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Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) chief executive officer, Mr Martin Mokgware (third right), BOCRA officials and representatives of the five non-commercial radio stations, which were awarded licences in Gaborone yesterday. The successful applicants are Eternal Foundation, Apostolic Faith Mission of Botswana, Men and Boys for Gender Equality, Okavango Human Wildlife Foundation and Mega Church International. Mr Mokgware said BOCRA had issued a call for Expression of Interest for non-commercial broadcasting services, which attracted 82 submissions. The five have 12 months from the date of licensing to commence broadcasting services. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

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# ‘Walia hardworker, morally upright judge’

By Pako Lebanna

**GABORONE** - Several speakers have described the recently deceased Court of Appeal judge, Justice Lakhvinder Singh Walia as a esteemed jurist who made an indelible mark in the development of the country’s legal system.

Speaking at a Memorial Service held in Justice Walia’s honour at the Court of Appeal in Gaborone on Tuesday, speakers from government and the legal fraternity took turns to describe him for serving as a hardworking and morally upright judge.

Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa extended President Advocate Duma Boko’s condolences to the Walia family, saying that in his legal work President Boko had known the late judge as a man of unshakable principles.

He said the deceased ensured justice was timeously served and that the judicial system remained fair, accessible and independent, thus becoming a moral campus for the nation.

He said Botswana needed more of such patriots who did not serve for applause, but worked to make an impact ‘without spectacle’. Speaking on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana, deputy permanent secretary, Mr Moffat Lubinda said Justice Walia was a stickler for rules, holding the ethics of the legal system in high esteem.

He said Justice Walia carried himself with high standards in both his public and private lives and proved to be dependable in being exemplary to others around him.

“Though we have lost a giant, we are comforted by the rich legacy he left among us,” Mr Lubinda said.

Chief Justice Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe described Justice Walia as an esteemed jurist, father and friend who executed his legal tasks judiciously and his human interaction was a father fugue to many.

He said he had known Justice Walia from the time they worked in Francistown and later served in the Rules Committee alongside Michael Leburu and Mareledi Dipate then in



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (second right), Chief Justice Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe (centre) and Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Emmah Peloetletse (right) consoling the late Justice Lakhvinder Walia’s wife, Theresa (second left) and son, Jayden during a memorial service held at the Court of Appeal in Gaborone on Tuesday. Minister Mohwasa described Justice Walia as a pillar of the judiciary who ensured justice was delivered promptly and upheld fairness, accessibility and independence in the judicial system. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

the Court of Appeal.

Justice Ketlogetswe said Justice Walia was passionate about his work, having a sense of fairness and strong viewpoints guided by the law, constitution and his conscience.

President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Tebogo Tau said the Botswana Justice system lost a quality jurist who was fearless and firm in his dispensation of justice.

She said those left behind should emulate the love for work and care for welfare of support staff that characterised Justice Walia’s approach to duty.

Justice Tau said the frankness and

unshakable sense of duty led Justice Walia to run his race of life with distinction.

Court of Appeal judge, Justice Isaac Lesetedi said having first worked as a conveyer and notary legal practice then for about 25 years as a judge, Justice Walia possessed a sharp and astute legal mind, particularly his earlier area of speciality, commercial law and company law, also extending his knowledge to broader areas of law.

Justice Lesetedi added that Justice Walia’s institutional knowledge of the judiciary extended to the Court of Appeal where he served the last seven years of his career, from

his 2018 appointment.

He said the legacy of Justice Walia’s contribution to the country’s jurisprudence was documented in the journal articles he wrote, which would be a resource to future generations.

On behalf of the Law Society, attorney Mr Samuel Plaatjie said Justice Walia was stern in demanding the best out of the lawyers who appeared before him, given the weight of responsibility they had in presenting society with justice. Justice Walia’s son, Mr Jaydev Walia said his father served the country with honour and pride and taught his children integrity, honesty and respect. **BOPA**

## Illegal mining threat to economic development

By Marvin Motlhabane

**KANYE** - The ongoing illegal mining of manganese at Kgwakgwe Hill in Kanye poses a significant threat to the nation’s economic development initiatives.

Kgosi Obusitswe Solomon of Kgwakgwe said during a kgotla meeting addressed by Kanye West legislator Mr Victor Phologolo on Monday that the site continued to attract numerous unauthorised miners from across the country who were seeking manganese.

He recounted an incident where a man was apprehended by the police after confessing to engaging in illegal mining at the site for over two years, during which he operated a processing plant in Rasasa.

Beyond the immediate issue of unauthorised mining, Kgosi Solomon highlighted the growing problem of illegal dumping of litter around Kgwakgwe Hill.

He warned that such actions could tarnish the country’s image in front of potential investors.

He highlighted the imminent arrival of Giyani Metals Corporation, through its subsidiary Menzi Battery Minerals, which had plans to commence operations at the site.

Kgosi Solomon said it would be unfortunate for the company to find the area in a neglected state.

Resident, Mr Frankel Mohutsiwa further emphasised the severity of the situation, noting that illegal mining activities predominantly occur during the night, often involving trucks that had no registration plates.

This, he argued, indicated a potential

organised crime operation.

He reported sporadic piles of manganese being prepared for transport, raising concerns about government’s neglect of the hill since closing mining operations in previous years.

Mr Mohutsiwa questioned the lack of government’s action to secure Kgwakgwe Hill, especially given its economic potential.

He stressed the importance of protecting the site while awaiting the resumption of operations by Giyani Metals Corporation.

In his remarks, Mr Phologolo stated that his recent visit to Kgwakgwe Hill revealed significant illegal dumping on the premises.

He warned residents that such activities were prohibited and presented serious health risks.


Mr Phologolo mentioned that he was scheduled to meet with representatives from Giyani Metals Corporation, although the meeting could not take place due to a prior board commitment on that day.

He committed to keeping the public informed about developments concerning the mine following his meeting with the company’s management.

The Giyani Metals Corporation project, which targets a supergene-enriched manganiferous shale deposit within the Black Reef Quartzite Formation of the Transvaal Supergroup, aims to produce high-purity manganese sulfate monohydrate for the electric vehicle battery market.

The initiative holds the potential for job creation and a boost to the local economy, underscoring the necessity of addressing the illegal mining problem promptly. **BOPA**

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# BVI to launch Africa first vaccine facility

By Ndigililo Gaoswediwe

**GABORONE** - The Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) is poised to open Africa's first rapid vaccine formulation facility, a major development for regional animal healthcare and economic diversification.

Speaking at a media engagement session in Gaborone on Tuesday, BVI chief executive officer, Mr Andrew Madeswi said the institution was nearing completion of a state-of-the-art antigen formulation facility, which aimed to position Botswana as a leader in vaccine manufacturing across the continent.

"The antigen is essentially the vaccine formulation," he explained, adding that "with about 90 per cent of the process completed, only five to 10 per cent remains, which can be formulated into a vaccine within a week or two."

Such advancement, he said would enable Botswana to respond swiftly to emerging health threats, with vaccines ready within three weeks.

"Our goal is to be the first in Africa to have such a facility and to develop the largest antigen bank on the continent," Mr

Madeswi said.

He expressed confidence that the facility would be operational before the end of this financial year, aligning with the institution's broader objectives of rapid response, innovation and regional influence.

Beyond infrastructure, he said BVI was shifting its strategic focus toward diversification.

Historically, heavily reliance on the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine, which accounted for around 90 per cent of the institution's revenue, Mr Madeswi said the organisation recognised the risks associated with such dependence.

He further said with the Four for Forty strategy, BVI aimed to reduce reliance so that only 60 per cent of the institution's revenue would be derived from FMD vaccines, by expanding product portfolio to include other vaccines, thus building resilience and ensuring long-term sustainability.

He outlined ongoing efforts to develop new vaccines and expand regional distribution channels.

He said the institution was actively working to increase market penetration for existing products such as PPR, CBPP and Anthrax, which he said currently

contributed minimally to revenue but had considerable growth potential.

Financially, he said BVI had posted impressive progress since implementing its strategic plan in 2021.

He said revenue, which was below P100m in 2019 and 2020, surged to a record P246m in the last fiscal year.

From 2021 onwards, he said the institution transitioned from losses exceeding P20m to consistent profitability, recording profits of P46m in 2021 and P45m in 2022.

The BVI boss said the positive trend underscored

the effectiveness of focus on sustainable growth and operational efficiency, also pointing to improvements in operational efficiency, staff engagement and brand visibility.

Regionally, he added, BVI had played a key role in controlling trans boundary diseases such as FMD, supplying South Africa with 900 000 vaccine doses during a recent emergency order.

He highlighted that the institution's exports extended to SADC countries and beyond, stressing on its strategic importance in regional disease control and food security.

He reaffirmed the aim of

transforming BVI into a 'global centre of excellence' in research and development, with a focus on delivering high-quality solutions for infectious diseases.

Addressing infrastructure needs, Mr Madeswi acknowledged the urgent need for equipment upgrades, estimating around P500m for plant refurbishment.

Such investments, he said were vital for increasing capacity, ensuring compliance with international standards as well as improving operational efficiency, which were essential steps for BVI to meet regional and global demands. **BOPA**

## Ministry refutes cholera outbreak claims

By Marvin Motlhabane

**KANYE** - Botswana's recent medicine shortages are primarily attributed to economic challenges and inefficiencies of the medicines procurement and distribution systems rather than the alleged cholera outbreak.

In an interview, Ministry of Health's chief public relations officer, Dr Christopher Nyanga said President Advocate Duma's declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency had nothing to do cholera outbreaks as alleged by some international media outlets.

He confirmed that there was not a single cholera case in Botswana, highlighting that the country had successfully avoided

cholera outbreaks through effective preventive measures.

He said the last time the country recorded a few cases of cholera was more than 15 years ago and were imported cases, which the health system was able to detect and contain.

He noted that while the region had been facing significant cholera cases, Botswana's focus on water sanitation and border surveillance had kept it cholera-free for many years.

"Although we do experience diarrhoea seasons as do other countries with similar climate and socio-economic conditions, we are currently not experiencing any outbreak nor any abnormal increase in cases. Our diarrhoea season, which is normally around September and October has not even started," he said.

Dr Nyanga further reassured both the national and the international community that efforts to stabilise the health crisis were underway and should yield improvements in the availability of essential medicines in the near future.

He said government was working round the clock to mobilise resources to address severe disruption of medical supplies countrywide.

Already, the first consignment of emergency medical supplies from the Central Medical Stores had been dispatched to far flung areas. **BOPA**



China's Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong (left) and Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa signing letters of exchange in Gaborone on Tuesday. China has gifted Botswana forensic autopsy equipment to be used by the Botswana Police Service mortuary. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

## Donation strengthens Botswana, China relations

By Bonang Masolotatse

**GABORONE** - China has gifted Botswana forensic autopsy laboratory equipment to be used by the Botswana Police Service mortuary, a development extolled by the government.

"This gift is not just a donation to our nation, it also strengthens the relationship between our two countries," Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said during the signing of letters of exchange between Botswana and China on Tuesday.

The donation, which coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bilateral relations between Botswana and China, Mr Mohwasa said demonstrated that the relationship between the two countries extended beyond government-to-government ties to people to people connections.

He said the two countries'

bilateral relations dated back to years before they formally established diplomatic ties in 1975.

Mr Mohwasa cited Botswana's vote in support of the One China Policy in 1971 during the United Nations General Assembly Resolution as an example of the cordial relationship the two nations shared.

The minister noted that Botswana could learn a lot from China's development success story, which had changed over the years.

China's ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong, said the equipment would enable the Botswana Police Service to serve the community better and reduce costs associated with forensic autopsy services.

Botswana Police Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe for her part, expressed

gratitude to China for the donation, saying, it would enhance the police's ability to serve the community.

She said the autopsy laboratory would be situated at Jubilee Hospital in Francistown and would benefit the northern part of the country.

Police-Support Services, deputy commissioner, Mr Solomon Mantswe stated that the project conception started in May 2021, when the police learned of the Chinese desire to donate to Botswana Police Service.

He said the Botswana Police Service chose the project among several submissions.

Prior to the donation, Mr Mantswe said the building that was to accommodate the equipment had to be refurbished and that was completed in September 2023. **BOPA**

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# JTC establishes investment entity

By Kehumile Moekejo

**JWANENG** - The executive wing of Jwaneng Town Council has commenced consultations towards setting up an investment vehicle mandated with broadening its income generating sources.

The development aligns with government's plan of empowering councils and decentralising services to the local authorities for effective service delivery.

Addressing a full council meeting on Tuesday, the town mayor Mr Ronica Ntsimako noted that the time was nigh for the council to establish a business entity that would generate income from various streams to augment government's efforts, particularly in the wake of the current financial challenges.

He noted that the entity would also manage the partnerships that the council has with the private sector.

"This will allow us as an institution to form strategic partnerships, acquire assets and develop investment frameworks that align with governance objectives," he said.

To this end, the mayor noted that plans were underway to partner with Jwaneng Mine towards the development of a shopping mall.

He also noted that they were engaging with Botswana Oil, through Jwaneng Mine, for a potential partnership towards

tapping into the transportation value chain.

Discussions are at an infancy stage but I want to assure you that these engagements are a starting point of bigger things coming," he said.

Additionally, Mr Ntsimako said that construction of a Truck Inn facility, which was conceptualised in 2021, was anticipated to commence following the upgrading of the sewer pump station in December.

He noted that even though the lease agreement for the facility was signed over four years ago, the project could not start due to frequent spillage of raw sewer at the site, among other hindering factors.

He underscored the need for the council leadership and the developing partner to deploy a robust intervention strategy to ensure the project materialised.

On other issues, Mr Ntsimako called for a holistic approach and collective responsibility in waste management to preserve the aesthetic of the township.

He urged all stakeholders to collaborate their efforts to restore the sparkle of the town.

"It is very important that each and every one of us treats waste-related problems as their problem. Many times we treat waste problems as somebody else's problem or council problems," he said.

"All of us generate waste, therefore let us treat it as our



Jwaneng mayor, Mr Ronica Ntsimako (left) and town clerk, Ms Ogaufi Molelo during the opening of the full council meeting on Tuesday. Mr Ntsimako said the council had started consultations on establishing an investment vehicle to broaden revenue streams, in line with government's decentralisation and empowerment drive amid current financial challenges. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo

problem and be determined to address it for the good of our people and the environment," he added.

He said the council would embark on community education campaigns aimed at sensitising residents about best waste management practices.

He also said stringent measures would be employed to curb littering around the township.

He also said plans were underway to procure a waste collection truck to enhance waste collection services.

Furthermore, he noted that the skip truck and self-loading truck would be repaired to address waste collection challenges.

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## Youth central to economic agenda - official

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

**GABORONE** - Botswana has placed youth at the centre of the economic agenda, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Joel Ramaphoi has said.

Mr Ramaphoi, who was speaking at the International Youth Forum dubbed: We the Youth held in Gaborone on Monday, said the economic transformation would not be driven by an abundance of monetary resources, but by the quality, integrity and inventiveness of entrepreneurial ideas.

He said Botswana's middle-income status might sometimes pose challenges but it had never dimmed the government's commitment to empowering young people.

Through targeted programmes, he said, the ministry made sure that the voice of the youth was not

only heard but amplified.

The programmes, he noted included access to finance, market linkages, skills development, mentorship and incubation hubs.

"The globally talked about digital economy, green technologies, creative industries and sustainable agriculture are not distant visions. They are living opportunities already within your reach," he said.

He said the digital economy, green technologies, creative industries and sustainable agriculture sectors were not waiting for any permission but rather wanted an energetic, creative, and courageous youth to break new ground.

"The future is not something to inherit, it is something to shape and the shaping begins with an individual," he told the youth.

Mr Ramaphoi said the forum was a call to action to inspire youth in Botswana to be a majority at the next conference, adding that the forum could be a birthplace of connections that would build companies, create jobs, solve global challenges and inspire generations.

For his part, Mr Pako Sekuku said the ministry was in the process of re-aligning areas of focus and had youth empowerment, innovation, social responsibilities in their strategies to make the youth global citizens.

He shared that the Department of Youth Affairs had not made calls for Youth Development Fund because they were working on refining regulations and policies that guided the fund.

He further said they wanted to come up with a fund that would be beneficial to those who wanted to become entrepreneurs.

Mr Sekuku said they were also refining the National Service programme regulations and guidelines and would focus on a programme that would empower youth. **BOPA**

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# Monna o fitlhetswe ka dinaka

Ka Puseletso Kenyaditswe

**LETLHAKENG** - Monni wa Ditshegwane o tshageditswe ke mapodisi go thusa ka ditlhotlhomiso morago ga go fitlhelwa ka dinaka tse go belaelwaang e le tsa tlou.

Rre yoo, wa dingwaga tse di magareng ga masome mararo le masome a mararo le botlhano, o tshwerwe ka Matlhatso.

Superintendent Amos Kekgathetse a re ba tsweletse ka go batlisisa gore mmelaelwa o tsaya kae dinaka tse, le gore a o ka tswa a amega mo polaong ya tlou kana a di itsheletse.

Mo go tse dingwe dikgang tsa borukutlhi, Supt Kekgathetse a re ba tlhotlhomisa tiragalo e go thubilweng ofisi ya boipelego, mme ga utswiwa di laptop tse pedi ka Matlhatso, kwa kgotleng ya Tshosa kwa Letlhakeng. Ga go ise go tshwarwe ope mabapi le tiragalo e.

Nngwe ya dikgang tse di begetsweng mapodisi ke e diragetseng kwa kgotleng ya Moiphisi kwa Letlhakeng, ya go thubiwa ga koloi ya Toyota double cab le go utswa dithoto tsa di ka lopang P4,000 le madi a a kana ka P200.

Supt Kekgathetse a re ba begetswe gape tiragalo e mo go yone ntlo ya Setswana e neng ya jewa ke molelo kwa morakeng wa Dinonyane gone ka Matlhatso. A re dipelaelo ke gore ntlo eo, e tlhoseditswe ke rre mongwe wa dingwaga tse di masome a mane le bongwe, morago ga tlhatlharuane le moratiwa wa gagwe wa dingwaga tse di masome mararo le boferabongwe (39).

Supt Kekgathetse o gakolotse setshaba go tshwa dithoto tsa bone jaaka di Laptop, gore fa di utswilwe di batliwe ka letshwao. O kopile baratani gore fa ba na le mathata ba kope dikgakololo mo bagolong kana kwa mapodising, ka gore dikgang dingwe di rarabololwa ka go buiwa. **BOPA**



*Mothusa Tautona, yo gape e leng mopalamente wa Gaborone Bonnington South, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe (fa gare) a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Marulamantsi mo Gaborone ka Mosupologo. A re puso e ikemiseditse go dira ka natla go tokafatsa seemo sa itsholelo ya lefatshe gore e kgone go fetola matshelo a Batswana. Senepe: Phenyio Moalosi*

# Puso e tlhomile leitlho tiriso ya madi a setshaba

Ka Lorato Gaofise

**GABORONE** - Mothusa Tautona, yo gape e leng mopalamente wa Gaborone Bonnington South, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe a re tiriso ya madi a setshaba ka kelelelo e botlhokwa e bile puso e tsaya ka tlhwaafalo go netefatsa gore madi a dirisiwa mo ditirong tsa lefatshe tse di maleba.

Fa a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Marulamatsi mo Gaborone ka Mosupologo, Rre Gaolathe a re dilo tsa ntlha tse puso e itebagantseng

le go di dira gore e kgone go tokafatsa itsholelo, ke go kaba diphatlha tsotlhe tse madi a setshaba a lemosegileng a senngwa ka teng.

Ka jalo Rre Gaolathe a re puso e simolotse go netefatsa gore madi otlhe a a tswang go tshwanetse ga tlhalosega gore a ntshediwa eng le gore a ya go dirisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go itsa tshenyo e e tseneletseng ya madi.

O supile fa maiteko a puso a go hema tshwenyetso setshaba le tiriso botlhaswa ya madi a setshaba a simolotse go ntsha

maduo.

Rre Gaolathe o tlhalositse fa puso e ikemiseditse go tokafatsa seemo sa itsholelo gore e kgone go fetola matshelo a Batswana e sa lomeletse kgotsa e tlogela Motswana ope kwa ntle.

E re le ntswa mo nakong ya gompiano lefatshe le lebanwe ke seemo se se sa iketlang sa itsholelo e e kwa tlase, Rre Gaolathe o supile fa a na le tsholofelo le tumelo gore lefatshe la Botswana le tsile go tswa mo seemong se le leng mo go sone ka go fetlha ditiro, go aga le go tokafatsa

seemo sa botsogo le thuto.

Boeteledipele jwa lefatshe le ka go farologana, bo ntse bo tsamaya le mafatshe go ngoka babeetsi gore itsholeleo ya lefatshe e kgone go simolola go fetlha ditiro tse di lekaneng.

A re maikaelelo a puso, ke go dira ka natla le ka bofefo jo bo kgonagalang go tokafatsa seemo sa itsholelo ka go baakanya ditsamaiso tsa lefatshe.

“Re eletsa gore re nne lefatshe le le direlang Batswana ka go lekana, le sa lomeletse ope e bile le sa tlogele ope kwa ntle. Ke gone kwa re yang teng, ka gore re tshwanetse gore re direle dilo mo pontsheng re le mmogo,” ga bua Rre Gaolathe.

Maikaelelo magolo a puso, ke go tlhabolola mehama yotlhe ya itsholelo gore e kgone go kabakanya itsholelo gore e atlege ka go itsa go ikaega fela ka diteemane.

A re mo nakong ya gompiano, puso e lebanwe ke dikgwetlho di tshwana le go tokafatsa seemo sa botsogo, thuto, gammogo le go tlhabolola dikago, ditsela le diporo.

A re go maleba gore puso e tlhabolole mohama wa temo thuo, bojanala, ditsela le diporo gore dithoto tsa bagwebi ba ba mo Botswana le ba ba kwa ntle di kgone go fitlhelela mebaraka e e maleba go leka go fetlha itsholelo.

Mo godimo ga moo, Rre Gaolathe a re go maleba gape go patika puso gore e tlhwaafalele go tlhabolola seemo le serodumo sa dikhampane tse goromente a nang le seabe mo go tsone, jaaka Botswana Meat Commission, Botswana Vaccine Institute, Botswana Savings Bank, Botswana Building Society, magareng ga tse dingwe.

Bontsi jwa dikhampane tse, a re ga di na tsamaiso e e siameng mo go bakang tatlhagelo ya madi ngwaga le ngwaga.

Ka jalo, a re go maleba gore puso e potlakele go tlhabolola ka fa dikhampane tse di ntseng di dira ka teng gore go kgonwe go fetlha ditiro tse dintsi le go oketsa letseno le lentso le lefatshe. **BOPA**

# Ba kopa puso go boela tshwetso morago

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

**TUMASERA** - Banni ba metse ya Tupya, Maletse, Selekale Rasesa ba kopa puso go busetsa leina la motse wa bone la Tumasera le ba neng ba dumalane go bitswa ka lone.

Ba kopile jalo kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Tona wa Lephata la Dikgaolo le Tsa Ngwao, Rre Kethlalefhlile Motshegwa kwa metseng eo ka Mosupologo, e maikaelelo a yone e neng e le go tla go utlwa dingongora tsa bone mabapi le leina la motse.

Ba re ba ne ba kopana e le metse e mene ya Tupya, Maletse, Selekale Rasesa mme ba dumalana ba bo ba tsamaya ditsela tsotlhe tse di maleba go isa leina leo, mme puso ya dumela gore ba bitswe ka lone.

Ba re tshwetso ya go bitsa ka leina leo ba ne ba e tsaya ka ba ne ba bona ba nna mo thoteng e le nngwe mme metse ya bone ka bongwe ka bongwe e sena dipalo tse dintsi, ka jalo ba bona go tshwanela gore ba kope ditlhabololo ba ikopantse.

Ba re maina a metse ya bone ga a a nyelela mme a ntse a teng a a dirisiwa.

Ka jalo ba ne ba gakgamala fa ka ngwaga wa 2023 tona wa pele Rre Kgotla Autlwetse a ne bitsa

phuthego go tla go phatlalatsa leina leo, a supa fa metse ya bone e le mene jaanong e le metse e e ikemetseng ka nosi, a ba a laola gore kgotla e ba neng ba ntse ba e dirisa ya Tumasera e tswalwe.

Ba re fa ba santse ba gagametse, magosi a dikgotla tsa bone a ne a fudusetswa kwa Palapye fa yo mongwe a isitswe Mahalapye.

Ba supile fa tse di dirilwe go sena morero ope.

Ba re tiro eo e ba hutsafaditse ya ba ya simolola go tsisa dikgotlhang tse di neng di seyo pele.

Mongwe wa ba ba neng ba agela kwa phuthegong eo, Rre Basiami Kolagano wa Rasesa, o ne a re tshwetso e e neng ya tsewa e ne ya ba gagamatsa ka e ne e tserwe go sena morero o ba dumelang fa o ne o tshwanetse go nna.

A re fa batho ba bopile sengwe ba le mmogo, yo mongwe a bona se na le bothata ke tshwanelo ya gore a boele kwa go ba a neng a buisanya le bone go bua gore ga go a siama fa kae, mme ba gagametse fa tona wa pele a ne a tla kwa go bone go sena yo o kileng a tla a tshwentswe ke tshwaragano ya bone.

A re go a gagamatsa ka mo metseng eo go sena yo o kileng a supa fa a fetogela morero o o neng wa dirwa ke morafe e bile le bone

ba ba leng teng ba ise ba bitse morafe o o neng wa dumalana gore ba batla go kopana gore ba bone ditlhabololo ba le mmogo.

Rre Kolagano o ne a kopa puso go bula kgotla ka e le yone e ba tsayang ditlamelo mo go yone a supa fa mo nakong eno ba tsaya ditlamelo kwa Ramokgonami, mme se se le bokete mo go bone a supa fa ba thaile kgotla eo mmogo go sena dintwa dipe.

Go sale foo, Rre Gaotlhogwe Maleele wa Rasesa o ne a seka a dumalana le mogopolo wa gore ba bitswe ka leina Tumasera, mme a supa fa go kopanya metse ya bone go tlaa bo go bolaya tlholego le ditso tsa bone.

A re metse e tshwanetse e bone ditlhabololo ka bongwe ka bongwe mme e tlhabologe e bile e utlwale gore e teng.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Tona Motshegwa o ne a supa fa maikaelelo a gagwe e ne e le go tla go reetsa banni a bo a tsaya tshwetso e e lebaneng le se ba neng ba se bua le gore molao wa reng.

A re tlaa re mo sebakeng se se ka fa tlase ga kgwedi, a boele kwa go bone go tsisa tshwetso e e tserweng.

A re Motswana mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse a reediwe

mme se a se buang se tlaa itshupa gore a sena le boleng kana jang.

O ne a kopa banni go isa kagiso kwa pele mme ba seka ba etelets diphapang tsa bogosi kwa pele.

Rre Motshegwa o supile fa go na le molao wa peo ya metse le dikgaolwana o o elang tlhoko dipalo gore motse o na le dipalo tsa batho di le kae o bo o tshwanelwa ke ditlhabololo dife.

A re go tshwanetse go elwe tlhoko dikeletso tsa batho gore ba bona se se ba siametseng e le eng.

O ne a supa fa dikeletso tsa morafe di kgona go fapaana le molao, ba elets jaana mme molao o sa letle gore go nne jalo.

Tona o tsweletse ka go ba sedimosetsa fa go ka nna le leina Tumasera mme go tlaabo go sobokilwe metse ya bone ka jalo ditlhabololo di bo di tsiisiwa e le tsa bone botlhe mme go ka lebiwa gape gore go dirisiwe maina mme a somarela ditso le ngwao.

A re go ka dirwa gape gore ba ikemele ka nosi mme ditlamorago ke gore ditlhabololo di ka paralala mme mo gongwe di bo di sa tle jaaka banni ba eleditse.

A re tshwetso e e tserweng e tlaa itsisiwe banni mme fa e tsiisiwa e seka ya ba gagamatsa ka ba buisantse ba utlwane. **BOPA**




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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE MMATHEHE-BRAY-WERDA ROAD**

Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure are proposing to construct a tarred road from Mmathehe to Bray-Werda via Metlobo and Lorolwane villages. The road will be approximately be 250km and it includes access roads to Kgotlas which are within 10km radius.

In fulfilment of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), Royal Pioneers Investment (Pty) Ltd, on behalf of the Client, is carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment study to consult the public and address salient issues.

**The following impacts are likely to occur:**

Negative Impacts	Positive Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise and dust pollution</li> <li>• Land pollution</li> <li>• Land degradation</li> <li>• Loss of vegetation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of employment opportunities</li> <li>• Better roads infrastructure</li> </ul>

**The meeting will be held at the following venues in the schedule below:**

Venue	Date	Time
Bray Kgotla	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	0900hrs
Werda Kgotla	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	1400hrs
Mmathehe Kgotla	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	0900hrs
Lorolwane Kgotla	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	1400hrs
Metlobo Kgotla	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	0900hrs
Cwaaneg Kgotla	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	1400hrs

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ba lephatha Ditsela le dipagamo ba ikaelela go aga Tselo ya sekontere ee simololang mo  
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Miss Universe Botswana grand finale here

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - The countdown to the Miss Universe Botswana grand finale, which will be held in Francistown Saturday has begun, and the second city is buzzing with excitement.

For the first time in history, the prestigious event will be held in Francistown, and preparations are currently in full swing.

The ten finalists touched down in Francistown last Friday and have since been immersed in a series of activities as they gear up for the big night.

The grand finale will take place at the Adanson hotel, which boasts an impressive 6000-seat capacity. Events Coordinator, Gaggy Gosekwang, is thrilled with the progress, saying, “The girls are more than ready to take on the stage. We are excited to be bringing Miss Universe Botswana pageant to Francistown for the first time, and we are confident that it will be an unforgettable experience.” Although the finalists have not had a chance to fully explore Francistown’s rich cultural heritage, Ms Gosekwang noted that the city was a melting pot of diverse traditions. “The girls have been engaging with the local community, and we are sure they will get a taste of Francistown’s vibrant culture before the event,” she added.

As part of their schedule, the finalists visited Sunbet company in Palapye, the main sponsor

of this year’s event, where they learned about the ins and outs of betting.

Rehearsals have also been a significant part of their daily routine, ensuring they are perfect for the big night.

Yesterday, the girls attended a kgotla meeting addressed by the MP for Francistown West, Mr Ignatius Moswaane, who will also be the guest speaker at the event. They also attended a kgotla meeting addressed by MP for Francistown East, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima, as part of their community engagement.

Ms Gosekwang assured Batswana that the contestants were in good health and promised a spectacular show.

“Get ready for a creative, attractive, and beautiful pageant that will leave you mesmerised,” she said. With just two days to go, Francistown is set to shine as the Miss Universe Botswana grand finale approaches. **BOPA**

“The girls are more than ready to take on stage. We are excited to be bringing Miss Universe Botswana pageant to Francistown for the first time.”



Miss Universe Botswana 2025 finalists after attending a Tatitown kgotla meeting addressed by Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, also Francistown West MP, Mr Ignatius Moswaane yesterday. The countdown to the pageant’s grand finale scheduled for Saturday, has begun. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Letlodi Night Club set to host star-studded music fiesta

By Banyatsi Banyatsi

KANYE – Letlodi Night Club in Sese will on Friday come alive with a night of electrifying entertainment, as Stage Sound Events Company presents a major musical extravaganza.

The highly anticipated event is organised by the dynamic Tebogo Moletasaka, popularly known as DJ Tebza, founder of Stage Sound Events Company. Speaking to BOPA, DJ Tebza confirmed a power-packed lineup of artists set to light up the stage.

Headlining the show is South African Splash music sensation Slindile, alongside Zimbabwean crowd-favorite Vinny Gee, and local heavyweights DJ Shabbo and DJ Xola. DJ Tebza emphasised that the event also

provided a platform for emerging talent from Sese and surrounding areas. “We have included rising stars like DJ Rass Jele, Sboja, and other resident DJs to showcase their skills to a large crowd with the best sound quality,” he said.

Well-known across Kanye and beyond for delivering unmatched audio experiences, DJ Tebza assured partygoers of top-tier sound. “With sound, we never compromise,” he stated confidently. “We have also arranged tight security, so attendees can enjoy the night without worry.”

Entry tickets are available at the gate for just P50 per person, making the event both affordable and a must see.. The Letlodi Night Club will also have food and beverages on sale, ensuring

guests are well-fed and refreshed throughout the event.

Calling on supporters from Sese, Maokane, Mokhomma, Jwaneng, and nearby villages, DJ Tebza invited everyone to come and celebrate different music genres.

“Come dance with us and show support,” he urged. In a final reveal, DJ Tebza shared that this event was just the beginning of a musical tour set to run until December.

“Our next stop is Pitsane on September 29<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Eve celebration,” he announced. “We are planning to make this an annual event, and we are just getting started. Get ready, Sese, Friday night is going to be unforgettable,” he promised. **BOPA**

China Xizang celebrates traditional Yogurt Festival



LHASA - An enormous thangka painting of Buddha unrolled on a hillside platform at the Drepung Monastery in China recently. Celebrations marking the traditional Shoton Festival began in Lhasa on Saturday. Photo: Xinhua

LHASA - Celebrations marking the traditional Shoton Festival, or Yogurt Festival, began on Saturday in Lhasa, capital of southwest China’s Xizang Autonomous Region.

At around 7 a.m., nearly 100 monks from Drepung Monastery in Lhasa carried the enormous rolled-up thangka painting of Buddha and unfurled it on a hillside platform, marking the start of the three-day festival. “Shoton means yogurt banquet,” said Sogqu, a local resident who attended the event with her family every year. “This tradition has been passed down for generations. It is a holiday that is enjoyed by the entire family.”

Losang Chozin, from a village in Lhasa, performed Tibetan opera at the festival for the second time.

“I feel incredibly proud to perform at such an important festival,” she said. “Tibetan opera is a treasure of our nation, and I hope to share the culture with more people through my performances.”

The festival also attracted foreign visitors. Anna, a tourist from Italy who gave only her first name, arrived at Drepung Monastery with friends as early as 5 a.m.

“The moment the giant thangka was unfolded, I was really impressed. The local opera also

made me truly feel the charm and warmth of Tibetan folk culture,” she said.

Originating in the middle of the 11<sup>th</sup> century, the Shoton Festival was among the first to be inscribed on China’s national list of intangible cultural heritage in 2006.

During the festival, participants enjoy yogurt, go on picnics, and attend traditional activities such as Tibetan opera and horse racing. In addition to its traditional programs, this year’s festival included new activities such as cultural tourism promotions, intangible cultural heritage exhibitions and sports games. **Xinhua**





*The inaugural Samora Machel Compatriot Marathon launch is scheduled for Friday to celebrate historic ties between Botswana and Mozambique.*

## Samora Machel marathon launch Friday

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

**LOBATSE** - The inaugural Samora Machel Compatriot Marathon launch is slated for Friday to honor the historic relationship between Botswana and Mozambique.

Speaking in an interview on Monday, the Samora Machel Compatriot Marathon event manager Letsweletse Moshabi said the marathon, scheduled for September 27, 2025 would be held in honour of the first president of Mozambique, Samora Machel who was a Mozambican revolutionary leader and military commander.

President Machel led the people of Mozambique in the struggle for independence from Portugal in 1975, and spent some time in Lobatse on his way to Tanzania.

Moshabi said the event would take place at the Samora Machel Museum facility located at Peleng Ward in Lobatse on

Friday, where local companies and some from other districts would exhibit their products during a market day as part of sensitising the community about the main event.

The marathon, he said was organised as part of Lobatse economic revitalisation initiative through sports.

Moshabi said it would showcase prime Lobatse heritage sites with emphasis on the role that the town had played in the liberation struggle in the region.

He further divulged that after the marathon activity, there would be an intercultural festival on the same day at Lobatse Town Park to celebrate the birthday of the late Samora Moisés Machel who was born on September 29, 1933.

Moshabi said at the main event, a number of Botswana artistes would showcase cultural performances on stage adding that they were expecting three artists from Mozambique to take part and display their

culture.

Thereafter, he said as part of corporate social responsibility, on September 29, there would be a donation to the orphaned, vulnerable and needy members of the community with the assistance of Lobatse Town Council.

He highlighted that the event, which was supported by the Samora Machel family, Mozambique High Commission, Business Botswana, local authorities, and Botswana Athletics Association would start as fun run activity this year and would begin to charge athletes during the 2026 second edition Samora Machel Compatriot Marathon.

"We encourage different running clubs, athletes and community members to register for free this year. We will start it as a fun run this year due to pending logistics with Botswana Athletics Association.

We will then have an intercultural festival where we will require one to buy

a P100 standard ticket, or a P200 VIP ticket," Moshabi said.

He emphasised that local economic empowerment would be taken into consideration as the festival would make a provision of allocation of free stalls for Lobatse small micro and medium enterprises in order to boost Lobatse economy.

He said the marathon, which was anticipated to feature in the national annual calendar events would also be launched in Mozambique as well at a later date. Moshabi said The Samora Machel Museum which was commissioned on April 14, 2022, bore testimony to the two countries long-standing historical ties of struggles against political and cultural bondage and the upholding of shared values and principles of democracy.

Former Mozambique President Machel, died on October 19, 1986 in a plane crash.

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