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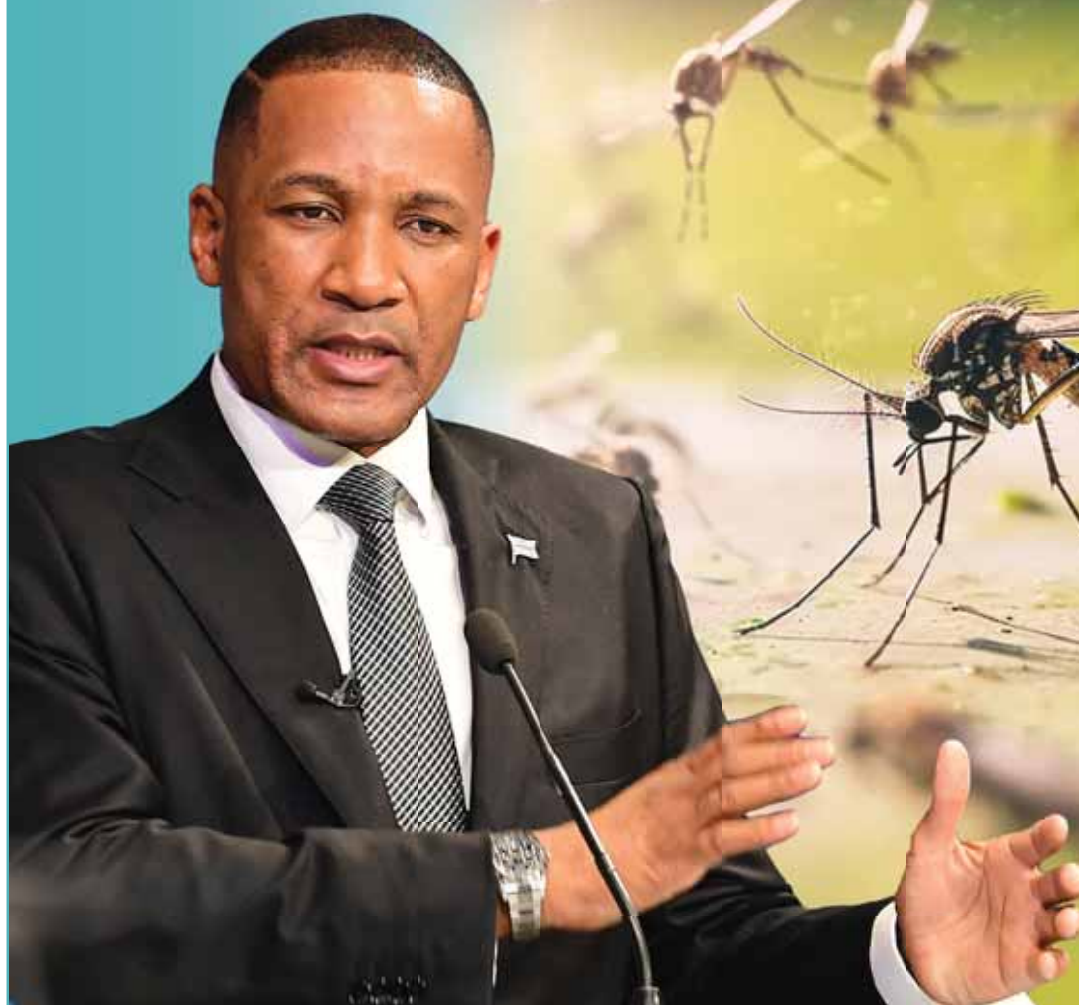
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Awareness campaign targets 450 villages

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Gambling Authority Botswana has launched its new flagship initiative for responsible gambling dubbed ‘Motshameko o phepa Public Education campaign’.

The initiative to ensure responsible gambling and fair play amongst stakeholders because gambling on its own is addictive if not played with responsibly.

The occasion marked an annual mass nationwide community based education programme aimed at raising awareness on responsible gambling in 450 villages in a period of eight months.

Launching the campaign, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima said the campaign was a symbol of the ministry and the Gambling Authority’s shared commitment to building a gambling industry that was not only safe and well-regulated, but also aligned with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles.

“ESG reminds us that an industry’s success is not measured by revenue alone, but also by the integrity of its governance, the inclusiveness of its social footprint, and the sustainability of its operations,” he added.

“From reaching 100 villages in its first phase, to 150 villages in the second, Motshameko o Phepha has left behind empowered communities who now understand the risks of gambling, the importance of moderation, and where to seek help when needed,” he added.

Mr Ntsima further indicated that building on this success, this new phase would extend to over 500 sites across Botswana, reaching cities, towns, and the most remote villages. This, he said was an unprecedented outreach, and demonstrated their determination to leave no one behind.

He said the campaign was more than gambling regulation, but also about protecting families, youth, and communities; ensuring that gambling contributed to the economy without compromising the wellbeing of the people. Mr Ntsima said evidence from the recent National Gambling Prevalence Survey demonstrated that about 13 per cent of gamblers in Botswana were at risk of problem gambling, while 3.4 percent already fall within the problem category.

These figures he said though slightly lower than the global average of 5–6 percent, they still represented a pressing social and public health concern. He said particularly concerning were the findings on youth and women, where nearly one in five young people aged 18–24 were at risk, and women increasingly affected as gambling becomes more accessible through digital platforms.

These trends mirror global shifts and highlight why our interventions must evolve. “Motshameko o Phepha is therefore timely. It resonates with Vision 2036, which envisions a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable Botswana, and it

supports government’s focus on social protection, empowerment, and strong institutions,” he added.

He said the Gambling Authority has shown leadership by continuously looking for ways to embed sustainability and ESG values in its mandate. ‘Beyond regulation, it is about education, partnerships, and protecting players. By working with village development committees, schools, NGOs, youth groups, faith-based organisations, law enforcement, and the media, the Authority ensures that this campaign belongs to all of us,’ he added.

He said that Innovative tools introduced, included a 24-hour toll-free helpline and digital platforms that provided counselling and real-time information. These interventions bridged the gap between awareness and practical support, ensuring that no one faces problem gambling alone.

‘While we reflect on the social dimension, we must also recognise the economic weight of gambling. Globally, gambling generates over US\$500 billion in Gross Gambling Revenue annually.

In Botswana, our industry currently averages P250million, and projections show this could exceed P1billion pula next financial year. The launch also saw the authority introduce the 800 metres sprint runner, Mr Nijel Amos as its brand ambassador, and a vibrant team of influencers. “Our message will travel further,

touch more lives, and inspire change.

Mr Amos’ profile and recognition, both in Botswana and globally, make him an ideal figure to draw attention to the message of responsible gambling,” he said.

As a well-known athlete, he also has a significant influence on young people, and partnering with him, the Gambling Authority could reach a younger audience

with the message of responsible gambling, potentially impacting their attitudes and behaviors early.

Mr Amos’s qualities, such as discipline, perseverance, and personal integrity, he said aligned well with the values of responsible gambling.

Social media influencers include Mma Rabachanaki, Van Gauteng, Sis-Six Comedian, Mawee Mokgware, Moshweshwe,

and others. Their voices, rooted in the communities, will amplify the message of responsible gambling across the nation.

The objective of the launch was to formally introduce the national initiative to the public, outline its objectives, and rally stakeholders and the wider public behind the Authority’s commitment to fostering a safe gambling culture in the nation. **BOPA**



Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima (centre), deputy permanent secretary, Prof. Goemeone Mogomotsi (left) and Gambling Authority acting CEO, Mr Moruntshi Kemorwale (right) with Gambling Authority’s brand ambassador, Mr Nigel Amos (second right) and a team of influencers at Motshameko o Phepa campaign launch in Francistown on Monday. The campaign will run for six months to amplify the message of responsible gambling across the nation. Photo: Ogo poleng Kgomoethata

Botswana makes strides in palliative care services

By **Lesedi Thatayamodimo**

GABORONE - Acting Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse, has underscored the urgent need to prioritise Community Home-Based Care (CHBC) and Palliative Care as core components of Africa’s health systems.

Speaking at the 5th African Ministers’ of Health Session on Palliative and Comprehensive Chronic Care held in Gaborone on Tuesday, to delegates and stakeholders from across the continent, Mr Ookeditse described CHBC and palliative care as “two critical pillars of the healthcare system, essential for delivering comfort, dignity, and sustained support to individuals living with chronic conditions or facing terminal illnesses.”

Mr Ookeditse highlighted Botswana’s progress in integrating palliative care within the broader health framework saying the key milestones included, the launch of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Policy, aligned with WHA67.19 and SDG 3.8 on Universal Health Coverage, adoption of the Integrated Community-Based Health Services Guidelines, institutionalisation of people-centered care as well as hosting of both the 8th International African Palliative Care Conference and the current 5th Ministers’ Session in Gaborone.

“These strides reflect Botswana’s commitment to ensuring no one is left behind in accessing care,” he said.

However, Mr Ookeditse

also acknowledged persistent challenges, citing political prioritisation, insufficient funding, limited rural coverage, and inconsistent access to essential medicines.

“Too often, urgent diseases overshadow palliative care, funding is insufficient, rural coverage is limited, and access to essential medicines inconsistent,” he said. Mr Ookeditse said Botswana was committed to strategic priorities aimed at embedding palliative care into the national health strategy and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) goals, mentioning among them strengthening policy frameworks, building a resilient, multidisciplinary workforce, ensuring consistent access to essential medicines, including opioids and scaling up community-based care models that empower families, volunteers, and traditional healers.

He further said they were yet to close gaps in children’s palliative care, ensuring dignity and support for every child, as well as promoting innovation and research, including deepening regional collaboration, endorsing joint declarations, and sharing best practices across borders.

Mr Ookeditse called on partners, particularly the African Palliative Care Association (APCA), World Health Organisation (WHO) and regional health bodies, to help scale up access, harmonise care guidelines, and invest in sustainable financing.

“Together, we can build a

continent where no patient or child suffers in silence, and where compassion is a promise, not a privilege,” he said and extended gratitude to all stakeholders, from grassroots volunteers to international partners, for their dedication to improving palliative and chronic care across Africa.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) representative to Botswana and SADC, Dr Fabian Ndenzako emphasised that the true strength of a health system was not only in saving lives but also in how it cared for people at the end of life.

“Palliative care is not a luxury, it is a human right, it is the compassionate response to suffering from life-threatening illnesses like cancer, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes,” said Dr Ndenzako.

Dr Ndenzako stressed that palliative care was both cost-effective and ethically imperative, describing it as central to health equity and sustainable development.

He added that it played a key role in humanitarian response, climate resilience, and peacebuilding.

He called on African nations to build health systems that cured and cared, ensuring no individual died in pain, isolation, or indignity.

Addressing the session virtually, WHO director-general, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, said more than 70 million people needed palliative care each year, but many did not receive it, especially in low- and middle-

income countries.

He highlighted the widespread lack of access to essential palliative care services, which were often underfunded, misunderstood, or simply unavailable in many parts of the world.

Dr Tedros highlighted that WHO was working with governments, communities, and frontline health workers to address the gap by supporting the integration of palliative care into primary health systems, expanding professional training, and ensuring the availability of pain relief and other essential medicines.

He further called on all sectors of society to take action, saying the health workers, could bring comfort and dignity to every stage of life, governments should invest in cost-effective services and policies that make care accessible to all and communities must raise their voices to demand dignity and compassion for people facing serious illness.

“Palliative care is not just about the end of life, it is about the value of life itself, every person should receive the care they need with comfort, respect, and dignity,” said Dr Tedros.

The session that was attended by various ministers from other African countries served as a platform for reflection and a rallying cry for renewed commitment to compassionate, inclusive healthcare systems in Africa, systems that affirm life, alleviate suffering, and restore dignity to the most vulnerable. **BOPA**

Envisioned collaboration sparks hope for digitalisation journey

By Keonee Majoto

NEW YORK - Botswana and Google's mutual desire to collaborate sparks hope that the journey towards digitalisation will gain momentum, and will someday usher the country's economy into a new setting, one not defined entirely by revenue from diamonds.

Therefore, the decision to adopt digitalisation as a strategy for economic transformation means Botswana should have in place the right infrastructure, as well as the skills and expertise necessary to thrive in the digital space.

The sentiments were shared by President Advocate Duma Boko in New York on Tuesday during his meeting with the vice president of Google Mr James Manyika.

President Boko said the development of digital infrastructure remained at the core of the noble aspiration to go the digitalisation route, and that Botswana was banking on possible partnerships with entities like Google who had firmly established themselves within the digital environment.

He also indicated that in delving into the space of digitalisation, skills and expertise on how to properly engage with the digital space were necessary, hence upskilling the population would be essential.

President Boko added that in spite of the immense possibilities found within the digital space, it was similarly fraught with many potential dangers, which required skill to be able to navigate away from.

He said tools that came with digitalisation such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) needed to be properly understood and to be handled properly.

The President informed the Google team that Botswana was keen to have sovereignty over its data.

"As a country we also want to maintain some fair measure of data sovereignty, where we have opportunities to have the data housed in-country. It would be the ideal approach for us," he noted.

In the end, he reiterated Botswana's keenness and readiness to partner with Google in the endeavour to digitalise and move the economy away from over-reliance on revenue from diamond sales.

Mr Manyika labelled Botswana's digitalisation aspirations as quite exciting, and stated that Google was equally keen to explore ways in which it could collaborate with the country.

Regarding the tech giant's work in Africa, he said the company had long-standing commitments in the continent, which began when it was just starting off in 2006.

He said one of the areas the company had focused on was infrastructure development, particularly connectivity infrastructure, which had been identified as one of the primary challenges for Africa.

"When Google was just starting in 2006, it got the first undersea cable to connect Africa, and has continued to be very focused in investing in Africa," he said.

Mr Manyika said the company had also opened its first Southern Africa regional cloud hub, a unified and centralised platform for managing data, applications and digital infrastructure.

He said he was optimistic that Botswana would take advantage of the cloud hub, which he explained was located in South Africa.

The Google vice president said the company was also opening up access to some of its products and tools, with an announcement in the past week that it would be giving free access to its AI tools to students in eight African countries.

Further, he said Google was committed to helping Africa build talent and capacity, saying in the last couple of years, the company had skilled more than seven million people to be able to operate effectively within the digital space. **BOPA**



Thor International director, Mr Kambole Sakala (left) handing over Starlink Internet device to Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting in Gaborone on Wednesday. Thor International donated 350 Starlink devices, each with 12 months subscription. Ms Mophuting said the donation complemented government's progress over the years through the SmartBots programme and reinforced Botswana's commitment to bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to ICT services. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Donation reinforces govt efforts in bridging digital divide

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - Assistant Minister for Presidential Affairs, Ms Maipelo Mophuting, has commended Thor International for gifting 350 Starlink internet connecting devices to the government, saying the donation aligns with the SmartBots initiative and the Digital Transformation agenda.

She expressed appreciation on Wednesday when receiving the donation, which she described as a leap towards realising the country's digital transformation agenda.

"This donation complements the progress that the government made through the SmartBots programme over the years and reinforces Botswana's commitment to bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to ICT services," she said, adding that the devices come with a 12-month internet subscription.

The Assistant Minister further said that currently, under the Village Connectivity Project's

Phase One, 1 138 public facilities had been connected in 144 towns and villages. For Phases Two and Three, she said 473 facilities were connected across the country, noting that 261 of those connections were through Starlink.

Ms Mophuting further said that the current Phase Four rollout, would cover 455 facilities, adding that the 350 Starlink device received would directly support the rollout to targeted 129 devices Dikgotla, 116 schools, 122 health facilities, 80 libraries, and eight youth centers. She emphasised that the donation would ensure that schools, clinics, libraries, youth centers, and dikgotla were equipped with reliable high-speed internet, noting that the impact would be immense.

Hence, she said the donation would strengthen digital learning and access to global knowledge in schools, as well as enable telemedicine, referral services, and improved patient care in the health sector.

Also, the donation, she said opens up innovation opportunities

for entrepreneurship, coding, research, and innovation for youth, while expanding citizen access to e-services and enhancing community engagement for the government sector.

The Thor International Representative, Mr Kambole Sakala, said the donation of 350 devices would enable thousands of children to access education, adding that the donation represented a partnership of shared vision between his company and the government.

He said the 350 Starlink internet devices, which would be installed across the country, were part of the company's corporate social responsibility.

Presidential Projects Advisor, Mr Omphile Sehurutshe, said the donation started with less than ten devices, but the figure eventually grew to 350 internet devices, including internet subscription for all devices for the first 12 months.

He added that such partnerships with the private sector were desirable as they have the potential to move the country forward. **BOPA**

Invest more in Malaria fight – Boko

By Keonee Majoto

NEW YORK - Challenges such as shrinking national budgets, rising biological resistance, humanitarian crises and the impact of climate change are making the fight against malaria more complex.

According to President Advocate Duma Boko, who is the chairperson of the Africa Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), the challenges required governments to widen their pools of resources available for the fight against malaria by embracing innovative financing approaches.

President Boko, who was speaking during a press conference co-hosted by

ALMA and the Global Leaders Network (GLN) on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Wednesday, urged countries and donors to invest more in the fight for the elimination of malaria from the continent.

"If we all come together, we will save 23 million lives from malaria, HIV/AIDS, and TB. We need to mobilise even more resources to respond to the critical challenges of the most vulnerable of our society," he said.

Chairperson of GLN, President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa said global health security was vital hence the need for collaborative work in order to secure health

and wellbeing of the most vulnerable; being women, children and adolescents.

He said after last year's meeting, challenges escalated, resulting in complete displacements, economic shocks and climate emergency.

Mr Ramaphosa said challenges of displacement, economic shocks, climate emergency and many others, reversed the gains that had been made.

He said some countries were falling short of meeting the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for the prevention of the Under Five mortality, with 65 countries running the risk of failing to reach the SDG on neonatal mortality.

Kenya president, Mr William Ruto said the question on malaria fight was no longer about whether Africa could finance its own health system, but rather how quickly and decisively it could do so.

He implored member countries of ALMA to work together in efforts to eliminate malaria from the continent.

Assuring ALMA's commitment to the fight against malaria, he said the country had since pioneered new models of health financing.

He said in 2024, Kenya launched a new national health insurance framework based on equity, sustainability and the need for universal access. **BOPA**

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Project cost escalation justifiable - minister

By Thandy Tebogo

KANYE - A number of factors have led to cost escalation on the Kanye Sanitation project from P700 to P3 billion, says Minister of Water, Sanitation and Human Settlement Mr Onneetse Ramogapi.

Addressing Kanye District Council meeting on Tuesday after touring the wastewater sanitation plant and pump stations for Kanye Sanitation Project, Mr Ramogapi therefore said the cost escalation was justifiable.

He said one factor was the large bedrock that covered the whole village.

Trenches, which were dug out for pipe fitting, he said needed to be covered with soil and were compelled to secure it from as far as Lobatse, which also came at a cost from those who had the mining rights.

Another factor, which contributed to the escalation, Mr Ramogapi said, was Cost Adjustment Price and Value Added Tax.

He further said initially compensation amount for those properties affected by the project was P5 million, however P37 million had already been spent on 1 119 properties.

He indicated that some of the stakeholders who were affected by the project were not cooperating, which led to more money being spent.

Nonetheless, he said the project would be completed in March 2026 as opposed to the initial completion date of November 2025.

He further urged councillors to encourage the residents to apply for connection so that they could benefit from the project.

In addition, he encouraged public education on proper usage of wastewater sanitation.

Commenting on the Minister's brief, Councillor Tebogo Thebeyame of Lodubeng Ward said they did not expect a budget variation of 100 per cent from the initial budget.

Therefore, he pleaded with the minister not to defend misuse of funds.

"This justification we are trying to do as the new government would throw us under the bus, somebody should account, and it is clear we still need more funds for the project," he said.

Another councillor, Mr Kgomotso Jacobs of Lorolwane Ward wondered if the project would require more funds and if it would reach its completion stage.

For his part, Councillor Pako Ramaselwana of Bagami Ward implored the minister to continue soliciting funds for the sanitation project, saying more investigations in to the project would delay it even further.

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One of the homesteads damaged during the construction of Kanye Sanitation Project. Minister of Water, Sanitation and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi told the Kanye District Full Council meeting on Tuesday that costs escalation incurred by government on the project from P700 million to P3 billion was justifiable. Photo: Thandy Tebogo

MP calls for district-specific agricultural policy

By Thuso Kgakatsi

HUKUNTSI - The new National Policy of Agricultural Development should be tailor-made to the unique agricultural potential of each district.

Speaking during a consultative kgotla meeting on the ongoing review of the 1991 National Policy on Agricultural Development, which was conducted by the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture in Hukuntsi recently, Kgalagadi North MP, Mr Reason Lekutlane.

He shared that it was not appropriate to adopt a 'one-size-fits-all' approach in drafting such policy, as farmers across the country face different realities.

"The new policy should, at this stage, be deliberate in providing programmes that directly benefit farmers according to their respective districts. It is not proper to have a policy that is the same for the entire country," he said.

Mr Lekutlane further advised that the revision of the policy should promote coordination and coherence within the ministry's departments.

He indicated that different departments within the ministry worked in isolation and in competition with each other, a situation, which undermined effective service delivery.

"These departments must work together, especially in identifying available land for allocation, zoning, and overall

land management. The office of the District Commissioner should also collaborate with them to ensure such harmony," he said.

On land use and conservation, he urged the ministry to take into account principles adopted by Conservation International, which he said could help farmers in Kgalagadi to deal with predators and maximise the productive use of land, as much of it falls under wildlife management.

Turning to water challenges in the district, the legislator addressed the much-delayed Ghanzi South and Kgalagadi North Villages Water Supply project, explaining that the matter was currently before the courts following a contractor's complaint over tender irregularities.

"Government has no control over the case at the moment, but once it is resolved the project will commence. When completed, boreholes currently in use will be reserved for cattle watering," he explained.

Mr Lekutlane pleaded with the ministry to ensure that through the new policy, water could be ferried to production areas, saying this would ensure that resources were channeled where they were needed the most.

Presenting a position paper on behalf of the constituents, Lokgwabe Councillor, Mr Tshireletso Molemele has called for bold reforms in the agricultural sector, urging government to ensure that

the new agriculture policy prioritised commercialisation, youth empowerment, and farmer-friendly support systems.

Mr Molemele proposed that the Arable Lands Development Programme be retained, as it used to benefit farmers.

He further suggested the introduction of an agricultural mentorship programme to encourage young people to venture into farming and help transform the sector into a commercial activity.

"Farming should not only be limited to Batswana, because many are not active and lack technical skills for commercialised agriculture. We need to treat agriculture as a commercial business that creates employment," he said.

Mr Molemele stressed the importance of supporting local manufacturers of feeds and fertilisers to drive agricultural industrialisation and reduce unemployment.

He also called for a review of the Matimela Act, noting that confiscating cattle with brands and baits was unnecessary since such livestock could be easily traced to their rightful owners. Mr Molemele urged government to ensure that Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) purchase prices were regularly reviewed to align with prevailing market rates.

He also pressed for reforms in borehole allocation processes

and encouraged the clustering of farmers to enable shared resources and enhance commercial viability.

On infrastructure, Mr Molemele emphasised that the policy should deliberately include developments to support large-scale production.

He highlighted the district's water challenges and advised that pit wells be recognised under programmes such as LIMID and CEDA, alongside boreholes.

Mr Molemele proposed for a review of stock taxation, especially the system used by middlemen who traded in cattle.

"Currently, middlemen tax per cow, but this is not properly captured within BURS systems. The policy should ensure fair taxation while protecting small-scale farmers below the tax threshold," he said, also calling for price regulation of middlemen to protect communities.

Mr Molemele said it was high time the country established a dedicated Agricultural Bank to provide farmer-friendly financial services.

He also called for the creation of a national pool of accredited water survey experts to offer standardised and affordable services, supported by a register to protect farmers from scammers.

Mr Molemele further emphasised on the need to promote agricultural awareness among non-pastoral and non-arable communities such as the Basarwa, who traditionally depend on hunting. **BOPA**

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Independence Day of yesteryear



The Queen’s Commissioner in Bechuanaland, Sir Hugh Selby Norman-Walker (third left), President Sir Seretse Khama (third right), Vice President Dr Ketumile Masire (right) and Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr Alfred Merriweather (second right) during the ceremony to mark the handover of independence to Botswana on September 30, 1966.



President Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama (centre), Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Mr Thapelo Olopeng (left) and Miss Botswana 2016, Thata Kenosi cutting Botswana’s 50th Anniversary cake at the National Stadium in 2016.



President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) awarding a Presidential Certificate of Honour to members of Mafitlhakgosi Traditional Troupe during Independence Honours awards in 2018.



Young Tshakedi Khama (third left) joining others in a Botswana Red Cross procession at the 1973 independence celebrations.



President Festus Mogae inspecting guard of honour at the 2005 Independence Day celebration.



Botswana police officers during a parade at the 1976 Independence Day celebration.



President Masire arriving for the 14th Independence celebrations in 1980. It was his first independence after assuming presidency following the passing of Sir Seretse Khama.



President Sir Seretse Khama (second left), with Zambia president, Dr Kenneth Kaunda (third right), Zaire president, Mobutu Sese Seko (second right) and other dignitaries during Botswana’s 10th Independence anniversary celebration in 1976.

Botswana gained independence from the British Protectorate on September 30, 1966, ushering in a new era under its founding president, Sir Seretse Khama. Since then, Independence Day has been celebrated nationwide with parades, cultural performances, and public gatherings that reflect the country’s unity and progress. Over the decades, leaders from Sir Seretse Khama to President Advocate Duma Boko have carried forward the spirit of nation building. Fifty-nine years later, Botswana continues to honour its journey from humble beginnings to a thriving democracy, celebrating both its history and achievements.



The Botswana Meat Commission Lobatse Tannery Revitalisation Project worth P218 million is anticipated to be complete by December. Colic Construction site agent, Mr Ermias Belay said the project was at 54 per cent, having completed civil works. The tannery consists of a hides processing area, chemical storage area, effluent treatment plant as well as an office block. Photo: Calviniah Kgauthe



Lobatse tannery revamp on track

By Calviniah Kgauthe

LOBATSE - The Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) Lobatse Tannery Revitalisation Project which is anticipated to create employment opportunities is on track, standing at 54 per cent completion rate. It is expected to be completed in December 2025.

This was revealed by Lobatse Town Council deputy mayor, Mr Legodile Mothibi when updating a Lobatse full council meeting recently. He said Lobatse continued to strive to shape its industrial innovation base, adding that the BMC tannery project was one of the critical economic revitalisation building blocks. Mr Mothibi said government had demonstrated commitment to its revitalisation and refurbishment having invested P218 million in the project which would restore operations and create about 80 full-time jobs. So far it has created 85 temporary employment opportunities.

The project, Mr Mothibi said was more than just a refurbishment but a strategic economic anchor for the development of meat and leather value chains across Botswana. Once operational, he said, the revitalised tannery would process hides to wet-blue stage, laying the foundation for downstream investment in leather goods which included shoes, bags, belts, and more to be manufactured at the planned Leather Park City.

"This is Phase I of a broader industrial vision, and will stimulate Phase II, attract investors

and unlock new economic opportunities. This is how we build a future for Lobatse by turning legacy into potential, and potential into progress," he said.

On other mega projects in the town Mr Mothibi said the construction of the BMC Meat Value-Addition and Secondary Processing Plant was also progressing well, currently at 34 per cent completion rate. It is constructed by China Jiangsu International Botswana with AMA Projects as Project Manager. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 2026.

Regarding the Milk Valley Farm project, he said it was currently managed by the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) targeted at reducing imports and increasing local milk production in line with the National Dairy Strategy.

"The farm is now operational with 250 cows. The intention is to have 2 000 animals at full capacity, to be achieved through local sourcing and artificial insemination. The project is already supplying, though not at full capacity, both businesses and households with milk," he said.

On yet another project, Mr Mothibi said Lobatse Clay Works (LCW) had been successfully resuscitated after closure in 2017 due to operational challenges adding that the plant was refurbished in November 2024, with modernisation works that replaced outdated equipment, improved energy efficiency through hybrid systems, and

enhanced brickmaking process.

At present, he said, LCW boosted of a strong pipeline of government projects and was also pursuing private sector clients and working on clinching export opportunities through sales and marketing campaign. The company have so far created 154 jobs and expected to employ up to 240 people once it was fully operational to contribute significantly to Lobatse economic revival.

Additionally, Mr Mothibi said the town was boosted by Delta Motives company -an automotive electrical manufacturer based in Lobatse which produce exclusively for export. He told councilors that the company had already employed 327 people out of which 75 per cent were women and 95 per cent citizens. The company recently secured major contracts with Nissan and Volkswagen and it has plans to expand its workforce to 1 000 within four years.

Mr Mothibi underscored that the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) was recently launched to demonstrate government commitment to building a high-income economy that was digitally-enabled, export-driven driven and economically diversified, where every citizen was employed, empowered and fulfilled.

"We are duty bound to ready Lobatse for Investment opportunities that may emanate from BETP and ensure our developmental agenda aligns with this national drive." **BOPA**

'Cancellation of alcohol levy unlikely to benefit consumers'

By Manowe Motsaathebe

BOBONONG - Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima says the cancellation of alcohol levy, which stands at 35 per cent, will not benefit consumers as presumed, but will be of benefit to alcohol businesses and or traders.

When responding to comments, during a consultative meeting on the liquor amendment bill 2025, in Bobonong, Tuesday, Mr Ntsima explained that if and when the government cancelled the alcohol levy, beer prices would not be reduced as was expectation by some advocates of scrapping of the levy in question.

He clarified that rather, businesses or traders in alcohol would keep the levy and use it to grow their businesses.

"They will find some justifications as to why they cannot reduce prices of alcoholic beverages while simultaneously enjoying the levy much to the benefit of their businesses," minister Ntsima said and revealed that his claim was a product of meetings with some big alcohol producers and or traders.

The minister said that the only feasible solution currently would be to advocate for the retention of the levy at the current percentage.

"Most importantly, the government can build rehabilitation centres and help rehabilitate alcohol addicts," he said.

The minister also cleared that liquor restaurants operated on an exemption not to apply for liquor license.

He said that with a restaurant license, an operator can automatically sell liquor.

"The onus of control and protection of minors is on the parents and guardians to ensure that children accessing liquor restaurants do not come to contact with alcohol," minister Ntsima said when responding to queries on age restriction at liquor restaurants.

Some residents had observed that liquor restaurants exposed underage kids to alcohol while they were there for food.

The minister said that the said exemption was a way of easing doing business as some patrons enjoyed their meals with alcohol.

On other issues, Mr Ntsima said that where traditional brews were sold at homes, there ought to be some demarcation between the business side and the home side so as to protect kids from being exposed to liquor.

"We don't have to be oppressive in approach, but we have to work together to ensure that underage children and or minors are protected at all times," Mr Ntsima said and added that only traditional brews were sold from such home-based operations.

The minister also indicated that bars and liquor holes that played music would be required to have their facilities sound-proofed to avoid being a menace and nuisance to neighbours.

While speaking at the same event, area Member of Parliament, Mr Taolo Lucas called for brewing and preservation of local traditional brews in large scale.

He said that when produced and preserved in large quantities, such brews as palm wine and setopoti (watermelon brew) may be enjoyed all year round while also creating jobs and wealth for locals.

Mr Lucas said that eventually, local brews could be exported the same way Batswana enjoyed imported liquor.

"Let's think differently... alcohol should be consumed moderately and responsibly," the Bobirwa legislator said and argued that alcohol had never been a problem, but the irresponsible consumption.

Some speakers like Ms Sylvia Phethu advocated for 24-hour taverns where patrons could enjoy alcohol while relaxed in the knowledge that they had ample time.

She argued that shortening liquor trading hours forced patrons to guzzle too much alcohol in a short period of time, under pressure.

"And let there be stiffer penalties for those who ignore sound-proofing their buildings because the community decries bitterly such noise especially at night when people should be resting," Ms Phethu said.

One Mr Sediba Robert called for clear regulations regarding musical activities at the bar premises.

He wanted the ministry to clarify who should hold live band performances and under what conditions since such activities were staged outside the bar yet within the premises or complex.

He argued that such events would obviously offend the calls for music to be played indoors and under sound-proofed facilities.

"Sometimes there's a grey area between how far the police can enforce and how the byelaw can intervene, and the subsequent punitive actions for perpetrator," he said. **BOPA**

Republic of Botswana

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

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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
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8.	Maun	6861221	20 October 2025
9.	Kasane	6251446/ 6250330	27 October 2025

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Tlanelo Charle	09/08/2017	Deferred	Setaphanse Khumalo	01/05/2025	Active	David Motswagodisa	26/09/2008	Deferred
Cathrine Coetzee	26/06/2025	Active	Israel Lekalabuswa	16/06/2025	Active	Samuel Mpebe	12/02/2013	Deferred
Bagwasi Disang	16/10/2013	Deferred	Tshegofatso Majaga	20/02/2025	Active	Omphemetse Ndori	30/12/2024	Active
Gaboutlwelwe Gabaitsiwe	27/03/2024	Active	Onkemetse Modiegi	06/02/2025	Active	Future Nkhutelang	31/05/2025	Active
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Leonard Jerusalem	15/02/2025	Active	Gofaone Moloi	16/07/2025	Active	Magosi Rantsiripane	22/07/2025	Active
Balebetse Kabelo	23/04/2021	Deferred	Daniel Monnawapula	28/03/2023	Deferred	Nchidzi Sekgoma	30/03/2025	Active
David Kasauka	24/11/2024	Active	Tlhabane Mookodi	14/01/2006	Deferred	Mmannana Totolo	11/05/2025	Active
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Finding a better way

Court to decide on rape charge validity

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

MOCHUDI - Magistrate Queen Moanga of Mochudi Magistrate Court is set to deliver a ruling on October 14 regarding whether the charge of rape against founder of Divine Anointing Church International, Goitsekgosi Mojadigo should stand.

This follows arguments presented in court on Wednesday concerning the nature of the alleged offence.

The case took a turn when the defence lawyer, Mr Olehile Manchwe, submitted that there was consent between the accused and the complainant.

Contrary to the charge sheet dated June 19, 2024, which alleged that the accused unlawfully had carnal knowledge of the complainant without her consent in Morwa, Mr Manchwe argued that, during cross-examination, witnesses testified to the presence of consent.

He further explained that with consent, the offence fell under a different category that of sex obtained under false pretences.

According to Mr Manchwe, the narrative of the victim indicated that she went to the accused's house for an exorcism, during which she willingly undressed and allowed the accused to retrieve a condom and performed the exorcism, although she complained about the duration.

He contended that this behaviour suggested the complainant was

not entirely unaware of the sexual activity.

Therefore, he said, even if she was deceived, it did not necessarily constitute rape.

He advised the court to consider further proceedings to clarify the case and suggested amending the charge sheet to specify the offence more accurately.

Meanwhile, the the state prosecutor from Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Ms Seeletso Ookeditse, informed the court that section 141 of the Penal Code stated that consent could be obtained through false pretences.

Consequently, she said this meant there may be no genuine consent.

She also pointed out that section 149 of the Criminal Act allowed the DPP to amend the charge sheet

as long as this did not prejudice the accused.

Ms Ookeditse argued that all witnesses discussed false pretences, and during cross-examination, it emerged that the victim visited the accused's house for sexual cleansing.

She highlighted that the victim's enquiry about a scripture related to sexual cleansing indicated doubt, and the fact that the accused denied knowing about this, suggested he was aware he was involved in a different purpose with the complainant.

Furthermore, the court was told that when the victim complained about the accused taking too long, he allegedly pleaded with her to ejaculate, an act Ms Ookeditse said qualified as sexual intercourse rather than a cleansing ritual. **BOPA**



Goitsekgosi Mojadigo (centre) appearing at Mochudi Magistrate Court on Tuesday. The court will on October 14, deliver a ruling on whether the rape charge against Mojadigo is valid. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Gopong man convicted for raping minor

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - Lobatse Magistrate Court has found a 28-year-old man of Gopong, Tlhalefang Sekwaere, guilty of raping a 14-year-old girl of Lerwana.

Sekwaere, who appeared before Chief Magistrate Rebecca Motsamai on Monday, was ordered to submit fingerprints and will appear for sentencing on October 14.

The court heard that the accused raped the victim three times without protection on October 10, 2024, when the victim was on her way to school.

The victim escaped while Sekwaere was allegedly trying to rape her for the fourth time and sought help from school. The matter was then reported to the police who conducted investigations and arrested the accused on November 11, 2024.

Though Sekwaere pleaded not guilty to the offence, the prosecution proved beyond reasonable doubt that he was guilty, as analysis of blood samples extracted from the accused for DNA comparison reflected that there had been sexual contact, which brought the accused to book.

The accused, who denied the offence, claimed that he was at work at the time when the incident was said to have occurred.

The accused has another pending judgement in another rape case involving a minor, which will be delivered on October 8. **BOPA**



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2.2. Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding

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‘Somarelang ditsa-tlholego’

Ka Tshiamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE - Mopalamente wa Serowe Bophirima, Rre Onalepelo Kedikilwe o rotloeditse banni ba kgotla ya Malela kwa Serowe go tlhokomela tikologo le ditsa-tlholego tse di mo mafelong a bone.

Rre Kedikilwe o buile seo, mo phuthengong ya kgotla kwa kgotleng eo bosheng, kwa a neng a bolelela banni ka melao kakanyetso e e fetisitsweng kwa palamenteng e e fetileng le go tsaya matshwenyego a bone.

A re ga ba a tshwanela go tshuba naga e ba tsheleng mo go

yone ka gore ba tlaabo ba nyeletsa ditlhare dingwe le majang, tse di ba thusang mo botshelong, a bolela fa go tshuba naga ele molato fela o motona.

O tlhalositse fa kwa dipolaseng le masimo balemi-barui, ba tshwanetse ba dira dikganedi tsa melelo go itsa gore molelo o je phulo le go bolaya diphologolo tsa naga.

A re ba tshwanetse ba tlhokomele ditlhare tsa mophane ka e le tsona tse phane e tshelang ka tsone.

Rre Kedikilwe a re phane e tshwanetse ya bapalwa mo go siameng, a bolela gore fa motho

a e bapalela go ja ga a duedisiwe sepe mme fa a bapalela kgwebo a duela.

O ne gape a rotloetsa banni go phepafatsa tikologo e ba nnang mo go yone gore e seka ya kgotlelesega, a tlatsa ka gore kwa masimong le meraka batho ba seka ba itlhomea gongwe le gongwe ka ba ka bakela leruo malwetsi a tswana le bolwetse jwa mabele.

Fa a bua ka tse dingwe, Mopalamente o ne a rotloetsa banni go tsenelela diphuthago tsa kgotla fa di biditswe ke bogogi le mapalamente gore ba itsi ka mananeo a puso a a leng teng.

O ba tlhaloseditse fa puso gompieno e sena madi, mme ba tshwanetse go nna pelotelele ka gore ditlhabololo dingwe tse di

neng di tshwanetswe go dirwa di tlaa ema pele. A re diteemane tsa Botswana ga di rekiwe jaaka bogologolo jaanong puso e mo leshekereng.

Fa ba mo kgwa dikgaba banni ba ledile thata ka go diega ga lephata la kabo ditsha la Serowe go ba abela ditsha tsa bonno.

Mongwe wa ba tsena phuthago eo, Rre Malebogo Manamela, a re diphatlha tsa ditsha di dintsi fa fa gare ga motse, ka jalo bna lekgotla la kabo ditsha ba ka bo ba diabela banana ba lese go lwela le batsadi malwapa.

Rre Manamela o kopile gore go fiwe banana ditsha tsa masimo gore ba leme ba bo ba rue mo go tsone ka go sena ditiro.

O ngongoregile gape gore lephata la kabo ditsha gle kgona

go baya batho ba ba tlhatlaganya golo gongwe mme m ogo felele go tsositse dikgotlhang. O ne a kopa gore lekgotla le lebelele batho ba ba ipayang lefatshe ntle le lephata la kabo ditsha.

Rre Rabanna Manyala ene o ngongoregile ka magodu a a ba apesitseng kobo ka letshoba ba utswa leruo la bone. Rre Manyala a re se se utlwisang botlhoko ke gore batho ba go nna jalo ba a tshwarwa, mme morago ba a gololwa.

Mme Goabamang Letlhare ene o ne a ngongorega ka bana ba dikole, ba a reng ga ba laolesege ke botlhoka-tsebe mo go felelang maduo a bone a wetse kwa tlase fela thata, ka jalo a kopa gore thupa e bereke mo go ba ba tlhokang tsebe. **BOPA**

Ditsamaiso tsa kabo ditsha di tshwanetse tsa fetolwa

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Tswapong South Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang a re puso e tshwanetse ya fetola ditsamaiso tsa lekgotla la kabo ditsha mme go dirwe tse di sha.

O buile se bosheng kwa diphuthengong tsa kgotla kwa metseng ya Ramokgonami le Maape kwa a neng a ile go lekola banni ba kgaolo ya gagwe ya botlhophi.

A re lekgotla la kabo ditsha le tshwanetse le dirwe sesha go bo go dirwe ditsamaiso tse disha tse di tla a sologelang Batswana molemo.

Ka jalo a re lekgotla la kabo ditsha le tshwanetse le soboke ditsamaiso tsotlhe tsa lefatshe kana ditirelo tsotlhe mme di kgobokane golo go le gongwe go na le gore di nne kwa ntle ga lekgotla leo.

A re go fetola gotlhelele ditsamaiso tsa lekgotla la kabo ditsha go tlaa dira gore Batswana ba bone ditirelo ka bonako, ka tse ba di tlhokang ba tlaa bo ba di bona golo go le gongwe.

Dr Gobotswang o ne a tlhalosetsa banni fa ditsamaiso tse di tshwanetse di soboke ditirelo tsotlhe tse di dirwang kwa lekgotleng la kabo ditsha.

A re ga go na go nna motlhofo gore Batswana ba fiwe ditlamelo tse di kgotsofatsang bontsi jwa tse ba tshwanetseng ba di dire di tsewa kwa maphateng a sele.

O ne a supa fa ditsamaiso tsa ditirelo tsa lefatshe tse di dirisiwang mo nakong eno di ka seka tsa isa Batswana gope fa di ka tswelela di dirisiwa ka go lemotshegile fa di sa berekele Batswana e bile ba ngongorega ka tsone lefatshe ka bophara.

A re mo nakong eno Batswana

ba lela ka lekgotla la kabo ditsha mme ba lekgotla la kabo ditsha le bone ba a lela ka go sena gore ba ka thusa setshaba jang, ka ba tshwerwe diatla ke ditsamaiso dingwe tse di ba tlamang.

Dr Gobotswang a re ditsamaiso tsa ba kabo ditsha di siilwe ke nako ka jalo go tshwanetse go lebiwe sentle gore Batswana ba ka emisa selelo sa kabo ditsha jang.

O ne a supa fa a tla a isa mogopolo kwa palamenteng wa gore ditsamaiso tsa kabo ditsha di fetolwe ka di siilwe ke nako e bile di sa direle Batswana sentle.

A re go sebaka se seleele Batswana ba lela ka dikgang tse di amang lefatshe.

E ne e rile go le pele, banni ba metse eo ba supa matshwenyego ka thuso e ba e fiwang ke ba lekgotla la kabo ditsha le le kwa motseng wa Sefhare, bangwe ba supa fa ba sale ba kopile go bewa ditsha mme ba sa di bewe fa bangwe ba supile fa go tsaya nako e ntsi go fetola maina a ditlankana tsa ditsha tsa bogolog jang mo ditsheng tse ba neng ba di fiwa ke batsadi ba bone kana bangwe ba ba neelang sephatlo sa ditsha kana sa masimo a bone.

Ba ne ba dumalana le mopalamente wa bone gore a ise mogopolo o a o akantseng kwa palamenteng ba supa fa ba na le dingwaga ba ngongorega ka go bewa ga lefatshe.

Mo go tse dingwe Dr Gobotswang o ne a kopa balemi ba kgaolo ya gagwe go somarela dipeo tsa tlholego nako tsotlhe fa ba sena go roba gore ba di dirise mo nakong ya temo e e latelang.

A re go supafetse fa dipeo tsa tlholego di siametse seemo sa loapi sa lefatshe leno mme fa ba ka di ikanya ba ka bona thobo e e kwa godimo. **BOPA**



Mopalamente wa Serowe North, Rre Onalepelo Kedikilwe a buisa banni ba kgotla ya Malela kwa Serowe bosheng. O ba rotloeditse go tlhokomela tikologo le ditsa-tlholego tse di mo mafelong a bone. Senepe: Baldwin Nyamande

Ba Bray ba tlaa keteka boipuso

Ka Cathrine Simane

BRAY - Kgosi Olopeng Ramasesane wa Bray kwa kgaolong ya Tsabong a re dipaakanyong tsa boipuso jwa dingwaga tse di masome a matlhano le boferabongwe e bile e le matlhagoalela a masome a maratato, di tsweletse sentle kwa motseng oo.

Kgosi Ramasesane o boleletse BOPA fa dikgaolo le metse ka go farologana di ikemetse ka dinao go ipelega ka puso e supile fa go sena madi a ba ka a abelwang go keteka boipuso.

A re sengwe le sengwe se tsamaya ka thelelo ka ba setse ba kgobokantse madi go tswa kwa dikgotlaneng tse nne tse di mo motseng, dikereke le maphata a puso.

Kgosi Ramasesane o tlhalositse

fa a ne a bitsa diphuthago, go rerisana le banni, go tswa ka megopolo gore ba eletsa go keteka boipuso jwa monongwaga jang, mme go na le badiragatsi ba ba itshupileng gore ba tlaa natifisa ba akaretsa balekane ba boipuso, dikhwaere, mmimo wa setso le poko.

A re thulaganyo yotlhe ya go ipelela boipuso e tlaa direlwa kwa kgotleng le dijo tsa motshegare di tlaa jelwa teng.

E re ka Bray a le gaufi le molelwane wa South Africa, Kgosi Ramasesane a re ba laleditse baagisanyi go tla go itumela le bone, le go ithuta ka fa Batswana ba ipelelang letsatsi leo ka teng.

O supile fa setlhopha sa kgwele ya dinao sa Molopo social club sa Bray-Botswana le Bray Masters Club go tswa South Africa, di

tlaa thulana go natifisa letsatsi le.

Kgosi a re go tlaa nna gape le thulaganyo e e tlaa bong e itebagantse le bana ba sekole se se botlana sa Bray, go ba botsa dipotso mabapi le boipuso mme ba ba fentseng ba abelwe dimpho, se e le tsela nngwe ya go ba akaretsa mo dithulaganyong tsa mokete wa boipuso.

O kopile le go gakolola banni ba Bray go keteka letsatsi la boipuso ka tlotlo, kagiso le thokgamo, ba ikgaphe mo go tsotlhe tse di duleng mo tseleng.

Mongwe wa bagodi mo motse, Mme Intshwareleng Balatlheng o supile fa boipuso jwa dingwaga tsa gompieno bo farologana le jwa bogologolo ka bo ne bo ikaegile ka go ipelega, fa gompieno batho ba goga dinao ka ba batla go direlwa ke puso. **BOPA**

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference:
ESHGB-000009-19

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **EDWARD JAMES KEMSLEY** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane Kweneng District,Botswana on the **15th day of April 2018.**

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

Any objection on the Estate Account may be lodged to the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS _____ DAY _____ 2025

The Executrix Dative | **Tebogo Donnah Kemsley**
C/O Akheel Jinabhai & Associates
P O Box 20575, GABORONE

The Executrix Dative | **Kelatlhe Kemsley**
C/O Briscoe Attorneys
P O Box 402492 | GABORONE

RAMATEA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL T/A RAVOS TECHNICAL COLLEGE:

SEPTEMBER 2025 INTAKE IS ON: CALL 5403361 / 5441752 : ENROLL NOW
NOW OFFERING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DIPLOMA (TEACHING) PROGRAMS
GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE FOR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS.
CURRENT COURSES OFFERED: **ENROLLMENT STILL OPEN.**

1. Certificate in Early Childhood Education (1 year)
2. Certificate in Early Childhood through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) 6 months
3. Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (1 year)
4. Certificate in Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (1 year)
5. Diploma in Early Childhood Education (2-3 years)
6. Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (2 years)
7. Diploma in Primary Education (3 years)
8. Diploma in Secondary Education (3 years)

ENTRY REQUIREMENT: JC AND ABOVE: CAMPUS ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE
RAVOS IS REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED BY BQA AND HRDC.

ALL AVAILABLE ON **FULLTIME, WEEKEND, CORRESPONDENCE** AND **ONLINE**
SHORT PRACTICAL COURSES: **with** RESTAURANT, TUCKSHOP & ACCOMODATION

1. Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy (6 weeks)
2. Dressmaking & Fashion Design (6 weeks)
3. Small Stock Production (6 weeks)
4. Solar Energy (Design, installation, and maintenance) – 6 weeks
5. Training of Trainers – Accredited by HRDC
6. Assessor and moderator Training – Accredited by HRDC

VISIT WWW.RAVOSCOLLEGE.CO.BW

HOW TO APPLY: Cell/WhatsApp 74132016 Or Visit us at **Ga-Kgolo Ward, Kanye**
Email: ravoscollege@gmail.com **FaceBook** Ravos Technical College official

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO. 1053/1999
DATED 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 1999 IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46(1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT

NOTICE ISD HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1053/99 passed on the **28th day of June, 1999** in favour of **RUTH BASHADI GABOLWELWE** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 25697, Gaborone
SITUATE: Gaborone West Extension 26;
MEASURING: 450m² (four hundred and fifty Square Metres)

Any such person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within **21 days** from the second publication of this notice.

Z. HUBONA ATTORNEYS
Plot 28674, New Naledi
P.O. Box 80115, **GABORONE**
Tel: 311 8048 / 71 322 901



VACANCY: PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD/PRINCIPAL

Maranatha Academy of Excellence wishes to invite appropriately qualified and experienced school managers competent educationists and school administrators to apply for the position of1. The successful candidate will assume the position effective from 1st of April 2026. Maranatha Secondary School offers programs leading to Cambridge IGCSE, AS//A-LEVEL qualifications. The School is located in Kanye, a major village and headquarters of the Southern District Council.

Qualifications: a minimum of bachelor's degree and a professional qualification in Education from a recognized university; An additional qualification in school management and participation in leadership development seminars within the last 3 years will be an added advantage.

Experience: at least 10 years post qualification teaching experience; and a minimum of 5 years in school management, teacher administration or supervision; at least 2 of which should have been as a School Head. Some experience with school strategic planning, self-evaluation and school improvement planning will be an added advantage.

Competencies: Applicants must be knowledgeable and competent in leadership skills; school management, leading instructional processes. The successful candidates will be required to possess proven leadership qualities and personal characteristics necessary to work effectively with students, teachers and parents in a primary school.

Skills: Leadership Skills; Organizational and Administrative Skills; Strategic Development and Management competencies; Relationship Management and interpersonal Skills and; Self Awareness and Self-Management Skills, Problem solving, ability to adapt and innovate, ability to delegate, be sensitive and empathetic, communication and IT skills.

Application requirements:

1. Application Letter/ Cover Letter
2. Citizen applicants: Certified copies of ID: OMANG
3. Non-citizen Applicants: Copies of Valid Passport
4. Certified copies of Certificates
5. School Management Vision and Position Statement for a 21st Century School in Botswana
6. Personal Vision statement
7. Curriculum Vitae
8. Current References from 2 relevant referees with referee contact information. References should not be more than 24 months old.

Applications should be submitted to the following email address:

Business Manager

Email address: constancemweshi@gmail.com, no later than **10th October 2025.**

H/W MOILATSHIMO

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KWENENG HELD AT MOGODITSHANE
CASE NO. CCMMG-000224-25

Gaolatlhe Ntikile Plaintiff

AND

Otsile Jaesfaty Taboka Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE SHORT FORM OF PROCESS

TO: Otsile Jaesfaty Taboka, an adult male of full legal capacity residing at plot 8151 Thomadithotse Palapye and whose domicilium citandi et executandi is Thomaditshotse ward Palapye, P.O. Box 72992010 Pota Post Office Palapye

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED that you do within **21** Days after the service of this summons upon you enter or cause to be entered with clerk of the court and also the plaintiff or his attorney at the address specified herein an appearance to answer the claim of The Plaintiff herein, for **P 47,250.00** and costs, particulars whereof are endorsed hereunder.

Despite demands, defendant refuses neglect of fails to pay the sum of P47,250.00 whereof the plaintiff prays for judgement in the said sum with costs.

Costs if the action is undefended will be as follows: -
Summons

Judgement

Attorney Charges P
Court fees..... P
Messenger fees P
Messengers Fees on re-issue..... P
..... P
Totals P
P
Total..... P

BEFORE H/W MOANGA.
IN THE MAGISTERIAL COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE
HELD AT EXTENSION 2
CASE NO: CCMEX – 000311- 23
In the matter between:-

THABANTLE WILDERNESS ESTATE (PTY) LTD Plaintiff
And
TWE PORTION 34 (PTY) LTD Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a Writ of Execution of the above Honourable Court, the following immovable property of the Defendant **TWE PORTION 34 (PTY) LTD** will be sold by public auction by **DEPUTY SHERIFF M. MOSHABI** to the highest bidder as follows:-

DATE OF SALE: 27TH OCTOBER, 2025
TIME: 10.00 hours
VENUE: ON REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 (WATERBERG) OF FARM REQUEST NO. 5-JO

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: CERTAIN PIECE OF LAND BEING LEASE AREA NO. 348-JO, SITUATE ON REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 (WATERBERG) OF FARM REQUEST NO. 5-JO

MEASURING: 3.9638Ha (Three decimal Nine Six Three Eight Hectares)

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or Bank Guaranteed Cheques.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.
DEPUTY SHERIFF M. MOSHABI, CELL: 71623026/ 73301311, C/o KWAPE LEGAL PRACTICE, Plaintiff's Attorneys, PLOT 129, UNIT F, GIFP, P O Box 70714, GABORONE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000119-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DAVIES SEKHAMBO ESHFT:000119-25** who died at FRANCISTOWN REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

OLEBONYE PIUS JEREMIAH
EXECUTOR DATIVE
PRIVATE BAG 40
FRANCISTOWN

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

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KEIDLWE DIKGOPE	E SHFT-000999-25	30-10-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

BUSINESS SERVICES

FASHION DESIGNER WANTED
@ Ammm Mureti investment. P O Box 424 Lentsweletau. Contacts 72274282

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER WANTED at Kutlwane farms near Kopong. Contact 73894124 / 72109778

K. K. L. Kethoboile, farm worker wanted, Shoshong. Cell: 76631079.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Goo Nku, Tloaneng. Contact Nomsa at 71673928.

FARM WORK WANTED at Sedibeng, contact Daniel T. Mothopa at 77518828

HERDGIRL WANTED BOX 506 Selibe phikwe

FARM WORKER WANTED at Oodi. Apply: Box 849 Gaborone, 76176840.

FARM LABOURER WANTED at Mosolotshane-Palapye lands. Contact Mrs Wilson 71290003/76331844.

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Morabane lands. Apply: P/ Bag 20 Molepolole.

FARM MANAGER, SUPERVISORS, farm workers & labourers wanted. Apply: Box 60632 Gaborone/ 73647275.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Selibe Phikwe. Contact 74629466

KE BATLA MODISA ko Ginaxwa (Nata). Leletsa 72264559.

FARM WORKER NEEDED by Mr R. Armstrong P O Box 30993 Tlokweg.

LOOKING FOR FARM worker ,Kgatleng. Contact: 72519103.

KE BATA MODISA Leletsa 77790958

HERDMAN WANTED - **SEBOTSHWANE** lands. Apply P O Box 1946 Gabs.

LOOKING FOR MALE and female worker. Call P.A Gopadileng. Call 72692516

LOOKING FOR MALE and female worker. Call R.D Nkisa 75617575

FARM WORKER WANTED at Pholotona .call 71626319

FRESH TASTE (PTY) Ltd, P/ Bag 52 Mochudi looking for 4 farm workers. Cell 77329438.

FARM WORKER WANTED to start in October 2025. Call 75307240.

FARM WORKER WANTED in a farm near Gakgatla. Cell: 75482420.

FARM WORKER WANTED - A female farm worker wanted at Gakutlo. Please apply at P.O Box 201808 Gaborone. For further information contact Bugalo Masole @ 72848321

ONE FARM WORKER wanted at Sekokobidi cattle post, Mokoswane should be aged between 25 and 40 years contact 71424160/77425587

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER K93 farm Bobonong. 75141865

TWO FARM WORKERS needed at Magare Phuduhudu. Please call Gakiso Joseph on 72970026

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FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER WANTED at Kadue Jwaneng apply to Mbakiso Sebina, P. O. Box 402129 Gaborone

3X FARM WORKERS wanted at Tsonye and Kang farms. Edward Stegling P O Box 1796 ABG Gaborone.

LOOKING FOR A farm worker in Marokolwane. Applicants to apply to Mrs Tlholego Mugomba P O Box 2570 AAD, Poso House, Gaborone. Closing date 10 October 2025.

FARM WORKER WANTED urgently. Morokwe farm J4. Cell No 71864685

KE BATLA MODISA ko Mahetwe. Call: 74415226

KE BATLA WANT modisa herdboy a palama pitse horse riding. No drinking, smoking 72100673

FARM WORKER WANTED in Lentsweletau. Call: 71541380

KE BATLA MODISA kwa morakeng wa Tswaii II, Mahalapye East, Motswana. Age 30 years to 45 years. Contact No 72530401/72849943.

FARM WORKER NEEDED in Mahalapye Box 1443 Mahalapye, 71816928

HERDBOY WANTED AT Thune lands. Contact 74403304

HERDGIRL WANTED IN Moshupa 74962082

FARM WORKERS URGENTLY wanted at Kubutona Serinane Park Pty Ltd (Serinane). Call or whatsapp 72245002 Bashi M. Kgakge

MISCELLANEOUS

LOOKING FOR A Cashier with two years experience. Apply to P/ Bag 00244 Gaborone. Email: accountsadmin@naturesbasket.co.bw Tel- 3925619.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot No 112 Mogoditshane would like to change land use from residential to commercial. Neighbors are requested to contact cellphone No. 71599373 or contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning Committee in case of any objections in writing within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE publication : Intention to change land use of plot 4007 Lentsweletau from residential to civic and community. Objections can be written within 14 days from publication to Kweneng District Council

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot No 13856 Mogoditshane would like to change land use from residential to commercial. Neighbors are requested to contact cellphone No 71599373 or contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning Committee in case of any objections, in writing, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

I MOFFAT AMON owner of ploughing field at Ramaphatle, between Kgotla and Primary school wishes to change land use from ploughing field to residential plots. Any objections raised. Contact Thamaga Mogoditshane district council toll free line 0800155182 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 75250, Peto Estate, Phakalane, informs owners of Plot Nos 75249, 75259 and 75251 about the intention to construct a double storey building for single family. For any objections, contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office on telephone no. 3657400, within 14 (fourteen) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 8924 Mogoditshane Block 9 wish to change land use from single residential to multi residential. Objections contact 73241818 or Mogoditshane Physical Planning office.

THE OWNER OF Plot 3199, Metlhabeng, Tlokweng, intends to erect a boundary wall. Any objections to the above should be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council, Building office or call 36595000 within (14) days of publication of this notice.

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 914 Mokolodi need to know that they are building a double storey. If objecting please contact 71642919.

LEBANG MAOKISA OWNER of plot 5700, Masetlheng ward, Tlokweng wishes to notify neighbouring plot owners of intention to erect boundary wall. Please contact : 77003438 / 71787820 within fourteen (14) days of this publication of this notice.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000662-23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MILOVAN PEJOVIC** who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone on the **19th** day of **August 2023**.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the office of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication hereof. Any objection on the Estate Account may be lodged to the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS **_DAY_** 2025

C/O
AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES
AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

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NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed no. F1266/2023 dated the 13th June 2023 made in favour of Galeboe Petros in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 33500, Francistown
MEASURING: 312m² (Three Hundred and Twelve Square Metres)
SITUATE: In Francistown Extension 50
HELD UNDER: FT266/2023

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

DATED: 08/09/2025
ADDRESS: P/Bag F262, Francistown

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
GAOLESE PHEKO	ESHFT-000863-25	30-10-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS **11TH** DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTIN ACCOUNT MASTER'S REFERNECE: ESHGB-000545-22

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GOWEDITSWE CHALASHIKA** who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown district, republic of Botswana on **4th October 2022**.
THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) 21 days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the estate account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE this.....day.....2025.

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Executive dative
Orebotse Chalashika
Private Bag 005 **MOLEPOLOLE** CELL:7436036/5749840

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NSHINGI NDZINGE	ESHFT-000882/25	22-10-25	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS **11TH** DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of the title deed no: FT TL420/2005 dated the **13th September 2005** made in favour of motor (auto) clinic and mechanical engineering proprietary limited in respect of

CERTAIN : piece of land being tribal lot no. 4784 Maun
SITUATED : at Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory, Boseja
MEASURING : 5,557 sqm (five thousand five hundred and fifty-seven square metres)

All persons having objections to the issuance of the copy are required to lodge the same in writing with the deeds office, Francistown within 3 weeks from publication of this notice

P O BOX 201474 GABORONE BOTSWANA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000868-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BOITSHEPO MASILO ESHFT:000868-24** who died at **SELEBI-PHIKWE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, SELEBI-PHIKWE, SELEBI-PHIKWE DISTRICT** on the **7TH APRIL 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 **11TH** DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

TEBOGO MASILO EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 854 BOBONONG 77442893	MPHO MASILO EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 854 BOBONONG 71578452	AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000183-22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY of the late **Serumola Moshake Modirwagale, ESHFT 000183-22**, who died at Letsibogo Ward, Lethakane in Boteti District, Republic of Botswana on the **30th August 2021**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to debtors and creditors in the above estate and hereby required to pay their claim of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS **12th** DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

NTSHETSANG MODIRWAGALE The Executor Dative P. O. Box 10656, Tatitown, Francistown	AND TO: Master of High Court Private Bag F13 Francistown
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000107/18

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KEBULETSWE SEOPOSENGWE** who died at Bamalete Lutheran Hospital, Ramotswa District on **11th May 2014**.

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

DATED at on this Day of 2025

Executrix Dative
Kgomotso Radithlogo
P Box 18, **MABUTSANE**
CELL: 76848402 / 76964702

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GAEDUPE MOTOTA	ESHFT-001001-25	30/10/2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS **8TH** DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT No. 12607 in Ledumadumane Mogoditshane would like to erect a boundary wall on her property. Any queries should be lodged with Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council on Tel: 3105615.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION I Isaac Mabote, of plot 1434 in Hukuntsi, wish change landuse from single residential plot to multi family residential. Any objections or enquiries should be sent to Hukuntsi district council physcial planning office on 651088

OWNER OF PLOT 6008, Tlokweng, Ranfurwa would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential.For any objections contact Tlokweng Physical Planning on 3925242 within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF THE plot 5253 & 5254 Mogoditshane Block 5 would like to consolidate above plots and change land use from single residential to multifamily - residential. Any objections may be forwarded to Physical Planning Office at Mogoditshane Sub district council within 14 days from date of publication of this notice.

PROPERTIES

LOST TITLE DEED PLOT 173 KGAPAMADI WARD MOROULA H. DIAU 71301338 / 74840923

MABUTSANE 16HA PLOUGHING field for sale P170,000.00 contact: 73300130

VACANCIES

EXPRESS COPY SHOP requires the services of a financial manager with professional accounting qualifications, CIMA/ACCA or equivalent with Botswana Institute of Chartered accounts membership, at least 8 years experience or more. Apply: P/Bag 394, Gaborone, Plot 5635, Broadhurst industrial. Closing date: 08/10/2025

REQUIRED SENIOUR H.V.A.C Technician with Diploma in refrigeration and Air conditioning and more than 18 years of experience. Apply to Sizma Electro Mechanical Contractors P.O Box 542 Gaborone. Cell 71468137 / 74807790

FARM WORKERS WANTED

Modern Occupation Health is seeking individuals with expertise in crop farming, especially in general fruit and vegetable cultivation.

Successful candidates should demonstrate proficiency in managing tasks from nursery care to crop harvesting, including disease identification and prevention.

CONTACT: 74841438 for further details
Send CV to **P.O. Box 202925 Gaborone**

Location: Senthane

Closing date : 17th October 2025

URGENT GUITAR INSTRUCTOR & music producer wanted, diploma holding guitarist needed to teach band members, record and arrange music. 10 years' experience and COSBOTS member. Apply to Mob Suppliers (Pty) Ltd, Plot 51222 Kxongxe Crescent, P O Box 1714 Gaborone, mobile 74004522, 71558280/73177772. Email: mobsuppliers10@gmail. com. Closing date: 21/10/2025

DAYTONA MOTORSPORT POSITION: diesel plant mechanic with heavy duty plant system diagnostic diploma certificate, technician certificate in motor vehicle systems. Be able to travel crossborder countries. Familiar with roads and communication in case of emergency. Work experience 15- 25 years. Closing date: 06/10/2025 Write HR, Box 1501, Gaborone

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT: 000760-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE CHIGWAGWA PHOU**-ESHFT: 000760-24 who died at Old Naledi Gaborone District on the **26th November 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 **15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

Executer Dative Rich Phou
P O BOX 20292 Gaborone

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

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

ESHFT 000223-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOMPOLOKI DUNCAN MACHACHA** ESHFT:000223-24 who died at KANYEE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, NGWAKETSI DISTRICT, BOTSWANA on the 09TH MAY 2024

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[Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BARULAGANYE GABATHUSE	ESHFT-000337/24	30-10-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS **12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Choir debut master piece concert

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Saint John's Apostolic Faith Mission (SJA FM) of Botswana Church's Angels of God Choir is set to host its first Clap and Tap concert at former Limkokwing University hall.

The much-anticipated concert, dubbed Psalms 51:12, a Bible verse representing the choir's slogan: Restoring Lost Souls, is scheduled to make its debut on November 1.

Addressing a press briefing Tuesday in Gaborone, Assistant Minister of Communication and Innovation, Shawn Ntlhaile, said that government was committed to supporting initiatives such as those of SJA FM, which aligned with the national agenda to foster innovation, education and creativity.

"Initiatives that uplift communities, support schools and nurture young talent are closely aligned with government priorities and make me proud," said Ntlhaile, encouraging all to involve young people in such faith-driven initiatives.

Leap Frog director, Thapelo Pabalinga, described the choir as a symbol of professionalism and



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dedication. "They have grown and impacted the community positively, beginning with a personal gesture of affection and support they demonstrated

to my family and I during the time of my father's passing," he said.

Pabalinga praised the choir's talent and discipline, further

calling on sponsors to invest in the upcoming event, which aimed to address issues such as drug and substance abuse beyond just music.

The concert will feature choirs such as Baitshapi ba Jeso from Selebi Phikwe, Gaborone's Soul Redeemers and South Africa's Survivors of God. **BOPA**

Dikhwaere take centre stage in Kgatleng festivities

By Mmoniemang Motsamai

MOCHUDI - As the nation gears up to celebrate 59 years of independence, Kgatleng District is already alive with anticipation.

Here, the familiar rhythms of dikhwaere, also known as dikopelo, will once again dominate the festivities, proving

that this century-old tradition remains the heartbeat of community celebration.

Unlike modern music accompanied by instruments and flashy sound systems, dikhwaere thrive on the human voice, harmony and synchronised dance.

For the people of Kgatleng,

the choirs are far more than entertainment. They are custodians of cultural memory and a mirror of society's joys, struggles and aspirations.

Reflecting on their evolution, Intangible Cultural Heritage expert, Bathusi Lesolobe, describes dikhwaere as a tradition that would never

lose essence. Lesolobe says they started off as communal gatherings on farmlands.

Neighbours would meet after long days of toil in the fields, competing in friendly choirs. Back then, the groups were smaller and each cluster of farms had its own unique style, he recalls.

As farming life declined and people moved closer to villages, so too did the choirs.

In Mochudi, five choirs-Morema, Kgosing, Tshukudu, Mabodisa and Manamakgota, rose to prominence.

They competed vigorously in a practice known as *go kgopa* (to initiate) where one choir would challenge another to a festive sing-off. The exchanges were not only about entertainment but honour, recognition and respect.

"These choirs were not just singing, explains Lesolobe, noting that they were sending messages, sometimes advising, criticising, or even praising. Even dikgosi listened carefully because the music carried the voice of the people.

Over the years, dikhwaere became a vehicle for social commentary. Back then, songs educated communities about the dangers of HIV/AIDS. More recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, choirs turned into frontline communicators, using

music to spread awareness and encourage protective measures.

With the introduction of the President's Day Competitions in 2010s, dikhwaere moved into the commercial space. Choirs began performing at corporate and national events, adapting their messages to suit themes of unity, resilience and development.

"Today, they are a serious business," says Lesolobe, noting that their music now reflects not only cultural pride but also the economic realities of survival.

In recognition of their cultural significance, dikhwaere were inscribed in 2017 on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

The milestone both honours the heritage and safeguards its continuity for future generations.

As Independence Day approaches, the tradition will once again be on full display. Revellers from Mochudi and surrounding villages are expected to flock Matshabe Park for Koma 48, an annual festival that has become a fixture in Kgatleng's cultural calendar.

The fourth edition, beginning on Independence Eve and running until October 1, will feature eight choirs. For many in Kgatleng, the sound of dikhwaere is not simply music. It is the sound of belonging, the echo of history and the pulse of a people who continue to build the future. **BOPA**



Dikhwaere will dominate Independence Day celebrations in Kgatleng District, proving that this century-old tradition remains the heartbeat of community celebration.





Part of the last and largest contingent of 17 Team Botswana members upon arrival at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport on Wednesday. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Team Botswana bags P1.559 million



Team Botswana’s Kethobogile Haingura (left) and Kemorena Tisang during the second group’s arrival from Tokyo in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Beijing to stage 2026 World Swimming Championships

BUDAPEST - World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m),” said World Aquatics President Husain Al Musallam. “With competition now confirmed for December 1 to 6, 2026 and after a brilliant last edition in 2024, we are confident the world’s best swimmers will deliver another extraordinary display of short-course racing in one of the world’s great sporting cities,” said the president. The last edition of the short course worlds was held in 2024 in Budapest, where a total of 985 athletes from 195 countries and regions participated in 45 medal events, breaking 30 world records, 13 world junior records, 46 championship records, and 63 continental records. *Xinhua*

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By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Rewarding athletes remains crucial in not only acknowledging their hard work, dedication and success but to also fuel future performance and ultimately raise the profile of the nation on the global stage. It is on such a background that government has committed to support athletes and promote the growth of sport and arts throughout the country. Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng, announced that government had rolled out a P1.559 million reward package for the athletes and officials who participated at the recent World Athletics Championships held in Tokyo, Japan. Minister Kelebeng said the reward package was in line with the existing Incentives and Rewards Policy, which included rewarding athletes with P150 000 for a gold medal, P100 000 (silver medal), P75 000 (bronze medal) and P20 000 for top eight finish. He said the reward package

was, over and above, the support provided for team preparation, which included a pre-competition acclimatisation camp in South Korea and also covered appearance fees and facilitation of qualification to the World Championships through build-up competitions like the World Relays held in May this year. Kelebeng also told the media that the ministry had, however, begun the process of reviewing and refining the incentive policy to ensure that it aligned with national priorities, which aimed to ensure sport became a key driver of the country’s economy. “This indicates a strategic move toward making professional sport a more sustainable and financially viable sector in Botswana,” he said. On issuing diplomatic passports to excelling athletes, Minister Kelebeng said the ministry desired to see athletes use such documents and believed that the move would significantly motivate other athletes to strive for greater achievements. To that effect, he said the ministry had already made efforts



and had since referred the matter to the Ministry for International Relations. On one hand, Kelebeng acknowledged lack of representation in field events at major international competitions. “We are aware of the fact that the country used to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cuba helping with field events,” he said. He thus highlighted the need to revisit the MoU in efforts to restart development and further ensure holistic growth across all athletic disciplines. *BOPA*

Real Madrid, FC Barcelona clash set for October

MADRID - La Liga confirmed on Wednesday that the first El Clasico of the season between Real Madrid and FC Barcelona will be held on October 26 at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, kicking off at 16:15 Central European Time (14:15 GMT). This will be the first match in charge of a Clasico for Real Madrid coach Xabi Alonso, who will aim to improve on Carlo Ancelotti’s record against Barcelona last season. In the 2024-2025 season, Barcelona defeated Real Madrid four times: winning 4-0 at the Bernabeu and 4-3 at Montjuic in La Liga, as well as triumphing in the Spanish Super Cup final with a 5-2 victory in Saudi Arabia, and

winning the Copa del Rey final 3-2 in Seville, with Jules Kounde scoring the winning goal in the 116th minute. Real Madrid currently leads La Liga with six wins from six

matches, while Barca is five points behind. But Hansi Flick’s side still has a midweek match in Oviedo scheduled for Thursday night. *Xinhua*

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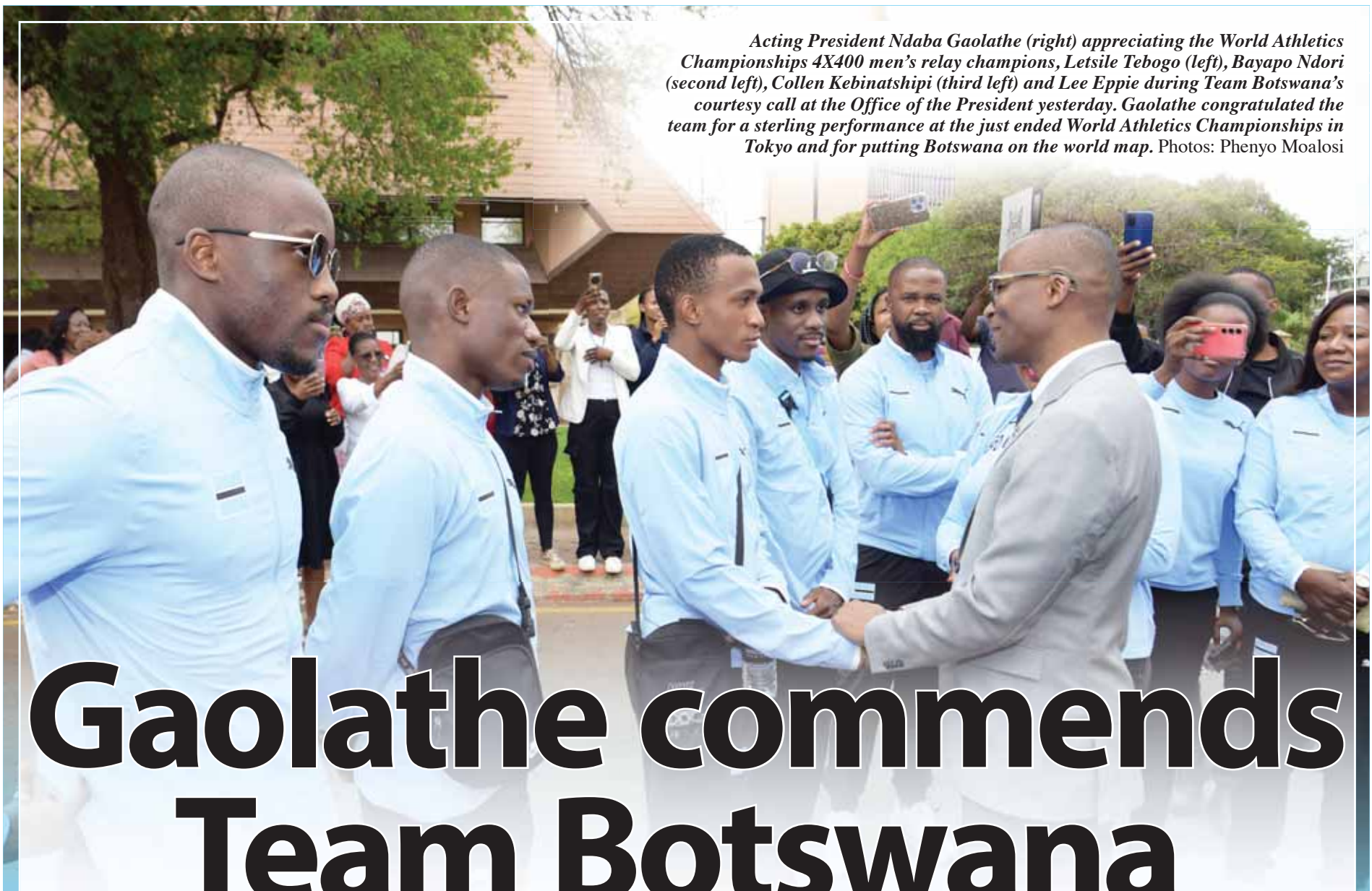
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Acting President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) appreciating the World Athletics Championships 4X400 men's relay champions, Letsile Tebogo (left), Bayapo Ndori (second left), Collen Kebinatshipi (third left) and Lee Eppie during Team Botswana's courtesy call at the Office of the President yesterday. Gaolathe congratulated the team for a sterling performance at the just ended World Athletics Championships in Tokyo and for putting Botswana on the world map. Photos: Phenyio Moalosi

Gaolathe commends Team Botswana

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Team Botswana has represented the country with gusto and resilience at the just ended World Athletics Championship, held in Japan, Tokyo, Acting President Ndaba Gaolathe has said.

Speaking at a courtesy call on Thursday, he said all athletes; even those who did not make it to the podium had become a living page in Botswana's story of resilience.

"They call us a land of diamonds. For decades, the world looked beneath our soil to see our wealth. But now, they look to our people, our tracks, our fields," he said.

Furthermore, Gaolathe who is also minister of Finance said Team Botswana's performance inspired a child in Matshelagabedi who ran barefoot, the teenager in Shakawe who sprinted on sand, the girl in Francistown who imagined her name called at the starting line.

"You have shown them that Botswana can rise, compete, and triumph, to our coaches and technical staff - the architects of this triumph, we say thank you. You selected, prepared, conditioned, mentored, and carried our athletes beyond themselves," he said.

Gaolathe said Bank of Botswana during their 50th Anniversary, unveiled a commemorative P50 note bearing the faces of track stars, adding that he was confident that it was not a mistake but a was foresight. He said it was honour and an act of faith in the resilience of the Pula, the resilience of people and that of a nation. The quartet, Lee Eppie, Letsile Tebogo, Bayapo Ndori and Collen Kebinatshipi, won the historic medal competing during a raining moment.

In that regard, the Acting President said for Botswana, rain was never just water, or just a currency, but covenant, and life.

Rain, he said was a pact with God and with nature, that they would cherish the gift of life, of renewal, of abundance.

"And so, on that rainy night in Tokyo, when others feared the storm, our sons embraced it, because here in Botswana, as children, we have always danced when the first raindrops touched our skin. We celebrated. We gave thanks," he said. Team Botswana won three medals, 400 metres gold by Collen Kebinatshipi, and 4 X 400 men's relay team, while Bayapo Ndori won a bronze medal.

In that regard, Gaolathe said Botswana's reward was written in history, as it placed the country fifth on the final Medal Table.

"Collen Kebinatshipi, your 400 metres was not just a race, it was a revelation, Bayapo Ndori, your bronze was persistence made visible, a medal forged by endurance and reward. Our 4x400 relay warriors, you gave us pride, you gave us proof, you lifted Africa to the summit of the world," he said. **BOPA**

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