a re borre ba tshwanetse go itse gore go tlhopha motho go lebelelwa ka fa o godisitsweng ka teng, ngwao le gore o itshwara jang, a bolela gore go botlhokwa gore batho ba rutiwe ka lenyalo.

Mo go tse dingwe, Reverend Godfrey Tsetsengwe go tswa kwa Ministers Fraternal kwa Lobatse o boletse gore tumelo e thusanya le tsa botsogo.

O ne a kopa baruti go rotloetsa botlhe ba ba ka tswang ba na le kgotlhang le dikakanyo tsa bone, go bona ba botsogo.

Mongwe wa ba-tsena bokopano, Rre Onneile Charles o supile fa tiriso ya madi e le nngwe ya tse di ka bakang kgotlhang le go itsa kagiso mo lelwapeng.

Fa Rre Moamogedi Bathai a re kgang kgolo ke gore banyalani ba neelane megopolo le go ipha nako.

Mothusa molaodi wa Lobatse, Rre Kabelo Ntopo o ne a rotloetsa borre go itlhokomela go itsa gore ba lebege jaaka mathata a bone, a re motho le fa a imetswe o tshwanetse go tlhapa a nne phepa, ka moo a ba kgothatsa gape go emana nokeng ka dinako tsotlhe. ***BOPA***

Rre Lesego Kganela (molemeng), Mme Okathusa Simakane (fa gare) le Rre Mpho Siele ba emelela kwa toropong ya Lobatse ka Labobedi go ya go feleletsa mosepele wa dikhilomethara tse 1000 kwa Kanye go tswa Maun. Fa a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Lobatse, Rre Siele a re o simolotse mosepele oo ka maikaekelo a go kgobokanya madi go aga lefelo la ikago sesha le le tlaa thusang ba ba gateletsweng ke ditagi. Setshwantsho: Calviniah Kgautlhe

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Kgosi Seretse o supile fa kgang ya tiriso bojalwa le ditagi botlhaswa e ngomola pelo ka jaana le bana ba dikolo ba inaakantse le tsone, seemo se areng se tlhoka mongwe le mongwe go tsaya karolo go se lwantsha.

"A re emeleng seemo se ka dinao ka jaana bana ba rona baa nyelela e bile malwapa mangwe a thubegile ka ntlha ya bojalwa le ditagi," a gatelela jalo a lebogela maiteko a lekalana la ga Rre Siele mo go tsiboseng Batswana ka manokonoko a tiriso ditagi.

Molaodi wa toropo ya Lobatse, Rre Mpho Mathe le ene o ne a iteela kobo moroko, a supa fa go le botlhokwa gore botlhe ba sekegele tsebe molaetsa wa ga Rre Siele ka jaana o ka dira pharologanyo.

A re mo botshelong batho ba tshwanetse ba ithuta gore phetogo e simolole ka bone e seng go solofela go bona phetogo e dirilwe ke mongwe.

A re ba tshwanetse ba itse gore letsema le thata ka mong wa lone ka jalo ba tshwanetse ba emela matshelo a bone ka dinao.

Rre Mathe o gwetlhile morafe go itshekatsheka pele mo lwapeng, a tlatsa ka gore ba bo ba ela tlhoko bana ba bone go bona gore a ba tshela matshelo a a eletsegang. Fa a tswa la gagwe, Rre Siele o boletse fa bothata jo a bo lwantshang bo se bosha.

A re se a se dirang ke go gatelela maiteko a puso le makalana a a ikemetseng ka nosi, ka a bone fa batho ba latlhegelwa ke matshelo ka ntlha ya tiriso bojalwa le ditagi phetelela. "Ke ka moo ke kekgthileng go gwanta lefatshe ka bophara ke leka go gasa molaetsa wa boikgapho mo dinotaging".

Rre Siele a re bontlha jwa dithuto tsa gagwe bo itebagantse le bana ba ba tlhokileng lesego ka jaana bangwe ba na le boitlhobogo ka ba sa kgona go fitlhelela ditoro tsa bone mme ba felele ba inaakanya le nnotagi.

O tsweletse a re batho bangwe ba tshelela mo kgatelelong ya nnotagi ka ntlha ya go tlhoka bogakolodi, mme a supa fa lekalana la gagwe le itebagantse le seo go fema bao ba ba ka amegang go ya pele.

O boletse gape fa malwapa a sa iketla ka jaana dinotagi di ba ka le yone kgokgontsho ya bong, a tlatsa ka gore bana ba ba amegang mo tirisong ya dinotagi le bone ga ba dire sentle mo dithutong tsa bone.

Rre Siele a re nnotagi e ema gape letseno mo lwapeng, e ama botsogo jwa tlhaloganyo le mmele ka kakaretso atsatsa ka gore ga gona sepe se sentle ka yone fa e se go senya matshelo a batho.

O boletse fa kwa pheletsong ya mosepele wa gagwe, a ikaelela go aga lefelo la banana la rehabilitation centre le le tlaa bong le itebagantse le go tlamela kana go thusa bao ba ba dirisang nnotagi botlhaswa e bile ba na le maikaelelo a go tlogela.

Kwa lefelong leo, a re banana ba tlaa anya ithuthuntsho le maele a botshelo jaaka go rua dikoko, dipudi le go lema merogo.

Mookamela mapodise a Woodhall, Senior Superintedent Goitsemang Sekgabo o ne a itsise morafe fa ditagi tse di sa letlelelweng di akaretsa motekwane o a reng o di goga kwa pele mo toropong ya Lobatse. ***BOPA***

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FREE STANDING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RETIREMENT FUND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

In Members of the Free Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions Retirement Fund are hereby invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Fund.

Date: 19 August 2026
Time: 1400 hours – 1730 hours
Venue: Blue Tree

The purpose of the meeting is to present reports on the activities and performance of the Fund and to consider any other business relevant to members.

Members who intend to attend the meeting are kindly requested to notify the Fund Administrator in advance to confirm their attendance. This will assist with planning and logistical arrangements.

Members also have the option to attend virtually. Those wishing to participate virtually are requested to indicate their preference by contacting the individuals listed below.

For attendance confirmation or further information, please contact or scan the QR code below:

Email: *thato.jama@minet.co.bw* **or** *gorata.kebapetse@minet.co.bw*
Telephone: 399 5624 or 399 5666
Issued by the Board of Trustees of the
Free Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions Retirement Fund

AGM RSVP Free
Standing AVC Retirement Fund

PALAPYE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

TELEPHONE: (267) 4923359/767178202 **EMAIL: info@pdat.co.bw**

P.O.BOX 11
PALAPYE
BOTSWANA

Ref: PCDT/COR (022/26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Successful Candidates for Board of Trustees Membership – Palapye Community Development Trust
The Palapye Community Development Trust Board of Trustees wishes to thank all 34 applicants who submitted application letters for the position of Board of Trustees Membership.

Following the review and shortlisting process as per the Palapye Community Development Trust Notarial Deed of Trust (Paragraph 6.0), the following 10 candidates have been declared successful at this stage:

No	Name	Surname
1.	Balosang J.	Mmusi
2.	Andrew	Mafela
3.	Desmond	Dinama
4.	Kedibonye	Jacobs
5.	Norman S.	Gadilatolwe
6.	Boile N.	Tumelo
7.	Tlotlo	Samane
8.	Leabua	Lekorwe
9.	Kesegofetse	Lefi
10.	David	Moathodi

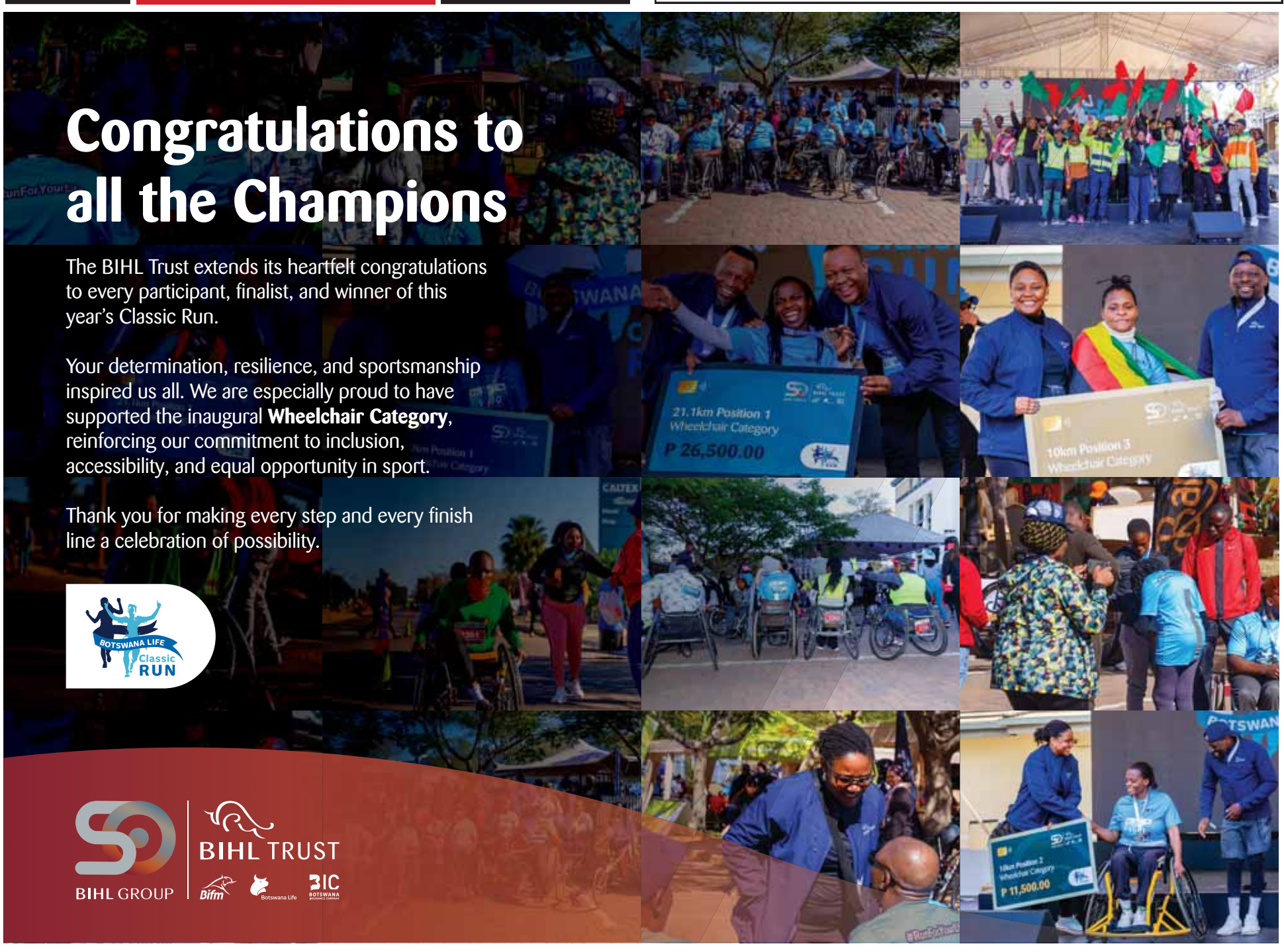
The successful candidates will undergo the next vetting process through elections to be conducted at the main Kgotla by the Palapye Community.

Queries:

Any queries relating to this notice should be forwarded to the Palapye Community Development Trust Administrator's office within 14 working days from the date of this notice. The Administrator's office will forward queries to the Palapye Community Development Trust Board of Trustees Ex-Officio members for deliberation.

THANK YOU.

Issued by:
Palapye Community Development Trust Board of Trustees
Date: 13th July 2026



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FARM WORKES

I'M LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER, Catherine Moloi. P O Box 508 Mochudi. Duteleng- farm

FARM WORKERS WANTED. Apply to Jacob Jaques Matheo. P O Box 1210 Thamaga. 71 602 693

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Cima Traders Proprietary Limited in Kgatleng district, Send applications to Senye Kate Kakale, P O Box 26209 Gaborone. Closing date 25th July 2026.

FARM WORKER NEEDED in Thamaga, Goo-Kodisa from August 2026. Cell: 72890769

FARM WORKER WANTED, Apply Godfrey Mmipi P O Box 1359 Mogoditshane. 74 753 406

A FARM WORKER WANTED. Call 72379945

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tsitlaneland near Ranaka village, Southern. Contact 72 900 443

FARM WORKER NEEDED in Paje. Call 72 339 909. Gofeemaone Mokonono, Box 1339, Jwaneng

WANTED HERD BOY at Mmaphala cattle post please contact R.M Letshwenyo, Cell 77 002 515.

FARM WORKER at Mokobeng 71786736 / 73 786 736.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ntswaneng, Mahalapye contact 71687860 / 75 270 759.

FARM WORKERS NEEDED @ Mogonono Extention Area Losika Seboni Box 1024 Mopepolole 71600060

WANTED 3 FARM WORKERS P O Box 2805 Mahalapye 73 873 044.

HERDBOY WANTED at 256 Contact Lekgetho at 75 774 225

KE BATLA BADISA ba babedi ko Etsha 13 leletsa mogala 73 582 092

FARM WORKER Apply to Koziba Chibona Takatokwane Area 76 843 777

HERD BOY WANTED at Rasesa – Kgope. Contact Oduetse S. Motau 74 689 334, 73 268 799

TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED at Sebonwane Kgatleng District. Contact 71 662 958. Name: Oreeditse Mogorosi-Pone

LOOKING FOR A HERDBOY at Satau Village, no qualification and no experience required. Contact 71803754 / 73 180 675. Lunza C. Mothoka, P O Box 2128 AAD, Gaborone

TSHOGANETSO MAKUKU LOOKING for a farm worker at Kaka Ranches. Apply to P.O Box 80288 Gaborone

FARM WORKER REQUIRED at Kgope in Kweneng Tribal Area who will be looking after small stocks and growing of crops. Reply to Kopong Mews Proprietary Limited, P.O Box 201935 Gaborone before 30th July 2026

TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED Mmathubudukwane. Call: 71 632 201 Box 221 Gaborone

TWO FARM WORKERS are wanted, Dikgonnye. Contact Person : K. Nyepa – 71 737 442

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sethulo Lands, Gasita preferable male aged 30 years and above , able to read and write. Apply to Fraw farm, Box 402708 Gabs. Closing date 18/08/2026. 74 675 020

FARM CARETAKER NEEDED at Mahetwe Semeseme farms. Contact 71735705 or apply to : G Ncube, P O Box 323 Kopong

URGENTLY NEED FARM LABOURERS. Apply : Thabo Phadi, P O Box 1846 Gaborone Mosese ward Oodi. I need seasonal and permanent farm workers Mothusinyana E, Chibana P O Box 501060 Gaborone

FARM WORKERS NEEDED at Maiphithwane Lands. This includes Animal Care, Horticulture and Marketing. Contact:7 6 261 192

HERD BOY WANTED in Serowe contact 75 452 364

A FARM WORKER WANTED at Thamaga gaMabewa. Please send your application to: Farm Manager P O Box 188 Thamaga. Call 76 557 745 for details

SEASONAL FARM WORKER WANTED Sekgakgaima, Maokane. Contact Ontlametse 71 353 753 / 72 655 380

WANTED: FARM WORKERS at Dilokwana Ext area. Apply: Rapelang Roy Maphiring Box 1116 AAD, Poso House Gaborone. Closing date: 31/07/2026

FARM WORKERS WANTED: Apply Bernard Maphanyane Box 227 Mopipi. Morula Farms, Mopipi

DIKGONNYE FARM SEEKS farm workers for smallstock and horticulture. Apply to P O Box 26227 Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED. Box 178 Mmadinare Patrick Bagopi 72 138 138

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Apply: Send CV & motivation to:
recruitment@dinalediacademy.co.bw

Tel: 5751004
Closing Date: 30 July 2026

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MARANATHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

VACANCIES

1. EPUTY PRINCIPAL

• Main purpose of the job
-To deputize for the principal and assist in the overall management of the school to ensure effective curriculum delivery, discipline and high standard of learner performance.

• **Key duties**
- Oversee curriculum implementation, continuous assessment and improvement of learner performance.
- Manage staff, professional development.
- Enforce learner code of conduct and maintain discipline.
- Co-ordinate guidance and counseling, co-curriculum activities and school safety.
- Prepare reports, budgets and ensure accountability of school resources per finance instructions.

• Qualifications and Experience
- Bachelor's Degree in Education.
- Minimum 10 years teaching experience, with atleast 3 years in leadership position.
- Registered with Teaching Registration Council of Botswana.

2. SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Maranatha Secondary School is seeking the services of qualified, experienced, self-motivated, result-oriented secondary school teachers in the following fields:

- Mathematics and Physics.
- French and English.
- Agriculture
- Biology and Chemistry.
- Information Communication &Technology and Mathematics.
- English and History.
- Business studies and Accounting.
- Geography and Religious Studies.
- Physics and Chemistry.
- Design and Technology.
- Food and Nutrition.

• **Qualifications and Experience.**
- A minimum of a Diploma in Education in the related subject.
- A relevant degree will be an added advantage.
- Should demonstrate a high level of experience and knowledge with Cambridge IGCSE, AS and Advanced levels.
- The ability to offer more than 1 subject will be an added advantage.

3. MATRON

• **Main purpose of the job**
- To ensure the welfare, safety, discipline and general well-being of learners residing in the school hostel.

•**Duties**
- Supervise learners in the hostel.
- Ensure hostel security, hygiene and proper care of school property.
- Enforce hostel rules and learner code of conduct.
- Act as a parent/guardian figure, counseling, conflict resolutions and emotional support.

•**Qualification**
- Diploma in social work /Educational / Counseling.
- Minimum 5 years experience working with children/youth preferred.
- First Aid certificate an added advantage.

Application Procedure
- Application letter and detailed CV.
- Certified copies of academic/professional certificates.
- Names and contacts of 2 traceable referees.

Send your applications as a SINGLE PDF to maehroffice@gmail.com, no later than 7th of August 2026.
Enquiries: (+267) 5480996
(+267) 78433939

+267 74085751, +267 72714353 Email: maesecschool@gmail.com Facebook:Maranatha Academy Of Excellence Secondary P O Box M517 Kanye Physical Address:Plot 6764, Lodubeng,Kanye

LOST TITTLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer no. 299/85 dated the **12th** day of **June 1985** made in favour of **ISY INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 257 Lobatse (formerly Lot 219 Lobatse);
SITUATE: in the South East Administration District of Botswana;
MEASURING: 499 m² (Four Hundred and Ninety Nine square metres);

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 3RD DAY OF JULY 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana
Tel: (+267) 316 3125 **Fax:** (+267) 316 3124
Email: info@aja.co.bw
Web: www.aja.co.bw
AJA Akheel Jinabhai & Associates McKee Commercial Law
VAT Registration No: 1482319510-00-05-61
Akheel Jinabhai (Managing Partner) | **Mark Mckee** (Consultant Partner) | **Topiwa Chilume** (Partner) | **Obrien Bvindi** (Partner)

VACANCY: SENIOR MEN'S TEAM FITNESS AND CONDITIONING COACH

Dinare FC wishes to invite suitably qualified and experienced candidates to apply for the position of Fitness and Conditioning Coach.

Requirements:
- Proven coaching experience in Africa.
- A traceable and successful coaching record.
- Relevant coaching qualifications will be an added advantage.

Interested candidates should submit an application letter together with an updated CV to:
The General Manager
Dinare FC
Plot 5038, Ramotswa

Email: officialdinarefc@gmail.com

Closing Date: 31 July 2026.

VACANCY – DENTIST

Marang Dental Care invites applications from a suitably qualified and experienced dentist (1):
Qualifications & Experience

Applicants must possess:
• Bachelor's Degree in Dental Surgery or an equivalent qualification from a recognized institution.
• A minimum of five (5) years' post-qualification experience as a practicing dentist.
• Registration and a valid practicing licence with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

Key Responsibilities
The successful candidate will be responsible for:
- Examining patients and interpreting dental X-rays and diagnosing oral health conditions and preparing treatment plans.
- Performing routine and advanced dental procedures, including fillings, root canal treatment, crowns, bridges, and dental implants.
- Providing cosmetic dental services such as teeth whitening, bonding, and veneers.

Skills & Competencies
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
• Professionalism, integrity, and ethical conduct.
• Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
• Strong organisational and time management skills.

Write to:
Marang Dental Care, Plot 54373, Unit 5, Matante Mews, CBD. Box 1088 AAD, Poso House, Gaborone. Tel: +267 72158056. Closing Date: 31/07/2026.

INTENTION TO SELL/CEDE/ TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (RESIDENTIAL PLOT)

NOTICE is hereby given that **BOATAMETSE BONTY DIAU** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **AETHERIX PROPRIETARY LIMITED** respectively (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property namely;

CERTAIN	Piece of land being Tribal Lot 693, Kazungula
SITUATE	at Kazungula in the Chobe Tribal Area
MEASURING	1125m² (One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Five square Metres)
WHICH PROPERTY	Is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease Number FT TL 724/2012 dated the 27TH day of AUGUST, 2012 made in favour of BOATAMETSE BONTY DIAU (SPINSTER) (BORN ON THE 8TH DECEMBER 1983)

Hereafter referred to as (the "Property")
Consideration of the Property amount is P300 000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Pula) consequential to the Transaction.
Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Chobe Land Board, P O Box 50, Kasane within 30 (Thirty days) from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

BRISCOE ATTORNEYS
Plot 133, Independence Avenue
P O Box 402492 GABORONE **Tel:** 3953377 **Cell:** 71359316

NEIGHBOURS CONSULTATION

The owner of plot 79797 Gaborone North zoned civic and community seeks to subdivide it and change the use of resultant B to infrastructure for the development of a telecommunication mast.

Any **objections** to the proposed change should be forwarded to the Physical Planning Office Civic Centre Independence Avenue **within 14 days** of the date of this publication.

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PLOT NO: 406, MOFFAT STREET, FRANCISTOWN
P.O Box: 203022, Bontleng, Gaborone
CALL: 71363365/71337864

FARM WORKERS URGENTLY NEEDED at Mogwagwane cattlepost for Mr Seth Brown at 73 195 552 Box 337 Gabane

FARMWORKER WANTED at Tutume GWEMAZHANI. Box 73 Tutume. Call Mr Rapid O Ngkakile. To take care of goats and sheeps. 71 756 834

MISCELLANEOUS

CARE TAKER WANTED, Box 202563 Gaborone. 71 606 398

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 4648, Mafitlhakgosi Tlokweng applies for change of landuse from a single family residence to a multi-residence. Any objections from neighbouring plots should be forwarded to: Physical Planning, Tlokweng District Council. Tel: 369 500

MAGMIKE INVESTMENTS OWNER of plot 1863 Ledumadumane would like to change land use from single to multi family including construction of a boundary wall. If there are any objections please contact physical planning on 592 0244 / 592 0115 and 3500283/284 within 14 days

OWNERS OF PLOTS 9677, 9676, 9674, Extension 7, Palapye notified that owner of 9675 wishes to build a boundary wall. Contact 71 565 480 or Palapye building control office for objection.

THE OWNER OF PLOT NO. 8862, Tati-Siding village intends to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential and erect a boundary wall. Any inquiries or objections please contact North East District Council on 248 9242 within 14 days of the publication of the notice.

MR MAZHINYE WANTS TO BUILD boundary wall on plot 21200 Mogoditshane Block 10. Any objection call Mogoditshane Council on 310 5615/ 396 0790 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT NO. 19410 PHASE II, Gaborone West, Extension 12, intends to change landuse from single family residential to day care centre. For any objections contact Gaborone city council, physical planning department, contact no: 365 7494 / 365 7542 within 14 days of this publication. Keatlaretse Elsie Ntshono. Contact no: 72 299 996

MEDICAL DOCTOR POST MOGODITSHANE FAMILY CLINIC IS LOOKING FOR A **QUALIFIED MEDICAL OFFICER** REGISTERED WITH BHPC WITH WORKING EXPERIENCE OF MORE THAN 3 YEARS FOR A TEMPORARY MEDICAL POST FOR SIX MONTHS.

KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO PO BOX 41197, GABORONE OR HAND DELIVER TO THE CLINIC AT PLOT 2 AND 3 NKOYAPHIRI, MOGODITSHANE.

PHONE NUMBER 73850801.

CLOSING DATE IS 24 JULY 2026.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

DR CHARLES MUTANDWA OWNER OF **LOT 20248,** GABORONE located in the Gaborone West Extension 11

Would like to change his plot from single family resident to multi-family residential.

Anyone with objections please contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office at Plot 330 on independence Avenue in the Civic Centre district of Gaborone, Phone +**2673657400**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ***ESHGB 000522/24***

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GABOTHUSI LETSHWENYO** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire T Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 1st day of July 2021.

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 publication hereof.

DATED at Gaborone on this 03rd Day of July 2026

The Executrix
Morongwa Letshwenyo
P O Box 202895 GABORONE
Cell:71281879/78307058

VACANCY: FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Dinare FC invites suitably qualified and talented football players between the ages of 17 and 25 years to apply for positions in the following categories:

- Goalkeepers
- Defenders
- Midfielders
- Strikers

Requirements:

- A well-developed professional football player.
- Must have played football in Africa with a traceable football record.
- A National Team call-up will be an added advantage.

Interested candidates should submit an application letter together with an updated CV and football profile to:

The General Manager
Dinare FC
Plot 5038,
Ramotswa

Email: officialdinarefc@gmail.com

Closing Date: 31 July 2026.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act that Cyos Investments (Proprietary) Limited entered into a sale agreement with **Judith Habana** in respect of the below-mentioned property for sum of **P250, 000.00** (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula) in respect of the following property:
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 7082;
SITUATE: at Gabane;
MEASURING: 1.0006 hectares
HELD UNDER: Which property is currently in the process of registration into the names of JUDITH HABANA

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

Any **citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing** to Mogoditshane Sub Land Board, P O Box 2 Mogoditshane **within thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice.

SEBEGO Attorneys
Notaries, Conveyancers and Patent Agents
Plot 387, Independence Avenue
Private Bag BO 177 GABORONE
Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999 **Fax:** 318 2686

China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) | **VACANCY** Solar PV Panel Installer

China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) is a China state owned corporation, that mainly undertake large infrastructure projects. The corporation is seeking an experienced safety-conscious Solar PV Panel Installer to join their team in Botswana.

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be responsible for installing, testing, and maintaining solar photovoltaic (PV) systems while ensuring compliance with engineering standards, quality requirements, and health and safety regulations.

Requirements

- Certificate or Diploma in Renewable Energy, Solar PV Installation, or a related field.
- Minimum of 2 years' practical experience in solar PV installations on large scale solar power projects
- Ability to read and interpret electrical and construction drawings.
- Knowledge of electrical safety standards and solar PV installation best practices.
- Physically fit to do installation works.
- Knowledge of commissioning and testing of solar PV systems.

Interested applicants should submit their applications and CV via email to: crbcbotswana@gmail.com **Address:** Plot 65919, Block 10, Gaborone, Botswana Tel: 3920008/ 75160715

Closing Date: 6 August 2026

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 2311/2008 dated 17th September 2008 made in favour of Richline Investments (Proprietary) Limited in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

1.CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 10 (a Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm 150-NK;
SITUATE: in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 10,0000 Ha (Ten comma Zero Zero Zero Zero Hectares);
And
2.CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 11 (a Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm 150-NK;
SITUATE: in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 10,0000 Ha (Ten comma Zero Zero Zero Zero Hectares);
BOTH OF WHICH PROPERTIES: are held under Deed of Transfer No. 2311/2008 dated 17th day of September 2008 made in favour of RICHLINE INVESTMENTS (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 of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA)
Attorneys for Applicant
The Fields Precinct, Lot 54349 CBD, Office Block B, 3rd Floor,
Corner of Molepolole Rd and Western Commercial Rd,
Gaborone, Botswana
(TD/gk/M008315)

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease **TL 1451/2015** dated the **18th day of September 2015** made in favour of **TEBOGO BARREL** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 1962, Kanye;
SITUATE: at Kanye in the Bangwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 994m2 (Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Square Metres);
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the afore said Lease.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1st JUNE 2026.

NGWENYA & ASSOCIATES
P. O. BOX 81282
PLOT 19201, PHASE 2
GABORONE
TEL: 74192233/77918178

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act that Cyos Investments (Proprietary) Limited entered into a sale agreement with **Judith Habana** in respect of the below-mentioned property for sum of **P290, 000.00** (Two Hundred and Ninety Thousand Pula) in respect of the following property:
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 7083;
SITUATE: at Gabane;
MEASURING: 1.0025 hectares
HELD UNDER: Which property is currently in the process of registration into the names of JUDITH HABANA

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

Any **citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing** to Mogoditshane Sub Land Board, P O Box 2 Mogoditshane **within thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice.

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Notaries, Conveyancers and Patent Agents
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Private Bag BO 177 GABORONE
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Application for a Certified Copy of Lost Deed of Transfer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No: 1985/2015 dated the 24th July 2015 made in favour of MOKAEDI MONNANE MONNANE in respect of;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 4317,Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone Township Extension 14, Gaborone.
MEASURING: 464 m² (Four Hundred and Sixty-four Square Metres).

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

LUCKY DESMOND ATTORNEYS *Applicant's Attorneys, Plot 40335, Makhubu Hill Road Block 5, Gaborone,* P.O Box 504347, Gaborone,

Second Publication.

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: 1512/1991 dated 23rd day of October 1991 made in favour of Joseph Nasando Nyambe in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land Lot 19399 Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extention 12
MEASURING: 450M2,Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres
HELD UNDER: Deed of fixed period state grant NO. 1512/1991 Adated 23rd October 1991

ALL persons having objection to the issure 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 06th JUNE 2026

Notice of Intention to Transfer Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of section 34 (1) (a – e) of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, that I, the undersigned Moribula Kongela, give notice of my intention to give and transfer the following property to Kayombo Brian Sovi in respect of:
CERTAIN: Residential plot No. 305;
SITUATE: at Ditshukudu village, Kweneng District;
MEASURING: 900m² (nine hundred square metres);
HELD UNDER: Resolution of the Board of Lentsweletau Sub Land Board;
MARKET PLACE: P60,000.00 (Sixty thousand Pula Only) subject to terms and conditions of the laws applicable.
By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer in respect of the above property must give their submissions, in writing, to Lentsweletau Sub- Land Board within thirty (30) days of the publication.

MODIBULA KONGELA, Applicant, Cellphone No. (+267) 72700170.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No**. 473/2002** dated the 4th day of **March 2002** made in favour of **MANKO JOSEPHINE MOREETSI** in respect of:
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 14881, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension No. 6;
MEASURING: 450m2 (Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease **TL 473/2002** dated the **4th** day of **March 2002** made in favour of **MANKO JOSEPHINE MOREETSI;**
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Deed.
Any person having objection to the issuing of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks from last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23rd JUNE 2026.
M. LESOLE ATTORNEYS
P. O. BOX 40325
PLOT 20096, PHASE 2 GABORONE
TEL: 71885852/72199654/73605696

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 0003363/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MAOKANYANE SAMSON GOMANG & KHUMOETSILE GOMANG** who died at Gasiko Ward, Gabane, Kweneng District & Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **8th November 2024 & 4th February 2026** respectively.

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

DATED at _____on this _____ Day of_____ 2026.

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Executor Dative
Odirile Mmipi
P O Box 498
METSIMOTLHABE
CELL: 71702286

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ***ESHMY 000001-26***

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEENE BOIKHUTSO** who died in Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown district, Botswana on 28th June 2024.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that debtors or 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 Mahalapye on this 09 day of July 2026
The Executive Dative, Tebogo Boikhutso, P O Box 276, Palapye
Cell: 71494444

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO NON-CITIZEN

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, that **ALBERTUS THOMAS SCHEFFERS** here by gives notice of the intention to cede and transfer the under-mentioned property to **JENNIPHER JEJE:**

CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 24 of the farm KNOCKDUFF No. 6-JO;
SITUATE: in the South East Administrative District;
MEASURING: 8094m² (Eight Thousand and Ninety Four Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 373/90 dated 19th April 1990 and made in favour of Albertus Thomas Scheffers;

The transaction is being sold at **P1,200.000.00 (ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PULA)** and valued at **P1,500,000.00 (ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PULA).** By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through to **ALBERTUS THOMAS SCHEFFERS P O Box 216, Maun** within **thirty (30) days** of this advert

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 05TH DAY OF JULY 2026

SWABI & COMPANY
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Attorneys for the Applicant
First Floor, Unit 17, Kgale Mews,
Gaborone International Finance Park,
P O Box 403506,
GABORONE

Quality Mushroom Producers Botswana (PTY)LTD

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Closing date 31 July 2026

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

ESHFT 0000071-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Sebele Sechele** and **Constance Sekha Sechele ESHFT 0000071-25** who died at Central District on **26th November 2020 and 14th December 2024** respectively

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 29TH JULY 2026

Signed.....

Peter K . Sechele AND TO **Master of the high Court**
Executor Dative **Private Bag F13**
P O Box 267 **FRANCISTOWN**
Serowe

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000110/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **LETSUGILE CONIE PADIPADI** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 7th December 2022.

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 .....2026.

_____
The Executor
Ogomoditse Padipadi
P.O. Box 25297 GABORONE
TEL: 72390667 / 71898965

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:** FT MA 249 **dated** 15th **day of** October 2010
Made in favour of: Hotline Security Services (Proprietary) Limited **In respect of:**
CERTAIN: Piece of land being TRIBAL LOT 1334 MAUN
SITUATE: MAUN
MEASURING: 2666 (Two thousand six hundred and sixty six) square metres
HELD UNDER: FT MA 249/2010

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: 08 **on this** Wednesday **day of** July 2026
APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE whois hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant NO: **16/2010** dated **8th January 2010** made in favor of GETRUDE BOK in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 6115 Lobatse**
SITUATE: in Lobatse Extension 24
MEASURING: 375 m² (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Square Metres)
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Certificate of Registered State Title No. 1049/95 dated 8th December 1995.
AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR: from general Plan DSL No 111/91 surveyed by Land Surveyors G.G.I De Wilde in June 1996 and approved by the Director of Surveys & Land on 3oth October 1995

All persons having objections to issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge their objections with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the date of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JULY 2026
NDZINGE MAKHAMISA LAW GROUP PLOT 17999, BLOCK 1, UNIT 3 AND 4 GABORONE WEST INDUSTRIAL GABORONE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's \Reference: **ESHGB 000816-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late Dr. Elizabeth Botsile who died in Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the **2nd** day of **August 2024.**

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

DATED at..... on this..... Day of.....2026.

The Executor
Dr. Alakanani Zikhali
PO Box 47335
GABORONE
Cell No.: 74495119

Home Care Nursing Services (Nurse/HCA Recruitment)

Everest Social Services (PTY)LTD **P.O Box 353 Mmankgodi**
St Georges Medical Centre **Plot 3417 Extension 12**
Gaborone phumlabp@yahoo.com 71723996 / 72490746

Services: Home Care Nursing Services, Nursing Agency, and Hospital Step-down Nursing Services.
Qualifications: Diploma/Degree in General Nursing/Nursing Sciences
Experience: Minimum two years for Private, Day and other Hospitals.
Job titles: Home Care Oncology Nurse, Home Care Renal Care Nurse,Home Care Emergency Nurse, Home Care Maternity Nurse, Home Care Medical Nurse, Home Care Surgical Nurse, Home Care Geriatric Nurse, Home Care Paediatrics Nurse
Job Summary: acute and palliative care, procedures, patient education, management, monitoring and mentoring,
Number required: thirty(30)

Closing date 31 July 2026
Please Note : These are locum post not permanent jobs.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

MR MAZHINYE WANT TO BUILD boundary wall on plot 31386 Mogoditshane Block 10. Any objection call Mogoditshane Council on 310 5615/ 396 0790 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

MR OAITSE PRICKER NAWA, owner of an integrated farm at Matsaakgang land in Sefhare, wishes to change land use from agricultural (integrated farm) to mixed use (agriculture & industrial). For objections contact Mahalapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 471 8636/16 within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 17189 AT MOWANA in Mahalapye, wishes to change land use from single-family residential to commercial (guest house). For objections contact Mahalapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 4718636/16 within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 3065 AT NDZONGA ward in Nkange, wishes to change land use from industrial (brick molding) to multi-family residential. For objections contact Tutume District Council, Physical Planning Office on 298 7232 within 14 days of publication.

AFRICAN BUSH LOVERS (PTY) LTD at Kazungula intends to change use of their plots, Lot 5532 and 5531 from Residential to Commercial (camp site). Any objections be forwarded to Chobe District Council or contact 625 0275 within fourteen days of this publication.

BOTSWANA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION at Rasetimela, Bobonong intends to change use of their Residential Plot 11272 to Civic and Community. Any objection should be forwarded to Bobirwa District Council or Contact 2619274 within fourteen (14) Days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot 9033 Magapatona, Tutume intends to apply for change of land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. Anyone with comments should contact the Tutume District Council Physical Planning Office on 245 1345 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

CHANGE OF LAND USE I Modise Ncube intend to change use of my Horticulture Plot no 2614 Matebele to mixed use. Any objection regarding this proposal should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office or call telephone no: 577 3512 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

TSHIKI PROPRIETARY LIMITED, Owners of plot 323 located in Papatlo Village would like to erect boundary wall. Anybody with any objections to the proposal should forward it to Goodhope District Council Physical Planning Office on 5404157 or in writing within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 3323 MOGODITSHANE Block 4 Tsolamosese intends to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential. For objections contact Mogoditshane District Council Physical Planning on 3105615 within 14 days from publication notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot 18600 at Phase 2, Gaborone would like to change the land use from single family residential to civil and community (Kindergarten-day care). Any objection contact planning office, Gaborone City Council at 365 7400 within14 working days of this publication.

DANIEL MPHO KATJINOTJIWA in Mahalapye / Xhosa ward would like to change land use from single-family to commercial guest house. Anyone with objections to the proposed development should contact Physical Planning Office on telephone number 471 8600.

OWNER 17169, RAMFURWA WARD, Tlokweng wishes to build double storey residential and boundary wall. Interested parties and owner 17168 can view drawings at Tlokweng DC planning dept or Thobo @ 71 612 915 for consent / objection.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER 5142, VILLAGE, Gaborone wishes to change land use from residential to multi storey, multi residential. Interested parties to view drawings @ Thobo, 71 612 915 or Physical Planning GCC for consent / objection.

GAOGAISIWE MOLEFI WOULD LIKE to change land use of their plot 15256 at Tshikinyega Ward, Mahalapye from Single to Multi Family Residential. Any objections may be forwarded to Mahalapye Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this publication at 471 8636/16.

HLANGANO KILLION MOKWETE, owner of Plot No.15296, Francistown, Coloured would like to change land use from single-family to multi-family residential. For any objects, contact Francistown City Council, Physical Planning office on telephone no (+267) 241 1050 within fourteen (14) days of publications of this notice.

KENEILWE MENO WOULD LIKE to change land use of their plot at Moribegwane Ward, Sefhare from residential to commercial. Any objections may be forwarded to Mahalapye Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this publication at 4718636/16.

OWNER OF PLOUGHING FIELD in Magotane notifies of applying for change of land use from agriculture to mixed use. Any objections to the proposed may be forwarded to GaMalete district council or call 5381200 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE: the owner of plot 5750, Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from multi-family residential to commercial. Any objections may be forwarded to the Mogoditshane/Thamaga district council physical planning office or 74614096 within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice.

BIGANI MATHANGWANE, OF PLOT 23183 in Phase 4, Gaborone, intends to change land-use from open space to mixed-use development. Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning unit at 3657400 or Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Botswana within 14 days of the notice

MAGNET ENERGY (PTY) LTD has intentions to construct an access road to a proposed filling station on tribal lot 24, Digawana.

PROPERTIES

2 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR SALE @ Tloung ward, Kanye. P280 000. Call 72842031.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ***ESHMY 000140-26***

IN THE ESTATE of the Late GAOLEBALE NTOLE who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 14 day of July 2011.

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 Mahalapye on this 08 Date of July 2026

The Executrix Dative, Topo Ntole, P.O Box 3741, Serowe, Cell: 7604902

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB001639/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **ALEXANDER FOWLIS** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 20th day of December 2021.

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 Gaborone on this 7th Day of July 2026.

The Executor
Neil Brigham Alexander Fowlis
C/O Gaobatwe Law
P O Box 1131 AAD
GABORONE
TELL:3961043

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ***ESHMY 000101-26***

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **BANDA MICHAEL BADISA** who died at Mmannathoko Ward Serowe Central District,Botswana on the 24th February 2026.

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 Mahalapye on this 10 day of JULY 2026

THE EXECUTRIS DATIVE, Keresepe Badisa, PO BOX 30454
Rasebolai,SEROWE, CELL: 71576196

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000162-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **LEGONE TSHIMOLOGO KGONGWANA** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Central, Serowe - District, Botswana on the **7th February 2024.**

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

Dated at _____ **on this** _____ **Day of** _____ **2026**

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The Executrix Dative | Cecilia Kgongwana
P O Box 33, MABELEAPUDI | **Cell:** 71792635

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters' Reference: ***ESHMY 000133-26***

IN THE ESTATES OF THE Late **ALEXANDER SAAINA. S. KAUTOWA** who died Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye –District, Botswana on the 24th October 2011.

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

DATED AT _____**ON THIS** _____**DAY OF** _____**2026**

The Executor Dative, Goitsemodimo Kautoua, P O BOX 2838, Mahalapye
Cell: 75632503

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000006-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MELATO THOMAS MPHOTHO AND TSHIRELETSO MPHOTHO** who both died at **Serororme Ward,Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana** on the **27th June 2021** and at **Nyangabwe Referral, Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana** on the **2nd January 2026** respectively.

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 Palapye on this 15th Day of July 2026.

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The Executor Dative | Keabetswe Force Mphotho
Plot 7599, EXT 6 PALAPYE | **Cell:** 71842211

Home Care Nursing Services (Nurse/HCA Recruitment)

Ray of Hope Respite Home (PTY)LTD
P.O Box 353 Mmankgodi St Georges Medical Centre
Plot 3417 Extension 12 **Gaborone** phumlabp@yahoo.com **71723996 / 72490746**

Services: Home Care Nursing Services, Nursing Agency, and Hospital Step-down Nursing Services.
Qualifications: Diploma/Degree in General Nursing/Nursing Sciences
Experience: Minimum two years for Private, Day and other Hospitals.
Job titles: Home Care Oncology Nurse, Home Care Renal Care Nurse,Home Care Emergency Nurse, Home Care Maternity Nurse, Home Care Medical Nurse, Home Care Surgical Nurse, Home Care Geriatric Nurse, Home Care Paediatric Nurse
Job Summary: acute and palliative care, procedures, patient education, management, monitoring and mentoring,
Number required: thirty
Closing date 31 July 2026
Please Note : These are locum post not permanent jobs.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHMY 000021-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **KEMORENG NTSOSA** who died at Tshikhinyega ward, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye, Botswana on the **10th day of June, 2014** and **Tshenolo Ntsosa,** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **4th November, 2023.**
FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at MAHALAPYE on the 14th day of JULY, 2026

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Executrix Daitive
Neo Mooko
P.O. Box 56
Mahalapye
71932392

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER PROPERTY

(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CONNEL BOTLHALE** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **HOMELAND COLLEGE PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:-
CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Tribal Lot 371 Sese;
SITUATE: in Bangwaketse Tribal Area;
MEASURING: 1000 m² (One Thousand square metres)
The property is transferred for the sum of P 120 000.00 (One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula Only) excluding any VAT/ Transfer duty consequential to the transaction.
Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property.
Should any person wish to object to the above transaction, you are requested to lodge such objection with reasons in writing with **NOWBUTH LAW CHAMBERS, Plot 3543 Leshomo Crescent , EU 5 , P. O. Box 883 JWANENG and copied to Maokane Sub Land Board** within thirty(30) days from publication of this notice
DATED AT JWANENG ON THIS 29th DAY OF JUNE 2026
NOWBUTH LAW CHAMBERS, Plot 3543, Leshomo Crescent EU 5, P.O.BOX 883 JWANENG
Email: sooman@nowbuthlaw.com **Tel:** (+267) 5887020 Cell 73564738

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 Mahalapye 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
MANTSWE PHUDUHUDU	ESHMY 000248-26	01.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13TH JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000294/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **OTENG OAHILE** Who died at Mahalapye Hospital , Mahalapye , Central - Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 4th August 1997.

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 ..... Gaborone**.....on the .....**13th**.....day of ...**July**.....2026**

The Executrix
Thato Oahile
P.o.Box 35 ABG
GABORONE
CELL:72857921

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by the virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33:01) heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all the persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at **Mahalapye High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for 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
GOSALAMANG MATISHA	ESHMY 000249-26	01.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13TH JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of **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 Mahalapye Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for an appointment, a person or persons as executor or 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
JOHANNES MODUANE	ESHMY 000254 - 26	01.09.26	0900HRS	SARAM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13TH JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, CAP. 29:03)

1. QUEEN SEITSHIRO (NEE MOLEOFI) and **ANDREW MOTSHEREGANYI SEITSHIRO,** Married in Community of Property on the **2nd May,1998**, in Kanye, wish to change their property regime to Out of Community of Property.

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

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, **MOSHE MONTSHWARI NOGA AND/OR NOGA AND COMPANY** before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, or make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS ___ DAY OF _____ 2026.

Noga & Co.

NOGA AND COMPANY
(Applicants' Attorneys)
Plot 17380, Phase 1 **GABORONE**
Email: info@nogaco.co.bw
Tel: (+267) 71 404 322

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ***ESHMY 000019-26***

IN THE ESTATES of the Late GAONTEBALE MMONADIBE who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the 1st December 2023.

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000139-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **MAPHOME BAIPOLEDI** who died at **Dinokwane Ward, Serowe**, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **10th July 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 Serowe on this 11th Day of June 2026.

The Executrix | Tsetsa Tlhalerwa
P O Box 444 Mahalapye | **Cell:** 71 466 054

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 **Mahalapye 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
KOOREE MAOTO	ESHMY000226-26	01.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13TH JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 0003363/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOTLHANKA CHIBIDU** who died at Mogampane Ward, Kopong, Kweneng District, Botswana on **18th September 2000.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of_____2026.

Executrix Dative
Mercy Phakela
Private Bag X048 GABORONE
CELL: 72445984

APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of: lost Deed of Transfer Number 801/89 dated 4th day of October, 1989 made in favour of **MARTHA NTSEKIE MOHOHLO** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 16900, Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension No. 2;
MEASURING: 465m² (Four Hundred and Sixty 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 within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

BRISCOE ATTORNEYS
Plot 133, Independence Avenue
P O Box 402492 **GABORONE**
Tel: 3953377
Our Ref: C.17061/DKB/kn/Conv

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that Phatsimo Dichaba ID 512020521 intends to enter into sale agreement with **PROSPER TINAZVO NDORO (PASSPORT NUMBER BE479199)**, a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the sum of **P45 000.00 (Forty Five Thousand Pula)** namely;

CERTAIN : Piece of land being a Tribal Grant
SITUATE : at Lepangpang lands, Lecheng Village in Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 173m X 216m X 347m X 15m
HELD : In favor of Phatsimo Dichaba
SUBJECT TO : such terms and conditions as the aforesaid of Resolutin will more fully point out.

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

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

Dated at Palapye this 14 July 2026

PHATSIMO DICHABA, P. O. Bo 10712, Palapye; **Cel:** 75 499 481

Notice of Next of Kin Meeting
Administration of Estates Act
(Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (CAP 31:01), heirs and next of kin the deceased and all persons having claims against the below estate, are being called upon to attend a meeting before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and specified opposite the names of the deceased relative 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 the Deceased Person	*Estate Number*	*Date of Meeting*	*Time*	*Master*
RIAAN HUMAN	ESHFT-000461-26	02-09-26	0900hours	SAMR2

DATED at FRANCISTOWN this 24th DAY of JUNE 2026.

Master of the High Court ,

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

RAJESH CHANDRA – ESHGB-000725/26

IN PURSUANCE of **Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap 31:01}** the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **24th** day of **August 2026** at **1030 hours** at the **before – B. P. Kemorwale**. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

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

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000042-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **LONDON DISEKO** who died at Tshikhinyega Ward, Serowe, Central-Serowe, Botswana on the **7th July 2024.**
FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **Twenty –One (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 14th Day of July 2026.

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Executrix Dative
Elizabeth Regina
P O Box 2272
Serowe
Cell: 71605623

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ***ESHMY 000076-26***

IN THE ESTATES of the Late DITSEBE SOMOLEKAE who died at Mphoko, Lesenepole, Central- Serowe District, Botswana on the 20th August 2022.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 10th Day of July 2026.

The Executor Dative, Oduetse Modise, P O Box 502304, Gaborone West, Cell: 71476587

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000260-26

IN THE ESTATE of the **Late SEBEGO SEBEGO** who died at Serule Clinic, Serule, Central-Bobonong District, Botswana on the **02nd March 2026.**

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 MAHALAPYE ON 14th DAY OF JULY 2026

TEMOGO SEBEGO
P.O.BOX 1307, SEROWE
71476620

AND TO

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG 6
MAHALAPYE

VACANCIES

KEAMOT SURVEYS PTY LTD of P.O Box 3 Lerala seeks to employ a registered land surveyor. Applicants should have a degree and more than 8 years working experience and registered with Botswana land survey Council email sirmoroka2@gmail.com

JEMADAR PTY LTD is urgently looking for 2 chefs for our new Indian Restaurant at Phakalane. Candidates should have knowledge in Tandoori Afghani and Indian curry. Candidates should send CV ,certificates and references to P.O Box 45045 Riverwalk Gaborone, they should also have a minimum of 5 years experience.

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HOSIERY INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD is looking for a qualified flush architectural glazier with 5 years' experience. Apply P O Box 4450 Gaborone 74 026 195 / 71574777. Closing date 05/08/2026

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241 3402
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625 0353

LETLHAKANE
297 8237

MAUN
686 0294

SELEBI PHIKWE
261 0480

Court sentences police officer to 25 years

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

A 57-year-old police officer has been spared the death penalty after Gaborone High Court judge, Justice Oteng Motlhala on Tuesday sentenced him to 25 years in prison for the murder of his wife.

The convict, Motlalekgosi Mogalakwe, had pleaded guilty to one count of the murder of Mmasabata Mogalakwe at Kuke settlement on April 13 2020.

The killing followed a dispute over an unanswered phone call from the previous day.

According to court records, the misunderstanding began when Mogalakwe received a phone call in the morning and did not answer.

The deceased insisted that he return the call, but he refused, she then took the phone and left.

Mogalakwe approached their neighbours to help reconcile, but Mmasabata refused to hand over the phone, insisting that he call the number.

He later tried to involve another family in the mediation, and the wife again demanded to know who had called, telling neighbours to leave and warning that he would not get the phone back if he did not cooperate.

On the day of the incident, their child heard her mother screaming and telling her father to put down the knife.

When the screams then stopped, the child saw her father come out of the house with a knife and ran to get help from neighbours.

A post-mortem examination found that Mmasabata had been stabbed about seven times in the chest and head, which caused her death.

Justice Motlhala sentenced Mogalakwe to 25 years, noting that he had admitted his actions led to Mmasabata's death and that he had no legal justification for stabbing her with a knife.

The judge said court records revealed that there had been ongoing misunderstandings between the couple.

He said while the convict had earlier adopted a reconciliatory approach, the deceased was angry and uncooperative.

On the multiple stab wounds, Justice Motlhala said, 'it was a brutal and callous attack, no doubt meant to kill the deceased."

He added that the severity and savagery of the attack were aggravating factors. However, the court found that the misunderstanding between the couple weighed on the accused's state of mind at the time.

Justice Motlhala ruled that extenuating circumstances were sufficient to reduce the accused's moral blameworthiness, and that a sentence other than death was appropriate.

In mitigation, defence attorney Ms Kesego Malete of Malete Attorneys told the court that the convict was a father of three, two of whom are minors and are dependent on him.

She said he had no previous criminal record, had pleaded guilty and saved the court's time, and was caring for his terminally ill mother.

"No part of this sentence is suspended," Justice Motlhala said.

He ordered that the period already spent in custody be deducted from the 25 years. ***BOPA***

Police officer, Motlalekgosi Mogalakwe appeared at Broadhurst magistrate court before Justice Oteng Motlhala on Tuesday in Gaborone. Mogalakwe was sentenced to 25 years in prison for murdering his wife at Kuke settlement on April 13, 2020.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

VACANCY

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A.S.A. Enterprises Group invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a fixedterm Group Business Transformation Consultant to support a strategic business transformation programme.

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Applications with a detailed CV and **certified qualifications should be** submitted to:

The Group Chairman
A.S.A. Enterprises (Pty) Ltd.
Email: asavacancies@gmail.com
P O Box 1937 Gaborone

Closing Date: 31st July 2026

H PUSOENTSI J.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE
Case No. CVHGB-002180-17

in the matter between:

EQUIPMENT SALES BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD	**1st APPLICANT**
WILLIAM FREDERICK CROSBIE	**2nd APPLICANT**
WINIFRED JOY CROSBIE	**3rd APPLICANT**
and	
PAYNTER FAMILY TRUST	**1st RESPONDENT**
KANU EQUIPMENT BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD	**2nd RESPONDENT**
DEPUTY-SHERIFF ZACHARIAH MASHAMAITE	**3rd RESPONDENT**
in re:	
PAYNTER FAMILY TRUST	**PLAINTIFF**
and	
KANU EQUIPMENT BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD	**1st DEFENDANT**
WILLIAM FREDERICK CROSBIE	**2nd DEFENDANT**
WINIFRED JOY CROSBIE	**3rd DEFENDANT**
EQUIPMENT SALES BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD	**4th DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to judgment granted by the above Honourable Court the following immovable property of the abovementioned 3rd Respondent shall be sold in execution by public auction in the following manner:

DATE OF SALE:	11 August 2026
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
VENUE:	Lot 906, Hubona
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:	A certain piece of land being Lot 906, Hubona together with improvements thereon
TERMS OF SALE:	Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the deputy-sheriff below
DATE OF SALE:	12 August 2026
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
VENUE:	Lot 4829, Palapye
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:	A certain piece of land being Lot 4829, Palapye together with improvements thereon
TERMS OF SALE:	Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the deputy-sheriff below
DATE OF SALE:	13 August 2026
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
VENUE:	Lot 1037, Sefhare
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:	A certain piece of land being Lot 1037, Sefhare together with improvements thereon
TERMS OF SALE:	Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the deputy-sheriff below

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 6th DAY OF JULY 2026

DEPUTY-SHERIFF R. N. RAMOLEFHE
c/o MANYEPEDZA ATTORNEYS
Applicants' attorneys
P. O. BOX 964 AAD,
GABORONE
74576587

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN HELD AT LOBATSE BEFORE: H / W THATO N RAMAJA

CASE NO: CCMLB- 000115 / 25

In the matter between:

A.S.A ENTERPRISES (PTY) LTD **PLAINTIFF**

And

BOLELE BERNARD BOLELE **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment of the above Honourable Court, the movable property of the above named Defendant shall be publicly sold in execution by the Deputy Sheriff as follows:-

DATE OF SALE:	14 August 2026
VENUE:	Broadhurst Police Station
TIME:	10:00 am
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:	B 709 BMF Mazda 7 Seater, Black in Colour
CONDITIONS OF SALE:	Cash or bank guaranteed cheque.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF ONKGOPOTSE MOTLHAGODI
CELL 71868 324 / 73321097
C/O MOTUMISE ATTORNEYS

Applicant's Attorneys Plot 378 Moeding Road
P.O.Box 504606 **GABORONE**
TEL: 390 4040/CELL: 73454599

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT VILLAGE BEFORE: H / W DESMOND RAKODI

CASE NO: CCMVL- 000037 / 25

In the matter between:

A.S.A ENTERPRISES (PTY) LTD **PLAINTIFF**

And

BOLELE BERNARD BOLELE **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment of the above Honourable Court, the movable property of the above named Defendant shall be publicly sold in execution by the Deputy Sheriff as follows:-

DATE OF SALE:	14 August 2026
VENUE:	Broadhurst Police Station
TIME:	10:00 am
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:	B 251 BJN Honda Fit, Red in colour
CONDITIONS OF SALE:	Cash or bank guaranteed cheque.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF ONKGOPOTSE MOTLHAGODI
CELL 71868 324 / 73321097
C/O MOTUMISE ATTORNEYS

Applicant's Attorneys
Plot 378 Moeding Road P.O.Box 504606 **GABORONE**
TEL: 390 4040/CELL: 73454599

Search for crocodiles yields no results

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

Two crocodiles that were spotted in a pond behind the Institute of Development Management (IDM) in Francistown four weeks ago have not been found despite an extensive search. The search was conducted by officials from the Department of Wildlife and National Parks together with Botswana Defence Force scuba divers.

Surveillance operations were also carried out along the Tati River following continued reports of crocodile sightings. In an interview, acting principal wildlife officer Mr Emmanuel Jeremiah said the search team has temporarily paused operations but remains on standby.

He explained that the equipment and personnel deployed for the search have since been reassigned to Mohembo in the Shakawe area.

"In the meantime, we are planning to establish a quick response team comprising the BDF, Department of Wildlife and National Parks and the Botswana Police Service," he said.

Mr Jeremiah said the department also intended to erect warning billboards to caution public of crocodiles. Beware of Crocodiles" at the scene and along the Tati River.

He noted that crocodiles are not stationary and that there are several large ponds with water along the river. The department is further considering the use of drones to locate the crocodiles, but is still awaiting authorisation from relevant authorities.

He said the use of drones is complex because they operate at different levels and some are area specific.

"Because the area is in close proximity to the airport, we will have to liaise with other departments to avoid any collision between drones and aircraft," he added. Mr Jeremiah said drones are the next option before other strategies are considered, stressing that human life comes first.

He said the intention was to conduct surveillance of the river, locate the crocodiles and eliminate them. He noted that relocation was not an option because it is costly.

"If you relocate a crocodile and it is killed by another one through dominance at the new location, that becomes a huge loss in terms of relocation costs," he said.

However, he stated that the final decision on relocation will depend on the number of crocodiles found.

Mr Jeremiah attributed the difficulty in locating the reptiles to the thick reeds in the area. He added that during winter, crocodiles become less active and feed less.

"We have tried several times to lure them with chickens but they have not surfaced," he said.

He explained that during winter crocodiles hibernate using stored fat reserves, which is why they may not be emerging from the water. Mr Jeremiah said despite the challenges, the department would not abandon the operation because the safety of the public remained a priority.

Meanwhile, vegetable farmers with gardens near the pond have expressed fear following the crocodile sightings. One of the farmers, Mr Odirile Lenyepe of Tonota, who resides in Block 8 in Francistown, said their operations had been severely disrupted. He said since the reptiles were spotted four weeks ago, they have not been able to water their gardens properly. Mr Lenyepe has appealed for assistance with a water pump, saying fetching water from the river pond with buckets was risky. ***BOPA***

Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE & SECURITY

Department of Broadcasting Services

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

APPOINTMENT OF A MARKETING PARTNER TO SECURE SPONSORSHIP AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR BTV IN-HOUSE PRODUCED PROGRAMMES: Proposal No. SP/DBS/001/2026–27

The Department of Broadcasting Services (DBS) invites suitably qualified and experienced companies to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the appointment of a Marketing Partner to secure sponsorship and strategic partnerships for Botswana Television (BTV) in-house produced programmes.

Interested firms should demonstrate proven expertise in sponsorship acquisition, marketing, brand partnerships, business development, and stakeholder engagement.

The detailed Expression of Interest document, including the scope of work, eligibility requirements, and submission instructions, is available from the Department of Broadcasting Services.

A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash or must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the Expression of Interest and must be paid on collection of the Expression of Interest. Youth Companies shall purchase the Expression of Interest at a 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 **(P125.00)** should be paid to: **Revenue office, 029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana.** ***(Cheques will not be accepted)***

Collection Period: **08 July 2026 to 16 July 2026** Collection Times:

- 08:00 hours – 12:45 hours
- 13:45 hours – 15:30 hours

Submission Deadline

The closing date and time for submission of proposals shall be: **22nd July 2026 at 1000 Hours.** Late submissions will not be accepted.

Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than two (2) days before the tender closing date to **M. M. R. Matula**, **Tel No.** 365 3099 **Email:** *mmatula@gov.bw*; **S. Dipatane Tel** 365 8050 **Email:** *sdipatane@gov.bw*

The Department of Broadcasting Services reserves the right to accept or reject any Expression of Interest and is not bound to appoint any respondent.

Stephen P. Motlogelwa
Director - Broadcasting Services

Postnatal distress leads mother to abandon newborn

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

A 46-year-old mother of 10 from Khakhea has told the High Court in Gaborone that extreme postnatal distress and severe poverty led her to conceal and abandon her newborn child in 2017.

Ms Keitiretse Tau pleaded guilty to a charge of child neglect, which was downgraded from an initial charge of attempted murder.

Appearing before Gaborone High Court Judge, Justice Oteng Motlhala on Monday, Ms Tau's defense attorney, Mr Lucky Radimpe, pleaded for a non-custodial sentence, arguing that instead of incarceration, Tau urgently required psychosocial support.

Mr Radimpe described Ms Tau as an illiterate and isolated woman living with a chronic illness and enduring severe psychological distress.

"The offence relates to a concealed pregnancy. She gave birth alone and thereafter hid the child in a shallow pit," Mr Radimpe told the court, explaining that at the time of the incident in 2017, Ms Tau was 37 years old with nine children.

The court heard that none of the four fathers of her children provided any financial or emotional support, leaving her to shoulder the burden entirely on her own.

Her family lived in abject poverty, a situation further exacerbated by social exclusion and repeated childbearing.

Crucially, professional mental health and psychological intervention only reached Tau in 2019, two years after the incident occurred. Mr Radimpe argued that while Tau was an experienced mother, her socioeconomic circumstances had driven her to a breaking point.

"The criminal process responded too late and too narrowly, my Lord," he submitted.

Despite the immense struggles, the defence highlighted Tau's exemplary cooperation with the justice system, noting that she had never missed a single court date, faithfully making the long journey from Khakhea to Gaborone for every hearing.

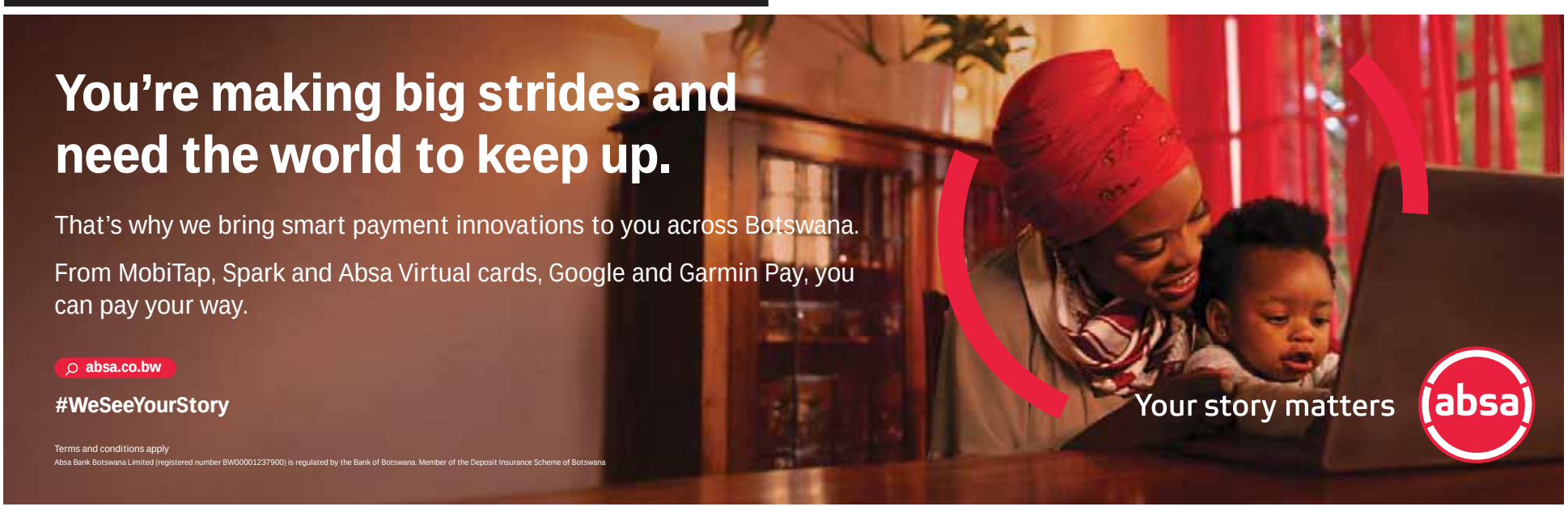
Ms Keitiretse Tau

In urging the court to temper justice with mercy, Mr Radimpe emphasised that her guilty plea saved the court significant time and expense while demonstrating genuine remorse.

"Although the court is entitled to disapprove of the mother's conduct, it should also consider her circumstances," Mr Radimpe said, adding that 'the sentence must not only fit the crime, but also the offender and the circumstances in which the crime was committed.'

He also noted that Ms Tau had not been permitted to see her child since the incident in 2017.

The state, represented by prosecutor Katlego Seema, indicated that the prosecution would not be seeking an aggravated sentence. Sentencing has been scheduled for August 26. ***BOPA***



Arts & Culture

Batswana remember guitar legend

Relief Lephutshi
KANYE

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Family, Friends and Batswana from across the country will gather on Friday for a memorial service to celebrate the life and legacy of renowned guitarist Kabo Leburu at Peleng Community Hall in Lobatse.

Leburu, 49, a mechanical engineering graduate from the University of Botswana, chose to follow his passion for music over a conventional engineering career. To his fans, he was simply 'Kabo Leburu wa Katara,' the man who could make the guitar sing.

Music ran in the Leburu family. His cousins were also guitar enthusiasts. During university semester breaks, Leburu would visit his cousin, Phillip Leburu, in Jwaneng just to play Phillip's guitar because he did not own one himself.

Moved by Kabo's love for the instrument, the family bought him a guitar while he was still a student. From that point, he never looked back.

Phillip said he often wondered why Leburu did not pursue engineering professionally.

"Perhaps because he was so multitalented," Phillip said. He recalled Kabo once buying a guitar body, modifying it, and adding Bluetooth and other features.

"Talk about when he had a show to perform at, he would fix his guitar all day," Phillip said.

Phillip added that his brother worked hard with both local and international artists and was due to perform in India in September.

Neighbours and fellow musicians described Leburu as humble, dedicated and innovative.

"Kabo was a star, he was a legend in his own right, with his own style of playing," said Makhwengwe Mengwe, Kabo's neighbour in Peleng, Lobatse. Mengwe said Leburu grew up loving and humble and would watch older guitarists like Lekofi Sejeso perform.

"I used to watch you play your guitars and I desired to see myself do the same," Mengwe quoted Leburu as saying years later.

Kabo Leburu

Though rooted in folklore music, Mengwe said Leburu developed a unique musical signature. "Kabo was a musician and not a performer, he created and innovated his art. In Kabo the nation has lost a mentor," he said.

Botswana Musicians Union acting president Papie Rakhudu described Leburu as a recognised guitarist and contemporary folklore artist who often paired his guitar with the harmonica. Rakhudu said the former Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture had assigned Leburu to represent Botswana at international events.

He also noted Leburu's commitment to supporting younger artists, including recently discovering Frank Botoka, an under-12 guitarist from Serowe.

German violinist Norbert Volker said he received news of Leburu's passing with shock. The two first met in 2009 at a live performance at Eros Bar in Tlokweng, where Leburu performed with his group, Ethno Jazz.

"His guitar had many pickup systems and could produce different sounds," Volker said.

He said Leburu had performed in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Germany and other countries, and had an open mind toward collaboration.

Volker cited their song Mmapaseka as an example of Leburu's fusion style.

"That was very typical of Leburu, he got that from interacting and appreciating various artists."

Musician Dumisani Matiha, who met Leburu at UB through Tomeletso Sereetsi and Joel Konopo, said they would visit his home to watch him sharpen his skills.

"Leburu's guitar was one of a kind. You will not see that guitar anywhere in the world. I hope the government and his family would keep it in a safe place," Matiha said.

Artist Trinity Mpho, who knew Kabo for about 20 years, said they shared a dream of taking Botswana arts and culture abroad. "He had a passion and love for music but above all, he valued Setswana culture," Trinity said.

Leburu passed away on July 9. He will be laid to rest on Saturday in Lobatse. ***BOPA***

As gender-based violence continues to affect families across Botswana, teacher and author Tebogo Gofhamodimo of Maun is using storytelling to empower young children to recognise unsafe situations and speak out. Her children's book, titled: Luba and Matthew, features 10 illustrated stories that teach personal safety, body boundaries and informed decision-making. Photo: Courtesy of Tebogo Gofhamodimo

Book aims to teach safety and break GBV silence

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With gender-based violence (GBV) cases rising across Botswana, children are often caught in the middle and suffer in silence. Tebogo Gofhamodimo, a teacher from Maun, says it is time to give them tools to speak.

Her response is *Luba and Matthew*, a children's book for pre-schoolers and lower primary learners. First published in January 2026 by Letstour Botswana Publishing House, the book uses 10 short, illustrated stories to teach personal safety, body boundaries and smart decision-making.

Through the main characters, young readers learn about their rights, how to spot unsafe situations, how to speak up when something feels wrong and how to identify trusted adults who can help.

Gofhamodimo said the book came from what she saw in class.

"As a teacher I saw a gap in the market and I wanted to meet a need that we mostly overlook in our communities, and that is equipping our children with the necessary educational resources to help them learn about the alarming social ills in our communities. Our school curriculum and syllabus expect us to teach students about their rights as well as abuse but with very minimal to no resources at all, especially where younger children are concerned. Therefore it is through this masterpiece that I chose to raise awareness among pre-schoolers and lower primary school children about GBV, child abuse and neglect as well as bullying," she said.

In one story, *Luba* falls asleep in class and is afraid to go home. Her teacher, Moremi, notices and asks what is wrong.

Luba responds that her mother said she should not tell anyone.

Realising there may be a problem, the teacher assures *Luba* that she is there to help. *Luba* then confides in her.

Gofhamodimo said scenes like that show children there were adults they could turn to.

"*Luba and Matthew* is a necessary tool where child protection is concerned. It helps children to learn to identify abuse and know where they can seek help in school as well as in their community," she said.

Each story ends with discussion questions. The book also comes with an audio version, making it a practical tool for parents, caregivers and educators.

For Gofhamodimo, the format is key to breaking the silence.

"Nowadays we tend to exclude children from GBV conversations. Parents shy away from the discomfort of addressing such social issues and the truth of the matter is that most times we do not even know how to go about it or where to begin," she said.

She said *Luba and Matthew* is written to help parents and educators teach and discuss GBV issues effectively with children.

By starting early, Gofhamodimo believes prevention is possible.

Therefore, the book, *Luba and Matthew* puts language, confidence and protection into the hands of Botswana's youngest learners, because their voices matter. ***BOPA***

Collaboration key to creatives growth

Loago Thomas
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Stakeholders have called for stronger coordination among institutions supporting Botswana's creative industries, saying collaboration was key to unlocking the sector's economic potential and improving support for creatives.

The call was made on Tuesday during a stakeholder engagement meeting on funding and support for the creative industries, organised by the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA). The meeting brought together representatives from government ministries, financial institutions, development partners, the private sector and creative industry organizations.

CIPA strategy manager Lucky Matseka said the Tuesday's stakeholder engagement on funding and support for Botswana's creative industries provided a platform to assess the current funding landscape, identify gaps, share experiences, build partnerships and develop practical solutions to improve access to finance.
Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

> "This is why your participation today is so valuable. As we engage, I encourage all of us to think beyond our individual institutional mandates."

CIPA Strategy Manager Lucky Matseka said the meeting aimed to understand the current funding landscape, identify gaps, share experiences, build partnerships and develop practical solutions.

In his welcome remarks, Matseka said the turnout reflected a shared commitment to strengthening Botswana's creative economy. He noted that government had recognised the creative economy as a pillar of economic transformation under Vision 2036, National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme. These frameworks seek to diversify the economy beyond mining and position entrepreneurship as a driver of growth.

Matseka cited the establishment of the National Arts Council of Botswana and the Film Fund, as well as financing initiatives such as the Southern Youth Development Fund and the Botswana Innovation Fund, as evidence of government's commitment to creating an enabling environment for creative talent.

However, he said challenges persist. Many talented creatives still struggled to access finance, technical support, business development services, markets and investment.

Drawing on CIPA's experience administering the Levy on Technical Devices Fund (LTDF), which supports authors, publishers and the broader copyright industry, Matseka said the same challenges were evident.

"Through administering the fund, CIPA has gained valuable insight into both the remarkable potential within Botswana's creative sector and the challenges that continue to limit its growth. Our experience has reinforced one important lesson: no single institution can transform the creative economy on its own," he said.

Matseka said sustainable growth would require stronger partnerships, better coordination, shared knowledge, innovative financing models and a common vision.

"This is why your participation today is so valuable. As we engage throughout the day, I encourage all of us to think beyond our individual institutional mandates," he said.

He urged stakeholders to identify practical opportunities for collaboration, reduce duplication of effort and leverage each other's strengths. He also called for stronger referral mechanisms between institutions, improved access to finance and enhanced technical support.

Above all, he said stakeholders must create seamless pathways for creatives to move 'from ideas to intellectual property, to sustainable businesses and ultimately to regional and international markets.'

"When we succeed, we will not only empower individual creatives, but we will create jobs, stimulate innovation, preserve our cultural heritage, increase exports and contribute meaningfully to Botswana's economic diversification agenda," Matseka said.

Head of Scripted Content at MultiChoice South Africa Tebogo Matlawa said a major challenge was that many institutions invest in the creative sector independently. This, he said, leads to duplication, fragmented support and confusion among creatives seeking assistance.

Matlawa also raised concerns about 'double dipping,' where an organisation or creative enterprise seeks funding from multiple institutions for the same business need without disclosure.

He said the lack of coordination and information sharing among funding bodies made such cases difficult to detect. This not only strains limited resources but also risks crowding out deserving creatives who have not yet accessed support.

The engagement ended with stakeholders agreeing on the need for a coordinated approach to funding and development in the creative sector. ***BOPA***

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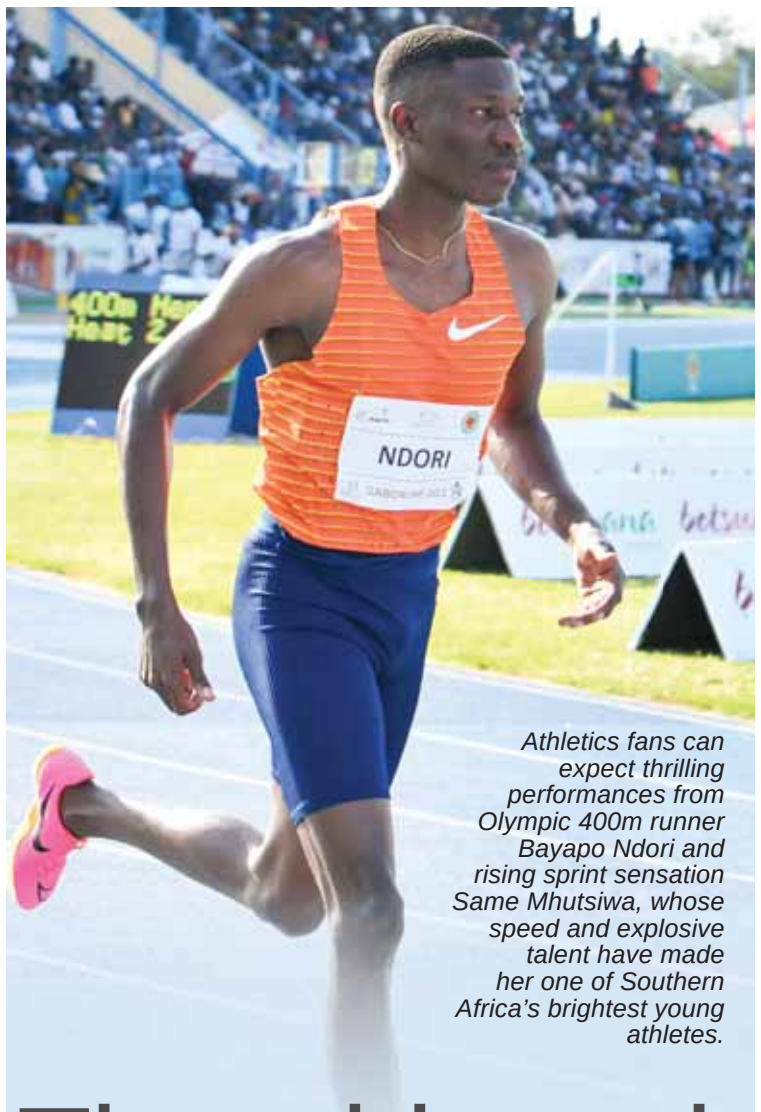

Athletics fans can expect thrilling performances from Olympic 400m runner Bayapo Ndori and rising sprint sensation Same Mhutsiwa, whose speed and explosive talent have made her one of Southern Africa's brightest young athletes.

Titans hit track in BAA Meet

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Athletics enthusiasts heading to the National Stadium tomorrow are in for a rare treat in both elite execution and raw and rising potential.

Fans can look forward to a captivating contrast on the track, watching Olympic star, Bayapo Ndori bring his world-class and fluid composure to the gruelling 400m, while junior sensation, Same Mhutsiwa displays the razor-sharp and explosive mechanics that have made her one of Southern Africa's most exciting young sprinters.

It is a unique opportunity to watch the present and the future of the country's track dominance push each other to the limit.

Behind this thrilling spectacle lies a highly deliberate developmental strategy as the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) plays a sophisticated game by keeping athletes competing late into the season.

In track and field, competitive fitness is extremely fragile and without sharp and psychological edge of active racing, even the most rigorous training routines can lose their effectiveness.

"Our intention is to keep our athletes competing until the season ends. This meet will also be used as a qualification platform for the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Oregon, USA. Furthermore, it will help us gauge the readiness for those who have already qualified, allowing them to fully prepare before facing the world," BAA chief executive officer, Mabua Mabua explained in an interview. For the younger cohort aiming for the upcoming AUSC Region 5 Games and the Youth Olympic Games, the stakes are highly personal.

Every training session and every agonising repetition is driven by the desire to wear the national colours, making this weekend a crucial stepping stone. To bridge that gap from promising junior to world-class competitor, these young athletes need a benchmark and Mabua promises that the fans will get to see those benchmarks in real-time.

"Spectators will be treated to different track and field events," Mabua noted, confirming that a diverse field of competitors has committed to the meet.

"Headlining the schedule is the traditional 400m event, which features our elite Olympic star Bayapo Ndori stepping onto the home track," he added.

The 400m is famously a psychological battleground and a race that forces the athlete to sprint while drowning in lactic acid.

Watching a seasoned professional like Ndori manage his stride pattern, energy distribution and late-race composure up close, provides an invaluable example for juniors who aspire to follow in his spikes.

At the same time, the drama of this strategy will be equally visible in the women's short sprints.

Southern African gold medallist, Mhutsiwa, who has already secured her qualification spot for the Oregon showpiece, is locked in to compete in both the 100m and 200m.

Because her ticket is already booked, Mhutsiwa's races will be an analytical study in execution rather than a frantic chase for qualifying times.

She is using the high-pressure environment of the meet to fine-tune her block starts and the transitional acceleration phases of her sprints. ***BOPA***

Botswana continues to make positive strides

Anastacia Sibanda
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When the final volley hit the court at the National Tennis Centre on Wednesday, it did not just seal a 2-1 victory for the senior women's national tennis team, but shattered a historical glass ceiling.

By defeating perennial powerhouse and rivals Zimbabwe in a high-stakes Billie Jean King (BJK) Cup Africa Group III encounter, Botswana punched its ticket to the promotional playoffs.

While the result ignited wild celebrations in the stands, the deeper narrative revealed a turning point for the trajectory of local tennis.

For years, Zimbabwe had loomed as a stubborn and tactical roadblock for Botswana.

Possessing greater depth and historical regional dominance, Zimbabwean teams had routinely cut short Botswana's aspirations on the court.

To wrench a playoff spot directly from their closest rivals made this victory taste incredibly sweet, even if the hosts had to walk through fire to claim it.

Ultimately, the matchup served as a masterclass in psychological resilience, highlighting a major evolution in how local players handle high-pressure international ties.

The tie began with an immediate setback for the hosts.

In the opening singles match, Zimbabwe's Kuzivaishe Chapepa executed a disciplined and error-free baseline game to defeat Botswana's Chelsea Chakanyuka in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

With Zimbabwe drawing first blood and putting Botswana on the defensive, the weight of the nation's playoff dreams rested squarely on the shoulders of local tennis ace, Ekua Youri. Facing Sasha Chimedza in the second singles match, Youri stepped onto the court knowing there was absolutely no room for error.

What followed was a psychological roller coaster that tested the mental fortitude of the home side.

Youri came out with guns blazing in the first set, executing flawless offensive tennis to blank Chimedza 6-0.

However, tennis at this level is rarely straightforward and the Zimbabwean refused to go quietly.

Chimedza mounted fierce counter-response, clawing her way back to snatch a gruelling second set 7-6.

In past years, such a drastic shift in momentum might have broken Botswana's resolve. Instead, Youri summoned her reserve strength in the deciding third set, breaking Chimedza's stubborn resistance to claim it 6-3 to level the tie and force a winner-take-all doubles showdown.

Fuelled by that hard-earned momentum, Chakanyuka and Youri reunited on the doubles court with clinical focus.

Rather than showing signs of physical or mental fatigue, the duo dominated the Zimbabwean pair of Chimedza and Chapepa from the very first serve.

By pairing powerful baseline strokes with sharp, aggressive net play, the local pair never let their opponents settle into a rhythm, cruising to a commanding 6-3, 6-3 straight-sets triumph. This final victory was a declaration of tactical maturity, securing the tie and asserting Botswana's place at the top of their group.

This milestone is not an isolated flash in the pan but rather the by-product of gradual structural growth within the sport.

Speaking on the achievement, Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) vice president, Nonofo Othusitse said they were happy with the team's performance given that they ended up at the summit of the Pool A group.

That, Othusitse said, clearly indicated that tennis was growing across all areas.

He added that for Botswana, topping the pool was proof-of-concept that validated ongoing investment in youth development and local tournament infrastructure as well as proving that the nation was no longer just participating in continental tennis, but actively learning how to win. ***BOPA***

Zimbabwe's Kuzivaishe Chapepa (left) and Angel Chakanyuka during the Billie Jean King Cup. The two players continued to show strong performance, command and dominance, in the current matches hosted in Gaborone
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Softball fever hits Phikwe

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELIBE PHIKWE

Selebi Phikwe is gearing up for an action-packed long weekend, from July 18-21, as it plays host to the 17th edition of the highly anticipated Selebi Phikwe Softball Extravaganza.

This year's tournament has received a significant boost after securing a sponsorship package worth P80,000.

The event will feature 16 elite teams, divided equally into eight men's and eight women's sides, all battling for lucrative cash prizes.

Beyond the on-field rivalry, the tournament promises to deliver top-tier entertainment and spark much-needed business activity within the copper mining town.

With the battle lines drawn, powerhouse clubs from across the country are ready to lock horns.

The women's division will feature Comets, Titans, Carats, Wells, Ghetto Yankees, Panthers, Scramblers and Police IX while the men's division comprises Comets, Rebels, Rail Giants, Carats, Panthers, BDF IX, Gatalamotho and Wells.

Each squad brings its unique strengths and tactical strategies to the diamond, setting the stage for an unforgettable weekend of high-intensity softball.

In an interview, the Selebi Phikwe Softball Extravaganza local organising committee chairperson, Oeme Morupisi, said the tournament had matured into one of the country's premier sporting spectacles, drawing passionate fans from every corner of Botswana.

Morupisi noted that the lucrative reward structure would ensure that no team went home empty-handed and every participating team is guaranteed a minimum payout of P15,000, while the ultimate champions will walk away with a grand prize of P50,000.

He also indicated that the event went beyond mere competition as it served as a vehicle for community engagement and a tool to position Selebi Phikwe as a prime sport tourism destination.

"I appreciate our sponsors and all relevant stakeholders for their continued support, through sponsorship and partnership, the tournament has grown steadily over the years and ensured that participating teams receive meaningful rewards for their efforts," Morupisi said.

For his part, Selebi Phikwe mayor, Oageng Makgosa, stated that the upcoming extravaganza would provide a vital platform for players to showcase their talents.

Additionally, he said it was expected to stimulate economic activity in Selebi Phikwe by increasing demand for accommodation, transportation, food outlets and other local businesses as a large number of players, officials and supporters gather in the town.

He mentioned that the extravaganza tournament could generate valuable chain opportunities within the local economy.

Taking advantage of such opportunities could not only spur innovation and growth in local businesses but also lead to transformative change in the town's economic landscape.

The district commissioner, Boikhutso Matenge, emphasised the importance of collaboration among all stakeholders to ensure the successful execution of the upcoming tournament.

She stated that such teamwork was essential not only for the tournament's success but also for promoting a positive image of Selebi-Phikwe on a larger scale.
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