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# Done deal!

The Diamond Sales Agreement solidifies long-standing partnership



### The deal intails:

- A 25 year extension of Debswana mining licences from August 2029 to July 2054.
- Renewed 10 year sales agreement for Debswana's rough diamond production.
- For rough diamond sales, Okavango Diamond Company will sell 30 per cent and De Beers 70 per cent of Debswana's production for the first five years.

President Advocate Duma Boko yesterday joined the celebration of a milestone at Orapa House where Botswana and De Beers signed a decade-long Diamond Sales Agreement on the country's rough diamond production. President Boko said the agreement further solidified the long-standing partnership in the diamond industry, defining it as a critical step in Botswana's economic development.

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# Private sector donates to flood victims

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Government has received donations from various private sector entities to assist flood victims. Receiving the donations

at the Office of the President yesterday, the Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting applauded those who responded to government's call to join hands in providing aid to flood

affected victims.

Ms Mophuting said the donations would make it easier to assist those in need.

"It is heartwarming to see other Batswana coming forth to assist

those affected by these floods," she said.

For his part, Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, emphasised the importance of using the received aid as effectively

as possible.

Mr Mohwasa said as more rains were expected, it was important to disperse what was stored within 48 hours to the affected people.

He said his office would be coordinating district level authorities to help residents in the affected areas outside Gaborone.

Companies that made donations on the day include Arona Natural Foods, Botswana Telecommunication Corporation, Flotek, Motovac, Ka Pula Drones, Desert Sands Motel, Senn Foods and Agente de Restuaracion Rehabilitacion. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (second right) and Assistant Minister, Ms Maipelo Mophuting (third right) receiving a donation of P100 000 from Botswana Telecommunication Corporation (BTC) acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Boitumelo Paya (third left) to assist families affected by the recent flood in Gaborone on Monday. With them are BTC social investment movement member, Ms Neoyame Osupeng (second left), BTC social investment movement marketing officer, Ms Melanie Joseph (right) and BTC social investment movement member, Ms Happy Amon. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

## Mantshwabisi ranch to transform into Centre of Excellence

By Mothusi Galekhutle

LETLHAKENG - Mantshwabisi Small Stock Ranch, which was established to breed superior sheep and goats for sale to farmers as breeding stock to enhance their herds, is being developed into a Centre of Excellence.

In his inaugural address on Monday, Letlhakeng council chairperson, Mr Gordon Mokgwathi explained that the transformation involved upgrading the farm's infrastructure and replacing the existing breeding stock with high-quality genetics for sale to farmers.

He mentioned the replacement stock would be obtained from Lobu Small Stock Ranch, which consisted of 100 Dorper sheep and 100 Boer goats. Currently, he said a total of 132 boer goats and 72 sheep of various breeds, being 53 Dorper, 10 Meatmaster, and seven Damara, were kept at the ranch. Mr Mokgwathi said the department would sell off all livestock at Mantshwabisi Ranch through a public auction sale on March 5.

He said preparations for the auction sale were under way, encouraging the farming community to come and purchase sheep and goats for both breeding and slaughter purposes.

On other issues, Mr Mokgwathi said the department had decided to begin issuing vaccines for black quarter and anthrax to farmers so that they could immunise their cattle, after vaccination campaigns conducted by the department proved ineffective and difficult to carry out due to a lack of resources, primarily transportation.

He explained that so far, 1 250 cattle had been vaccinated against anthrax and 610 cattle against black quarter. Regarding the Letlhakeng rabies vaccination campaign that ended on January 28, he said 394 dogs and 13 cats were vaccinated against rabies. **BOPA**

## Residents plead for developments

By Manowe Motsaathebe

LEPOKOLE - Residents of Lepokole have requested their Member of Parliament to prioritise his advocacy for the village on provision of reliable, potable water and tarring of the 28km gravel road that connects them to Bobonong where they access most of the services.

Speaking during a kgotla meeting addressed by Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas in Lepokole Monday, residents said provision of reliable and potable water by connecting the village to the Thune water scheme would be a panacea to their nagging water problems.

The critical water shortage problem is persistent in the five villages of Lepokole, Mabolwe, Semolale, Gobojango and Mothabaneng in the Bobonong constituency.

The villages could have been connected to the Thune Dam water pipeline through a project that was to kick-off in April 2021 and completed in March 2022 according to a council brief in November 2020.

However, in September 2022, the residents of the five villages learnt that the tenders for the Thune water scheme project meant to supply water to their villages were cancelled due to some technical issues, a letter from the project management office of the then ministry of lands and water affairs addressed to then Bobirwa Sub-District Council stated.

The letter authored August 17, 2022 stated that the tenders for the two projects, one for connecting Mothabaneng to Mathathane water pipeline and another for Lepokole, Gobojango, Semolale and Mabolwe, have been cancelled owing to 'some technical issues.'

The villages are currently supplied through some low-yielding boreholes while others receive bowsed water through Water Utilities Corporation trucks.

Lepokole reportedly suffered dire water shortage during the past rainy days since the trucks could not maneuver their ways through the challenging gravel road that features high and low areas, with multiple rivers and streams to cross.

The gravel road cuts across over 20 streams and tributaries and two rivers of Keisane and Mosu, the latter having a bridge and some few meters of tarred road on either side. The road itself turns a stream during torrential rains and therefore renders access to the village a major challenge.

WUC trucks have to feed the water tanks stationed 24km away from the village and the pipeline would then water Lepokole from there.

The village tribal leader, kgosi Mompoloki Lemponye led the calls for reliable, potable water and a tarred road, arguing that as a remote area settlement they deserved better treatment from the government.

"We tend to compare ourselves with other villages in Bobirwa

and arrive to the conclusion that we are marginalised," said kgosi Lemponye.

He appealed to the area MP to advocate for water provision and tarring of the road to his village to be prioritised either through some special dispensation or national development plan.

His calls were echoed by the Village Development Committee chairperson, Ms Matshediso Phuthego who revealed that some parts of the village continued to suffer even when the situation was deemed to have normalised.

"Some people opt to use their small vehicles to traverse between Bobonong and Lepokole despite the road not permitting because they have run out of options," she said.

She suggested that department of road attended to some troubling spots along the road such as at Keisane river to facilitate road users to be able to use the road even during rainy times.

While responding to their calls, MP Lucas conceded to the residents' concerns as troubling and therefore deserving of prioritisation.

The MP said he was engaging with Mmadinare MP, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshagwa to advocate for tarring of the gravel road from Bobonong through Lepokole,



Mr Taolo Lucas



Dr Gaositwe Chiepe (left) officially opening the iconic Orapa House in 1982. The signing of diamond sales agreement between Government of Botswana and De Beers group was hosted at the building to symbolise Botswana's journey from diamond discovery to dominance in the global diamond industry.

# De Beers Group, Botswana government seal agreement

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The government of Botswana and De Beers Group on Tuesday signed 10-year diamond sales agreement in Gaborone.

The signing ceremony, which took place at the historic Orapa House, also included a 25-year extension of the mining licence for the 50:50 Debswana Mining Joint Venture.

Speaking at the event, President Advocate Duma Boko said the agreement was for the people of Botswana, the jobs they needed, hope, faith and the confidence they must have in their country as well as its institutions.

President Boko said Botswana needed to start refashioning, reimagining and reconfiguring these institutions, to serve the country better than they did before.

Celebrating the renewed partnership that has sustained Botswana over the years, President Boko said it was built on trust, mutual respect and utmost good faith, adding it had enabled Botswana to extract the precious stones and use them as the energy that powered Botswana's economic growth.

"We have revelled in the joys and opportunities of our mutual collaboration in this public private partnership between Government of Botswana and De Beers Group of Companies. We tried the best we could to build a resilient economy, but in the process we fell into the complacency of over reliance on these powerful stones," said President Boko.

He said government faced challenges associated with diamonds such as unstable and unresponsive market as well as fake lab grown diamonds.

But even with all that, President Boko said diamond from Botswana carried the story and history of the people of Botswana that powered their livelihood upon which the country was built and must progress on.

President Boko said the partnership models exemplified ties that bound Botswana and De Beers, hence called on the rest of the world to come to the country to witness

endurable partnerships built on firm foundations of trust and respect.

He urged companies and investors to emulate what De Beers had done, in order to achieve the kind of results that had been achieved with diamonds.

De Beers Group chief executive officer, Mr Al Cook said the agreement would go down as evolution in history. He said the agreement that took six years in negotiations, was beyond diamonds and about the people of Botswana.

"It starts with P1 billion investment, extending to P10 billion over the course of the agreement," Mr Cook said.

He further said the partnership was a sign of the company's confidence in Botswana and its people.

"Key to the partnership agreement is a marketing partnership which for the first time brings the resources, brains and capabilities together to tell the story of the diamond in Botswana, and the story of the people of Botswana; a story that we at De Beers Group are so proud of,"

said Mr Cook.

Minster of Minerals and Energy Ms Bogolo Kenewendo, for her part said the signing agreement was a reaffirmation of a legacy of trust, collaboration and commitment to the prosperity of Botswana and Batswana.

Ms Kenewendo said government recognised the importance and significance the signing of the agreement brought and meant to the diamond industry the world over.

Hosting the ceremony at Orapa House, Ms Kenewendo said symbolised Botswana's journey from diamond discovery to dominance in the global diamond industry.

"The 2025 sales agreement between government and De Beers Group is testament to the enduring vision and a commitment not only to securing economic returns, but ensuring Botswana remains the centre of global diamond industry, that we can derive innovation, beneficiation and economic empowerment from," said Ms Kenewendo. **BOPA**

# Corruption impedes economic development

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - High levels of corruption in Botswana has deprived the country an opportunity to transform into a regional economic hub with world class infrastructure.

Speaking at the colloquium for judicial officers on combating money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko therefore said government had taken a decision to conduct a reasonably priced forensic audit to determine how state resources had been deployed.

He said the move would demonstrate to the nation the seriousness of combating corruption and financial crime.

President Boko said the audit would be of international standard,

professional with an element of cutting edge capabilities for assets pricing and recovery.

"We count on the judiciary to ensure that the cases are heard. We are not saying violate anybody's rights, we are a human rights based regime," he said.

Furthermore, President Boko appreciated that tasks carried by judges were huge.

"I task people to investigate and let the rest of the institution do their work, then it will fall on the lap of the judicial system to deal with these issues and resolve them," he said.

President Boko said the effort would help the country to safe guard resources needed for development.

"The naysayers are saying it is a political gimmick, and when we say we are not joking, a lot of people think it is a political witch hunt

# Envoys present letters of credence

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - President Advocate Duma Boko has reaffirmed Botswana's commitment to continue working closely with Tunisia and Czech Republic.

Receiving the Letters of Credence from the Ambassador-Designates of both countries in Gaborone yesterday, President Boko also said Botswana would further strengthen the cordial relations, which existed between Botswana and the two nations.

He appreciated the strong friendship that Botswana shared with Tunisia dating back to 2005.

Botswana and Tunisia, President Boko said still had many areas in which they could collaborate to grow and strengthen the relations.

"There is an area that was begun and it seemed to just die off and there has been discussions between the two countries to open up travel by removing all the restrictions and Visas. The discussions started and they didn't go anywhere," he said.

"One of the things we should do is to try and close that part. We need to make sure that we open up the continent for its people to travel, access each other, exchange views and cultures and to develop their continent," he added.

Tunisia, President Boko said was a great ally, adding that the two countries could work together on areas of agriculture and climate challenges.

Presenting her Letters of Credence, the Ambassador-Designate of Tunisia to Botswana, Ms Karima Bardaoui congratulated the government of Botswana for signing the new sales agreement for the rough diamonds production with the De Beers Group.

The signing of the agreement, Ms Bardaoui said presented a good opportunity and success for the country. In terms of growing and strengthening the already existing cordial relations between the two nations, she said Botswana could further cooperate with Tunisia in areas of health, gender equality and Sustainable Development Goals.

"We will be more than happy to also collaborate with you on anything related to transparency

and anti-corruption measures. I think we can be inspired by you and also exchange other best practices between our two countries," she added. For his part, Ambassador-Designate of Czech Republic to Botswana, Mr Tomas Ulicny, who will be based in Pretoria, South Africa, expressed appreciation for the relations that Botswana shared with his country in areas of education and health.

Mr Ulicny said Czech Republic was industrialised with the lowest unemployment rate of 2.5 per cent in Europe.

This, he said presented a good opportunity for Botswana as the country was looking for labour force elsewhere in the world, especially across the African continent.

President Boko welcomed Mr Ulicny's initiative to contribute toward diversification of the two countries' economies by sending a business delegation, with some political backing, to Botswana to explore ways of collaboration with the country's business community.

This, the President said was a welcomed development that would go a long way in helping the two countries build business partnerships that would propel both economies further.

"I think we need to strengthen more of these ties," he added. **BOPA**

# No reason to panic - meteorology

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE - The Department of Meteorological Services weather forecast does not support claims regarding the recent heavy rainfall warnings from SADC.

Chief Technical Officer at Department of Meteorological Services, Ms Didimalang Seikaneng said while SADC had communicated concerns about potential heavy rains, local observations indicate that the weather patterns here did not align with those predictions.

"Our forecasts suggest that up to the March 6, the country will experience normal rainfall," she said, adding that, 'currently, there is a noticeable reduction in rainfall due to a depression that is drawing moisture from Southern Africa'.

The meteorological department anticipates mostly isolated thunderstorms across various regions, particularly in Kgalagadi, Southern, South-East, Kgatleng and Kweneng from the February 27 to March 2.

Specifically, Ms Seikaneng said scattered thundershowers were expected in Chobe from February 25 to 28. She also addressed the situation that SADC is concerned about; clarifying that it pertained to a depression in the Mozambique Channel.

"At this moment, it is not classified as a cyclone," she explained, adding that it was expected to move southeast towards Madagascar and eventually dissipate in the ocean. **BOPA**

while it is not," he said. President Boko said the forensic audit was not all about individuals but principle, adding that when they conducted the audit, they wanted to establish the efficacy of government institutions, where they failed and faltered.

"We also want to establish where can we correct, how can we make these institutions better and more robust, and establish the quantum of loss if there is any," he said.

He then hailed Angola for an early lead in the campaign against corruption, with the country recovering at least US\$30 billion (over P400 billion).

The President said the recoveries were important in transforming the country into a regional hub with world class infrastructure which could attract investment and create the much needed jobs. **BOPA**



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## Briefs

### Govt to build clinics in Borolong, Mathangwane

There are no plans to construct a primary hospital in Shashe West due to financial constraints, Assistant Minister of Health Mr Lawrence Ookeditse has said. He said the ministry however was in the process of building two clinics with maternity wards in Borolong and Mathangwane under the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) 2023-25 with capacity of 14 beds each. He said the clinics were allocated to the Development Manager, Bothakga Burrow and were currently at stage 2 of design awaiting approval of the Maximum Guarantee Price (MGP) before resuming construction. Minister said however, all DM projects were currently under review which started in mid-January and was expected to take 40 days. Minister Ookeditse said extension of hours of operation for Borolong clinic would be considered after completion of construction of the clinic. Shashe West MP Jeremiah Frenzel had asked the Minister of Health if there were plans to construct a primary hospital in his constituency either in Borolong, Mathangwane, Chadibe or Shashemooke. He further asked if the minister would upgrade Borolong clinic to offer services for 24 hours.

### Water supply infrastructure challenge

Tonota faces water supply challenge due to limited capacity of the water supply infrastructure, which has surpassed its design layout, Assistant Minister of Water and Sanitation Mr Motsamai Motsamai has said. Responding to a question in Parliament, he said they would in the long term implement Tonota Village Water Distribution Network infrastructure Upgrade project which entails upgrading of pump station and construction of a dedicated line to supply areas experiencing water shortages. He said the tender for the project had been evaluated but could not be awarded due to budgetary constraints. Mr Motsamai said the rehabilitation of Tonota network has been proposed to be included in the National Development Plan (NDP)12. He said in the short term, there was a daily bowing into the two 10 000 liters water tanks installed and connected into the reticulation network to boost supply volumes and pressures. The assistant minister said there was also daily bowing to reach areas with low pressure or no water supply where community members fetched water. Tonota MP Gaefele Sedombo had asked the minister if he was aware of the water shortage in Tonota constituency, especially in Mhakamme, Leloto and Lephane wards. He also wanted to know if there were any plans to rectify the matter and the minister to provide timelines.

### Budget constraints hinder projects

The Ministry of Health is committed to establishing a maternity wing in the Eastern area of Mogoditshane. However, Minister of Health Dr Stephen Modise said funding challenges hindered construction and the recruitment of necessary human resources. Responding to a question from Ms Helen Manyeng of Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe during a parliamentary session on Monday, Dr Modise noted that patients in need of maternity services are currently referred to Lesirane Clinic, which falls within the catchment area. "While we aim to enhance healthcare services in the region, we must first address our funding constraints," Dr Modise stated. The Minister also acknowledged the lack of resources to establish eye or dental wings at the clinic, although the ministry was exploring options for dental outreach services that would require essential equipment such as dental chairs and compressors. "Ideally, clinic specialists should focus on providing primary healthcare. Currently, a family physician assigned to Greater Mogoditshane is stationed at Nkoyaphiri Clinic," he explained. Dr Modise emphasised ongoing efforts to optimise staffing to improve access to specialist services where feasible. He pointed out that the growing population around Mahlaku Clinic called for a 24-hour facility, but human resource limitations currently impede this capability. Fortunately, he said, the nearby Nkoyaphiri Clinic was equipped to accommodate patients requiring round-the-clock services. Additionally, the minister acknowledged the need for an ambulance in the area, but noted that resources were insufficient to allocate one to each clinic. "An ambulance was initially assigned to the clinic, but it was redirected following the donation of a new one by ZCC. Dr Modise assured that a shared ambulance was currently serving the Mmopane and Metsimotlhabe catchment areas, with priority for an ambulance assigned to the clinic when additional resources become available. He said that construction for staff housing was underway as they prepare for the site. Under the Transitional National Development Plan 2023-2025, the ministry is constructing six staff houses (2 x LA3 and 4 x LA2) for Mahlaku-Lekganyane Clinic, despite the absence of a maternity ward. Ms Manyeng had asked the if the minister was aware of the significant population served by Mahlaku Clinic and its urgent need for specialised services, including a maternity wing, eye and dental facilities, along with specialists, ambulance, and staff housing.

# 'Industry specific training important'

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - Investing in education and training relevant to the needs of the economy is vital as Botswana seeks to grow the economy and address unemployment, Ms Lesego Chombo, the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs has told Parliament.

Partaking in the ongoing Budget Speech debate at the National Assembly on Monday, she said the commitment by the government to invest in vocational education was a necessary step in addressing rising numbers of the unemployed.

"Technical, vocational education and training stands as a critical bridge will enable our young people to develop practical skills, often diverse and transferable across industries, and adapt to evolving job market demands and new opportunities," Ms Chombo said.

She said if such was uniquely aligned to industry needs, practical skills development would prepare the youth for direct entry into the workplace. "It will require us to develop industry-specific

training to design programmes in collaboration with industry experts, ensuring that the curriculum aligns with current workforce demands and technological advancements. This close industry connection would make our graduates highly employable with the relevant skills to excel," she said.

In addition to technical education, Ms Chombo said cultivating entrepreneurship spirit among school going youth was important to help transform the economy.

She also said the P300 child grant extended per month for babies until they turn one year old, would have multiple effect of also contributing to gender equity through assisting supporting single mothers living in poverty, and addressing some of the challenges faced by youth.

She appreciated that the budget proposed the second largest share of the ministerial recurrent budget to the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education displayed the government's commitment for the country's future.

"From the stance of being the Minister responsible for youth

development I find that fostering an environment conducive to the holistic development of children is not only a sensibly humane thing to do, it is also a proactive way of curbing social ills amongst future youth and adults," Ms Chombo said.

She said the youth of Botswana were currently burdened by childhood trauma, mental health issues and unstable mindsets instilled in them from birth, leading to drug abuse as a coping mechanisms for this, worsened by bearing qualifications that may not be fit for purpose in the economy.'

By investing in comprehensive education of children that fosters cognitive, emotional and mental abilities would lead to holistic development of children who would be able to dream and become proactive and productive youth, she said.

She said the government's pledge to invest in Bonno Housing Initiative would address the needs of middle and low income earners, which would improve their access to home ownership for all regardless of their circumstances. **BOPA**



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## Budget proposes pragmatic solutions

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - The 2025-26 national budget is honest about the country's financial state and proposes pragmatic solutions that will lead Botswana to a better economic future, Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education Dr Nono Kgafela-Mokoka has said.

She said recent flood had laid bare the poor infrastructure bequeathed upon the nation by 58 years of Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) rule.

She said it was disingenuous for BDP to continuously say their record in government was exemplary when the country's roads and bridges collapse and poor drainage systems exposed every time there were heavy rains

Dr Kgafela-Mokoka said Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) government would ensure transparency in government and stop wastage in the public finance and procurement systems.

She added that in pursuing a human rights approach, government believed in the right to shelter, hence the proposal of the construction of 100 000 housing units over five years.

Dr Kgafela-Mokoka said her ministry services would be provided to catering for pregnant women, as well as children from infancy to adolescence.

She said proper socialisation was important in raising a child and government would ensure that a curriculum that caters for developing upright citizens.

Meanwhile, MP for Okavango West, Mr Kenny Kapinga emphasised the necessity of a coherent national security strategy to guide and govern the security sector in Botswana.

He underscored the importance of strategic direction, resource allocation, and clarity in the purpose of funding within this sector.

Mr Kapinga criticised past practices of haphazard funding, particularly highlighting the controversial purchase of farms by the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS), which he described as a misallocation of state resources. He urged the government to address historical legal injustices, including the alleged fabrication of evidence in the Butterfly Case involving DISS agent Wilhelminah Maswabi, as well as the injustice faced by former Lobatse MP Dr

Thapelo Matsheka. "To restore Botswana's reputation as a nation committed to the rule of law, it is imperative that the government undertakes the necessary revisions in public service, adhering strictly to due process," Mr Kapinga stated.

In his address, he also called for affirmative action in regions like Okavango and Ghanzi, areas suffering from high poverty rates and underdevelopment that necessitate significant state intervention.

Mr Kapinga advocated for an enhanced road network, specifically the development of the Nxamasere-Tsodilo-Chukumuchu road, which he believes would not only improve residents' access but also stimulate tourism around the culturally significant Tsodilo Hills heritage site.

Moreover, he highlighted the need for an agricultural policy tailored to regional specifics, recognizing that diverse challenges such as human-wildlife conflict and low mechanization levels hinder farming in different parts of the country.

Mr Kapinga proposed targeted solutions to address these issues, aiming to uplift the agricultural sector and contribute to economic development. **BOPA**



Minister of Health, Dr Stephen Modise (centre) said the ministry's plan was anchored on primary healthcare approach, which advocated disease prevention mode. As such, Dr Modise said members of the community must be encouraged to invest their energy on preventative measures.

## Ministry strives to achieve quality healthcare

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) government is working hard to improve the health sector to be cable to achieving quality healthcare for all.

Commenting on the budget speech on Monday, Parliament and Minister of Health, Dr Stephen Modise said the nation was also grappling with multi-faceted health challenges.

Therefore, the P8 billion earmarked for allocation to the health sector would not be enough, but would at least guide the proposed health plans to take off the ground.

Dr Modise said his ministry's plan was anchored on primary healthcare approach, which advocated disease prevention mode.

As such, Dr Modise said members of the community must be encouraged to invest their energy on preventative measures.

He said the ministry's strategies would be embedded in education.

Dr Modise said it was important for the community

to understand first aid, balance diet among others. He said it was important to focus more on educating people about changing their lifestyles.

Dr Modise appreciated social clubs for what they were doing in encouraging people to exercise, keeping fit. He said social clubs have full support of his ministry.

He was also concerned by backlog of people who were taking longer to get the necessary health attendance, falling short of all health standards.

He said the new government was intending to better; attending 70 per cent of the waiting list of orthopaedics backlog. He said the target was to build a healthcare system for the benefit of all people.

Dr Modise said health was considered a human right and therefore UDC government was building a health service that will be accessed anytime and anywhere.

He said the National Healthcare would cover all and be able to be accessed by and at all health service providers.

He also said all the 24 hours health facilities must also have a drug dispensary working 24

hours.

As such, Dr Modise said government was working on hiring pharmacy technicians and pharmacists to work at such facilities.

Dr Modise said government was also working on achieving a malaria free Botswana, saying that it was within reach.

On other issues, Dr Modise said government was determined to support farmers and businesses by buying their locals.

He said the budget was laying foundation of a new Botswana, that would work for all. Dr Modise said the country faced a precarious situation, therefore Botswana wanted a government that would focus on solutions.

He said the budget speech offered hope and interventions to simulate the economy going forward.

"We are worried that the economy may bleed and die, therefore focus is to stabilise the economy and move forward. We have not abandoned our promises and have every intention to deliver. We have not forgotten our promises," said Dr Modise.

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## Sedudu-Ngoma transit route opens 24hrs effective April 1

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Following a kgotla meeting on January 7 in Kasane, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism after careful consideration of the pleas of the communities of Chobe has taken a decision to open Sedudu-Ngoma transit route 24 hours effective April 1.

Delivering a statement in Parliament on Monday, Minister of Environment and Tourism and Francistown South MP, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said it was imperative to allow people to enjoy their freedom of movement as enshrined in the Constitution of Botswana.

Mr Mmolotsi said the Sedudu-Ngoma transit route traversing the Chobe National Park has been restrictive on the public movement between Chobe West and Chobe East.

He said entry into Chobe National Park was regulated by Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act and its associated National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations providing for entry and exit times into National Parks and Game Reserves.

Currently, Mr Mmolotsi said the Acts and regulations stated from April 1 to September 30, the park opens at 6am and closes at 6.30pm.

"From October 1 to March 31, the park opens at 5.30am and closes at 7pm hours," he said.

Notwithstanding all these restrictions, Mr Mmolotsi said isolated cases of emergency had always been allowed access around the clock to and from the Chobe Enclave villages.

He said the house should appreciate the security and human and wildlife safety considerations that had influenced the current position of operating hours of the route.

"As you may be aware, Chobe National Park is in close

proximity to three international boundaries making it prone and susceptible to cross boundary wildlife related crimes. The proximity of the Park to international boundaries made law enforcement a considerable challenge that needed operational space, particularly at night when poachers were most active to avoid accidents," said Mr Mmolotsi.

Furthermore, the minister said Chobe National Park was rich in biodiversity hosting the highest concentration of elephants and a significant number of other species such as buffalo, zebra, sable & roan antelopes amongst others.

"This makes the possibility of the collision with wildlife high at night, which is exacerbated by the fact that the animals move across the road to and from their grazing grounds and the water source at Chobe River," he said.

He said the move was testament that the new government in the new Botswana, was a human rights centric government and considered the voices and pleas of Botswana to ensure they live their lives freely.

"This will ensure that Botswana residing in Chobe West participate actively and freely in the economy of our beloved Country," he said.

He said, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism will put in place measures that will facilitate free movement of people while minimising risks associated with the initiative.

"Some of the activities geared towards facilitating the initiative is concerted engagement with relevant stakeholders; conduct sensitisation campaigns and programmes for transit users on animal behaviours, wildlife interactions and safety protocols; improved road signage and increased patrols (day and night) along the route," minister said.

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## Budget aims to empower citizens - Phologolo

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The proposed budget is focused on protecting citizens, empowering them to play a meaningful role in building the economy.

During the budget deliberations, Mr Victor Phologolo MP for Kanye West expressed confidence that, through the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), the people would experience a new Botswana.

"This is a budget like no other before," he stated, urging critics of the UDC to take a step back, observe, and enjoy the journey toward a transformed nation.

Mr Phologolo acknowledged

that while the budget may not be sufficient, it laid the groundwork for executing the new government mandate. He highlighted plans to improve tax collections, including the implementation of point-of-sale devices across all businesses in the country, to ensure that all eligible taxpayers contributed fairly.

Emphasising the need for progress toward cashless transactions, he stressed the importance of eliminating leakages in tax collection.

Under the UDC administration, Mr Phologolo outlined plans to optimise the use of government assets by encouraging the sharing of limited resources among

departments and ministries to foster collaboration.

The budget speech also addressed the strengthening of oversight agencies to proactively combat corruption. Mr Phologolo expressed concern over the dire financial situation inherited by the UDC and called for stringent measures to revive the struggling economy.

He stated that the budget seeks to enhance quality of life, improve health and education, and create an investor-friendly environment.

According to the United Nations, access to potable water is a basic human right. Mr Phologolo committed to improving water services, noting that water scarcity

was a significant challenge in his constituency.

He indicated that Kanye required approximately 15 million litres, up from the current 7 million litres.

To address this, he said, water supply would be augmented by the Masama well-field, with Phase II focusing on connecting a pipeline to the Kgwakgwe water storage tank and the village distribution network.

Additionally, Mr Phologolo emphasised the establishment of commercial courts to ensure timely completion of projects within budget, asserting that timely and quality project delivery would enhance livelihoods and

stimulate essential economic activities.

Recognising the constituency's agricultural community, he identified improving roads to production areas as a priority project.

He also welcomed the budget's focus on engaging brigades to maintain dilapidated government infrastructure, stating that the initiative would improve conditions and promote vocational education.

The UDC's proposed budget, therefore, aims to lay a robust foundation for economic growth and citizen empowerment, paving the way toward a bright future for Botswana. **BOPA**

# IP critical to industrial growth

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - Intellectual Property (IP), which includes patents, trademarks, designs and copyright, is a tool which can stimulate national growth and development through generating jobs, and developing human capital.

This was said by the Ministry

of Trade and Entrepreneurship assistant minister, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe when officiating at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)-Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) Training on Intellectual Property Meister Certificate Course in Gaborone on Monday.

The protection of IP, Mr

Mathoothe said was imperative, stressing that protection of ideas and innovations is a central priority in the competitive strategies of many economic actors especially in the globally connected economy with high-speed information flow.

"It is for this reason that emerging nations like China, have in the last few years, assumed leadership in the registration and

protection of ideas, through the famous Indigenous Intellectual Protection, to specifically ensure that they derived optimal benefits from ideas and knowledge," he said.

For that reason, the assistant minister thanked WIPO for the technical assistance that the organisation had extended to Botswana over the years, saying WIPO was a key partner to Botswana on the use of the IP system.

"Where Botswana is today on matters of IP is attributed to WIPO and we can never thank them enough for this immense support.

We remain resolute in advancing work in the IP space and look forward to more support even in the future," he added.

Botswana's culture and appetite for innovation, Mr Mathoothe said was growing rapidly, as witnessed through the explosion of new locally made products being availed daily in the market place.

Therefore, he expressed delight that all the 50 participants, from different institutions, would acquire the knowledge that they would apply in their institutions to help the country in its quest to build national wealth through a knowledge asset.

Further, Mr Mathoothe explained that the five-day course, organised by WIPO in collaboration with CIPA, was a culmination of discussions that started between WIPO and CIPA in May 2024 to capacitate local scientists, researchers and innovators on issues of IP.

The training, he said was also meant to nurture IP lead specialists in the practice of using IP to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of Research and Development (R&D) activities and to facilitate the commercialisation of R&D outcomes for the country's industrial and economic development.

"This course comes at the right time as we are all aware that, the transformation of our economy from dependence on mineral wealth to a knowledge-based economy is one of government's key priorities," he said.

"This is enshrined in the sustainable development pillar of Vision 2036, where we aspire to use our knowledge assets to transform Botswana into a high-income, export-led economy, underpinned by high productivity and diversified, inclusive and sustainable growth," he added.

The 2025 budget speech, the assistant minister said also highlighted the need to diversify the economy and transition it to an innovation-knowledge-export driven economy.

He, therefore, encouraged participants to make good use of the opportunity to use their research, science and innovation to come up with solutions that could address the challenges that inhibit the country while also being

creative on how one can interface IP for the economic advancement of the country.

For his part, WIPO Academy director-advisor, Mr Kui Wou Kwun expressed appreciation to the government for its commitment to advancing IP education and innovation and its continued dedication to fostering a strong IP ecosystem.

Mr Kwun also thanked CIPA for co-organising the event with WIPO, through the support of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), making the initiative a success.

The invaluable insights shared by different speakers and experts during the training, he said would help inspire and empower participants and also equip them with the tools needed to integrate IP into research and innovation strategies.

He explained that the course was designed to equip professors and researchers from Botswana's academic and research institutions with the practical knowledge and skills necessary to leverage IP for innovation, commercialisation and economic development.

"By the end of this programme, participants will not only gain a deeper understanding of patent drafting, IP management, and commercialisation strategies, but will also develop a mindset that integrates IP into the research and innovation process ensuring that ideas and inventions lead to real-world impact," he added.

Strategic investment in IP education and capacity-building, the WIPO director-advisor said, could fuel technological advancement, industrial growth and global competitiveness, expressing hope that the IP Meister Training Course would serve as the starting point for Botswana's journey toward developing its own IP experts who would in turn drive innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth.

"Just as IP has been a catalyst for innovation and economic growth in Korea, as well as in many countries,

I firmly believe that Botswana can also harness the power of IP as a key driving factor in its economic development. We at WIPO are proud to support this journey.

Through initiatives like this training course and the Coaching and Clinic (CC) Program, we aim to empower local researchers with the ability to draft patents, conduct strategic IP searches, and navigate national and international IP systems," he added.

World Intellectual Property Organisation, he said focused on ensuring that IP did not remain the domain of lawyers, but became a tool that everyone, small and medium-sized enterprises, entrepreneurs, researchers and professionals working in innovation could use to foster personal, community, and national economic growth. **BOPA**



Lahti University of Technology representative, Professor Leonid Chechurin (left), partner patent attorney, Mr Sung-Wook Kim (second left), director-advisor at World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Academy, Mr Kui Wou Kwun (third right) and assistant minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe at the WIPO training programme in Gaborone on Monday. Mr Mathoothe said Intellectual Property was important in stimulating national development. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

## Kanaku Farm starts operation March

By Kehumile Moekejo

MABUTSANE - Kanaku community farm, funded at P4 million, is expected to be in full operation next month, Mabutsane District Council chairperson, Mr Tuelo Zulu told a full council meeting on Monday. To date, he said a total of 62 cattle have been stocked and more heifers and bulls were expected soon.

"Kanaku Farm focuses on beef production and a total of 62 cattle have been stocked with one mortality. A total of 38 heifers and four bulls are still to be stocked," he said.

The 2 476 hectare farm was allocated to Kanaku community in 2012, and the project was funded from the 2017/18 financial year. Apart from the livestock, the farm also comprises developments such as solar equipped borehole,

staff accommodation and ablution blocks.

On another project, Mr Zulu noted that the Kutuku Horticulture project was at the initial stages of implementation. "Kutuku field has been funded with P500 000 to start horticultural production and have been focusing on field crops which is still to continue being part of the project. The project is still at planning and procurement stages," he noted.

The chairperson further said pre-feasibility and feasibility studies for the design and construction of 25 km internal roads in Mabutsane village were complete. He noted that the studies were presented to the stakeholders for approval before proceeding to design stage last year.

"The Development Manager, NAMA Consulting Engineers/Knight Piesold Joint Venture has been appointed. Currently, the

DM has done pre-feasibility and feasibility studies which has been presented to stakeholders for input and approval. Preliminary designs were progressed in May, June and July 2024.

Designs were shared with council in December 2024 and council provided the consultant with cadastral map and comments on the design on February 14, 2025," he said.

Responding to the chairperson's speech in an interview, Mabutsane/Kanaku councillor, Mr Keberekile Pule said he was concerned about the general state of the roads in the district. He said the Jwaneng-Maokane road should be prioritised in order to enhance developments for the communities.

"Maokane road is a concern for our district, it is not easy to travel on that road particularly during the raining season," he said. **BOPA**

# Farmer fears lifting of import ban

By Calviniah Kgauthe

LOBATSE - At Rakhuna, about 35km south of Lobatse, rows of cabbage heads bask under the clear blue skies next to snowy shade nets covering crimson red tomatoes at a commercial farm by the roadside.

The high yielding commercial horticulture farm belongs to 48-year-old Vusi Gumede, who produces about 60 000 heads of cabbages per season and 10 tonnes of tomatoes per week to supply major chain stores. This is a dream come true for Gumede, who grew up in the high-density township of Bontleng, in Gaborone.

He bought the farm a long time ago and left it barren, occasionally bringing his family for leisure, but when the vegetable import ban was enacted in 2023, he grabbed the opportunity to produce vegetables for sale.

A heavy plant mechanic by profession, he resorted to full time horticulture farming when his business of servicing earth-moving machinery took a nose dive, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I had properties, apartments at Extension 14 and Bontleng as well as New Stance and I sold some of them to develop the farm. I drilled a borehole and equipped it through government's ISPAAD horticulture programme," he said.

Above all, Gumede lauds government for implementing the Integrated Support Programme for Arable Agriculture (ISPAAD) programme and Impact Acceleration Subsidy (IAS) grant, which enabled him to equip the borehole, fence the farm, connect electricity, install shade nets, solar panels, drip lines and buy farm chemicals and seedlings, where government assisted with over P450 000 in phases.

"If it was not for government, I would not be where I am today," he said.

Armed with passion for farming and driven by determination to feed his family, he started off by bush clearing.

"I am glad to say right now I am running a successful farm, where we have 10 permanent employees.

We started off with two and as the farm expanded, we increased production, we continued to employ more due to the intense farm workload," he said.

The farm is spread on five hectares of land and he enjoys support from big chain stores such as Choppies and Shoprite, who work with him through contract farming.

"We started with half this land and continued to extend. We would also like to apply for more land to be able to produce more," he said.

He fears the day in April when the vegetable import ban will be lifted will reverse the gains government made and the investments horticultural farmers put into farming as market would be a challenge for local farmers.

"If the borders open, big chain stores will no longer buy from us. Most of these chain supermarkets are from South Africa, these shops have their farms and farmers that they have contracts with in South Africa, so local farmers will bear the brunt," he said. "Borders must remain closed.

If they open it might lead to job losses unless government puts in place a plan to provide a market

for local farmers," he said.

Gumede reasons that there will be fierce competition for the market, cautioning that local farmers might not survive. "In a nutshell we will be competing against the South African government because it supports its farmers and so it is going to be challenging. In Botswana for a farmer to connect to Botswana Power Corporation electricity grid, it costs an arm

and a leg, while in South Africa electricity connection to farms is free," he said.

He said it was easy for South Africans to sell vegetables to Botswana while it was difficult for local farmers to penetrate the South African market.

The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) trade agreement that promotes free trade and economic development and facilitate the

sharing of revenue, he said, formed part of the instruments establishing free trade between states. However, he said SACU seemed to not be in favour of local farmers.

"For me to sell cabbage to South Africa, my produce has to go through many tests, the truck will spend about seven days at the border and by the time I get a permit, the vegetables would have lost quality, for them it is easy to

sell to Botswana," he said.

According to Gumede, when Botswana imposed vegetable import restrictions, "we were told that it contravened the SACU trade agreement, if that is the case, government must make it easier for us to access the South African market. Laws must be relaxed to allow for Botswana to sell to neighbouring countries," he said.

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**Target group**  
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**Objective:**

- Understand and apply the ISO 19011 requirements,
- Develop and maintain an audit program,
- Develop auditing materials essential for conducting effective audits, and
- Learn how to identify and document nonconformities.

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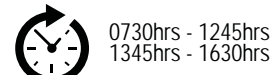
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Update as at 24th February 2025.

NO	NAME OF THE COMPANY/ORGANISATION	DONATION/CONTRIBUTION
1	Botswana-China friendship Association (BOCFA) and 1 Pula Foundation	-Food hampers
2	T-connect	-Internet Connectivity gadgets
3	Huawei Botswana	-P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel,500 Blankets,12000 bottles of water and Food parcels
4	China Civil engineering construction corporation and Zhong Gan companies	-Food hampers, bottled water and blankets -Storm water drainage equipment services
5	FEI DA (PTY) LTD	-Food hampers, 200 blankets,2000 bottled water and 100 pairs of shoes
6	Liquid Intelligent Technologies	Liquid Leo Satellite
7	Orange Botswana	-P100,000.00 in which P54 ,000.00 will be used for Jet Fuel while P46 000.00 will be used for food and Accommodation. -Airtime worth P20 ,000.00 -One thousand (1000) five (5) litres of water.
8	Letshego	-P100,000.00 for Jet Fuel
9	Tau grading	-P100,000.00 for Jet Fuel
10	Drones for Africa	-P500,000.00 worth of drone services, Arial footage, Photography and Videos
11	TEE-PEE Transport	-30 food hampers (combo – 10kg Maize meal, 10kg sorghum, 10kg rice, cooking oil, 700ml Tomato sauce, 2kg macaroni, 750ml mayonnaise)
12	Prime Communications powered by Hytera	-P60,000.00 worth of Radio Communication services
13	Tsetseng Retail Group (SPAR)	-32 bales of toilet paper, Sanitary Pads 32x24x8, Conned beef 432x6 buckets, 500g Spaghetti 900x20packs, 196x5kg Rice, 2080 Baked beans, 2L cooking oil 540 and bottled water 2040
14	SAMAB Investment	-Water Pumping services
15	Drone Technology Centre	-Drone services (arial photography, thermal imaging and live broadcast)
16	Diagnofirm	-250 blankets
17	Mohamed Ismael family	-P25 ,000.00 worth of food vouchers
18	World group of Companies (Trade world)	-250 food packages, Bath soap 250, 2L cooking oil 250, Soup 250, 5kg Rice 250, 5kg white sugar 250, 5kg flour 250, 5kg sorghum 250
19	Botswana Teachers Union	-504 bottled water, P50, 000. 00 for disaster Management Relief
20	Pedros	-100 meals
21	Hungry Lion	-100 meals
22	Chinese Enterprises Association	-100 mattresses,100 blankets,2000 liters of water,100 by 10kg Rice,100 by 12.5kg flour and 100 by 12.5kg maize meal
23	Developer Circle	-App developing services and digital platform developers
24	ZAC Construction and Gaborone United FC	-70 Mattresses; Combo (12.5kg Maize Meal, 10kg Rice, 2kg Macaroni, 2L Cooking oil, 700ml Tomato sauce and 750ml Mayonnaise) x 70
25	DE BEERS GROUP COMPANIES Kewen Group (Pty) Ltd Represented by Farai Bobo (Sales Director) Gravitas Investments T/A Sally's	-450 cases of bottled water; 100 bottles of Sally's Hypo Yoghurt
26	Arona Natural Foods	-230 Arona Cooking Oil 750ml, 20 Arona Cooking Oil 20L Loaves of Arona Bread, 100 Brown and 100 White
27	Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC)	-P100, 000.00 Relief Funds
28	Syntech Parts	-2000 Bottles of water 500ml
29	Kapula Drones	-Drone Services
30	FloTek and Motovac Represented by Vijay Naik and Anil Kumar	-P100 000.00 for Disaster Management Relief
31	Desert Sands Motel and Sister Companies Limpopo Feed and Fencing Megasave and Fencing <i>All Based in Palapye</i>  Represented by Nazia Nadat	-100 Vouchers worth P20,000.00 -25 Vouchers worth P5, 000.00 -25 Vouchers worth P5, 000.00
32	Agentos De Restaracion Y Rehabilitacion Represented by Etelelang T. Serumola (Director)	-1 tonne maize meal, 60 Blankets,5kg Sugar x30,5l Cooking Oil x30, -5kg flour x30, 5kg sorghum x30 and 384 rolls of toilet paper
33	Senn Foods Represented by Trevor Watson	-2808 Canned beef and chicken 450 bottled water (500ml)
34	Woolworths Botswana Represented Gorata Abotseng Lekau	-Clothing for men, women and children together with Food hampers worth P800, 000.00 -Kiddies wear and shoes 569 (10 boxes) -Ladies wear and shoes 1048 units (23 boxes) -Men's wear and shoes 532 units (14 Boxes) -Homeware 146 units (3 boxes)
35	Chinese Embassy Represented by Huang Yue	-100 Mattresses,100 Blankets and 400 pairs of rain gumboots
36	XL Skyways Travel Represented by Chebukani Mfanyane	-700 Mosquito nets
37	F. Ismail Group of Companies Represented by Faizel Ismail (Managing Director)	-Chicken Licken Supplies, Optimum Health Medical Laboratories Services and Natures Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution - Grocery Vouchers worth P30 000.00
38	Hytera (Hycomms) Amafrans Investments (Pty) Ltd Represented by Mr. Sentebale Mokgethi	-600 blankets worth of P216, 000.00 -Food Hampers worth of P21, 000.00 -Two Way Radio and 1 DMR Adhoc portable repeater worth P137, 010.10



Rre Montshonyana Tshotlo wa masimo a Ratlhong kwa Machana a supa tshenyo e e bakilweng ke pula mo lelwapeng la gagwe. Senepe: Keonee Majoto

## Dipula di ba tlogetse mo legoeleleng

Ka Keonee Majoto

MACHANA - Balemi bangwe ba masimo a Ratlhong gaufi le motse wa Machana ba iphitlhetse ba le mo legoeleleng morago ga dipula tsa bosheng.

Kgosi Mogotsi Marotwane wa motse oo, mo kgaolong ya Moshupa, are le mororo go sena dipego tse a di amogetseng tsa tshenyo ya dipula kwa motseng wa gagwe, malwapa mangwe kwa masimong a Ratlhong a nnye le ditiragalo tsa go wa ga matlo a Setswana.

Mo potsolotsong ka Tshipi, Kgosi Marotwane a re seo se tlogetse malwapa mangwe a tlhalelwa ke bonno fela thata, selo se a supileng fa se tshwenya ka jaana go bonala fa pula e ise e fete.

O boletse gore le ntsa bangwe ba amegile, o itumelela gore morafe wa gagwe o tsere ka tlhwaafalo kgakololo ya gagwe ya bosheng ya gore banni ba tlhokomele go tla dikotsi tse di amanang le metsi.

“Ke ba gakolotse mo phutheng e ke neng ke e tshwere bosheng gore ba tlhokomele. Ke ba lemotshitse gore metsi ga a tlhoke gore a bo a le mantsi gore a nne diphatsa mo botshelong jwa motho,” o ne a tlhalosa jalo.

Tebang le temo ya monongwaga, kgosi o supile fa ba ba beileng ditema ka dipula tsa ntlha ba tlaa dika ba orile molelo wa mariga ka ntlha ya dipula tse di tswelletseng ka go na.

A re pula e e simolotseng go na mo bekeng e e fetileng e file dijwalo tsa ditema tsa ntlha tshiamelo ya go gola ka nako, mme a tlhalosa fa tsa ditema tsa bofelo tse bontsi bo di lemileng mo kgweding eno di lebanwe ke kgonagalo e e kwa godimo ya go tlhabelwa ke phefo ya paka ya mariga di ise di butswa.

Kgosi Marotwane o rotloeditse balemi go baya seemo leitlho gore e

re mariga a atamela dijwalo dingwe di ise di butswa ba di boloke ka go direla leruo la bone dijo ka tsone.

A re go dira jalo go ka thusa leruo la bone mo dipakeng tsa fa phulo e le boutsana, mme e bile gape go ka direla balemi ba go nna jalo letseno ka ba ka boa ba rekisetsa banni ba bangwe ba le bone ba ka iphitlhelang ba tlhoka go fepa leruo la bone.

Mongwe wa balemi ba masimo a Ratlhong Mme Manana Maretsetse o boletse fa go digwa ke pula ga matlo a lelwapa la bone a Setswana a le mabedi go ba baketse seemo se se ngomolang pelo sa tlhalelo ya bonno.

Mme Maretsetse a re tlhalelo ya bonno e ba iphitlhelang ba le mo go yone e bothoko segolo jang ka go nale bana ba sekolo mme seo, se tla ba kgoreletsa mo dithutong tsa bone. Molemi yo mongwe Rre Montshonyana Tshotlo yo ba lelwapa la gagwe ba setseng ka ntlo e le nngwe morago ga gore e nngwe e gosomane mo bekeng e e fetileng a re le fa a le mo thulaganyong ya go fuduga fa a leng teng, go wa ga ntlo eo go mmeile mo kgatelelong e kgolo ka jaanong a tlamega go baakanyetsa khuduga ka lepotlapotla.

Go sale foo, Mme Bojang Tefo ene o falotse seru se se wetseng balemi-ka-ene ka ntlo ya gagwe yone e santse e itshegeleditse kgatlhanong le dipula.

Mme Tefo a re le fa gone a agile ka ditena tsa mmu, go di jesetsa ka taka ya semente go nonotshitse ntlo ya gagwe fela mo go nametsang, mme a supa fa a ikaelela go e dila ka kwa ntle ka taka go itsa ditena go kolobediwa ke metsi a pula.

Kwa bokopanong jwa bosheng jwa komiti ya kgaolo ya Kanye ya dibetso tsa tlhologo, mogolwane wa lephata la tsa tlhokomelo ya dijwalo (Department of Crop Production) Rre Oaitse Keikitse o ne a supa fa

gantsi balemi-barui ba amiwa ke go wa ga matlo ka nako tsa dipula tse di bokete.

A re matlo a a sa kgoneng go emelana le diemo tsa loapi tse di sa iketlang a baya matshelo a batho mo diphatseng, ka jalo go le bothokwa gore balemi-barui ba itlwaetse go aga matlo a boleng jo bo kwa godimo go sireletsa matshelo a bone le a badisa ba bone. **BOPA**

## Tshenyetso setshaba ke kankere -Moswaane

Ka Victoria Kesimolotse

MAHALAPYE - Mothusa Tona wa Lephata la Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane o kgadile tshenyetso setshaba e e diragalang mo maphateng a puso, a e tshwantshanya le kankere.

O buile jaana kwa phuthego e e neng e akaretsa bagolwane ba maphata, makhanselara le dikgosi.

Rre Moswaane a re meamuso ya puso e tshwanetse go akolwa ke Batswana ka kakaretso go sena kgethololo. O gateletse thata kang ya ditiro tse di abiwang ke khansela bogolo jang tsa kago, a re fa go kgonagalang teng, di seka tsa fiwa kompone e le nngwe.

Rre Moswaane a re ditiro tsa madi a mantsi di tshwanetse go dirwa ke dikompone tsa Batswana e bile ba tshwanetse go hira beng gae go fokotsa letlhoko la ditiro.

Rre Moswaane o kgadile menahune ya gore badirelapuso ba tlaa latlhelwa ke ditiro.

A re ba ba ka latlhelwang ke ditiro ke ba ba dirileng mengwe melato e e ka tswang e amana le tshenyetso setshaba.

O rotloeditse badirelapuso go dira tiro ya bone ka natla le tlhwaafalo, seo e le go direla Batswana le lefatshe la Botswana.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Moswaane a re puso e tsere tshwetso ya go tsholetsa serodumo sa bogosi.

A re bogosi bo tshwanetse go tlotlwa gore go supafale fa bo le teng. Mothusa tona o tswellets ka

go supa fa puso e dira gotlhe go tlhabolola thuto mo lefatsheng leno ka go aga dikole le go di tlhabolola. Are se se utlwisang bothoko ke go bo bana ba senya tsone dikago tse, a kopa batsadi go kgalema.

Rre Moswaane o gakolotse ba lephata la ditsha go abela dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse ditsha gore di kgone go dira letseno la madi ka go aga matlo a phiriso le go lema masimo.

Are seo, se ka thusa dikomiti go tlhamela batho mebereko le go tlhabolola metse ya bone.

E rile a ntswa la gagwe, Makhanselara wa Mokobeng/Ngwapa, Rre Joseph Molamu o kopile ba lephata ba boipelego go netefatsa gore botlhe ba ba kobodikhutshwane le ba-na-le bogole ba bona thuso.

A re tshekatsheko e e dirwang e tshwanetse ya supa gore ba ba a boneng thuso mabaka ke afe.

O gakolotse makhanselara otlhe go sala dikgang tse morago mo dikgaolwaneng tsa bone ba netefatsa gore botlhe ba thusiwa ka lorato.

Kgosi wa kgotla ya Flowertown Rre Joseph Manowe o tlhalositse fa tsamaiso ya komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse e tshwanetse go nna le boleng ka go tlhophatho batho ba ba sekasekilweng.

A re komiti e tshwanetse ya nna le maloko a a sa dirang melato epe ka e beelwa go tlhabolola motse le go bereka ditiro tse di nang le boleng. **BOPA**



Mme Lambani Osekeng yo o okametseng lekalana la twantsho diji mo lephateng la Temo-Thuo, are ba bone gole maleba go potlakela go gasa dibolaya diji go lwantsha seboko sa segopa se se tlhatseng mo dikgaolong tsa Barolong Farms.

## Lephata le lwantsha seboko sa segopa

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

MOLETE - Lephata la Temo-Thuo le simolotse go gasa dibolaya diji go lwantsha seboko sa segopa se se tlhatseng mo dikgaolong tsa Barolong Farms.

Mme Lambani Osekeng, yo o okametseng lekalana la twantsho diji mo lephateng la Temo-Thuo, o tlhalositse gore ba bone gole maleba go potlakela go lwantsha seboko seo, se se setseng se tloga se fetsa beke se ntsa sele mo kgaolong. Mme Lambani a re ba bone

go tshwanela go ithlaganelela go thibela kanamo ya sone.

O supile gore fa seboko seo, se sa potlakelwe, sena le bokgoni jwa go dira tshenyo ee masisi mo phulong le mo dijalong.

“Seboko se, sa segopa se dingalo ka gore seja bosigo le motshegare mme e bile se anama ka bofelo,” a tlhalosa.

O rotloeditse balemi go itlwaetsa go thagola go itsa gore se seka sa anama thata. Mme Lambani o supile fa ba kopile thuso mo badiring ka bone mo mafelong a

seboko seo se seyong mogo one gore ba kgone go fefogela go se laola.

Mongwe wa balemi ba ba neng ba tlhatswe ke seboko se, Rre Pitinyane Molefe wa masimo a Moletse o tlhalositse gore seboko seo se dirile tshenyo mo tshimong ya gagwe.

A re seboko seo, e re le ntswa sena le malatsi fela a le mararo mo tshimong, fase fetileng teng ga goa nna sentle. O akgoletse ba lephata la temo-thuo go bo ba tsibogile ka nako. **BOPA**

# Residents to appeal court decision

By Esther Mmolai

**BORO** - Some members of Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (OKMCT) have unanimously agreed to appeal the decision by the High Court to allow the new interim board into the office.

They argue that the new board was not constituted in accordance with the constitution and as such, they do not recognise it. Therefore, they have decided to apply for an urgent appeal. OKMCT affiliated settlements include Boro, Xaxaba, Daunara, Xharaxao, and Quxao.

The development followed a judgment by the Maun High Court on Friday, which ordered the outgoing board of trustees to hand over all trust properties, an inventory, and any other item or thing, which needs to be handed over to the incoming board.

The court also ordered that there should be no obstruction of the judgment's execution.

It further stated that the Botswana Police Service should provide assistance with the execution of the order to ensure compliance with the judgment. The police were also ordered to remove any persons unlawfully obstructing the execution of the judgment as well as using reasonable force where necessary to give effect to the judgment.

However, members took a decision during a recent packed kgotla meeting held at Boro that while they respect the judgment, they would do all in their power to

fight for their rights and protect the trust's assets.

They were shocked by the judgment, which ordered the handing over execution immediately and vowed to follow the right procedure until the issue is addressed amicably.

"We cannot wait for our annual general meeting but we will do the right thing as per our constitution to call a special general meeting and invite the new interim board where we can agree to pass a motion of no confidence. Another option we are going to take is to appeal the judgment," said Mr Gabofele Mokgwathi.

He also vowed to seek intervention from the Office of the President arguing that the communities' rights should be prioritised. Another elder, Mr Mokobaotsile Ngande, concurred that they could not entrust a board they did not constitute to run their affairs, saying they would follow the procedure to ensure the matter is resolved amicably.

He blamed factions amongst the communities, saying such tendencies would end up destroying the trust if they were allowed to take root.

"We cannot allow a few people to benefit at our expense as the custodians of the Okavango Delta. We played a role to protect the beauty of the delta, which is our source of life," he added.

The Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) programme granted NG32 to OKMCT to operate tourism

activities.

Meanwhile, the interim board took the matter to court, as they claimed that the ousted board was refusing to vacate the office and execute the handing over following the elections, which were conducted in October during a special meeting held at Daunara.

It was reported that some residents

from the affiliated settlements removed the former board over allegations of maladministration. The outgoing board chairman, Mr Galethuse Manga, revealed that they did not refuse to vacate the office but they wanted things to be done in a transparent manner.

While he respected the court order, he also expressed gratitude

that the court also acknowledged that there was a serious problem within the trust, which could be addressed by the community.

"We started the handing over execution on Friday as per the judgment and order and we promise to travel to all the affiliated villages to hand over all trust's properties," he added. **BOPA**

# Moyo escapes the noose

By Thato Mosinyi

**GABORONE** - Death row inmate Passmore Moyo has escaped the jaws of death after the Court of Appeal set aside his death sentence and replaced it with a 20-year jail term.

Moyo was convicted by the High Court on three offences; entering the country through an ungazetted point, grievous bodily harm and murder. Former Gaborone High Court's Justice Abednego Tafa had, in August 2022, sentenced the Zimbabwean illegal immigrant to death for the murder of his then girlfriend, Mosianeemang Motswagole in Good Hope in 2018.

According to the records, Moyo assaulted Motswagole with fists and hit her on the head with bricks, while she had fallen down.

The offence was committed on December 25, 2018 after Moyo saw and followed the deceased walking with her former boyfriend.

Upon catching up with the two

former lovebirds, Moyo started assaulting the deceased until she fell to the ground.

That was when he picked a brick and hit her with it while simultaneously yelling; "what did you say to me about this man?"

A two-year imprisonment sentence was also imposed on Moyo for unlawfully causing grievous bodily harm to Charles Moalosi, who was the ex-boyfriend to Motswagole, whom he also assaulted, causing him to sustain a fracture on the left hand.

In appealing the murder conviction, Moyo argued that the trial court misdirected itself in failing to find that there were extenuating circumstances warranting the imposition of a sentence other than death as provided for under section 203 (2) of the Penal Code.

When passing judgement on the appeal, Justice Isaac Lesetedi stated that from the analysis of the case, there were several

extenuating features, these being absence of intention to kill, absence of premeditation and provocation excited by jealousy.

"The evidence of the witnesses during the trial did not show that the size of any brick or stones exhibited in court was of any appreciable mass and what may have been a significant extenuating circumstance was that from the evidence, Moyo found the deceased in company of the ex-boyfriend and believed that notwithstanding his previous suspicions, the affair between the two was still ongoing," Justice Lesetedi said.

He said from the words that Moyo uttered as he assaulted the deceased, it was evident that he was consumed with range aroused by the jealousy of finding his lover in the company of her ex-boyfriend.

The 20-year imprisonment is to run from March 31, 2022 and take into account any other period Moyo may have spent in custody awaiting trial. **BOPA**

## BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE



### CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

In line with the provisions of the Retirement Funds Act (2022) (the Act) which require retirement funds administrators to trace beneficiaries of death claims, NMG Administrators Botswana is currently assessing beneficiaries for deceased members of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund listed below. Therefore, all possible beneficiaries/dependants should liaise with the Administrator. This is to ensure that all beneficiaries or dependants are known and considered by the Trustees in apportioning the Death Benefits in pursuit of their fiduciary responsibility.

Kindly contact NMG Administrators Botswana within 14 days from the date of this Publication.

DECEASED NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	DECEASED NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Dinah Sedimonyane	3/11/23	Active	Gosalamang Marumo	14/11/24	Active
Tebogo Nthobatsang	5/4/23	Active	Charles Tswiri	12/11/24	Active
Goitsewang Motshwana	1/1/25	Pensioner	Mothusi Mgobi	4/12/24	Active
Makanga Sepombo	29/7/24	Active	Mabedi Rankoa	8/11/24	Active
Stacey Sebele	16/6/24	Active	Boingotlo Garekwe	4/11/24	Active
Bonny Motlakase	31/12/24	Active	Ninki Segereisi	19/6/23	Active
Stephen Ramaphane	20/11/24	Active	Letsogile Molelekwa	19/8/24	Active

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**FARM WORKER NEEDED** for immediate employment. To work in Morwa Magodi farms. To work full time in crop and small stock production. Apply before March 14 2025 with references to P O Box 53653 Gaborone. Cell 71 201 618.

**FARM WORKER WANTED:** at Sewelong farms, Rasesa. Contact 71329384, P O Box 2789 Gaborone.

**FOUR (4) FARM WORKERS** urgently wanted at Matebeleng Village with three (3) years experience. Closing date 3 March 2025. Call: 72 824 786

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Malwelwe Contact 73 721 549.

**I NEED A FARM WORKER** at Ntshokwe Maboane area. Cell no Bophelo Kele 71 729 331

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Sakutshwane farms (Ramotswa). Contact 74 857 992. M. Tsetsengwa

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Manage lands. Apply to Kagiso Sepotlo Box 503698 Gaborone.

**LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER** to work at a horticulture farm in Lentsweletau. Contact Florida 71240313

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Dinogeng Farms. Send your application to P O Box 75 AAH Gaborone or contact 71 562 468

**HERD MAN WANTED** at Mawana (Kavimba) Box 1070 Kasane CELL: 76 232 576

**FARM WORKER REQUIRED** by Mr K. Mokgosi at Ditshweneng fields, Apply Box 201614 Gaborone,

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Mathangwane. P O Box 11794 Tatitown Francistown. Loarn Tapela, 71 579 190

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Motlakeng in Goodhope. Contact: 77 952 303.

**HERD MAN WANTED AT SATAU** village (Huhuwe Lands) contact: Frank Limbo 74 124 877 / 72 743 390

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** Nkagane Farms. Contact Mpale Connie Moselesele. Contact No 72179077, Box 178 Lethakeng.

**HERD BOY AND HERD GIRL** wanted at Kavimba Call 75 825 976

**HERD BOY WANTED AT MABELE** Bag K12 Kasane Kachana Magopelo 74 999 788

**HERD BOY WANTED** at Box 40, Dutlwe Contact 71 445 253 / 72224333

### 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
PRETTY RADITSEBE	ESHFT-000563-24	07.05.2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
PHETOGO TSHIKAE	ESHFT-000589-24	13-05-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 428/2007 dated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2007 made in favour of BOYKIE KEABETSWE KANOKANG in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal Lot 11615, Mogoditshane  
**SITUATE:** in the Bakwena Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING:** 865m<sup>2</sup> (Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Square Metres)

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024



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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ISAIAH PELAELO	ESHFT-000878-24	19.05.2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MBAAKANYI C. MOSIPI	ESHFT-000240-24	07.05.2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEIPHITHE MONAGENG	ESHFT-000195-25	14.05.2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SHADRECK MPH0	ESHFT-000580-24	13-05-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LEBALA SECHELE	ESHFT-000225-24	14-05-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that we intend applying for certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Grant Lease No. FT TG 138/2016 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October 2016 in respect of the following property;

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal Grant No. 874-MQ;

**SITUATE:** At Palapye / Dikabeyana in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

**MEASURING:** 3, 6760 Ha (Three Comma Six Seven Six Zero Hectares);

**HELD UNDER:** Memorandum of Agreement of Grant Lease No. FT TG 138/2016 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 made in favour of **THEBE ROY JOHANNES**.

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:

ESHGB-000165-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late UTLWANANG GLORY MFOSI who died at Sidilega Private hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 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..... 2024.

The Executor  
Tumelo Mfosi  
P O Box 20125  
GABORONE  
Tel: 71307107

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KUDZANI R. MACHA	ESHFT-00049-24	25-02-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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**Name of Deceased Person**  
OLESENG MORUTI

**Estate Number** - DFHFT-000383/22-23

**Date of Meeting** - 30.04.2025

**Time** - 0900HRS

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS  
18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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### NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**OWNER OF PLOT 30421,** Mogoditshane Block 5 Nkoyaphiri intends to construct a boundary wall. Please contact Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning Office at the following numbers 3105615, 391 0350 within 14 days

**SHIRLEY RUTA MAKHURA** of residential plot No. 38256, situated at Mogoditshane intends to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential.

**RACHIEL MANDEVU OF plot 12946** at Ledumadumane wishes to change land use from residential to multi residential. Neighbours are to forward objection to Mogoditshane physical planning or contact 71 656 304 for further information.

**NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 15972,** Gaborone , Tawana, owner wishes to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. Contact GCC physical planning office on 3657400 for any objection.

**MS BOIKANYO PETRONELLA** Tlhong, owner of plot 4977, Masetlheng Ward, Tlokweng wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any objection contact Tlokweng Physical Planning Division. Tel: 3695000.

**NEWLY ESTABLISHED RETAIL SHOP** looking for Merchandise/ Shop Assistant/ Cashiers, Hairdressers/ Nails/ Tailor Designer. Drop CV, references at Plot 54183 Lejara Rd Broadhurst Industrial.

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## Molosi star continues to shine

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The actor and producer, Donald Molosi has been announced as the winner of the prestigious title of Outstanding Professional in Africa for the year 2025 by the Africa Outstanding Professionals Awards (AFROPA) Secretariat in Gambia.

Molosi, who has been awarded for his excellence in cultural diplomacy, will receive the award at a ceremony in March in Gambia.

"Africa is waking up to her excellence. I am grateful to accept

this massive award from Gambia. I appreciate that Gambia recognises my work in acting as well as in global consultancy," said Molosi, whose short film, Partly Cloudy & Hot, was certified Oscar-qualifying in Atlanta, Georgia last year.

Molosi's credits as an actor include, Green Zone (2007) opposite Matt Damon and A United Kingdom (2015) opposite Rosamund Pike.

His books include, Dear Upright African (2019), We Are All Blue (2016), Blue, Black and White

(2015) and Gambit (2014).

His other works include being a lead consultant for Uganda's 50th independence anniversary in 2012.

Molosi was at some point headhunted by president Ma of Taiwan to assist when Taiwan marked its 100th anniversary as a republic in 2011.

Currently, Molosi is a lead consultant on a similar project in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Africa Outstanding Professionals Awards will be held at a glamorous red carpet gala event in Banjul, The Gambia on

March 25.

The awards, a pan-continental initiative are aimed at recognising and celebrating exceptional professionals across various fields of activity.

They also serve as a platform to highlight the achievements of

individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary capability and accomplishment in their respective domains.

In addition, they contribute to the broader goal of enhancing Africa's competitiveness on the global stage. **BOPA**

## Initiative diversifies tourism

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - In an effort to diversify the tourism product and enrich the travellers' experience, Travel for Impact and Safari Destination have collaborated to introduce the 'The Maun Immersive Cultural Tour' initiative.

The initiative gives tourists the opportunity to experience Botswana beyond wildlife.

In an interview, the tour and guide manager from Travel for Impact, Keolekile Eole, said initiative aimed to give travellers a glimpse of life in Maun before they could transit into the Okavango Delta.

She said they had realised that most tourists came to Maun to fly into the delta and believed that the three-hour Maun Immersive Cultural Tour could compliment their safari experience, as they would have an opportunity to embark on tours around Maun to appreciate the lifestyle of the community and their rich culture.

The tour, she said, would be culturally-based considering that Maun, as a village with diverse ethnic groups, had a lot to offer in terms of cultural activities and

practices.

Through the tour, Eole highlighted that travellers would experience unique features, shopping malls to appreciate and learn how the locals make ends meet.

"This is a brilliant initiative because it does not only enrich the tourists' experience but also empowers and supports the local entrepreneurs economically. Travellers will walk through the vibrant market places to buy locals' artwork such as baskets, German print (leteisi) and other locally made products among others," she said.

Furthermore, she said travellers would local restaurants to have a taste of some traditional dishes, noting that during the tours they also share storytelling about the history of Maun and how certain ethnic groups engaged in certain activities such as marriage and botsetsi, among others.

She said the initiative, which was birthed during COVID-19, was producing positive results noting that some entrepreneurs had welcomed it as it boosted their operations.

She said the initiative had

boosted one of the entrepreneurs, Sedie Basket Sisters, who specialised in basket weaving, saying guests that visited them buy baskets to take home as souvenirs.

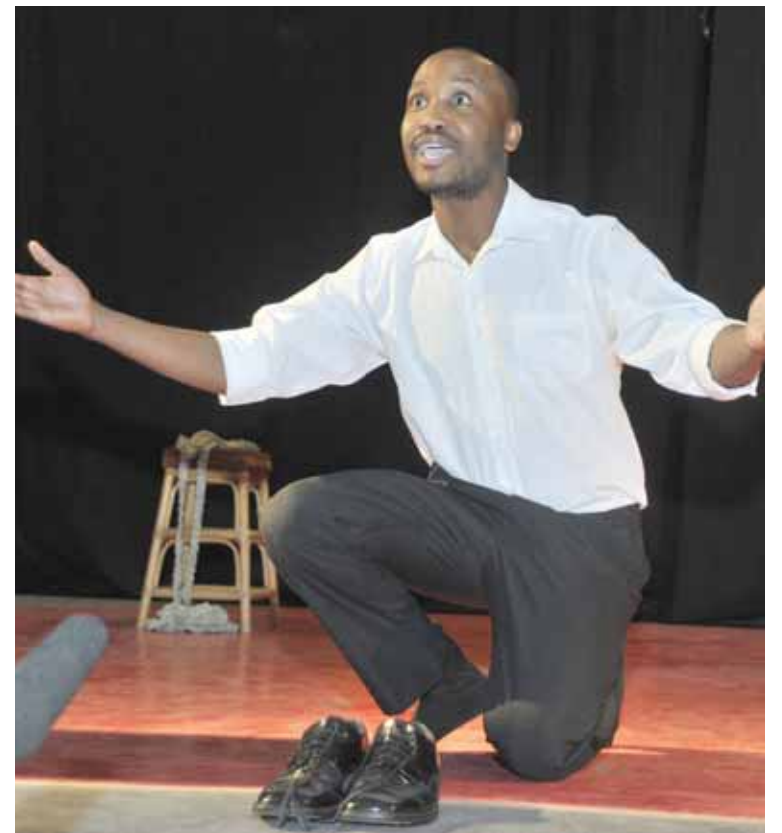
She noted that the initiative targeted both domestic and international travellers highlighting that recently, they hosted Miss Botswana, Anicia Gaothusi.

She said they took Miss Botswana, who was visiting Maun for the first time to various places and was impressed to learn about basket weaving.

She said she had an opportunity to interact with basket weavers and some locals who produced earrings using Mokala tree.

"We also took her to a local traditional food outlet to enjoy traditional cuisine and she was impressed by the warm reception, vibrancy and love from the community," she said.

Eole appealed to travellers to continue supporting the initiative as it promotes cultural tourism, gives them a chance to explore Maun, empowers locals and eventually stimulates the local economy. **BOPA**



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## Gospel music giants to serenade revellers

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Gospel music artistes from some African countries are billed to perform during An all-star Gospel Show, Under One Roof at the Game City Parkade on April 5.

Artistes expected to perform during the concert are Dr Tumi from South Africa, Ebuka Songs from Nigeria, Agape Gospel Band from Tanzania, Shinkie and Vusi, both from Botswana and others.

According to Josh Events Publicity manager, Rebaone Gola said the lineup consists of artistes, who had performed on the international stage.

The show, he said was more than a music concert, but a platform for an encounter with God. "It will be a spirit filled night of worship and people should expect an atmosphere of worship and divine entertainment delivered at the highest level of artistry and

professionalism," he said.

He explained that the name, Under One Roof was derived from the Biblical principle of Oneness.

"This event seeks to bring Africa and the world under one sitting in worship and praise," Gola said.

Under One Roof is not synonymous with entertainment only, but also giving back to the community, as the event is rooted on Christian faith.

Therefore, he said there would do a donation at the end of the show adding that the team was working on the modalities of choosing the most suitable beneficiary in and around Gaborone. "The chosen non-profit organisation will benefit from this event in the form of monetary or material donations, from part of the proceeds made during the event," Gola explained.

Tickets for Under One Roof are sold online at Nutickets at P350 standard, P400 silver, P550 gold and P1 000 platinum. **BOPA**



Maun Immersive Cultural Tour initiative aims to give tourists the opportunity to experience Botswana beyond wildlife.

# Limping Mares face Leopards dames

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The senior women football team, The Mares are expected to redeem their pride as they face the Leopards dames of the Democratic Republic of

Congo (DRC) in a WAFCON 2026 qualifier second leg clash to be played at Complexe Omnisports Stade des Martyrs, in Kinshasa today.

The Mares suffered a 2-0 defeat in a game played at the Obed Itani

Chilume Stadium, in Francistown last week Thursday through Lone Gaofetoge's own goal and a strike by Gloria Mabomba.

If The Mares want to keep their dream of advancing to the next leg, they must beat The Leopard

dames 3-0 in their own back yard.

The Mares played an experienced team on paper and on the field, as they mastered playing in moments and critical phases.

They scored in the opening minutes of the game and in the last minutes of the game and that is testament to their ability to score and manage the game.

However, playing away from home makes it more difficult for The Mares and this therefore, means they must apply some tactics to try and overcome their opponents.

It is important for them to net an early goal, because that alone will put the game to bed and it will make it difficult for them to push.

Self-confidence and belief will be out through the window if they

score first and that will require a solid character to come back into the game.

The most important thing again is for them to go all out and look for an early goal as that would help them to settle and open up the game.

Should The Mares score first, that would allow them to get back into the game and believe that they can win.

An early goal will shake DRC and force them to play an open game.

They should relax and master game management and game plan, during the first leg.

In Francistown, during the second half.

The Mares played much better and it is important for them to carry it from there if they want to win the game. **BOPA**



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## IOC extends Worldwide Olympic Partnership with AB InBev

LAUSANNE - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced on Monday that brewing company AB InBev has extended its Worldwide Olympic Partnership through to 2032.

Initially signed in January 2024 for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, the partnership now includes both the 2030 Winter Olympics in the French Alps and the Brisbane 2032 Olympics.

"We are raising a toast to already agreeing together with AB InBev to extend our Partnership until 2032. After experiencing their first Olympic Games as a Worldwide Olympic Partner in Paris last summer, the AB InBev team impressed us and delighted fans across the world with amazing celebrations of the Olympic Games through their Corona Cero marketing campaigns," said IOC president Thomas Bach.

AB InBev CEO Michel Doukeris said the Paris 2024 Olympic Games demonstrated the global importance and reach of the Olympic Games and solidified what they already

knew, and that is beer and sports are better together.

"We are pleased to extend our relationship with the International Olympic Committee until 2032, and plan to continue activating the beer category to positively engage sports fans while helping to create a future with more cheers," he added.

The agreement also includes marketing rights for the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the Paralympic Games through the IOC-IPC long-term collaboration agreement.

The TOP Partnership programme represents the highest level of Olympic sponsorship, granting category-exclusive marketing rights to the Summer, Winter, and Youth Olympic Games for a select group of global partners.

It currently includes 15 partners, with Chinese technology brand TCL recently signing as a top partner through to 2032 in the home audiovisual equipment and home appliance category. **Xinhua**

## Galaxy defender burial Saturday

By Aobakwe Molefhi

GOOD HOPE - Football fanatics and Nkange community will on Saturday bid farewell to one of the most promising right backs, 19-year-old, Perfect Mfhandiso who played for Jwaeng Galaxy.

The team's communications and public relations officer, Tankiso Morake, said Mfhandiso breathed his last on February 22 at Princess Marina Hospital, where

he had been admitted for some time. He started complaining of being unwell in December, Morake said. Mfhandiso was on his second season with the defending league champions.

His first game with the club was in October 21, 2023 when Galaxy walloped Eleven Angels 6-2.

Hi versatility, discipline and hard work earned him a place with the Under-20 national team.

Morake said they spotted Mfhandiso at Premier Stars

academy in Gaborone. His memorial service will be held in Jwaneng today. **BOPA**

## Barracas continue with impressive start

BUENOS - Barracas Central continued their impressive start to Argentina's Primera Division Apertura season with a 2-0 home victory over Newell's Old Boys on Monday.

Jhonatan Candia gave the hosts the lead in the second minute when he combined with Siro Rosane before slotting a low shot past Keylor Navas. Manuel Duarte doubled the advantage in the 91st minute with a long-range drive on the counterattack that left Marcos Ledesma with no chance.

The result leaves Barracas seventh with 12 points from seven outings.

Ruben Insua's men have now gone six games without a defeat, a run that dates back to a 3-1 loss to Racing on the opening day of the season.

In other fixtures on Monday, Tigre won 1-0 at home to Banfield and Argentinos Juniors was held to a goalless home draw by Independiente Rivadavia. **Xinhua**



YANGON-People playing Chinlone (caneball) under a bridge in Myanmar on Saturday. Myanmar's traditional national sport, caneball, will be submitted for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization intangible culture heritage recognition in March 2026, according to the Myanmar Chinlone Federation. Photo:Xinhua

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## Obed Itani Chilume Stadium status concern

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - The status of Obed Itani Chilume Stadium has raised concerns about its ability to host Confederation of African Football (CAF) qualifiers prompting the Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeg to call for urgent action to rectify the problems.

An inspection by the minister on Monday revealed a facility teetering on the brink of collapse, raising concerns about upcoming matches against Algeria and Somalia on March 21 and 25 respectively.

Speaking after tour of the stadium, Kelebeg stressed the need for immediate government intervention to bring the stadium to international standards.

The minister highlighted critical issues that included the stadium's malfunctioning emergency power supply, the leaking roof and the expired track license.

The issues, he emphasised, required urgent attention to avoid jeopardising the upcoming matches.

He explained that the water leakage reached the VIP lounge and press room, impacting the comfort and functionality of the facility.

While praising the stadium's good drainage system, he acknowledged that the system relied on rain to ensure a playable field after precipitation.

A further concern was raised by CAF security officer, Mosomi Ikgopoleng regarding the single-lane road leading to the stadium.

The proximity to the Phillip Matante International Airport creates a traffic bottleneck, potentially delaying fans and those rushing to the airport.

Botswana Football Association regional coordinator in charge of protocols, Spencer Mmui, painted a grim picture during the minister's tour.

He told the minister that Botswana's hopes of progressing in the qualifiers hung precariously in the balance, threatened not by opposing teams, but by the dilapidated state of the stadium.

Mmui described the stadium as 'not ready for any CAF or international games' highlighting a catastrophic list of failings.

He said the leaking roof was in dire need of repair, the server system was malfunctioning, CCTV cameras were out of order and the scoreboard, crucial for displaying match information, was significantly deficient.

Instead of the required two scoreboards, there was only one, which was also not functional, leaving a gaping hole in essential match infrastructure.

Mmui directly appealed to the government to address the root causes of the stadium's deterioration.

He informed the minister that failure to meet CAF standards risks forfeiting matches, impacting Botswana's ranking, and damaging the nation's reputation on the international sporting stage.

Mmui explained that the stadium was not just a sporting venue, but a symbol of national pride and that government must act decisively by allocating the necessary resources to undertake comprehensive renovations.

He stated that delaying action was not an option, as the clock was ticking, **BOPA**



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg (left) during tour of the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium on Monday. He said there was need for immediate intervention to bring the stadium to international standards before the upcoming CAF games in March.

Photo: Thamani Shabani