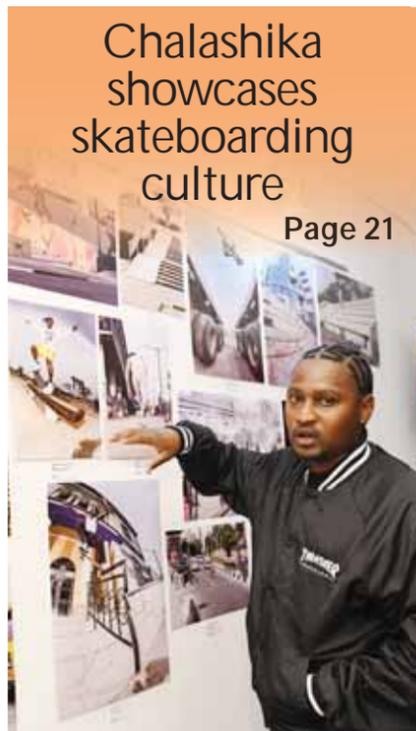


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## Botswana and Zambia formalises Kazungula Bridge Authority



Zambia Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Mr Charles Milupi (left) and Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae after signing an addendum agreement between Botswana and Zambia, which formalised the establishment of the Kazungula Bridge Authority in Kasane yesterday. The two governments also agreed to sponsor the construction and operation of the Kazungula Bridge infrastructure with the Authority hosted on Botswana side while Zambia will retain the Executive Director position. The authority is a key milestone for regional integration and managing the operations of Kazungula One Stop Border Post. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe and ministers from both countries. The signing ceremony is a precursor to the launch of the Kazungula Bridge Authority by Presidents Advocate Duma Boko and Hakainde Hichilema of Zambia today. Photo: Portia Keetile

Govt calls for vigilance and cooperation as FMD restrictions eases

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Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti

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Dr Edwin Dikoloti



## Govt calls for vigilance and cooperation as FMD restrictions eases

Lesedi Thatayamodimo  
**GABORONE**

Government has reinforced its call for vigilance and cooperation among farmers and the public as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) restrictions were eased in selected zones.

The call was made by Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti during a media tour of the Gaborone Multi-Species Abattoir recently.

The minister's visit comes at a phase in Botswana's fight against FMD, which has disrupted livestock movement, slaughter operations and livelihoods across several districts.

The outbreak prompted strict controls on animal transport and processing, measures that, while necessary, placed strain on farmers and related industries.

Dr Dikoloti reiterated that following improved surveillance and comprehensive risk assessments, government had approved the controlled reopening of livestock movement and

slaughter activities in selected areas.

He said the reopening was subject to strict veterinary supervision, regulated payment systems and enhanced biosecurity protocols designed to prevent further spread of the disease.

“We are aware that our people are facing challenges due to FMD, but where restrictions have been lifted, we urge you to abide by the protocols, our export markets are watching us to see if indeed we are doing things accordingly, to the protocol, we are doing things according to the law,” Dr Dikoloti said.

Despite ongoing challenges, Dr Dikoloti reaffirmed that government remained cautiously optimistic, adding that with sustained cooperation from farmers, strengthened veterinary controls and responsible farming practices, they believe affected areas could recover and that Botswana's livestock sector would ultimately emerge stronger and more resilient.

On the Gaborone Multi-Species

Abattoir, he said it remained one of the country's critical livestock control points as authorities were seeking to balance disease containment with economic recovery in the livestock sector.

For his part, permanent secretary in the ministry, Dr Mokganedi Mokopasetso emphasised the importance of adhering to quality assurance systems to protect both domestic and export markets.

“The Minister is here to appreciate the facilities and the standards within them. It is important that we adhere to good quality assurance systems in our local and international markets,” he noted.

Dr Mokopasetso also issued stern warnings against illegal livestock movement, cautioning that non-compliance could undermine recovery efforts and further threaten livelihoods.

He further said enforcement teams remained on high alert to curb unauthorised transport of animals from restricted zones.

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## High court dismisses manual workers union interdict

**LOBATSE**

Government has secured what officials describe as a crucial early victory in the escalating legal battle over the appointment of the Secretary of the Public Service Bargaining Council (PSBC). The High Court in Lobatse on Wednesday dismissed the urgent bid by the National Amalgamated Local, Central Government and Parastatal Workers Union to block the appointment of Mr Andrew Motsamai as PSBC Secretary, clearing the way for government-backed reforms to proceed, at least for now.

The union had sought an interim interdict to restrain the Director of Public Service Management (DPSM) and other respondents from implementing the January 30 decision appointing Mr Motsamai through a secret ballot.

It argued that the PSBC was not yet properly constituted and therefore lacked authority to make binding decisions. However, the court declined to grant urgent relief, effectively allowing the status quo following the January meeting to stand pending full review proceedings.

**A council long in limbo**

The PSBC, established under the Public Service Act and Trade Disputes Act, is meant to serve as the central negotiating platform between Government and recognised public service unions. For years, however, the council has been effectively dormant amid disputes over its constitution and membership thresholds. Recent legislative amendments and renewed efforts by the DPSM sought to break the deadlock and operationalise the council.

Government has consistently argued that restoring the PSBC was critical to structured wage negotiations, dispute resolution, and orderly labour relations within the public service.

In recent public statements, DPSM maintained that the January 30 meeting at which Mr Motsamai was appointed by majority vote, was lawful and aimed at unlocking the long-standing institutional paralysis.

Six unions reportedly supported the process,

distancing themselves from the Manual Workers Union's objections and accusing it of attempting to derail progress at a critical stage in the council's formation.

**Court battle far from over**

The applicant union contends that the PSBC Constitution requires consensus, not a simple majority, for binding decisions. It also argues that only a properly constituted council may appoint a secretary and that the process adopted violated principles of legality and procedural fairness.

Government and supporting unions countered that the meeting was part of lawful efforts to establish the council's operational structures and that urgency had not been demonstrated to justify an interim interdict.

While the substantive review application challenging the legality of the appointment is still to be heard, Wednesday's ruling represents what insiders describe as ‘Round 1’ going to government.

**What It Means**

The decision signals judicial reluctance to halt the operationalisation of the PSBC at this preliminary stage.

It also strengthens government's broader push to re-establish structured collective bargaining after years of fragmentation and stalled negotiations.

With the review proceedings still pending, the final outcome will determine whether the appointment withstands constitutional scrutiny. But for now, Government retains the upper hand in a dispute that could reshape public sector labour

governance in Botswana.  
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Mr Andrew Motsamai

## Kgomokasitwa welcomes road infrastructure development

Marvin Motlhabane  
**KGOMOKASITWA**

Kgomokasitwa residents and other villages in the Moshupa District can look forward to improved connectivity and economic opportunities, as the government has awarded a contract for the construction of the 60-kilometre Digawana-Molapowabojang-Kgomokasitwa-Magotlhwane-Ntlhantle road at a cost of

P558.2 million.

The announcement was made by Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang during a kgotla meeting in Kgomokasitwa on Thursday, who confirmed that the project has been awarded to SteelBase Construction (Pty) Ltd.

Mr Atamelang noted that the new paved road would bring substantial benefits, including better service delivery to

communities along the route and the creation of employment opportunities for local residents during construction and beyond.

However, he said his ministry continues to grapple with persistent challenges in road development, such as delays caused by some land owners refusing to grant right-of-way for projects, as well as slow relocation of utility services by relevant departments from proposed

routes.

Residents, for their part, welcomed the announcement, expressing appreciation for the long-awaited upgrade.

They urged authorities to grade the existing road in the interim to ease current mobility difficulties while construction preparations were underway.

Following the address, Mr Atamelang conducted a site inspection, touring the section

of the road from Kgomokasitwa to Tshweneyagae to assess its present condition and better understand community needs.

This project underscores the government's commitment to addressing infrastructure gaps in rural areas, with the new road expected to improve access, boost trade, and support overall development in the Moshupa District and surrounding regions.

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# Japan benevolence boon for Botswana development

Lesedi Thatayamodimo  
**GABORONE**

Minister of International Relations has hailed Japan for its sustained development cooperation, which included technical assistance, grants, concessional loans and capacity-building initiatives.

Speaking at a reception in Gaborone on Thursday to celebrate 66th birthday of His Majesty Emperor Naruhito and 60 years of diplomatic relations between Botswana and Japan, Dr Phenyo Butale highlighted that some of the flagship projects supported by Japan were the Kazungula Bridge and its One-Stop Border Post, describing it as a transformative infrastructure investment that had improved regional connectivity and significantly reduced transit times for trade.

Beyond large-scale infrastructure, Japan has also funded numerous small-scale community projects in remote and disadvantaged areas across Botswana.

These initiatives, he said, had strengthened local livelihoods while fostering deeper people-to-people ties between citi-

zens of both nations.

Dr Butale further acknowledged Japan's engagement with Africa through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), noting Botswana's participation in the August 2025 summit.

He said engagements held during the summit with Japanese government representatives and private sector leaders had already resulted in exploratory visits by Japanese companies to Botswana, signalling growing investor interest.

The minister stressed that such partnerships aligned with Botswana's Economic Transformation Programme, which seeks to build a diversified, high-income, export-driven economy by 2036 through private sector growth, innovation and sustainable job creation.

"We invite the government of Japan and the private sector to partner with us in this important journey," he said.

Japan's Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Shindo Yusuke, who hosted the reception, described 2025 as a "remarkable



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right), Japan Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Shindo Yusuke (second right), Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (centre) and Minister of International Relations, Dr Phenyo Butale (left) during the 66th birthday celebration of His Majesty Emperor Naruhiti along side a historic milestone marking 60 years of diplomatic relations in Gaborone on Thursday. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

year" for bilateral relations, citing high-level engagements during TICAD and ongoing discussions aimed at expanding economic cooperation in support of Botswana's development priorities.

He also noted Japan's continued

support across infrastructure, renewable energy and social development sectors, as well as educational cooperation programmes, including partnerships between Japanese universities and the University of Botswana.

As Botswana and Japan commemorate six decades of diplomatic relations, both sides expressed optimism that their partnership would continue to grow in pursuit of sustainable development, peace and shared prosperity. **BOPA**

# Lobatse residents propose tollgate installation

Aobakwe Molefhi  
**LOBATSE**

Lobatse residents have proposed for installation of a toll tollgate on the access road from the Pioneer border gate through the town.

During a meeting addressed by the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae at Peleng kgotla on Thursday, residents said it was high time government considered Pioneer road a candidate for tolling as it was normally used by big and heavy duty vehicles which transits through Lobatse.

They said the tollgates would not only create jobs for residents but would also ensure that the town generated the much-needed revenue for developments.

In his remarks, Minister Salakae concurred with residents and noted that Pioneer border gate road which was approximately 12 km from Lobatse was earmarked for asphalt overlay at the tune of a little over P51 million.

He said Pioneer road had a historical meaning since it was the first entry point of the late Nelson Mandela when he visited his exiled comrades who were residing in Lobatse at the time.

"It is for that reason that government intends to keep the road in a good state," he mentioned.

He told residents that asphalt overlay was much cheaper than trying to maintain the current bitumen system, adding that with the road already affected by potholes, it would cost government over P100 million instead of P51

million. Furthermore, the Minister said government was planning to construct the Ramatlabama-Lobatse road to dual carriageway. He said the project was currently at design stage and that the road

would extend to Lobatse-Boatle. On other issues, Mr Salakae told Lobatse residents that government was considering increase of public transport fares in April. He said the decision came after transport operators approached government for an increase hence the countrywide consultations.

During the meeting divergent views were put forward. One resident Mr James Makati said there was no need for an increase because most of the public transport was not road worthy and not even user friendly to disabled customers.

Others decried the fact that some taxi operators had a tendency of refusing to take customers to their paid destinations.

The Minister advised them to always take registration numbers of such vehicles and report them to relevant authorities.

He also cautioned taxi and bus operators to desist from such behavior saying the department could easily revoke their permits. **BOPA**



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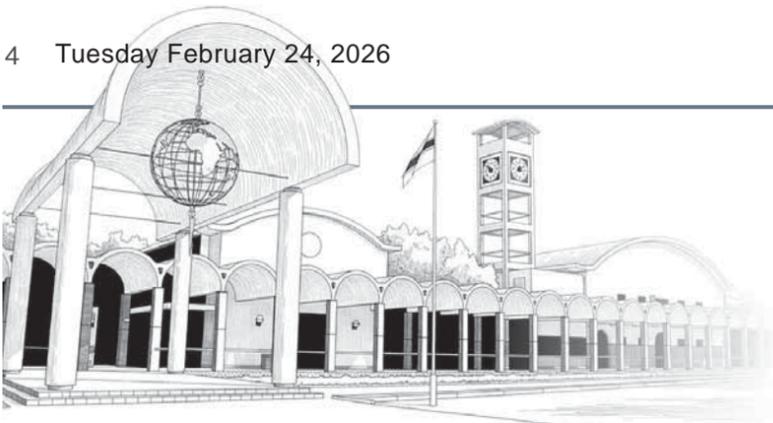
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## PARLIAMENT 2026



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa

# Parliament reject motion to return land to Tawana Land Board

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
**GABORONE**

Government has no intentions of constructing a Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, has said.

Responding to a motion in Parliament recently, the minister explained that there was currently no budget allocated for such a development.

He stated that during such difficult economic times, government was not looking to build a facility for the President's use, but rather to facilitate high-value tourism investment by the private sector, thus dismissing the motion which had called for government to return the earmarked land to the Tawana Land Board for district council use, as misplaced.

"Therefore, any plea to request the government to abandon the construction of a Presidential lodge in the Okavango Delta is misplaced," Mr Mohwasa said.

Again, he said government had a lease with the Tawana Land Board for the 22-hectare plot located within a tribal area. He also explained that Presidential Lodge referred to the prestige and high standard of the facility intended to attract elite clientele, not a residence for the Head of State.

Following the minister's explanation, Parliament rejected the motion with 29 legislators voting against it and 15 in favour.

The motion was tabled by Maun North MP, Mr Dumelang Saleshando, who argued that the land, measuring 8km by 21km, should be returned to the community.

Mr Saleshando said acquisition was made under Section 32 of the Tribal Land Act despite opposition from Bogosi.

He indicated that the inhabitants in the Nhaba area, who relied on tourism due to agricultural challenges, were best positioned to utilise the land.

"Our district councils should be allowed to trade in tourism. I ask that this land be given to our district council to utilise it," Mr Saleshando argued.

He said he was reiterating what had been brought before Parliament about the same piece of land during the 12<sup>th</sup> Parliament, as was enquired by Maun East, West and Okavango district authorities.

The debate saw a divide among Members of Parliament and in support of government's position, Mahalapye West MP, Mr David Tshere, argued the land was meant for commercial purposes to attract high-profile visitors like former Presidents.

"This is meant to expose high end tourism facilities to our visitors and whether or not the land has been taken is a nonstarter, government has requested a lease to utilise the land for that," he said.

Mmadinare MP, Mr Kethalefile Motshegwa, stated the facility

would be eminent for hosting international events and providing employment spill overs for North West residents.

MP Ignatius Moswaane of Francistown West, argued that the investment would capture high-end tourists who currently commuted from neighbouring countries for excursions.

"This land will further benefit the Batawana communities through development trusts and concessions. That this idea was born from Office of President was meant for facilitation and not self-seeking interests," said Mr Moswaane.

In support of the motion, Ngami legislator, Mr Phillimon Aron accused government of somersaulting on its plans for the land and issuing contradictory statements to Parliament.

"At some point, government seemed not interested in the same piece of land, only to somersault to say the land was earmarked for commercial venture by investors. This land should be returned to Tawana Land Board for redistribution," Mr Aron said.

Also supporting the motion was Dr Kesitigile Gobotswang of Tswapong South, who questioned why the Office of the President was involved in a private sector-led economy and maintained that tribal land should remain under local board control.

"Ngamiland attracts high profile investors on its own and does not need Office of President. The land is a tribal land and should be returned to Tawana Land Board," argued Dr Gobotswang. **BOPA**

# MPs air views on government fiscal plan

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
**GABORONE**

As Members of Parliament continue to debate the finance minister's fiscal plan, intense discussions over broader social and economic issues have become the order of the day.

While legislators on the ruling side argued for a balanced approach to restoring fiscal stability while maintaining social support, those in the opposition rejected the budget over concerns regarding government spending priorities.

Contributing to the debate on Thursday, MP for Molepolole South, Mr Shima Monageng, stated that despite challenging fiscal constraints, government had soldiered on to keep the country running.

Mr Monageng said the finance minister, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, was guided by clear purpose to stabilise the country during a moment of uncertainty.

He commended government for several planned projects under the twelfth National Development Plan (NDP 12), which included the Molepolole bypass road and a new bus rank, refurbishment of the Molepolole College of Education, stormwater drainage systems as well as the Molepolole-Lesilakgokong and Kotolaname road networks.

He emphasised that the networks were vital for linking villages and requested further improvements to internal roads and a cyclic maintenance plan for government infrastructure. Regarding economic diversification, he suggested that sectors like tourism be further exploited. He also cautioned that social ills and moral decay were often rooted in soaring unemployment, suggesting the creative arts be capacitated to address these issues.

MP for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, argued that a budget should be a political action plan rooted in a party manifesto. Mr Hikuama also argued that the 2026/27 budget should present concrete pronouncements rather than political rhetoric.

He disapproved the budget for lacking a clear purpose, citing lack of timelines and commitments for implementation.

He further argued that government had failed to apprise Batswana of past promises and that priorities remained misplaced.

"There is no clear plan of what government intends to do in education," said Mr Hikuama.

He warned that the education sector would continue to face crises regarding dilapidated infrastructure and resource shortages, noting the budget increase was only 1.3 per cent.

He called for an infrastructure emergency fund and educational reforms to align skills with

market needs.

Shashe West MP, Mr Jeremiah Frenzel, called for the inclusion of phane processing in the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) projects and the introduction of toll gates.

Mr Frenzel suggested benchmarking against Zimbabwe, where toll gates were introduced even without high-end infrastructure.

He also advocated for the ease of doing business in rural areas, which he described as the breadbasket of the economy.

He complained that the red tape hindered small business growth and expressed concern that projects earmarked for Development Manager (DM) model in his constituency might be delayed. He further called for an increased education budget and noted that the Tonota-Mabesekwa road required constant maintenance due to its current inaccessibility.

Mahalapye East MP, Mr Augustine Nyatanga, stated that BETP and NDP 12 brought hope to ordinary citizens.

Mr Nyatanga described the budget theme: A New Era of Transformation and Fiscal Prudence, as thoughtful, given the difficult fiscal position inherited from the previous administration.

He lamented the levels of unemployment but assured Batswana that government was working to create opportunities.

He called for the full exploitation of manufacturing and agro-tourism, saying "we are over-regulating ourselves and Batswana are not benefiting from the natural resources the country is endowed with, such as phane."

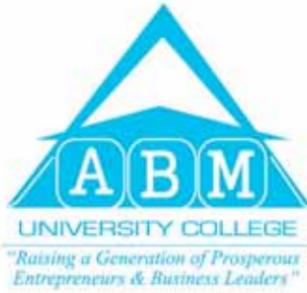
Ghanzi legislator, Mr Noah Salakae, rallied behind the four strategic pillars of the budget, which included private sector-led growth, modernising and transforming infrastructure, strengthening skills development and accelerating innovation and digital transformation.

Mr Salakae noted improvements in the supply of medicinal stores and supported the introduction of toll gates and digitalised revenue collection. He also supported the envisaged tax reform bills.

For his part, Goodhope/Mmathethe legislator, Dr Edwin Dikoloti described the budget as a hopeful vision of resilience.

Dr Dikoloti welcomed planned road networks, particularly the Mmathethe-Bray-Werda Road, which he said would assist the farming community in transporting produce.

He also urged leaders to lead the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease and called for a new police station in his constituency to curb cross-border crime as well as refurbishment of infrastructure in government institutions in his entire constituency, especially education facilities. **BOPA**



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# Sikwane border activities low for commercial status upgrade - Gaolathe

## GABORONE

The Vice President, also the Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has informed Parliament that border infrastructure plays a critical role in development therefore, government remains committed to ensure that all regions are given fair consideration within national planning process.

Mr Gaolathe, however, said no feasibility study had been undertaken specifically for the Sikwane border post owing to statistics that indicated that the traffic volumes at the border post had not yet reached the sustained thresholds required to justify commercialisation.

He was responding to a parliamentary question from Member of parliament for

Kgatlang East, Mr Mabuse Pule on Thursday.

Mr Gaolathe emphasised that the designation of a border post for commercial use was not a unilateral decision as it required bilateral negotiations and agreements between the South Africa and Botswana governments.

“Such decisions are guided by objective factors, primarily traffic volumes, trade flows and the level of economic activity in the surrounding areas” he said.

Mr Gaolathe said on average, Sikwane border post serves 4 500 people per month for those coming in and the same number was recorded for those going out and the monthly average for vehicles was estimated 700 incoming and same volume for the outgoing.

He acknowledged movement at the border, adding however that the level and consistency of activities did not presently support the scale of infrastructure expansion and operational upgrading associated with commercial status.

On other issues, he said it was crucial to consider the historical framework governing border classifications as stipulated in the 1998 Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BNLS) VAT Export Incentive Scheme.

The scheme, he said addressed issues on VAT evasion with round-tripping through BNLS countries and certain border posts were designated as commercial while others were classified as non-commercial.

He added that for Botswana, four border posts were declared commercial borders being,



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has informed Parliament that no feasibility study had been undertaken specifically for the Sikwane border post owing to statistics that indicated that the traffic volumes at the border post had not yet reached the sustained thresholds required to justify commercialisation.

Ramatlabama, Pioneer, Tlokwen and Martins Drift and Sikwane was not included as it was deemed to have been operational with limited customs services.

Moreover, he explained that government was open to consider the commercialisation status in the future provided the aforementioned indicators were achieved.

Mr Gaolathe also indicated that considering the current fiscal situation, it would not be prudent

to commit to specific timelines but government was committed to review and upgrade any border post that demonstrated clear commercial potential without side-lining their counterpart.

Mr Pule has asked the minister to state whether government was willing to consider commercialising the Sikwane Border Post in order to enhance economic activity, trade facilitation and service delivery for the Kgatleng East Constituency.

He also asked whether the

ministry had conducted or willing to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of commercialising the Sikwane border.

Furthermore, he asked for the timeline within which such assessment could be undertaken and whether the ministry would prioritise the Sikwane border Post for future budget planning in recognition of its potential socio-economic benefits to the local communities.

**BOPA**

## Ministry considers satellite school at Kadue settlement

## GABORONE

The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education will consider establishing a satellite school for lower classes at Kadue lands.

This was said by child welfare and basic education minister, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka in response to a parliamentary question from Member of Parliament for Jwaneng-Mabutsane, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa recently.

Minister Kgafela-Mokoka said through collaborative consultations with other relevant stakeholders, government was committed to deliver services to communities in their respective area of dwelling.

She added that the host ministry was aware of the situation at Kadue lands, where eligible school going children were not attending school.

“Currently, nine registered needy students are residing in Sese settlement receiving assistance while their parents are staying at Kadue lands. One learner goes to Mokhomma Primary school as the parent has recently relocated there, while 13 learners commute daily to Sese Primary school from Kadue at their parents’ expenses,” she said.

She however, noted that as a way forward, with consultations with the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, there was need to facilitate the construction of a satellite school for lower classes provided their parents did not consider relocation.

Jwaneng-Mabutsane MP, had asked the minister whether she was aware that there were children in Kadue lands who were currently not going to school and were staying with their unemployed parents.

**BOPA**

# Landboard defers church land allocations

## GABORONE

Churches in Mmankgodi, Lesirane, Gabane and Tloaneng that have long awaited land for worship will have to wait until the 2026/27 financial year for allocations to be finalised, acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti has told Parliament.

Responding to a parliamentary question on Thursday, Dr Dikoloti said the Kweneng Land Board had initially planned to advertise non-residential plots for the Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board area by the end of 2025, but later resolved to adopt a broader approach.

He explained that all available non-residential plots across the entire Kweneng Land Board jurisdiction would now be advertised and allocated at the same time, a move that shifted the original timeline.

“The decision to consolidate the advertisement process was taken to avoid issuing multiple advertisements within a short period, minimise financial costs and reduce administrative pressure on the Land Board’s already constrained resources,” he said.

Dr Dikoloti noted that the Land Board was expected to complete the Invitation to Tender documentation by the end of March, with the tender to be issued in the first quarter of the next financial year.

He said final allocations were anticipated to be completed by the end of the third quarter of the

2026/27 financial year, depending on the volume of applications received.

Regarding land availability, Dr Dikoloti said a total of 17 non-residential plots had been identified for civic and community use in the affected villages.

“Of these, Mmankgodi has 16 plots, seven of which have been reserved for religious organisations, while Gabane has one civic and community plot. Lesirane and Tloaneng currently have no such plots available,” he said.

He further noted that the infill layout plan for Tloaneng, approved by the Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council in October last year, provided for 50 residential plots only and did not include land for civic and community purposes, adding that the layout was expected to be surveyed by the end of June.

Dr Dikoloti said the decision by the Land Board to consolidate allocations underscored the need for a comprehensive solution to land delivery challenges, which had led to the establishment of a Land Lab under the Botswana Economic

Transformation Programme.

The Land Lab, he said, was expected to address bottlenecks in the land allocation process, promote optimal use of resources and provide a platform for engagement with key stakeholders.

Member of Parliament for Gabane-Mmankgodi, Mr Kagiso Mmusi, had asked the minister to state when his Ministry intends to allocate plots to churches for worship in Mmankgodi, Lesirane, Gabane and Tloaneng villages as they have been promised such for so long. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti has told Parliament that churches in Mmankgodi, Lesirane, Gabane and Tloaneng would have to wait until the 2026/27 financial year for land allocations to be finalised.



## BUSINESS BRIEFS

East African Business Summit scheduled for Nairobi

## DARES SALAAM

The East African Business and Investment Summit and Expo 2026 (EABIS 2026) will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from February 24 to 25, the East African Business Council (EABC) said Saturday. The summit, co-organised with the Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the East African Community (EAC) secretariat, is expected to draw over 500 participants, including regional ministers, investors, and business leaders. The forum aims to foster private sector-driven integration to boost trade and investment within and beyond the eight-member bloc. Organisers said the event comes as the continent advances the African Continental Free Trade Area and the Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement. **Xinhua**

Australia researchers turn high-emissions waste into zero-carbon fertiliser

## SYDNEY

Researchers in Australia have developed a breakthrough process to turn waste products into fertiliser, slashing emissions from one of the world's most polluting industries. They used renewable electricity to trigger an electrochemical reaction coupling carbon dioxide with nitrogen pollutants such as nitrate and nitrite, common waterway contaminants from agriculture and industry to form urea, bypassing fossil fuel-intensive traditional methods, a statement from Australia's University of New South Wales (UNSW) said Monday. The copper-cobalt catalyst, designed at atomic scale, demonstrated a strong synergy for controlled carbon-nitrogen bonding, and improved urea production when compared with existing systems, the study showed. **Xinhua**

Tanzania completes first large-scale solar power project

## DARES SALAAM

Tanzania has completed its first large-scale solar power project in Kishapu District of the northwestern Shinyanga region, marking a milestone in the country's energy transformation agenda, the Ministry of Energy said in a statement on Sunday. According to the statement, Lazaro Twange, managing director of the Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited, said during a site inspection on Saturday that the project reflected government's commitment to expanding access to reliable electricity nationwide. Twange described the project as a new chapter in the country's history, saying it is the first solar project of such magnitude since independence. **Xinhua**



President Advocate Duma Boko and Zambia President Hakainde Hichilema will today launch the Kazungula Bridge Authority. The Authority is a key milestone for regional integration and managing the operations of Kazungula One Stop Border Post.

## Kazungula Bridge Authority position countries as trade destinations

Portia Keetile  
**KASANE**

Kazungula border post has become a preferred transit route for travellers and cross-border freight operators conducting business across the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Therefore, the launch of Kazungula Bridge Authority will unlock further economic opportunities for Botswana, Zambia and the wider region.

In an interview, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Public Relations Officer, Mr Tiro Kganelo said the authority would oversee operations of the Kazungula One Stop Border Post and help position both countries as competitive destinations for global

investment and trade.

Mr Kganelo further explained that the authority would harmonise customs and immigration procedures between the two nations, ensuring smoother and more efficient movement of people and goods across the border.

He emphasised that Botswana and Zambia shared a longstanding friendship rooted in shared democratic values and mutually beneficial economic cooperation, supported by historical solidarity and common cultural ties.

Since its commissioning in May 2021, the Kazungula Bridge has made a notable contribution to regional economies and trade facilitation, and the

operationalisation of the authority is expected to further enhance these gains.

Mr Kganelo added that full details regarding the authority's technical components, legal framework and implementation procedures would be outlined by the two presidents during the official launch.

He described the authority as a beacon of hope for citizens of both Botswana and Zambia, not only for stimulating economic growth but also for creating employment opportunities.

Ahead of the launch, Botswana and Zambia are scheduled to hold bilateral ministerial and

authority board meetings in Kasane on Monday.

President Duma Boko and Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema will attend the official launch today, that marks a milestone in strengthening regional integration and cross-border cooperation.

The establishment of the authority follows years of bilateral engagements between the two neighbouring countries, which culminated in an agreement that the authority would be headquartered in Botswana, while the Chief Executive Officer position would be held by a Zambian national.

**BOPA**



## Tourism fees review afoot

Bonang Masolotlate  
**GABORONE**

Botswana's tourism fees, some unchanged for 30 years, are set to rise in a bid to strengthen revenue mobilisation and sustainability.

Currently ranked among the

lowest in the region, the fees are expected to be increased starting beginning of April.

Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, said on Thursday during a consultative meeting on the proposed revision of tourism user fees, which is part of the

government's broader strategy to strengthen revenue mobilisation while ensuring affordability and sustainability.

The new fee proposals, he said, were guided by inflation adjustment, affordability considerations, revenue mobilisation, user feedback and

comparative analysis.

"Comparative analysis shows Botswana's fees remain among the lowest in the region, and benchmarking against Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa confirms the need for alignment," he said.

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# Tourism fees review afoot

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Among the key adjustments are increases in tourism enterprises' licencing fees, with citizen operators protected through differentiated charges.

Wildlife and National Parks fees have been revised to reflect inflation and conservation financing needs.

For example, Minister Mmolotsi said citizen park entry fees had been proposed to increase from

P30 to P50, while non-resident fees would increase from P380 to P500. While research and filming permits have been proposed to be adjusted to reflect operational costs, with commercial filming permits ranging from P20 000 to

P50 000. "As an outcome of the consultation process, some of the proposed fees that this meeting agrees on will take effect from 1st April 2026," he said, adding that some would require amendment of applicable regulations and later gazetting for public consumption.

Minister Mmolotsi told stakeholders that the adjustments were not simply about raising fees, but about strengthening tourism and environmental management systems, ensuring sustainability, and aligning with international best practices.

He assured stakeholders that the ministry recognised the concerns raised and was willing to listen, clarify, and work with them to ensure that the revised fees were fair, transparent, and effective, while securing the financial sustainability of the sector.

The Department of Tourism director, Mr Lopang Pule, noted that the prices were not set in stone and stressed the need to periodically review costs in the sector.

"We are getting feedback from our institutions and stakeholders, some are saying your costs are too low," he said, adding that the review was part of the government's cost recovery.

However, participants opined that some of the proposed fees were too steep, which could lead to some agents cancelling their bookings, thus reasoning that there was a need for more time before they could be implemented.

The Hospitality and Tourism Association of Botswana (HATAB) chief executive officer, Ms Lily Rakorong, noted that the increase in fees should also be matched with quality service from the ministry.

Mr Kenson Kgaga of the Botswana Guides Association (BOGA) pointed out that some fee increments could make it difficult for them to operate, adding that tour operators, other than paying for their industry fees, had to pay for salaries and other taxes. **BOPA**

## China cultivates more high-standard farmland

BEIJING

China established more high-standard farmland as agricultural modernisation efforts in the country continued to make solid progress in 2025, official data showed.

According to data from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China achieved the construction and renovation of 75.68 million mu (5.05 million hectares) of high-standard farmland last year, bringing the total area of high-standard farmland across the country to exceed 1 billion mu.

High-standard farmland refers to cultivated land that is typically well-equipped with facilities and can ensure stable and high yields.

Among the indicators of agricultural modernisation progress in China, sci-tech advancements stood out, having contributed more than 64 per cent to agricultural output in 2025, while the market share of home-grown seed varieties for livestock and poultry, aquatic products and vegetables exceeded 80 per cent, 86 per cent and 91 per cent, respectively, the data revealed. The overall mechanisation rate for crop cultivation, planting and harvesting reached 76.7 per cent last year.

Notably, the number of agricultural drones in use has topped 300,000 units, with their annual operation area having surpassed 460 million mu, the data showed.

The Central Rural Work Conference, held in December 2025, emphasised that agricultural and rural modernization has a major bearing on Chinese modernisation as a whole. **Xinhua**



Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi (centre), acting permanent secretary, Ms Abigail Khumoyagae (left) and BOGA chairperson, Mr Kenson Kgaga at the ministry consultative meeting on the user fees in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Mmolotsi said some Botswana's tourism fees had remained unchanged for 30 years hence were set to rise in a bid to strengthen revenue mobilisation and sustainability. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

# South Africa experts welcome duty-free access

JOHANNESBURG

South African experts have welcomed China's decision to grant duty-free access across 100 percent of tariff lines for South African exports, describing the move as significant to the country's trade structure and industrial development.

Signed during a visit to China by South African Minister of Trade, Industry, and Competition Parks Tau in early February, the Framework Agreement on Economic Partnership lays the foundation for an "Early Harvest Agreement" expected by the end of March, which is set to grant duty-free access for South African exports to the Chinese market and create more favorable conditions for increased Chinese investment in South Africa.

Economists and trade analysts said the comprehensive zero-tariff treatment sends a strong signal of market openness and could inject fresh momentum into bilateral economic ties. "The deal opens the door for South Africa to pursue a different development trajectory by accessing manufacturing

and services technology that it currently does not have," Tafadzwa Ruzive, an economist and analyst from the University of the Free State, told Xinhua in a telephone interview.

The expert noted that South Africa has secured expanded market access, particularly for agricultural and mining products, while China has shown strong interest in investing in South Africa's manufacturing sector.

Exporting raw materials while attracting advanced technology and industrial capacity could provide South Africa with an alternative growth path, said Ruzive, adding that it may also embed the country more firmly in Chinese value chains, and vice versa, thereby reinforcing bilateral economic ties.

Sizo Nkala, a researcher at the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Africa-China Studies, described the agreement as "timely," saying it provides Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, with an opportunity to cushion external shocks and diversify its trade partnerships. "It underscores

China's commitment to a rules-based and open global economic system as espoused in its 15th Five-Year Plan," said Nkala, noting that the framework represents a progressive step in strengthening South-South cooperation.

Balisa Finca, an independent economic analyst, shared a similar view.

The analyst, who once served as a special advisor to the Member of the Mayoral Committee for Economic Development

in Johannesburg, told Xinhua in a written interview that if implemented effectively, it can shift the country from a primary commodity exporter to a producer of higher value-added goods. **Xinhua**



JOHANNESBURG - A worker loading boxes of fruits onto trucks at the Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market in South Africa last year. Recently, South Africa fruit traders have been actively stocking up on fruit for export to China. Photo: Xinhua

# Boatle-Ramotswa road project commences next month

Baleseng Batlotleng  
RAMOTSWA

Necessitated by the need to provide safer travel and promote economic growth, government has intervened in restoring and improving road conditions countrywide.

One such project is the Boatle-Ramotswa road asphalt overlay, which is expected to commence next month for a period of 10 months.

During a consultative kgotla meeting in Ramotswa recently, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae, said the project worth over P37 million was aimed at rehabilitating the road including shoulder repairs, asphalt overlay, new bus stops and new road signs.

Minister Salakae said the project could have commenced in December but was delayed due to a number of factors among them inclement weather.

"Maintenance of these roads follows certain procedures as we have primary roads interlinking big villages and towns such as the A1, A2, we have secondary roads, tertiary and access roads. Due to limited funds and the scope of works involved we took a decision not to engage in construction of any new road infrastructure but maintain existing roads," Mr Salakae added.

Mr Salakae said government had included all these in the Road Maintenance Plan and said for the Boatle-Ramotswa project government had engaged Surface Solutions as the main contractor.

He emphasised the need for quality work and adherence to timelines which enhanced road quality and reduced deterioration as at times there were allegations of substandard work.

On other matters, Mr Salakae told the meeting that government was on the verge of reviewing the 1972 Road Traffic Act and introduce new regulations.

He said due to rising numbers of road traffic accidents related to alcohol and drug abuse; government took a decision to introduce legislation to curb the incidents. He said they had also reviewed vehicle registration and road worthiness tests requirements.

Minister Salakae said the provisional driver's license waiting period had also been extended from the current six months' period to a more flexible 24 months period to allow aspiring drivers ample time to prepare.

He reminded the meeting that government had also increased the traffic fines and introduced a new penalty of P3 000 to anyone found guilty of driving a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Minister Salakae said public transport fares were to be hiked in April, which followed a number of consultative meetings with public transport operators who cited a number of grievances among them sky rocketing fuels prices.

A public transport operator between Ramotswa and Gaborone, Mr Victor Tlhaselo, decried piracy in their business space.

He said they were unable to maintain their fleet because business was extremely poor due to illicit transport operators between Ramotswa and Gaborone.

He said they had approached law enforcement offices and the department of road transport services to no avail. **BOPA**



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## AUCTION SALE

The public is informed that BURS (Selebi Phikwe office) intends to conduct public auction on **Wednesday 4th March 2026 to Thursday 5th March 2026** in **Selebi Phikwe State warehouse**.

The goods listed as follow:

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1. The items will be viewed **ONLY** on the date given on this advert. There will be no viewing of goods on the auction date.
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# SKMTH serves as Centre of Excellence for Paediatric Medical Services

Lesedi Thatayamodimo  
GABORONE

Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital (SKMTH) has officially taken over paediatric medical services previously provided at Princess Marina Hospital effective, February 16.

In a public notice issued last week, SKMTH confirms it will now serve as the national Centre of Excellence for Paediatric Medical Services, marking a significant shift in the delivery of specialised child healthcare.

Services transferred to SKMTH include the Paediatric Medical Ward, Paediatric Haematology and Oncology, as well as Paediatric High Care.

However, paediatric surgical services including paediatric orthopaedics will remain at Princess Marina Hospital.

“Parents and caregivers are urged to take note of the changes to avoid confusion when seeking treatment,”

states the release.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Officer at the Ministry of Health Botswana, Dr Christopher Nyanga, said the move formed part of broader efforts to strengthen specialised paediatric care and improve coordination of services.

“The relocation represents an important step in consolidating paediatric medical expertise under one roof,” he said, adding that centralising services at SKMTH was expected to enhance quality of care, improve patient outcomes, and optimise the use of specialised infrastructure and personnel.

Dr Nyanga said paediatric cases would be assessed individually during the relocation and restructuring process.

He explained that where a child required both medical and surgical intervention, medical teams would conduct thorough evaluations and advise families on the appropriate course of treatment to ensure continuity of care and patient safety.

Addressing concerns about

possible confusion during the transition, Dr Nyanga said a comprehensive implementation plan, including ongoing stakeholder engagement, had been put in place to ensure a smooth and coordinated process.

On the broader impact for paediatric healthcare in Botswana, he noted that the move aligned with previously communicated objectives to strengthen service delivery and improve patient management within existing health system frameworks.

He encouraged parents and guardians to continue seeking medical attention as needed, assuring them that each case would be individually assessed and that clear guidance would be provided throughout the transition.

Dr Nyanga added that the development signaled a strategic realignment within the public health system, positioning SKMTH as a specialised hub for complex paediatric medical conditions, particularly in oncology and high-dependency care. **BOPA**

# Elephant Haven champions CSR initiative

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

As government is actively pushing for a private sector led economy, encouraging partnership to foster development, Elephant Havens Foundation is one of the companies that are positively responding to the call through their corporate social responsibility initiative.

On Thursday, foundation handed over a brand new school bus worth over P700 000, a move appreciated by the district leadership that it would relieve learners from Shorobe and its catchment areas of Mochaba, Xabe and Shokomoka who walk long distance to school in areas infested with roaming dangerous animals. This was the second school bus donation after the one donated in 2021.

Now on the six-year journey with Shorobe Primary School through the Adopt-A-School Programme, the Elephant Havens Foundation has invested in enhancing infrastructure, improved teaching resources and provided a safer and better learning environment which collectively boosted academic performance.

The foundation has also established the first computer laboratory at school, donated laptops to expose pupils to the digital space, provided two tents to augment available structures and assisted 50 pupils with school uniform.

Speaking at the ceremony, North West district commissioner, Mr Thabang Waloka said human-wildlife conflict was a concern in the region citing that Shorobe and its catchment areas were located in

an elephant corridor.

“We recognise your efforts and the donation will motivate learners to fully focus on their studies. Improving the quality of education at Shorobe will also help break the circle of poverty which is extensive among our rural communities. We are banking on these children to turn things around and escape extreme poverty and build successful lives,” he added.

For his part, Elephant Havens co-founder, Mr Boago Poloko said they were driven by the desire to create a conducive learning environment hence the partnership with the school.

“The school bus represents more than transportation, it is a symbol of hope, pathway to education and a safer future for learners. Learners will no longer worry about navigating elephant corridors in the rain or cold winters,” he said.

Principal education officer, Ms Veronica Ridge attested in an interview that collaboration with the private sector had borne fruits in the district with some schools achieving sustainable developments.

Some companies, she said had prioritised education under the Adopt-A-School initiative as they work closely with schools to provide volunteers, financial resources and equipment.

“The initiative is doing very well in our region as majority of schools have at least two companies supporting them. The companies assist with stationery, school uniform, sanitary pads, construction of classrooms, ablution blocks and buses in areas where we have issues of human wildlife conflict,” she emphasised.

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## BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE



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Tona wa tsa dipalamo le dikago, Rre Noah Salakae a re puso le bagwebi ba dipalamo tsa setshaba ba mo dipuisanyong tsa koketso ya ditlhwatlhwa. Tona o ne a buisa phuthego kwa Mochudi bosheng.

## Puso e rera koketso ya ditlhwatlhwa tsa dipalamo tsa setshaba

Keetile Bontsibokae

MOCHUDI

Banni ba Mochudi ba ikuletse kwa go tona wa dipalamo le dikago, Rre Noah Salakae a re puso e mo dipuisanyong tsa go oketsa ditlhwatlhwa tsa dipalamo tsa setshaba.

Tona Salakae o ne a bolelela morafe kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Mochudi ka Labotlhano gore puso le badiri ba dipalamo tsa setshaba ba tsentse ditlhogo go bona gore ba ka oketsa madi jang a dituelo tsa mesepele mme ka jalo a tsile go utlwa gore setshaba sone se tsibogela kgang e jang.

Tona o nankotse dipalo dingwe tse a reng ke moakanya wa puso mme ba tlaa ya go di baya pele ba dipalamo mme ke gone ba ka dumalanang. A re e le puso ba lekile gore dituelo di seka tsa tura go pota P26 ka kwa segolo jang mo mesepeleng e meelele.

Rre Salakae a re koketsego e, e tla morago ga gore beng ba dipalamo tsa setshaba ba itele ka gore ga ba bone dipoelo ka gore ditlhwatlhwa tsa leokwane, dithaere jalo jalo di palameletse.

A re go le pele, ka Morule ngogola puso e kile ya bepisa tshakgalo e yone a reng dibese tsa teng di tswa kwa tlhathlweng ya P7 go yeng kwa go P9.

Rre Salakae o file sekai sa ditlhwatlhwa tsa mesepele e meelele jaaka Gaborone-Francistown e yone a reng dibese tsa teng di tlaa tloga kwa tlhathlweng ya P155 go yeng kwa go P168 fa mosepele wa Gaborone-Maun one o tla lopa P331 go tsweng kwa P305.

A re koketsego e ama mesepele yotlhe go yeng kwa khutlhong tse nne tsa lefatshe. Tona o ne a re o itumelela gore tidimalo ya morafe e supa fa ba sena mathata le ditlhwatlhwa tse di tlang.

Le fa gontse jalo banni ba ile ba supa fa ba sena mathata le ditlhwatlhwa, mme fela bangwe ba ne ba kgala ba sa kgwe mathe maitsholo a e seng one a bangwe badiri ba dipalamo tsa setshaba.

Badiri bao ba ne ba kaiwa ka go tlhoka botho, go kgweetsa ba nkga motsoko, ba sa apare sentle mo bangwe e bileng ba tsamaya ba apera diaparotse di ntshang magwafa, ba ila metsi, ba bulela diwelese kwa godimo mo ba iteisang bagolo dipelo le go itaya bana ba sekole tsebe.

Bangwe bakgweetsi ba dikhombi le di taxi go bolelwa fa ba gana go baya batho kwa go maleba.

Mongwe wa bapalami ba dipalamo tsa setshaba Rre Tau Komane o ne a re o ipotsa gore ke eng taxi e feta khombi ka madi ka gore tsotlhe di dira tiro e e tshwanang.

“Bogologolo re ne re itse gore taxi e go baya fa o nnang teng mme gompieno ba go folosa mo tseleng. Nna ga ke bone go tlhokega gore madi a bone a farologane le a dikhomi ka gore ba tsamaya fela jaaka dikhombi,” ga bua Rre Komane. Fa a tswa la gagwe motsamaisa wa lekgotlana la dipalamo tsa setshaba mo Kgatlang Rre Moses Sello a re molao o palelwa ke go tseela dikgato dikoloi tse di pegang batho mme di sena ditseletso.

Rre Sello a re beng ba dikoloi tse ba ja ba namile mme ka ntlha ya dipalalo tsa bone ba kgwisitse beng ba dibase lerapo.

A re beng ba dibase bone molao o ba gagamaleditse setoropo ntswa dikoloi tse di senang ditseletso tsa go rwala setshaba di itirelela fela go se letsapa le ba fisang pelo.

Rre Sello a re jaanong ka ntlha ya gore borre ba dikoloi tse di senang ditseletso tsa mosepele ba le supa le le fa, gore bone ga ba tshikinye ga

ba iponetse letseno sesolo, jaanong ke nako ya gore dibase tse dikgolo di eme go tsweng kwa Mochudi go ya Gaborone mme jaanong go dirisiwe dikhombi ka gore dibase ga di sa tlhola di dira dipoelo.

A re thulaganyo ya go ntsha dibase go tswengwa dikhombi e dirwe mme go fiwe beng ba dibase tse di ntsheng di dira mo tseleng e monyetla wa go fiwa ditseletso tsa khombi pele.

“Fa e le gore motho o dirisa base e e pegang batho ba le masome mararo o ka neelwa tetla ya dikhombi tse pedi gore a tswelale a bona dipoelo tsa base ya gagwe,” ga gakolola Rre Sello.

Le fa gontse jalo a re maiteko a go kgoreletsa dikoloi tse di senang tetla a paledisitswe ke gore bakgweetsi

## Banni ba gwetlhiwa go dira dikgwebo

Kefilwe Selotlegeng

MAHALAPYE

Banni ba Kalamare ba rotloeditswe go tswelale pele ba dirisa lenaneo la The Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA) go dira dikgwebo tse di ka tlhabololang matshelo le motse ka kakaretso.

Se se buile ke Mothusi mokwaledi wa khansela ya Mahalapye, Mme Opelo Mongwa kwa thuto puisanong ee neng tshwere kwa Kalamare ka Labotlhano.

Mme Mongwa a re maikaelelo a dipuisano tse ke go nonotsha morafe ga mmogo le itsholelo ya magae.

A re thulaganyo ya SLA e thusa go tokafatsa matshelo a morafe le itsholelo ya metse.

Mme Mongwa o boletse fa maikaelelo a bokopano e le go fa maphata le makalana aa amegang go tlhatlhelela morafe ka tse ditlhokwa mo dikgwebong tse ba eletsang go di dira. O tlhalositse fa ba tlhatlhelelwa ke baitsianape gore ba itlhokotse ba gatelepe ka mananeo a bone.

A re lenaneo le, le tlhoka beng gae go dira ditlhophana tsa dikgwebo

go bereka le ofisi ya boipelego go thusa go lomagana le maphata kana makalana aa maleba.

O boletse fa lenaneo la SLA le tseela kwa godimo bokgoni jwa morafe, a ba rotloeditswe gore ba tswelale ba tswa ka maano a dikgwebo.

Mogolwane wa ditlhabololo tsa morafe Rre Kgomoetsego Basaako o ne a rotloeditswe ditlhopho go tswelale ba tshwaragane ba bereka bale seopo sengwe.

Rre Basaako o ba kgothatitse go kwadisa dikgwebo tsa bone ka mefuta ya tsone.

A re motse wa bone o na le ditsa tlhologo tse ba ka di dirisang go dira dikgwebo. O ba gakolotse gape gore ba dire mananeo a tsa kgwebo ga mmogo le go kwala molao-motheo.

O ile gape a kopa morafe gore ba lebelela melao ya tsa kgwebo kana tse di tlhokiwang mo dikgwebong tsa bone.

Kgosi wa Kalamare kgosi Goareng Mosinyi o solofeditse gore batla ema morafe nokeng mo go tse ba di tlhokang go diragatsa lenaneo la SLA. Kgosi Mosinyi o kopile morafe go tshwaraganela lenaneo le gore ba tlhabolole motse ya bone. **BOPA**

ba iponetse letseno sesolo, jaanong ke nako ya gore dibase tse dikgolo di eme go tsweng kwa Mochudi go ya Gaborone mme jaanong go dirisiwe dikhombi ka gore dibase ga di sa tlhola di dira dipoelo.

A re thulaganyo ya go ntsha dibase go tswengwa dikhombi e dirwe mme go fiwe beng ba dibase tse di ntsheng di dira mo tseleng e monyetla wa go fiwa ditseletso tsa khombi pele.

“Fa e le gore motho o dirisa base e e pegang batho ba le masome mararo o ka neelwa tetla ya dikhombi tse pedi gore a tswelale a bona dipoelo tsa base ya gagwe,” ga gakolola Rre Sello.

Le fa gontse jalo a re maiteko a go kgoreletsa dikoloi tse di senang tetla a paledisitswe ke gore bakgweetsi

ba dikoloi tse ka bontsi ba kaya fa e le tsa batho bangwe ba ba kabong e le bone ba dirafatsang molao go di kganela jaanong go le thata go ema kgatlanong le tsone ka ba lemogile gore go tshutshuma tswine mo mhameng oo.

Bangwe ba lela ka gore dibase tsa mesepele e meelele di gana go ba baya kwa maemelong a Pilane mme se ba bona e le go ba bogisa le go ba tsietsa.

Fa a a kgwa morafe kgaba Tona Salakae a re ope yo o tlaa sekeng a dirise tseletso ya gagwe ya tselo go ya ka melawana ya tseletso o tlaa di gama a sa di thapela.

O ile a tshapisa ba ngongoregi gore puso e tlaa ya go nna fatshe go sekaseka dilelo tsa bone. **BOPA**

## Morafe o abela batlhoki le mekgatlho ditswa-thobong

Kelebogile Taolo

TONOTA

Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse wa Tonota o lebogetse morafe wa Bakhurutshe go abela batlhoki ditswa thobo tse ba neng ba di phuthile ngogola.

Fa a bua kwa phuthegong ya go aba di-tswa-thobong kwa Tonota ka Labotlhano, Kgosi Radipitse a re tshwaragano ya morafe mo go kgobokanyeng thobo go supa maikaelelo a go lwantsha tala ga mmogo le lehuma go thusa ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane le batlhoki ka go farologana.

O ne a itlela morafe legofi a tlhalosa fa sejo se nnye se sa fete molomo, ka jaana go aba ditswa thobong tse di akaretsang mabele le mmidi di tlaa sologela ba ba abetsweng mosola.

Kgosi Radipitse o ne a kaya fa morafe o o bopaganeng e bile o kgona go lemoga letlhoko la ba bangwe o supa kgatelo pele le mowa wa bo-ja-mmogo.

“Le morafe yo o nang le bokgoni, morafe o ikemelang e bile o kgona go ijesa. Morafe o o kutlwebotlhoko. Se se supa fa le le morafe o o nang le thata, nonofo, le bokgoni,” Kgosi Radipitse a tlhalosa.

Kgosi Radipitse o ne a rotloeditswe morafe go tswelale ka go tlhokomela tema e ba e lemileng gore e tle e re mo nakong e e tlang ba tliisa thobo, go kgona gore ba tsweladise mowa wa bo-jo-mmogo le kutlwelo botlhoko.

E rile fa a tswa la gagwe, modulasetilo wa lekgotla la borre ba Bakhurutshe, Rre Botho Ntirang, a tlhalosa fa di-tswa-thobong di abiwa go lebeleletse letlhoko, a tlatla ka gore sekole sa Shashe River se abetswe dikgetsana tsa mabele di le lesome tsa 10kg le di le lesome tsa setampa tsa 5kg, mme fa kokelwana ya Masedi e filwe dikgetsana di le lesome le botlhano tsa 10kg ya boupi jwa mabele.

O ne a tlhalosa gape fa borre ba ba ileng go lwantsha bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo ka go tsosa terata ba ne ba abelwa dikgetsana di le masome a ferabongwe le bongwe tsa 5kg ya setampa.

Rre Ntirang o ne a tswelale a kaya fa dikgetsana di le masome a ferabongwe le borataro (96) tsa mabele le di le masome a ferabongwe le borataro (96) tsa setampa, di tla a abelwa mekgatlho.

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# Mmalekwa Digital Information Centre nears completion

Relief Lephutshi  
**KANYE**

The Mmalekwa Digital Centre in Kanye, financed with over P1.2 Million, is one of Debswana's Community Social Responsibility (CSR) projects in which they are supporting the cultural heritage through partnership with communities.

This was highlighted by the Senior Manager of Technical Support Services at Debswana, Mr Segolame Ntwayagae during the Mmalekwa Digital Centre project tour by Debswana officials, Kanye district authorities and Mmalekwa Royal Cemetery Committee on Friday.

Although Kanye is not within the zone of influence, he said Debswana chose to partner with the community to develop the historical site as part of the tourism corridor linking to other activities in Jwaneng and the surrounding areas.

The idea, he said was to get the place active by putting together a recreational facility comprising a restaurant and a lounge.

He said it was also a way of luring tourists to visit and appreciate the history of Bangwaketse, particularly the Mmalekwa Royal Cemetery as that was where the forefathers of Bangwaketse were resting.

According to Mr Ntwayagae,

the site visit was to appreciate the pending aspects of the project which started in 2021 and had endured some delays.

However, he said he was pleased that the project stands at 80 per cent completion.

"We want to hand it within a month so that the committee could have a beneficial use of it as they would like to generate funds using the restaurant, the lounge and the gallery," he said.

Mr Ntwayagae said Debswana financed the project, appointed the local contactor and supervised it. He said that due to the contractor-related delays the visit was also to partly re-affirm the partnership between stakeholders.

For his part Mmalekwa Royal Cemetery Committee chairperson, Mr Edward Dibeela said the cemetery was a special place reserved for the elites of the community back then.

He said the place was not only home to Bangwaketse Royals but also to the missionaries who passed by and had an impact on Bangwaketse as well as the commonwealth soldiers.

He said the digital centre would store and preserve Bangwaketse's heritage as well as improve their tourism profile.

"The Digital Information Centre though it will work alongside Bathoen II Museum, unlike other archaeological sites, it will keep the

digital representation of the grave sites together with their profiles," he concluded. **BOPA**

## Hospital project takes shape

Esther Mmolai  
**MAUN**

After dragging on for years, the refurbishment of the old Maun General Hospital is expected to be concluded soon.

This derives from a recent visit by a team from the Ministry of Health that conducted an assessment to determine what could be done to push the project to completion, thus ensuring that the facility begins to serve its intended purpose.

The refurbishment of the facility, which is expected to serve as a referral hospital, stalled since 2017 due to various factors including the contractor abandoning site, vandalism of completed works and break-ins.

The project was anticipated to take approximately one year but it was reported to be stuck at 90 per cent completion and the delays caused frustration among North West District leadership, some of whom called for the termination of the contract since the company engaged had failed to meet the July 2018 deadline.

In an interview, Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital superintendent, Dr Lebogang Mokotedi confirmed that a team from the ministry visited the facility to conduct an assessment to determine what was required to complete the project.

She said the visit was a positive move as, once in use, the facility would decongest the 270-bed Letsholathebe Hospital which was currently facing high demand as it served the North West, Okavango, Ghanzi and Boteti districts.

"With plans of transforming Maun into a green city and the discussions on the construction of a new airport, we need another health facility with more beds to alleviate pressure on the existing one," she added.

Once completed, the facility will also help reduce the distance travelled by residents to access specialised services. Services to be offered will include general out-patient, maternity, dental services, sexual reproductive health, minor theatre services, radiology and isolation facilities.

Meanwhile, some residents of Maun have complained that the old Maun General Hospital had been neglected since the commissioning of the Letsholathebe Hospital in 2008. They complained about the poor state of the facility saying it was posing a danger to the lives of patients and workers. When government took a decision to renovate the facility, residents were hopeful that the project would be completed on time, a dream that did not materialise.

One of the residents, Mr John Benn attested that the facility had been neglected for long, exposing it to vandalism.

"When government took a decision to renovate the facility, we had high hopes that it would reduce congestion at Letsholathebe Hospital which is currently overwhelmed, but the lack of progress with the project is disappointing," he added. **BOPA**

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# Official explains process of naming government facilities

Marvin Motlhabane  
MOSHUPA

The naming of central government facilities in Botswana follows a structured, centralised process that emphasises community participation and national oversight, as outlined in Section 8.7.1 (b) of the National Guidelines on Naming of Streets, Roads, Public Facilities and Localities.

This was explained by Moshupa Council Secretary, Mr Mompoti Pheko during a recent full council meeting. The explanation by the council secretary followed a query from Kgosi Oscar Mosielele of Moshupa, who had sought clarity on the criteria used to name the new Moshupa primary hospital, which currently bears signage reading “Edison Setlthomo Masisi Memorial Hospital.”

Mr Pheko further said the relevant government department or agency initiated and led the process for facilities under its purview.

“It begins by consulting the local community in the project area, collecting name proposals via Village Development Committees, Ward Development Committees, or direct written submissions from individuals,” he said. These proposals are then submitted to the department or agency.

Mr Pheko said the department presented them to the appropriate Urban or District Development Committee for discussion, citing that the Physical Planning Unit compiled a report, which was presented to the Physical Planning Committee.

He said proposals then go to the Full Council for consideration. “After council review, feedback is sought from the relevant ministry, and once approved at the council level, the proposal is forwarded to Cabinet for final endorsement - a key distinction from local authority facilities, which conclude at the council stage.”

Following Cabinet approval, names are sent to the Department of Surveys and Mapping for inclusion in the national database, and authorities must display them within a reasonable period, he said.

Kgosi Mosielele had acknowledged the significant development the hospital represented but stressed the need to understand the naming criteria. He noted that during an earlier kgotla meeting, which was adjourned before completion, community members had proposed the name “Pilane.” They were told further consultations would occur across district settlements to gather additional suggestions.

He added that on July 11, 2025, during another kgotla meeting, residents questioned how the hospital received its current name. To respond effectively to his community, Kgosi Mosielele requested legal documentation or official records on the process.

He clarified that he was not opposed to the chosen name but needed to explain the criteria transparently. Understanding a prior report that the council is not responsible for naming central government facilities, he asked the council to forward his request to the relevant authorities.

In response, council members confirmed that the House had been consulted on potential names, including “Pilane” and “Edison Setlthomo Masisi.” Suggestions emerged during

discussions to seek consent from the Masisi family before using the name. Members saw no issue with honoring one of Moshupa’s first Members of Parliament in this way. They emphasised that criteria and final decisions rest with the ministry as the process custodian, not the council. They also noted the hospital’s benefits, including improved healthcare access and potential local job creation.

Contacted for comment, Ministry of Health Chief Public Relations Officer Dr Christopher Nyanga said the ministry adopts names submitted by the district or community, facilitated by the District Commissioner.

He directed queries on the naming process and any related issues to district leadership.



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Earlier, in presenting the District Development Committee (DDC) report, Principal District Development Officer Mr Tebogo Mekwe reported the hospital’s

progress at 99 per cent. It is expected to open in April 2026.

The partial handover of the administration block and supplies unit occurred on November 3,

2025, with about 20 staff members deployed to prepare for operations. The project faced delays due to funding challenges amongst others, he said. **BOPA**

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**WHICH ROPERTY:** is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2596/2010 dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010 made in favour of **KEBAFALOTSE SEKANA**;

**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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

**WINFRED MASITHA LEGAL PRACTICE**  
P. O. BOX 1511  
PLOT 19201, PHASE 2, GABORONE  
TEL: 76050594/73566512

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CHARLES MOEYA AND LELEBO LEBINDA	ESHFT-001053-25	14-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH FEBRUARY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]**

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
GEORGE MANYIKA	ESHFT-000538-25	14-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1983/2006 dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2006 made in favour of **Stella Thokozile Thipe** in respect of:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 34468, Gaborone;

**SITUATE:** in Gaborone West Extension 36;

**MEASURING:** 438m<sup>2</sup> (Four Hundred and Thirty-Eight Square Metres)

Any **person having objections** 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 last publication of this notice.

Plot 387, Independence Avenue Private Bag BO 177 GABORONE  
Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999 Fax: 318 2686



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN** ESHFT-00000439-24

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Million **Dichaba- ESHFT-00000439-24** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the **08<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020**

**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 04<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.**

**KEBADIRETSE DICHABA | EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**  
P O BOX 62, FRANCISTOWN PRIVATE BAG F13, FRANCISTOWN

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL PROPERTY TO NON-CITIZEN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned; **LESEDI MOLADELO MOREWAKWENA** intends to sell property to Non-Citizen the following property:

**CERTAIN** : piece of land being Tribal Lot 8348 Mogoditshane

**SITUATE** : at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory

**MEASURING** : 987 sqm (Nine Hundred and Eighty Seven Square Metres)

**HELD UNDER** : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 170/2019 dated the **26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019** entered into between Kweneng Land Board and Lesedi Moladelo Morewakwena

To **MAKINA SOPA**, Passport No. **BE260227** for the sum of **P1,300,000.00 (One million Three Hundred Thousand Pula)**

All persons having objections with the sale of the above-mentioned property are hereby requested to lodge such objection, in writing **within (30) thirty days** from this publication

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**LESEDI MOLADELO MOREWAKWENA**, P O Box 2158 ABG SEBELE GABORONE

**Section 286 (a) of the International Business Companies Act, 2016**

**RE:** Voluntary Dissolution of

**• Black Parrot Incorporated IBC No. 234702**

**The Company hereby gives notice that:**

- (a) The company is in dissolution
- (b) The date of commencement of the dissolution is 10th February 2026
- (c) The liquidator of the Company is c)PKF Dissolution Services Ltd of 105, First Floor, Waterside Property, Eden Island, Seychelles

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN** ESHFT:000336-24

**FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **GABAKGATHE NJADINGWE, ESHFT:000336-24** who died at **CENTRAL – SEROWE DISTRICT** on the **08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**.

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

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**SELEMENG LOETO EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**  
P O BOX 2428, FRANCISTOWN PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN

**LOST TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No 503/2004 dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004 made in favour of **LAWRENCE GOWER** in respect of;

**CERTAIN** : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2936, Molepolole

**SITUATE** : at Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory

**MEASURING** : 1048 m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand and Forty Eight Square Meters)

**HELD UNDER** : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 503/2004 dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004 made in favour of **LAWRENCE GOWER**

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

**DATED AT MOLEPOLOLE THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**LEGOLO RELAENG ATTORNEYS | P O BOX 1235 MOLEPOLOLE**

**FARM WORKES**

**A HERDBOY HIGHLY wanted at Malolwane. Contact 71848743 / 77579681**

**FARM WORKER WANTED at Maboane . Call us at 71695277 / 74406656**

**BUZZ FARMS IS hiring, farm worker. (KPS) Key performance Areas: crop care, animal care. Experience: farm management, equipment care, cleanliness, farming experience, physically fit, reliability, speak English & Setswana. Contact Bigboy Dibonwa 72331213**

**FARM WORKERS (2) REQUIRED Minimum 5 years experience in cattle farming. Able to read and write for record keeping purposes. Apply to : Dominick Correia, Box 403211 Gaborone. Closing date : 10/03/2026**

**FARM WORKERS x3 needed for livestock at Dimajve in Serowe district. No alcohol. Contact cell No: 26771206737 or apply to farmer, Box 500525 Gaborone, Botswana. Closing date 11th March 2026**

**TWO FARM WORKERS wanted at Lepasha farm. Box 24 Sebina Balindi Zephanian 71457016/ 71848303**

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**NANTANGA HOLDINGS PTY LTD WISHES TO APPLY FOR A BOTTLE STORE LICENSE AT SAVUTI - CHOBE NATIONAL PARK. ANYONE WITH OBJECTION CAN WRITE TO: COUNCIL SECRETARY CHOBE DISTRICT COUNCIL P /BAG K30 KASANE.**

**OWNER OF PLOT 262 Gabane is changing land use from residential to multi-residential. Please contact Mogoditshane within 14 days of this publication if you have concerns or contact 72607815**

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION MOTHUSI Busang would like to change land use from resultant portions of Agriculture plots to mixed use agriculture & commercial at Morupule lands Palapye. For any objections please contact Palapye District Council Physical Planning Office, Telephone No. 4930821 / 24 within 14 days of this publication.**

**THE OWNER OF Farm Lucilla No.13NQ (Selole) intends to change the land use of the plot from Agriculture to mixed use (Agriculture and Industrial). Any queries or objections should be forwarded to North East District Council on 2489242 within 14 days of this publication.**

**CHANGE OF LAND use: Owner of plot 50811, Semarule road, Phakalane, Gaborone, intends to change land use from residential to commercial. Forward any objections to the Gaborone city council, physical planning office between Monday and Friday on telephone no.s 3907949/3657400 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice**

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION MOTHUSI Busang, would like to change land use from resultant portions of Agriculture plots to mixed use Agriculture & commercial at Morupule lands, Palapye. For any objections please contact Palapye District Council Physical Planning Office. Telephone No. 4930821 / 24 within 14 days of this publication.**

**OWNER OF PLOT 18539 Phase 2 Gaborone wishes to apply change of land use from residential to civic and community. Any objections you can contact Gaborone Physical Planning Office or 72267489 within 14 days of this advert.**

**I KEFILWE MONTSHIOA of Id 715025015 would like to change land use from ploughing field to mixed farming at Goodhope. For any objection please contact Goodhope district council 5404183 within 14 days of this publication.**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000174/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MOTLATSI MBANGA** who died at Riverside Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of **January 2020**.

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

**DATED AT GABORONE this 6 day of February 2026**

**RAMAPHANE LAW GROUP**  
Plot 50362, 1st Floor  
Showgrounds Office Park  
Gaborone  
Telephone No. + 267 76676642  
bramaphane@ramaphanelawgroup.com

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000781/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **Gloria Gaetsewe** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 8<sup>th</sup> **August 2024**.

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

**DATED at .....on this.....day of.....2026.**

Executor Dative  
Clifford Musetsi Gaetsewe  
P O Box 1561  
**MOLEPOLOLE CELL: 71973033**

**MEASUREMENT ENGINEER**

Bango Trading Pty Ltd invites applications from suitably qualified citizens of Botswana for the position of Measurement Engineer.

Requirements:

- BSc in Civil Engineering
- Minimum 5 years' experience, including 2 years in a similar role in the roads sector
- ERB registered with a valid Practicing Certificate

Interested candidates should email their application letter, CV, certified copies of qualifications, ERB registration, and Omang to:

Email: zbrachq@gmail.com  
Closing Date: 13/03/2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**VACANCY**

**MUDEX AFRICA**

*Leading Drilling Fluid & Solids Control Specialists*

**POSITION: DRILLING CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN**

**Location:** Botswana (Mine Site Based)

Mudex Africa is a leading provider of drilling solutions and specialized services across the African continent. With a strong commitment to innovation, safety, and operational excellence, we deliver high-quality drilling fluid systems and solids control technologies to support the mining and energy industries.

As part of our operational expansion in Botswana, we invite suitably qualified candidates to apply for the position of:

**DRILLING CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN**

**Purpose of the Role**

To manage drilling fluid systems, laboratory testing, solids control equipment, and Specialized Recovery Units (SRU), ensuring optimal drilling performance and compliance with operational standards.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Prepare, monitor, and maintain drilling fluids to meet site operational requirements
- Conduct laboratory testing and analysis of drilling fluid properties
- Operate and oversee solids control systems and SRU units
- Provide on-site technical support and troubleshooting
- Compile daily technical reports and performance summaries
- Ensure compliance with safety, environmental, and quality standards
- Support drilling performance optimisation initiatives

**Minimum Requirements**

- Certificate or Diploma in Drilling Fluids / Solids Control / SRU Systems
- Strong background in laboratory testing of drilling fluids
- Minimum 5 years' relevant industry experience
- Knowledge of mining drilling operations preferred
- Strong problem-solving ability
- Excellent reporting and communication skills
- Ability to work in remote and demanding environments

**Competencies**

- Strong technical aptitude
- Analytical and detail-oriented
- Operational discipline
- Team-oriented mindset
- Safety-focused

**How to Apply**

- Updated CV
- Certified copies of qualifications
- Relevant certifications
- Contactable references

**Email applications to:** hhoops@mudex.com.au  
**Closing Date:** 09 March 2026

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LEUNGO J. DIKGANG	ESHFT-001113-25	08-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**  
**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Manthula Robson	ESHFT-000100-26	14-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**  
**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SOPHIE CHABALALA	ESHFT-000863-	24 07-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SEEMULE MAHATSWHA	ESHFT-000106/26	05-05-2026	0900HRS	SARM 2

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
PETER JOSHUA SOLOMON	ESHFT -000114-26	29-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
THUDU DICK MATOTELA	ESHFT-000184-26	06-05-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000747/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **BOGADI MOLEFI** who died at Kgosing Ward, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

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

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

**DATED AT GABORONE this ..... day ..... 2026**

Executors Dative  
Andrew Norwebb  
P O Box 2245, GABORONE  
CELL: 73800270/71613630



Clover Chemical  
Industries (Pty) Ltd

## ADVERTISEMENT

WE ARE SEEKING to recruit a **Financial Controller** for our Group. Reporting directly to and working closely with the Group Managing Director, the successful applicant will be responsible for the finance and accounting functions to support and advance varying activities of the Group's business. The role encompasses forward planning, budgeting and conducting business reviews, focusing on pricing, cost control and margin analysis in a Manufacturing & Healthcare environment.

The ideal candidate should possess a degree in relevant area of specialty and should be a qualified accountant with a member of one of the recognized professional bodies such as Chartered/CIMA/ACCA with preferably minimum Eight (08) years' experience and a sound background in financial and management accounting.

The role will appeal to candidates who want to work for a fast moving Group in a close-knit environment where a "hands on approach" is essential. It offers a significant opportunity for the ideal candidate to play a key role in the Group's future development.

Experience in Chemical manufacturing, Healthcare industry and Hands on experience in Sage ERP system will be an added advantage.

Please write in confidence with full career and salary details to:

Application to be addressed to:

Human Resource Manager  
Clover Chemical Industries (Pty) Ltd  
P.O. Box 1950, Gaborone, Botswana.

Email: beauty.kebopileng@cloverindustries.co.bw

Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## COUNTRY RESTAURANT MANAGER

**Salt Shaker Cafe (Pty) Ltd**, trading as Zen Cafe, is a privately owned company based in Gaborone, Botswana. We are seeking a dynamic and experienced Country Restaurant Manager with a passion for exceptional food and hospitality. This role provides leadership and direction to unit-level General Managers and Executive Chefs, ensuring operational excellence, guest satisfaction, and strong financial performance.

### Key Responsibilities

#### The Country Restaurant Manager will:

- Provide visible leadership to management and staff, fostering a culture of service excellence.
- Drive financial objectives through effective management of people, products, and processes.
- Develop and implement policies to achieve goals related to revenue growth, cost control, and operational efficiency.
- Conduct P&L analysis, troubleshoot issues, and implement solutions.
- Ensure consistent adherence to standards of food quality, facility cleanliness, and service procedures.
- Train and mentor General Managers and Executive Chefs in recruitment, training, and retention of high-quality staff.
- Conduct performance evaluations, inspections, and audits, ensuring corrective actions are taken promptly.

### Requirements

- Diploma and equivalent work-related experience in Hospitality and Tourism is required.
- Qualifications or training in Retail Management.
- Wine Training Certificate will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of 10 or more years of proven success in a high-volume, multi-unit restaurant or retail environment.
- Strong analytical and coaching skills with the ability to diagnose issues and guide teams effectively.
- Flexibility to travel nationwide up to 50% of the time.

**To Apply:** Send your CV to Salt Shaker Cafe (Pty) Ltd t/a Zen Cafe, P.O. Box 40193, Gaborone. Applications may also be submitted via email to zencafebw@gmail.com.

Closing date: 09 March 2026

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

NOTICE IS ISSUED in compliance with the Tribal Land Act of 2018, Section 34, Subsection 1 (a to e) and the transaction involves the following in Tribal Land:

**CERTAIN:** Lot 4724 Artesia  
**SITUATE:** in Cadastre 0031, Bakgatla Tribal Territory  
**MEASUREMENTS:** 9,9048 hectares  
**DEVELOPMENTS:** ploughing field, Borehole, yard with 2 rooms and improvements thereon together with kraals for goats and cattle.  
**HELD UNDER:** Certificate of Registered Title No: DR004264062 dated 15-June- 2022

The cession of the aforementioned property in between **OLEFILE MFETANE** and **MAGABOLLE ISAAC MAFIRI** of Passport No: **MO0374392**, a non-citizen for the sums of **P456 000,00.00 (Four Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand Pula )**. This cession is Subject to such other terms and conditions as available for inspection in a Memorandum of Undertaking and further Cession Agreement between the parties in consideration of the aforementioned property.

By virtue of this notice, a citizen of Botswana interested in entering into an offer in respect of the aforementioned property must give their submission/objection to Artesia Sub Landboard Box 9, Artesia, in writing **within thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 00000155-25

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Kenaope Ookame – ESHFT-000155-25 who died at Central District on the 14/01/2024.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATE AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

Executive Dative- Mopegi Tshegafatso  
**MORWAKWENA WARD  
SEROWE**

AND TO: Master of High Court  
Private Bag F13  
FRANCISTOWN

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

### ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
JAMES MOESI & LATLANG MOESI	ESHFT-000182-26	29-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

# RHINO

P.O BOX 502130, GABORONE BOTSWANA TEL: 392 2512 EMAIL: kerry@rhinoplanthire.co.bw

## POST FOR A DIESEL PLANT FITTER & PLANT MANAGER- MINING ENVIRONMENTS: CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS- 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

This challenging role will be suited to a well experienced and detail orientated individual with a demonstrable ability to juggle multiple activities in an extremely pressurised environment.

### THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO APPLY:

- A minimum of 15 years' experience in the related field, mainly mining
- -Certificate/ Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Certificate in Diesel plant fitting
- Certificate of Motor/ Plant Mechanics- including diesel and tractor mechanics
- Experience in the field, especially regarding troubleshooting and diagnostics of Hydraulic Systems, Pneumatic systems, cooling systems, repairs, overhauls & maintenance of fuel injection systems, exhaust systems and cooling systems.
- Experience in repairs, trouble shooting and maintaining mobile heavy duty construction equipment. Experience on maintenance and repair on pressure vessels and lifting equipment.
- Experience in Systems; namely Lubrication systems, Engine control systems, major internal engine repairs/ overhauls, installation and alignment of engines and machinery and electrical repairs
- Experience on Motor Graders, Dozers, Tractors, Dump trucks, Shovels, TLB's, Various size & different makes of Excavators and Front-end loaders, Drill rigs, Trucks and buses, as well as have vast motor spares experience.
- Experience in Motor vehicles; replacing engines, steering mechanisms transmissions, electrics and braking systems
- Experience in running workshop operations, overseeing plant maintenance, repairs and inspections on Mining Sites.
- Experience in Maintaining fleet vehicles and having a planned maintenance program that is followed by all mechanics. Performing general and preventative maintenance, as well as service records, maintenance records and part inventory and management.
- Experience in Mining environments, with focus on health, safety and risk management strategies, providing fast, efficient and organised back up for production targets, housekeeping on Mining sites, supervising and co-ordinating support function.
- Running daily job coaching and on-site training sessions; demonstrating ideas and efforts to improve operations, cut costs where can, improve on turnaround time to repair machines & Streamline processes. Must have good communication skills and be able to manage Mining sites and employees.

**ATTENTION:** The General Manager, P. O Box 502130, Gaborone. Tel: 3922512.  
Email: workshop@rhinoplanthire.co.bw

## VACANCY

### HEAD TEACHER, HILLCREST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and dynamic individuals for the position of Head Teacher. The ideal candidate will provide strategic leadership and overall management of the school, ensuring the delivery of high-quality education in line with the school's vision, mission and standards of excellence.

### Key responsibilities

- Provide strong instructional leadership and promote academic excellence.
- Oversee the day-to-day administration and management of the school.
- Supervise, mentor and support teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Ensure effective implementation of the curriculum in an English Medium School.
- Promote a positive, safe and inclusive learning environment.
- Maintain effective communication with parents, staff and stakeholders.
- Manage school resources efficiently and ensure compliance with relevant policies and regulations.

### Minimum Requirements

- A recognized Degree in Education or equivalent. A post Graduate Degree in Educational Management and at least ten years' experience in an English Medium School will be an added advantage.
- Proven leadership, administrative and organizational skills and strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Sound knowledge of modern teaching methodologies and school management practices.

### Personal Attributes

- Visionary and result oriented leader
- High level of integrity and professionalism
- Strong decision making and problem-solving skills
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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**Master's Reference: ESHGB 000102-24**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MOTSHOLATHEBE J SELALEDI** who died at **Mmangwana** lands, kweneng district, Botswana on the 20th day of November 2023

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

**On this ..... Day of .....2026**

The Executor Onkgolotse Nkwe P O Box 1022 Gaborone Cell:74707272/72226025	The Executor Eric Ozoo Private Bag 000356 Gaborone Tel:3640400/73587026
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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**Master's Reference: ESHGB- 000022/22**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **GETRUDE GAARATWE MOTSE** who died at **SIDILEGA PRIVATE HOSPITAL, BOTSWANA** on the **02 December 2021**.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that debtors and creditors in the above Estates 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 THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

**The Executrix | Tshepo Pearl Norwebb**  
**Cell: 73 248 702 | Gaborone**

**NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No: FT TL 897/2017 dated 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017 made in favour of Samuel Tebogo Seeletso Sekgoma in respect of:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being lot 1506 Tewane  
**SITUATE:** At Tewane (cadaster 422) in the Bangwato Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING:** 36.9044 ha (Thirty six point nine zero four four hectares)  
**HELD UNDER:** FT LT 897/2017 dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**IN FAVOUR OF:** Samuel Tebogo Seeletso Sekgoma

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

**DATED AT Gaborone on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.**

**Nkemelang Lekhutile**  
**APPLICANT**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**Master's Reference: ESHGB 000763/23**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **ROSINAH LETSHOLO** who died at Bamalete Lutheran Hospital, Ramotswa District Botswana on the **8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023**.

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

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

**THE EXECUTOR | Mongino Adolphinah Letsholo**  
**P O Box 503541 GABORONE | Cell: 76 359 311 / 76 018 304**

**FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**  
*Master's Reference: ESHGB-000302/21*

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **TEBOGO MUNYENGWA** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on **8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

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

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

**DATED AT GABORONE this ...day...2026**

**Executrix Dative**  
**Duduetsang Pamela Munyengwa**  
**P O Box 1282 ABG**  
**GABORONE**  
**CELL: 72799033/74920616**

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST MORTGAGE BOND**

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**Dated at Gaborone on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.**

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1) Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has applied for a LIQUOR License in terms of Section 13 of the Liquor Act (Act No 9 of 2004) in respect of premises at PLOT 1170 Modipane.

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3) Any person who wishes to object to the grant of the License should within 21 days of the last publication of the notice, give notice in writing to the Control Authority of the intention to oppose the application and state the grounds in which his objection is based.

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**Attention: Mrs C K Modise, G4 Consulting Engineers, Private Bag BR 297, Gaborone Plot 20748 Mabeleapudi Rd, Block 3, Broadhurst Industrial.**  
**Tel: +267 397 2510, Fax: +267 397 2504, E-mail: Caroline.Modise@g4.co.bw**

**APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE is hereby given** that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT No. 1645/2003** dated **11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2003** made in favour of **FANNY RABATSIMAKO** in respect of the following:-

**CERTAIN** : piece of land being Lot 35819, Gaborone;  
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**MEASURING** : 425m<sup>2</sup> (Four Hundred and Twenty Five Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 3 weeks of the publication of this notice hereof.

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> OF JANUARY 2025**

**Ajayi Legal Chambers | Lot 19383, Phase 2, Gaborone**  
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED**

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**MEASURING** : 418m<sup>2</sup> (Four Hundred and Eighteen Square Metres);  
**HELD UNDER** : Deed of Transfer No. 2031/2018 dated 5th day of November 2018 made in favour of **FREEDOM DIMHAIRO**;

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# Jesse Jackson: Towering voice for civil rights and justice

Pako Lebanna  
GABORONE

“When an old man dies, a library burns to the ground,” the old African adage goes.

The death on February 17 of American civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson, aged 84, leaves the world bereft of a man whose life of service led to him being a living embodiment of the struggle for racial equality both in the United States as well as Southern Africa.

It was his relentless pursuit for racial equality and freedom that took him on a tour to Botswana and other Southern African states in the mid 1980s. Familiarising himself with the region, he drummed up global support against an apartheid South African system that held the region hostage-ruling South West Africa (Namibia), supporting rebel movements in Angola and Mozambique and occasionally conducting cross border raids into neighbouring states such as Botswana.

Rev. Jackson's August 1986 visit to Botswana, came at a point when the country had been in

the unenviable position of having to walk a tightrope.

Having gained independence two decades earlier as one of the world's poorest and least developed countries, and a labour reserve for South African mines, Botswana was economically dependent on goods and services from the highly industrialised apartheid neighbour, yet politically opposed to that country's pariah white minority regime.

As Rev. Jackson's flight descended upon the runway tarmac of Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, according to a Los Angeles Times report of the time, 'trailed by a crowd of reporters eager to tell people back home about the plight of Southern Africa,' he immediately felt home.

He shook the hands of the welcoming party lined up, Minister of External Affairs, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe, her permanent secretary, Mr Samuel Mphuchane, Gaborone North Member of Parliament, Mr Maitshwarelo Dabutha, Gaborone mayor, Mr Paul Rantao as well as the Nigerian high commissioner, Mr Rufus Omotonye.

“We come here, most of us as African Americans, we are American citizens with African heritage,” Rev. Jackson told BOPA upon arrival, cited in the Daily News of Tuesday August 19, 1986.

Critical of the foreign policy approach of the then US president Ronald Reagan



Rev. Jesse Jackson (left) and President Sir Ketumile Masire during the former's visit to Botswana in 1986. Rev. Jackson's relentless pursuit for racial equality and freedom, took him on a tour to Botswana and other Southern African states in the mid 1980s.

and his assistant secretary of State for African Affairs, Chester Crocker, Rev. Jackson lamented that the US approached European nations with an aura of mutual respect, while regrettably still viewing Africa with a prism of neo-imperialism.

“We must as we do in Europe, respect African nations. The commitments we made to our allies in Europe we must make to Southern Africa, a new American policy on Africa that would gain us favour with God and the world,” Rev. Jackson said at the time.

During the visit, Rev. Jackson met Botswana's second president Sir Ketumile Masire and Minister Chiepe for talks, addressed a public lecture at the University of Botswana, held a service with fellow Christians and clergymen at the Catholic Christ the King Cathedral in Gaborone, and also got to visit the border and no man's land between Botswana and South Africa.

At the time, Rev. Jackson paid tribute to Botswana as a unique nation that has remained principled while living 'in the belly of the beast'. Appreciating Botswana's difficult circumstances, he pledged US\$10,000, then equivalent to P20,000, as a grant from his Rainbow Coalition to the country as humanitarian aid.

He called on the US government, aid agencies and business to assist the Frontline States become less economically reliant on South Africa.

In a joint statement at the end of the visit, President Masire and Rev. Jackson said apartheid was the root cause of the problems in South Africa and in the Southern African region, and that peace would only be attained if apartheid had been completely eradicated.

“The evil system of apartheid must not be reformed but completely abolished, and all countries should pursue policies consistent with the attainment of this objective. More concerted pressure should be brought to bear to bring about conditions

towards genuine negotiations among all South Africans for the achievement of a just and free society,” the statement read.

Born Jesse Louis Burns on October 8, 1941 to an 18-year-old mother in Greenville, South Carolina, USA, Rev. Jackson was raised by his mother who later married Charles Henry Jackson, a post office maintenance worker who adopted Jesse as his stepson and thus changed his birth surname.

Having grown up in the segregated South, Rev. Jackson rose to national prominence in the US while working with fellow Baptist minister, Rev. Dr Martin Luther King and Congregational clergyman Rev. Andrew Youth in the civil rights movement.

Mentored by Dr King, Rev. Jackson focused his efforts on civil rights, on improving the economic conditions of the Black community in the US, negotiating with business to secure jobs for unemployed Blacks, finding markets for African American owned enterprises, promoting literacy and agitating for voting rights.

In the 1980s, Rev. Jackson twice campaigned for the Democratic Party presidential nomination. Initially dismissed as a fringe candidate he surprised most, coming third in 1984 and second in 1988, at the time the furthest any African American had come to running for US president.

As tributes poured in this week, former US President Barack Obama stated, ‘For more than 60 years, Rev. Jackson helped lead some of the most significant movements for change in human history. Advocating for freedom and democracy around the world, he was relentless in his belief that we are all children of God, deserving of dignity and respect. In his two historic runs for president, he laid the foundation for my own campaign to the highest office of the land. We stood on his shoulders.’

The Nelson Mandela Foundation wrote, “Rev. Jackson was a steadfast contributor to the global anti-apartheid movement. His solidarity with South Africa's liberation struggle and his support for Nelson Mandela will always be remembered. Jackson was present at Madiba's release from prison in 1990 and their paths continued to cross over the next two decades.”

Having constantly battled illness for a decade, Rev. Jackson succumbed on Tuesday in Chicago, USA survived by wife Jacqueline, whom he married in 1962, and six children. **BOPA**

## Selolwane faces new charge

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

A 60-year-old pensioner, Samuel Selolwane, accused of raping a 13-year-old girl, is set to face an additional rape charge and have his co-accused turn into a state witness. The new developments come at a time when Selolwane's case at the High Court, in which he is seeking the court to determine the constitutionality of the forensic investigation, which required him to supply blood samples, is stalling the rape case proceedings.

However, Prosecutor Ms Seeletso Ookeditse told Chief Magistrate, Ms Nthabiseng Merafe-Olatose of Broadhurst Magistrate Court on Friday, that the state was determined to proceed with the case even without his provision of blood samples for forensic analysis.

“We have decided to proceed without the forensic evidence because the case involves a child and the matter has been dragging,” Prosecutor Ms Ookeditse said, motivating for proceeding to a case management conference (CMC).

Selolwane, who was initially charged with a single count of raping a 13-year-old minor in January 2024, will have to fend off two charges related to the same incidents. It is alleged that Selolwane had unlawful carnal knowledge of a minor aged 13 without her consent in Oodi, where he is alleged to have had an anal sex with the said minor inside his combi, while the victim's mother and friend had gotten inside a bar. The second incident allegedly took place in or near Gaborone Block 6, where the accused allegedly undressed the victim and raped her inside the same vehicle on the same night. The accused is alleged to have offered a sum of P4,000 to the mother and an acquaintance as a cover-up after the minor reported the sexual assault.

Ms Seeletso told the court that the state was seeking to have an acquaintance with the victim's mother, an accomplice witness, which could strengthen the state's case amid a lack of forensic evidence. Selolwane has refused to provide blood samples in the case, arguing it was not his responsibility to aid the state in prosecuting him, leading to him lodging a case at the High Court to determine the constitutionality of the forensic investigation, which required him to supply blood samples.

Although the state succeeded for over a year in opposing his bail due to his refusal, he was eventually granted bail by the High Court, reasoning that refusal to provide blood samples cannot be used to deny him bail, nor does it stop the completion of investigations by the prosecution. Ms Seeletso earlier told the court that the accused person's High Court case, although critical to the case, remained unheard at the High Court, leaving the state with no option but to proceed. Selolwane is charged alongside the mother of the child and her friend, who are facing a charge of corruption of children, contrary to section 57 (1) (b) of the Children's Act of 2009, having been found acting together and in concert, encouraging the prostitution of a minor child.

The state, however, expected to drop charges against the acquaintance to be an accomplice witness.

The case will be mentioned on March 24 for the case management conference. **BOPA**



Minister of External Affairs, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe (left) welcoming Rev. Jesse Jackson at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in August 1986.

# South Africa secures FMD vaccine doses

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa on Saturday received one million doses of high-potency Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccines as part of efforts to curb recurring outbreaks, the Department of Agriculture said.

The vaccines, sourced from Argentine pharmaceutical company Biogenesis Bago, mark the first batch of a phased national rollout, with an additional five million doses expected to arrive in March, according to the department.

"This small vial will be the beginning of us getting the red meat into markets around the world," Minister of Agriculture John Steenhuisen said while officially receiving the shipment of vaccine doses.

He noted that the vaccination drive would enable authorities to shift from reactive outbreak responses to proactive disease management and expressed confidence that the vaccination program would help contain the current outbreak.

South Africa has faced repeated FMD outbreaks in recent years, resulting in export restrictions and mounting pressure on livestock farmers.

According to a recent report by the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy, 24 400 FMD cases were reported in domestic livestock in 2025, significantly exceeding the previous 20-year-high of 7 700 cases recorded in 2022.

The outbreaks have weighed heavily on the country's beef exports, which totaled 24 773 tons in the first 11 months of 2025, down from 38 677 tons during the same period in 2024. *Xinhua*



**JOHANNESBURG** - Officials displaying Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccines in South Africa on Saturday. South Africa received one million doses of high-potency FMD vaccines as part of efforts to curb recurring outbreaks. Photo: Xinhua

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Adjudication of appeals emanating from decisions of Land Boards in terms of the Tribal Land Act,(CAP 32:02) and Planning Authorities in terms of the Town and Country Planning Act (CAP: 32:09)



**INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

(SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Ketlwaelo Rahube** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Abdul Saleem Hussain (the Transaction) in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being **Ploughing Field, Maiswe Lands;**  
**SITUATE:** at **Maiswe Lands;**  
**MEASURING:** 350m x 350m;  
**HELD UNDER:** **Certificate of Customary Land Grant (Resolution) made in favour of Ketlwaelo Rahube. Hereafter referred to as ("the property")**

Consideration of the property amounts to **P150 000.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula)** excluding any VAT/transfer duty consequential to the transaction.

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

All or citizen persons objecting to the transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objections with reasons, in writing, with Bobonong Sub Land board, Private Bag 11,Bobonong within **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

**DATED at Gaborone this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026**

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# Arts & Culture

Second edition of  
Creative Kids Day  
returns

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Mosako Chalashika showcasing his journey of documenting and promoting skateboarding culture in Africa during a Photography and Film exhibition in Gaborone on Tuesday. The exhibition closes on March 10. Photo: Felicity Male

## Chalashika showcases skateboarding culture

Benita Magopane  
**GABORONE**

*Skateboarding has evolved over the years. The art of stakeboarding has transformed from a creative alternative to a competitive sport that has now become a fully fledged Olympic sport. Equally in Botswana, skateboarding is becoming part of today's culture, with notable breakthroughs here and there.*

Local phoptogrpher Mosako Chalashika said despite the growth in recent years, Botswana's skateboarding scene

continued to operate largely on the margins, both professionally and recreationally, with limited global visibility.

Currently, the country boasts of the likes of top skater, Theo Setsetse, who last year earned global recognition after being selected for a three-year World Skate Development Scholarship Programme in the United States.

He said through his three-week exhibition currently showing at the Alliance Française until March 10, the desire was to spotlight Botswana and Africa's skateboarding culture on the international stage.

Through his photography, he documents Botswana's skating crews in their raw element, capturing technical tricks such as hardflips, nosegrinds and

boardslides, while also showcasing the scene's distinctive fashion, atmosphere and unconventional skating spots including bus stop benches and urban public spaces. "It is important not to wait for others to capture and tell our stories. I want the world to see that Botswana and other African countries have talent and that skateboarding exists here too," he said, praising the continent's vibrant and distinctive skating culture.

Chalashika's decade-long career has taken him across several African countries including Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal.

His work has also appeared in a multi-page spread in the American skateboard magazine *Thrasher*, featuring Botswana's skate crew, Knucklehds. Looking

"It is important not to wait for others to capture and tell our stories. I want the world to see that Botswana and other African countries have talent and that skateboarding exists here too."

ahead, Chalashika envisions a much larger and more structured local skateboarding ecosystem.

He revealed that discussions were underway with the Gaborone City Council to build what would

become Botswana's first dedicated skate park, to be named the Knucklehds Skatepark.

He added that a United States-based skate park-building non-governmental organisation, Wonder Around World, which previously helped construct Nigeria's first skate park, had already expressed willingness to assist. The timeline for the project is yet to be announced.

Chalashika emphasised the importance of public education about skateboarding, stressing that it should not be viewed as rebellious or delinquent behaviour.

Instead, he said, the sport offered young people a constructive refuge from social ills and legitimate career opportunities, particularly now that it is recognised as an Olympic discipline. **BOPA**

# Second edition of Creative Kids Day returns

Keetile Bontsibokae  
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Botswana's growing creative and cultural sectors are inspiring new initiatives aimed at nurturing innovation from an early age.

Recognising the importance of exposing children to creativity, Ipele Ka Wena has stepped in as a solution; creating spaces where young minds can explore, express, and grow.

Founded by Kaone Hunyepa in Francistown, Ipele Ka Wena is a start-up dedicated to cultivating creativity and purpose among children, youth, and adults.

One of its flagship initiatives is Creative Kids Day, a community-based event designed to give children a safe, expressive environment to discover their creative potential.

Hunyepa, a passionate youth development advocate, believes creativity is not just play but a foundation for confidence, emotional awareness, and future leadership.

Now in its second edition, Creative Kids Day carries the theme: *The Art Continues*, a reflection of the initiative's commitment to consistency and long-term creative development. The second edition will be hosted at Cresta Marang Gardens on Saturday.

"The Art Continues is both a theme and a promise, a commitment to nurturing passion, confidence, and creative identity from a tender age," Hunyepa said.

The theme underscores the belief that creativity should not be a one-off activity, but an evolving journey that grows with children.

"As adults, we are investing in self-expression, wellness, and personal growth, which is beautiful and necessary. But somewhere along the way, it feels like we have left the children behind. Creative Kids Day was born from the belief that as parents develop themselves, they must also be intentional about equipping their children with the same opportunities," Hunyepa explained.

Hunyepa added that the event is designed to help children build soft skills such as confidence, emotional intelligence, and problem-solving, all, while having fun.

Research shows that ages 4 to 12 are a critical window for curiosity, identity formation, and collaboration skills, making this the ideal stage for Creative Kids Day's impact.

The event offers a variety of interactive stations that include Art Stations: Sip-and-paint and drawing activities exploring color and shape, DIY Crafts: Hands-on projects to spark imagination, Movement & Dance: Confidence-building dance sessions to energize and uplift and Wellness & Emotions Station: Guided mindfulness

and emotional awareness exercises.

Creative Kids Day, she said is especially beneficial for children interested in arts and crafts, those who may be shy and need confidence-building platforms, and young learners who thrive in interactive environments.

Participating kids will be charged P250. While there are currently no competitive prizes due to budget constraints, Hunyepa emphasised that sponsorship partnerships were welcome, and therefore, pleading the local businesses and individuals to support by purchasing tickets, sponsoring underprivileged children, donating resources, or volunteering. *BOPA*

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Kaone Hunyepa



*Children doing artwork under the Creative Kids Day initiative.*



## The sky is the limit for Nthoiwa brothers

*Their hit track has surpassed one million streams on Spotify and gained strong traction on TikTok, propelling the two into spotlight.*

Boago Moletsane  
GABORONE

The sky is the limit for the duo, Itumeleng Nthoiwa aka Bangai Bafallo and Samson Nthoiwa alias Farrain Samusa, whose single *Dibiri di Kae* has marked a major milestone in their career. The hit track has surpassed one million streams on Spotify and gained strong traction on TikTok, where users around the world have embraced the song for dance challenges and creative content, propelling the brothers into the spotlight.

Both in their twenties, the two share more than musical chemistry as they are siblings. Their bond, makes their artistic journey feel as if it is written in the stars.

"Blending traditional influences with contemporary sounds, their music carries the authenticity of home while aiming for global appeal," the duo explained, adding that their

fusion style represents a fresh direction for Botswana's music industry.

Their growing recognition both regionally and internationally has been supported by their manager, Leago Mogano, who confirmed ongoing discussions with promoters and booking agents in Tanzania, Nigeria, Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Uganda. Mogano also revealed possible collaborations, including interest involving Xduppy of the New Money Gang label founded by DJ Maphorisa. The duo have additionally expressed ambitions to work with international stars such as Burna Boy, Wizkid and Tyla, alongside local artists including Ezra and Han-C.

Despite their success, the brothers acknowledged facing challenges, particularly limited music infrastructure in Botswana, an obstacle affecting many local creatives.

However, they turned to digital platforms to expand their reach. "Social media became our stage,

consistency became our weapon, and Leago Mogano became the connector that opened doors to promoters across the globe," they said. Reflecting on their streaming milestone, the duo described the achievement as validation rather than a final destination. Their long-term ambitions include global tours, platinum plaques and building a legacy that places Botswana firmly in the international music conversation.

With Mogano steering their business strategy, the brothers emphasised their broader vision: "We are not just building careers, we are building culture," he said.

They encouraged upcoming artists to remain consistent and confident in their craft.

"It is difficult to predict the future, but if you stay consistent and believe in yourself, your breakthrough is inevitable," they said, urging creatives not to fear taking risks despite the challenges they may encounter. *BOPA*

# Coaching requires patience - Ndolo

Esther Mmolai  
**MAUN**

In the broader sporting landscape, where national pride and representation remain paramount, a coach stands as a pillar of unity, inspiration and sustainable athletic development.

Coaches play a critical role in creating environments that allow athletes to reach their full potential.

Investing in coaching is therefore not only about achieving immediate success, but also about building a legacy that future generations can inherit and strengthen.

Maun-based athletics coach Meleko Ndolo is widely recognised among dedicated mentors working to ensure the sport continues to flourish, aligning with the nation's sporting ambitions and values.

The young and energetic coach completed the World Athletics Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses in sprints and hurdles in 2018, later advancing his Level 2 certification in 2022.

Since then, he has continued guiding several athletes to success in continental and global competitions.

Ndolo takes pride in contributing to Botswana's athletics achievements, describing his role in helping top athletes reach international glory as a dream fulfilled.

Coaching at Maun Track and Field Club, he is known for mentoring notable athletes including Bayapo Ndori,

Leungo Scotch, Anthony Pasela and Tshepiso Masalela, among others.

He also contributed to Botswana's successful campaign at the 2021 World Under-20 Championships, where the national team secured three medals including gold and silver.

In 2025, Ndolo was part of the national team delegation at the World Relays, where Botswana returned home with a medal, and also participated in the World Athletics Championships held in September last year.

His long-standing commitment to grassroots development has significantly influenced the sporting landscape in the Ngamiland region and beyond.

Having developed athletes since 2006, he has helped transform local talent into national and international competitors, continuing his mission to inspire and shape young athletes into champions.

"I always tell people that I am not yet a great coach; I am still learning. I say this not out of doubt but out of professional honesty. Coaching is a discipline that grows with experience, reflection and continuous study," Ndolo said in an interview.

He emphasised that coaching required immense patience, noting that mentors must nurture athletes, allow them to learn from mistakes and steadily build trust and resilience.

Reflecting on his journey, Ndolo acknowledged that the athletes he had guided have equally shaped his coaching philosophy, teaching him that individuals developed at different paces and that discipline often proved more reliable than raw talent in achieving long-term success.

He further stressed that a coach must remain a lifelong student of sport continuously studying, observing and refining methods because guiding athletes carried the responsibility of constant professional growth.

Ndolo explained that his coaching journey began with limited resources but with a firm belief in athletics as a transformative force.

He worked with athletes from diverse backgrounds: some talented but lacking discipline, others disciplined yet unsure of their abilities, and some who never imagined they could succeed in sport.

"My approach has always centred on commitment, structure, character building and gradual performance development. The early stages were challenging- establishing routines, maintaining attendance, building mental toughness and balancing academics with sport required patience and persistence," he said.

A teacher by profession, Ndolo noted that while not every training cycle produced immediate results, each contributed to growth in endurance, confidence and discipline.

Through this experience, he learnt that coaching extends far beyond techniques and drills, it is fundamentally about mentorship, consistency and trust.

In shaping his philosophy, Ndolo draws inspiration from athletes who exemplify dedication and structured development.

He cited performances from runners such as Victor Ntweng and Ndori as examples of speed combined with technical discipline, while Scotch and Tumo Nkape demonstrate resilience and competitive courage. He also highlighted Thompong Basele for consistency in training.

Ndolo described Masalela as a powerful example of middle-distance excellence built through persistence and tactical intelligence, while Kethobogile Haingura reflects the growing strength and promise of regional athletics development.

"These athletes serve as real examples. I use their journeys to show that high performance is not accidental; it is built through hard work, structured training, disciplined recovery, mental focus and long-term commitment. Their achievements help young athletes understand that progress is possible when effort is sustained," he said.

Ndolo reaffirmed his commitment to continue grooming grassroots talent into global competitors. **BOPA**

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Coach Meleko Ndolo

## Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics closes as China posts best-ever overseas result

**VERONA**

The Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics concluded on Sunday, after 17 days of competition that saw broad participation, historic breakthroughs and China's best-ever performance at an overseas Winter Games.

International Olympic Committee president Kirsty Coventry declared the Games closed at the historic Verona Arena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

"This is the true Olympic spirit: competing, embracing, lifting each other up whatever the result. You showed us what excellence, respect and friendship look like in a world that often forgets these values," Coventry said in her closing speech.

"The flame may soon go out, but its light will stay with us - in every child inspired to dream big, in every person reminded that courage and kindness still matter."

The Olympic Games will continue to be a space where the athletes can inspire the world through sport - freely, safely and proudly," said the former Olympic swimming champion.

The Games officially opened on February 6, featuring 2 880 athletes from 93 delegations including first-time Winter Olympic participants from Benin, Guinea-Bissau and the United Arab Emirates competing in 116 events across eight sports and 16 disciplines, with women accounting for a record 47 percent of competitors.

As the most geographically spread-out Winter Olympics in history, the Games' competition venues were divided into four clusters: the urban hub of Milan, and the mountain venues of Cortina, Valtellina and Val di Fiemme, spanning over 22,000 square kilometers in northern Italy. Xinhua



**VERONA** - International Olympic Committee president Kirsty Coventry at the closing ceremony of the Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games at Verona Olympic Arena in Italy on Sunday. Photo: Xinhua

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## Tough road ahead

*as The Mares face Mighty Warriors*

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

A fierce battle is expected at Seshego Stadium as the national women's football team, the Mares, take on Mighty Warriors of Zimbabwe in the Hollywoodbets COSAFA Women's Championship today.

The Mares will be seeking their first victory of the tournament.

They opened their campaign with a 3-0 loss to Zambia before playing to a 1-1 draw against eSwatini on Sunday.

Botswana currently sits at the bottom of the group standings with one point while Zambia leads the group with four points, followed by Zimbabwe, also on four points but with fewer goals.

eSwatini occupies third position with one point and a better goal difference than Botswana.

The Mares coach Gaolethoo Nkutlwisang admitted that her team was still struggling with fitness.

She, however, noted that there were positives from the eSwatini match, highlighting that the team managed to score their first goal of the tournament.

Coach Nkutlwisang said the organisation in the attacking front four was encouraging, adding that the introduction of Under-17 and Under-20 players in the second half changed the complexion of the game.

"We created a lot of scoring opportunities, but we were unlucky as we failed to convert them," she said.

She further noted that Sunday's match provided useful pointers, which the technical team had been working on ahead of the clash with Zimbabwe.

Group standings in the COSAFA Women's Championship are determined first by total points accumulated.

If teams are level on points, the first tie-breaker is the head-to-head result, followed by goal difference and goals scored in matches between the tied teams.

If teams are still level, overall goal difference in all group matches is considered, followed by a Fair Play system based on yellow and red cards.

One point is allocated per yellow card and two per red card, with the team accumulating the fewest points advancing. **BOPA**



The Mares coach  
Gaolethoo Nkutlwisang



Women and Sports Botswana chairperson, Keenese Katisenge-Tizhani (left) and Mooketsi Ramakele of Mamock Consulting during WASBO strategy launch in Gaborone on Saturday. Katisenge-Tizhani said they were committed to unlocking new opportunities through strategic partnerships, working hand-in-hand with stakeholders. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

## WASBO launches athletes-centred strategy

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Women and Sport Botswana (WASBO) has launched its 2025-2029 strategy, placing athletes at the centre of its programmes to ensure their voices, wellbeing and aspirations guide all initiatives.

Speaking at the launch on Saturday, WASBO chairperson Keenese Katisenge-Tizhani said the strategy was shaped by bold aspirations, collaboration and the firm belief that the future of sport was inclusive, innovative and equitable.

"At this pivotal moment, WASBO is embracing digital transformation to connect, empower and elevate women and girls in sport like never before," she said.

Katisenge-Tizhani added that the organisation was committed to unlocking new opportunities through strategic partnerships with federations, commissions, ministries, Olympic bodies, communities, sponsors and international networks.

"Together, we seek to build strong policy foundations, advocate for gender equity and champion progressive practices across all levels of sport in Botswana," she said.

She noted that women's leadership remained the driving

force of the movement, with the organisation aiming not only to increase participation but also to amplify the influence of women as coaches, officials, administrators and decision-makers.

She said they wanted women empowered to shape the sporting agenda from grassroots to the highest echelons.

Katisenge-Tizhani further said the strategy promoted continuous performance assessment and data-driven decision-making, enabling WASBO to respond faster, deliver targeted support and measure impact more effectively.

She emphasised that the organisation remained steadfast in its mandate to create safe and inclusive spaces for all and to ensure growth reached every district, sporting code and community.

The chairperson said the strategy reflected input from members and partners across the country, capturing the realities, ambitions and diverse strengths of women and girls nationwide.

"As we embark on this journey, I invite every stakeholder to work with us in making sport a powerful engine for equity, opportunity and national pride. Together, we are shaping not just the future of sport, but the legacy of inclusion, leadership and excellence," she said. **BOPA**



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