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# Commercial court to enhance efficiency



Justice Barnabas Nyamadzabo will head the Commercial Court based in Gaborone.

Lesedi Thatayamodimo GABORONE

In a move aimed at modernising the country's judicial system and strengthening its investment climate, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services has launched a dedicated Commercial Court division of the High Court.

Speaking during the launch in Gaborone yesterday, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said the establishment of the Commercial Court was driven by the need to resolve business and commercial disputes more efficiently, noting that delays in handling such cases had historically hindered economic progress.

"For too long, commercial disputes have been subjected to the backlog of general litigation. This dedicated platform commits to speed, efficiency, expertise and ultimately investor confidence," he said.

Mr Ramaotwana said the new court would also support local producers and small businesses by ensuring disputes were resolved quickly and fairly, enabling them to compete effectively in global markets.

Mr Ramaotwana said the launch signalled Botswana's intention to position itself as an attractive destination for business and investment.

Some of the 12 judges who will serve in the Commercial Court division during its launch in Gaborone yesterday. Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said the establishment of the Commercial Court was driven by the need to resolve business and commercial disputes more efficiently, noting that delays in handling such cases had historically hindered economic progress. Photo:Phenyo Ramatu

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# Minister calls for staff up-skilling

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe  
MAUN

An efficient public service requires regular up-skilling, says Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi.

Doing so, he said would ensure improved performance and delivery of quality service.

He was speaking during a meet and greet at the Botswana Wildlife Training Institute in Maun, urging directors to create a conducive working environment since poor conditions, coupled with economic challenges, could affect employees' motivation and productivity.

"Prolonged placement of officers in the same positions contributes to frustration and inefficiency hence the need for career progression and staff development," said Minister Mmolotsi.

He said there were other means apart from financial solutions to motivate employees, and encouraged confirming employees serving in acting positions, to boost staff morale and encourage commitment to duty.

While acknowledging the economic constraints facing the country, Mr Mmolotsi said the

ministry remained committed to addressing challenges that hindered effective service delivery and compromised the rights of workers.

The Department of Meteorological Services, principal meteorologist, Ms Maureen Oabile, highlighted operational challenges affecting departments, including poor facility maintenance and inadequate infrastructure.

Outdated equipment continues to disrupt workflow and negatively impact productivity, Ms Oabile said and explained that staff shortages was a major concern, warning that limited human resource placed pressure on existing personnel and threatened service delivery.

She called for urgent intervention to improve office conditions, replace worn out furniture and equipment, and up-skill staff to meet evolving demands.

The ministry's acting permanent secretary, Ms Abigail Khumoyame, acknowledged the financial difficulties facing government, but said efforts were underway to engage stakeholders to support operations during the economic downturn.

Adding to the concerns, an intern at the National Museum, Ms Portia Kanjoo, called for absorption of interns into permanent positions. **BOPA**

## Ministry shares insights on Ikageng Public Works programme implementation

GABORONE

The Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has expressed commitment to continue engaging with stakeholders, to ensure successful implementation of the Ikageng Public Works Programme, reinforcing government's broader goals of sustainable livelihoods and effective local governance in Botswana.

A press statement from the ministry says that at the district level, authorities have begun disseminating information and rolling out the framework to local leadership structures and communities.

"This process will ultimately lead to the identification of project proposals spanning multiple sectors of the economy, which are scheduled for implementation in the 2026/2027 financial year," notes the release.

It further says the mobilisation phase, which includes project identification, assessment of training requirements, selection of facilitators and procurement processes is expected to be completed within the first half of

the financial year.

Furthermore, the statement says while preparations are underway, participants in the programme continue to be engaged in labour-based initiatives nationwide.

The approach is meant to ensure that social protection measures remain in place for vulnerable members of society during the transition period and in addition, a new performance-based model will be introduced to enhance productivity and overall programme outcomes.

The ministry outlined several key provisions that will apply during the transition, such that the current number of beneficiaries will be maintained as employment targets, with a focus on creating sustainable opportunities for long-term absorption, monthly rotation will apply only to labour-based initiatives, while participation in other projects will be aligned with the duration of specific projects, allowance rates remain unchanged at P817 for labourers and P901 for supervisors.

Working hours will continue at six hours per day and eligibility for participation is set between the ages of 18 and 64. **BOPA**



Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi (centre) addressing employees of Botswana Wildlife Training Institute during a meet and greet session in Maun recently. He urged directors to create conducive working environments, noting that poor conditions, coupled with economic challenges, continued to affect employee motivation and productivity. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

## Stronger collaboration between civil society and Parliament key

Lorato Gaofise  
GABORONE

Stronger collaboration between civil society and Parliament remains key in strengthening democracy and bridging the gap between citizens and state institutions in the country.

This was said by the National Assembly clerk, Dr Gabriel Malebang, in his welcome remarks during the official launch of the Bridging the Gap between Civil Society and Parliament project in Gaborone on Thursday.

Dr Malebang said the initiative that was launched under the theme, Strengthening Democratic Governance in Botswana, marked a significant step toward enhancing participatory democracy by fostering dialogue, accountability and inclusive governance.

He added that the project implemented in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Botswana Centre for Public Integrity (BCPI), with support from the European Union, was a practical response to calls made during the Strategic Partnership Dialogue convened by Parliament in September last year.

"At that dialogue, Parliament made a deliberate and forward-looking call to action, urging partners to work with us in building strong, purposeful and strategic collaborations that enhance the effectiveness of our institution," he said.

He emphasised that modern governance demanded cooperation, noting that Parliament could not operate in isolation if it was to remain responsive to citizens' needs.

"We recognise that in today's evolving governance landscape, no institution can operate in isolation. Parliament must work hand in hand with civil society, development partners and other stakeholders to ensure that its processes

remain inclusive, transparent and responsive," he added.

As such, he described the project as more than just a programme, saying it was a platform for transformation that would promote sharing of best practices, co-creation of innovative tools and the development of frameworks to strengthen engagement between civil society and Parliament.

The initiative, he said, also aimed to establish partnerships with international institutions to enhance learning and exchange, whilst ensuring that training programmes and reforms met global standards.

Such efforts, he said were geared toward building a Parliament that was not only efficient in its legislative and oversight roles, but also closely connected to the people it served.

He further highlighted the central role of civil society organisations in amplifying community voices, advocating for policy reform and holding institutions accountable, stressing that their engagement with Parliament was also essential.

"Active and constructive relationship between civil society and Parliament enriches legislative processes, improves policy outcomes and fosters greater public trust," he added.

The launch, attended by Members of Parliament (MPs), diplomats, civil society representatives, the media and members of the public, also marked the start of activities commemorating 60 years of parliamentary democracy in Botswana.

Dr Malebang said the milestone provided an opportunity to reflect on the country's democratic journey whilst reimagining the future of Parliament.

"Over the next few months, Parliament is expected to roll out a series of reforms and public engagement initiatives.

These include plans to introduce a Parliament Act, a Parliamentary

Service Act, establish a Parliamentary Service Commission and a budget office, as well as develop a Code of Conduct for MPs and review Standing Orders," he said.

He further said administrative reforms such as a new strategic plan and organisational restructuring were also on the agenda, aimed at strengthening Parliament's independence in line with the principle of separation of powers.

In addition, he said a national dialogue, involving MPs and Ntlo ya Dikgosi, was also planned to align parliamentary processes and legislation with national values.

Furthermore, Dr Malebang said efforts to document Botswana's parliamentary legacy would include a symposium bringing together past and present leaders, academics and civil society, with the aim of producing a publication on the country's democratic history.

"Public lectures, media engagements and an awards ceremony recognising key contributors are also planned," he added.

Again, he explained that the Bridging the Gap project would play a key role in strengthening the relationship between Parliament and citizens and ensure that governance became more inclusive and responsive.

"As we formally launch this project, let us commit to building bridges between institutions, ideas and, most importantly, between Parliament and the people," he said.

The initiative's success, he said, would depend on sustained collaboration and active participation from all stakeholders, adding that it should deliver tangible outcomes for citizens.

Dr Malebang expressed confidence that the project would also reinforce the country's democratic foundations and enhance public trust in governance. **BOPA**



Methodist Church of Southern Africa Bishop, Reverend Dr Kenaleone Ketshabile (left) sharing a light moment with Mafitlhakgosi Traditional Group during Molopo District Young Men's Guild annual gala dinner in Oodi on Friday. Speaking at the event, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said cultivating a free gender-based violence society was not about changing statistics, but about changing men as violence did not begin in the act, but in the mindset. Photo: Mmoniemang Motsamai

## GBV-free society requires mindset change - Mohwasa

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
OODI

Gender Based Violence (GBV) free society requires fundamental transformation in the mindset and character of men, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa has said.

Addressing the Molopo District Young Men's Guild annual gala dinner held in Oodi on Friday, he said men should refrain from misguided behaviours to becoming responsible men, defined by accountability, discipline and respect.

Equally, he said such virtues should be taught boys at a very tender age in order to free the

society to GBV, which most children were exposed to, at a very young age.

He said cultivating a free GBV society was not about changing statistics, but it was about changing men as violence did not begin in the act, but in the mindset.

"Your brotherhood as the Young Men's Guild carries a responsibility that is both spiritual and societal. You are not only shaping faith, you are shaping conduct and not only preaching values, but expected to live them," he said.

Mr Mohwasa also told the gathering that government would continue to play a role in strengthening legal frameworks on GBV and supporting victims of GBV.

Molopo District Young Men's Guild is an organisation within the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

The association gathered 100 delegates from Botswana, and North West Province to address critical societal issues under the theme: Iron Sharpens Iron: The Other Side Awaits, Let Us Gather, Let Us Grow, Let Us Impact. **BOPA**

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"In the fast-paced world of global commerce, time is money. By modernising our justice system, we are declaring that our nation is open for business," he said.

He added that a strong and reliable dispute resolution framework was critical to a healthy investment ecosystem.

He said the initiative formed part of broader efforts to transform the judiciary into a world-class institution by 2036.

Mr Ramaotwana said the Administration of Justice remained committed to reforms that ensured the legal system stayed relevant and responsive to the evolving demands of the 21st century.

"The focus of the Administration of Justice continues to be on transforming the judiciary to make it more responsive to emerging trends, particularly through reforms such as specialised courts," he said.

As part of the launch, Mr Ramaotwana introduced a panel of judges who will serve in the Commercial Court division.

They include Chief Justice Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe and Justice Barnabas Nyamadzabo, who will head the Commercial Court based in Gaborone.

Other judges appointed to the division are Justices Ranier Shakes Busang, Godfrey Nthomiwa, Tapiwa Boingotlo Kgangyago,

Bahuma, Dr Ookeditse Maphakwane, Reuben Lekorwe, Bugalo Maripe, Masilo Mathaka, Dr Onkemetse Tshosa, Onkagetse Pusoentsi and Mako Abram, who will serve across various High Court and Industrial Court locations.

Mr Ramaotwana urged the judges to uphold high standards and maintain investor confidence in the judiciary, stressing that the success of the Commercial Court would depend on its ability to deliver specialised and reliable justice.

"It is now upon you to sustain and maintain a high level of investor confidence in the Administration of Justice," he said. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa updating the nation in Gaborone on Friday, on the case involving the death of 13-year-old Retshephile Tshedu of Sehithwa. He said government, through the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, would ensure the law took its course and a response on the matter was expected by May 15. Photo: Phenylo Moalosi

## DPP to respond on Tshepi case next month

Lesedi Thatayamodimo  
GABORONE

The nation can rest assured that the government, through the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), will ensure that the law

takes its course regarding the death of 13-year-old Retshephile Tshedu of Sehithwa.

Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, gave a statement Friday on concerns raised by the nation and 'Justice for Tshepi' petitioners recently.

On April 9, protesters marched to submit a petition to Parliament, demanding action from the police commissioner, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, and other authorities on the death of Tshepi, who died on May 17, 2025.

Mr Mohwasa confirmed that investigations into Tshepi's death had been completed by law enforcement authorities and the case file had been formally submitted to the DPP for review.

As such, Minister Mohwasa assured the nation that the DPP was expected to respond to the matter by May 15.

"Tshepi was only 13-year-old, with a promising future ahead, although no legal process can restore that life, accountability must be pursued for the sake of the family, the community and the nation," said Minister Mohwasa.

He acknowledged the deep pain caused by the loss, describing the

moment as one that demanded justice and systemic reform.

Cases involving minors, he said were handled with heightened sensitivity, including trauma-informed approaches to witnesses, corroboration of evidence and coordination with social services.

In addition to addressing the case, Mr Mohwasa outlined a series of proposed reforms aimed at strengthening protections and improving accountability within law enforcement systems.

Among them, he mentioned enhanced coordination between police and social services, safeguards against conflicts of interest in investigations, faster response times in violent cases and expanded trauma support services for victims and witnesses. He also announced plans to establish an Independent Police Complaints Commission, which would operate separately from internal police structures.

He said the body was expected to provide citizens with a platform to report serious offences such as abuse of power, rape and murder.

Mr Mohwasa said the reforms were part of a broader effort to rebuild public trust and ensure that such incidents were addressed with transparency and urgency. **BOPA**

## Polio vaccination campaign starts May

GABORONE

A nationwide polio vaccination campaign targeting children aged 0 to 59 months will be rolled out in first week of May.

According to a press release from Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, the campaign, a public health response to rising cases reported in neighbouring countries, will be conducted in two phases.

The first round is scheduled for May 5-8, followed by a second round from June 8-11.

The release further states vaccination will be delivered through both fixed and outreach strategies.

These include routine

immunisation at health facilities, as well as outreach services targeting schools, daycare centres and door-to-door visits in communities.

The release further advises members of the public that vaccination teams will be clearly identifiable by official name tags, urging caregivers to cooperate fully with health workers to ensure the success of the campaign and safeguard children's health.

According to the release, the initiative is a proactive measure aimed at strengthening population immunity and preventing the potential spread of the virus, particularly among vulnerable children. **BOPA**

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# Segale urges farmers to kraal livestock

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MOCHUDI

While government continues to intensify surveillance, vaccination and bio-security enforcement, farmers have been implored to play their part by adopting basic bio-security practices such as kraaling livestock among others.

Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale, said in a meeting addressed by acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti at Mochudi on Friday that the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) will require every farmer to account for their livestock.

He said cattle that stray were the most compromised and at risk as they were at liberty to move willingly into high risk areas and easily contract the contagious disease.

“Let us be more vigilant and adhere to control measures especially because Kgatleng is bordering with

South Africa,” he said.

Dr Segale also advised farmers to adhere to FMD protocols as advised by veterinary officers, adding that they should not try to do anything that was not prescribed by experts in an effort to combat it.

“There is no other traditional way to fight FMD,” he said sounding the alarm as some farmers suggested that in the ancient days cattle were treated with traditional medicines.

Dr Segale also advised farmers to brand their livestock for easy identification during this trying times.

Giving an update about FMD, Dr Dikoloti said government has resorted to containment measures and vaccination as among the most effective ways to fight the disease.

He also commended farmers in Kgatleng for augmenting government efforts in the fight against FMD. Additionally, farmers had assured the minister of their commitment to raise funds toward maintenance of cordon fence.

Dr Dikoloti also informed the



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti (centre), Kgatleng District Commissioner, Mr Innocent Maotwe (left) and Deputy District Commissioner, Mr Pheny Nthaga during a kgotla meeting to update farmers about Foot and Mouth Disease recently. Dr Dikoloti commended Kgatleng farmers for initiatives geared toward the fight against the disease. Photo: Mmoniemang Motsamai

meeting that consultation on rezoning Zone 11 was underway. However, he said current focus will be on combating the disease, therefore consultation on demarcating the zone will follow suite.

Member of Parliament of Kgatleng Central, Mr Mpho Morolong appealed to the business community in Kgatleng to contribute fence and anything handy toward assisting farmers, who have volunteered through syndicates groups to

maintain the cordon fence

Additionally, farmers have raised a concern about matimela cattle as they were unaccounted for, especially that most were not branded, jeopardising efforts to contain the disease. **BOPA**

# Govt makes strides in FMD fight

Keith Ketji  
SEROWE

Serowe District Veterinary Officer, Dr Jaone Sebina has assured the public that the government is making strides in the fight against FMD that broke out in Zone 6B and 3C.

He told farmers in a kgotla meeting in Serowe on Wednesday that containment efforts through vaccination were starting to bear-fruit.

“During the third round of the FMD vaccination exercise that took place between April 8 to 16, veterinary experts realised that there were no visible signs of the disease as the vaccination reinforced herd immunity, reduced the severity of clinical signs and lowered the risk of FMD virus infections,” he said.

He thus remained optimistic that the vaccination exercise in the Southern part of the country (Zone 11) would also yield positive results just like in the northern part (Zone 6B and 3C).

However, Dr Sebina warned that signs of the containment of the disease does not mean that people should be complacent, stating that resting on laurels might give the disease room to spread.

To this end, Dr Sebina implored farmers to be responsible during this challenging time to ensure that the disease does not spread to non-infested or free areas.

He thus urged farmers to obey all FMD protocols and measures, arguing contraventions of such may reverse or stall efforts to fully combat the disease.

Furthermore, he pleaded with farmers to change their clothes, bathe and soak their feet after contact with cloven-hoofed animals or after visiting cattle posts and ranches as FMD virus can survive on clothes and footwear, making them significant objects for spreading the disease.

Dr Sebina advised that the virus can be carried on fabric after contact with infected livestock, mud or contaminated environments, noting that effective decontamination involves washing clothing with hot water and using appropriate disinfectants.

He said given that the livestock industry was the mainstay of the country's economy, it was imperative for farmers to fight the scourge head on and collectively.

Highlighting the need for collaborative efforts, Dr Sebina was pleased that Sandveldt Ranchers Association, which comprises over 200 ranches, had pledged a beast per farmer to assist in the fight against the disease, that would include rehabilitation of Lephephe – Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) cordon fence.

Meanwhile, Serowe District Meat Industry Association through its Chairperson, Mr Reuben Motshebe pledged P65 000 towards the procurement of fencing materials and that the association would be working hand in hand with department of Veterinary Services to patrol cordon fences in Zone C8.

Farmers proposed for the demarcation of zones into small manageable ones, pointing out that the current zones were too big and cumbersome in the event of disease outbreak. Farmers also proposed that soldiers should patrol cordon fences and were of the view that zones should slaughter cloven-hoofed animals within and that meat should not transcend zones to prevent disease spread.

Dr Sebina also informed the gathering that the government has availed P97 million for immediate and emergency interventions to combat Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in the country.

He said funds are focused on rapid vaccination and logistics to control the outbreak and protect the national herd from dwindling. **BOPA**



Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale has implored farmers to play their part by adopting basic bio-security practices such as kraaling their livestock. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

# Zone 13 free from Foot and Mouth Disease - official

Leticia Nnokotema  
TSABONG

Residents of Makopong have been assured that Zone 13, which the village falls within, remains free from the Foot and Mouth Disease, a status critical to safeguarding the livestock industry, which plays a significant role in household livelihoods and the national economy.

Tsabong District commissioner, Mr Levis Thupa, commended farmers and residents of Makopong for their vigilance in reinforcing the border fence separating Botswana and South Africa where FMD was

first detected.

Mr Thupa was addressing a kgotla meeting in Makopong and condemned those who crossed the border fence into South Africa, at undesignated areas as that puts the zone in danger. Farmers were cautioned that cross-border grazing and stray animals could easily come into contact with infected livestock, thereby increasing the likelihood of introducing the disease into the zone. To maintain a disease-free status, Mr Thupa announced the introduction of strict control measures, including search stops across the zone.

Principal veterinary officer, Dr Tshepang Moeng, explained that

plans were underway to reinforce a cordon fence around Zone 13, to restrict animal movement.

Controlling animal movement remains one of the most effective ways to prevent outbreaks.

Farmers were encouraged to use animal tags together with the region's branding, N13 to make it easier to track and differentiate their livestock from those of other zones.

Zone 13 Farmers Committee chairperson, Mr Michael Hambira, said they had cleared trees along the fence to allow for easy patrols.

He appealed for government's assistance, noting that the committee had been relying on their own limited resources. **BOPA**

# FMD interventions yield positive outcomes

Calviniah Kgauthe  
LOBATSE

Strategic interventions in the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) have yielded positive results after government, farmers and the community waged war against the transboundary viral disease in the veterinary disease control zones 6B and 3C and Zone II.

Botswana has had three FMD outbreaks this year that saw robust strategies being adopted to manage the situation.

Currently, all is under control at Zones 6B and 3C following indefinite vaccination.

"We have done vaccination and we continue to vaccinate and continuously monitor the situation. We are no longer seeing emerging cases of FMD which is a positive development," Department of Veterinary Services director, Dr Kobedi Segale, stated during the FMD Pitso gathering in Lobatse.

This achievement, he noted came after cattle movement restrictions were imposed, emergency vaccinations were administered at Zone 6B and 3C adding that they continued to vaccinate all livestock in the two zones. In addition, he said an agreement was reached between Botswana and Zimbabwe where the latter country donated vaccines to neighboring Zimbabwe which shall begin FMD vaccination.

With regards to FMD management Zone II, he said, all disease control measures had been implemented, animal tracing was being carried out, surveillance was ongoing and was anticipated to complete beginning May. So far, 20 000 cattle have been vaccinated and the process is ongoing, clinical inspections in farms is ongoing, and blockades and disinfection points are in place, Dr Kobedi said.

He highlighted that FMD disease awareness was being carried out as Zone II was one of the areas where farmers had never experienced FMD outbreak in their lifetime and therefore needed a lot of awareness as the zone was traditionally a green Zone for five decades.

Furthermore, Dr Segale said, there were active FMD outbreak registered in different crushes adding that cattle vaccination continued. He expressed a concern at the lack of reporting of suspected cases by farmers as veterinary officers noticed cattle with FMD symptoms during surveillance. He thus encouraged farmers to report any suspected cases as soon as possible, to avoid the virus from spreading further.



Department of Veterinary Services director, Dr Kobedi Segale has informed the Foot and Mouth Disease Pitso in Lobatse that all was under control at Zones 6B and 3C following vaccination. Photo: Calviniah Kgauthe

So far he said their scientific findings reflected that Botswana had the FMD virus serotype SAT1 which was common in most Southern African countries with outbreaks, hence called for comprehensive regional FMD response to be able to combat FMD.

Dr Segale explained that one of the major setbacks was that humans vandalised the veterinary fences meant to save them against animal disease pandemics. He stated that their findings reflected that the rate of fence damage by wildlife was less compared to human activities.

This defeated veterinary efforts especially during times when movement of cattle was restricted to control disease outbreaks.

Ministry of Lands and Agriculture deputy permanent secretary for livestock, Dr Kefentse Motshegwa, said the country put strategies in place to suppress the virus. The strategy he said shall heavily rely on empirical information to guide policy decisions. He highlighted that Botswana had a sound Economic Partnership Agreement with European Union where Botswana beef had quota free access as such it shall continue to uphold the agreement and continue to adhere to world standards in the FMD fight.

"There are laws that we must align with if we are to continue to become



Department of Veterinary Services director, Dr Kobedi Segale

a meaningful international player in the beef sector," he said, adding that FMD was an economic disease as does not kill animals but it aborted trade, thus causing poverty.

Dr Motshegwa emphasised that fighting to regain the premium EU market share was critical because EU market presented predictability and transparency unlike any other. "We have an Economic Partnership Agreement with EU. We are one of the few countries enjoying duty free access to the EU Market. It is a very important market to Botswana that is why we strive to comply with EU standards. It comes with a lot of sacrifice, stringent measures, quality assurance and expenses but it is worth it," he said. **BOPA**

# Legal Aid hails DPP move to block withdrawal of defilement cases

Thuso Kgakatsi  
HUKUNTSI

Legal experts have hailed, as a turning point for justice, the decision by the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP) to block withdrawal of defilement cases in efforts to curb the rising tide of child abuse and protect minors.

Speaking during a recent kgotla consultative meeting in Hukuntsi, organised to provide legal education to the district, Tsabong Legal Aid Botswana branch manager, Ms Cookie Keitebetse, welcomed the decision, saying it was a long-awaited step toward closing the loopholes that had continued to allow perpetrators to evade justice.

Ms Keitebetse noted that the firm stance by the DPP reflected government's growing commitment to ending the scourge of defilement.

"This move demonstrates that the government does not condone such acts and is determined to bring them to a stop," she said.

She highlighted that prosecuting the offenders had frequently been frustrated by private settlements.

"Prosecuting perpetrators has often proven difficult, as some negotiate settlements with victims' families in exchange for money, effectively undermining the efforts of police, social workers and legal practitioners," she explained.

She added that such exchange of financial compensation for justice had only served to fuel the daily rise in terrifying statistics.

Again, she said despite high-profile awareness campaigns like the Eseng Mo Ngwaneng initiative, child abuse figures continued to climb, suggesting that previous interventions lacked the impact now provided by the DPP's new directive.

"Cases of defilement are terrifying as they continue to rise daily," she said. To ensure the policy led to successful prosecutions, Ms Keitebetse urged parents to trust the justice system rather than backroom deals.

She emphasised that Legal Aid Botswana provided representation for all children under the age of 18, including those in conflict with the law.

Beyond criminal matters, she said Legal Aid Botswana offered free services to citizens who cannot

"Prosecuting perpetrators has often proven difficult, as some negotiate settlements with victims' families in exchange for money, effectively undermining the efforts of police, social workers and legal practitioners."

afford private representation, covering legal education and advice, representation in magistrate courts, high court, industrial court, land tribunal and the Court of Appeal as well as in civil matters such as inheritance, family disputes and universal partnerships.

"Our mandate is to deliver quality legal services to disadvantaged members of society," she said, noting that while clients undergo a screening process, any citizen, refugee or permanent resident with a meritorious case may qualified for assistance.

She indicated that the demand for the services was reaching a boiling point, adding that while Legal Aid Botswana currently operated out of Tsabong, there was need for permanent presence in Hukuntsi.

She revealed that the organisation was exploring the establishment of a local branch, with interim plans to deploy mobile legal service stations to reach remote areas.

Hukuntsi district commissioner, Ms Veronica Rabakane expressed concern over the local crime statistics. She called on parents to be the first line of defense, saying "these acts cause immense suffering to children and cannot be ignored. Perpetrators must face the full force of the law."

Showing community support, one Letsepa Ward resident, Ms Nkagisang Kazingi, praised Legal Aid's professionalism, describing the team as dedicated and accessible. Thus, Ms Kazingi urged the public to stop suffering in silence and make full use of the legal resources available to them.

**BOPA**

# Botswana Peoples Party holds firm as UDC affiliate

Thamani Shabani  
TATISIDING

Botswana People's Party (BPP) leader, Mr Motlatsi Molapisi has vowed that the BPP will play a substantive role for the UDC to retain power in the 2029 general elections.

Addressing delegates at the party's first leadership forum in Tatisiding on Saturday, Mr Molapisi has stressed that the BPP remained committed to the UDC and was determined to help the coalition win the next election by a huge margin. However, he expressed serious

concern that the majority of the party's Councillors and Members of Parliament, all of whom were ministers, failed to attend the forum.

He warned that such conduct would not be condoned and that such behaviour will be addressed immediately. The BPP has 34 elected Councillors and five MPs.

Mr Molapisi reminded delegates that every elected member was duty-bound to be a responsible leader who respects the people who had put them in power. He said voter neglect was the main reason BPP representation often failed to secure re-election or stay long in political

office, adding that the party was monitoring the issue closely because it cannot afford to have members repeatedly rejected at the polls.

On national matters, Mr Molapisi urged Botswana not to despair over the UDC government's pace in fulfilling its promises. He said it was an open secret that the new administration inherited numerous problems from the previous regime, therefore it will take time to adjust.

He said the UDC government had the interests of Botswana at heart and will not fail them. Its main goal, he said, was to improve living standards through better health infrastructure

and social services and equitable distribution of resources.

He further informed delegates that the BPP would hold two more major conferences this year, one in May and an elective congress in July or August to elect a new national executive committee.

Mr Molapisi appealed to members to work with party leadership to retain all current seats in Council and Parliament and work on winning more seats. He said the anticipated growth will require aggressive recruitment of new members and full support for the coalition.

BPP Secretary General, Ms

Mmantlha Sankoloba's address primarily focused on true leadership.

Ms Sankoloba said a true leader listens to the people and does not take decisions alone.

She added that the leadership needed to win the next election must be trusted and must avoid promising the electorate heaven while the country faces financial crisis.

Beyond those traits, she said a true leader also shows integrity, accountability and humility.

"True leaders have vision, empower others, remain accessible, and build unity instead of division," she said **BOPA**



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# Daily Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Tanzania earns US\$191 million from spice trade

**DAR ES SALAAM** - Tanzania has earned US\$191 million from the sale of spice crops in domestic and international markets to date during the 2025/2026 financial year, the Cereals and Other Produce Regulatory Authority (COPRA) said on Sunday. Irine Mlola, director general of COPRA, announced the figure at the first National Spices Stakeholders Conference held in the eastern region of Morogoro, noting that Tanzania remained among the world's leading producers of spices, ranking third globally in cardamom production and fifth in cloves. She added that global demand for spices was estimated at 11 million tonnes annually, with key products such as cardamom, cinnamon, cloves and black pepper accounting for around one million tonnes. Despite its strong global position, Mlola said that Tanzania's current production, estimated at 20,282 tonnes annually, remains low. **Xinhua**

# Mmolotsi implores industry to lift standards

**Esther Mmolai**  
**MAUN**

The tourism industry captains have been implored to perfect their operations to ensure the sector remains resilient, relevant and highly competitive.

The call was made by the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi when addressing community based organisations (CBOs) and tourism operators in Maun during a meet and greet session recently, noting that the government had identified tourism

as an engine of economic growth and as such, they should embrace change in terms of doing business.

The industry, he said, had the potential to turn around the current economic situation as it contributed significantly to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). He was of the view

that if the industry captains did things right, they could increase investment and eventually grow the economy and create more employment opportunities.

While reaffirming the government's commitment to facilitate the industry to reach the target set for the sector, the minister said through dialogue, partnerships and advising each other, they could turn the industry around and advance Botswana's tourism agenda.

**"We do appreciate that you have invested millions in your operations but you should understand that the spirit of good governance is essential in sustainable tourism, as it allows open communication, builds trust and capacity, enhancing tourism management."**

Mr Mmolotsi also noted that as the government strives to attract more investment, efforts were ongoing to restore investor certainty and confidence citing that his ministry was working closely with other relevant ministries to ensure lease renewals were not a challenge as they wanted potential investors to invest freely.

Furthermore, he acknowledged that Botswana was celebrated across the world as a sanctuary of nature, culture, and resilience and that its high-value, low-volume tourism model had served the country well.

"It has protected our ecosystems, safeguarded our biodiversity services, and preserved the exclusivity and integrity of our tourism offering.

That is an achievement we must acknowledge with pride but we must also recognise a simple truth; the world is changing, and so must we. Markets are changing, visitor expectations are changing and climate realities are changing," he said. The ministry's Acting Permanent Secretary Ms Abigail Khumoyame highlighted that the country's tourism was often regarded as the envy in the world because of its model that prioritised conservation and emphasised the need to continue safeguarding the resources.

She emphasised the need to strengthen collaborative relations with the ministry and all stakeholders

Transformation mechanisms, she said were underway to grow the sector saying they could achieve that through the industry players support and contribution.



Participants during a meet and greet session with Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi in Maun recently. He urged tourism operators to perfect their operations so that the sector remained resilient and highly competitive. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

## EAC secretary general prioritises financial discipline

**DAR ES SALAAM** - Tanzania diplomat Stephen Mbundi on Saturday assumed office as secretary general of the East African Community (EAC), pledging to strengthen financial discipline among member states to improve the bloc's effectiveness. Mbundi took over leadership at the EAC headquarters in Arusha from outgoing secretary general Veronica Nduva of Kenya, following his appointment by heads of state during the 25<sup>th</sup> EAC Summit held on March 7. He will serve a five-year term ending in 2031. Speaking after the handover ceremony, Mbundi said ensuring timely financial contributions from member states would be his immediate priority. Mbundi also pledged to tackle non-tariff barriers that continued to constrain intra-regional trade, noting that their removal would boost competitiveness and facilitate cross-border commerce. **Xinhua**

## Energy disruption heightens need for diversification

**WASHINGTON DC** - The global energy supply disruption caused by the war in the Middle East has heightened Asia's concerns about energy diversification, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) official has said. "I think the shock has brought to the fore concerns about energy security," Thomas Helbling, deputy director in the IMF's Asia and Pacific department, told Xinhua. According to the IMF's latest Regional Economic Outlook for Asia and Pacific released last week, Asia's growth is projected to moderate from 5 per cent in 2025 to 4.4 per cent in 2026 and 4.2 per cent in 2027. The report noted that the region's oil and gas use amounts to about 4 per cent of GDP, nearly double Europe's share. It exceeds 10 per cent in economies such as Malaysia and Thailand, where transport and industry play larger roles. The Middle East remains the main source of oil supplies for many Asian economies. **Xinhua**

# BTO advances co-investment model for sustainable dev.

**By Esther Mmolai**  
**MAUN**

Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) plays a catalytic role in mobilising and structuring investment into the tourism sector, in line with the national priority of driving private sector-led growth, and the broader vision to transform Botswana into a major international destination and hub for investment by 2036.

BTO Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Justice Ofentse said during a media engagement organised by Machaba Safaris in collaboration with the organisation appreciating BTO's goal of

amplifying Botswana's footprint, creating visibility for tourism products and opening doors for growth across the sector.

What the organisation was doing, he said, went beyond promotion to actively unlocking and facilitating investment towards strategic developments by leveraging the natural assets to open up new concessions, utilising strategic locations such as trade corridors for the creation of tourism hubs, unlocking value of existing national infrastructure such as dams to develop viable tourism products, for a more diversified and investment ready tourism sector.

"In doing so, we are consistently addressing critical enablers such as the progression of lease renewals, strengthening security of land tenure, and streamlining sub-leasing frameworks, all of which are essential to building investor confidence.

I am pleased to share that the organisation is also advancing more innovative approaches to collaboration and co-investment,

including mechanisms that enable the private sector to participate in funding key instruments such as Land Use Management Plans, which are critical to guiding sustainable development and safeguarding our natural assets," he added.

Mr Ofentse further stated that through such efforts, they were creating a more responsive and investor ready environment that balanced commercial viability with sustainability and community participation, ensuring that tourism investment delivered a lasting value for the country

Sustainability, he said remained at the core of everything they did as the organisation noting that they continued to strengthen responsible tourism through their eco-certification programmes, destination planning initiatives and close collaboration with industry to ensure that tourism growth protected the country's natural heritage while delivering tangible benefits to local communities.

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# WOAH lauds Botswana resilient animal health system

Calviniah Kgauthe  
LOBATSE

World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) has lauded Botswana for resilient Animal Health System and championing veterinary animal health standards in the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak.

Botswana has been exemplary in following standards on FMD prevention and control, WOAH sub regional representative for Southern Africa, Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo, said during the FMD

Pitso that took place in Lobatse.

The regulatory organisation provides guidance on animal disease control standards and improvement of animal health globally, targeted at building a safer world, acknowledged Botswana's animal health system integrity.

Dr Letshwenyo highlighted that signing of the Economic Partnership Agreements involved standards as they were requirements in trade facilitation and over the years, Botswana had demonstrated supreme commitment in adhering to the set standards in livestock zoning and compartmentalisation

to control disease outbreaks.

He also underscored the significance of continuing to follow standards in the fight against FMD, to facilitate international safe trade, provide common language for animal health, support disease prevention control and eradication in order to protect livelihoods and food security.

Most countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) are under siege, a regional approach must be devised to combat transboundary FMD therefore, a regional FMD eradication project would be supported by WOAH, Dr Letshwenyo said. He cautioned that FMD control was a public good and so no individual farmer must be tempted to buy a vaccine and inject livestock as that might pose other challenges and even more serious ones to the region.

Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, stated that the current FMD crisis was one of the most severe in the region's history as cases occurred almost simultaneously in neighbouring countries, the first time Botswana was hit by three outbreaks almost simultaneously in the same year.

"These outbreaks happen in spite of the Botswana's robust zoning system underpinned by extensive network of cordon fences, and

stringent sanitary measures. It exposes critical vulnerabilities in our disease control system and once again underscores the need to treat it as a shared regional challenge rather than an isolated national issue," he said.

Dr Dikoloti nonetheless highlighted that Botswana was among the most prominent countries in implementing and having their containment and zoning strategies recognised by WOAH adding that mapping out containment zones allowed countries to quickly isolate an outbreak of a disease to a specific area, preventing the loss of disease free status for the rest of the country.

However, he noted, like other developing economies, Botswana remained vulnerable to transboundary animal diseases due to significantly eroded capacity to respond due to loss of highly trained workforce and a precarious fiscal environment that hindered disease control efforts.

Furthermore, Dr Dikoloti said to combat FMD, the country should use of Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) new Global Partnership Programme on Transboundary Animal Diseases to achieve a more coordinated regional response to transboundary animal diseases thus improving

disease surveillance efficiencies, establishment of more resilient vaccine supply antigen banks, and strengthen biosecurity which was a key issue for production systems.

FAO head of programmes, Ms Lesedi Mmopelwa, reiterated FAO's commitment to working with Botswana to overcome the current FMD crisis adding that FAO worked closely with governments to strengthen FMD prevention and control across the SADC region.

She said the inaugural FMD Pitso which was sponsored financially and technically by FAO and WOAH served not only as a response to a crisis but to bring all stakeholders under one roof to learn and chart a new path in robust FMD disease control.

Ms Mmopelwa noted that recent suspension of Botswana beef exports to the European Union due to FMD outbreak had demonstrated how animal health emergencies could quickly evolve into trade, economic and livelihoods crisis especially for Botswana where the livestock sector was the bedrock of rural livelihoods, food security, employment and foreign exchange earnings.

She also called for SADC member states to work together to combat the transboundary disease, because no country could effectively manage in isolation. **BOPA**

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The newly elected Hospitality and Tourism Association of Botswana (HATAB) chairman, Mr Lawrence Lecha appealed to the ministry to accelerate efforts towards tackling pertinent issues that impeded the industry's smooth operation and growth.

He cited issues of lease renewal, VAT rates saying they threatened the industry competitiveness as the country was losing a lot of business due to relocation of agents to neighbouring countries.

Botswana Guides Association chairperson, Mr Kenson Kgaga decried delay in change of land use saying some people wanted to

venture into tourism enterprises to create job opportunities but their efforts were in vain as Tawana Land Board took ages to respond to applications.

He also appreciated the ministry positive response to temporarily suspend the newly proposed park fees following their concerns saying that would help in attracting more travellers and selling the country's products offered.

Kgosi Johane Ngwengare of Phuduhudu urged the ministry to develop a structure of communication at the district level saying that could help enhance effective governance in CBOs. **BOPA**

## BOU pension fund unveils new brand

GABORONE

Botswana Open University (BOU) has launched a new brand identity for its pension fund, signalling growth, enhanced governance and a stronger focus on member welfare.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Kgomotso Moahi, said the new brand reflected transparency, which she described as the foundation of sound governance. She noted that it also emphasised member engagement, inclusivity and long-term sustainability.

"Refreshing the brand signals that the entity is alive and kicking, that it is a fund that listens," said Prof Moahi.



Botswana Open University Vice Chancellor, Prof Kgomotso Moahi

Furthermore, Prof Moahi said refreshing the brand of this entity signified relevance and trust that the BOU pension fund had its own identity away from the institution's identity.

She said it was an affirmation that the pension fund was moving forward with clarity, confidence and a deepened commitment to the financial well-being of its members, staff and that it was something that the university supported and funded.

"It is about members, because any employer has to have the interest of their employees at heart, and we want to see them succeed well into the sunset, not only when they come with you."

Prof Moahi added that the launch represented a declaration of purpose and a reaffirmation of values, aimed at strengthening trust, building a unified identity and enhancing awareness among members.

She further highlighted the critical role of the employer, describing the relationship between the university and the pension fund as fundamental rather than merely transactional.

"We are a significant partner invested in the outcome and accountable to the people behind every membership number," she said.

BOU Board Chairperson, Dr Lesedi Lesetedi, echoed the emphasis on sustainability, stating that the new brand represented efforts to build a strong, member-focused institution. **BOPA**



Botswana Tourism Organisation acting CEO, Mr Justice Ofentse (left), Machaba Safaris chief operations officer, Mr David Kind (centre) and stakeholder relation manager, Mr Tuelo Ramontshonyana during a media engagement in Maun recently. The officials vowed to work closely with the media to tell a more compelling Botswana's tourism story. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

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In that regard, he highlighted Botswana's active participation in global sustainability platforms, including the ongoing Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) 2026 Conference.

"Our engagement at this forum reinforces Botswana's commitment internationally, recognised sustainability standards, knowledge exchange, and best practice while firmly positioning our destination as a global leader in sustainable tourism development."

Mr Ofentse said Maun, as the gateway to the Okavango Delta, continued to play a pivotal role in this journey.

"It is here that many visitors begin their exploration of one of the world's most unique ecosystems," he said.

But beyond the delta, Mr Ofentse

said the organisation was equally committed to showcasing lesser-known destinations, places rich in heritage, culture, and adventure, ensuring that the benefits of tourism were shared more widely across the country.

However, he appreciated the media saying its role in shaping the narrative of Botswana could not be overstated.

Media practitioners, he said, were not just storytellers but ambassadors of the country's landscapes, culture, and people adding that "through your platforms, the beauty and authenticity of Botswana reach audiences across the world, pushing our tourism product far beyond our borders and into key international markets."

Machaba Safaris stakeholder relations manager, Mr Tuelo Ramontshonyana also appreciated

that the media played a crucial role in tourism by shaping destination images, significantly increasing awareness in destination and underscored the need to engage with different houses so that they understood what exactly the industry offered.

While the company was operating lodges in Botswana and Zimbabwe and situated in prime areas, he said it was important to note that the company was also committed to protecting wildlife and uplifting local communities.

The company, he said constantly strove towards creating lasting change in terms of implementing sustainable developments that benefited the community.

"Partnerships and collaboration of these are essential as we work together to position our country as a leading, sustainable tourism destination," he said. **BOPA**

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The public is informed that Serowe District Council intends to delist Western Primary School from Museum and Heritage Listing with intent to unlock the value chain associated with Serowe Central Business District. As part of the exercise a public consultation meeting will be held to solicit views and opinions of Serowe community in that regard. Therefore a kgotla meeting will be held at:

Area	Venue	Date	Time
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# Trust commits to uphold good governance

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

Good governance and commitment to sustainable conservation are some of the pillars that have helped the Phuduhudu village community trust, Xhauxhwatubi Development Trust to run its affairs well and to adhere to policies and regulations governing its operations.

The trust, which operates in NG 49 concession, has raised the bar on governance, ensuring that it not only survives but thrives even in the face of challenges.

The trust's chairperson, Mr Mpho Mazinyo told a press conference that they were excelling in governance and effective utilisation of community funds, dismissing some reports circulating on social media, which painted a different picture.

Mr Mazinyo said the reports were unfounded and that allegations that the trust was struggling to fulfil its mandate due to poor practices were also false.

He said on the contrary, the trust prided itself on having created a culture where ethical conduct was the norm and not the exception; citing that they had ensured the right processes were in place to support accountability at all levels.

The trust generates revenue through the sale of its hunting quotas, which contributed to sustainable development in the village and created employment opportunities for the youth.

While good governance in many community trusts was often challenged by issues of conflict of interest, corruption, lack of transparency and weak accountability mechanisms leading to ineffective operations, at Xhauxhwatubi, good governance has been put at the fore as the cornerstone of long-term success and sustainability.

"Upholding governance and community engagement have made our trust to stand out as a model of successful operation because we model ethical behaviour. We believe that good governance is essential to fulfilling our mission and maintaining the trust of the communities we serve," he added.

Mr Mazinyo further highlighted that the trust also strived to serve communities, advanced social causes, brought about lasting and meaningful change to the community, explaining that presently, the trust was assisting towards the feeding programme at the local primary school to ensure that learners had two meals in a day.

The chairperson also revealed that the trust also supported the local clinic in tackling drug shortages, saying it had purchased all drugs that were in short supply.

"We believe that primary healthcare is a fundamental right, hence we play a key role to improve drug availability so that the immediate medical needs of patients can be tended to. We also provide transport and cover expenses for patients on referral, be it to Maun or Francistown," he said.

The village chief, Kgosi Johane Ngwengare also disputed the allegations, saying they aimed to fuel division in the community and undermine the positive efforts by the trust.

Kgosi Ngwengare affirmed that the trust was maintaining high standards of good governance and prudent financial management, as a result of which, it was able to positively impact the livelihoods of the communities it served. **BOPA**



Kgosi Johane Ngwengare of Phuduhudu (left) and Xhauxhwatubi Development Trust chairperson, Mr Mpho Mazinyo during a media briefing in Maun recently. They said effective governance and strong community engagement had positioned the trust as a model of successful operation. Photo: Esther Mmolai

## Intersex seldom talked about

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

When a baby is born, the first question asked is often, 'Is it a boy or a girl?'

Yet for some, the answer is not clear-cut, as the body does not fit the traditional binary definition.

The condition of being born with a body that fits neither male nor female is called Disorders of Sexual Differentiation, or DSD for short, and is often referred to as intersex.

A paediatric surgeon, Dr Kutlo Motlhobogwa, explains that the condition means a person's chromosomes, reproductive organs, or genitals developed in a way that is not typically male or female.

She further explains that DSD is complicated and needs careful medical care, adding that many children and families in Botswana are affected by it.

At Princess Marina Referral Hospital alone, doctors operate on an average of 28 children with DSD every year, showing the severity of the condition.

But what really causes this disorder?

According to Dr Motlhobogwa, who operates children's specialist clinic, Bana Kerona Paediatric Surgeon, at Life Gaborone Private Hospital, when babies first start developing, all of them have the same basic body parts.

And what decides if they develop as male or female are chromosomes, the body's instruction manual, with girls having XX chromosomes and boys having XY.

The presence of the chromosomes found in boys leads to the development of testes, while their absence leads to ovaries, but something can go wrong in the process, leading to a disorder.

"For you to have a disorder in the differentiation, something has to go wrong," she explains, noting that in females, it can lead to having both an ovary and testicles,

while in boys, one can have the testes inside but an external build-up as a girl.

In such instances, it would be important to achieve a normal appearance and function for the

child, Dr Motlhobogwa says, noting that timely intervention supports the child's physical and emotional well-being.

"Surgery can help with these conditions," said Dr Motlhobogwa,

stressing the importance of involving parents in the decision-making process.

The main goal is to help the child look and function normally, and to make sure they are healthy and happy, in body and mind.

How doctors treat DSD depends on each child's situation, as it might be surgery, hormone medicine or both.

Dr Motlhobogwa explains that sometimes surgeons leave it to the parents to decide.

"We do not define for them what they must do, how they choose to raise their child, they decide for themselves," she says.

Dr Motlhobogwa emphasises the importance of maintaining a cosmetic appearance and ensuring normal, healthy sexuality in such cases.

"We want to ensure normality in terms of urination and sexual function. This is particularly important in boys if the penis is bent," she says.

In such cases, surgery is often needed right away as urine can spray down the legs or lead to painful erections, adding that because the condition affects how the body works early on, surgery is needed.

Also, Dr Motlhobogwa says some boys may need testosterone treatment to help the penis grow to a normal size.

As for girls, she said some surgeries can wait, especially those dealing with the private parts' appearance, as they are not urgent.

She noted that children with the disorder often face psychological challenges, as they could grow up confused, looking like a boy yet feeling like a girl, dressing like a boy but sitting down like a girl, thus becoming secluded.

Another challenge is that they can go through a lot of bullying abuse and also be ashamed of their bodies.

Traditionally, such issues were never discussed owing to stigma. **BOPA**



A paediatric surgeon, Dr Kutlo Motlhobogwa explaining the condition known as Disorders of Sexual Differentiation (DSD) during an interview at Gaborone Private Hospital recently. She described DSD as a complex medical condition that affected some children and families across the country, requiring careful attention. Photo: Felicity Male

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Banni ba Matopi ba le kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Tati Botlhaba, Rre Tlhabologo Furniture ka Labotlhano. Banni ba supile fa go tlaela ga metsi le motlakase kwa motseng oo, go ba kokonela e bile go ba kgoreletsa go ka nna le dilwana tse di dirisang motlakase. Senepe: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

## Letlhoko la metsi le motlakase le kokonela ba Matopi

Kelebogile Taolo  
MATOPI

Go tlaela ga metsi le motlakase kwa Matopi go kokonela banni ebile go ba kgoreletsa go ka nna le dilwana tse di dirisang motlakase. Mothusi modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Mme Goitsemodimo Kgomo, o kopile Mopalamente wa Tati Botlhaba, Rre Tlhabologo Furniture, go ba thusa.

Boikuelo jo, bo dule mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Rre Furniture kwa motseng oo, kwa Mme Kgomo a neng gape a bolelela fa ba eletsa go agelwa ofisi ya sepedise le matlwana a borutelo a bana ba bannyenyane.

Monni wa motse, Mme Kgomo Mabobo, o kaile fa lephata la kabo ditsha le le maoto a tshupa go ba baya ditsha, ka go setse go le lebaka ba letile.

Mopalamente Furniture o tlahositse fa a tlaa isa dilelo tsa bone kwa go ba ba maleba.

O ne gape a bolelela banni fa madi a ditlhabololo a dikgaolo, a tlaa nna teng monongwaga mme a tlaa dirisiwa mo ditirong tse di neng di saletse kwa morago.

Rre Furniture o ne gape a ba itsise fa Palamente e dumalane ka tlhopho, mogopolo wa go tlhoma kgotla ya molao motheo mme kang e tlaa fetisediwa kwa Batswaneng, go tsaya tshwetso ka go tlhopho. **BOPA**

## Banni ba Motshegaletau ba itela ka tlaelo le tiego ya ditlamelo

Keamogetse Setilo  
MOTSHEGALETAU

Banni ba Motshegaletau kwa kgaolong ya Legare ba re ditsela tse di sa siamang, go tlhoka go ntshafadiwa ga dikago le matlo a bodiredi jwa puso le tiego ya ditsha tsa bonno, di ba beile ka fa mosing.

Kgosi Mogotsi Mosweu o boletse fa motse wa gagwe o farafarwe ke mathata, a kaya fa go tlhoka go bewa ditsha ka nako go kokonetse morafe wa gagwe mo ebileng bangwe ba setse ba ikantse go nna bo maipaafela.

O tlahositse mo phuthengong ya kgotla, e e neng e biditswe ke mopalamente wa Serowe borwa kwa motseng oo, Rre Leepetswe Lesedi, fa se, se bakilwe ke tiego ya ba lephata la kabo ditsha.

Kgosi Mosweu o supile fa tselo nngwe mo motseng, e e neng e adilwe ditena, e le makgasa morago ga gore ba koporase ya metsi ba e kgankgamolole ka ba ne ba lemogile fa ditena di adilwe fa godimo ga moalo wa bone wa kgopo ya metsi.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Rre Ogomoditse Ramphile, o supile fa dikago tsa ga goromente tse di mo motseng, di tlhoka go tlhabololwa.

"Sekole sa rona se se botlana se tlaela ditilo le ditafole, matlwana a boitiketso mangwe ga a bereke mo a bakileng gore sekole sotlhe se lebagane le matlwana a ka

tshwara bobedi go dirisiwa. Se betsho, ga se selo se se siamang," Rre Ramphile a tlahosa.

A re dipilisi tsa bolwetsi jwa madi a matona le tsa bolwetsi jwa sukiri di a tlaela mo motseng.

O kgadile batsadi ba ba tlologang bana ba le nosi mo malwapeng, a re se ke go tlhoka tlhokomelo e e lolameng mo baneng, ebile go ba tsenya mo diphatseng tsa dilalome

le dikotsi di tshwana le go shela mo matlong.

"Mokgwa wa go phuaganya bana motsadi a ya bojalweng kgotsa a ya go bapala phane a o eme, le tsenya bana mo kotsing ya dilalome lego itshubela mo matlong ba re ba a ikapeela. A ko le nngeng le tlhokomelo le lorato mo baneng," Rre Ramphile a kgalema.

Mopalamente Lesedi, o ne a kgala se se dirilweng ke koporase ya metsi, a kopa gore ditshwetso tsothe tse di tsewang di nne le morero, go itsa go gothagotlhana.

O gwethhile maphata go tlatlola lebelo la go baakanya tse di senyegileng ka di sa siamela matshelo a setshaba.

A re jaaka puso e supile fa e sena madi, o kopa morafe go

ipelega.

O kopile thata gore morafe o tshwaragane le puso go lwantsha tlhako le molomo ka go sala morago ditaello tse di beilweng ke ba lephata la tsa temo thuo.

Go dira jalo a re go ka babalela bonyenyane jwa leruo le ba nang le lone, le kamoso le ka tsogang le ba namola mo manokonokong a kwelo tlase ya itsholelo. **BOPA**

## Bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo bo diga tlhwatlhwa ya kgomo

Relief Lephutshi  
LEROLWANE

Bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo bo digile boleng jwa thekiso ya kgomo ka jaana tlhathwa ya kgomo e wela tlase segolo jang kwa mafelong a a amegileng.

Se se boletse ke Dr Kennedy Ndlovu wa lephata la matlhoko a leruo mo phuthengong ya kgotla kwa Lerolwane mo kgaolong ya Kanye Botlhaba.

Dr Ndlovu a re fa kgomo e ka amana le molemo wa tlhako le molomo, tlhathwa ya theko e

wela tlase. O kaile fa kgomo e ntshe e rekwa P5 000 go ya kwa go P10 000, go ya ka letsopa la kgomo.

A re kgomo fa e kentilwe e tlaa rekwa ka tlhathwa e e rekang kgomo kwa dikgaolong tsa Nhabe, kwa tlhako le molomo e neng ya tlhasela teng, e eleng sekete le makgolo a ferabobedi a dipula, a tlahosa a bo a supa gore se se digela tlhathwa ya kgomo kwa go ya dihutshane. A re go tlhagoga ga bolwetsi jo kwa kgaolong ya borwa go dubile mebaraka ya thekiso ya nama ya Botswana kwa mafatshe a Europe. Dr Ndlovu o kaile fa

seemo sa mebaraka se ka bifela pele fa bolwetsi bo ka amana le matlhabelo a BMC, ka go ka oketsa go kganelwa kwa ntle ga mmara ka wa Europe.

Dr Ndlovu a re go kgotsofatsa mmara o ke gore nama e seka ya amana ka gope le bolwetsi kgotsa mokento wa tlhako le molomo. A re le fa Zone II e tshwailwe ka gore e amilwe ke bolwetsi, kgaolo ya Kanye e santse e sena jone.

O ntshitse matshwenyego a gore dikgomo tsa metse ya Molapowabojang, Digawana, Mogojojojo le Lorwana di fulela

ntlheng ya polase ya Hildavale, kwa go nang le bolwetsi teng.

A re se, se baya kgaolo ka fa mosing mme a kopa barui go dirisanya le puso le go tsaya boikaraelo jwa go tlhokomela loruo, a kopa morafe go disa, go tshuba ka tshipi ya kgaolo le go rwea manyena.

Gape a re fa kgomo e ka timelela kwa go kentelwang bolwetsi e tshwailwe sentle, go ka thusa go lemoga fa e na le mogare le gore mong wa yone o ka e bileliwa fa bolwetsi bo sena go boela morago. **BOPA**

## PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE

## NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAVEL EXTRACTION, MAROJANE, GOODHOPE DISTRICT

In compliance with Section 10(2) of the Environmental Assessment ("EA") Act (Cap. 65:07), the major findings of the Environmental Management Plan for the above mentioned project are as summarized below:

**A. Nature and Magnitude of the Activity**

The project proponent, Ms Boitshoko Dimakatso Magashula operates a borrow pit for gravel extraction at Marojane in Goodhope District. The operations started around 2023 and the proponent holds a valid minerals permit. The project involves extraction of gravel material and transportation to the construction sites. All the required infrastructure and equipment for this operation are already in-place – secured site, signage, toilets, gravel road, haulage trucks, and a water bowser.

**B. Rationale for the Project**

Anticipated Environmental Impacts	Proposed Mitigation/ Enhancement measures
Loss of agricultural land	Stockpile top soil and rehabilitate the land upon completion of gravel extraction
Air pollution - Dust nuisance and fumes	Regular dust suppression during operation
Noise pollution	Restrict operations to day times and service machines regularly. Provide worker with appropriate PPE
Groundwater and soil contamination	Establish the local water table to avoid disruption of nearby boreholes. Provide drip trays for stationery machines, no service on site, regular service and attend to spillages timeously
Soil erosion and degradation	Maintain gentle slopes and avoid trampling on soils outside the designated working space.
Risk of accidents – road and drowning	Maintain road signs and speed at 30km/hr
Occupational health and safety related risks	Train workers on proper handling of equipment, work ethic and ensure adherence to PPE protocols.
Conflict with neighboring uses – related disturbance of noise and dust	Share management plans with neighbors, implement mitigation measures e.g Regular dust suppression, and regularly update on mitigation actions
Increase in employment opportunities	Preference should be given to locals when hiring.
Accessible quality gravel material	Give local community access and opportunities to buy materials at reasonable prices
Boost to the local economy	Local goods and services should be prioritized in procurement
Boost to the government revenue	Transparent record keeping and remittance of accurate royalties to government.

**Conclusion**

Conclusions drawn from the Environmental Assessment are that some negative environmental impacts may arise as a result of the project. Positive impacts such as increased employment opportunities, and accessible quality gravel material are also expected. Mitigation measures have been proposed to reduce the adverse impacts and enhance the positive impacts, and if correctly implemented, all the identified negative impacts can be mitigated whilst positive impacts can be enhanced.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with due implementation of all the mitigation measures recommended in the Environmental Management Plan and regular monitoring.

**Environmental Impact Study Placement**

The main objective of the project is to supply gravel material to the construction industry in the district. Goodhope district is currently experiencing growth in infrastructure developments. This growth has triggered a demand for earth materials particularly gravel and concrete stones.

**C. Location of the Activity**

The gravel borrow pit is located in a 4.1122 ha farm near Marojane village in the Goodhope District.

**D. Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures**

The Table below presents a summary of the anticipated impacts associated with the project together with the proposed mitigation/enhancement measures for each, as per the project Environmental Management Plan.

Copies of the Environmental Management Plan for the project have been placed at the following places for review by the public and Interested & Affected Parties.

- Department of Environmental Protection, Gaborone.
- Goodhope Main Kgofla
- Marojane Kgofla

**Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested persons should be submitted to:**

The Director, Department of Environmental Protection,  
Private Bag 0068 Gaborone, Tel: 3902050, Fax: 3902051

OR hand delivered to Travaglini House Plot 1271, Second Floor, Old Lobatse Road) before the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.

## KITSISO YA SETSHABA

## KITSISO YA SETSHABA MABAPI LE GO SEKASEKA MOKWALO WA TSHEKATSEHO TIKOLOGO WA TIRO YA GO EPA MOTLHABA O O TLHAKANENG LE MATLAPANA GAUFI LE MOTSE WA MAROJANE KWA KGAOLONG YA GOODHOPE

Go diragatsa karolo ya lesome, ntlha ya bobedi ya molao wa tshekatsheko tikologo, maduo a tshekatsheko ya ditlamorago tsa tiro e e boletsweng fa godimo a sobokilwe fa tlase:

**A. Sebopego le bogolo jwa Tiro**

Moikopedi wa tiro mme Boitshoko Dimakatso Magashula o tsamaisa tiro ya go epa motlhaba o o tlhakaneng le matlapana gaufi le motse wa Marojane kwa Kgaolong ya Goodhope. Tiro e e simolotse ka ngwaga wa 2023, mong wa tiro e o nale tseletso ya go epa mmu. Tiro e ekaretsa go epa motlhaba o o tlhakaneng le matlapana le go isa kwa mafelong a kago. Di dirisiwa tsothe tse di thokafalang go dira tiro ya go epa di setse di le teng go akaretsa lefelo la tiro le le sireletsegileng, matshwao, matlwana a boithomelo, tselo ya mmu, le dikoloi tse di rwalang motlhaba o o tlhakaneng le matlapana le tse di rwalang metsi.

**B. Maikaelelo a Tlhabololo e**

Maikaelelo a tiro e ke go tlamela ditlhabololo tsa dikago mo kgaolong ya Goodhope. Kgaolo ya Goodhope e itemogela

koketsego mo ditlhabololong tsa dikago. Koketsego e e dirile gore go thokege motlhaba o o tlhakaneng le matlapana wa kago, segolobogolo maje a konkoreite.

**C. Lefelo la Tiro**

Lefelo la tiro le mo tshimong ya selekanyo sa dihekethara di le 4.1122 gaufi le motse wa Marojane kwa kgaolong ya Goodhope.

**D. Ditlamorago tse di solofetsweng le methale ya go leka go fokotsa manokonoko le go oketsa bomolemo jwa tiro**

Moalo o o fa tlase o supa tshoboko ya ditlamorago tse di amangwang le tiro e, ga mmogo le methale e e akanyeditweng go fokotsa manokonoko a ditlamorago tse di sa siamang le go oketsa ditlamorago tse di molemo go remeletse mo ditshakatsheko tsa tiro e.

Ditlamorago tse di akanyeditweng	Methale ya go fokotsa ditlamorago tse di sa siamang kana go oketsa ditlamorago tse di molemo
Go latlhegelwa ke lefatshe la temo-thuo	• Boloka mmu o o fa godimo le go tsosolosa lefatshe fa tiro ya go epa motlhaba o o tlhakaneng le matlapana e fela.
Kgotleleso ya phefo e e bakwang ke lerole	• Fokotsa lerole ka go kgatsha metsi ka nako ya go epiwa le fa go rwalwa motlhaba go ya kwa mafelong a ditlhabololo. • Tekanyetso ya lobelo e tshwanetse go lekanyediwa go 30km/hr mo dikoloiing tsothe tse di isang motlhaba kwa mafelong a ditlhabololo, segolo jang mo ditselelang tsa mmu.
Koketsego ya modumo	• Fokotsa nako e go berekwang ka yone gore e nne ya motshagare fela mme didirisiwa tse di epang di baakangwe ka nako tsothe.
Kgotleleso ya metsi a a ka fa tlase ga lefatshe le mmu	• Tlhomamisa gore metsi a a kafa tlase ga lefatshe a teng gore go se ka ga nna le kgoreletsego mo didibeng tse di gaufi. • Diterei tse di beeletang leokwane di tshwanetse go nna di le teng mo lefelong la tiro. • Didirisiwa tse di epang ga di a tshwanela go baakangwe tsa mo lefelong la tiro, gape di tshwanetse go baakangwe ka nako tsothe. • Tsi bogela go tlhatswa leokwane le le tshologileng ka nako.
Go fetoga ga popego ya lefatshe	• Tsewelela ka go epa mo mekgokoloseng mme go seka ga kgaolwa ditare le dimela le go baakangwe lefatshe mo mafelong a a sa amaneng le lefelo la tiro.
Botsogo le pabaleso ya mo tirong	• Babereki ba tshwanetse go rutwa ka go dirisa le go tshwara didirisiwa tse di epang sentle, go itshwara sentle mo tirong go le go diragatsa melawana ya diaparo tsa itshireletso. • Babereki ba tshwanetse go neelwa kapari ya itshireletso e e feletseng le goba rura go e dirisa.
Kgotlhang le baagi ba ba gaufi le lefelo la tiro mo go ka bakwang ke modumo le lerole tse di tswang mo lifelong la tiro.	• Go arogana lenaneo la tiro le baagi ba ba gaufi le lefelo la tiro, go diragatsa methale ya go fokotsa modumo le lerole jaaka go fokotsa lerole ka go kgatsha metsi le go tlhabolola methale ya go fokotsa ditlamorago tse ka nako tsothe.
Go oketsa ditshono tsa go bona ditiro	• Go tshwanetse ga tlhophiwa batho ba motse wa Marojane le metsi e e mo tikologong fa go thapiwa.
Go nna le motlhaba wa boleng jo bo ko godimo	• Go neela baagi ba lefelo leo tshono ya go reka motlhaba ka ditlhwathwa tse di botoka. • Go dirisana mmogo le balaodi go oketsa kitso ya bothokwa jwa go dirisa motlhaba wa boleng jo bo kwa godimo. • Go bapatsa motlhaba gore o rekwe a bo o dirisiwa thata.
Go nonotsha itsholele ya lefelo la tiro	• Dithoto le ditirelo tsa mo gae di tshwanetse go tseelwa kwa godimo mo ditheko. • Go oketsa go nna le seabe ga batho ba mo gae mo kgwebong.
Go oketsa letseno la puso	• Go tshwara dibuka le mekwalo sentle le go isa madi a a tshwanetseng kwa pusong.

**Tshoboko**

Go tswa mo tshekatsheko ya tikologo go bonwe gore tiro e e ka nna le ditlamorago tse di sa siamang mo tikologong. Ditlamorago tse di molemo jaaka go oketsa ga ditshono tsa ditiro, le go nna teng ga motlhaba o o tlhakaneng le matlapana le tsone di solofetswe. Go tsilwe ka methale ya go fokotsa ditlamorago tse di sa siamang le go oketsa ditlamorago tse di siamang, mme fa di dirisiwa sentle, ditlamorago tsothe tse di sa siamang di ka fokotsa fa ditlamorago tse di siamang tsone di ka oketsa.

**Kgakololo**

Go rotloetswa gore tiro e e letlelelwe go tsewelela pele ka go diragatsa dikgato tsothe tsa go fokotsa kgotleleso ya tikologo tse di kwadilweng mo lenaoneing la tshekatsheko tikologo ya tiro e le go lebelela gore tiro e dirwa ka fa go tshwanetseng.

**Peo ya mokwalo wa tshekatsheko tikologo**

Meriti ya mokwalo wa tshekatsheko tikologo e beilwe mo mafelong a a latelang go ka balwa ke morafe, ba na le seabe, le ba ba nang le kgathago mo tirong e.

- Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo mo Gaborone
- Kgofla ya Goodhope
- Kgofla ya Marojane

**Dikakgelo le dipotso tsothe tsa ba ba ka amegang mo tirong e di ka romelwa kwa:**

Mookamedi, Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo,  
Private Bag 0068 Gaborone, Tel: 3902050, Fax: 3902051

kgotsa tsa iswiwa ko Lephatheng la Tshomarelo Tikologo mo Gaborone (Travaglini House, Plot 1271, second Floor, Old Lobatse Road) pele ga kgwedi ya Seetebosigo e tlhola malatsi a le mane ngwaga wa 2026.



# Procurement Plan 2026/27

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME**

(In terms of section 8(1)(f) of married Persons Property Act,2014)

- MOMPATI TAOLO** and **PHATSIMO BEVELINE TAOLO (nee TLADI)**, married in community of property on the 22nd April 2016, wish to change their marital property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their Marital property regime as aforesaid after the expiration of **three (3) weeks** from the date of the **Third Publication hereof**.
- Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and liabilities of the parties joint estate or who may have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are hereby requested to communicate such objection to the Parties Attorneys, Resheng Resheng Attorneys, in writing, before the expiration of the said **three (3) weeks period**, at the address provided below.

DATED at Gaborone this 9th day of April, 2026  
RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS Applicants' Attorneys, Plot 23952, Phase 4, Gaborone, P.O.Box 26014, Gaborone Botswana.

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administrative of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TSHIRELETSO REINEETSE	ESHFT-000314-26	16-06-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 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
ONEILE KELETSI AND JAMES KELETSI	ESHFT-000179-26	03-06-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act

(Cap.31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GASELATHWE MONOGE	ESHMY 000098-26	02.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 31<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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
MOGALADI BONANG	ESHMY 000244-26	15.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000445/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **SIKHANGEZILE NTINI** who died at Dabo Estate, House 21 Block 5, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022.

**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 GABORONE on this 22nd day of APRIL 2026

The Executrix  
Nomagugu Ntini  
Private Bag AB 152 ABC  
Postconnect  
PHAKALANE  
Cell: 72378790

**HOUSEMAIDS**

**CARE GIVER WANTED,** Box 301070 Tlokweg, call 77 110 329 Molemi Rammala.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**I AM LOOKING** for Lovemore Chihumba, previous address plot 238 Tsholofelo concerning a car I bought from him, B 597 BIU. His passport has expired, I want to change ownership. Contact 76344042

**CHANGE OF LANDUSE**

**I, KERWALE NTUANE** owner of an integrated farm at Boiphitho-Nata inform the public of the intention to subdivide the farm into four (4) portions and change landuse of three (3) portions from integrated farm to mixed-use agriculture and the other portion for agrotourism development.

Whoever has an objection regarding the proposal should forward it to **Tutume District Council, Physical Planning Office at Telephone No. 2987232** or in writing, within **fourteen (14) days** of publication of this notice.

**Mrs. K. Ntuane**  
**+267 77 001 122**

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Master's Ref. ESHGB-000055/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **KGOSI PRINCE MOGALE** who died at Plot No. 34289, Block 8, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High

Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

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

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

The Executrix | Kelebetse Lillian Mogale  
P O Box 20771, Gaborone  
Cell: 71 722 216

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
WALTER TSHUBE	ESHFT-001497-25	02-06-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 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
JOYCELYN ADAM	ESHFT-000318-26	17/06/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 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
KOOBONE GANELANG	ESHMY000184-26	15.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT **TSHEPO MOSEKI** INTENDS TO ENTER INTO SALE AGREEMENT WITH KAAK INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED WHO IS A NON-CITIZEN COMPANY IN TERMS OF THE ACT ABOUT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

- CERTAIN:** RESIDENTIAL PLOT NUMBER 22113
- SITUATE:** AT RAMOTSWA, MAGOPE WARD
- MEASURING:** 19.16\*4.24\*22.00\*22.16\*25.00 m
- HELD UNDER:** CERTIFICATE OF CUSTOMARY LAND GRANT PASSED IN FAVOUR OF **TSHEPO MOSEKI** DATED 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022
- SUBJECT:** TO THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION IS THE SUM OF **BWP145,000.00** (ONE HUNDRED FOURTY FIVE THOUSANDS PULA)

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS SALE SHOULD BE LODGED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THIS PUBLICATION.

**TSHEPO MOSEKI, APPLICANT**  
PO BOX 3 MOGOBANE, Cellphone: 76184937/72261132

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**OWNER PLOT 2909** Extension 10 Gaborone wishes change land use to mixed use, Clinic and Offices. For objection visit Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office.

**EMMANUEL SETLHAKO**, would like to change land use of Plot 30417, Molepolole from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For objection contact Molepolole District Council, Physical Planning office on Telephone No: 592 0841, within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT 2192 "A"**, located in Oodi village would like to change landuse from multi-family residential to single family residential. Any objections kindly contact Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office on 5777411 within 14 days of this publication

**OWNER OF SUBLEASE 2127-**ko of lease area 689-ko located in Crocodile Pools would like to change landuse from agriculture to mixeduse (agrotourism). Any concerns should be communicated to Gamalete District Council on telephone No. 538 1200 within 14 days of this publication

**OWNER OF PLOT 854**, Tobane village wants to change land use from commercial to single family residential. For any enquireies please contact Bobirwa District Council Physical Planning Unit on 2619274 or cellphone no: 72172277 within fourteen (14) days of publication on this notice.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Motsisi Lazarus Mogapaesi wish to change his Agricultural plot No : 1573kp in Oodi village in Mosese ward to mixed agriculture ( agriculture and civic & community- pre-school). Any objection should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council, Physical Planning Department, 5773514 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

**OWNER OF FILLING STATION** plot at Letswere ward, Mookane wishes to change land use from filling station to hotel. Any objection please call 71 306 512

**OWNER OF PLOT 15604**, Extension 11 in Palapye would like to inform her neighbours about change of land-use from residential to multi family residential. Whoever has an objection should forward it to Palapye Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this publication.

**FARM WORKER (1)**

**Required at Dutlwe (Khane) Farms to attend to various farm duties. Contact Mr.Kentse Pro Keogotsitse at 72373482 by 12 May 2026.**

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The Little Saviours Academy T/A Brookside Academy is urgently looking for 4 qualified primary school teachers with the following:

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**Email application to:**  
 LittleSavioursAcademy@gmail.com,  
 Palalani@autorenew.co.bw,  
 palalani.k@gmail.com

**OWNER OF LOT 9106**, Sunset, Charleshill wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Any queries or objection may be sent to Charleshill District Council, Physical Planning Department or call 659 2057

**PROPERTIES**

**TSAMAYA PLOT** = P35 000, Mathangwane 3 beds P350, 000, Hatsalatladi bachelor pad 170, 000 electricity, Mahetwe bachelor pad P150, 000 electricity, water 73281426

**TUITION**

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**VACANCIES**

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**Change of land use**

Owner of Plot 22113 situated in Magope ward, Ramotswa wishes to change land use from single residential to multifamily residential use.

For any objections, contact Gamalete District Council, Building Control on 5381340 within 14 days from this publication.

**Neighbour consultation**

Owner of Plot 22113 situated in Magope ward, Ramotswa intends to erect a boundary wall.

For Any objections, contact Gamalete District Council, Building Control on 5381340 within 14 days from this publication.

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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000415/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Tokona Johnny Mokgadi who died at Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone, in Gaborone District, Botswana on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The Executor  
Itemogeng Dithebe Mokgadi  
P O Box 2154  
Ramotswa  
Cell: 73623518

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

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act  
[Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
PHODISO MOTSWALEDI	ESHFT-000309-26	09-06-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF APRIL 2026  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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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
BOSENAKITSO MUKUWA	ESHMN-000052/26	16.06.26	10:00HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000789/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MODIRI LEFIKA T KHAMA** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of **June 2015**.

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 (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

The Executrix | Sephikwe Margaret Khama  
P O BOX 469, GABORONE | Cell: 72 169 967 / 74 639 479

**NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION**

**BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT** pursuant to the Judgment granted by the Honourable Court the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction by **DEPUTY SHERIFF MEDUPE** of Cell No: **723 15 134** to the highest bidder as follows:-

**DATE OF SALE:** 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**TIME OF SALE:** 10.30am  
**PLACE OF SALE:** Opposite Gakutlo kgotla  
**PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:** 1x1 HINO FLA TRUCK B155 BOJ white in colour, 1x1 B190 BOT JCB yellow in colour, 1x1 SCANIA Horse B326 BPC White in colour, 1x1 Front loader JCB.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Cash or Bank guaranteed cheque otherwise details and conditions of sale may be inspected at the Plaintiff's Attorneys offices.

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026.**

**DEPUTY SHERIFF MEDUPE**

CELL: **723 15 134**  
b/s **PIYUSH SHARMA ATTORNEYS & CO.**  
(Plaintiff's Attorneys)  
CELL: **72727272** | TEL: **3191622**



**sharma@sharma.co.bw**  
PLOT 6358, Kgware Road,  
P.O. BOX AD 34 ADC, **GABORONE**  
[Ref: PS 17617]

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34(1) OF TRIBAL LAND ACT NO. 1 OF 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between:

**PARTIES:**

**TRANSFEROR:** Setlhapi Tlhomedi

**TRANSFeree:** J.D & Liams Electrical Proprietary Limited

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

**CERTAIN:** Field Plot at Taung ward, Ramotswa;

**SITUATE:** At Ramotswa in the Bamalete Tribal Territory;

**MEASURING:** 1.833 hectares;

**HELD:** Resolution of the Board of Directors

**SUBJECT:** To the conditions and reservations mentioned;

**CONSIDERATION:** BWP300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Pula Only)

By virtue of this notice, any Botswana citizen interested in entering in to similar transaction in respect of the above mentioned property shall be given priority and any person wishing to object to the proposed shall be given contention to object with reasons thereof in writing to the Maletle Land Board after publication of this notice.

**DATED AT PALAPYE THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

**AGNES AND BAREFEET INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEYS**  
SHOP NO. 14 RIVERVIEW MALL  
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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Masters's Reference: ESHGB 00075/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **ISAAC SEABELO KGOSI** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **11th day of August 2024**.

**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 GABORONE on this 23rd Day of April 2026**

The Executrix  
Matlho Jennifer Seitshiro  
P. O. Box 1734  
GABORONE  
Cell: 71306390

**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
ANDINA CHINJANI	ESHFT-000253-26	03-06-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: FT MA 182/08 dated 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008 made in favour of Mokibe & Mosinyi Investments Proprietary Limited in respect of:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2273 Serowe  
**SITUATE:** At Serowe in the Bangwato Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING:** 1084 m<sup>2</sup> (One thousand and eighty-four square meters)  
**HELD UNDER:** FT MA 182/2008

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**  
APPLICANT: BOBATENG GODIRWANG MOSINYI

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

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. FT TL 36/2022 dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 made in favour of Tm3 Proprietary Limited in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 6850, Rakops ;  
**SITUATE:** at Rakops (Cadastre 346) the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING:** 7053 m<sup>2</sup> (Seven Thousand and Fifty-Three Square Metres);  
**HELD UNDER:** Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No FT TL 36/2022 dated 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022 between Ngwato Land Board and TM3 Proprietary Limited.

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

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026**  
MONTHE MARUMO & CO. Applicant's Attorneys, Millennium Park, P. O. Box 1991, GABORONE

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAUN**  
ESHMN-000119-25

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **KELEFE TSHIMOLOLO** who died at **LETSHOLATHEBE II MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**, in the Republic of Botswana on the 03rd day of September 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 the publication hereof.

MS MEKGOBO TSHIMOLOLO  
EXECUTOR  
P O BOX 20431  
MAUN  
71871576

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Master's Reference: ESHGB 000472/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **GLADYS KELETILE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024**.

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

**DATED at \_on this\_ Day of \_2026**  
The Executrix Dineo Mazhani  
Private Bag 14 LOBATSE  
Cell: 71 871 857 / 73 564 969

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Master's Reference: ESHGB- 000703/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **Kgwatlhe Dikole** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015**.

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

**The Executor and The Executrix,**  
P.O Box 707, Gaborone, **Cellphone No. 71 507 622**

**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
SELEBATSO & MOKHUTSHWANE CHINJANI	ESHFT-000254-26	03-06-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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**Administrative of Estates Act**  
[Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEBABONYE NYOKA	ESHMY 000267-26	01.06.26	09:00HRS	SARM

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 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
ENNIE MKUKULA	ESHFT-000328-26	23-06-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST NOTARIAL DEED OF LEASE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial of Deed of Lease No:60/2000 dated 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2000 made in favour of CROC 677 (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lease Area No: 677-KO;  
**SITUATE:** on Portion 8 of the Farm Crocodile Pools No 15-KO in the South East Administrative District of Botswana;  
**MEASURING:** 4,0354 ha (Four Comma Zero Three Five Four Hectares);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within **three (3) weeks** from last publication of this notice.

PLOT 6358, KGWALE ROAD  
Broadhurst  
P O BOX AD 34 ADC, GABORONE  
(PS/gS/PS18404)


**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000219-24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Martin Atorie Lennwe who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District. Republic of Botswana on the **5th day September 2023**.

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

**Dated at 28 on this day of April 2026**

The Executrix Dative  
Masego Edith Lennwe  
P O Box 602259  
Gaborone  
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# Ranaka residents determined to reclaim land

**Thandy Tebogo**  
**KANYE**

Ranaka residents are determined to reclaim their land, which they reserved for tourism purposes, but was however used for mining a quarry against their will.

Presenting evidence before Gaborone Land Tribunal Judge Ms Motlhalefi Baipaakanyi held at Kanye Education Centre on Thursday, the 82-year-old Mr Kenalemongwe Mopipi of Ranaka said the area where the quarry was mined was reserved for tourism purposes as per the wish of Ranaka community.

He stated that the community was against operation of the quarry in the area because they were not consulted. He also said the area was a historical site, and with its exquisite hills and variety of wild animals, it was suitable for tourism. Mr Mopipi said the de-bushing and presence of heavy plant machinery in the area shocked residents.

He stated that upon their enquiry from the village leadership, Kgosi Moemedi Telekelo of Ranaka said the area was used as a parking area for the machines, adding that upon enquiry on excavations taking place, they were told the machines were being tested by their owner.

Mr Mopipi said after learning that the area would be used for mining a quarry, a delegation selected by the community contacted relevant departments being the Department of Mines and Department of Environmental Affairs, raising concerns that mining a quarry in the area was going to cause a lot of damage to their property, adding that it also posed as a health hazard due to dust and sound pollution.

He said they informed the Department of Mines that they were against licensing of the quarry in the area and the department officials concurred with their concerns and promised to establish ways to suspend

quarry operations after consulting, but have never reverted on the decision reached.

Furthermore he indicated that the department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), informed the delegation that allocation of the quarry was not carried out by DEA, adding that they requested to be furnished with Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. Moshupa Sub-Landboard he stated confirmed that they indeed allocated the quarry and the certificate bears the name Kwahu not Momare where the quarry operated, but landboard had since taken the decision to nullify the allocation.

Mr Mopipi said Kgosi Telekelo informed them that some human remains were dug out at the quarry and were taken to Sejelo Police station. Another witness Ms Kgalalelo Motlhagodi of Logaba ward in Kanye said she was allocated a piece of land where a quarry was mined in 2008 and was given a lease in 2015.

Ms Motlhagodi she informed the employees of Builders Place, a company operating the quarry, to inform their employer that she was concerned about activities taking place at her plot. She also wrote a letter to the land board complaining about double allocation. During cross examination defence Attorney Unoda Mack inquired if Momare was the name of the place where the lodge was operating, indicating that the name stated did not reflect on the lease, but only Ranaka village was stated, adding that there was no indication of a ward on the lease. In response the witness Ms Motlhagodi said her plot was between the hills and the main tarred road. Another resident Ms Olebogeng Sakhu said her house was damaged when blasting took place and there cracks on the floor and window panes fell.

Ms Sakhu stated that Momare was a place where the people of Ranaka first settled, and that during that time women were

buried in the homesteads whilst men were buried inside kraals.

The plaintiff's attorney Ricardo Seabueng said there

had to be an investigation with regards to the alleged damage to the residents' property, adding the intention was

also to prove that there was no consultation with the property owners. The case continues on June 8. **BOPA**

## Two die in shooting in South Africa

**JOHANNESBURG**

Two people were killed in a shooting incident in Durban in South Africa's eastern province of KwaZulu-Natal, local media reported on Sunday.

Emergency services responded to the shooting on Crescent

Street near East Street Park in the Overport area, where a man believed to be in his 30s was found with multiple gunshot wounds, the South African Broadcasting Corporation reported.

ALS Paramedics spokesperson Garrith Jamieson said a second

victim later succumbed to his injuries upon arrival at hospital.

Multiple bullet casings were found on the roadway, and a passing motorist's vehicle was also damaged in the shooting, Jamieson added.

The motive for the attack remains unknown. **Xinhua**



**DURBAN** - Two people died while some sustained injuries during a shooting incident in South Africa. Photo: Xinhua



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA  
Gaborone North Constituency

# Constitutional Court Panel Discussion

**HOST: Hon Shawn Ntlhaile, Assistant Minister for Communications and Innovation. Member of Parliament for Gaborone North.**

Date: 29 April 2026 | Time: 6PM-8PM | Venue: Botswana University Of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), Sebele.

# Celebrating Nationhood

## What does **Botho** mean in your daily life, and how do you **practice** it?



**Lengish Komane**

Botho means love and peace. I practice it by socialising with people. To give where its possible and demonstrating love. By showing love and attending kgotla meetings.

Botho means boitshwaro in short. Ka fa o itshwarang ka teng mo sechabeng le gongwe le gongwe fela fa o leng teng. What does it mean in my daily life? Well, it means respecting myself, because in order for me to have botho I have to show it to myself to be able to give it to others.

**Kelebogile Hloma**

Botho ke fa batho ba siame mo go wena le wena o siame mo go bone. Go sena yo o tsietsang yo mongwe. Kana motho o kare o siame, mme a sa siama mo go wena. **Oageng Morekwa**



**Goitseone Chepete**

Botho... Kindness and unconditional love. In our daily life, before throwing away, ask if anybody needs it. Lets not be 'magadimana ntweng fa a aja ga a gadimane'.

Botho ke go dumedisa. Fa o bona ke go raya ke re dumela, kana o nthaya o re dumela, go a bo go supa gore o ngwana yo o nang le botho.

**Gobonwang Marapo**

For me, I'd say botho is love. Love is a verb, so you have to put it in action and show it to someone. But you show it without expecting anything in return, just like offering money to a homeless person.

**Romeo Edwin**



**Patricia Ramoeti**

Botho to me means I as a person should have respect for others, whether younger or older than me and I do practice it by respecting other people. We can strengthen our botho through respect, shared responsibilities and ethical conduct.



**Tebogo James**

Botho ke go aga sechaba, fela jaaka re itse gore setswana sa re maitseo namane ya Moroba. Go mo go nna gongwe le gongwe fa ke tsenang teng, a ke mo lapeng, kana office kana kereke ke tshwanetse ke itshware ka maitseo. Fa ke tsenang teng ke fitlhela batho ke a ba dumedisa, a ke bagolo kana bana. Re ruta bana gore mogolo mongwe le mongwe ke motsadi wa gago.



**Lady Isaac**

To me, Botho is about being a good person to others. It's about respect, kindness, and caring how your actions affect people around you. I practice it by speaking nicely to people, helping where I can, and trying to be understanding instead of being quick to judge. Even small gestures, such as greeting people or checking up on someone matter.

**Goabaone Abeilwe**

Akere Botho re akaratsa le one maitseo. Maitseo ke gore fa o kopana le motho yo motona, a bo o mo dumedisa, le ene yo monnye o a mo dumedisa. Jaaka fa motho yo mogolwane a tsena, a dumedisa a bo a re, "bagolo ba kae?" Ke jone botho. Go tsaya dikgang sentle, o dirisa puo e e siameng.

**Charlie Moopedi**

Tota fela nka re gongwe Botho ke go itlotla. Botho jone fela straight ke go itlotla.

Fa o le motho o tshwanetse gore o itlotle. And o tshwanetse gore o bo supe e seng fela mo bathong ba o ka tswang o ba itse, mme o bo supa mo mongweng le mongwe. Every individual must a bone gore this person o a itlotla, o na le Botho. So o ka supa botho jwa gago jang? O ka bo supa ka go itsaya sentle mo bathong. Maitseo. Ke gore ka fa o buang ka teng, go tshwanetse gore go supe botho, gore motho yo ke yo o nang le botho.

Gore re rurifatse nonofatso ya Botho mo sechabeng, re tshwanetse gore re nne le therisanyo. Re nne le Botho mo go ba bangwe, re seka ra lebela ope kwa tlase. Tota se se tona, ke tirisanyo mmogo.

**Tapologo Mothei**

Ngwana o tshwanetse go gola a itse gore o tshwanetse go ikapeela, o tshwanetse go itlhatswetsa, o tshwanetse go itse gore fa bagolo ba tsenetsene ba ile go tsenya letseno, a itse gore madi a gore a tsene a bo go sokotswe jang.

Ke gore a seka a tsaya dilo motlhofo jaaka bana ba gompieno ba tsaya dilo motlhofo ba batla di Grasshopper.

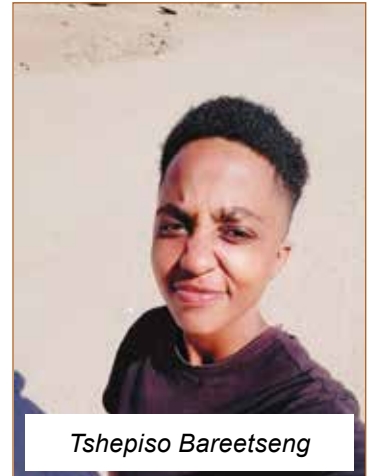
Rona re ne re rwala menangaso go ya sekoleng akere. Ba tshwanetse go itse botshelo jwa mo lapeng gore re tshela jang, ke gore ba seka ba "khompita" le bana ba ba humileng.

**Beauty komane**



**Kelly Mongati**

Botho is about more than just politeness. It is a commitment to empathy, communal responsibility and manual respect. By practicing Botho, as an individual I uphold dignity of others, ensuring that the wellbeing of the community is placed above the interest of self. Let's go back to our roots. THONG BOTHO



**Tshepiso Bareetseng**

Botho is Respect. I am because we are. I practice it by greeting people like they matter, helping without keeping score/tabs and remembering no one survives alone.

We can strengthen Botho by choosing people daily.

Making help normal. Teaching kids to share. Seeing invisible struggles. Being the neighbour you needed when you where down. *Motho ke Motho ka batho.*



**Onneile Moshebashebi**

Botho for me in my daily life means upholding a well rounded character that promotes human dignity, harmony and respect. I treat all with respect they deserve regardless of their age, background and stature. We can strengthen Botho in our communities by fostering mutual respect, embracing each other's culture and promoting constructive collaborations, which are beneficial to all.

**Botho bo raya eng go ya ka wena? O bo diragatsa jang mo botshelong jwa gago?**

**#omang**



## Shared stories bolster China and Zimbabwe cultural exchanges

HARARE - Participants during a reading event organised by the Zimbabwe Writers Association (ZWA) in partnership with the Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe on Saturday. Photo: Xinhua

### HARARE

In a lively corner of Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, a woman brought a short story to life with theatrical flair on Saturday. As she acted out each sentence, the room erupted in laughter and applause, setting the tone for a vibrant cultural exchange.

Moments later, the atmosphere shifted as a young writer stepped forward, her immersive storytelling drawing the audience into the world of a Zimbabwean novel. The scenes unfolded at a reading event organised by the Zimbabwe Writers Association (ZWA) in partnership with the Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe.

Under the theme: Bridges of Ink, the gathering brought together established authors, emerging voices and students, united by a shared curiosity about narratives from both countries.

As China marks its first national reading week, literature has become an important meeting point where stories

transcend borders. Within the framework of the 2026 China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges, the role of cultural dialogue in strengthening ties is gaining increasing recognition. The event featured a curated selection of Zimbabwean and Chinese literary excerpts, sparking in-depth discussions among participants.

To further promote a culture of reading, the Chinese Embassy donated a collection of books to the ZWA, which were distributed to attendees. Monica Cheru, chairperson of the ZWA, said that while large-scale projects often define international relations, genuine human interaction remains central to building lasting connections. "Just talking as people and discovering who we are is very important. We can understand each other better," Cheru told Xinhua after the event.

She said that beyond traditional cooperation in trade investment, and infrastructure, human engagement forms the

strongest bridges. In her view, sharing everyday stories enables authentic exchanges, allowing personal experiences to resonate across cultures. Elvas Mari, a member of the ZWA, said that while strong economic and political ties link Zimbabwe and China, cultural connections provide an essential human

dimension to the partnership.

"As writers, we think this is the greatest opportunity we have, to really promote the links and connection with our friends," he said. Memory Chirere, a prominent Zimbabwean writer, underscored the enduring power of the written word in bridging distant cultures. He said that

through ink, stories travel far beyond geographic boundaries.

"The importance of ink in connecting people is real. You can see how ink has already connected people today. If these relationships continue, connections through the written word will indeed thrive," Chirere said. Xinhua

## Mali minister dies in terrorist attacks

### BAMAKO

Mali's Minister of State, Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Gen. Sadio Camara, died following Saturday's terrorist attacks in several parts of the country, the Malian transitional government said Sunday night.

In a statement, the government said Camara's residence in Kati, a garrison town near the capital

Bamako, was hit Saturday morning by a vehicle bomb driven by a suicide attacker. Camara exchanged fire with the attackers and neutralized some of them, the statement said.

He was wounded during intense fighting and later died of his injuries in hospital. The collapse of his residence caused other casualties and destroyed a nearby mosque, killing some

worshippers inside, according to the statement.

The government said the late general will be given a national funeral. Several localities in Mali, including Bamako, Kati, Gao, Sevare and Kidal, were hit by coordinated attacks on Saturday.

The government had earlier said the attacks left 16 civilians and military personnel wounded. Xinhua

## Key road project breaks ground in Angola

### LUANDA

A key road project undertaken by a Chinese company in Angola officially broke ground on Saturday, local authorities said.

The project, Section 4-B of the Luanda Ring Road linking Muxima and Zango, is located in the country's northwestern Icolo e Bengo Province.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by provincial and municipal officials, representatives of China Railway 20th Bureau Group Corporation (CR20), and local residents.

Speaking at the event, provincial Governor Auzilio

de Oliveira Martins Jacob said CR20 has established a strong presence in Angola's infrastructure sector, delivering multiple road projects recognized for their quality and reliability.

During the ceremony, Francisco Tchillica, municipal administrator of Calumbo, and Fu Zhengyun, deputy general manager of CR20 Angola Company, jointly laid the foundation stone.

The project spans about 12 km and will adopt rigid concrete pavement, with a main carriageway width of seven meters.

Upon completion, it is expected to ease congestion in

Cacuaco Municipality, improve the road network in the Zango area, and enhance overall traffic efficiency.

Local residents have long faced difficult travel conditions due to the existing dirt road, which becomes dusty in the dry season and muddy and uneven during the rainy season, posing safety risks.

Francisco said the project is a major livelihood initiative that will improve connectivity and help stimulate local development.

Fu said CR20 will strictly adhere to local standards, ensure construction quality and safety, and advance the project on schedule. Xinhua



Gen. Sadio Camara

# King Charles visit to US not affected by gala shooting

LONDON

A state visit by King Charles III and Queen Camilla to the United States would go ahead as planned, despite a shooting incident at the White House Correspondents' Dinner on Saturday evening, British media reported.

"Following discussions on both sides of the Atlantic through the day, and acting on advice of government, we can confirm the



King Charles III

state visit by their majesties will proceed as planned," Sky News quoted a palace spokesperson as saying on Sunday.

In the afternoon, Britain's Palace officials and U.S. government members held discussions about the King's planned visit to Washington following last night's shooting, it is reported.

The White House Correspondents' Dinner on Saturday evening was interrupted by what appeared to be a security incident at the event, as gunshots were heard and U.S. President Donald Trump was evacuated in an emergency.

A suspected gunman was apprehended, according to Trump's post on Truth Social.

The shooter was believed to have acted alone, and the investigation is under way. King Charles and Queen Camilla are due to commence a state visit to the United States starting Monday to mark the 250th anniversary of American Independence, according to the royal family.

The royal couple's visit came amid strained Britain-US relations, as British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has refused to join the ongoing conflict involving Iran, dismissing Trump's criticism, while Trump has threatened to impose "big tariffs" on Britain over its digital tax targeting American tech companies. *Xinhua*



WASHINGTON, DC - Thomas Helbling, deputy director in the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Asia and Pacific department, speaking in an interview with Xinhua recently. He said Asia served as a major manufacturing hub for the world and therefore consumed a significant amount of energy in producing goods. Photo: Xinhua

## Asian economies should promote energy supply diversification - IMF

WASHINGTON DC

The global energy supply disruption caused by the war in the Middle East has heightened Asia's concerns about energy diversification, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) official has said. "I think the shock has brought to the fore concerns about energy security,"

Thomas Helbling, deputy director in the IMF's Asia and Pacific department, told *Xinhua*.

According to the IMF's latest Regional Economic Outlook for Asia and the Pacific released last week, Asia's growth was projected to moderate from 5 percent in 2025 to 4.4 percent in 2026 and 4.2 percent in 2027. The report noted that the region's oil and gas use amounts to about 4 per cent of GDP, nearly double Europe's share.

It exceeds 10 per cent in economies such as Malaysia and Thailand, where transport and industry play larger roles.

IMF said Middle East remained the main source of oil supplies for many Asian economies, but greater energy diversification reducing reliance on any single source by expanding the mix of energy supplies would strengthen Asia's long-term energy security, Helbling said. "We also say economies that are more fossil fuel-intensive are more affected," Helbling said, adding that Asia served as a major manufacturing hub for the world and therefore

consumes a significant amount of energy in producing goods that are also exported globally.

The IMF official noted that emerging and developing economies in Asia were generally more vulnerable to energy shocks because consumers and end users spent a larger share of their income on fossil fuels compared with those in more developed economies.

Helbling said another concern for net energy importers is that if they face balance-of-payments financing constraints, higher import costs make it more difficult to finance oil imports.

Looking forward, there is considerable uncertainty facing the Asian economy and the global economy more broadly, he noted.

Monetary policy should be agile to anchor inflation expectations and prevent the energy shock from generating significant second-round effects, he said, urging Asian policymakers to allow exchange rates to act as shock absorbers, particularly in energy-importing and trade-dependent economies. *Xinhua*

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## Russia to launch biosatellite for lunar mission simulation in mid-2030s

MOSCOW

Russia plans to launch a biosatellite to study the effects of deep-space conditions on living organisms in the mid-2030s, a senior scientist said Sunday.

The planned biosatellite "Vozvrat-MKA" will travel beyond Earth's orbit, said

Vladimir Sychev, a leading researcher in space biology at the Institute of Biomedical Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences, cited by RIA Novosti.

He noted that existing data on how living organisms responded to near-lunar conditions remained extremely limited, adding that the mission will study the effects

of hypomagnetic environments, galactic radiation and high-energy secondary neutrons.

The satellite, carrying living organisms, is expected to reach an altitude of up to 200,000 km to simulate interplanetary flight conditions and assess galactic cosmic radiation, according to reports. *Xinhua*

# Arts & Culture

## Stanbic Music N Lifestyle Festival lives up to expectations

Ketshepile More  
GABORONE

The second annual Stanbic Music N Lifestyle festival, held at the Royal Aria stadium on Saturday in Tlokweng, has lived to the hype of a lifestyle event. Since its inception in 2025, the event has been regarded as a high-energy day event with an experience of top international and local music acts, chef demonstrations and a diverse gourmet food and wine market.

In its maiden 2025 event, Stanbic Bank delivered a musically and culinary acclaimed experience for the patrons and the second instalment was even applauded for its high-energy, vibrant atmosphere and top-tier line-up of performing acts and DJs.

With close to 3 000 people in attendance, this alone tells of the appreciation people have for a fun, chilled event that also allows them to indulge in good food.

The cold weather did nothing to deter them from showing up. In fact, they did not just show up to take pictures for the socials; Instagram and Facebook, they networked and immersed themselves in all that was on offer.

And the performances, undoubtedly the most anticipated parts of the festival were of a grander scale, woven together with live recitals and renditions; thoroughly curated to cater for all the Gen age ranges. Ezra Neethings did a solid job entertaining the crowd with his ensemble with KTM Choir.

He however, overpowered the mighty KTM with his vocals and beats and the ensemble almost did not really show off KTM's harmonious sound and the repertoire did not match the choir's vocal ability, range and skill to ensure a successful performance on some songs.

The choir's melody came to cohesion on *Pula* and more audible on *Merwalela*.

KTM choir and Ezra's rendition of *Merwalela* was one for the books, with perfect blending of KTM's diverse individual vocals of their musical skills on pitch matching, blending and rhythm.

When Boogie Sid and The Tribal Fusion Orchestra came on stage, the crowd showed an appreciation to a different vibe of various instruments.

Boogie Sid who is a renowned Botswana DJ often treats his audience to something different



Guests among them, Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Lesego Chombo (right) sampling dishes prepared by experienced chefs during the festival. The vibrant food experience added a rich culinary dimension to the festival, drawing crowds to explore diverse flavours on offer.

to what they are normally used to.

For this set, he used different elements to create his own version of the orchestra, with various instruments of small guitars and violins.

"The project is called the Tribal Fusion Orchestra because there are drums, there is a saxophone, a bass guitar and at the end we did the vocals with dancers as well and guys blowing fire," said Boogie Sid in an interview following his performance.

He said putting together this set was a challenge, but it came out

beautifully. The DJ found a way to interpret the music differently by adding a band and all the other elements to make something exciting, different and fresh. The crowd amazingly received his set, enjoying a couple of tracks as well as loving the fire spinning.

With its high-quality, diverse

food bazaar for everyone, the event did not compromise, from the flavours to the presentation, everything was flawless.

Having so much on offer, it was actually confusing to decide on what to indulge in and quite tempting to have a go at all the delicacies availed.

There was something for everyone; from braai meat to sweet treats. Many lined patiently at the VIP lounge, for chefs' stir fry, that looked out of this world.

At that point, weight watching and dieting seemed the furthest thing from the patrons' minds.

After all, enjoying oneself once in a while, did no one any harm.

The Stanbic Music N Lifestyle festival also celebrated art and fashion with diverse artistic showcase, highlighting the diverse influences across Botswana's multiple artistic disciplines.

It was a melting pot of creativity of visual art and fashion designs.

Attendees were treated to a rich tapestry of artistic expression of various local fashion brands such as Glotto, Collections By BK Proctor, The Denim Loft and Nguo; all displayed for cultural stylistic installation and for sale.

Overall, the event gave attendees a memorable experience of a lifestyle event.

A patron, Nono Seepa, described it as 'a smooth and electrifying experience.'

Seepa, who experiencing the event for the first time, said she enjoyed the drinks and music.

"It is a great experience, the drinks were great and the acts were also top tier, I enjoyed Ezra Neethings with KTM Choir, Oskido and some of the DJs also played great music," she said.

Another impressed patron, Lebo Moilwe, excitedly said she loved how there was no administrative hassle in getting into the venue.

"I know some were ushered in by shuttles from the gate, the VIPs, but we also did not experience any difficulty getting in and everyone had a great time," she said. **BOPA**



Ezra Neethings



Revellers of the second annual Stanbic Music N Lifestyle Festival did not disappoint as they honoured the theme of the event. Photos: Felicity Male

# Wayeyi Cultural festival unites multitudes

Kedirebofe Pelontle  
**GUMARE**

**The Wayeyi cultural centre in Gumare came to life as multitudes gathered in one spirit to celebrate Wayeyi culture on Saturday.**

**K**nown as the river people with their origins traced back to Central Africa, Wayeyi are famous for their rich culture, unmatched skills in using mokoro (canoes), fishing and basketry.

This year's Wayeyi Cultural Festival lived up to expectation with the audience treated to performances of traditional dances of Seperu and Kharakhara by various local groups and some from Namibia.

Shighyakao and Tiwazani of Gumare, Nyinamwere of Jao, and Khwexini from Namibia, showcased Wayeyi cultural dance.

Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ignatius Moswaane, paid tribute to Wayeyi forefathers who played a pivotal role in cultural preservation and heritage from generation to generation.

He commended the pioneers of the annual festival, which ensured cultural revival and celebration of identity.

The celebrations, he said promoted unity among Wayeyi in Botswana and those in the neighboring Namibia, who never failed to be part of the festivities.

Wayeyi have been able to strengthen their traditions and the value of Bogosi through such gatherings.

He said government supports equality of all tribes and indigenous languages as evidenced by the use of indigenous languages in news bulletins on Radio Botswana and Botswana Television. Tsholofelo Bankgotsi, speaking on behalf of Wayeyi Kgosi stated that the cultural festival was a platform for remembrance and renewal as Wayeyi people.

He said it was a testament to the Wayeyi people's resilience in preserving their cultural identity and language as they had survived struggles faced by their forefathers, which could have led to the distinction of their culture. **BOPA**



*Nyinamwere Cultural Group of Jao performing during Wayeyi Cultural Festival in Gumare on Saturday. The festival lived up to expectations with audiences treated to traditional Seperu and Kharakhara dances by local groups and visiting performers from Namibia.*



*Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane sharing a light moment with Ngami MP, Mr Philemon Aaron and Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama during Wayeyi Cultural Festival in Gumare on Saturday. Photos: Kedirebofe Pelontle*

## Traditional games connect generations in Namibia

**WINDHOEK**

On a sandy field in Windhoek, Namibia's capital, 32-year-old Ester Tobias bent over a small container, scooping sand into it as fast as she could while dodging a ball thrown from both ends of the field. Tobias was taking part in Blik Volmaak, also known as Fufila in the Oshiwambo language, one of several traditional games played Saturday at the Windhoek City Museum during a community event hosted by the City of Windhoek.

The aim of the game is simple but physically demanding: players must fill as many containers as possible without being hit by the ball.

Once struck, a player is out.

For Tobias, the event was more than a contest. It was a return to childhood. "I played this game in my village, and my teammates came from their own towns. We are coming together across generations to revive this tradition," she said, adding that she had not played the game for more than 15 years.

The traditional games event was held as a lead-up to the 18th edition of the Windhoek Ae Gams Arts and Cultural Festival, scheduled for May 8-9 under the theme "Nurturing Creativity, Growing Talent."

According to a public notice from the City of Windhoek, Saturday's programme featured traditional games alongside potjiekos and vetkoek cooking competitions, two food contests centered on a slow-cooked stew and a deep-fried

dough snack commonly enjoyed in Namibia and across southern Africa.

The event brought together more than 10 teams competing in games, including Blik Volmaak, Amagoes, Skululu and Uma.

Referees and scorekeepers were appointed to help ensure fair play, while officials explained the rules before the games began.

The City of Windhoek later said 24/7 Fitness took first place, followed by Khawa A and Khawa B, reflecting the competitive spirit around a community activity rooted in local tradition.

Tuuda Haitula, an arts and culture officer at the Windhoek Municipality, said the games were aimed at preserving cultural practices while promoting community engagement. "We

look to preserve cultural heritage through community-focused activities. Traditional games are common in all regions of Namibia and unite people from diverse backgrounds here in the city," he said.

For many participants, the event also demonstrated how traditional games can bring people of different ages into the same public space.

Older residents explained rules they remembered from their youth, while younger players learned through practice, laughter and repeated attempts.

For 60-year-old David Gawaseb, a retired teacher, the gathering offered more than entertainment.

He said traditional games can help promote social interaction at a time when many children spend long hours on digital devices.

"Even research shows that children must go outdoors and play, but these days they are glued to screens, television and cellphones. So these games are very important to introduce to children to promote socialization and physical activity," he said. Haitula said the event also drew fitness groups interested in traditional practices that promote physical wellness.

"We also had fitness companies present at the games, looking for opportunities to immerse members in traditional practices that promote wellness," he said.

As the event drew to a close, the games offered a lively reminder of how traditional play can keep cultural memory alive while bringing different generations together in Namibia's capital. **Xinhua**

# Grand Prix faces critical finish line off track

**Anastacia Sibanda**  
**GABORONE**

The dust has finally settled on the third edition of the Botswana Golden Grand Prix, but for the organisers, the real race has only just begun.

While the echoes of cheering fans still linger at the National Stadium, a critical technical report is being prepared for World Athletics, a document that will decide if Gaborone returns to the prestigious Gold status or remains in the Silver tier.

Last year, the event was downgraded after failing to meet strict administrative timelines. Now, after a weekend of blistering speeds and improved performances, the athletics community is holding its breath to see if the city has done enough to redeem itself.

Technical delegate, Piter De Jager, appointed by World Athletics to oversee the meet, acknowledged in an interview that while the overall programme was a success, the path back to Gold was not guaranteed.

“Area like communication and there were many people making changes on the day of the event, which I saw quite disturbing,” De Jager said. His analysis serves as a reminder that at the elite level, action behind the scenes must be as disciplined as the athletes on the blocks.

However, event spokesperson, Calistus Kolantsho remained undiscouraged, owing to the massive fan turnout as proof of the country’s growing dominance in the sport. Kolantsho said despite the absence of local icons like Letsile Tebogo, Bayapo Ndori, Bhekimpilo Eppie and Collen Kebintshipi, Botswana filled the stands, proving that the nation’s love for athletics now transcends individual stars.

“I also want to appreciate the presence of international athletes who came here for free without paying them appearance fees. It is not every day that you will get an athlete like Gabby Thomas for free,” Kolantsho said, noting that the athletes’ presence was fueled by pure passion for the sport.

If the decision rested solely on the quality of competition, the Gold status would be a formality. Meanwhile, the National Stadium track once again proved to be one of the fastest surfaces in the southern hemisphere.

The headline of the day was the American superstar and Olympic 200m champion, Gabby Thomas. Demonstrating elite quickness, Thomas shattered the 11-second barrier for the first time in her career, clocking a Personal Best time of 10.95 seconds (-0.4 m/s wind).

Gabby led a powerhouse field with USA’s Cambrea Sturgis finishing second in 11.07s and Canada’s Audrey Leduc third in 11.10s to round out the top three.

The men’s sprints became a masterclass in Canadian depth with Jerome Blake scorching the

track with a PB of 9.93 seconds (+1.0 wind), narrowly beating his legendary compatriot Andre De Grasse and Kenya’s Ferdinand Omanyala.

In a finish so close, it required thousandths of a second to separate them, both De Grasse and Omanyala stopped the clock at 9.95s, but the former was awarded position two.

De Grasse proved his veteran class later in the day, taking the 200m title in a dominant 19.84 seconds ahead of Aaron Brown who clocked 20.07s and USA’s Kyree King recording 20.24s in positions two and three respectively.

While the international stars brought the glamour, it was Oratile Nowe who brought the day home.

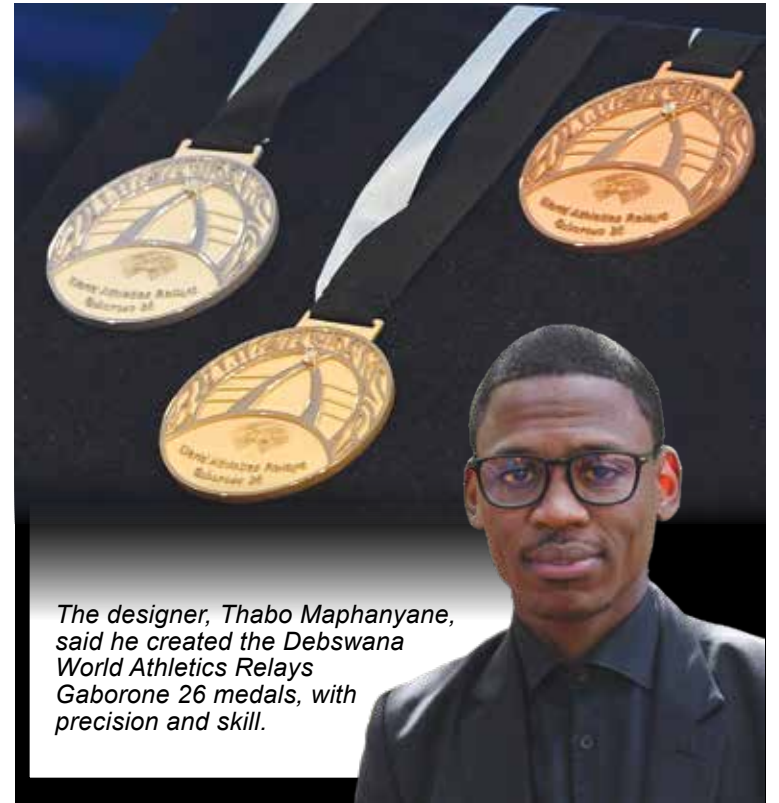
The local 800m specialist delivered the performance of the afternoon, using her home-ground advantage to sail

across the finish line in 1:58.42. As she gapped Ethiopia’s Nigist Getachew and Bahrain’s Nelly Jepkosgei, the stadium erupted, proving that while Botswana awaits a formal title from World Athletics, in the eyes of the fans, the event is already world-class. The report now heads to the governing body. Whether Gaborone is reinstated to the Gold tier remains to be seen, but Sunday’s display made one thing certain that Botswana has become a compulsory stop for the world’s sprinting elite. **BOPA**

Canada’s Jerome Blake clocked a Personal Best time of 9.93 (+1.0) beating Andre De Grasse and Kenyan Ferdinand Omanyala who both stopped the clock at 9.95.

Reigning Olympic champion in 200m, American Gabby Thomas (right) outpacing her competitors at the third edition of the Botswana Golden Grand Prix in Gaborone on Saturday. She broke the 11 seconds barrier in her career as she clocked her Personal Best time of 10.95 seconds with a -0.4 m/s wind reading. America’s Cambrea Sturgis (left) came second with 11.07 and Canada’s Audrey Leduc clocked 11.10 to finish third.

Botswana’s 800m runner, Oratile Nowe celebrating after winning with a 1:58.42 record during the third edition of Botswana Golden Grand Prix in Gaborone on Saturday. Nigist Getachew of Ethiopia came second with 1:59.06, while Bahrain Nelly Jepkosgei finished third with 1:59.49. Photos: Pheny Ramatu



The designer, Thabo Maphanyane, said he created the Debswana World Athletics Relays Gaborone 26 medals, with precision and skill.

## Meticulous masterful piece of art awaits athletes

**Anastacia Sibanda**  
**GABORONE**

When the starting gun fires at the National Stadium during the Debswana World Athletics Relays in Gaborone on May 2-3, athletes will not just be running for glory, records or national pride, but will be chasing a literal piece of the African soul.

Precisely, athletes will be eyeing the medals, which have redefined what it means to stand on a podium.

These medals are not just minted tokens of victory, but meticulous and masterful pieces of art that bridge the gap between ancient earth and modern speed.

Created with immense attention to detail and crafted with great precision and skill, the headline feature of these medals is a first for Africa and a masterstroke of luxury, a genuine and natural diamond studded into the crest of every single medal.

Unlike the synthetic stones found elsewhere, these are the pride of Botswana, pure and brilliant and forged over billions of years.

In an interview, medal designer, Thabo Maphanyane said he did not want to create a generic sports award, but rather wanted to sell Botswana’s story to the world.

Maphanyane noted that every curve and etching on the medal’s surface was a deliberate nod to the nation’s identity.

“This is home. This is a first for Africa. So, we were trying to make a medal that really speaks to the soul of Africans, to the soul of Botswana. We are indeed home and this medal allows people to take our home, a piece of our home, as well,” he said.

He added that the Mohembo Bridge acted as a symbol of business, connection and motion, the very elements that resonated deeply within the athletics space.

“Essentially, the point was just to show case our own for instance, Mohembo Bridge speaks to business, connection to motion, which is something that

is very important in the athletics space,” he said.

Furthermore, he said the striking zebra pattern paid tribute to Botswana’s national animal, while the inclusion of wildlife and elephant tusks highlighted a world-leading conservation story that the nation carried with pride.

He added that the craftsmanship behind the medals was as enduring as the records they celebrated.

While the gold medal is crafted from actual gold, the silver is a feat of engineering, fortified aluminium mixed with a specialised steel designed to never erode, decay or rust.

“The medals are built to look as pristine in 50 years as they do the moment they are placed around an athlete’s neck,” he said.

Reflecting Botswana’s hospitality, he said the design team decided that brilliance should be shared by everyone who reached the podium.

“Whether you take home gold, silver or bronze, you are taking home a diamond. So, everybody has to leave knowing that their medal is just as priceless as the next medal. We do not want people to feel like, oh, number one, their medal is gold and it has a diamond, but mine is silver or bronze and it does not have a diamond,” Maphanyane explained.

For the athletes travelling from across the globe, the medals offer more than a memory. They offer physical connection to the continent.

“This is a chance to own a piece of the African soul. For the athletes, the medal reflects their brilliant performance. It is also how we achieve the brilliance. It’s the brilliance that all athletes that will come to Botswana are going to come and exhibit,” he said.

Consequently, when the world’s elite athletes step onto the National Stadium track next month, the stakes will be higher than ever. Winners will not just earn a medal, but they will carry the shine of a nation. **BOPA**

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## Another relay team ready to step out of the shadows



Thuto Masasa

Anastacia Sibanda  
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While the spotlight of the athletic world remains fixed on Botswana's decorated 4x400m giants, a quiet storm is brewing in the shorter sprints as the Debswana World Athletics Relays approach.

The men's 4x100m relay team is no longer content with being the other squad. Instead, they

are a hungry collective of speedsters ready to use the roar of a home crowd to shatter their medal-less international history and shock the world on home soil during the Relays, scheduled for May 2-3.

They may lack the hardware of their 400m brothers, but the men's 4x100m relay team possesses a lethal weapon, raw and blistering speed.

With a roster boasting the likes of Letsile Tebogo and Prince Selepe, athletes capable of dipping deep into the 10-second bracket, the team is a dark horse ready to emerge from the shadows.

In 2015, the 4x400m team sat in eighth place at the World Championships. Today, they are Olympic champions.

It is this blueprint of ascent that fuels the fire for the 4x100m squad. Carrying the weight of a nation that has never seen them medal on the global stage, this young team believes that if their 4x400m counterparts could climb the mountain, it is finally their turn to reach the peak.

The 4x100m tentative squad comprises Tebogo, Selepe, Kevin Lobatlamang, Jayson Mandoze, Thuto Masasa, Thapelo Monaiwa, Calvin Omphile and Xolani Talane.

While the nation waits with bated breath to see the final selection, Tebogo and Selepe are virtual locks for the team based on their current times. Should the event schedule permit, coaches may also include Collen Kebinatshipi for the finals.

However, for the team to achieve a podium finish, technical

precision is non-negotiable. Success will hinge on mastering the baton exchange, particularly knowing exactly where and when to hand over.

However, the nation can take solace in the fact that coaches are currently fine-tuning these exchanges, a technical hurdle that had continued to plague, not just Botswana, but many top-tier sprinting nations.

In an interview, former Botswana relay team member, Onkabetse Nkobolo, expressed confidence in the current line-up's potential.

"Some of them have low 10 seconds and that alone is a bonus for our team. So, I think for the first time, they will shock the world," Nkobolo said. He noted that while they were up against global powerhouses, athletes must remain mentally composed to reach the finals.

He emphasised that the goal was to focus and enjoy the race.

"To be honest if they make it to the finals, I will be happy. Remember, they have never brought a medal home from international competition, so I think this is their time," he said.

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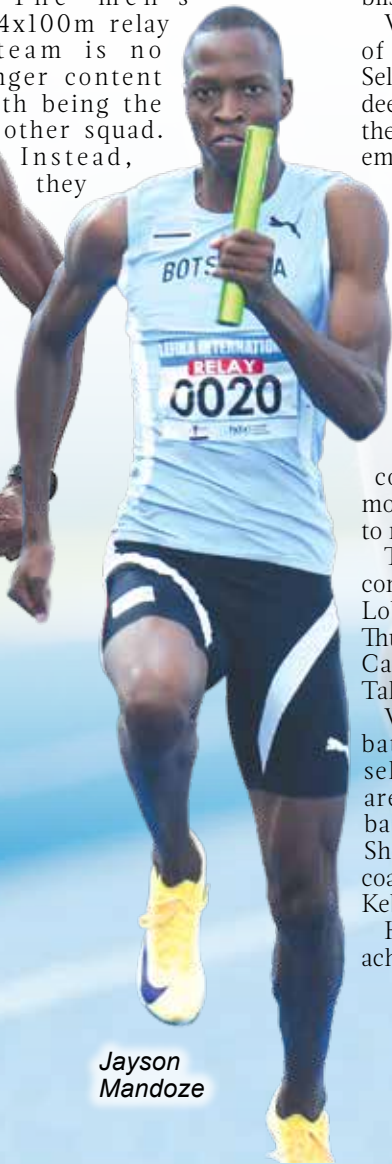
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