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With the citizenry growing increasingly frustrated over the apparent lapses within the public health sector, marked largely by widespread drug shortages, President Advocate Duma Boko has affirmed government's resolve to turn the tide and once again restore the public's confidence in the sector.



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and Minister of Health, Dr Stephen Modise (second left) touring Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital in Francistown on Friday. President Boko said his visit afforded him the opportunity to hear from patients and medical professionals the situation they were facing, which needed immediate attention. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

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Government to restructure BITRI

Thandy Tebogo
KANYE

Plans are underway to separate research from prototyping, commercialisation and incubation in a bid to revitalise the Botswana Institute of Technology Research and Innovation (BITRI).

This was revealed during a recent tour of BITRI facilities in Kanye by the Minister of Communications, Knowledge, and Technology, Mr David Tshere.

The minister's visit followed concerns raised in Parliament by the Member of Parliament for Kanye East, Mr Prince Mosanana, regarding the underutilisation of BITRI buildings.

Mr Tshere noted that BITRI was initially established to handle the entire value chain, including research, prototyping, development and sales.

However, he said government believed the 'all-in-one' approach hindered success.

Consequently, he said government intended to decouple research so that the institution could focus solely on its core mandate.

The minister emphasised that government's primary interest was for BITRI to produce intellectual property patents and research-driven solutions that benefitted

the nation.

"The expectation is that once research output is generated, a separate entity will take over. This transition will be done in agreement with the researcher or the institution that produced the work," he explained.

He stated that the Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub (BDIH) would assume the role of actualising BITRI's research through prototyping, incubation and market surveys.

Under the BDIH, he said projects would undergo feasibility studies to determine commercial viability before being exited to private commercial entities.

Mr Tshere further highlighted that the BDIH was meant to promote the actualisation and commercialisation of research, rather than having government act as a manufacturer.

Instead, he added, entities owned by youth and women would be empowered to handle production.

To support the new model, Mr Tshere indicated that government was in the process of amending relevant laws.

Furthermore, he said there were plans to establish a Research and Innovation Council to oversee all researchers funded under the Innovation Fund.

For his part, BITRI acting CEO,



Assistant Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr Shawn Nthaile (left), Minister of Communications and Innovation Mr David Tshere (second left) and acting CEO of BITRI, Dr Sebusang Sebusang touring BITRI in Kanye recently. Photo: Thandy Tebogo

Dr Sebusang Sebusang, stated that the objective was to seed a local electronics manufacturing industry.

To achieve this, he said BITRI planned to set up a Printed Circuit Board (PCB) plant.

"This facility aims to attract companies that manufacture products such as mobile phones, televisions and decoders," he said.

Dr Sebusang also noted that the National Development Plan 12

(NDP 12) should align with the local production of PCBs and the assembly of batteries, reducing the long lead times currently associated with importing components from China.

He also highlighted the need for local encapsulation capabilities to manufacture the plastic or metal casings for these electronic devices.

Additionally, Dr Sebusang revealed that BITRI was currently

testing 'electric retro-fitting' kits.

The project, he said involved replacing internal combustion engines with electric motors and provide sustainable solution for those interested in electric vehicle conversion.

The tour concluded with an update on the project's progress and a briefing on the challenges facing the institution, particularly regarding funding. **BOPA**

Local authorities push for decentralisation

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The 2026 Budget strategy paper has received input from local authorities, with focus on the implementation of the decentralisation policy and diversification of revenue streams.

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe presented the paper in Francistown on recently, highlighting the need for innovation and transformation.

A key proposal is the introduction of toll gates to generate revenue, with the Chairperson of Tonota District Council, Mr Neo Sefhume citing successful examples in other countries.

Mr Sefhume said the introduction of toll gates, which could generate revenues, create jobs and improve infrastructure, was overdue.

He cited abandoned policies and programmes, stressing that the

decentralisation was overdue and could speed up developments by cutting bureaucracy.

He also suggested the introduction of toll gates, especially at Dibete, a key transit point, to generate revenue for maintaining Botswana's deteriorating roads.

He blamed heavy trucks from South Africa on transit to the north for damaging the roads and proposed a road levy.

He further emphasised that government had good policies and programmes but implementation was a problem.

Supporting the decentralisation policy was also the North East District Council chairperson, Mr Mbaakanyi Smarts, who backed up the decentralisation policy, citing bureaucracy as a major hurdle for local projects.

Mr Smarts suggested that in the interim, local authorities should be allocated enough budget and be allowed to approve their own projects in order to generate revenue, rather than waiting for the ministry's approval.

"I call for an increased budget allocation because the current funding is insufficient," said Mr Smarts.

Secretary for Microeconomic and Financial Policy in the Ministry of Finance, Dr Sayeed Timuno said government was planning to diversify the economy as the mining sector declined.

Dr Timuno said Botswana's mining sector, a traditional

mainstay of the economy, was expected to decline in the 2026/2027 financial year.

He cited the decline in diamond sales as a key factor, hence the need for the country to diversify its revenue strategy.

He said government was pivoting to private sector-led export growth, investing in people and infrastructure to drive transformation.

Senior policy advisor in the finance ministry, Ms Naledi Madala noted that the economy was 'too government dominated,' thus highlighted the need for the private sector involvement.

Ms Madala said government had partnered with PEMANDO, a Malaysian based company, to implement Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BTEP), to drive growth using its Big Fast Results Methodology.

"This methodology has been recognised by big Universities such as Harvard, to implement big projects," she said, adding that it was expected that the partnership would bring in the private sector expertise and drive economic transformation.

In response, the Vice President reaffirmed government's commitment to decentralisation, acknowledging implementation gaps.

He said Cabinet identified omissions in the decentralisation paper, adding that the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa was working overtime to address the concerns, hence urged local authorities to be patient. **BOPA**



Tonota District Council chairperson, Mr Neo Sefhume making a submission at the Budget Pitso led by the Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe in Francistown on Friday. Mr Sefhume said the government should implement the long suggested toll-gates on the A1 Road for its maintenance and cash generation. Photo: Ogopole Kgomoethata

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System overhaul critical to address health sector challenges

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FRANCISTOWN

The unfolding crisis in Botswana's health system, a problem that has, according to President Advocate Duma Boko, been simmering over decades ought to be halted and stopped from shaking the very soul of the people of Botswana and throwing them into a state of despondency.

"The health question is a test for the country, if we cannot solve it, we cannot solve anything else," he said during his tour of Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital (NRH) last Friday, underlining how unraveling this maze would bear testament to government's tenacity to dislodge any challenge that the nation could find itself faced with at any point in the future.

And making the system whole again will require more than just boldness.

It will take a spirited fight, a fight that government is determined to not back down from.

"That is why we need to take drastic and unorthodox measures to solve it. We need a complete devolution," President Boko said.

NRH superintendent Dr Ivan Kgetse, who led President Boko through various sections and wards of the hospital including the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), the renal unit, the Accident and Emergency Department, the Radiology Unit and the Antenatal Ward said while the facility was faced with a plethora of challenges, management and staff continue to do their absolute best to serve the public.

Shortage of drugs, ageing equipment, some of which is already obsolete, as well as shortage of specialist doctors such as vascular surgeons, radiologists and neurosurgeons daily present themselves as major stumbling blocks to effective service delivery.

According to Dr Kgetse, the lack of critical equipment such as an MRI machine and dialysis machines have compelled NRH to outsource the associated services, and with the cost of a single MRI scan standing at around P3 000 per scan or test, government forks out untold amounts annually to pay private service providers.

Nyangabgwe hospital also grapples with congestion, which in some instances is not due to high volumes of patients but is rather because certain spaces are

simply small.

The Neonatal ICU for instance has room for just eight beds, while the main ICU has space sufficient for only six.

"The unit is small as it has only eight beds. As a result, we refer a lot, and the costs are prohibitive," Dr Kgetse said, in reference to the Neonatal ICU. As for the main ICU, the doctor would love for the ward to have adequate equipment.

"There is inadequate equipment. For instance, we have got no back-up ventilators, so if one fails, we would not be able to manage the risk," he explained.

As Nyangabgwe is the only tertiary hospital in the north and so unlike Princess Marina Hospital which shares its patient load with the couple of private hospitals strewn across Gaborone,

its location and the lack of enough private facilities to help ease its load, government should strive to strengthen the hospital so that it is able to deliver according to expectation.

Queuing with a loved one at the Accident and Emergency Department, Ms Elizabeth Morebodi of Block 5 in Francistown pleaded with President Boko for government to avail medicines in health facilities.

"There are no medicines. We are being told to buy for ourselves yet many of us are grappling with unemployment," she said, echoing the plea of many, who constantly have to move from one private pharmacy to the next in search of drugs and at times hospitals supplies necessary for surgical procedures to be carried out. **BOPA**

Inside Botswana health crisis

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

On an ordinary morning at a government clinic, the queue moves slowly. Mothers cradle children. Elderly patients lean heavily on walking sticks. When at last they reach the dispensing window, many brace themselves for an answer they already expect.

"Ga gona molemo." Your medication is out of stock.

Across Botswana, this phrase has become an unsettling refrain, one that signals not just inconvenience, but growing anxiety, interrupted treatment and, in some cases, worsening illness. What might appear to patients as sporadic stock-outs is, according to health experts and former officials, the visible symptom of a long-standing and deeply rooted failure within the country's public health system.

Former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Ms Ruth Maphorisa, says Botswana's current medicine shortages are not sudden.

They are the result of structural weaknesses that have quietly accumulated over many years.

Ms Maphorisa served as Permanent Secretary between April 2018 and December 2019. While she notes that shortages during her tenure were less severe, she says persistent procurement inefficiencies, weak supply chain systems and the absence of real-time health data left the system

vulnerable to collapse.

At the heart of the problem, she explains, is procurement.

Botswana's medicine procurement process is lengthy and complex, shaped by rigid tendering procedures and a heavy dependence on imported pharmaceuticals. As a small market, the country struggles to compete for supplier attention in an increasingly volatile global pharmaceutical industry.

"Medicine procurement needs a special kind of dispensation, suppliers want volume and our requests are not always robust enough," she said, adding that the situation is further complicated when tenders are contested in court, often bringing procurement to a standstill.

She further said when disputes arise, the ministry is forced into emergency procurement, which is a costly alternative and often resulted in inflated prices.

She recalls moments when unresolved legal battles risked costing the ministry close to P10 million within a short period.

To address these hurdles the Ministry of Health with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) and international partners, introduced reforms aimed at allowing more flexible procurement and reducing legal bottlenecks. While these changes improved emergency responses on paper, Ms Maphorisa cautions that they are not enough.

"As long as we do not have real-time data, supplies will continue to run out without timely intervention," she said.

She also believes government must rethink its relationship with the private sector. Strategic partnerships, she argues, could strengthen blood services, equipment leasing and laboratory operations - areas where inefficiencies have left infrastructure underutilised.

"When we build facilities without equipping them adequately, those

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Amid growing public frustration over drug shortages and long-standing cracks in the health system, President Advocate Duma Boko has vowed to restore confidence in public healthcare. Speaking during a visit to Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital last Friday, President Boko said fixing healthcare was a defining test for the nation, warning that failure would deepen despair among Batswana. Photo: Opoleng Kgomoethata

investments end up underutilised," she said, adding that government could learn valuable lessons from private sector efficiency.

Beyond systems and structures, Ms Maphorisa stresses the importance of transparency and community engagement. Drawing on lessons from past diarrhoeal outbreak responses, she says involving frontline workers and communities often yields practical, locally informed solutions.

"When people on the ground are brought along, they understand the challenges best and often surprise you with effective solutions," she said.

For healthcare workers, the crisis is painfully familiar.

Ms Esther Mogakolodi, a retired midwife with 48 years of experience, says medicine shortages have shadowed her entire career - but never at this scale.

Over decades of service, she witnessed intermittent stock-outs of essential medicines, from painkillers and antibiotics to drugs for chronic conditions.

She is worried particularly about patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, many of whom depend on uninterrupted medication to stay alive and functional.

"Many people are struggling to afford their medication and some are resorting to self-medicating or skipping doses altogether, that can lead to worsening symptoms

and serious health complications," she said.

The psychological toll, she adds, is immense.

Civil society organisations have raised similar alarms. In 2022, the Botswana Network on Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA) reported widespread stock-outs across districts, affecting everything from paracetamol to essential chronic illness medicines.

Of particular concern was the shortage of Methyldopa, a drug critical for managing high blood pressure during pregnancy. BONELA linked the absence of the drug to premature births after less effective substitutes were used.

Academic research paints an equally troubling picture. A study led by Dr Onalenna Seitio-Kgokwe, Assessing Performance of Botswana's Public Hospital System, identified poor governance structures, limited management autonomy and inefficient supply chain management as key weaknesses.

"The ministry provides the money for the procurement of medicines, with efficient procurement and distribution systems, the drugs should be adequate for national needs, but supply chain management is inefficient," the study noted.

While Botswana prides itself on ensuring that most citizens live within five kilometres of a health facility, proximity, the study

warned, does not guarantee access to treatment. Patients often move from clinic to clinic, spending scarce time and money in search of medicines.

The Office of the Ombudsman's report, Under Strain: Inside Botswana's Public Health Care Crisis, further exposed deep-rooted failures at Princess Marina Hospital, including overcrowding, staff shortages and service breakdowns, symptoms of systemic governance problems rather than isolated incidents.

A 2023 study by Nkaelang Modutlwa, Dr Sehlule Moyo and Ndumiso Tshuma echoed these findings, pointing to low pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity, inefficient logistics and administrative delays. Botswana's small and uncompetitive market, the researchers noted, has only intensified the crisis.

"The human cost is considerable," the study concluded. "Patients are pushed into private pharmacies where prices are unaffordable, leading to skipped doses, abandoned treatment and heightened risks of complications and drug resistance."

Despite government reforms aimed at diversifying suppliers and improving supply chain management, progress remains slow. For many Batswana, the medicine crisis is no longer an abstract policy failure, it is a reality. **BOPA**

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Livestock around Masunga. Principal veterinary, Dr Thito Seomile has confirmed that FMD cases were reported at Maholi and Hannavale Dip Tanks in the Mangwe District of Zimbabwe. The area borders Botswana's North East and Tutume districts.

Photo: Goweditwe Kome

Farmers on edge as FMD threat looms over Molopo River

Farmers realise that an FMD outbreak can lead to the highest level of poverty.

**Thandy Tebogo
KANYE**

The Molopo River is more than just a geographic boundary. For the farmers of Southern Botswana, it is a lifeline that has suddenly become a liability. Along the dusty stretches from Mabule to Phitshane-Molopo, the air is thick not only with the heat of the Kalahari but with a palpable sense of unease. The threat is invisible, but its name carries the weight of financial ruin - Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

For Mr Boitshoko Maphage, who oversees cattle across the sun-baked plains of Tshidilamolomo and Sekhuthlane, the geography of the region has become a source of sleepless nights. The Molopo River, shared with South Africa, represents a 50-kilometre stretch of vulnerability.

"Farmers now realise that an FMD outbreak can lead to the highest level of poverty," Mr Maphage says, his voice reflecting the gravity of the situation. He points to the proposed P700 compensation per head should the virus spread into the country, a fraction of a healthy animal's market value.

"The impact will be huge and as farmers, we grossly underestimate it. The EU market will be lost and feedlots will be crippled as the general movement of livestock is curtailed," he warns.

For generations, communal farming in this area followed a predictable, if sometimes loose, rhythm. But as the threat of FMD looms, that rhythm is being forced to change. The mindset shift required for modern animal husbandry is no longer just a government suggestion, but a survival tactic.

In Botswana, cattle are more than livestock, they are a 'bank account on

four legs.' Because the Southern region is a 'Green Zone,' certified free of FMD without vaccination, farmers here enjoy access to premium markets in the European Union, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. One infected animal could, however, freeze the entire machine.

"Farmers realise they can be rendered destitute overnight," Mr Maphage explains. This realisation has sparked radical grassroots movement. Rather than waiting for government intervention, local farmers are proposing a contributory scheme, pooling rolls of fencing wire to erect a new barrier further back from the river. They view the current border fence as a dilapidated relic, incapable of keeping their livelihoods safe.

In the areas of Ditslhara and Maroane, Mr Marumo Morule of Rooidam cattle post watches the horizon with a critical eye. He draws a parallel that every Motswana understands - the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Movement around kraals should be restricted by declaring them 'no-go areas,' applying the same measures we used during the pandemic," Mr Morule argued. To him, the threat is as much about human movement as it is about roaming livestock.

The challenge, however, remains the 'business as usual' attitude of some communal farmers. In many areas, the river remains the primary water source and the cordon fences designed to control movement have been vandalised, ironically, by the very people they were meant to protect.

Chief veterinary officer in Gaborone, Dr Olorato Tshireletso weighs the macro-economic stakes. The Southern part of the country is the engine of Botswana's beef export industry.

"The socio-economic impact is high because Batswana survive through cattle

production," Dr Tshireletso notes. A single outbreak would trigger an immediate suspension of Botswana's disease-free status by the World Organisation for Animal Health. Prices would plummet and the foreign currency that fuels the national economy would evaporate.

To prevent this, government has moved to fortify the buffer. According to principal veterinary officer, Mr Motlamedi Keboitsi, a new 200-kilometre double cordon fence stretching from Banyana farms to Thareselele serves as a frontline defense.

This is critical, as most feedlots are concentrated in the south (Zones 11 and 13). If these zones are compromised, the Botswana Meat Commission would lose its primary supply. Zone 11 includes Kanye, Kweneng, Kgatleng, Tlokweng and Ramotswa and Zone 13 comprises Kuke, Ghanzi and Phefodafoka. Zone 10 is Mahalapye while Zones 9 and 7 are Palapye and Selebi-Phikwe respectively.

As the sun sets over the Molopo, the conversation among farmers is no longer just about the rain or the price of feed. It is about surveillance, looking for the tell-tale limp, the excess salivation or the blisters that signal the end of a dream.

Mr Omphemetse Mogorosi, of the Gatsampa-based Farmers Clan Consultancy, advises farmers to remain vigilant but calm.

He asserted that the era of the 'roaming cow' must end if the era of the 'global exporter' is to continue.

"Intensified surveillance and control strategies have been put in place to contain the situation should any eventualities occur," he adds.

In the Southern region, the fence is more than just wire and wood. It is the only thing standing between the prosperity of the Green Zone and the shadow of destitution. **BOPA**

Assist in maintaining border fences - official

**Goweditwe Kome
MASUNGA**

Botswana faces an increased risk of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) spillover following reported outbreaks in neighbouring South Africa and Zimbabwe earlier this January. FMD carries severe socio-economic consequences for Batswana, threatening local livelihoods and the country's access to vital international beef markets.

Addressing the North East District Council and a kgotla meeting in Masunga recently, principal veterinary officer in the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Thito Seomile, confirmed that FMD cases were reported at Maholi and Hannavale Dip Tanks in the Mangwe District of Zimbabwe.

The area borders Botswana's North East and Tutume districts.

Dr Seomile announced that the movement of cloven-hoofed animals into, out of and within Zone 6b (North East), 3b (Nata, Tutume), 7 (Bobirwa) and 3c (Maitengwe) had been prohibited, except for direct slaughter.

While the movement of fresh animal products was still permitted within these restricted areas, the community is urged to assist in maintaining border fences to prevent further spread.

Meanwhile, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) intends to hold kgotla meetings within a 20-kilometre radius of the border to educate livestock keepers.

Dr Seomile reminded farmers that it was a legal requirement to report any suspicion of notifiable diseases like FMD to the DVS or police, present animals for inspection, sampling and vaccination, adhere to zonal branding and ear-tagging requirements as well as ensure that livestock was properly shepherded and kraaled.

"Livestock that is not branded or shepherded is at a higher risk of contracting and spreading the disease."

Dr Seomile warned that any illegal movement or non-adherence to regulations must be reported immediately.

During the meeting, councillors expressed concerns regarding the timing of government interventions. Councillor for Masukwane/Nlapkhwane/Mapoka Wrad, Mr Nabulani Lenyatso, complained that the department only maintained fences once an outbreak occurred,

He argued that maintenance in the middle of an outbreak was not the most effective strategy, thus urged the Ministry to collaborate with neighbouring countries on a permanent solution.

Similarly, Councillor for Masunga/Letsholathebe Ward, Mr Shandulani Maunge, raised concerns about stray animals in district villages and called for Bye-Law Enforcement to take stricter measures against negligent farmers.

Other councillors suggested that the DVS should immediately begin fumigation at all entry points and veterinary gates. **BOPA**

Keorapetse applauds BDF for transparency

By Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

The Botswana Defence Force (BDF) has consistently subjected itself to parliamentary authority, appearing before various committees to justify its expenditure and ensure transparency

Among the committees the BDF regularly engages with are the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the Finance and Estimates Committee as well as the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security.

"I have realised that successive commanders of the BDF have taken this committee seriously. The BDF has lived up to expectations by allowing itself to be scrutinised by Members of Parliament," said the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse, during a courtesy call by BDF Commander, General Mpho Mophuting last Friday.

However, Mr Keorapetse underscored that the military sector remained a highly specialised and often contentious field that was frequently misunderstood by politicians. In the current Botswana Parliament, the challenge is compounded by the fact that 46 out of 61 members are new entrants, which may impact the effectiveness of their oversight role.

"If we do not build capacity now, Parliament may fail in its obligations toward our armed forces," he warned, noting that such a failure could constrain the military from fulfilling its constitutional mandate.

The Speaker also noted a concerning drop in women's representation in Parliament. The decline has muted female voices in oversight institutions. Currently, only one female MP is free to serve on committees, as others are constrained by their roles within the Executive or the Speakership.

Mr Keorapetse shared his ambition to transform the

National Assembly into a high-performing institution to consolidate democracy.

"To achieve this, we need a more independent Parliament. We have begun formulating the Parliament Act, which will bring about significant changes," he said.

Gen. Mophuting affirmed that it was the responsibility of army commanders to account for taxpayer funds, noting that the military was sustained by the public purse.

He said during his tenure, he would focus on several key priorities, including strengthening command and leadership relationships, modernising defense capabilities, ensuring prudent financial management, reviewing policies, strategies and doctrines as well as reforming the military justice system.

Gen. Mophuting further noted that a formal court-martial system would soon be established following the impending appointment of a military Judge Advocate General.

He described the BDF as a professional body and expressed willingness to help capacitate Parliament on civil-military relations, emphasising the BDF's cordial relationship with both

politicians and traditional leaders.

Regarding gender parity, he acknowledged the lack of women

in high-ranking positions, stating that the BDF had capable female officers whose progress had been hindered by lack of specific training and other structural barriers.

BOPA



The Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (left), Botswana Defence Force commander, General Mpho Mophuting (second left) and BDF management team, Brigadier Christopher Mbaakanyi (centre), Colonel Mokgweetsi Gaolathe (second right) and Brigadier Mothokhuma Mokgadi during a courtesy call to the former in Gaborone on Friday. General Mophuting said his focus would be on several key priorities, including strengthening command and leadership relationships, modernising defence capabilities, ensuring prudent financial management, reviewing policies, strategies and doctrines as well as reforming the military justice system. Photo: Felicity Male

Kgatleng councillors agree to ConCourt establishment

Booster Mogapi MOCHUDI

Some Councillors in Kgatleng District are of the view that the Constitutional Court (ConCourt) must be established as a matter of urgency.

The move was taken following a vote splitting the house with 21 Councillors supporting the establishment of the ConCourt and the other 12 in disagreement.

Addressing councillors on the proposed establishment of the ConCourt recently, the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said the establishment of the court would offer a remedy to some challenges which the lower courts had been unable to fully attend to in the dispensation of justice.

Mr Motshegwa gave an example of the 2019 election result petitions by the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) where the High

Court dismissed the cases on the grounds that some were brought late, while the Court of Appeal said it did not have jurisdiction to hear appeals of such cases from the High Court.

Therefore, Mr Motshegwa said there was an urgent need to establish a specialised court to attend to cases that were not fully dealt with through mainstream courts.

Minister Motshegwa further said the UDC government was a pioneer of human rights, therefore the ConCourt would help adjudicate on human rights issues and create a platform to sharpen jurisprudence on human rights.

He added that marginalised groups would have enhanced access to justice and the Constitutional Court would be a custodian of the supreme law as it nurtured democracy and the rule of law.

Mr Motshegwa said it was important for the establishment of ConCourt before the review of the Constitution as it gave

certification to the Constitution. Councillor Mogorosi Ramokatane of Malolwane ward was against the establishment of the court and the urgency of government in setting it up.

Councillor Tshenolo Buisanyang of Rasesa South ward, was of the view that issues demanding urgency and of national interest were being compromised by the attention given to establishment of the ConCourt while councillor Buisanyang said given the country's current economic status, government did not have the financial muscle to cater for basic needs and other projects of national interest, therefore it was not necessary to prioritise the ConCourt.

On the contrary, Councillor Toko Malwetse of Makgophana ward urged fellow councillors not to worry much about service delivery as some dissenting voices alluded, assuring them that the establishment of the ConCourt would not in any way hinder

service provision.

Mr Malwetse said it was unfortunate that it might be possible that some innocent people may have been punished for offences they never committed, therefore the ConCourt would offer a remedy by reviewing their cases with the view to arrive at an appropriate verdict.

Specially Elected Councillor, Tumelo Legase brought to light the importance of the court highlighting that what may not be a priority to them would be a priority to others who had endured injustice.

Council Chairperson, Mr Thabo Komane said the ConCourt issue had attracted public attention and therefore consultation on its establishment must be done properly.

Mr Komane appreciated what was currently being done to reach out to all stakeholders of the society, adding that the matter needed extensive consultation and public awareness. **BOPA**

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT ...

- Is a specialized court that deals with issues of the country's constitution and human rights
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Auction Dates

- 31 January 2026 – 01 February 2026
- 07 February 2026 – 08 February 2026

Venue : Central Supplies Depot, Gaborone West Industrial

Time: 08:00 hours

Conditions of Sale

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- The Ministry shall **not be responsible for the safety** of goods purchased after sale.
- The auction sale is **open to Batswana citizens only**, and a **valid National Identity Card** will be required.
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 - First Batch:** 30 January 2026 from **07:30–12:45hrs** and **13:45–16:30hrs**
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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (second left), Minister of Environment & Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi (second right) and other officials touring stalls at the Tourism Pitso in Francistown on Thursday. Mr Gaolathe said cutting leakages, increasing and retaining tourism value would secure more jobs and build stronger communities with lasting benefits for fellow citizens.

Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Tourism key to shared prosperity

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe has emphasised the crucial role of tourism in driving socio-economic transformation and shared prosperity across Botswana.

Delivering the keynote address at the launch of the 2026 Tourism Pitso in Francistown on Thursday, Mr Gaolathe, also Minister of Finance, highlighted the sector's potential to contribute

to economic diversification and job creation.

He explained that the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) were designed to deepen citizen participation in the economy, strengthen collaborations and foster inclusive growth.

He added that the tourism sector remained top priority, with strategic focus on reducing economic leakages, regaining value and enhancing global competitiveness. He stressed that tourism must serve as a sustainable driver for wealth and welfare, creating opportunities for all citizens to ensure that Botswana ranked among the world's leading sustainable

destinations. For his part, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, outlined several ambitious projects intended to boost the sector, including addressing local per diem concerns and diversifying tourism offerings.

"The ministry is finalising a tender to engage a consultant to study the impacts of local per diem on tourism, aiming to provide evidence-based recommendations for policy adjustments," Minister Mmolotsi stated. The minister also highlighted significant legislative milestones which included the Community-Based Natural Resource Management Bill, which he said had been passed by Parliament to strengthen

community involvement and ownership.

He said recently approved by Cabinet, the review aimed to streamline licensing and foster a more investor-friendly environment. Despite global challenges, the minister reported that the sector had shown remarkable resilience.

"The sector has shown resilience, with 1 183,432 international arrivals in 2023 and a strong recovery trajectory, contributing 5.1 per cent to GDP and supporting over 58,000 jobs," he added. Meanwhile, the 2026 Tourism Pitso was held under the theme, Tourism as a catalyst for economic transformation and sustainable growth through partnerships. **BOPA**

Michelin launches first global future factory

SHANGHAI - The Michelin Group inaugurated its first global "future factory" in Shanghai on Friday, with a total project investment of ¥3 billion (about US\$425 million).

The new plant features advanced, flexible production systems designed to serve China's expanding new energy vehicle

(NEV) market.

The global tire giant first entered Chinese market in the 1980s and has since witnessed the rapid growth of the country's automotive sector and advances in NEV technology.

Today, Michelin holds over 30 percent of China's high-end NEV tire market and supplies numerous

domestic automakers. Equipped with Michelin's latest machinery, the "future factory" can produce one tire every 36 seconds and accommodates orders as small as 100 tires.

Approximately 70 per cent of its output will be dedicated to NEVs, while the order-to-delivery cycle has been reduced from 10 days to

five.

The expansion is set to add 1 million tires to the plant's annual capacity, increasing total output from 8.5 million to 9.5 million tires per year.

The facility aims to integrate leading manufacturing capabilities with a core commitment to sustainability. **Xinhua**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

South Africa to host WEF on Africa in 2027

JOHANNESBURG - The World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa is set to return to the continent in April 2027, ending an almost eight-year hiatus, with the event scheduled to be hosted in either Johannesburg or Cape Town, local media reported Friday. South Africa's Minister of Tourism, Patricia de Lille, welcomed the development, thanking the WEF for selecting the country to host the prestigious gathering once again, according to the South African Broadcasting Corporation. "We are ready, able, and willing, and look forward to us being afforded the opportunity," De Lille said. She added that the forum's return represented another 'vote of confidence' in South Africa's world-class Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions infrastructure. Chido Munyati, the Head of Africa and a Global Leadership Fellow at the WEF, confirmed the plan to reporters at the just-concluded WEF Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. **Xinhua**

Libya signs US\$20 billion oil deal with French and US firms

TRIPOLI - Libyan Prime Minister Abdul-Hamid Dbeibah announced on Saturday the signing of an oil agreement with two foreign companies, with the investments exceeding US\$20 billion. In a post published on his official Facebook page, Dbeibah said that Libya signed a development agreement for a period of 25 years with TotalEnergies of France and the US company ConocoPhillips. He said that the agreement aimed to increase the production capacity of the Libyan Waha Oil Company by up to 850,000 barrels per day, with net revenues expected to exceed US\$376 billion for Libya. Dbeibah also announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the US based Chevron, as well as a cooperation memorandum with Egypt's Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, without providing further details. **Xinhua**

Canada Prime Minister calls for domestic support

OTTAWA - Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Saturday called for 'buy Canadian' and 'build Canadian' in response to a new tariff threat from US President Donald Trump. Carney published a pre-taped video on his personal social media account about buying and building Canadian to combat economic threats from other countries. "With our economy under threat from abroad, Canadians have made a choice: to focus on what we can control," Carney said at the beginning of the video. Though Carney did not mention the United States directly, the prime minister said: "We can not control what other nations do. We can be our own best customer. We'll buy Canadian. We'll build Canadian." Trump on Saturday threatened to slap a 100 per cent tariff on Canadian goods coming into the United States. **Xinhua**

Pandamatenga farmers count losses following heavy rains

Portia Keetile

PANDAMATENGA

Farmers in the Pandamatenga region are reeling from a catastrophic 'one-in-200-years' storm that occurred on January 21, leaving over 8 000 hectares of diverse crops submerged. The floods, which saw rainfall exceeding 200mm, have devastated fields of sorghum, sunflower, onions, tomatoes, butternuts and maize.

Last Friday, the acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, engaged with both commercial and subsistence farmers to assess the destruction. Accompanied by agricultural insurance specialists, Dr Dikoloti assured farmers that assistance would be provided once formal assessments are complete.

He acknowledged that the floods had halted operations for weeks, risking further losses due to pest damage and soil moisture depletion as the season transitions. He noted that such extreme weather was the 'new reality' of climate change and thus called for stronger advocacy for climate financing.

"The Pandamatenga drainage system remains a significant challenge," Dr Dikoloti stated, suggesting that future research must focus on how to harvest such floodwaters for irrigation. Adding to the climate-induced disaster is a lingering financial crisis. Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers have appealed to the Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) to settle an outstanding

balance of P65 million owed since the 2025 season.

Last year, farmers delivered over 55 000 tonnes of grain valued at P271 million. While P206 million was paid in December 2025, the remaining 26 per cent balance has left many without the liquidity needed to recover from the current floods.

Mr Ryan Neal, an executive member of the Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers, emphasised that farming was a high-risk and time-sensitive business that required consistent credit for fuel, machinery and loan servicing. He urged government to expedite

"The flood has halted operations for weeks, risking further losses due to pest damage and soil moisture depletion as the season transitions."

payments so that funds could be channelled toward replanting and flood recovery. Meanwhile, the struggle is equally felt by small-scale farmers.

Pandamatenga Subsistence Farmers chairperson, Mr Seinyatseng Lekoko, briefed the minister on the acute shortage of farm implements and tractors, which he said de-



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti (second right) being shown the extent of damage caused by recent flood in Pandamatenga by Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association executive member, Mr Ryan Neal (right) and treasurer, Mr Wimpie Vos.



Submerged access roads at the Panda commercial farms. Photos: Portia Ikgopoleng

layed their planting schedules. Furthermore, he highlighted the ongoing human-wildlife conflict exacerbated by non-electrified fencing, which continued to threaten their remaining produce.

In response to the outcry, BAMB chief executive officer, Ms Lilian Costa Scheepers confirmed that the board was working tirelessly to overcome internal challenges and settle the debt. On the other hand, Dr Dikoloti added that government had already approved the funds, saying "the approval is there, what remains is for the BAMB CEO

to finalise the administrative processes so you can receive your money."

Looking toward long-term solutions, Dr Dikoloti suggested that Botswana must revise its agri-financing strategy, potentially introducing a specialised Agri-Bank that understood the unique risks and timelines of the agricultural sector.

Despite the submerged fields and financial hurdles, the farming community remains resilient, with farmers like Mr Neal expressing commitment to rebuilding and securing the nation's food supply. **BOPA**

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Gaolathe unveils vision for urban tourism

Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN

Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has called for a strategic shift in Botswana's tourism sector to move beyond traditional wildlife attractions and embrace the untapped economic potential of urban heritage. Speaking at the launch of the City Tourism Initiative in Francistown on Saturday, Mr Gaolathe emphasised that diversification was the cornerstone of the nation's development.

The Vice President noted that by showcasing urban history, government aimed to spread economic benefits directly to local communities and reduce the country's reliance on natural attractions. "City tourism brings visitors into our urban centres, promoting local economic growth and cultural appreciation," he said.

He praised Francistown, the Southern Africa's first 'gold rush' town, for its welcoming atmosphere and deep historical roots. To mark the launch, the Vice President toured four landmark heritage sites dating back to the 1800s, each highlighting a different facet of the city's identity.

The sites included the Francistown Railway Station where the Vice President viewed a vintage steam locomotive donated by Zimbabwe years ago. Historian, Mr Abel Mabuse explained that the station, established by Cecil John Rhodes, was a vital regional hub. The site also featured a preserved one-room mortuary, a sombre reminder of the logistical

necessities of long-distance colonial travel.

Mr Gaolathe also toured the Supa Ngwao Museum, a home to over 1 000 artifacts and serves as the primary custodian of the region's cultural story. He also visited the Francistown Colonial Prison, located adjacent to the museum. The fortress-like stone structure gave the delegation a glimpse into the harsh conditions of the colonial era through displays of ancient uniforms and restraints.

The Vice President made a final stop at the Nyangabgwe Hill, an iconic landmark, which served as a place of worship, a lookout point for sentries and a sanctuary during the Mfecane wars. On one hand, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, reiterated that Botswana's tourism narrative must evolve.

"Tourism does not end at national parks, it lives in our cities, towns and streets," Minister Mmolotsi said, urging the private sector to help transform Francistown from a mere transit point into a destination of choice. For his part, the City Mayor, Mr Gaone Majere echoed the same sentiments and called for stronger public-private partnerships to market the city's historical assets.

The day's events began with a marathon at the revived Francistown Heritage Park, in which the Vice President participated.

The race highlighted the intersection of sport tourism and community engagement, further aligning with the national goal to bolster the tourism sector, Botswana's second-largest economic contributor after diamonds. **BOPA**



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Minimum Requirements:

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- Proven track record in strategic planning and team leadership.

2. Project Manager

Job Purpose:

Oversee the planning and execution of major mining projects, ensuring delivery within scope, budget and timelines.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage project lifecycle from initiation to closure.
- Coordinate cross-functional teams and contractors.
- Mitigate project risks and ensure compliance with safety standards.
- Report on project progress to executive leadership.

Requirements:

- A Master's Degree in Project Management.
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Job Purpose:

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Key Responsibilities:

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- Oversee cybersecurity, systems integration and support services.
- Lead ERP and mining systems implementation and upgrades.

Key Responsibilities:

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Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) alumni, Messrs Patrick Lekgetho (left), and Nnyaladzi Monyamane (centre) as well as Ms Mmapula Letshabo at the 61st ITEC Day in Gaborone recently. High Commissioner of India to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Botswana's Vision 2036 through ITEC and cooperation in emerging areas such as digital skills, renewable energy, health systems and new technologies. Photo: Felicity Male

Govt to revise Act to handle modern road challenges

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Government is looking into a comprehensive review of the Road Traffic Act of 1972.

Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae said this at a kgotla meeting in Lentsweletau recently.

He emphasised that the current legal framework was no longer equipped to handle modern road challenges.

He noted that the primary legislation governing Botswana's roads dated back to 1972, with only minor adjustments made in 2008.

He argued that the landscape of transportation had shifted drastically over the last five decades.

"By 1972, there were no high-performance cars or the diverse range of vehicle models we see today," Mr Salakae explained.

He stressed that the original Act was designed for a different era of driver behaviour and vehicle technology, hence the review was essential to protect lives in the 21st century.

The minister warned habitual traffic offenders, stating that government had been forced to take a harder line due to widespread disregard for road safety advice.

He further highlighted the tragic loss of life during the recent festive season as a catalyst for the changes.

He added that new provisions would allow magistrates to immediately charge drivers suspected of being impaired by any substance, not just alcohol, that caused dizziness or loss of consciousness and bypassing lengthy investigative delays.

Under the revised law, he said fines for unlicensed minors driving vehicles would jump from the current range of P500 to P2,000 to a steeper P3,000 to P5,000 or up to 12 months in prison. Notably, he



Mr Noah Salakae

said adults who permitted minors to drive would also face charges.

Beyond safety, the minister said, the new Bill aimed to eliminate the 'logjam' of long queues at the Department of Road Transport and Safety (DRTS) offices.

On one hand, he indicated that under the old 1972 regulations, brand-new vehicles were required to undergo immediate testing at the DRTS, a process he described as a source of 'unnecessary stalemates.'

Furthermore, he said the proposed law allowed owners of new vehicles to register immediately for security and permits and defer the roadworthiness test for 12 months.

After the first year, he said owners must provide proof of testing from an approved facility or face penalties.

While the minister warned that 'tough charges' were coming for those who believed that they were above the law, he maintained that the door was still open for dialogue.

"The law has many sections that need to be fully understood," Mr Salakae said, adding that his ministry remained ready to receive advice from the public to ensure the final version of the Act served the best interests of all Batswana.

BOPA

Education Pitso addresses gaps in learner performance

Marvin Motlhabane
GASITA

Member of Parliament for Kanye West, Mr Victor Phologolo, has urged schools to adopt monitoring and evaluation of academic results as a standard practice rather than a reactive measure used only when problems arise.

Speaking at an Education Pitso in Gasita recently, Mr Phologolo emphasised that proactive oversight was key to sustained success.

He highlighted Gasita Primary School as a positive example and praised the school for its ability to recognise and build upon improvements.

The legislator challenged parents, teachers and the community to collaborate on a goal to push the school's current 72 per cent pass rate beyond the 80 per cent mark.

Mr Phologolo stressed his conviction that challenges were best resolved through community-driven initiatives and a sense of ownership.

Kanye District Deputy Council Secretary for Operations, Mr Emmanuel Kganetso, addressed the hurdles facing the district. He attributed delays in service delivery, particularly the procurement of cleaning materials and computers, to lengthy tendering processes and tightened economic climate.

Given such budget constraints, Mr Kganetso appealed to parents to take a more active role. He suggested that families contributed where possible by providing stationery and learning materials rather than depending entirely on

India and Botswana celebrate 61 years of ITEC journey

Launched in 1964, ITEC was founded on the principle that sustainable development is achieved through shared knowledge, mutual respect and people-centred cooperation

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GABORONE

India's long-standing commitment to development through human capacity building took centre stage as the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme marked its 61st anniversary at India House, celebrating decades of partnership with Botswana and the wider Global South.

Launched in 1964, ITEC was founded on the principle that sustainable development is achieved through shared knowledge, mutual respect and people-centred cooperation.

Speaking at the ITEC Day commemorative event recently, High Commissioner of India to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati described the programme as "the very soul of India's

development partnership," noting that its relevance had only grown over the past six decades.

Mr Kuthati cited Botswana as a valued partner in the ITEC journey, with hundreds of Batswana professionals from government, defence, health, education and the private sector having benefited from training in India. He said many alumni now occupied leadership and decision-making roles, contributing to institutional development and policy formulation in Botswana.

"What makes ITEC special is that it is not transactional, it is about co-creating capacity, respecting national priorities and supporting demand-driven development," he said.

He reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Botswana's Vision 2036 through ITEC, scholarships and cooperation in emerging areas such as digital skills, renewable energy, health systems and new technologies.

He also hailed the historic state visit of the President of India to Botswana in November last year, which gave renewed momentum to bilateral relations.

Mr Kuthati emphasised that people-to-people links remained the pillar of India-Botswana ties, describing ITEC alumni as the bridge between the two countries. Sharing personal testimonies highlighting the programme's impact, Head of the Department of Media Studies at the University of Botswana, Mr Patrick Lekgetho, recounted his training in communication for development in Kolkata in 2025.

He praised India's advanced digital ecosystem, vibrant culture and hospitality, saying the experience had directly influenced plans to establish a university-based news channel.

"If it was not for ITEC, we would not have known what was possible," he said, adding that the programme helped demystify modern broadcast production and inspired practical innovation back home. An entrepreneurship development advisor at the Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub, Mr Nyaladzi Monyamane highlighted lessons from his training in digital payment systems and infrastructure.

He pointed to India's near-cashless economy, the widespread use of Aadhaar digital identity system and the success of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as examples Botswana could benchmark.

"India shows that digital transformation can be a deliberate national choice," he said, suggesting opportunities for Botswana to partner with India on UPI adoption, heritage tourism development and even fertilizer exports driven by innovation and waste recycling.

Another alumni from the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Ms Lilian Letshabo, who trained in integrated library systems in Chennai in 2024, described ITEC as both a professional and cultural journey. She highlighted skills gained in modern library technologies alongside the lasting bonds formed with participants from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

An attaché for ITEC, Mr Gagan Gautam, reaffirmed ITEC's core values of solidarity, partnership and shared progress.

He said India, would continue to stand with Botswana not as a donor, but as a trusted development partner, to ensure the programme's continued relevance and impact in the years ahead. BOPA

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Fa a tswa la gagwe, mokhanelara wa Lerala Bophirima Rre Loeto Tsebenyane a re sechaba sa Lerala se lebogela ditsha tsa Bonno, ka se se tlaa thusa mo letlhokong la boroko la badirelapuso.

O tsweletse a supa fa sechaba se dumalana le motheo wa kgotla kgolo ya molao motheo, a re go lebaka Batswana ba e eletsa.

"Ditshwanelo tsa setho di botlhokwa fela thata," ga bua Rre Tsebenyane. **BOPA**

Letsholo la go tlhatlhoba kankere le tsweletse

Cathrine Simane
TSABONG

Kankere ya molomo wa popelo e ka thibelwa fa bomme ba ka tsibogela go ya go e tlhatlhobela nako e sale teng.

Se se tlhaloitswe ke Dr Daisy Nametsegang gotswa kwa kokeleng ya Tsabong mo potsolosong le BOPA ka Laboraro jaaka ba tsweletse mo letsholong la go tlhatlhobela bomme kankere eo kwa kgaolong ya Tsabong.

Dr Nametsegang o ne a tswelela ka go tlhalosa fa ba lephata la botsogo ba seegetse kwa thoko kgwedi ya Firikgong go ruta, go tsibosa le go rotloetsa bomme go ya go tlhatlhobela kankere ya molomo wa popelo.

O boletse fa ba simolotse go bolotsa letsholo la go tlhatlhobela molomo wa popelo ka Mosupologo kwa kgaolong ya Tsabong mme mo nakong ya gompieno ba setse ba tlhatlhobele bomme ba feta makgolo a mararo e bile bangwe ba ba fitlhetsweng ka bolwetsi ba tsweletse ka go neelwa dithuso tse di maleba ke ba bongaka.

A re lekgotla la botsogo la mafatshefatshe (World Health Organazation) ka tshwaraganano le lefatshe leno ba ipeetse seelo sa 90% wa go tlhomamisa gore basetsanya ba dingwaga tse di boferabongwe go fitlha mo go tse di lesome le botlhano baa kentiwa go thibela kankere

ya molomo wa popelo, 70% ya bomme ba tlhatlhobela kankere eo fa 90% e le wa gore ba ba fitlhelweng ba na le bolwetsi joo ba thusiwa ka tsa kalafi.

Dr Nametsegang o boletse fa kankere ya molomo wa popelo e kekela mo go bomme mo lefatsheng leno mme e bile bangwe e setse e ba gapetse matshelo, selo se a kgothaditseng bomme go ema ka dinao go itseela kgato le gone go gakolola bangwe go etela kwa dikokelong go tlhatlhoba ka seo se ka thusa go itseela dikgato tse di maleba nako e sa ntse e le teng.

A re ba lephata la botsogo ba tshwaraganetse letsholo le la go tlhatlhobela kankere ya molomo wa popelo, le le tlaa welang ka Labotlhano, le Khansele ya Tsabong, maphata a puso a a farologanyeng, BOSASNET, NAHPA, Kgomo to Councilling centre, Tebelopele Councilling Centre go tlhatlhobela mogare wa HIV le malwetsi a mangwe.

Mongwe wa ba ba itlhatlhobetseng kankere ya molomo wa popelo Mme Dories Babeile (52) wa Omaweneno o ne a phophotha legetla ba lephata la botsogo go ba atameletsa ditirelo gaufi ka gantsi ba di latela kgakala kwa Tsabong.

Mme Babeile o ne a gwtelha bomme go itlhatlhobela dikankere tse di farologanyeng le malwetsi a mangwe gore ba kgone go itse seemo sa bone le gone go bona bongaka nako e sa ntse e le teng. **BOPA**

Tona o gakolola magolegwya go dirisa lenaneo la ikago sesha

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Magolegwya a iteetse legofi molao kakanyetso o o tlaa letlang go nna ba fiwa malatsinyana go ya go lekola ba malwapa a bone.

Ba supile se fa tona wa boatlhodi le kago sesha ya magolegwya, Rre Nelson Ramaotwana a ne a ile go ba lekola kwa kgolegelong ya Molepolole ka bosheng.

Tona Ramaotwana o ne a botsa magolegwya gore a ba tseneletse lenaneo la go ikaga le go boela kwa setshabeng le gore a ba bona go na le tswelelo pele.

Fa ba arabu, ba tlhalositse tsweletse le lenaneo a bile tsotlhe di le malala aalotswe. Rre Ramaotwana a re go ntse go na le tsamaiso ya gore legolegwya le ka ikopela go itshwarelwya go lebilwe mabaka a gore o itshwara jang, go lebilwe gape le nako e e mo saletseng mo kgolegelong, o ka fiwa sebaka sa go kwala a ikopela phokoletso malatsi a ktlhola kgotsa go ya go feleletsa malatsi a gagwe a ktlhola a direla kwa ntle

ga kgolegelo.

Tona o supile gore puso e santse e sekaseka gore e re mo isagong magolegwya a fiwe sebaka sa go nna ba ya go tlhola ba malwapa a bone.

"Fa go ka tsamaya sentle, re sena go baakanya melao, fa o itshwara sentle o tlaab o ka fiwa sebaka sa go tlhola ba lelwapa" ga tlhalosa Rre Ramaotwana.

Le fa go ntse jalo Rre Ramaotwana a re ope yo tlaa tlolang taelo eo o tlaa gagamaletswa molao mme a itse fa a tlaab a jelle kgano.

O ile a ba lemotsha gore ga se gore go tsena ka kgolegelo ke bomadimabe, mme puso e tlhaloganya gore motho o tsalwa ka phoso e bile phoso gape e baakangwa ke motho ka bo ene.

Tona o gakolotse magolegwya gore pelo potsane e a bofiwa a gatelela gore ba tshwanetse go ithuta go tshela sentle le mefuta yothe ya batho le go itse go laola maikutlo a bone fa a kgoberega go hema go iphitlhela ba dirile molato. Rre Ramaotwana a re bontsi jwa bone bo lela ka go diega ga bone fa ba santse ba letsetse go atholwa ntswa ba tswaletswe mo kgolegelong.

Fa bangwe ba ne a lela gore batlhokomedi ba ba kgoreletsa go tsaya dikalafi tsa makoa a bone ka tlhomamo.

Bangwe ba ne a re ba kopa gore metshameko e mengwe e akarediwa kwa dikgolegelong gore ba kgone ba somarele dikitsa tsa bone gore di se ba latlhegele mme ba tle ba di dirise go itshetsa fa ba boela kwa

setshabeng.

Motshameko o o leng teng kwa kgolegelong ke wa kgwele ya dinao fela mme ba supa fa bangwe e se batshameki ba one mme ba na le metshameko e ba nang le dinoe tse di tseneletseng mo go yone e bile bontsi jwa bone ba santse ele banana ba lefatshe le ka tsogang le ipela ka bone.

Ba ba gogang motsoko ba ne ba itela ka gore ba kopa gore motsoko wa sekerete o letlelelwae ka gore fa o seo ba tlelwae ke go bua ka pelo, tshakgalo le go gatelelwae ke maikutlo mme se se tsose kgotlhakgotlhano gareng ga bone le batlhokomedi ba bone kgotsa le magolegwya a mangwe.

Magolegwya gape ba ne kopa puso go ba thusa ka didiriswa tse ba tlaa di dirisang fa ba boela kwa setshabeng gore ba kgone go itirele madinyana go simolola botshelo. Ba ne ba kopa gore a ba hiriwe mo ditirong tsa dikonteraka tse dikgolo tse puso e di fang dithentara mme lemmyana le ba le bonang go tsweng kwa ditirong tse le diriswe go ba rekela didiriswa kgotsa ba le fiwe fa ba boela gae.

Magolegwya ba re fa ba diriswe ke puso mo ditirong tse go ka fokoletsu puso go duela madimadi mme go thuse gore itsholelo e tloloane.

Ba kopile tona gore dipampiri tsa dikgang di letlelelwae gore ba kgone go ipaya mo dimakong ka dikgang tse di ba amang le tsa setshaba ka kakaretso. O ne a ba tshepisa fa a tlaa tsaya dikgang le matshwenyego a bone ka tlhoafalo. **BOPA**



Tona wa boatlhodi le kago sesha ya magolegwya, Rre Nelson Ramaotwana (fa gare) a etetse kampa ya magolegwya kwa Molepolole, go lekola magolegwya le badisa magolegwya. Senepe: Keetile Bontsibokae



Good Hope veterinary field assistant, Ms Tsholofelo Isaac (left) and gatekeeper, Mr Othusitse Molwia repairing part of the vandalised FMD 200km cordon and Foot and Mouth Disease control fence in Phitshane Molopo on Saturday. The area is prone to vandalism, prompting veterinary services to introduce security measures in collaboration with the Botswana Defence Force and Botswana Police Service.



Veterinary officer, Mr Mpho Kgengwenyane showing a wheel bath, which has been put in place at Ramatlaba Border Post between Botswana and South Africa to control the spread of FMD. He said the bath was monitored hourly and regularly refilled.



Ramatlaba Border Post veterinary officer, Mr Edward Matlhomane refilling the foot bath for travellers arriving from South Africa to disinfect their footwear.

Government wages war against FMD

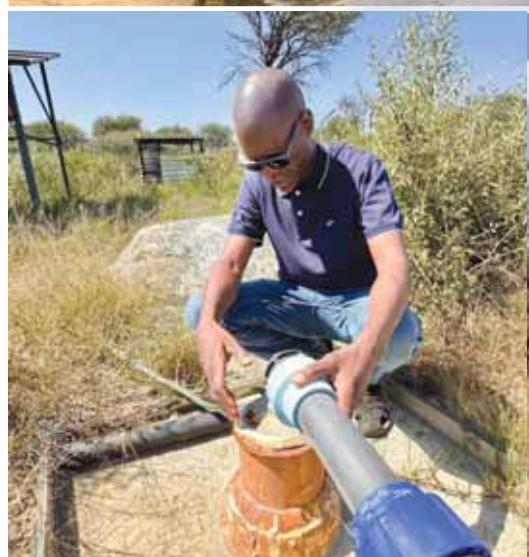
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Cattle drinking from a government-designated livestock watering point in Leporung as part of the FMD control measures.



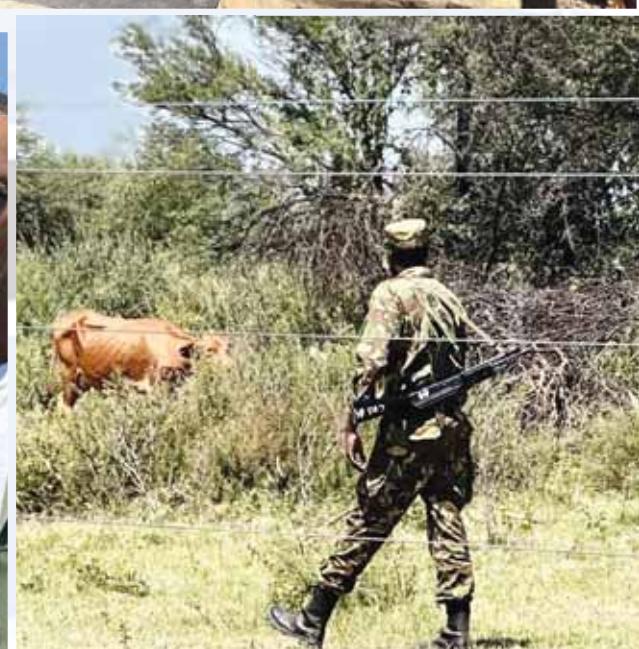
A truck driver transiting from South Africa via Ramatlaba Border Post to Namibia, dipping his feet in an FMD footbath. He said it was critical for everyone to comply with protocols to prevent the spread of the virus.



Good Hope acting principal veterinary officer, Mr Motlamedi Keboitsi showing one of the underutilised boreholes in Phitshane Molopo on Saturday. The borehole was drilled for community use as part of FMD prevention and control measures in the Southern region. He said government drilled 12 boreholes for villages along the 200km FMD cordon fence, but those in Phitshane Molopo and Dikhukhong remained underutilised.



A herdboy at Leporung, Mr Thusoeng Malefho said they were making effort to direct cattle to the new livestock watering points designated by government in the fight against FMD. He said the cattle were accustomed to drinking from Molopo River.



One of the FMD frontline fighters, Corporal Keitumetse Keitumetse of Botswana Defence Force during border patrol in Leporung. The joint operation includes Botswana Police Service, Directorate of Intelligence & Security Services and Veterinary Services.

New digital dawn as ORI receives GIS computers

By Gaoletshoo Kgatitswe

MAUN

The Okavango Delta is often described as a 'miracle of nature', a luxurious and emerald maze of water pulsing through the heart of the Kalahari Desert. But for the researchers at the Okavango Research Institute (ORI), monitoring this UNESCO World Heritage Site has recently felt like trying to navigate a high-speed world with a broken compass.

'Our existing equipment has become largely unusable'

For years, the institute's computers, the very engines required to process complex climate data and wildlife patterns, had grown sluggish and outdated.

"Our existing equipment has become largely unusable," admitted ORI director, Dr Casper Bonyongo when he received a donation of eight high-end Geographical Information Systems (GIS) computers worth P400 000 recently from the US Embassy.

This was not just a technical inconvenience, but a bottleneck for conservation. Without the processing power to handle large datasets, critical insights into flooding, fire dynamics and habitat loss remained locked behind frozen screens.

The GIS machines allow researchers to layer vast amounts of data including satellite imagery, rainfall records and animal migration paths, into high-resolution digital maps.

"Graduates and researchers

alike will greatly benefit from this enhanced capacity. We can now support complex simulations and sophisticated spatial modelling that were simply impossible before," said Dr Bonyongo.

For the students at the University of Botswana, this is not just about new hardware but about 'future-ready' skills.

UB acting vice chancellor, Mr Dawid Katzke believes these tools will bridge the gap between classroom theory and the urgent, interdisciplinary research needed to protect one of the world's most significant wetland ecosystems.

While the technology is impressive, the sentiment behind it is deeper. At the handover ceremony, Acting Minister of Higher Education, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile said the donation was a milestone in an enduring partnership between Botswana and the US.

"It is a partnership built on a shared realisation. The challenges of the 21st century including climate change, disaster risk reduction and biodiversity loss, cannot be solved with 20th-century tools" Mr Ntlhaile said.

US Ambassador, Mr Howard Van Vranken echoed the same sentiments, noting that the donation underscored the global importance of local research.

"To protect the Delta is to protect a piece of the world's heritage and that requires data that is as precise as it is timely. We are delighted to support ORI in analysing the Okavango Delta and recognising the critical role research plays in tackling global and regional challenges," he said.

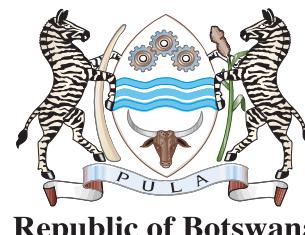
He added that the arrival of the eight computers was only the beginning. The US has demonstrated continued commitment to ORI, with plans already in motion for a high-capacity server and an expansion of the ORI laboratory.

As the Delta faces an uncertain future shaped by a changing climate, its guardians now have the digital 'eyes' they need to see what is coming.

With every map generated and every flood-cycle simulated, Botswana is proving that while the Delta's beauty is timeless, its preservation requires cutting-edge innovation. **BOPA**



US Ambassador, Mr Howard Van Vranken (left) and acting Minister of Higher Education, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile during the donation of Geographical Information Systems worth P400 000 in Maun recently. Photo: Gaoletshoo Kgatitswe



Republic of Botswana

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Government of Botswana recognises the importance of a free, independent, and ethical media as the backbone of democracy and as such seeks to solidify those commitments by establishing a legal framework that fosters press freedom, journalistic integrity, and responsible reporting and information dissemination. As such, the Government appointed a Task Team/Force in March, 2025 to review and reform existing media laws and such other laws that may adversely impact on media freedom, ensuring they uphold press freedom, access to information, and accountability.

Following its appointment, the Task Team has since submitted the Media Legislative Review Report and the Draft Media Bill. Consequently, the Government wishes to consult the general public/nation further on the Draft Media Bill and its pronouncement especially on the establishment of the Media Regulatory Council in Botswana, setting out its governance, membership, functions and funding model to ensure sustainability. The proposed framework combines self-regulation within a statutory framework, to safeguard media freedom of expression while maintaining accountability, respect for human rights and ethical standards to eliminate inaccurate reporting and violation of other persons rights across both traditional and digital media.

You may access the **Draft Media Bill** at <https://dailynews.gov.bw/dailynews.pdf> or visit the **Office of the District Commissioner** in your jurisdictions, **MISA Botswana and Editors Forum Offices**. Furthermore, you are requested to submit your comments through the following platforms:-

- Email/Electronic:** to bgmotsamai@gov.bw and gubanabotlhe@gov.bw
- Post Mail:** Ministry for State President, Defence & Security. Private Bag 001, Government Enclave. Gaborone.
- Physical Address:** Hand Delivery Submissions to Ministry for State President, Defence & Security. Finance House Building. Khama Crescent Street. Gaborone West Ext. 9. Government Enclave.

The Deadline for the submissions is the 10th February 2026.



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FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000755-23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEOBONYE MCDONALD MOAPARE** who died along A12 Road near Pub Bar, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 12th day of June 2023.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the estate will be open for inspection at the office of the Master of 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 on this 30 day of January 2026

THE EXECUTOR Dirang Abel Moapare
P O Box 30307, TLOKWENG
Tel: 72 685 101 / 74 772 560

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 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
KAGISO LECHA	ESHFT-000996-25	26/03/26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08th OF DECEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Company Reference: UIN BW 00000800441

IN THE COMPANY of CROC B (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED which is duly incorporated and registered according to the Companies Laws of the Republic of Botswana, whose registered office address is Plot 64511, Unit 3, Block 5, Fairgrounds, Gaborone.

TAKE NOTICE that the Company intends to sell the company shares in a sale of shares agreement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEBTORS and CREDITORS in the above Company are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within seven (7) days after publication hereof.

Any objections to the notice of sell of shares may be lodged with Piyush Sharma Attorneys.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 10th day of JANUARY 2026.

PIYUSH SHARMA ATTORNEYS & CO.,
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Telephone No. (+267) 3191622,
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ONE HERDBOY WANTED at Moiyabana Box 13 Moiyabana Kagiso Kamogelo cell: 75 150 554

2 FARM WORKERS REQUIRED in Otse. Call 76 382 714

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SUPERVISOR NEEDED for horticulture farming. Location Mookane. Qualification: Diploma in Agriculture management. Experience: 5 years in Horticulture. Employer: Both-Marks Investments (integrated farming). P O Box 707 AAH Gaborone. 71 315 819. Closing date: 11 February 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pockets of Joy Pty Ltd wishes to open a bottle store at Plot Number 1346 Mogobelelo Ward Hukunti. Any objection should contact to Hukunti Physical Planner

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FARM WORKER WANTED Nshakasongwe contact Dr Kgetsi cell: 73 133 153 Box 435 Tutume

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I FARM WORKER WANTED at Letlapeng lands Maratswane by Siz De Farmer (Pty) Ltd to look after goats. Apply to P O Box 660 Letlhakeng, Sizweshowa@gmail.com 71 229 481. Closing date 06/02/2026

FARM WORKERS

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A FARM WORKER is urgently needed at an Integrated farm in Letlhakane. Please send your application to Tamapo Damba whatsaap 71 729 416 or P O Box 1505, Orapa by 31st January 2026

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I PLOT OWNER OF PLOT 7126 Mmaratanang ward, Tlokweng inform public and neighbours about intention of boundary wall erection. Any objection should be forwarded Tlokweng district council physical planning at Tel: 396 5000/41 and 77161254 / 76 975 179

OWNER OF PLOT 13703, Ratlhomelang ward, Molepolole would like to change land use from Agriculture to mixed use Agriculture. Any queries should be lodged with Kweneng District Council, Telephone: 592 2100 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 111 in Borolong wishes to develop a filling station. Any objections should be forward to Nawa Architects at 2418710 or Road Infrastructure Development and Maintenance at 365 7000

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H/W MAJUTA
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE
HELD AT EXTENSION II

CASE NO: CCMEX-001315/24

In the matter between:
**Barrow Long Farms (Pty) Ltd
AND
Ketumile Lekona**

PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: KETUMILE LEKONA, an adult male of full capacity whose full and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown;

TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued by the Magistrate Court, at Gaborone, you are required, within 30 days after publication hereof, to give notice to the Clerk and to the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intentions to defend the action in which the Plaintiff seeks the following:

1. Cancellation of the parties' agreement.
2. Payment of the sum of **P64 750.00 (Sixty- Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty pula).**
3. Interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from the 1st December 2023 to date of full and final payment.
4. Cost of suit
5. 10% collection commission on any instalment paid
6. Further/alternative relief

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY 2026

**MAKGANE ATTORNEYS, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS, P.O BOX 3035
GABORONE, PLOT 14416, SABLE HOUSE, G-WEST INDUSTRIAL**

VACANCY (1 Managing Director)

A Medical Management company based in Gaborone, Industromed Botswana, is seeking an experienced Managing Director to control its operations and strategically mobilize the business to achieve its financial vision, mission and long-term goals.

Key performance areas and responsibilities:

- Manage resources, including the attracting, hiring and retention of personnel.
- Ensure employees move in the same strategic direction to achieve its mission.
- Create and report on business plans, monitoring efficacy and progress.
- Research and implement new initiatives to drive revenue and lower operating costs.
- Manage and report on the effective implementation of a marketing strategy to maintain market relevance and promote products and services to increase sales.
- Manage key personnel, clients and service providers.
- Promote the wellness of staff and implementing policies inline with labor legislation and health and safety guidelines to create a diverse and positive working environment.
- Preparation of annual reports and attending/presenting at board meetings.

Minimum qualifications:

- 10 years experience having worked as a M.D. within the medical industry.
- Previous experience within a distributor and manufacturing environment.
- BA or BCom Hons degree however an MBA is preferred.
- A background in psychology or human resources is an advantage.

If you are a critical thinker with an analytical mind and a hands-on approach to problem solving, please send your CV and cover letter to industro-med@outlook.com or post to P.O Box 3322 Gaborone before the 27th February 2026.

Position Summary:

We are looking for an experienced and passionate **Bakery Developer** to lead our team and oversee the daily operations of our bakery. The ideal candidate will have strong leadership skills, a love for baking, and a sharp eye for quality and efficiency.

Key Responsibilities:

- * Supervise daily bakery operations and staff
- * Maintain high standards of product quality and food safety
- * Ensure inventory management and timely ingredient ordering
- * Ensure a clean, organized, and compliant kitchen
- * Schedule staff and manage performance
- * Work with the team on new product ideas and seasonal offerings
- * Provide excellent customer service and resolve issues promptly

* Excellent organizational and team management skills

* Excellent communication skills

* Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends

* Certification in food safety and hygiene is a plus

Interested candidates should forward their CV, references, and credentials to:

Human Resources Manager,
SRJ Enterprises Pty Ltd
P.O. Box 218, Mogoditshane

Email: hr@wentzel.co.bw

Closing Date: 14 days after the date of issue of this advert.

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VACANCY – FARM WORKER AT MUNO RANCHES (Small Stock)

Muno Ranches, a busy livestock farm, is seeking a hard-working and experienced Farm Worker to take care of our small stock (pigs, goats & chickens).

Position: Farm Worker

Location: Muno Ranches, Botswana

Employment: Full-time (Monday to Saturday)

Accommodation: On-farm accommodation provided / negotiable

Key Requirements:

- Minimum 5-10 years' hands-on experience with pigs, goats and poultry.
- Strong work ethic and reliability.
- Willingness to stay and work at the farm.

- Physically fit and able to work long hours.
- Good communication in English/ Setswana an advantage.

Duties Include:

- Daily feeding, watering and health monitoring of pigs, goats and chickens.
- Routine cleaning of pens and housing.
- Assisting with breeding, birthing and animal care as needed.
- General ranch duties including fence maintenance, basic farm upkeep and reporting animal issues.

All applicants can send applications via post to PO Box 21712, Gaborone

Tau Grading & Building Construction
P.O.BOX 28
GHANZI
BOTSWANA
Tel: 7211130
Email: taugrading@gmail.com

We are Hiring
Position: Site Agent

Duties

- Manage on-site day-to- day activities
- Ensure project meet quality, safety, time, and budget objectives
- Plan and oversee resource allocation for efficient project delivery
- Oversee subcontractor performance and coordination
- Prepare monthly reports and progress monitoring
- Stakeholder management

Qualifications and Experience

- BSc in Civil Engineering or related field
- 8 years post graduate experience, including at least 3 years in Road Construction
- MUST be registered with Engineers Registration Board (ERB) in the professional category, with valid practising certificate

Enquiries

Contact the HR Manager via WhatsApp at 74471972

Apply to:

The Project Manager
Tau Grading & Building Construction (PTY) LTD
P.O. Box 28
Ghanzi

Email applications (CV, academic, and professional qualifications) to: taugrading@gmail.com

Closing Date: 9th February 2026



Sidilega Private Hospital, an equal opportunity employer situated in Block 7 Gaborone has the following vacancies and invites suitably qualified personnel to submit their applications:

1. Specialist Doctors
- a. Cardiologist
- b. Anaesthesiologist
- c. Medical Officer / General Practitioner

Educational Qualifications:

- Graduate and Postgraduate degree qualifications, with at least 3 years of relevant experience.
- Candidates should be registered with the Botswana Health Professional Council (BHPC)

2. Pharmacist

Educational Qualifications:

- Bachelor / Master Degree in Pharmacy with a minimum of 3 years' experience in Hospital
- Well versed with legal, professional, and Stock Management.
- Candidates should be registered with BHPC

3. Registered Nurses:

- a. ICU / High Care
- b. NICU / PICU

- c. Operating Theatre
- d. Cath Lab / CTVS
- e. Renal
- f. Accident & Emergency

Educational Qualifications:

- Degree or Diploma in Nursing, with at least 3 years of experience.
- Candidates should be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Botswana (NMBC).

4. Nurse Anaesthetist / Clinical Officer

Anaesthesia

Educational Qualifications:

- Degree or Diploma in Nursing and Anaesthesia with at least 3 years of experience.

Candidates should be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Botswana (NMBC) or with Botswana Health Professional Council (BHPC)

Interested candidates who meet the requirements are invited to apply by forwarding a comprehensive CV, application letter and certificates, addressed to The Human Resources Manager, Private Bag BR 183 Gaborone; Email: recruitment@sidilegaprivatehospital.co.bw; For any enquiries please contact HR: +267 3701047/3115792

Closing date: 30/01/2026

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

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. 31:01), 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**

MANGA BARAEDI MOTLAPELE ESHFT-001237-25 09/04/26 0900HRS SARM
DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05TH JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person **Estate Number** **Date Of Meeting** **Time** **Master**

OLEBENG MOTSWERI ESHFT-000695-25 15-04-26 0900HRS SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

CHANGE OF LAND USE

MS KAMOGELO TSHIDY NGOMA INTERNS TO CONSOLIDATE TWO PLOTS ,CHANGE LAND USE FROM SINGLE FAMILY-RESIDENTIAL TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT THREE STOREY BUILDING AND REGURIZE EXISTING BOUNDARY WALL, GUARD HOUSE AND POOL HOUSE ON PLOT:38784 AND 38785,BLOCK 5 MOGODITSHANE .

FOR OBJECTION CONTACT MOGODITSHANE PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE, FOR PLAN VIEWING CONTACT 73862965

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION
OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person **Estate Number** **Date Of Meeting** **Time** **Master**

BACHENESI JULIUS MOLOYI ESHFT-001023-25 11/02/26 0900HRS SARM

And
AMBROSIA SHAMME MOLOYI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000791 - 24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOSIMANEOTSILE MAROANE** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 2nd day of **July 2020**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2025

The Executor Dative
Boitumelo Kgwathe
P O Box 201967
GABORONE
Tel: 72524835 / 76246643

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

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Name of Deceased Person **Estate Number** **Date of Meeting** **Time**

1. Tumediso Haube ESHMN- 000107-24 16-03-26 0900HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 22 DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

COMPLANT BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: GENERAL MANAGER

Role Summary

We are seeking a high-caliber General Manager to spearhead our operations and drive business growth. The successful candidate will oversee all aspects of the company's performance, with a specific focus on securing new contracts through aggressive tendering, managing multidisciplinary engineering teams, and ensuring the profitable delivery of large-scale construction projects.

Key Responsibilities: Strategic Tendering & Business Development, Operational Oversight, Financial Management, Stakeholder Relations, Team Leadership and Compliance.

Requirements & Qualifications: Education: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, or a related field.

Experience: A minimum of 10-15 years of experience in the construction industry, with at least 5-7 years in a senior management role.

Professional Registration: Must be registered with the Engineering Registration Board (ERB) Fluency in Chinese Language due to reporting directly to the Board of Directors of the mother company based in China.

Qualified candidates must send CV's to Hr Manager, Private 00359, Gaborone, or Plot 1385 Mogoditshane, **Tell: 3902918**.

Closing date: 13/02/2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000448-25
NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **ONKEMETSE SHAKA-ESHFT-000448-25** who died at Katie Ward, Mopipi Central -District on the 7th April 2025

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 publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21 DAY JANUARY 2026

LUCY SHAKA AND TO: **MASTERS OF HIGH COURT**
PRIVATE BAG 005
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT: 000256-22
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

In the Estate of the late **Lentibile Tafila-ESHFT-000256-22** who died at Majashango ward, Rakops, Central-Boteti District Botswana on the **13th day of August 2022**. Notice is hereby given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Kutlwano Odirile **Lesedi Maruapula** **AND TO** **Master of the high court**
Executor Dative **P O BOX 226, Executor Dative** **Private Bag F13**
P/Bag 55 Goo-Tau **Maunatala** **Francistown**

CHANGE OF LAND USE

MS BATSHETSI KGAMANE INTENTS TO CHANGE LAND USE FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, AND TO REGULARIZE EXISTING GUARD HOUSE AND BOUNDARY WALL ON PLOT:37668,BLOCK 5 MOGODITSHANE. FOR OBJECTION CONTACT MOGODITSHANE PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE. FOR PLAN VIEWING CONTACT 73862965

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

1. **TSHEPO OFENTSE** and **OFENTSE MOCHANKANA** married in community of property on the 26th July, 2019 at Francistown, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after three (3) consecutive publications of this statutory notice.
3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, NSALA LAW CHAMBERS, before the expiration of the said 3 consecutive publications, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT PALAPYE ON THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

NSALA LAW CHAMBERS
MAKWAPA COMPLEX, ABOVE CHOPPIES
UNIT 3 PALAPYE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAUN
ESHMN-00075-25
FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Mothootsile Sethodi** who died on Transit (Near Radisele Village, Radisele Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on 29th July 2024).

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

DATED AT MAUN THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Gonnamang Sethodi **AND TO:** **Deputy Registrar & Master of the High Court**
(Executor **Private Bag 30**
75105816 **Maun**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAUN
ESHMN -000074-25
NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NYEKILE THANI** who died at Boseja, Maun, in the Republic of Botswana on the **2nd July 2025**.

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

Ms Julia Mwatsikesimbe – Executor
P O BOX 2045, MAUN
77112651

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION
APPLICATION FOR BAR LIQUOR

License at Lobodu Ward Kachikau Village by Remmonye. Any person who wishes to objects this license can write to Council Secretary Chobe District Council P/ Bag K30 Kasane before the next meeting on February 2026

ONTHUSITSE KATHOLO of Plot 13581, Mekoro, Selebi-Phikwe intends to change land use from single family residential to Civic and Community (Pre-school). Objections are advised to contact Selebi-Phikwe Physical Planning Office (261 4854) within 14 days of this notice.

I, TEBOGO DAMBUZA would like to change land use at Makoro Fields, Palapye from integrated farm to mixed use. Any objection can be forwarded to Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on Telephone 493 0827 or 74108940 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

I THE OWNER OF PLOT 80497 Gaborone North wish to construct a boundary wall at Gaborone North. For objections neighbours of plot 80496 and 80498 shall consult Gaborone city council physical planning at 365 7400 within 14 days from date of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 2928 TAUNG informs neighbors with the intention to change land from single single residential plot to multi residential plot. For any objections please contact Ramotswa district council Tel: 538 1200, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE I, Mishell Gamuchirai Mutapanduwa, owner of plot No. 5242, Extension 8, Palapye would like to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For any objection please contact Palapye physical planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

CHANGE OF LAND USE - The Mall bakery (Pty) Ltd. Owner of a residential plots 3964, 3965 and 3966 in Minestone, Francistown, intends to consolidate and change use from residential into mixed use-commercial. For any objections, contact physical planning-City of Francistown council at (+267) 2411050 or P/Bag 40, Francistown

OWNER OF PLOT 2544, Kanye, Ledubeng would like to change the land use of the plot from single to multi-residential. Neighbours having objections are to contact Physical planning unit, Kanye District Council at 544 0217.

PUMPKIN LEMPONYE RAMONO of Plot No. 13370 Extension 11, Palapye intends to change land use from residential to multi-family. For any objection contact Palapye District Council's Physical Planning office or call 4930800 within 14 days of this publication.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE STELLA BATHUSI

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Thursday 16th April 2026** at **08:30 hours** at the **Office of the Master - B. Kgerethwa** located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Master's Office on 371 8343, or 371 8000 / 371 8040 (switchboard).

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOURS OF GOFAONE
Mokgethisi, owner of plot 23283, Block 10, Mogoditshane would like to inform neighbours about the intention to construct a double storey residential house. For any objections contact Kweneng District Council-Planning Unit within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice telephone no 3105615/ +267 71 739 471

PROPERTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Title Deed No. FTTL119/2010 in respect of plot No. 18688, Palapye Industrial registered in the name of Nkabo Milling. Any person in possession of/ with information regarding this document is required to report to undersigned. Any unauthorized use is unlawful. Contact: 71 844 665 / 71 553 677.

RESIDENTIAL PLOTS: PLOT 85, Palapye, 1061 Sqm, P250K. Call 76040966. Plot 86, Palapye, 2203 Sqm, P500K. Call 76040966. Plot 25393, Serowe, 2227 Sqm, P350K. Call 77 001 686.

PLOT 25x30x25x33 for sale in Gopong. Price P40k 75 033 307 / 75 302 607

LOBATSE PLOT SWAP with Palapye or Selibe Phikwe plot. Contact 74 121 724 Box 403866 Gaborone

FARM FOR SALE @ Dikabaya Palapye P80 000. Call 71 826 441

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VACANCIES

DESIGNER SUPERVISOR
Upholstery qualification: diploma in designing upholstery manufacturing. Ten years as supervisor in canvas and leather products, able to train staff. Apply closing date 10/02/2026. Director: Planflow Limited private company P O Box 25682, Gaborone. Plot 1505, Matlala ward Tlokweng Botswana. Call 71 711 950

CHARTERED ACCOUNT with more than 10 years' experience required. ACCA/CIMA/CA qualifications a prerequisite. Interested applicants to send a detailed CV and educational qualifications to The Directors Accurate Figures Consultants (Pty) Ltd P O Box 405 Gaborone. Closing date 2 weeks from date of publication

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person: Oduwetse Basupile
Estate Number: ESHFT-001419-25
Date of Meeting: 16-04-26
TIME: 0900
MASTER: SARM
DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS DAY
9th OF JANUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

WANTED: EXTRA HEAVY duty driver (cross - border) with 10 years experience or more. Apply: Dynamic Solutions Box 403027, Gaborone. Closing date: 09/02/2026

DATA SECURITY SPECIALIST required. Relevant degree, 10 years experience on cyber/network security. Apply: Skyvault Cloud Solutions, Box 3079, Gaborone (Closing 06/02/2026).

SITE ENGINEER NEEDED with 1. BENG/ BSC Civil Engineering 15 years experience. 2. ER Professional 3. Proficiency in Autcad, MS Project civil designer or Revit. Email ossysons5@gmail.com

URGENTLY REQUIRED an Islamic priest having an Aalim degree and ten years of relevant work experience. Apply with full details to Chairman Ahle sunnat Wal Jamaat Botswana Box 331 Gaborone. Cell 74 515 584. Plot 3182 Extension 12 Gaborone Closing date 14 days from date of publication of this advert.

URGENTLY WANTED in G-West: Part-time tutors for primary and secondary kids. Must stay in/ near G-West. Diploma/Degree in Early Childhood education, Maths and Sciences. Phone/text 72 294 686

SAFE AND ACCESS Control Technician needed. Contact Kenny's Lock and Key. P O Box 201539 Gaborone

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Name of Deceased Person ESTATE NUMBER Date of Meeting Time Master
KENNETH MASHAME ESHFT-001437 07-05-26 0900HRS SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 0000825-25

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late CHIGGER PHEKO – ESHFT 0000825-25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN District on the 15th July 2025.

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 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

Johane Gaothobogwe
77707244
P O Box 12
Tobane

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

NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT, CAP 33:02

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost title deed number No 835/1995 dated 25th September 1995 made in favour of Gaolatthe Dichabeng in respect of the following:

CERTAIN : Piece of Land being Lot 26426 Gaborone
SITUATE : In the Gaborone West Extension 2
MEASURING : 450m² (Four Hundred and fifty Square Metres)
HELD UNDER : Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. No 835/1995 dated 25th September 1995 made in favour of Gaolatthe Dichabeng

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

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20_____
APPLICANT _____ NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

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Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person ESTATE NUMBER Date of Meeting Time
1. Kelefe Tshimololo ESHMN-000119-25 11-03-26 14:30HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 14 DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



ETP ACCREDITATION NO: ETP0165

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2026 INTAKE; REGISTER NOW

Diploma Courses;

1. Primary Education (DPE)
2. Occupational Health and Safety (DOHS)
3. Early Childhood Education (DECE)

Certificate Courses;

1. Early Childhood Education (CECE)
2. Secretarial Studies (CSS)
3. Health and Safety Management (CHSM)
4. Hospitality Operations (CHO)

Needed to Register: Certified copies of Certificate and Omang plus Registration fee

Online Registration: <https://naleditraining.co.bw/apply/>

Contacts: Call/WhatsApp: 71458649/74688080/76683687
OR Email: naleditrin@gmail.com, Deadline:07/02/2026

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JOB VACANCY:

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Requirements:

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- 5+ years of experience in drilling (surface)
- Do invoice and request quotes
- Experience in drilling deep holes and PQ
- Familiarity with drilling logistics
- Ability to work in remote areas
- Strong leadership, supervisory, and team management skills
- Problem-solving abilities under pressure, with the capability to work long hours
- Good communication skills
- Deep knowledge of drilling, hole casing, mud mixing, chemicals, and well planning
- Strong understanding of fracturing evaluation and diagnosing hole problems
- Must be of sober habits
- At least 3 consecutive years of service in one company

Application Instructions: Interested candidates should send their CVs, supporting documents, and cover letter to the following:
With reference: GDEB- Site manager

APPLY TO:
G.D.E BOTSWANA DRILLING AND EXPLORATIONS (PTY) LTD
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INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER SHARES IN A PRIVATE COMPANY OWNING IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BOTSWANA PUBLIC OFFICERS PENSION FUND ("BPOPF"), the lessor of the below mentioned property, in its capacity as shareholder of a private company duly incorporated according to the laws of Botswana being MAPULA NG12 CONCESSIONAIRE PROPRIETARY LIMITED ("MAPULA"), has entered into a sale of shares transaction with DESERT AND DELTA SAFARIS PROPRIETARY LIMITED ("DESERT & DELTA") (non-citizen) in respect of 50% (Fifty Percent) of its shares in MAPULA.

BPOPF is leasing out to MAPULA in terms of a sub-lease agreement on the following property, namely:-

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 497 Eretsha;
SITUATE: at Maun Village in Batswana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 6,5775 Hectares (Six point Five Seven Seven Five Hectares);
HELD UNDER: Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. DR 004 305 728 dated 22 August 2025 made in favour of Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund;
CONSIDERATION: BWP 19,213,214.00 (Nineteen Million Two Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen Botswana Pula) excluding any VAT/Transfer Duty consequential to the transaction;
SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease; and
PARTIES: BPOPF, Desert & Delta and Mapula.

Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property. Should any person wish to object to the above transaction you are requested to lodge such objection, with reasons, in writing with Bookbinder Business Law, Private Bag 382, Gaborone within Thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2026

BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW

Ranaka residents battle quarry aftermath

At the heart of the mayhem is the Ranaka quarry, a project that residents claim has traded their safety and heritage for industrial gain.

Thandy Tebogo

KANYE

In Ranaka, what was once a peaceful residential landscape has become a battlefield of dust, debris and structural decay. Lately, the ground does not just hold up homes, but it has been shaking them apart.

At the heart of the mayhem is the Ranaka quarry, a project that

residents claim has traded their safety and heritage for industrial gain.

For Ranaka residents, the grievance is visible in the very walls of their living rooms. Deep fissures snake across floors and climb up brickwork, the physical manifestation of heavy blasting.

At a recent kgotla meeting, the atmosphere was filled with frustration as residents gathered to hear from the Member of Parliament for Moshupa/Manyana, Mr Karabo Gare.

Mr Gare's message to the residents was that the time for protest had shifted to a time for litigation. "Because a mining license has already been issued by the Department of Mines, the only remaining path to justice is through the halls of justice. The right channel to follow is to take the case to court," he told the residents.

On one hand, the controversy is not merely about noise or dust, but a complex web of alleged procedural failures.

For his part, one resident, Mr Kenalemongwe Mopipi, described the situation as the 'illegal legalisation of illegality.'

As for the community members, the quarry's existence is a comedy of errors by the Ngwaketse Land Board and the Department of Mines and they allege that no Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was ever conducted while the license was reportedly granted for a site in Kwahu, the actual mining is taking place in Momare.

Momore is not just land, but a historical site owing to previously discovered human remains there by an archaeologist, yet the machinery kept rolling.

Furthermore, it would seem the

most critical evidence may lie in the measurements given that the quarry sat a meagre 90 meters from residential doorsteps, which is a violation of the Mines and Minerals Act (CAP 66:01), which dictates much stricter buffer zones between industrial blasting and human habitation.

Documents from the Ngwaketse Land Board seem to support the residents' outcry.

Residents heard that a letter from Ngwaketse Land Board had approved cancellation of surface rights for a quarry plot granted on July 25, 2022 and ending July 24, 2027.

Further, the board recently approved the cancellation of surface rights for the operator, Builders Place (Pty) Ltd, citing a breach of Clause 6 of their permit. The order provided that the company should cease operations, surrender the permit and vacate.

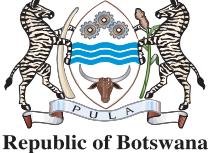
Despite the Land Board's order to vacate, the situation remains in a legal limbo. Chairperson of the Moshupa Sub-Land Board, Mr Prince Segokotlo, reminded the community that the matter was currently sub judice, before a court of law.

As the legal wheels slowly turn, the people of Ranaka are left in a state of suspended animation. Blasting has been halted for now, but the cracks in their homes remain. For this community, the fight is no longer just about stopping a drill. It is about restoring the integrity of their land, their history and their right to a safe home.

The battle of Ranaka is now a paper trail of licenses and land rights, but for the residents waking up to cracked walls every morning, it remains a fight for survival. **BOPA**



Residents of Ranaka says a local quarry project has traded their safety and heritage for industrial gain. Photo: Thandy Tebogo



MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

Department of Broadcasting Services

TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
TENDERING PROCEDURES
T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

• **Tender Reference No. SP/DBS/010/2025/2026**

• **Tender Title: A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR-POWER, PUMPS, RESEVOIR, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX**

Sealed Tender offers are invited for **A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR-POWER, PUMPS, RESEVOIR, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX**

• The Procuring Entity is **Department of Broadcasting Services**

• Procurement Method is: **OPEN DOMESTIC METHOD**

The Tenderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the compliance criteria:

(i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board in the following categories:
Code: 09 Drilling Works
Sub codes: 01 Drilling, borehole development and equipping and 02 Test Pumping **Grade: OC**

• The tender is reserved for 100% citizens owned companies as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.

• Local Procurement Scheme Presidential Directive 19 (B)/2013 – which is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy and Presidential Directive Cab no. 34 (B)/2014 on the "Economic Diversification Drive" will be applied in this tender.

• The physical address for collection of tender documents is:
Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana from the 23/01/2026 until 06/02/2026 from 08:00-12:45hrs and 13:45-15:30hrs.

• A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash or must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the tender document and must be paid on collection of the tender documents. Youth Companies shall purchase the ITT at 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 (**P125.00**) should be paid to: **Revenue office ,029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2 , Gaborone ,Botswana**

• **(Cheques will not be accepted)**

• Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than two (2) days before the tender closing date to M. M. R. Matula, Tel No. **365 3201** Email: mmatula@gov.bw; Vusa Ziga **365 8090** Email: vziga@gov.bw

• The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **1000 hours on the 06/02/2026**.

• Late tender offers will not be accepted.

• The Bid Submission Method is: a single envelope or package submission, in which a tender document containing the financial and technical officer of a bidder is submitted together in one sealed envelope or packaging;

The Evaluation Method is: Least Cost Selection Works

• Withdrawal of bids: A bidder who wishes to withdraw, modify or replace a bid shall do so in writing, and submit in the same manner as the submission of a bid, in an envelope or package marked "WITHDRAWAL", "MODIFICATION" or "REPLACEMENT".

• The re-submission of a bid shall be marked "REPLACEMENT BID" or "SUPPLEMENTARY BID" on the outer envelope or package.

• Tender documents submitted by courier shall only be acceptable if they bear the appropriate tender number and description and the inscription "Tender Documents. Not to be opened before ..." on the face of the package.

• In addition to any other requirement in the bidding document, a bid submitted after the date and time of submission shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder immediately or after the bid opening with the words "Late Tender" together with the date and time on which the bid was so received.

• Submit One (1) original tender document marked "ORIGINAL" and 2 duplicate copies of the original document marked "COPY" in one sealed envelope clearly marked

• **Tender Reference No. SP/DBS/010/2025/2026 - A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR-POWER, PUMPS, RESEVOIR, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX**

• The Tender documents shall be delivered to:
The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security
Finance House Building, Floor 4, Office 402 Government Enclave, Gaborone

The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Services shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.

(Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer)

Office of the Government Buyer
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

US reasons for withdrawal untrue - WHO chief

GENEVA

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Saturday depicted as "untrue" the reasons given by the United States for its withdrawal from the global health watchdog.

On the social platform X, the WHO chief noted that the move will make the United States itself and the world "less safe."

US President Donald Trump signed an executive order on January 20, 2025, the first day of his second term to formally initiate the US exit from the UN specialised agency.

The United Nations received the formal notice two days later. Under the UN charter, the withdrawal takes effect one year after notice was given.

Commending the contribution made by the United States as a founding member to many of WHO's greatest achievements, Tedros wrote in the X post, "Unfortunately, the reasons cited for the US decision to withdraw from WHO are untrue."

The US move "makes both the US and the world less safe," he said, expressing hope that the "United States will return to



World Health Organization director-general Tedros Ghebreyesus

active participation in WHO in the future."

Also on Saturday, WHO issued a statement, voicing regret over US withdrawal and rejecting accusations made by the Trump administration.

The US withdrawal raises issues that will be considered by the WHO Executive Board at its regular meeting starting on February 2 and by the World Health Assembly at its annual meeting in May 2026, it said.

In dealing with the consequences, the WHO Secretariat "will act on advice

and guidance of our governing bodies accordingly," a WHO press official told Xinhua in an email Wednesday.

The United States has yet to pay its outstanding membership dues, according to the official. "As of today, the USA has not paid the invoiced amounts for its assessed contributions for the biennium 2024-2025," the official said.

The US based National Public Radio (NPR) reported that the outstanding amount was estimated to total some US \$278 million. **Xinhua**

South Africa mulls army deployment to combat gang violence

CAPE TOWN

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has said government was considering deploying the army to gang violence hotspots to tackle persistent gang-related crime.

The president's remarks came amid a surge in gang-related fatal incidents in several parts of the country.

"A call has been made to deploy the army," Ramaphosa told journalists on Saturday morning outside the African National Congress National Executive Committee Lekgotla, a local term referring to a key political or government meeting.

However, he cautioned that soldiers were trained to neutralise threats rather than conduct investigations, so any decision to deploy them requires careful consideration.

Ramaphosa stressed the need for a balanced approach in addressing the crisis.

"The gang violence is one of those challenges that we are facing. That is very prominent in our minds."

Last weekend, at least 26 people were killed in a spate of gang-related violence in the Cape Flats, Cape Town, Western Cape Province.

The violence included a mass shooting in Marikana, Philippi East Township, which left eight people dead. The region has long been plagued by gang-related violence. Police statistics show 2 104 murders were reported in Cape Flats in the first nine months of 2025.

Between Dec. 29, 2025, and Jan. 11, 2026, the area recorded 58 gang-related murders and 60 attempted murders, according to Ian Cameron, chairperson of parliament's portfolio committee on police. **Xinhua**



BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE

CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

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

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

MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Wamoren David	13/09/2025	Active	Oarabile Mothupi	16/04/2025	Active
Rebaone Kegontse	30/05/2025	Active	Daniel Nkwe	08/12/2025	Pensioner
Edith Kelemogile	09/03/2025	Active	Mosadi Ntsetse	16/09/2025	Active
Mmabisho Kemoreile	13/11/2025	Pensioner	Baratang Olefile	21/01/2025	Active
Benjamin Kesimolotse	22/01/2024	Active	Gabonyadiwe Ramatlakadibe	02/07/2025	Active
Oteng Mafoko	04/02/2021	Deferred	Margret Sebolaao	19/09/2012	Active
Theresa Makati	28/11/2025	Pensioner	Baseki Sechele	27/11/2025	Active
Mosepele Melaetse	14/11/2025	Active	Leshatho Tabengwa	14/07/2025	Active
Pinkie Montshosi	31/08/2025	Active	Nonofo Tlhomelang	21/12/2025	Pensioner

Please contact NMG Administrators Botswana at: **+267 318 6820/ 241 2562/ 588 1236/ 686 0597** or Toll Free: **0800 600 177**

Finding a better way

Mexican convicts on Interpol wanted list

Bonang Masolotate

GABORONE

Six Mexican nationals sentenced by the Extension II Magistrate Court to 12 months' imprisonment and a P5 000 fine for entering Botswana illegally are on Interpol's wanted list.

Passing sentence on Thursday, Chief Magistrate Ms Kamogelo Mmesi said an Interpol warrant links the six to alleged trafficking and dealing in illegal substances in Mozambique, despite their claims of ignorance of the warrant.

Ms Mmesi noted that, according to the warrant, the offences the accused faced in Mozambique could attract prison terms of up to 20 years if found guilty. She added that information before the court suggested the accused could be part of a major transnational criminal syndicate based in Mexico.

The magistrate said the court was therefore compelled to impose a punitive sentence that would serve as a deterrent to illegal entry into the country.

She emphasised that entering the country illegally was a serious offence that compromised national security.

The law, she noted, prescribes a penalty of up to P10 000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years, or both, underscoring the gravity of the offence.

Ms Mmesi said illegal entry not only violated the country's security but was often associated with organised criminal activities, warranting a fitting sentence.

In mitigation, the accused pleaded for leniency, stating they

were unfamiliar with Botswana's laws and believed they were not required to stamp their passports upon entry. They told the court they were transiting from Mozambique to Mexico and were unaware that they were wanted by Mozambican authorities for alleged criminal activities.

They further argued that while in Botswana, they neither committed nor intended to commit any offence.

However, Ms Mmesi pointed out that the accused's passports showed they entered South Africa through OR Tambo International Airport from Mozambique on November 6, 2023.

"The convicts say they were in transit to Mexico but failed to state where they had been in two years," she said adding that they only surfaced in Botswana in November, when they wanted their passports to be stamped, reasoning that such was omitted upon their entry into the country.

The magistrate ruled that failure to pay the P5 000 fine would result in five-year imprisonment term. She backdated the sentence to the date of their incarceration.

The six – Gumezindo Enrique, Jose Pena, Fansico Alejandro, Jose Corrales, Carlos Aguilar and David Teran, were arrested on November 25 last year together with a Nigerian national, Uchema Njoku (53), who has been charged with aiding and abetting crime.

The state was represented by Prosecutor Ms Keletso Kgati, while the six were represented by Mr Malcolm Ghoboza. Mr Njoku is represented by Mr Farayi Mahwite. **BOPA**



The six Mexico nationals during a previous court appearance. They have been sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by the Extension II Magistrate Court and are also linked to an Interpol warrant for alleged drug trafficking offences in Mozambique, which could attract prison terms of up to 20 years.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) REQUEST FOR ICT SUPPORT SERVICES

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) is an intergovernmental organisation mandated to set international standards for animal health, animal welfare, and veterinary public health. The WOAH Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa, headquartered in Gaborone, Botswana, invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from suitably licensed and registered Information and Communication Technology (ICT) service providers to deliver comprehensive ICT support services for its operations.

Purpose

The purpose of this EOI is to identify and pre-qualify qualified, experienced, and licensed ICT service providers capable of delivering reliable ICT support services in compliance with applicable procurement regulations, donor requirements, and international best practices. Submission of an EOI does not guarantee invitation to the subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP) stage or award of a contract.

Scope of Services

The selected service provider will support and maintain an integrated ICT environment that underpins all operational functions of the WOAH Gaborone Office. The indicative scope of services includes server maintenance and administration, end-user support for computers and peripherals, network monitoring and troubleshooting, data backup and recovery, ICT security management, software installation and licensing support, preventive maintenance, and ICT advisory services.

Existing ICT Infrastructure

The current ICT infrastructure includes a main server running Windows Server 2019 Essentials, a backup server operating on Windows Server 2003 Standard with ATTIX5 Backup Professional, and end-user equipment such as laptops, monitors, printers, and projectors.

Contract Duration

ICT support services will be provided under a service contract, with an expected commencement date of April 2026, subject to confirmation.

Eligibility Requirements

Interested service providers must be legally registered and licensed in Botswana, registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) under Code 120(sub-02,04,05) Code 203 (ICT Services), and demonstrate relevant experience in supporting organisations of similar size and complexity. Providers must possess technical expertise in Microsoft-based server environments and ICT security and demonstrate capacity to provide both on-site and remote support within Gaborone.

Submission Requirements

EOIs must include a company profile detailing relevant experience, proposed service delivery methodology, and sustainability and business continuity practices. Mandatory supporting documents include PPRA registration, CIPA certificate of incorporation, valid trading licence (where applicable), tax clearance certificate from BURS, bank confirmation letter, CVs and qualifications of key technical staff, and client references demonstrating prior ICT service delivery. Providers should demonstrate capability in network and server management, ICT security, and end-user support.

Submission Details and Disclaimer

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by **13th February 2025 at 17:00 hours** via email to srr-southern-africa@woah.org. Enquiries may be directed to **Mr. Kebaneilwe Mpedi** at **+267 391 4424**. Submission of an EOI does not constitute a commitment by WOAH to issue an RFP or award a contract. WOAH reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning reasons.

China-Zambia joint textile firm test runs ahead of reopening

LUSAKA

A Zambia-China textile joint venture has begun test operations in central Zambia, signaling a major step toward the reopening of the once-defunct Mulungushi Textiles plant following the installation of new machinery and equipment, a government official said recently.

Everness Nankala, principal public relations officer at the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, said the ministry will soon invite members of the public to witness full test runs before the facility is officially commissioned later this year.

She said the revival of the textile firm represented a major step in Zambia's industrial development and underscored the importance of industrialisation in driving economic growth.

"The project is a testament to the government's commitment to promoting industrial growth and creating employment opportunities for Zambians," she said in a statement.

"Once operational, Mulungushi Textiles is expected to contribute significantly to Zambia's economic growth, reduce reliance on imports, and promote inclusive development."

Nankala added that the factory had been undergoing a US \$140-million rehabilitation, during which new machinery and equipment were installed.

She said that the factory was expected to create more than 500 direct jobs and strengthen cotton out-grower systems.

Located in the town of Kabwe, Mulungushi Textiles began construction in 1978 and was once one of Zambia's largest textile companies before ceasing operations in

2007.

The consensus on redeveloping Mulungushi Textiles was noted in a joint statement on establishing a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership during Hakainde Hichilema's state visit to China in September 2023. **Xinhua**



Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, principal public relations officer
Everness Nankala



How iShowSpeed and Masego rewrote Old Naledi narrative

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

In his influential book *Shadow Cities: A Billion Squatters, a New Urban World*, journalist Robert Neuwirth, who spent two years living in squatter communities in Brazil, Kenya, India and Turkey, argues that shanty towns are not merely slums, but vibrant neighbourhoods worthy of exploration and, often innovative.

With the recent visit of American YouTuber Darren Jason Watkins Jr., popularly known as iShowSpeed to Old Naledi some weeks ago during his 28-day, multi-country livestream tour across Africa, Neuwirth's argument may well have been proven correct.

Footage captured during Speed's Old Naledi livestream was arguably the most vibrant of

all his stops in Botswana.

On that day, the streets of Old Naledi transformed into stages as the world witnessed the raw talent and infectious energy from its community members. One gentleman, using only his t-shirt as a prop, turned an everyday item into part of his choreography, pulling it over his head, dancing with it half on and half off, before smoothly shrugging it back into place.

The Mafitlhakgosi Dance Group also stole the spotlight, with dancers performing Speed's trademark backflips alongside breakdance-inspired moves.

The colourful, high-energy livestream shattered the long-held perception of shanty towns as spaces defined solely by deprivation and disorder, often viewed as illegal encroachments waiting to be erased rather than communities worthy of understanding.

From that same livestream emerged

seven-year-old Masego Masepe, the youngest member of Mafitlhakgosi Dance Group, who also captivated viewers with her remarkable confidence, something Batswana have increasingly come to admire.

From her viral dance with President Advocate Duma Boko, to her performance alongside Speed and several other influential figures, Masego's confidence has consistently shone through. She effortlessly leads her partners into gentle sways, spins them around, holds their hands and twirls herself like a ballerina. That same confidence was evident as she patiently taught Speed the marimba, guiding him through the melodies until he got them right.

In an interview, it became clear that Masego's confidence is deeply rooted in her environment. She has been dancing for as long as she can remember. Born into a family of dancers and creatives from Molepolole, Masego is surrounded by art and movement. All four of her

siblings dance



for Mafitlhakgosi, alongside both parents, Joseph and Kgomotso Masepe.

At just seven-years-old, Masego says she already knows seven dance styles, including Tsutsube, Setapa, Phathisi, Khoba, Hosanna, Morabaraba and Marimba.

"My favourites are Morabaraba, Khoba and Tsutsube," she said, adding that one of her most memorable experiences was dancing with President Boko. She also shared that her favourite subject in Standard 2 is English.

Another contributor to her confidence, she revealed, is her close bond with fellow dancers. Much of her friendship circle exists within the dance group

rather than at school and she prefers

spending time with her 11-year-old brother, Otsile Masepe.

Otsile added that their parents are their biggest supporters. "They encourage us every day, that is why we always step out with confidence," he said, noting that while practices and performances sometimes fall during the school week, the siblings take turns helping one another with schoolwork to ensure nothing is neglected.

Otsile hopes to become an artist in the future, while Masego says dancing is not in the cards for her.

"I want to become a nurse," she said.

Perhaps she will be both, one or the other, however, young stars like Masego keep helping to rewrite the Old Naledi narrative.

BOPA



Masego did what many could only dream of - dance with the President.

Nnunu returns with Sephono

Sephono marks a significant evolution in her career, a 'coming of age' project that reflects a woman who has found her footing in both her heritage and her professional identity.

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

After a 12-year silence that left the Afro-Jazz scene yearning for her signature modulation, the sensational Nnunu Ramogotsi has finally returned.

Her latest offering, an eight-track EP titled *Sephono*, is more than just a collection of songs but a homecoming. It is a vibrant and rhythmic bridge, with a touch of modern stage to prove that while time may pass, true artistry only ripens.

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Nnunu returns with *Sephonono*

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Since her debut album, *Mmasonoko*, Nnunu has not been idle. She has spent over two decades in the industry, building a brand that stands for elegance and authenticity.

Sephonono marks a significant evolution in her career, a 'coming of age' project that reflects a woman who has found her footing in both her heritage and her professional identity.

To coincide with the release, Nnunu has stepped firmly into the digital age with the launch of her official website, www.nnunuramogotsijazz.com.

The platform serves as a digital archive of her journey, which offers fans and promoters everything from her biography and discography to technical

rider specifications to ensure that her global reach

matches her local talent.

One of the standout tracks, *Leisong*, acts as a sonic time machine.

It is a creative interpretation of traditional life that strikes a poignant chord across generations. For Gen X, it is a warm embrace of the 'rich upbringing' they remember fondly, while for Gen Z, it is a window into a soulful and a pre-technological world that many now view with a sense of envy.

Nnunu's spiritual side also takes centre

stage. From the hauntingly beautiful and spiritual renditions in *Ngoma* to the gospel-infused *Precious*, her voice remains a vessel for healing and upliftment.

Her pride in her roots is evident in her collaborations. Teaming up with Kunkuru, she explores her personal origins in *Dithakadu* and pays tribute to the Dikgosi or traditional leaders in a track titled *Lo a Bidiwa*. Throughout these tracks, the distinct cultural identities and tones of the Bailete and Batlokwa are woven into the very fabric of the music.

The title track, *Sephonono*, serves as the emotional anchor of the EP. It celebrates a young woman's transition into adulthood and her journey toward the next chapter of life: marriage.

Nnunu's musical pedigree is undeniable. Having refined her God-given talent in Roman Catholic youth choirs, she has gone on to work with

international heavyweights. Former Toto lead singer Jean-Michel Byron produced her debut while *Sephonono* sees her collaborating with Kenyan producer, Daniel Njoroge Njuguna.

Despite the international production, the soul of the EP remains homegrown, featuring some of Botswana's finest musicians, including Kabelo Tamukate, who provides the unmistakable and grounding bass lines on *Mmutle*, a song that breathes new life into traditional oral storytelling.

Wynton Senwelo, on the other hand, lends his 'drumming magic' to *Banyana Bame*, an infectious and up-tempo celebration that is sure to become a dancefloor staple.

Sephonono is a masterclass in contemporary Afro-Jazz. It is a showcase of 20 years of creative excellence as well as balancing local authenticity with a sophisticated global touch.

As she prepares for her official performance launch, the EP is already available on all digital platforms. **BOPA**



Jazz sensation Nnunu Ramogotsi performing during the launch of her second album *Sephonono* at BotswanaCraft in Gaborone recently. The eight-track EP is available on all digital platforms. Photo: Pheno Moalosi

Cultural bazaar programme empowers creatives

WINDHOEK

At the Franco-Namibian Cultural Center in Windhoek, Namibia's capital, aspiring dancers moved in unison, following the choreographer's cues.

"Step to the right, swing the arm halfway, and glide down," said Shanwell Brinkman, a choreographer with the Fresh Gang Dance Crew, as hip-hop rhythms filled the space.

For Brinkman, whose passion lies in hip-hop dance, opportunities to share his skills in organized public settings have long been scarce.

That changed on Saturday, when he joined dozens of creatives at the day-long event, Cultural Bazaar Namibia.

"We are hosting a dance workshop today. It is a fusion of hip-hop and Afro genres to create a welcoming energy and start offering classes in the future, which this bazaar enabled. It is thrilling," he said.

The event was organised by Cultural Agenda Namibia, a social platform for artists, and marked the

group's first large-scale initiative to support local creatives and advance Namibia's arts, culture, and creative industries.

The volunteer-driven bazaar brought together about 30 artists, writers, creatives, and art-focused social movements, delivering around 50 activities.

The programme ranged from dance, live music, and visual arts to drama, theatre sports, yoga, wellness sessions, fashion showcases, public workshops, and exhibitions.

Beyond testing new dance lessons, Brinkman said the event allowed him to network with fellow artists and organizations, opening doors to potential collaborations and business opportunities.

"These kinds of events are very rare in our community, but they are necessary to grow the creative industry and the community as a whole," he said.

Alicia Dipierrri, founder of Cultural Agenda Namibia, said the initiative was designed to strengthen the country's creative sector and improve artists' chances of securing bookings from

companies and event managers throughout the year.

According to Dipierrri, the arts and creative sector face several challenges, including limited access to funding and social and business obstacles. To address one of the biggest hurdles, the difficulty artists face in meeting decision-makers, the organisers

invited event managers and events management companies to attend, network, and explore collaboration opportunities.

"Our aim is to broaden the scope of the creative sector, promote the value of the arts beyond social talent, and highlight its economic potential in Namibia," she said.

The initiative also seeks to

generate economic benefits for creatives, make art more accessible, and inspire social change. For Jackson Karipo, founder of Art by Jackson, working in visual and digital arts allows him to bring creativity directly into public spaces, helping people connect with the stories embedded in art.

"My artwork also tells a story of economic activities in Windhoek and other social issues. After all, Windhoek is where people come to live out their dreams, and my art illustrates the bustle and hustle that make up this city," he said while sharing his creative process at the event.

For visitors, the cultural bazaar offered a rare opportunity to explore the intersection of art, culture, business, and innovation -- and to engage directly in the creative process.

"Most often, we only see the final product and do not value the work that goes into it," said Selma David, a Windhoek resident, adding that events like this help people understand what goes into creating art. **Xinhua**



WINDHOEK - Creatives at the Cultural Bazaar Namibia on Saturday. The event, organised by Cultural Agenda Namibia is an initiative to support creatives and creative industries. Photo: Xinhua

BTTA confirms provisional national youth squad

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLE

Botswana Table Tennis (BTTA) has gathered a provisional team of young players, who will form the basis of selection for the youth national team that will represent the country at the WTT Youth Contender in Gaborone from November 11 to 14.

The selection process, which was held over the weekend at three locations being Maun, Mabeleapudi and Gaborone, has been hailed as a success by BTTA development coordinator,

Godirileone Bagwasi.

Bagwasi said he was satisfied by the turnout and level of participation as the young players displayed skills and showed eagerness to represent the country. "We are very pleased with how the selection exercise went across all centres," he said.

Bagwasi said the level of competition was high, and noted that taking the selection to different regions allowed BTTA to reach more players and ensure inclusivity, which is a key part of the development strategy.

The selection camps saw 78 youth players gathered, with one vision of making it to the national

youth team. The process saw 12 players, six girls and six boys going past the highly contended selection process.

In the boys category, Leatlo Gabakgore, Katlo Kgosietsile, Kgotla Thebeyame, Tebogo Kotopo, Thato Kgongwana and Tinashe Dzvaka made it to the provisional team and are now one step closer to the youth national team.

For the youth girls category, Oratile Lekgethiso, Jwame Mojuta, Kgotso Kootsene, Abigail Molaba, Carol David and Stephaney Batsholeng made it through.

"The selected players, together

with our top-ranked youth players being Boitlamo Nkele and Reneilwe Lekorwe for the girls and boys categories respectively, will be invited for a training camp for the final youth national team selection," said

Bagwasi. He said the camps would assist to evaluate performance, discipline and readiness toward the final youth national team selection. **BOPA**



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BTTA development coordinator,
Godirileone Bagwasi



Boitlamo Nkele



Reneilwe Lekorwe

Top seeds Alcaraz, Sabalenka power into Australian Open quarters

MELBOURNE

Top seeds Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka made it through to the Australian Open quarterfinals with comfortable wins, while home hope Alex de Minaur made a statement win on Sunday.

Alcaraz headlined the men's draw and his bid for an elusive Australian Open title took another step after comfortably beating 19th seed Tommy Paul 7-6 (6), 6-4, 7-5 in two hours and 44 minutes.

"Overall it has been a really high level of tennis from both sides, really happy I got it in straight sets," said Alcaraz, who has not dropped a set in the tournament.

The six-time grand slam champion is moving closer to capturing a career slate of major titles, having never tasted success at the season-opening grand slam.

Alcaraz will play a blockbuster quarterfinal against sixth-seeded De Minaur, who produced a flawless straight-sets victory over 10th seed Alexander Bublik.

The Australian will be desperate

to end his country's 50-year men's singles drought on home soil, but has never advanced beyond the last eight in a major. Third seed Alexander Zverev rounded into irresistible form after blasting past 18th seed Francisco Cerundolo 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 romp in two hours and 12 minutes. It was a notable improvement for Zverev, last year's runner-up, who had been pushed to four sets in each of his opening three matches.

The German next plays American 25th seed Learner Tien, who thrashed former US Open champion Daniil Medvedev.

In the women's singles, Sabalenka made a statement with a 6-1, 7-6 (1) win over 17th seed Victoria Mboko in one hour and 26 minutes at Rod Laver Arena.

"I am super happy with the win, once again in straight sets," said four-time Grand Slam champion. She played incredible tennis. She pushed me so much. Happy to be through." Sabalenka next faces American 29th seed Iva Jovic, who lost just one game against Yulia

Putintseva to reach the last eight of a grand slam for the first time in her career.

"Obviously the scoreline is favorable, but it doesn't matter how you get it done," said Jovic, 18. I just wanted to get it done, and I felt like if I let her come back a little bit, it would become a dogfight." No.3 Coco Gauff saw off 19th seed Karolina Muchova 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 in just under two hours. It was a relief for Gauff, who is aiming to win a third grand slam title, but she has yet to put it together in Melbourne. Gauff will next play 12th seed Elina Svitolina ahead of what might be a blockbuster semifinal with rival Sabalenka. In the second round of the women's doubles, China's Zhang Shuai and Belgium's Elise Mertens, the fourth seeds, beat Mboko and Jovic on a thrilling tiebreak. Fourth round action continues on Sunday with China's Wang Xinyu facing fourth seed Amanda Anisimova, while second seeds Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek will also step up their campaigns. **Xinhua**



Carlos Alcaraz



Aryna Sabalenka

World Relays to transform Botswana sport landscape

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Consequently, domestic competitions will be elevated and the country's capacity to host future continental events will be significantly improved.

Beyond the physical tracks, the event serves as a massive knowledge-transfer engine. Major championships attract the world's best coaches, technical officials and sport scientists, creating invaluable learning opportunities for local professionals.

Theetso pointed out that many local officials have not yet been exposed to international-level officiating. The experience they gain during the World Relays will be invaluable, raising national standards across the board. To maximise this, expectations are that extensive training will be

conducted for personnel across various technical areas, trained individuals will impart their new skills back into the BAA ecosystem while local coaching and officiating capacity will grow through direct collaboration with global experts.

For a country that has already produced world-class sprinters, this event is a natural evolution. Botswana athletes will compete against the world's best without the burden of international travel costs, while young sprinters will witness elite race strategies first-hand.

This environment accelerates talent identification. Promising athletes from local schools will be inspired to pursue high-performance pathways, realising that the world's biggest stages are no longer distant dreams, but happening right here in Gaborone. **BOPA**



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Raguin eyes last 16 at Australian Junior Open

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Botswana's on form and rising tennis sensation, Ntungamili Raguin is determined to break barriers and introduce a new name to the world of tennis.

Despite the battle ahead, Raguin is determined to march to the last 16 of the tournament as he faces the likes of world no. 22, Gavin Goode of USA at the Australian Junior Open. Goode is also the tournament seed number 15.

Nonetheless, Raguin is betting on his superb performance that saw him win a hard fought match, defeating world no. 25, Dimitar Kisimov of Bulgaria to advance to second round of the tournament.

He won the first set 7-5 and lost second set to Kisimov 1-6. In the third set, Raguin made a strong comeback and defeated Kisimov 6-4. His performance against Kisimov demonstrated resilience and hard work.

Last year, Raguin ranked out of the top 250, a position that did not attract any attention, and by that time, no one thought of a Junior Grand Slam.

In December 2025, he was ranked 168 and made it to the qualifying draw for the Australian Open. He has now made it to the second round in his maiden Grand Slam. Botswana Tennis Association vice president Nonono Othusitse said given his performances recently, they were confident that anything was possible with Raguin.

“He played and won against players ranked number two, 25 and 29 in the world,” he said. **BOPA**

World Relays to transform Botswana sport landscape

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

When Botswana hosts the World Athletics Relays in Gaborone this May, the nation will not merely be staging a global sporting spectacle, but opening a new chapter in sport development, tourism growth and

economic opportunity.

For the first time in history, the prestigious World Relays will be held on African soil, a milestone that places Botswana at the epicentre of global athletics. However, as Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) acting President Oabona Theetso

emphasises in an interview, true value lies in the tangible benefits that remain once the crowds disperse.

Hosting an event of this magnitude demands world-class infrastructure. These investments are not temporary. They become the foundation for future

generations. Theetso said the refurbishment of the National Stadium track and the upgrading of the stadium lights represent a critical legacy for local athletics.

“It will help BAA to successfully run their night series without getting worried about the lights,” he said, highlighting how elite

international requirements solve long-standing local logistical hurdles.

Such improved training facilities and enhanced athlete services will serve schools, clubs and national teams long after the final baton exchange.

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