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High-cost financing hinders Africa dev.



By Keonee Majoto

NEW YORK - Expensive financing afforded to Africa continues to hamper the pace at which the continent evolves in terms of development.

President Advocate Duma Boko said this at the official opening of the United Nations-backed platform - Global Africa Business Initiative (GABI) in New York on Sunday.

He said availing affordable financing to Africa would serve the world economic agenda better as it would allow the continent to power on its own development agenda.

Advocate Boko said it was vital therefore for financiers to approach the issue of mobilisation of financing differently for the continent in order to enable it to fully tap into its enormous potential for growth.

He further noted that Africa's wide array of resources, including the dynamism of its young people, were forces that the continent could use for growth through innovation and industrialisation.

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BETP to anchor economic transformation

By Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - Acting President Ndaba Gaolathe has reaffirmed government’s commitment to national development.

Mr Gaolathe was speaking at Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) the 10th graduation ceremony in Palapye on Friday,

“Government will not rest until every citizen is employed, empowered, and fulfilled,” Mr Gaolathe said.

He also used the occasion to highlight the nation’s economic transformation efforts, extending an invitation to graduates to join the ongoing economic reforms.

“I wish to extend an invitation to you today, an invitation to the bold economic transformation process that we, as a government and nation, are embarking on. The Botswana Economic Transformation Plan promises to be an emerging anchor for the transformation of our economy,” he stated.

Mr Gaolathe said the country was moving from diamonds and government as the centre, to a vibrant ecosystem fired by the private sector, innovators, social entrepreneurs.

“We are building an economy with an export-based, an economy that is diversified, digitally-led and one that churns jobs for every citizen,” he said.

He said the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), a process which was a mirror of a government, and a nation that had reimagined country’s future.

Mr Gaolathe said six were economic sectors and included agriculture, tourism, energy and mining, manufacturing, financial services, infrastructure and digitalisation.

“The other three are of a social dimension, underpinning our commitment to access to high quality basic services, and the empowerment of our people - healthcare, education and social protection,” he said.

The Acting President further said that Botswana had a tradition of excellence in policy conceptualisation and policy

formulation, but had consistently fallen short in execution and so BETP focused and emphasised on execution.

He therefore said the time had come for the nation to build a culture of getting things done and had started doing so with the PEMANDU economic lab methodology.

He said BETP was bold, uncompromising, and placed digitalisation at the heart of the growth model, to transform Botswana into Africa’s best managed economy, a paragon of unity, discipline, and inclusive prosperity.

He said Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) as well as Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) were the twin - engines that would drive Botswana away from diamond dependency to a digitally-led, export driven and diversified economy.

The Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele encouraged the graduates to position themselves and not just to take jobs but to create them, not just to learn but to lead and to be pioneers.

He also encouraged them to turn a new page where research was not just academic but transformative.

“We need research that fills granaries, power villages, grow industries, and save lives,” he said.

BIUST Vice Chancellor, Professor Otlogetswe Totolo said the graduates were not mere recipients of degrees but resolute builders of bridges, sublime weavers of boundless visions, and unfaltering architects of Botswana’s tomorrow.

The graduation ceremony also recognised outstanding achievement, with Ms Hlengiwe Dlamini named Valedictorian and awarded the best overall student. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Software Engineering.

A total of 384 graduates received their degrees, including 54 postgraduates and 330 undergraduates from diverse disciplines in science, engineering, and technology. **BOPA**



Department of Information Services director, Ms Maria Leshongwane (left) and husband, Colonel Leano Leshongwane (centre) receiving presents from department’s assistant director Corporate Services, Ms Unami Machado during the director’s retirement party in Gaborone on Saturday. Ms Leshongwane retires from public service on September 30 after 33 years of service. Photo: Phenylo Moalosi

Information services bids farewell to director

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Department of Information Services (DIS) this past Saturday bid an emotional farewell to its Director, Ms Maria Leshongwane, who retires after decades of dedicated service in shaping Botswana’s communication and information landscape.

She retires from public service on September 30 after her enduring service since 1992.

In a ceremony held at Mass Media Complex, colleagues and family gathered to celebrate Ms Leshongwane’s career and contributions to the public service. Speakers praised her

commitment to ensuring quality and ethical journalism while they also reflected on their relationship with her, being full of friendship and motherly love.

Former Information Services director, Ms Kebareng Solomon, commended the outgoing Director for a career marked by professionalism and authenticity. “We are grateful for the foundation you leave behind.

Your *peeves* against corruption is one of the qualities that impressed me most about you.

Above all, I am very grateful for our friendship which was founded on honesty and a good dose of humour,” she said.

In her farewell remarks, Ms Leshongwane, expressed gratitude to the government and staff for the support throughout her career.

She noted that while the journey had not been without challenges, the achievements of the department were a collective effort.

“My advise to you all, is to always prioritise teamwork because each of you play a critical role in the organisation,” she said, encouraging the team to always be resilient in their journey.

Staff members shared fond memories of Ms Leshongwane’s mentorship, describing her as both a leader and a mother who guided them with patience. **BOPA**

Manyeneng decries illegal sand mining

By Booster Mogapi

MMOPANE - Member of Parliament for Mmopane/ Metsimotlhabe, Ms Pushie Manyeneng who is also the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly decried the rampant illegal sand mining in the village with perpetrators being deliberate on breaking the law.

Speaking during a Kgotla meeting addressed by the Acting President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe in Mmopane recently, she said perpetrators without fail and delay pay the fine but and would immediately go back to the wrongful act of mining sand illegally.

This, she said was due to the fact that the law against illegal sand mining were lenient. Therefore, Ms Manyeneng called for firmer penalties to deter repeated offences. Ms Manyeneng suggested that VDC must be given the right to mine the sand and generate income for the village as the current situation was not benefiting the community.

When addressing Mmopane residents, Acting President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said the economic transformation plan was the pathway that sought to resuscitate economic activities in the country.

He said steps to transformation were put in place to restore financial stability through the Economic Transformation Plan (ETP) taking

note that the new government had inherited strained government coffers.

He said the ETP was the true north for the new Botswana government.

Mr Gaolathe indicated that areas of focus were; improving infrastructure for trade, exploring Value Added Tax (VAT) reforms and digitisation of services to ease accessibility and deliver for all.

He also said other areas of consideration included strengthening water and energy sectors, adding that Botswana was considering buying water from Lesotho as well as diversifying economy through agriculture, tourism and financial services.

He further said government was striving towards developing and strengthening state owned institutions like Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) which were all part of building a resilient economy.

Mr Gaolathe revealed that over 6 900 business idea proposals have been submitted under the ETP and so far, about 300 have been approved.

He urged Batswana and the residents of Mmopane to work together, stressing that the transformation agenda was the nation’s true north that aimed to create jobs, boost trade and ensure

inclusivity for all.

For her part, Village Development Committee (VDC) chairperson, Ms Edith Setlhoka said the welcomed projects such as the construction of Post Office, kgotla office and the new police station which were all at completion stage.

Ms Setlhoka said one of the achievements was the fencing of Mmopane Primary School.

However, Ms Setlhoka said the two primary schools in the village were congested since the village’s the population had grown significantly over the years.

Ms Setlhoka added that coupled with overcrowding, the two primary schools were experiencing dire shortage of classrooms as some classes were conducted outside, despite the challenging weather conditions.

She appealed to government to consider constructing a junior secondary school in Mmopane as currently, their children travel long distances for secondary eudcation.

In his welcome remarks, Kgosi Simon Manthe of Mmopane highlighted the need for a unified secondary school, wary that long distances forced some learners to play truant.

Kgosi Manthe was worried that the future of such students lie in danger as some end up engaging in drugs and alcohol abuse that destroy them even more. **BOPA**

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Botswana sets sight on pharmaceutical production

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Government's partnership with Cyprus is poised to accelerate Botswana's efforts to establish pharmaceutical value chain across critical areas of healthcare.

Speaking at a press conference recently, acting Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said his ministry was setting its sights on a new direction to transition from a consumer of pharmaceutical commodities to being a producer, a move he said was crucial for building long-term resilience and self-sufficiency in Botswana's healthcare sector.

He said the ministry was actively exploring avenues of cooperation and investment in pharmaceutical production, starting with enhanced collaboration with Cyprus.

"It is important for Botswana to forge ahead and not only remain consumers, but also grow into producers in the pharmaceutical commodities space, this is how we build a sustainable health system, by developing our own capacity to meet our needs," he said.

He emphasised that the recent

engagement with the Cypriot delegation represented a key step in laying the groundwork for capacity building and local production.

"We are working towards identifying and developing opportunities within the pharmaceutical value chain, this includes key therapeutic areas such as paediatrics and oncology, where there is a growing need for consistent access to medicines and treatment options," he said.

He added that local production would not only strengthen supply chain resilience, but also offer economic opportunities through job creation, technology transfer, and increased investment in health infrastructure.

Mr Ookeditse said the recent visit by the Cypriot delegation was both timely and strategic and the ministry was optimistic about the outcomes of the discussions, which were aimed at establishing technical cooperation, joint ventures and knowledge exchange.

"Engaging Cyprus is vital to our health industry transformation goals, their support can help us bridge the gap between dependency and self-reliance," he noted.

He further said the partnership was more than just about medicine, but about building a resilient health sector that was prepared for the future.

During the engagement, both parties identified several key areas for potential collaboration, such as strengthening pharmaceutical supply chains, advancing healthcare technology exchange as well as capacity building for healthcare workers.

Presenting the Cyprus's vision to Botswana, High Commissioner of Cyprus, Mr Antonis Mandritis, reaffirmed his government's dedication to deepening bilateral collaboration

as well as commitment to pursuing innovative, long-term solutions that would transform Botswana into not only a centre of healthcare delivery, but also a hub for pharmaceutical manufacturing in the region.

Mr Mandritis highlighted that such partnerships were essential in addressing current healthcare challenges and driving sustainable reform.

He thus pledged continued support and partnership with Botswana in transforming the health sector, amidst global challenges such as medicine shortages and limited access to specialised medical care.

"Together we can build a healthier, stronger Botswana and contribute to global health advancements," he said.

Mr Mandritis also outlined several key areas where Cyprus sought to extend its collaboration with Botswana, including training and capacity building in healthcare and related fields, scholarship opportunities for Botswana students to study in Cyprus, telemedicine initiatives to improve access to specialised care in remote areas, support for vulnerable families, particularly in health-related emergencies and people-to-people connections. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse (right) and Cyprus High Commissioner, Mr Antonis Mandritis during a media briefing on Friday on the Cyprus delegation's visit. Mr Ookeditse said Botswana's partnership with Cyprus was expected to accelerate efforts to establish a strong pharmaceutical value chain across key areas of healthcare. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Expensive financing hampers Africa development - Boko

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Moreover, he commended African countries for having begun to pursue the issue of beneficiation of their mineral resources as carting them off to other continents in their raw form had proven disadvantageous in many ways.

"Africa is well on its way to moving away from being a source of raw materials for the world to being a hub of innovation, creativity and industrialisation," he said, pinpointing how developing complete value chains for mineral beneficiation within the continent would spur on creativity and innovation in its population, ultimately driving industrialisation.

President Boko also underscored the importance of having in place harmonised systems, pieces of legislation and

frameworks to enable a seamless flow of trade between African states, noting that bureaucratic bottlenecks continued to rob the continent of the opportunity for its trade to grow and flourish.

He added that respective governments also needed to form durable and solid partnerships with their private sectors, and observed that such partnerships should be characterised by speed and agility on the part of governments with regard to ensuring improved ease of doing business.

Namibia president, Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah said, with the adoption and operationalisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Africa had become one big market and was evolving into a hub for goods and services production.

Dr Nandi-Ndaitwah rallied African countries to work together as a team to make the continent attractive for foreign investment.

United Nations secretary general, Mr Antonio Guterres similarly highlighted the significance of the AfCFTA.

"We must unleash the full potential of Africa's growth through the AfCFTA. This requires enhanced infrastructure, roads, energy grids and predictable regulations," he said.

Mr Guterres said being home to the world's youngest population and being endowed with an abundance of raw energy, creativity and a wealth of resources, Africa would rise above its challenges if afforded the appropriate support. **BOPA**

Gaolathe warns of financial crimes consequences

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Acting President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has warned about the consequences of financial crimes, saying it can lead to risk of countries being placed on the grey list.

In his keynote address at the conclusion of a 10km walk organised by the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) in Francistown on Saturday, Mr Gaolathe highlighted the critical need to safeguard Botswana's economy from the damaging effects of money laundering and terrorism financing.

The event, which was also aimed at educating learners from Francistown Senior Secondary School, sought to raise awareness among the youth about the importance of financial integrity and their role in preventing financial crimes.

Mr Gaolathe urged young people to be vigilant and proactive in supporting efforts to combat financial misconduct.

He cited the example of the East and Southern African money laundering groups, which have

come together to fight the menace.

"When a country is grey listed, it paralyses and affects everyone, whether involved or not. It cannot source out loans and businesses in those countries may collapse" he said.

The Vice President, who is also the Minister of Finance emphasised that Botswana could not afford to be grey listed, particularly in this era of financial crisis facing the country.

He urged the school-going children with access to technology, to be aware of the dangers of financial crimes and to play a role in preventing them.

FIA Director General, Ms Bopelokgale Sokwe, raised a growing concern about youth involvement in financial crimes.

She said 80 per cent of persons between the ages of 18 and 36, were reported to be involved in financial crimes in Botswana during the last quarter.

This, she said, represented 8 per cent increase from the previous year.

Ms Sokwe said that the trend could undermine the country's future leadership, emphasising the

need to address the issue before it gets out of hand. She said crimes such as obtaining money by false pretences and internet scams had had attracted more youth.

The FIA Director General emphasised the importance of training young minds to be responsible leaders able to resist the temptation of financial crimes. She referenced the adage 'catch them young,' highlighting the need to instill values and integrity in young people at an early age.

Acting director-regional operations (North East), Dr Salani Bafaneli, said the fight against financial crimes was not just a legal battle but a societal one. He emphasised the need for vigilance, education and a shared commitment to ethical conduct, adding that young people must be equipped with values and integrity to build trust, opportunity, and prosperity.

The event provided a platform for learners to share information and ideas that can shape future policies, promoting a collaborative approach to addressing the issue of youth involvement in financial crimes. **BOPA**

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Kgamane distinguished, courageous leader

By Keith Ketl

SEROWE - Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa has extolled Kgosi Sediegeng Kgamane for serving the nation diligently. Kgosi Kgamane, who served as Bangwato regent from 1988 to 2022, was appreciated during a thanksgiving ceremony held in Serowe on Saturday. He said Kgosi Kgamane was a distinguished leader who served his appointing authority and morafe with dedication. He said Kgosi Kgamane's wisdom and integrity were on full display in the three decades he was entrusted with the responsibility of guiding Bangwato, so that they remained united, and resolute in their identity and cultural heritage. Minister Motshegwa said it was also appropriate to appreciate Kgosi Kgamane's wife, Mohumagadi Moitse Kgamane for the unwavering support she gave him during his reign. Minister Motshegwa reminisced about how Kgosi Kgamane passionately and wisely handled Bogosi conflicts of communities that make Bangwato tribal territory. He said Kgosi Kgamane led with fairness, patience and courage, ensuring that harmony prevailed where divisions could have easily taken route. Minister Motshegwa said he saw the footprints of Kgosi Kgamane when serving in the very same ministry he was leading. He said Kgosi Kgamane during his reign practiced critical values such as commanding respect, consultation, equality, freedom, tolerance and peace which were core beliefs that guided behaviour and decision making within cultures, organisations and societies. Furthermore, he said Kgosi Kgamane demonstrated the ability to glue the nation together through storms and seasons, thus describing him as a true servant leader. For his part, Bangwato uncle Kgosi Mokhutshwane Sekgoma said Kgosi Kgamane led different ethnic groups with

diverse historical background and cultural beliefs but managed to unite communities of GammaNgwato. He said Kgosi Kgamane built respect, good attitude, responsibility, accountability and other positive mannerisms among the communities that fell under Bangwato territory. **BOPA**



Acting President Ndaba Gaolathe (right), Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato (centre) and former Bangwato regent, Kgosi Sediegeng Kgamane at a thanksgiving and appreciation ceremony in Serowe on Saturday. Kgosi Kgamane thanked Bangwato, Kgosi Khama and the nation for entrusting him with the role of regency for 34 years. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

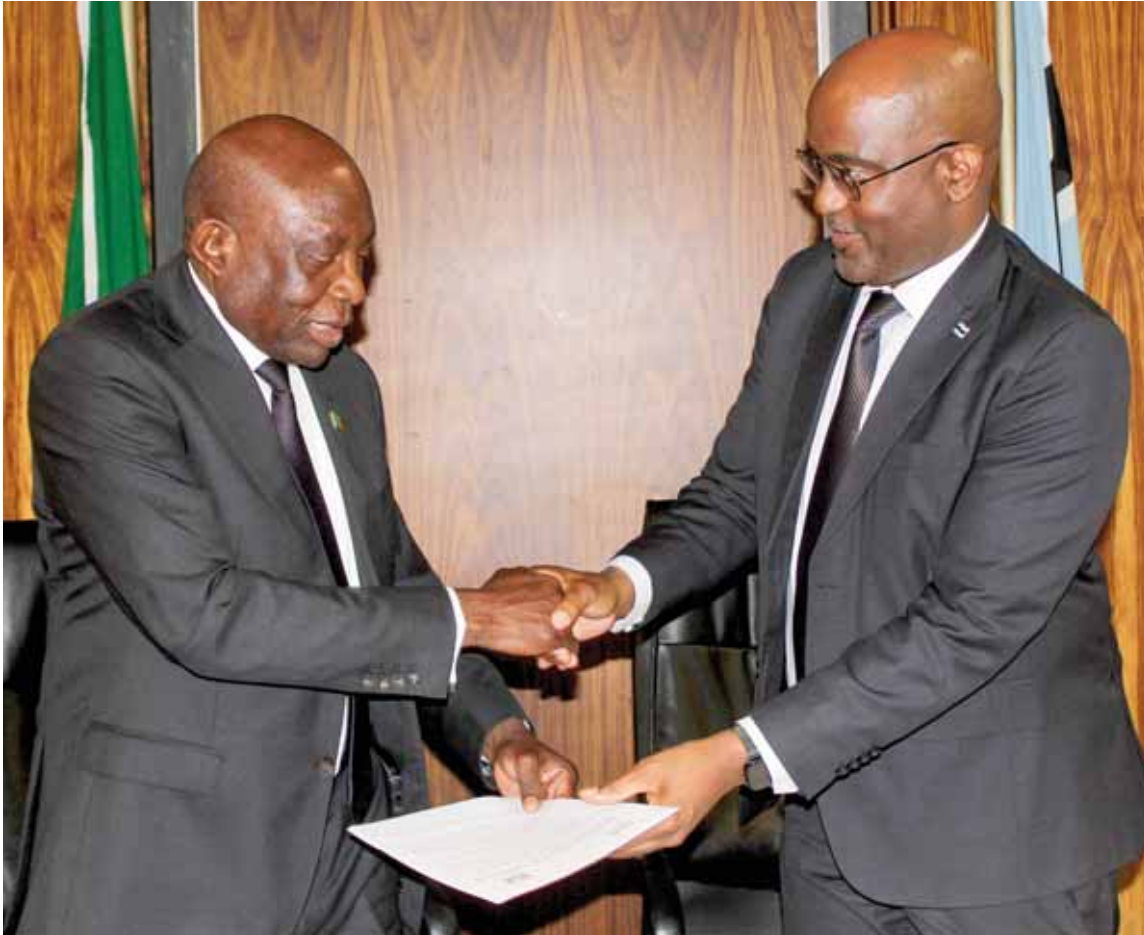
Botswana, Zambia to launch Bridge Authority

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KASANE - Botswana and Zambia have passed a resolution to commission the Kazungula Bridge Authority (KBA). The authority, expected to be officially launched in Kasane on October 15, would be responsible for the management and maintenance of the Kazungula Bridge and its surrounding infrastructure, with the goal of

facilitating seamless movement of people and goods. Speaking at the Joint Ministerial Committee meeting for the bridge project recently, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae, said the authority was a clear indicator of the two countries' shared commitment to African integration and improving the quality of life for the people of Botswana and Zambia. Mr Salakae added that the KBA would position both nations as global competitors in trade and investment as well as solidify the Kazungula One Stop Border Post as a facility of choice for travellers. He said the Kazungula Bridge was an iconic game changer that had successfully overcome mobility restrictions that existed for many years. The minister also noted that the operationalisation of the KBA

was a top priority at the recent Bi-National Commission (BNC) in Lusaka, where Presidents Advocate Duma Boko and Hakainde Hichilema reaffirmed their commitment to seeing the authority become fully operational. He further said the new KBA board would serve as the contracting party, managing the authority's affairs and conducting its activities with full transparency. Thus, he urged lead border agencies to continue implementing the Kazungula One Stop Border Post operating procedures to ensure that the project's objectives were realised. For his part, Zambian Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Mr Charles Milupi, said the Kazungula Bridge was a model and benchmark for the entire region and continent due to its strategic location and economic benefits. Mr Milupi added that the bridge infrastructure was modern and iconic structure, calling it Africa's newest and admirable super-bridge. Since its commissioning in May 2021, he said, the bridge had significantly contributed to the national economies of both countries and promoted regional trade. "It is expected that with good maintenance and marketing in place, more traffic will be attracted to the Kazungula Bridge, as has been the case thus far, hence we need to guard this infrastructure jealously in order to sustain its lifespan," he said. He emphasised that it was imperative for both countries to maintain the momentum to ensure that authority's operations were successfully commissioned next month. **BOPA**



Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae (right) and Zambia Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Mr Charles Milupi exchanging the signed communique at the Joint Ministerial Committee meeting for the Kazungula Bridge project recently. Botswana and Zambia passed a resolution to commission the Kazungula Bridge Authority, which is expected to be officially launched in Kasane on October 15. Photo: Portia Ikgopoleng

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Mine aims to raise copper output

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - MMG Khoemacau mine has acquired six nearby farms to support its expansion project, aiming to facilitate growth and diversify the mine's resources and production.

The mine acting general manager, Mr Neo Kwakwa told the North West councillors when updating on the expansion progress noting that currently transfer duty payments was on going.

The project, he said targeted to increase copper production from 60 000 tonnes to 130 000 tonnes driving growth and enhancing the country's role as a major copper producer. The ambition of the mine is to eventually reach a target of 200 000 tonnes per annum of copper in the phase of growth. He said that the government had also given them the green light on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) saying they had completed the exercise and Environmental and Social Impact



MMG Khoemacau Mine acting general manager, Mr Neo Kwakwa informed the North West councillors that the company had acquired six farms around the mine's vicinity to support its expansion project.

Assessment (ESIA) authorisation granted for Zone 5, Mango and associated works.

"We have bought six farms around our site for our future

expansion as we are busy building three new mines at Zone 5 and Boseto sites. The planned expansion will leverage on the existing key infrastructure and our ambition is to grow and diversify our resource production and value by leveraging Chinese International expertise," he added.

Mr Kwakwa further revealed that early works had commenced and that Toteng-Boseto road and Zone 5, Mango and Zeta NE had been awarded noting that feasibility study would be conducted in November this year while the three boxcuts would

commence in December 2025.

"Our commitment to international standards and maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders are critical to enabling our growth ambitions and support from major shareholder, China Minmetals Corporation (CMC) is critical to our success and positioning as China's premier international growth platform".

Mr Kwakwa highlighted that the mine was on the path to world class scale and quality as they created production flexibility through development resourcing

and optimisation and focus on discovering the next Zone 5 beyond 20 years.

The mine's director of external affairs, Mr Boikobo Paya also concurred that the future of the mine is bright as they had discovered more copper in the belt and also intends to explore for new resources.

Sustainable business in mining, he said talked about product and "we have to drill more and where we are now is the best because within a radius of 10km, we have discovered that product and we have to develop further." He also said they intended to inject P13 million towards community activities mentioning drilling and equipping of boreholes and water reticulation at Toteng, some maintenance at Ngami Junior Secondary School, community bus shelters, community sports, arts and culture as well as the upgrading of Kuke Primary School among others.

Mr Paya indicated that they intended to strengthen Village Development Committee (VDC) governance and capacity to enhance the effectiveness and leadership capabilities of VDCs to support sustainable community initiatives. "We also intend to promote active participation and meaningful contributions from contractors toward local community initiatives and social upliftment," Mr Paya added. **BOPA**

Enhance beef sector value chain - official

By Aobakwe Molefhi

RAMATLABAMA - A delegation from Kenya that recently visited Ramatlabama Bull Ranch has encouraged Botswana to tap into the beef industry value chain to achieve greater returns.

Kenya Member of Parliament for Marsabit region, Mr Dido Rasso said Botswana's plentiful cattle by-products presented an opportunity to learn from Kenya on improving the value chain.

He said they had started exporting finished by-products such as shoes adding that they also manufactured produces such as cheese and yogurts.

"Kenya is a center of excellence in the dairy industry and the belief is that Botswana can one day visit us to go and learn on how to improve the sector," he said. Furthermore, he pointed out that agriculture was one sector that had shown ability to take the African continent forward, making it self-

sufficient in feeding its nation and the world at large.

Mr Rasso was of the view that with abundant land that Botswana boasts of, and right priorities, everything was possible and Africa could benefit a lot from such initiatives. As for their visit to the ranch, he said although they had similar initiative, they gained valuable insight. Mr Rasso pointed out that new ideas were exchanged and the bench marking exercise gave them a sense of purpose and solidified relations between the two countries.

For his part, Ramatlabama councillor, Mr Gaone Lobelwane said it was critical for African countries to invest in cattle farming for self-sufficiency.

He said by tapping into the beef industry, African countries could be counted among fastest growing economies. Mr Lobelwane said they would continue to explore areas of mutual interest and foster cooperation between the two nations. **BOPA**

Water scarcity threatens Tsabong agriculture

By Naomi Leepile

TSABONG - Water scarcity and outdated policies were at the forefront of a stakeholder consultative meeting in Tsabong, where residents gathered to review the 1991 National Policy on Agriculture.

The meeting, held in Tsabong on Tuesday, aimed to gather input from the community to help shape a revised policy that addresses modern challenges and fosters national food sovereignty.

The primary concern raised by residents was the crippling effect of water shortage on agricultural activities in the arid Tsabong area.

Local Small Stock Farming Area, chairperson, Mr Leo Tumaletse, noted that while opportunities were abound, water shortage defeated any ideas they might wish to pursue.

"Government initiatives are failing because of water shortage," he said. Prohibitive cost of digging boreholes Mr Tumaletse

said did not help yet that was the only way to access ground water. Water shortage in the area does not only affect farming but tourism and other developments as well hence Mr Tumaletse suggested that Tsabong be treated differently from other districts when developing policies, as its arid and desert-like conditions required a unique approach.

A resident, Ms Reginah Mosweu, pleaded for the utilisation of water from the Molopo River for household gardens and larger fields while Mr Reuben Mosimanyane, proposed that ground-water survey be instituted to save farmers money.

Mr Mosimanyane further advocated for the use of drones along the border to curb livestock theft, a significant problem in the area. Meanwhile, Tsabong District Council chairperson, Mr Elias Motlhanke urged the government to do more in educating the public about existing policies and initiatives and to seek feedback on their effectiveness. He also

pleaded for financial institutions like CEDA and LEA to ease their requirements, especially for women and youth, so that they could be motivated to engage in farming. He proposed providing special discounts on technology to further encourage their participation.

Ministry of Lands and Agriculture oragnised the meeting as part of a broader effort to revise the 1991 policy to position agriculture as a key driver of economic transformation.

The goal of the new policy is to promote sustainable, inclusive, and competitive agriculture, with focus on innovative technology and commercialisation.

Feedback from the community would be used to inform the situational analysis and propose new projects and strategies for the updated policy. The meeting underscored the community's desire for a policy that was not only robust but also practical and tailored to the unique challenges of their region. **BOPA**

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Council on debt collection mission

By Kefilwe Selotlegeng

MAHALAPYE - Mahalapye District Council will launch a debt collection drive to address the rising rental arrears owed

Gaborone DHMT leads in maternal death

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Gaborone District Health Management Team (DHMT) leads in maternal deaths.

According to Botswana Statistics Maternal Mortality Ratio report for 2023, out of 88 maternal deaths recorded in 2023, Gaborone reported 27 cases, followed by Francistown with 16 cases.

Most maternal deaths occurred in referral hospitals, with Gaborone recording 20 deaths and Francistown reporting 12 deaths.

Districts with the lowest number of maternal deaths were Tutume, Kgalagadi South, Kasane and Ghanzi, each reporting a single case.

Gumare, Good Hope, Kgatleng and Palapye each recorded two cases, while other districts, including Serowe, Mahalapye, Kweneng East, Ngamiland and Boteti, reported between four and nine cases.

The report highlights that the highest proportion of maternal deaths in 2023 occurred among women aged 30-34 years, followed by those aged 35-39 years and 40-44 years.

Notably, there was only one reported case of maternal death among women aged 45 years and above.

According to Statistics Botswana, this trend was consistent with previous years, with maternal deaths peaking among women aged 30 to 39 years.

The Maternal Mortality Ratio in Botswana slightly increased from 175.5 to 176.7 maternal deaths per 100 000 live births between 2022 and 2023, indicating a fluctuating trend over the years.

It says the country still had a long way to go in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target.

The top underlying causes of maternal deaths in 2023 included maternal disease conditions such as gestational hypertension with significant proteinuria, obstetric complications, unspecified abortion, obstetric embolism, spontaneous abortion, obstetric trauma, eclampsia, ectopic pregnancy, abnormalities of labour and excessive vomiting during pregnancy. **BOPA**

to Village Development Committees (VDC).

Mahalapye District Council chairperson, Mr Outle Segolame told the full council meeting recently, that the drive would also target land leases and would employ legal mechanisms as well as payments plans.

He said the council would

also explore monetising underutilised council assets through commercial leases and partnerships.

He said the council was in dire financial situation as the recurrent account was at deficit.

He also said a significant progress had been made in the housing initiative through collaborations with Madiba

Class of 1993, Mascom Wireless, VDCs and Ipelegeng.

He said the partnership had made possible, the donation of refurbished homes in Mmaphashalala, Maletle and Kalamare, adding that ongoing projects were underway in other six villages.

Mr Segolame said councillors should fast track the district's

development agenda by developing and finalising a district partnership charter to streamline engagement with NGOs, corporate and international bodies once areas of needs had been specified.

He also emphasised the need for public-private partnership within the council to manage collaborative projects. **BOPA**



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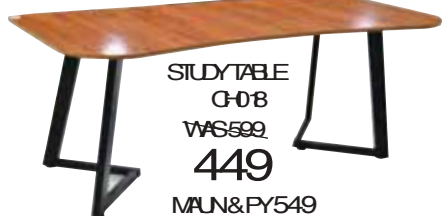
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GABORONE - Go setse ngwaga fela lefatshe leno le bo le keteka dingwaga tse di masome a marataro le ipusa. Go fitlha gompiano, kagiso e ntse e rena mme ebile ke tsholofelo ya Batswana gore go tsewelele fela jalo ka puso ya gompiano e beile kwa pele ditshwanelo tsa batho.

Mo godimo ga moo puso e itlamile go fetola sebopego sa lefatshe le matshelo a Batswana mo dingwageng tse tharo. Se, se bakile tsholofelo e ntsi gore puso e tswe ka mananeo a a nonofileng, a a tlaa isang lefatsheno leno kwa pele, go tswa mo go ikaegeng ka diteemane, le baya thata mo dikitsong le mehama e mengwe ya itsholele.

Mo nakong eno, Tautona Advocate Duma Boko le mothusi wa gagwe, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe, ba tshwere ka natla go leka go ngoka babeeletsi, le go batla maano a go tlhabolola lefatshe.

Ka tsholofelo e sa tlhabele ditlhang, Batswana ba esitse pelo mafisa gore kgabagare, seemo se tlaa tokafala. **BOPA** e ne ya buisana le bangwe, go utlwa dikeletso tsa bone gore jaaka lefatshe le gola, puso e lebe kae.

Rre Peterson Kahaka wa dingwaga tse di masome a mabedi le bongwe wa Makakung o kopile puso go sekaseka seemo sa bodiragatsi.

A re go tshwanetse gore fa Botswana a goroga kwa dingwageng tse di masome a marataro a ipusa, go bo go itshupa.

Rre Kahaka a re go nne le diphetogo tse di bonalang mo mohameng wa bodiragatsi, a re o eletsa go bona puso e thusa

badiragatsi ka madi, go netefatsa gore go nne le mafelo a a thusang Batswana go tlhama mmimo wa maemo a a kwa godimo, le go tlhotlheletsa ba bangwe go supa bokgoni jwa bone.

Go ya ka ene, Batswana ba na le bokgoni mme bana ba ba nang le ditalente ba le bantsi ba mo mebileng ka ntlha ya go tlhoka mafelo a ba ka gatisang mmimo kwa go o ne.

Rre Emmanuel Manda wa dingwaga tse di masome a mane le boferabobedi wa kgotla ya Kanamo kwa Mahalapye tsholofelo ya gagwe ke gore mo nakong eno a bo a setse a bereka, a na le bonno.

A re mananeo a a teng ga a akaretse ba dikgwebo tse di potlana, a supa fa sengwe sa dilo tse di diileng Batswana go ikagela e le go diega go bewa ditsha.

Rre Manda a re tsholofelo ke gore Botswana a goroge kwa dingwageng tse di masome a marataro dikgang tse di baakantswe, Batswana ba akole meamuso ya lefatshe ka gore bontsi bo tshela mo lehumeng.

Mme Moitsehang Mathwanyane wa kgotlana ya Botshabelo kwa Medie a re botshelo e ne e le kgotla-o-mone mo dingwageng tsa maloba le fa go ne go le leshekere, go sena ditiro le ditlhabololo jaaka gompiano. "Re ne re iperekela kwa namolo leuba, re epa letangwana la motse re rora mmu ka diemere re phakisiwa phaletshe e khibidu, supu le ngatana ya moretlwa wa sekgoa fa nako nngwe re ne re ja malutu a neng re a duba ka metsi re bo re ja. Re ne re ipelega go tlhabolola motse ebile re emana nokeng ka go ne go sena yo lalang



Rre Emmanuel Manda



Mme Letsogile Gosiambe



Rre Peterson Kahaka

ka tlala yo mongwe a ja," Mme Mathwanyane a supa.

"Re ne re tshwere ka thata re lema, re le dinatla go sena letlhoko la ditiro jaaka gompiano. Mongwe le mongwe o ne a bona gore o tsenya letsogo fa kae," Mme Mathwanyane a supa. Moruti Joshua Seitheko kwa Ghanzi o lebogile ditlhabololo tse di dirilweng ke puso e e fetileng le fa erile Botswana a tsaya boipuso ka 1966 ditlhabololo di bo di ne di le boutsana ka ntata ya letlhoko la madi le boitseanape.

A re dingwaga fa di ntse di tlhatlologana, ga nna le mananeo a a farologaneng, a a thusitseng go phatlalatsa ditlhabololo di tshwana le ditsela, maranyane le dikago.

Moruti Seitheko o gwetlhlile setshaba go tshwaragana le puso, go tla ka megopolo e e tlhabologileng go atolosa ditlhabololo tse di leng

teng, go tsamaelana le dinako tsa sesha.

Mme Letsogile Gosiambe wa kgotla ya Mhaphsa kwa Serowe wa dingwaga tse di masome mane le botlhano a re o tlhalefa Serowe a le lefifi, motlakase o bonwa kwa dikgotleng dingwe le diofisi tsa puso, ditsela tsa mekgwatha go le thata go tsamaya bosigo, sepatela se le sebotlana le ditlamelo di tlhela.

A re gompiano Serowe o a phatsima, bontsi jwa ditsela ke tsa sekonotere.

Mme Gosiambe a re dilo di a tokafala mo lephateng la botsogo ka puso e gorosa melemo kwa bathong, ba ba tlaa ipelela dingwaga tse di masome marataro ba sireletsegile.

O tlhalositse fa a solofetse go le gontsi mo pusong e ntsha ka e santse e tlhokometse kagiso le

thokgamo.

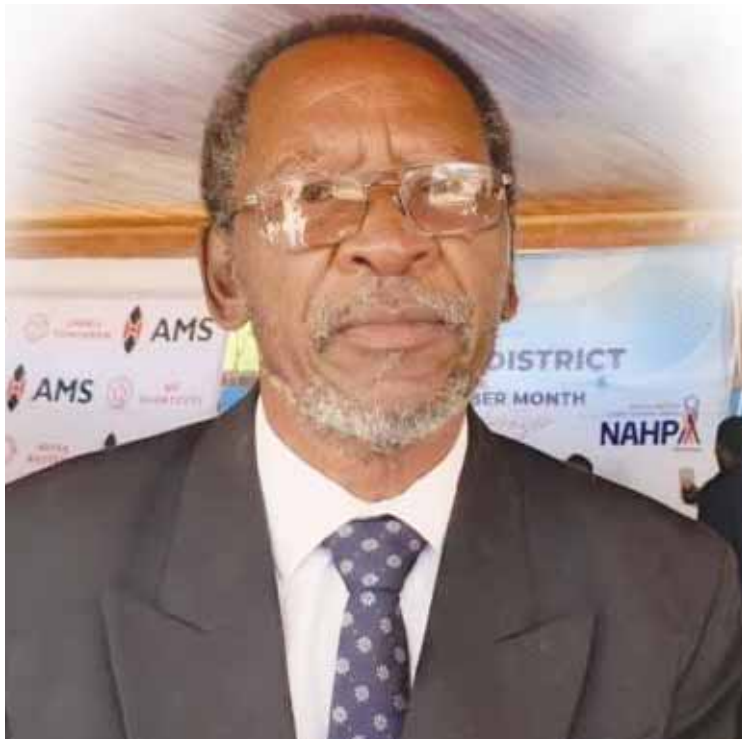
Rre John Kelesitse wa kgotla ya Mongala kwa Kanye o kopile setshaba go tsosolosa mowa wa mafisa o o neng o rotloetsa mowa wa boipelego.

A re mo dingwageng tseno, mafisa a tlhabologile ka puso e na le mananeo a a thusang Batswana go tlhabolola.

Rre Kelesitse a re fa e sa le Botswana a ipusa, ditsela di bonwa fela kwa metseng le ditoropo, fa masimo o ne a saletse kwa morago mme e le go ne kwa lefatshe le bonang papadi le dijo teng.

O kopile gore jaaka Botswana a tlaabo a ipelela dingwaga tse di masome a marataro a ipusa, puso e leke thata go tokafatsa seemo se.

Mme Gaoitsape Tembo wa Qangwa kwa kgaolong ya Okavango, ya gagwe tsholofelo ke gore jaaka Botswana a gogela kwa dingwaga tse di masome a marataro a ipusa ebile puso e fetogile, go tsibogelwe letlhoko la ditiro, puso e leke gore go nne motlhofo gore banana ba bone madi a go simolodisa di kgwebo. **BOPA**



Moruti Joshua Seitheko



Mme Gaoitsape Tembo



Rre John Kelesitse



Mme Moitsehang Mathwanyane



Keipeile Mantrakis Stoffel (second right) leaving Broadhurst Magistrate Court in Gaborone on Thursday after being granted bail by Regional Magistrate Mareledi Dipate. Stoffel was released on bail under conditions that he must not miss court dates, interfere with police investigations, or commit any further offences. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Court grants Stoffel bail

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE - Regional Magistrate Mareledi Dipate has granted Keipeile Mantrakis Stoffel bail. Stoffel is facing three counts of assault and ill-treatment of children.

Appearing before the Broadhurst Magistrate Court on Thursday, Stoffel was granted bail on condition that he bind himself with P3 000, and provide two sureties each binding themselves to the same amount.

It was also stipulated that he must appear before court without fail as and when required to do so.

The accused person was further ordered not to interfere with police investigations or commit any other offences while out on bail.

He is accused of unlawfully assaulting Pearl Montsho in the presence of minor children, including pressing a minor child's

collarbone, and of ill-treating children.

Meanwhile, a social worker, Ms Goabaone Mogapi, informed the court that Montsho exhibited signs of emotional distress in their past three meetings as she was not eloquent in her presentations, therefore recommending that, the victim (Montsho) be placed in a rehabilitation centre to facilitate her healing process.

The court was also informed that the three minor children alleged to have witnesses the assault, were currently relocated to safe havens; one relocated to her biological mother, while the other two were with Montsho's parents.

Consequently, Montsho was ordered to undergo psychosocial analysis and be placed in an environment far from the accused person and with minimal contact.

The case will mention on October 20. **BOPA**



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Position Overview:

We are seeking a qualified and experienced Measurement Engineer to join our dynamic team. The ideal candidate will be responsible for managing all aspects of measurement, quantification, and cost control on construction sites to ensure accuracy, compliance, and efficiency.

Key Responsibilities:

- Prepare detailed quantity take-offs and cost estimates.
- Verify site measurements and prepare progress valuations.
- Ensure accurate and timely measurement of construction works in line with project plans and specifications.
- Collaborate with project managers, engineers, and quantity surveyors on cost and material assessments.
- Monitor project variations and assist in the preparation of claims.
- Maintain accurate measurement records and documentation.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from a recognized institution.
- Minimum 10 years' relevant experience in the construction industry, particularly in measurement or quantity surveying roles.
- Additional qualifications or certifications in Quantity Surveying, Construction Management, or Project Management will be an added advantage.
- Proficiency in AutoCAD, MS Project, and measurement software such as WinQS or CostX.
- Strong analytical, communication, and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines.

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- Plan, coordinate, and oversee construction projects from start to completion.
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- Manage project teams including engineers, site supervisors, contractors, and suppliers.
- Monitor and report on progress, risks, and milestones.
- Ensure compliance with contract terms, building codes, and safety regulations.

- Prepare and manage project documentation, reporting, and close-out.
- Liaise with clients, consultants, and government bodies.
- Lead project meetings and drive problem resolution.
- Control variations, claims, and ensure profitability.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, Construction Management, or related field from a recognized institution.
- Minimum 15 years' experience in managing large-scale civil engineering or building projects.
- Proven track record of delivering projects on time and within budget.
- Registration with a recognized professional engineering or construction body (ERB) is an added advantage.
- Postgraduate qualifications in Project Management (e.g., PMP, PRINCE2) will be a distinct advantage.
- Certification in Health and Safety (e.g., OSHA, NEBOSH) is desirable.

Key Skills and Competencies:

- Strong leadership and team management capabilities
- Excellent planning, organizational, and time management skills
- Advanced knowledge of construction contracts (FIDIC, JBCC, etc.)
- Proficient in MS Project, Primavera P6, and project cost control tools
- Exceptional problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Strong commercial awareness and risk management skills
- Excellent communication and client relationship management
- Ability to work under pressure and handle multiple priorities

SITUATION VACANT: SITE AGENT (1No POSITIONS)

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- Assist with tender negotiations, variations and contractual administration
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- Monitor work progress, prepare daily and weekly site reports.
- Manage site logistics and resource allocation (labour, materials, equipment).
- Ensure quality control and adherence to construction methodologies.
- Resolve any unexpected technical issues or delays on-site.
- Conduct inspections and testing in accordance with relevant standards.
- Enforce safety procedures and site regulations.
- Assist in preparing cost estimates, material procurement lists, and timelines.

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from a recognized institution.
- Minimum 15 years' experience in site engineering, construction supervision, or a related field.
- Experience in infrastructure, building, and/or civil works projects.
- Registered with a professional engineering body (e.g. ERB) is a strong advantage.
- Certification in Construction Management, Project Management (PMP/PRINCE2), or Health and Safety (e.g. OSHA) is desirable.

Key Skills and Competencies:

- Strong knowledge of construction methods, materials, and safety regulations
- Excellent leadership and team coordination skills
- Proficient in construction software such as AutoCAD, MS Project, and Primavera
- Strong verbal and written communication
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- Time management and ability to handle multiple tasks
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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I, EDITH NOKO MOSETLHE, of ID No: 731025606 owner of plot 11199 Block 10, inform neighbours of intention to change land use to multiresidential. Contact Francistown Physical Planning office or 74514399/ 75301758 for any clarifications within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT M3402 Maun, Matshwane intends to change land use from single to multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to North west district council within 14 days of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PORTION 32 (Portion of 25 Farm Sentlhane No 18-KO) intends to change land use from urban agriculture to residential. For any objections contact physical planning department at JS planning @ 71628877 within 14 days.

AGNES DUDUETSANG OWNER of Plot 817 Mmadinare Phase 1 intends to change land use from residential to Commercial Guest House. Any objection contact Bobirwa District Council : 7619274 within 14 days

KEBONYE TUMAGOLE OF Lot 30713 Letlhakane would like to change land-use from intergrated farm to mixed use (50% Agriculture and 50% none-agriculture). For any objection, contact Boteti Physical Planning office within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Kutlwano Seth Mosimane, owner of plot 38600, Mogoditshane - block 5 wishes to change land use from single -family residential to multifamily residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council on 3105615 within 14 days of this application.

PROPERTIES

RESIDENTIAL PLOT No: N/A for sale at Serorome ward Palapye measuring 1200SQM with Customary Land Grant. Price 150 000.00. Contact 71636863.

HOUSE FOR SALE, Rasesa: 906,272 sqm. 2 bedroomed house, fitted kitchen, screen walled: P 570,000. 00. 77804442/ 72910506.

TUITION

ROYAL PRIMARY SCHOOL (ENGLISH MEDIUM) 2026 Enrollment now on standard 1 to 7 100% pass rate since 2004. Enroll children while spaces are available. Contact 4900540/71620771,Palapye.

VACANCIES

WANTED FOR VACANCIES 3 professional hairdressers, 2 beauty therapists, 1 administrator, 2 sales ladies.. To Director Pearls & Lilies, Box 42211 gaborone Cell 71381043.

HERDMAN WANTED IN Kudubane 2. Contact 75494661. Box 43 Letlhakane.

PHARMACIST VACANCY: REQUIREMENTS, B Pharm, BHPC Registered, valid blue card. Applications to be emailed to midnightpharmacy@gmail.com. Closing date 09 October 2025

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITTLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed Of transfer **No. FT 71/2004** registered on the **11th day of February, 2004** in favour of the late **BAREENG BALOTHANYI** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: one half undivided share in and to Farm No. 16-NQ;
SITUATE: in the North East Administrative District;
MEASURING: 807, 9064 (Eight Hundred and Seven Comma Nine Zero Six Four Hectares);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the registrar of Deeds within **three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 5TH DAY SEPTEMBER, 2025

BONOLO NKWETE
P.O. Box 1135, TONOTA, Tel: 71437844

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

Notice is hereby given to members of the public of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between Oakantse Motsumi (citizen) and Jordan Enterprises Pty Ltd, a Company incorporated in Botswana (non-citizen), for the sale of the hereunder-mentioned property, namely:

A CERTAIN SITUATED MEASURING HELD UNDER USE piece of ploughing field at Lecheng/Mapokwe Ward 120 X 550 X 522 X125msq. Palapye Sub Land Board Ploughing Field

For the consideration amount of P130,000 (One hundred and thirty thousand Pula only) to be paid in terms of the deed of sale.

Any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the afore-mentioned property is afforded the right to register such objection or interest, in writing, with the secretary of the Palapye Sub Land Board, P O Box 868 Palapye, within thirty (30) days of this notice, to receive priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above.

DATED at Serowe this 25th day of August 2025

Lost Title Deed

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No.FT TL 190/2003 dated 25-06-03** in favour of **NTSHEMANG GABOEKAE** in respect of;

CERTAIN : piece of land being tribal lot 2598 Maun,
SITUATE : at Kubung Maun, in the BATAWANA tribal territory,
MEASURING : 5033M2 (five thousand and thirty three square meters).

All persons having objections to the issuance of such a copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds in Francistown within **three (3) weeks** from the publication of this notice.

Dated: 05/09/2025

P O Box 270, Maun

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

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 34 of the Tribal Land Act ,that **MONICA METLHALENG** has entered in to purchase of Sale Agreement with **RE-RADAH INVESTMENTS(PTY)LTD** In the respect of the below mentioned property of the sum of P400,000.00(Four Hundred Thousand Pula only).

CERTAIN: Piece of land being ploughing field.

SITUATE: AT RASESA (Seleme)

MEASURING: 41861m² (Fourty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty One Square metres.)

DEVELOPEMENT STATUS: Developed.

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

Any citizen objecting to the transaction should do so, in writing to Mochudi Sub-Land Board within thirty (30) Days of the publication of this Notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST NOTARIAL DEED OF CESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession **No. MA 924/2021** dated 17th September 2021 made in favour of **SETHUNYA LEFATSHE (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 2916, Morwa;
SITUATE: at Belabela (Cadastre 22) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 9142 m2 (Nine Thousand One Hundred and Forty Two Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 924/2021 dated 17th day of September 2021 made in favour of **SETHUNYA LEFATSHE (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**

All such persons having objections to such copy being issued are required to lodge the same in writing to the **Registrar of Deeds Gaborone, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone** within **21 days** from the **second** publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Sepego Legal Practice, Applicant's Attorneys, Plot 19163, Moseitse Road, Gaborone West Phase 2, Gaborone, P. O. Box 1110 AAD, Gaborone, Telephone 3903157, Fax 3903152.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000163-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Matshwenyego Motsumi **ESHFT: 000163-24** who died at Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 12th December 2019.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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

DUBE J

CASE NO. CVHGB-003630-22

In the matter between:

GAONE KOOGOTSITSE

PLAINTIFF

And

DANIEL MOKOTI

1st DEFENDANT

MICHAEL NDLOVU

2nd DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICES

TO DANIEL MOKOTI, an adult male of full legal capacity residing at Gaborone (hereinafter referred to as the (1st Defendant). His better and further particulars are to myself unknown.

And

TO: MICHAEL NDLOVU, an adult male of full legal capacity residing at Block 7, Gaborone (hereinafter referred to as the (2nd Defendant). His better and further particulars are to myself unknown.

TAKE NOTICE THAT by Application for Summary Judgement by this court have been called to give notice within 14days after publication hereof, to the Registrar of the High Court at Lobatse, summary judgement to be entered against the Defendants, jointly and several the one paying the other to be absolved from liability, Plaintiff seeks the following reliefs:

- a) Payment in the sum of P190 000.00
- b) Interest at the rate of 10% per annum tempore morae
- c) Costs of suit;
- d) Further and/or alterative relief

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Respondents are hereby called upon appear before the court on the said date and oppose the application if so desired. Failing such appearance, the court may proceed to hear the matter and grant the relief sought by the Applicant in the Respondent's absence.

MBEWE LEGAL PRACTICE, PLOT 20727, BLOCK INDUSTRIAL,GABORONE, P.O. BOX 81556, 72 485 212 / 75 840 465

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 06th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

VACANCIES

WORKSHOP BRANCH MANAGER wanted, 15 years experience in auto body repairs, auto mechanics, auto electricals, specialised equipment in -ambulances, fire engines, mining equipment etc. Build very strong technical team, manage finances, strong client facing capabilities. Qualifications Journey man in autobody works. Apply: WEBBSMOTORS P O Box 20992 Gaborone; webbsgwest@gmail.com

WANTED GOLD SMITH with 20 years of experience in jewellery industry. Apply to P O Box 10152, Gaborone or Unit 218 Airport Junction Mall before 29th September 2025.

TIPZONE HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) Limited invites application from suitably qualified civil engineers and site agents with at least 2 years experience. Contact 76107921. Closing date 29 September 2025.

VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT:

Tswana Taste Restaurant is looking for individuals for the following positions in Pilane:

1.CASHIER

- Must know how to operate the till/POS System
- Handle payments accurately and balance the Cash Drawer

2.COOK

- Must know how to cook Tswana Food

Send your CV to:

tswanataste@gmail.com

FARM WORKER

WANTED at
CHASEWOOD FARM in
Oodi

Apply to:

Isaac Ntombela
P O Box 1339
Gaborone

Deadline: 10/10/2025

Ossy & Sons Investments
is looking for a Heavy Plant
Mechanic to be based
at Ghanzi

- The individual must hold advanced diploma in heavy plant mechanic with 15 or more years of experience.
- Please send all CVs to ossysons5@gmail.com
- Applications will be taken until the 16th October 2025
- Queries can be made to 3915747 or via email.

APPLICATION FOR LOST MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that **GLAZING BOTSWANA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** intends applying for the certified copy of **Mortgage Bond No. 295/2011** dated **2nd February 2011** and made in favour of **CHEVRON BOTSWANA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN SITUATE MEASURING WHICH PROPERTY : piece of land being Lot 18513 Gaborone; : In Gaborone West Extension 8; : 1225 m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Five Square Metres); : is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 467/93 dated 16th June 1993 and made in favour of GLAZING BOTSWANA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA) | Attorneys for Applicant
The Fields Precinct, Plot 54349 CBD, Gaborone
P.O. Box 1339, GABORONE | (TD/rf/M007873)

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 467/93 dated **16th day of June 1993**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN SITUATE MEASURING WHICH PROPERTY : piece of land being Lot 18513 Gaborone; : in Gaborone West Extension 8; : 1225 m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Five Square Metres); : is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 467/93 dated 16th day of June 1993 made in favour of the **GLAZING BOTSWANA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED;**

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA) | Attorneys for Applicant
The Fields Precinct, Plot 54349 CBD, Gaborone
P.O. Box 1339, GABORONE | (TD/rf/M007873)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000079-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Boago Monthe – **ESHFT 000079-23** who died at North East District on the 11th January 2023.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 01ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Oca Lydia Monthe
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O Box
FRANCISTOWN

P O Box 526
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AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ESHB 000833/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **THUSANYANG GOPOLANG** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye Central Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 27th day of June 2023.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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The Executor, Boemo Boss Gaolatlhe, P/ Bag 0021, Gaborone, Cell: 71629727

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 467/93 dated **16th day of June 1993**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN SITUATE MEASURING WHICH PROPERTY : piece of land being Lot 18513 Gaborone; : in Gaborone West Extension 8; : 1225 m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Five Square Metres); : is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 467/93 dated 16th day of June 1993 made in favour of the **GLAZING BOTSWANA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED;**

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA) | Attorneys for Applicant
The Fields Precinct, Plot 54349 CBD, Gaborone
P.O. Box 1339, GABORONE | (TD/rf/M007873)

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST NOTARIAL DEED OF CESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 261/2021** dated **22nd March 2021** made in favour of **SETHUNYA LEFATSHE (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of;

CERTAIN: SITUATE: MEASURING: HELD UNDER: Piece of land being Lot 8870 Oodi; at Oodi (Cadastré 20) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory; 1 204 m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Four Square Metres); Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 261/2021 dated 22nd day of March 2021 made in favour of SETHUNYA LEFATSHE (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

All such persons having objections to such copy being issued are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds Gaborone, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Sepego Legal Practice, Applicant's Attorneys, Plot 19163, Mosetse Road, Gaborone West Phase 2, Gaborone, P. O. Box 1110 AAD, Gaborone, Telephone 3903157, Fax 3903152.

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

DUBE J

CASE NO. CVHGB-003630-22

In the matter between:

GAONE KOOGOTSITSE
And
DANIEL MOKOTI
MICHAEL NDLOVU

PLAINTIFF

1st DEFENDANT
2nd DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SET DOWN

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT the above matter has been set down for ARGUMENTS at the above Honourable Court, before her Ladyship Dube J, on the **26th November 2025 at 0900 hours** or so soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE 2025.

MBEWE LEGAL PRACTICE | Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 20727 Block 3 Industrial, Gaborone | P. O. Box 81556, GABORONE
Tel: 3165578 | **Cell:** 72485212 | **Email:** info@mbewelegal.com

To : THE REGISTRAR
High Court
of Botswana
LOBATSE

And to: DANIEL MOKOTI
1st Defendant's
GABORONE
72780543

And to : MICHAEL NDLOVU 2nd
Defendant **GABORONE**
76573385/74012457

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000195-22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **WANANO BASHI NOAH ESHFT: 000195-22** who died at GWETA PRIMARY HOSPITAL, GWETA, CENTRAL TUTUME DISTRICT on the 28th MARCH 2022

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

TABUYA ELOSENG
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 166
GWETA

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

Republic of Botswana

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Disposal Ref. No: MTI/POU/GFM/SER/04 2025-2026

TENDER FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT BOARDED VEHICLES IN GANTSI, TSABONG, SEROWE, MAHALAPYE, SELEBI PHIKWE, FRANCISTOWN, GABORONE, MAUN, AND KASANE. NB. GABORONE WILL AUCTION FOR 3 DAYS.

- Only Citizens of Botswana and Companies wholly owned by Botswana citizens are invited for the purchase of Government boarded vehicles and plant items located at Gantsi, Tsabong, Serowe, Mahalapye, Selebi Phikwe, Francistown, Gaborone, Maun, and Kasane through public auctions.
- Lists of vehicles to be auctioned can be collected from Department of Government Fleet Management (GFM, former CTO) Allocations Office No. 7 upstairs (GFM Gaborone Village Supplies Block after GFM Fuel Point) and from the Transport Pool Offices of respective GFM Stations in Gantsi, Tsabong, Serowe, Mahalapye, Selebi Phikwe, Francistown, Gaborone, Maun, and Kasane. The lists may be collected during working hours between **07:30am** and **16:30pm** on weekdays starting from **15th September 2025**.

Enquiries / Queries relating to the issue of these lists may be addressed to the General Manager, GFM, Private Bag X048, Gaborone Contact: Ms K. Mudongo **Tel No. 393 4490/371 5824**, Ms W. Motila **Tel No. 395 2184 / 362 6244**, Mrs V. Molomo, Mrs K. Pusombe, or Mrs B. Mosesane; **Tel No. 362 6101 /6110 Fax No. 395 6466 / 313 2160** and at the said offices in outstations as listed below:

Dates of Auction Sales

	Location	Contact No	Dates
1.	Gantsi	6596506/221	8 October 2025
2.	Tsabong	6540089/262	9 October 2025
3.	Serowe	4620031	13 October 2025
4.	Mahalapye	4712761	14 October 2025
5.	Selebi Phikwe	2624522/2624425	15 October 2025
6.	Francistown	2410987	16 October 2025
7.	Gaborone	3626101/6105	14 to 16 October 2025
8.	Maun	6861221	20 October 2025
9.	Kasane	6251446/ 6250330	27 October 2025

- Prospective bidders shall tender a deposit of P200.00 (Two Hundred Pula) through point of sale non-refundable for each vehicle they intend to buy. (E.g. a bidder wishing to buy 2 vehicles (items) should pay a total of (P400.00) (Four Hundred Pula) in advance as deposit.

Collection of deposits in all stations will be done three working days before the day of sale from 0730 hrs to 1245 hrs and 1345hrs to 1630hrs. Viewing of vehicles is from 08:00 a.m. to 16:00p.m, three working days before the date of auction.

NOTE: There will be no collection of deposits or viewing of vehicles on the day of sale in all stations. The actual sale will start at 09.00 am in all the stations. Payment for vehicles will be strictly Point of Sale for the full amount and made payable to Botswana Government within 6 working days including the day of sale.

Items will be sold through a seated catalogue auction method in all stations. This means during auction, buyers will be seated in one area as opposed to going from one vehicle to the next and will be expected to bid by looking at the list or catalogue of vehicles being sold. Bidders may bring chairs and umbrellas for their own convenience.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid nor incur the costs relating to the bid presentation.

Director | Procurement Oversight - Government Buyer
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure

Stars to dazzle at Maitisong

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Veezo View, Puna Gabasiane-Molale and KX Legit are among the local stars billed to perform at this year's highly anticipated Maitisong Festival.

The cultural extravaganza, which will run from October 3 to 12, will include international acts such as Mozambique's dancer and choreographer, Janeth Mulapha, who joins the programme through a partnership with Alliance Française, as well as South Africa-based dramaturg, Alan Parker.

According to the festival director, Jessica Lejowa, the event was designed to foster collaboration between Botswana's creative talent and respected international artistes, highlighting a special showcase featuring South Africa's Shy Music alongside a local choir.

In addition, she said the festival would feature a rich mix of music, theatre and other artistic showcases across multiple venues in Gaborone such as Maitisong Theatre, Botswana Craft, main mall and the Unoversity of Botswana VAPA Theatre, among others.

"We want the festival to be accessible to the public," she said, adding that some shows would be offered at reduced fees, including a triple bill, featuring saxophonist Sebage Rabantheng, KX Legit and New Rule during the opening night.

Discounted tickets will also extend to a children's theatre performance by University of Botswana students titled, *Anansi*.

"We want to be more inclusive this year, hence we have entertainment tailored for children in the line-up," Lejowa said, noting that the festival regarded children as a valuable audience.

Beyond the headline performances, the programme will also feature a two Sundays local products market at the Maruapula school campus as well as a curated selection of workshops, master classes and financial literacy sessions for artistes.

According to Lejowa, the aim was to empower creatives in a sector where many remained vulnerable to exploitation.

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Afro Jazz sensation, Puna Gabasiane-Molale (left) is among stars set to perform at the Maitisong Festival billed for October 3 to 12 at various venues in Gaborone.



Hainan pushes for cultural-tourism integration

HAIKOU - At the Binglanggu Li and Miao Cultural Heritage Park in Baoting, a Li and Miao autonomous county in south China's Hainan Province, visitors are warmly greeted with Bolong in the Li dialect by everyone, from sprightly children to elders over 80.

The 80-year-old Fu Jinhua, a member of the Li ethnic group, was busy weaving traditional Li brocade.

"I'm very happy to work here in the scenic area. Every day, tourists come to see my work and some even place special orders for Li brocade," she said.

Within the scenic area, tourists can admire the intricate art of brocade weaving, experience traditional Li wedding customs, savour local tea and wine, and immerse themselves in the rhythms of everyday life.

"Visiting Hainan, which has a markedly different climate and

culture from my hometown, has been truly amazing. The Li culture here is so distinctive. We sang together, interacted with the Li people and had an unforgettable experience," said Ariun Gia, a tourist from Mongolia.

"We aim to make intangible cultural heritage both fashionable and immersive. By showcasing a variety of traditional skills, we want tourists to experience local people, the crafts and real-life scenes behind the heritage," said Chen Guodong, deputy general manager of Hainan Binglanggu Li and Miao Cultural Heritage Park.

From the ancient Li and Miao traditions to the distinctive Tanka culture and the international performances that captivate audiences worldwide, Hainan is integrating its diverse cultural heritage into tourism to drive growth and spending,

providing fresh momentum for the province's development as an international tourism and consumption center.

At Xincun Port in Lingshui Li autonomous county, sunlight danced across the neat wooden houses set atop fish rafts, revealing a place that is both the enduring home of the Tanka people and an emerging draw for visitors.

The Tanka-style homestays on the sea bring this unique culture to life, showcasing traditional handmade quilts, fishing nets that adorn the walls and even cups shaped like seashells.

Tourists can not only join the Tanka people in beachcombing and savouring freshly caught seafood, but also listening to their stories and exploring their historical traditions alongside modern developments. to perform in the city this November. *Xinhua*



Commonwealth Sport Botswana president, Botsang Tshenyego (centre) setting the tone for the King's Baton Day on Friday. The symbolic gesture marked the start of a journey that celebrated leadership, unity and the inspiring power of sport.

'King's Baton Day marks spirit of unity'

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Botswana on Friday joined the Commonwealth family in celebrating King's Baton Day with the official launch of the Baton Relay, marking its role in the lead-up to the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sports and Arts, Nancy Chengeta, said that while King's Baton Day marked the commencement of the global countdown to the elite games, it also served as a moving symbol of unity and friendship connecting all 74 Commonwealth nations and territories.

She said that for Botswana government, the day underscored its commitment to sport as a unifying

force and a vehicle for development. Chengeta extended gratitude to the Botswana National Olympic Committee, commending them for their meticulous preparations in showcasing Botswana's culture throughout the years, including the design of the country's individual Baton this year.

President of the Commonwealth Sport Botswana Botsang Tshenyego reflected on Botswana's past achievements through star athletes such as Isaac Makwala, Baboloki Thebe, Nigel Amos, and Amantle Montsho, saying their performances at elite competitions were proof that Botswana could produce

inspirational champions.

Further, he said that preparations for Glasgow were already underway, with investments in athlete support, coaching, competition exposure, and strengthening of federations to ensure effective execution.

"We want more medals yes, but we also want broader representation, especially of women and youth, and to see more of our sporting codes on the international stage," he said.

He encouraged athletes to maintain their momentum as they prepare for Glasgow, emphasising that many more historic firsts lie ahead for Botswana, while urging citizens to continue supporting the nation's athletes.

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Botswana athletics icons, Amantle Montsho (left) and Isaac Makwala carrying the King's Baton, symbolising the country's sporting excellence and legacy. Photos: Pheny Moalosi

Double victory for Dolphins

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Dolphins' men and women basketball teams have been crowned the 2025 Botswana Basketball League (BBL) champions following their exceptional victory against Police V in the best of three series championship finals played over the weekend.

The BBL champions will represent Botswana at the Zone VI preliminary club basketball championships.

Despite the cloud of muddle that has been hovering the league regarding sponsorships, the skirmish for the championship spot went all the way to the wire this season. With the league games at penultimate stage, only four teams been both Police V teams for men and women and their Dolphins counterpart, lived to fight another day. From Friday evening, all roads lead to Botswana National Youth Council courts for the BBL battle of titans as Police V and Dolphins men and women battled it out for the BBL national championship. In the men's games, Dolphins started the three games series on a high note with an impressive 67-50 victory.

With both teams evenly matched in terms of championship titles between them, the youthful Dolphins were on paper hot favorites to triumph over their much experience opponents as they have assembled an array of stars in their camp with Captain Kesaobaka Ndawanyana and national team player Thuto Gaborone leading the Dolphins offence.

Having triumphed over Police V twice in the regular seasons, Dolphins had a 100 percent win record going into the championship series and were out to complete what has been an incredible season by their standards.

A dominant performance by Kendrick Delahoussaye scoring 27 points with an average of 75 per cent shooting accuracy as well

as Gaborone's 9 points in the first quarter propelled the Dolphins to a commanding game one victory.

Affectionately referred to as 'Phins' by their diehard fans Dolphins carried on their game one wining mentality in to game two with Botsile Ramabu leading the team with 15 points and 6 offensive rebounds to seal the series in game two with a 70-54 victory for the Dolphins.

Police's Tanaka Ndyara put up a spirited performance with a game high 21 points but his teammates nonetheless architected their own downfall in the third and fourth quarter reflecting poorly on the offensive side of the court.

On the ladies side, Dolphins won the series 2-1 to be crowed the ladies champions after defeating Police 63-60 and 56-49 on both game one and three. Following their game defeat Police started off game two strong behind the hot hands of Sesupo Balosi's 14 points and the leadership of senior players, Kemmony Madikwe and Katlego Jankie who were no match to a smaller Dolphins defensive line.

The 'Poplets' levelled the series in game two winning 61-50 to force for a game three. Meanwhile Dolphin's dominance continued in the individual men's accolades, with Delahoussaye, voted Most Valuable Player and earned a spot in the All Star team, which included, Dolphins teammates Botsile Ramabu and Dom Thomas, as well as Tanaka Ndyara and Bokang Olebile from Police V Dolphin's Natasha Lopang, was voted the Women's Most Valuable Player.

In his post-match interview, Dolphins women's head coach Shalloh Matsetse expressed delight over his team's overall performance from the day the league resumed to the championship crowing. The league journey, he said was a roller coaster filled with lows than high but it was only through a spirited teamwork that his side bounced back in game three to win the series. **BOPA**



Dolphins women basketball team celebrating their victory as the 2025 Botswana Basketball League champions in Gaborone on Sunday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Relay stars end USA dominance

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana men's 4x400m relay team on Sunday, surged to an emotional and groundbreaking gold medal to end the long-standing dominance of their track nemesis, USA in a rain-soaked thriller at the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan. The victory, a first for Botswana and for the entire African continent in the 4x400m event, was a moment of national pride and evidence of the team's unwavering spirit. Despite the heavy rain pouring down during the final, the quartet of Lee Eppie, Letsile Tebogo, Bayapo Ndori and Collen Kebinatshipi stayed focused on the prize and delivered a performance that would be remembered for years to come.

When the team left for the World Athletics Championships, one of their main targets was to end USA's reign in the men's 4x400m relay, and they did just that. They delivered and danced in the

same rain as they celebrated the historic medal.

Botswana did it on the slogan, Pula! and on their currency, Pula!, with a time of 2:57.76. The USA and South Africa clocked the same time of 2:57.83, but the USA won the silver by a few thousandths of a second.

In an interview, the team coach, Chilume Ntshwarang, said he was happy with the team's performance because they had also followed instructions.

The intention, Ntshwarang said, was to obliterate the world record of 2:54.29 set by the United States team in 1993 at the World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, but the pouring rain was a hindrance.

"The rain was very heavy. It was difficult for the athletes to fully apply themselves," he said, adding that during their team talk they discussed all the possibilities.

"We said should we lead from leg one, we control, we don't rush because they might pass. If we are trailing,

we just guard and strike where it matters. And that's what they did," he said.

Meanwhile, at the last Olympics held in Paris, France, the USA had inflicted pain on the national lads as they snatched the championship right at the finish line, hence this time Botswana did not want to leave anything to chance.

On one hand, USA had fielded their reliable anchor leg, Benjamin Rai, who comfortably led the relay, but that did not help, as Kebinatshipi, who was running the anchor for Botswana, snatched it on the line.

The icing on the cake was when President Advocate Duma Boko spoke to the relay team, telling them that the nation wanted September 29 to be declared a holiday to celebrate their performance, and he could only declare a holiday if they agreed.

The team did not disappoint, as they delivered a historic gold medal and a holiday to Botswana to celebrate just

before Independence Day.

Meanwhile, the team brings home three medals which include a gold in the 4x400m men's relay, another gold from Kebinatshipi in the 400m as well as Ndori's bronze in the same distance.

Not only did the team win a first for Botswana and for the entire African continent, but the three medals at this year's World Athletics Championships, have placed Botswana in position five out of around 200 competing countries.

For coach Ntshwarang, the 2025 World Athletics Championships were Botswana's most successful excursion given that all the athletes made it to the semi-finals.

That alone, he said, had helped them to gain confidence and experience, adding that he was confident that they would do better in the future. **BOPA**



Botswana's 4x400m men's relay team, Lee Eppie (left), Letsile Tebogo (second left), Collen Kebinatshipi (second right) and Bayapo Ndori made history by winning Botswana's first ever gold in their category at the World Championships, which also marked the first gold for the African continent. Photos: Courtesy of World Athletics



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