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Botswana is working to diversify its economy and reduce vulnerability to global economic fluctuations by attracting private investment, developing new industries and creating jobs, Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has said.

Speaking at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) executive meeting yesterday, Mr Gaolathe warned that economic transformation must account for growing climate and biodiversity risks.

He said capital markets were increasingly prioritising environmental criteria, forcing businesses to adapt to stricter disclosure requirements and higher supply-chain standards.

He added that for Botswana, natural resource scarcity, climate change and biodiversity loss were pressing financial risks that directly affected production costs, asset values and investment, thus managing such threats was critical to safeguarding the country's long-term economic resilience and competitiveness.

"Chief financial officers have an important role to play in determining funding priorities, assessing risks and directing capital towards sustainable investments," Mr Gaolathe said, noting that environmental concerns must now sit at the centre of financial discussions.

"This direction aligns with commitments under National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe interacting with attendees of the Biodiversity finance initiative in Gaborone yesterday. He said the country's economic transformation must take into account growing biodiversity and climate-related risks saying the two were interconnected as they could threaten global eco-systems and economic stability.
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Transformation Programme, which prioritise private-sector growth, productivity and economic diversification. Central to this agenda is Botswana's Sustainable Financing Strategy, which seeks to align public and private capital to build a green economy while transforming key sectors like renewable energy and sustainable tourism," he added.

To enable such transition, he said, government had established the Botswana Green Finance Mainstreaming Working Group.

He further said to bring together financial regulators, state actors and stakeholders, the group would address regulatory gaps, establish clear market practices and support the creation of a national Green Taxonomy.

The Vice President also highlighted the need for consistent and transparent standards across sectors.

"Businesses need clarity when they design a project and go looking for green finance. Banks need clarity when they build green lending products.

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Public private partnership strengthens security infrastructure

Baleseng Batlotleng
GABANE

Strengthened cooperation between government, the private sector and communities remains vital for addressing daily challenges and securing practical solutions for local residents.

This was said by Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, during the handover of a police porta cabin to the Mogoditshane Police Station at the Gabane roadblock yesterday.

Mr Mohwasa noted that

the donation, courtesy of GH Group, demonstrated what can be achieved when government and private partners aligned to address pressing needs.

“Government remains responsible for the provision of public services and for ensuring that our security institutions are appropriately supported. At the same time, responsible governance requires us to use public resources prudently and to recognise opportunities where other stakeholders can complement public efforts,” he said.

He highlighted that the gesture

showed how resources across society can unite to reinforce public institutions, noting that a nation’s true strength lied in what society achieved collectively around a common purpose.

“Your support goes beyond providing a physical structure. It contributes to the working conditions of our police officers and, by extension, to the capacity of the Botswana Police Service to serve this community,” Mr Mohwasa added.

“I encourage other businesses and organisations to look at this example and consider where their resources, expertise and goodwill can make a meaningful contribution to the communities in which they operate,” he said.

He emphasised that real development was defined not by a project’s size or budget, but by whether a practical solution was

put in place to resolve a problem.

For officers stationed at Gabane, the new porta cabin offered the much-needed shelter, improved working conditions and greater dignity.

“The environment in which they perform these functions matters. When we strengthen the conditions under which they work, we strengthen their ability to deliver the services expected of them. However, security cannot be the responsibility of the police alone. Safe communities are built through cooperation between law enforcement and the people they serve,” Mr Mohwasa said.

He urged the police to receive the facility as both a practical resource and a vote of public confidence and encouraged them to maintain professionalism and handle the asset responsibly.

Presenting the project overview,

GH Group representative, Ms Sheila Taylor, explained that the company stepped in after noticing the dire working conditions of officers at the roadblock during the construction of their nearby facility, the A10 Mall.

Ms Taylor noted that providing the structure as part of their corporate social responsibility aligned directly with government calls for safer and more convenient environments for public servants.

Receiving the donation, deputy commissioner of police for support services, Mr Stephen Tsheko said joining hands through initiatives like Twants’ho Borukhuthi was essential to achieving safety goals.

He noted that roadblocks remained a crucial strategy for curbing crime, adding that the donation tackled pressing operational hurdles such as dilapidated infrastructure. **BOPA**

Makgekenene urges tighter workplace controls

Malebogo Lekula
GHANZI

Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) director general, Ms Botlhale Makgekenene, has challenged institutions to identify integrity risks within their operational spaces and take decisive action where their systems are vulnerable, rather than waiting for formal inquiries.

Speaking during a Ghanzi stakeholder’s engagement meeting held at Tautona Lodge Tuesday, Ms Makgekenene condemned the habit adopted by most institutions whereby they identify the gap in their system and wait for an investigation to be launched first, whereas they could have long corrected an obvious weakness.

She called for strengthened segregation of duties, managed conflicts of interest, scrutinised relationships, protected financial systems and closely monitored processes where officials exercised significant discretion.

“Where there is reasonable suspicion of corruption, it should be reported to DCEC and will be assessed professionally and objectively,” she said.

She cautioned that corruption extended beyond financial loss, stating that it also weakened the rule of law, distorted service delivery, discouraged investment and eroded confidence in the institution.

“The fight against corruption is therefore, fundamentally about protecting development, opportunity and public trust,” she stressed, adding that resources lost through corruption were resources that could have provided for roads infrastructures, health services, agricultural support and other developments envisioned by government.

Her call to action emanated from the 34 corruption-related cases recorded at the Ghanzi-based DCEC office, which also covers the Charleshill district under its caseload, since its operation from 2020 to date.

Out of these 34 cases, 17 were currently active investigations, five were already with DCEC, four were before the courts of laws and eight had been closed.

Ms Makgekenene further indicated that through their

investigations risk assessment, the matters handled by the office pointed to allegations involving procurement manipulation and abuse of office, conflict of interest and abuse of office, bribery and solicitation.

Other identified practices included misuse of public and community resources, recruitment irregularities, border and customs processes, fraud and falsification of records and weakness in financial and procurement controls.

As part of their systems review works, the DCEC had also conducted a corruption audit relating to the supply of primary school textbooks in areas covering Ghanzi, Charleshill and Hukuntsi, among others.

Ms Makgekenene emphasised that the DCEC had a national mandate to prevent, educate and investigate corruption and was committed to bringing corruption prevention to institutions and the communities they served.

She called for strong partnerships with the DCEC, saying the fight would require shared responsibilities from government, traditional leadership, civil society, media and communities.

To further sensitise the public, she noted that they had extended corruption awareness to schools through a programme named ‘Boammaaruri’ and were committed to ensuring that it was incorporated into the school curriculum.

Stakeholders at the meeting strongly aligned with her calls for institutional action.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, Kgosi Petrus Ndjoze of Kgaphamadi ward decried that economic corruption had severe impact on the lives of communities as it slowed down economic growth and led to increased social and inequality effects in communities.

He implored all relevant stakeholders to exercise vigilance to uproot corruption in their institutions and within their personal spaces.

In her closing remarks, Ghanzi deputy district commissioner, Ms Bagomotse Kooitse implored institutions to rise up to the occasion on fighting corruption in their workplaces through enforcement of legal frameworks and fostering diligence and transparency across the public and private sectors. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left) and Botswana Police Service deputy commissioner - support services, Mr Stephen Tsheko during the handover of a porta cabin to Mogoditshane Police Station for the A10 roadblock near Gabane yesterday. Mr Mohwasa said police officers were expected to be professional and thus should have basic conditions necessary to perform their duties. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

DCEC calls for media support to strengthen anti-corruption drive

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

The Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) has called for stronger collaboration with the media to prevent corruption, educate the public on reporting mechanisms and ensure credible information reaches communities.

DCEC director general, Ms Botlhale Makgekenene emphasised that the fight against corruption extended beyond investigations and prosecutions to protecting public resources.

“Our objective is not only to investigate corruption after the damage has been done, but to prevent loss, trace proceeds where crime has occurred and ensure appropriate accountability,” Ms Makgekenene said.

She identified public procurement, land allocation and road transport licensing as primary areas that required focused national attention.

“Fraud in procurement leads to inflated costs for substandard

goods, compromised land processes deny citizens fair access and illegal licensing creates severe public safety risks, such as an unqualified individual unlawfully obtaining a driver’s license,” she said.

She added that to address such vulnerabilities, DCEC was working with relevant institutions to fix system weaknesses while continuing to track financial flows and investigate economic crimes.

Ms Makgekenene further underscored the media’s vital role in exposing corruption patterns, but stressed that the partnership must work both ways.

On one hand, she said while the DCEC committed to providing timely updates, media houses must verify, contextualise and distinguish unproven allegations from established court findings.

For his part, DCEC deputy director general for operations, Mr Thabo Malambane, noted that media collaboration was essential to educate citizens on what constituted corruption, where to report suspected cases and how the

process worked.

Meanwhile, the outreach coincided with a steady rise in public engagement, with the agency receiving 957 reports in 2025, up from 687 in 2024 and 652 in 2023.

DCEC clarified that the surge reflected growing public confidence and vigilance rather than a definitive increase in corrupt activity.

To further support journalists, DCEC is set to organise a specialised court reporting training programme scheduled for September 23-25, in collaboration with the University of Botswana’s Faculty of Law.

Mr Bright Kholi of the Ngami Times welcomed the initiative and the upcoming workshop.

“This training is going to help strengthen the media’s ability to properly handle matters involving corruption, hence the efforts are much appreciated,” Mr Kholi said, noting that the engagement would improve the flow of accurate information to the public. **BOPA**

Africa contributes to global human rights

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Africa has made significant contributions to the global human rights discourse that remain underappreciated and the contributions must be framed from a position of strength rather than weakness, Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse, has said.

Speaking at the Re-Imagining the Future of Human Rights in Africa: Southern Africa Convening meeting on Wednesday, Mr Keorapetse noted that conversations regarding human rights on the continent often relied on external perspectives that do not reflect local experiences.

He said while human rights were universal, their future in Africa should be shaped by African voices, priorities and realities hence the importance of cultural values.

He noted that the African Charter emphasised individual duties, such as respecting parents and contributing to society's moral well-being. He suggested that such duties were essential for making rights meaningful, adding that community support was crucial for the effectiveness of rights like education and social security.

Consequently, he stated that an ubuntu-centered framework required a solidarity-driven political economy, shifting focus from raw resource extraction toward value addition, job creation and domestic industrial capacity.

"This calls for a partnership between capital and labor to foster national development," Mr Keorapetse said.

He added that President Advocate Duma Boko exemplified the integration of human rights with economic justice through his advocacy for marginalised communities.

"The President emphasises that land and cultural rights are human rights and his commitment to accountability lies with the people, not external entities," Mr Keorapetse said.

He emphasised that African nations must not be passive subjects but active architects of human rights norms.

However, the Speaker acknowledged that significant challenges persisted across the continent, including inequality, discrimination and barriers to socio-economic opportunities, all of which demanded ongoing commitment.

He called on leaders and stakeholders to prioritise human rights in Africa's development by fostering resilient, inclusive institutions that served everyone, particularly marginalised groups.

He noted that Botswana remained committed to democratic

principles and the rule of law, recognising Parliament's crucial role in upholding human dignity and facilitating citizen participation in policy-making.

Mr Keorapetse added that the dialogue offered an opportunity to reimagine existing frameworks, make institutions more responsive to emerging challenges and explore how Africa can enhance its influence in global human rights discussions through innovative ideas and partnerships rooted in African values.

Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Navanethem Pillay, noted that the region remained marked by the legacies of colonialism and apartheid, which had resulted in disparities and income gaps, prompting calls for a human rights-focused economy to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and gender equity.

Ms Pillay described Southern Africa's extreme inequality as not merely an economic issue, but a human rights crisis that particularly impacted young people facing high unemployment and limited access to essential services.

Economic growth, she stated, had failed to generate sufficient job opportunities, especially in rural areas, with youth unemployment fostering social instability that was further exacerbated by competition for resources amidst migration pressures. She noted that while migration presented both opportunities and challenges, restrictive regulations often left migrants vulnerable.

Furthermore, she said Southern Africa was grappling with climate crises that compounded existing socio-economic inequalities, necessitating a strategy that combined immediate humanitarian relief with long-term resilience.

"Addressing these multifaceted challenges requires firm commitment to fundamental human rights, inclusivity and proactive governance," Ms Pillay stated.

She highlighted the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement to foster sustainable food systems and combat discrimination through legislative accountability. She added that AfCFTA underscored the need for robust domestic frameworks for digital transformation, which was essential for socioeconomic development and achieving the SDGs.

However, she cautioned that digital technologies also posed risks, such as surveillance and censorship, thus required vigilant civil society oversight.

Meanwhile, Regional Representative for Southern Africa at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Abigail Noko, stressed that human rights transcended institutions and must be envisioned collectively.

Ms Noko emphasised the importance of creating environments where diverse voices, including youth leaders, grassroots activists and policymakers, can collaborate to forge new paths forward.

She expressed hope that the dialogue would prioritise

the daily realities of marginalised communities worldwide, including women, unemployed youth and other vulnerable groups. To effectively protect human rights, she said, discussions must centre on

fostering dignity, opportunity and justice to make a meaningful impact in people's lives. **BOPA**



European Union Ambassador, Ms Petra Pereyra (left) during a courtesy call on President Advocate Duma Boko on Tuesday. President Boko said the change in administration had affirmed the country's democratic credentials. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Botswana democratic credentials remain firmly entrenched

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko says political and democratic credentials remain firmly entrenched despite emerging challenges, including fake news and economic pressures.

The President said this on Tuesday during a farewell courtesy call by the European Union (EU) Ambassador,

Ms Petra Pereyra.

He said the change in administration had affirmed Botswana's democratic credentials.

However, he said the country continued to face emerging challenges to democracy, including manipulation of public opinion through fake news, where false information was presented as factual. Another challenge, he said, was

migration driven by economic pressures. President Boko also stressed the need to strengthen democratic institutions, including internal party democracy.

He noted the emergence of coalition politics on the African continent, including Botswana, saying there was likelihood of more coalitions contesting the 2029 general elections, which could create interesting political dynamics. He said coalition politics were likely to increase across Africa, adding that Botswana had anticipated and managed the development. President Boko further said the new administration had inherited an economy that was nearing collapse. "In the last two years we have done the best we could to stabilise our economy," he said.

He added that efforts to rescue the economy had taken place against the backdrop of rising unemployment, an increasing cost of living and a hostile geopolitical environment, all of which had directly affected the country.

Meanwhile, Ms Pereyra said the EU was grateful for its 45-year partnership with Botswana, noting that the relationship was anchored on shared democratic principles and values.

She said the EU had, over the years, funded and supported job creation and economic development programmes in Botswana, including initiatives focused on digital transformation and sustainable development.

Ms Pereyra said the EU had also undertaken various socio-economic projects in recent years aimed at empowering Botswana, contributing to economic diversification and building prosperous communities.

She reaffirmed that the EU remained a trusted partner to Botswana, sharing common values, hence she was optimistic that the country would overcome its economic challenges.

Over the years, she said, the EU had worked with civil society organisations to strengthen democracy, as well as the National Assembly to enhance democratic governance, public financial oversight and collaboration with civil society. Ms Pereyra's tenure as EU Ambassador to Botswana and SADC is coming to an end. **BOPA**

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Investors need clarity when they allocate capital. Regulators need consistency and government needs a

IEC revises voters' roll

GABORONE

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has altered the voters' roll in 53 constituencies and registered voters have until September 24 to inspect the revised lists and lodge objections.

A press release from IEC states that the alterations were made in accordance with Section 26 of the Electoral Act to cover voters registered during three registration periods in 2024 from January 5 to February 3, February 26 to March 15 and May 20 to May 31.

The release says copies of the revised voters' roll are available for inspection by the public and other stakeholders and any registered voter who object to the inclusion of a person's name on the roll must submit the objection to the principal registration officer of the relevant constituency.

It says objections must be made using the prescribed form and accompanied by a P10 deposit. It also says the revised rolls are available for inspection at the offices of the IEC secretary, principal registration officers, district commissioners and council secretaries or town clerks offices. **BOPA**

credible way to know whether our financial flows actually serve our national goals," he said.

He further said the taxonomy would provide tailored market infrastructure aligned with both local priorities and international standards and help build a pipeline of bankable projects that were capable of attracting global capital.

He said government cannot fund economic transformation alone, thus called for private domestic capital, institutional investment and international finance to work alongside public resources. He urged stakeholders to view them as interconnected drivers to strengthen the financial system rather than treating green finance, biodiversity funding and carbon markets as isolated efforts.

UNDP BIOFIN representative, Ms Kebaabetswe Keoagile reported that joint initiatives with government ministries had already developed business cases to strengthen financial mechanisms.

She said following multi-stakeholder consultations between 2019 and 2022, a review of protected-area revenue fees resulted in updated entrance rates for national parks and generated unexpected revenue growth.

Current initiatives, she said, also included transitioning revenue collection from manual to digital systems.

She added that collaboration with civil society had prioritised Community-Based Natural Resource Management and ensure that local households directly benefitted from natural resources while educating communities on nature-related risks. **BOPA**

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Ms Gina Moabi's *Beyond Toughness: Raising Boys Who Feel, Heal and Lead*, was recently named first place winner in Right for Education Africa's weekly Author Spotlight.

Moabi looks beyond 'Monna ga a lele'

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Monna ga a lele, translated in English to mean, men do not cry, is a familiar phrase in Botswana, often passed from one generation to the next as a lesson in strength. But Ms Gina Moabi's winning article argues that the lesson may come at a cost.

Her piece, *Beyond Toughness: Raising Boys Who Feel, Heal, and Lead*, was recently named first place winner in *Right for Education Africa's (R:Ed)* weekly Author Spotlight, drawing attention to the emotional wellbeing of boys and the expectations placed on them from an early age.

At the heart her argument, Ms Moabi questions what happens when boys are taught to hide emotions instead of understanding them.

"Emotions among men and boys are often overlooked rather than addressed and openly discussed," she said.

For her, the issue is bigger than whether boys are allowed to cry. It is about the messages they receive regarding what it means to be a man, messages that can encourage them to suppress vulnerability rather than recognise and process their emotions.

She wrote the article to encourage parents and caregivers to raise boys who can acknowledge and heal from hurt while developing the compassion, emotional awareness and responsibility needed to lead.

"It is a topic that can capture a reader's attention because it challenges a belief that has become deeply rooted in our culture," she said.

That cultural expectation of toughness can begin early. Boys may be encouraged to 'be strong', told not to cry or expected to deal with difficult emotions without talking about them.

Mr Moabi's article challenges parents and caregivers to

reconsider those lessons, suggesting that emotional expression should not be treated as a weakness but as part of healthy development.

The conversation is particularly significant because discussions about emotional wellbeing have often focused more heavily on girls and women, leaving boys and men with fewer spaces to openly discuss vulnerability.

For Ms Moabi, writing about the issue also became a way of turning an everyday cultural message into a broader conversation.

Her recognition came after a period in which she had begun questioning whether her writing was reaching people.

"I was beginning to doubt whether the messages I was trying to share were reaching people the way I intended and whether my work was truly making a contribution to the community," she said.

The Author Spotlight recognition reassured her that the conversation was worth having. "I was elated. The recognition was a great encouragement and reminded me that my efforts were making a difference," she said.

R:Ed is a nonprofit organisation that provides free, accessible educational content online, turning complex information into knowledge people can use. Its Botswana Chapter was launched in the second half of last year, with writers from across the country invited to contribute.

Ms Moabi was later selected as a volunteer and has mainly written about home and family, insights and health.

Her latest recognition however, she says, has given her an added push to explore other genres of writing.

For now, her most important contribution may be the conversation her winning article has started, that raising boys to be strong should not mean teaching them to hide what they feel. **BOPA**

NHI raises hopes for improved access to healthcare

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
TOTENG

The proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) has been met with optimism in Toteng where residents see the potential for improved access to healthcare but remain concerned about its affordability.

Speaking during a kgotla meeting on Tuesday addressed by officials from the Ministry of Health on the proposed NHI, community members acknowledged the potential of the initiative.

However, they questioned whether it would be implemented effectively and if ordinary Batswana would be able to shoulder its financial demands.

One resident, Mr Cornelius Murangi, said NHI could bring significant benefits to communities if properly executed and monitored.

He cautioned that Batswana had

seen government programmes that were welcomed at inception but later struggled during implementation.

Thus emphasising that the promise of better healthcare would mean little if government failed to follow through on the initiative once it has been introduced.

His concern was echoed by another resident, Mr Morapedi Totang, who said government should confront what he described as a recurring gap between collecting public views and turning them into functioning programmes.

"Meaningful consultation should ultimately translate into visible improvements in people's lives and government should ensure that the system does not lose momentum between consultation, policy formulation and actual implementation," he said.

For Mr Moitlamedi Motsamai, the most immediate concern lay in the pockets of ordinary Batswana who would be expected to contribute towards the proposed insurance scheme.

His concern was whether low-

income households would afford given the limited income.

The consultation formed part of the efforts of the Ministry of Health to inform, educate and collect concepts from communities to make the NHI one that would benefit citizens.

Earlier on, Dr Kesalefa Kesalefa from the health ministry said government intended to use NHI to ensure that Batswana had access to quality healthcare services, while simultaneously creating a health financing system capable of sustaining service delivery even during periods of economic difficulty.

Dr Kesalefa said the proposed system would be funded through contributions collected through the tax system and would be designed to cover every Motswana.

He said the intention was to ensure that people could access health services regardless of where they were in the country.

"The initiative will strengthen the health sector by providing a more sustainable financing mechanism, allowing healthcare services to remain accessible even when the national economy is under pressure," he said. **BOPA**



Khwai was hit by flood in the first week of March, leaving 37 households displaced. Botswana Red Cross Society vice chairperson for Maun branch, Ms Kelebogile Boranabi said the village was among the sites under the community-based health surveillance project, which aims to stabilise living conditions and support early recovery following disaster period.

Red Cross Society strengthens surveillance systems

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) through the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) has embarked on a community-based health surveillance project to strengthen surveillance systems.

BRCS vice chairperson for Maun branch, Ms Kelebogile Boranabi said the project aimed at strengthening the ability of communities to identify, report and respond early to health events and emergencies through community-based surveillance.

"It also aims to stabilise living conditions by providing support for health emergencies, epidemics and disease outbreaks," she said during a meeting with members of the disaster management team.

The project is built on the one previously implemented in

Khwai which aimed to stabilise living conditions and support early recovery following severe and persistent floods situation in the village.

The floods had destroyed many houses leaving families displaced and exposed to harsh weather conditions while many households lost essential belonging.

She therefore, noted that project brings together community volunteers and frontline service providers to enhance collaboration, improve referral pathways and promote early detection and reporting.

Ms Boranabi said 33 volunteers had been trained in the district and would be in the field to conduct the surveillance exercise for the months of August and September.

The surveillance sites include Khwai, Sehithwa, Mababe, Sankoyo, Shorobe,

Makalamabedi, Tsau and Xharaxhao while in Maun areas such as Matapana, Sedie, Disana, Botshabelo, Moeti, Thito, Bombadi, Boseja and Matshwane would be covered.

Reflecting on the first project, Ms Boranabi said they had managed to distribute 191 non-food essentials such as mattresses, blankets, solar lights and three tents.

Some households received tents and tarpaulins for immediate shelter while 20 were issued with vouchers for quality building materials to repair their houses.

Food vouchers, she said were also given to 15 vulnerable households with children under the age of five to address malnutrition risks over two months through retail partners, while 43 received cash to address the severe social impacts of the crisis. **BOPA**

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Debswana and CEDA partner to finance citizen suppliers and advance economic diversification

Gaborone, Botswana, 12 August 2026 – Debswana Diamond Company (Debswana) and the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) have signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening citizen enterprise development, local procurement, industrialisation, and Botswana’s broader economic diversification agenda.

At the heart of the partnership is a shared commitment to create stronger pathways for citizen-owned businesses to participate meaningfully in Debswana’s supply chain and diversification ventures. CEDA will provide financing and business development support to qualifying Debswana suppliers and beneficiaries of Debswana’s Citizen Economic Empowerment Programme (CEEP), subject to CEDA’s eligibility criteria, due diligence, and approval processes.

The partnership combines Debswana’s economic footprint, operational expertise, supply chain and ability to create anchor demand with CEDA’s experience in financing, developing, and supporting citizen-owned enterprises. Together, the organisations will identify, assess and support commercially viable businesses through financing, supplier development, capacity building and mentorship.

The CEDA Caretaker Chief Executive Officer, Mr Khalala Mokefane said “This MoU represents a shared commitment to grow citizen-owned enterprises that deliver lasting economic participation and local value retention. Through this partnership, CEDA will be able to finance qualifying Debswana suppliers and CEEP beneficiaries, helping them build the capacity required to secure opportunities, deliver competitively, and develop sustainable businesses.”

Beyond supplier financing, the partnership will explore opportunities to develop industries beyond diamond mining, particularly in mining towns and surrounding communities. Areas of focus may include mining, manufacturing, processing, logistics, infrastructure, manufacturing, innovation, and other services that can deepen local value chains, increase domestic value addition, and create sustainable employment.

“Our ambition is to support the development of industries that create jobs, promote citizen participation, strengthen local enterprises, and drive innovation across multiple sectors of the economy” said Mr Andrew Maatla Motsomi, Debswana Chief Executive Officer. “By combining Debswana’s experience, networks, and operational capabilities with

CEDA’s expertise in enterprise development and financing, we have an opportunity to unlock far greater impact than either organisation could achieve independently.”

In addition, CEDA and Debswana will explore opportunities to mobilise financial and technical resources from development finance institutions, multilateral organisations, private investors, and other strategic partners.

Implementation of the MoU will be overseen by a Joint Steering Committee comprising representatives from both institutions. Progress will be measured against outcomes including employment creation, citizen enterprise participation, local procurement, business sustainability and contribution to economic diversification.

Through this partnership, CEDA and Debswana reaffirm their shared commitment to building competitive citizen enterprises, strengthening Botswana’s productive capacity, and ensuring that major economic value chains create sustainable opportunities for Batswana.

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Council drives green energy and economic diversification

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Francistown City Council is making significant strides in renewable energy and economic diversification as part of efforts to position the city as the Gateway to the North.

Addressing a full Council meeting on Monday, Francistown mayor Mr Gaone Majere said the council has completed solar installations at nine primary schools under the Green Energy Transition Programme.

The mayor noted that the project was already yielding savings.

“Prior to installation of solar power, council paid BPC an average of P10,000 per month and currently the commissioned schools pay an average of P300,” he said, adding that the initiative aligned with the national energy policy’ shift from coal to renewable energy.

On economic diversification, Mr Majere reported that businesses in Francistown recorded a total turnover of P31 million between April and June, with the services sector leading with 73.8 per cent of turnover, followed by manufacturing at 22.6 per cent.

He highlighted two CEDA-funded projects facilitated by the council: a bottle recycling project that has created 10 permanent jobs, and an ecotourism project currently at implementation stage. Both are expected to boost employment and support the green economy.

A key development is the resuscitation of the horticultural market facility through CEDA’s Letsema Horticulture Market Initiative.

Mr Majere said the market, located near the Francistown fire station, will connect local farmers to wholesale buyers and strengthen the horticultural value chain, citing that CEDA will also develop an informal sector trading area adjacent to Tebelopele to support horticultural traders.

Mr Majere said the council has also signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the northern cluster of councils and with the Francistown Academic Hospital to enhance regional cooperation and healthcare delivery. **BOPA**

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The Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency provides financial and business development support to citizen-owned enterprises across Botswana, promoting sustainable entrepreneurship, employment creation and economic diversification.

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DailyBusiness

Council seals shopping mall deal

Khumile Moekejo
JWANENG

The construction of a shopping mall in Jwaneng Central Business District (CBD) is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of the 2026/27 financial year. A collaboration between Jwaneng Town Council (JTC) and MSDM Pty (Ltd), forms part of the council's broader strategic initiatives intended to drive developments through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Addressing a full council meeting on Tuesday, Jwaneng mayor, Mr Ronica Ntsimako noted that JTC recently entered into a 30-year lease agreement with the developer and that the mall designs had been conditionally approved.

He said that beyond the wide range of facilities and services, the project also brought with it hundreds of job opportunities.

"This landmark project will introduce a wide range of facilities to our township, such as commercial, retail, hospitality, offices and medical services, all under one roof. Beyond infrastructure, it promises significant employment opportunities, with over 200 jobs during the construction phase and close to 400 permanent jobs once the mall is operational," he said.

Additionally, the mayor noted that the council recently entered into an agreement with Jwaneng Mine and Botswana Oil Limited towards the development of a Truck Staging facility in Jwaneng, the designs of which, were at the final stage.

He said while the project would be a logistics hub intended to



Jwaneng Town Council deputy mayor, Mr Victor Watshipi (left), mayor Mr Ronica Ntsimako (centre) and acting town clerk, Mr Irvan Makati at the full council meeting on Tuesday. The mayor told the meeting that the council had partnered with MSDM Group for the development of a modern shopping mall that would create hundreds of jobs during and after construction. Photo: Khumile Moekejo

support mining operations, it also aligned with the government's Community Economic Empowerment Policy.

He said the facility was expected to enhance operational efficiency, promote effective management of traffic and prioritise safety for trucks. "This project is expected to reduce risks associated with the improper parking of trucks while delivering significant economic value by creating

over 70 construction jobs and 50 permanent jobs once it is operational," he noted.

He further underscored the need for stakeholders to collaborate towards the economic transformation of the township to meet emerging challenges through modern and innovative strategies.

Mr Ntsimako said while plans were underway to complete due processes to drive the Investment Strategy, it was important for the

private sector and development partners to join hands with the government and communities.

"Our journey towards economic transformation must be a shared journey. By working together, we can diversify Jwaneng's economy, support local enterprises, attract investment, unlock underutilised assets and create sustainable revenue streams that will benefit both the council and our residents," he said. **BOPA**

Lobatse solar photovoltaic power plant nears completion

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

The Lobatse Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant is now 85 per cent complete.

Addressing a full council meeting recently, Lobatse Mayor Mr Mosimanegape Ganakgomo said the town was increasingly embracing green energy through initiatives such as the Rooftop Solar Programme, the Solar Power Plant and the Free Electricity Connection Programme.

He said the 4-megawatt solar photovoltaic power plant, located on the outskirts of Lobatse, was nearing completion after recording an 85 per cent completion rate.

Mr Ganakgomo said the scope of work included the design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of the grid-connected solar power plant.

He noted that the project had so far created 28 employment opportunities for people working on site, contributing to efforts to promote sustainable energy and a greener economy. On the Rooftop Solar Programme, Mr Ganakgomo said BPC had commissioned 445 of the 1,077 applications received since the initiative began.

He described the development as a commendable effort towards

enabling citizens to generate their own clean energy. "I am particularly proud to note that five of these newly commissioned applications are right here in Lobatse," he said.

He also highlighted progress under the Free Electricity Connection Programme, saying 221 of the 294 applications received from Lobatse residents had been successfully connected to the electricity grid, while the remaining applications were at various stages of

implementation. Despite the progress, Mr Ganakgomo raised concern over theft and vandalism of electrical infrastructure, which he said continued to undermine efforts to improve electricity access and network reliability.

"Since the start of this year alone, criminals have stolen 44 power cables. While we have replaced 27 of them, 17 are yet to be replaced," he said.

He added that seven transformer looping cables had also been stolen,

while four mini-substations had been vandalised for their transformer oil. Mr Ganakgomo said such criminal activities came at a huge financial cost and directly undermined electricity delivery, while also affecting network reliability and creating serious safety hazards. He urged residents to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities to the police. "If you see something suspicious, immediately report it to the police."

We must protect our progress and defend our infrastructure together," he said.

He said the vandalism had also negatively affected Lobatse Town Council, leaving some areas in darkness and compromising street illumination. To address the challenge, he said the council had resolved to migrate from grid-powered streetlights to solar-powered streetlights.

Mr Ganakgomo said the installation of solar streetlights had been included in the Constituency Community Project (CCP) 2026-2027 programme, which was awaiting funding.

He added that procurement of solar streetlight fittings was already underway as part of efforts to improve illumination across the town. **BOPA**



Lobatse mayor Mr Aron Ganakgomo

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Properly regulated gambling key to economic growth

FRANCISTOWN - Botswana can tap into a lucrative gambling market to drive economic growth, but only if the sector is properly regulated and brought into the mainstream. This was said by Gambling Authority chief executive officer, Mr Moruntshi Kemorwale, at the 5th edition of the Francistown Business Expo on August 21. Mr Kemorwale highlighted that the biggest challenge facing the industry was unlicensed and underground gambling operating outside the tax net. He explained that before gambling was formally licensed in 2025, an estimated 510 000 people were gambling illegally, while since licensing began, roughly 1 500 gamblers had moved into the registered space. **BOPA**

Zimbabwe central bank hails record-low 2.9 per cent inflation rate

HARARE - The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) on Wednesday hailed the sustained decline in the local Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG) annual inflation, which hit 2.9 per cent in August, its lowest level since independence in 1980. The country's central bank noted that Zimbabwe has maintained a single-digit ZiG annual inflation rate for eight consecutive months since January, marking a significant milestone toward price stability and macroeconomic confidence. The bank added that annual ZiG inflation has averaged 4.2 per cent over the first seven months of 2026 and is expected to remain stable within single-digit levels in the medium to long term. **Xinhua**

Firm donates fuel tankers to boost Zambia youth participation

LUSAKA - A Chinese firm has on Wednesday handed over 100 fuel tankers to the Zambian government to increase young people's participation in the petroleum sector. The tankers, donated by King Long Motors Zambia Limited, were officially handed over to Zambia's Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts. They are expected to directly and indirectly benefit about 12 000 young people across the country. Wu Chunming, manager of the Chinese company, said that the partnership demonstrated the private sector's commitment to supporting the Zambian government's youth empowerment agenda. Chileshe Kangwa, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts, highlighted the handover as a milestone in the government's efforts to address youth unemployment and increase local participation in the petroleum sector. **Xinhua**

Council debt critical civic responsibility

Relief Lephutshi
LOBATSE

Lobatse Town Council faces a high volume of outstanding receivables, which severely restricts the council's operating capital and capacity to maintain vital local infrastructure.

This was said by Lobatse Town Council Mayor, Mr Aron Ganakgomo in his address of the full council session on Monday.

He said the highlights of the books of accounts was an overwhelming reality, with outstanding debt of recorded debtors standing at approximately P65.94 million at the end of financial year.

"It is worth noting that, paying of council debt is a critical civic responsibility that directly impacts public service delivery," he stated and implored the councilors and the public at large to exercise their civic duty to settle debts, particularly rates, interests, lease rentals, and sanitation service charges.

He said in the first quarter of the 2026/2027 financial year, cumulative expenditure amounted to P52.31 million, against the targeted P56.24 million, representing 93 percent of the target.

Furthermore, he said cumulative income stood at approximately P53.52 million, resulting in a positive year-to date balance of approximately P1.22 million.

However, the mayor said internal revenue generation

continued to lag and that it served as a clarion call demanding immediate, robust collection strategies.

On a positive note, he said the council had successfully prepared and submitted its Annual Final Accounts within the statutory deadline of 30th June 2026, a milestone he said demonstrated continued commitment to sound financial governance, strict accountability, and total compliance with statutory reporting requirements.

Updating on the Ministry of Local government and Traditional Affairs, the chairperson said it is the second tier of government and a key driver of rural development, traditional leadership, and service delivery in local governments.

He said in pursuit of a paradigm shift from the status quo, the ministry with the support of UNDP has completed the 2026/2030 four-year strategy and transformational plan, which is aligned with the national direction and sets the tone, direction and priorities that the ministry sought in pursuit of agile, high-performing ministry.

He stated that the strategic plan articulated the strategic change agenda from the current to the Country's True North, the reason that the mayors, chairpersons and council administrative headship gathered in Palapye the week ending 14th August 2026 to validate this strategy and pave way for its implementation phase, earmarked for September 2026. **BOPA**



Bakgatla deputy chief, Kgosi Bana Sekai (left), Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow (centre) and Kgosi Isaac Dikgale of Leshibitse, at the village leadership consultative meeting about turning Leshibitse into an horticultural hub. Residents of Leshibitse called for their involvement during the process. Photo: Mmoniemang Motsamai

Plans underway to transform Leshibitse into horticultural hub

Mmoniemang Motsamai
LESHIBITSE

Armed with high-yielding boreholes and prime transport links, Leshibitse is emerging as a focal point of Botswana's economic diversification push as plans take shape to convert the village into a major horticultural and processing hub.

The village is set to transform into a vibrant agricultural oasis through the widespread adoption of horticultural production.

Recently, a team of experts from the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture and Kgatleng District authorities gathered at the Leshibitse kgotla to pitch ideas on developing the area.

That followed a motion adopted by Parliament, tabled by MP for Kgatleng West, Dr Unity Dow, which requested that Leshibitse be declared a horticultural economic

zone due to its natural water potential and unique production environment.

According to experts, the area possessed a distinct water table capable of sustaining year-round farming activities.

Deputy permanent secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Gideon Mmolawa, explained that officials were engaging district leadership to draft a comprehensive implementation concept.

"We are here to solicit ideas on how we can package the concept that can turn this area into a beehive of agriculture industrialisation activities," Mr Mmolawa said.

He noted that the proposed Leshibitse Horticultural Hub aligned with broader government efforts to utilise abundant underground water to commercialise agriculture.

Highlighting the project's

scope, entrepreneurial development director in the trade and entrepreneurship ministry, Mr Ngendi Moloyi, described the initiative as a strategic development project aimed at contributing to food security, employment creation and economic diversification.

He shared that significant groundwork had already been undertaken to move the project from concept to implementation, adding that a multi-ministerial and departmental technical working committee was established in July to spearhead planning and ensure thorough technical assessments and informed decision-making throughout the project cycle.

Residents of Leshibitse welcomed the development as a positive step toward growth.

However, they urged government to involve local residents throughout the planning process and eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, such as aligning agricultural land zoning with the initiative, that could slow down progress. Dr Dow reiterated that Leshibitse was a shining example of the country's broader push away from diamond reliance, which had previously slowed the pace of agricultural development.

She added that agriculture remained a mainstay of the economy and emphasised that Leshibitse must be fully supported to realise the ambitious vision.

Meanwhile, she noted that beyond its natural water resources, the village was strategically situated along the main A1 corridor and adjacent to the railway line, thus made crop transportation straightforward.

If given the opportunity, Dr Dow said, Leshibitse was also well-positioned to become an agricultural powerhouse, noting that local boreholes currently yielded between 21 and 50 cubic metres of water, which was sufficient for supplementary irrigation during dry spells. **BOPA**



Lobatse Town Council mayor, Mr Aron Ganakgomo says the council faces a high volume of outstanding receivables, which severely restricts the council's operating capital and capacity to maintain vital local infrastructure.

Tutume council income streams under-performing

TUTUME

Tutume District Council's income generating sources have been underperforming, with interest on investment yielding only five per cent against projected 33 per cent.

Addressing a full council session on Tuesday in Tutume, council chairperson, Mr Tabona Masole said the low output of interest in investment was as a result of low market rates prevailing in the country.

The low rates, he said, had drastically affected the council's plans of generating additional revenue to add to the support grant they received from the ministry.

Mr Masole stated that the approved recurrent budget stood at P270.3 million, being a sharp decline from their original proposed P319 million, adding that

the severe compression had caused major underfunding across critical service areas most notably in road maintenance, utilities, security and social relief.

He noted that as of July, the actual expenditure stood at P85.6 million, translating to 31.6 per cent budget utilisation while the local authority remained on course to achieve the 50 per cent midyear target by the end of September.

Nonetheless, he said the council's broader financial position was severely hampered by weak revenue collection, noting that the council had managed to collect just over P965,000 in own source revenue collection against target of P2.4 million.

The shortfall, he said, was further worsened by the temporary closure of council revenue offices following an incident of vandalism

and attempted theft.

He said the incident remained under police investigation and assured fellow councillors that security measures were immediately upgraded to guard against future breaches.

He emphasised that there was need to secure long-term financial sustainability in order for the council to be able to realise its vision of equitable and sustainable livelihoods. Mr Masole added that it was an obligation to reduce reliance on government grants given the current climate of budget cuts and funding shortfalls by building its own financial autonomy.

He affirmed that building resilient, inclusive and sustainable local economies remained a priority and that true to that commitment, efforts were underway to

operationalise the Tutume District Investment Company to unlock new commercial revenue streams.

Also, he noted that Expression of Interest to engage board members closed on the August 16 and that the next steps included vetting and screening the applicants, followed by formal appointments.

On other updates, he said that despite tight fiscal constraints, the council's commitment to grassroots democracy remained unshaken, noting that between July 6 and 14, 34 local VDCs successfully held their elections through the diligent efforts of the districts and village extension teams. He said that comprehensive training would be conducted for all newly-elected members to ensure that the committees delivered appropriate community interventions. **BOPA**

Teacher registration protects learners

GABORONE

More than 21 000 teaching professionals have applied for registration and licensing with the Botswana Teaching Professionals

Council (BOTEPSCO), signalling growing momentum towards the professionalisation and regulation of the teaching profession. Speaking to BOPA recently, BOTEPSCO founding Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Dr

Raphael Dingalo, said more than 11 000 applications had already been processed, endorsed and licensed, while over 4 000 had been approved pending payment of registration fees. He said more than 6,000

applications were still awaiting processing.

“Our mandate, in a nutshell, is to professionalise teaching through registration and licensing, and so far we have made strides through the numbers we have shared,” he said.

Dr Dingalo said registration was important in modern society as traditional instructional approaches alone were no longer sufficient to prepare learners for unpredictable and rapidly changing environments.

“Our mandate is to upgrade the profession into a respected, fully regulated career.

Therefore, legitimising the profession will ensure that teaching professionals are held to high ethical standards, ultimately protecting students from abuse, discrimination and academic neglect,” he said.

Dr Dingalo said registration and licensing would also ensure compliance with prescribed professional standards through a strict ethical framework and mandatory background checks.

He said such measures would help maintain high educational standards across both public and private schools and promote consistency in the delivery of education.

“Mandatory vetting will ensure background checks and formal registration are performed to filter out individuals with misconduct histories before they enter the classroom, while the code of

ethics will ensure that teachers adhere to conduct that regulates inappropriate physical, emotional or digital relationships with students,” he said.

Dr Dingalo said registration would also protect learners from academic neglect by encouraging educators to embrace evidence-based teaching practices and verified, data-driven instructional methods.

He further said continuous professional development, as mandated by BOTEPSCO, would ensure that teachers remained adaptable and equipped with current skills.

Such training, he said, would include modern educational technologies and approaches.

Meanwhile, BOTEPSCO is conducting a nationwide outreach campaign in the Central, Kweneng and North East districts to roll out the Professional Teaching Standards and Teacher Code of Ethics.

The council is targeting at least 8 000 new teacher registrations through the campaign.

“We will capitalise on the roadshow to supplement our existing registration platforms because they provide a more impactful and interactive face-to-face engagement,” said Dr Dingalo.

He said the initiative ultimately sought to strengthen public confidence in the teaching profession while placing the welfare and safety of learners at the centre of professional practice. BOPA



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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE BOTSWANA TEACHERS' UNION MEMBERS BURIAL SOCIETY (BOTUBS) 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Botswana Teachers Union Members Burial Society (BOTUBS) will be held at **TSABONG PRIMARY SCHOOL**, on **SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2026** at **08:00 hours** to transact the following agenda items.

1. To consider and adopt the Annual Report; and
2. To consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2026.

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The Material Contradiction of Union Bureaucracy

Tshireletso Motlogelwa
GABORONE

The problem of union bureaucracy becomes particularly acute where the economic position of the union leader is radically different from that of the workers whose subscriptions sustain the organisation. Consider the contradiction in the public service.

At the bottom of the wage structure are cleaners, drivers, messengers, security personnel, industrial-class employees and other low-paid public servants. Their salaries are often consumed almost immediately by food, transport, rent, school costs, debt and basic household obligations. For many, an annual salary adjustment is not an abstract percentage negotiated around a conference table. It is the difference between keeping pace with the cost of living and falling further behind.

Yet the person entrusted with negotiating on their behalf may himself occupy an income position within approximately the top 10 per cent of earners, receiving remuneration comparable to senior executives in the corporate sector.

There is an important additional contradiction: that salary is ultimately financed from the subscriptions of the workers themselves, including the lowest-paid members of the public service.

The cleaner contributes. The driver contributes. The lowest-paid industrial-class worker contributes.

From thousands of these deductions emerges the financial capacity of the union to maintain its offices, administration, lawyers and leadership, including the substantial remuneration of its senior officials.

There is nothing inherently illegitimate about paying union leaders well. Representing thousands of workers is demanding work, requiring negotiating ability, legal understanding, leadership and institutional experience.

But the question becomes unavoidable when the remuneration of the representative places them economically far above the people they represent.

The ordinary public servant's income depends substantially upon the outcome of negotiations in which that union leader acts as representative. The union leader's own salary, however, may not depend upon obtaining that year's wage increase. That difference matters.

If public-service negotiations are delayed for six months, the cleaner feels it. If salary negotiations collapse for an entire year, the lowest-paid worker feels it immediately. If inflation increases food, transport and electricity costs while salaries remain stagnant, it is the ordinary worker whose household budget deteriorates.

The professional union leader earning an executive-level salary experiences the same economy, but not the same material



consequences. This creates what political economy would describe as a separation of material interests.

It does not automatically mean the union leader becomes dishonest, corrupt or indifferent to workers. The issue is structural rather than personal. Once the representative enjoys an economic position substantially removed from that of the represented, the costs of decisions are no longer equally shared.

A union official can therefore make a decision on principle to suspend negotiations, challenge a bargaining structure, pursue litigation or prolong an institutional dispute, without personally experiencing the economic consequences in the same way as the lowest-paid member.

For the official, the dispute may concern constitutional interpretation, recognition, representation, procedure or institutional authority. For the worker, the dispute concerns money that is not entering the household. That distinction is fundamental. Who carries the cost of principle?

Trade unions must occasionally take principled positions. An unlawful bargaining structure should be challenged. Workers' constitutional rights should be defended. Governments should not be permitted to manipulate collective-bargaining institutions merely because workers urgently require an increment.

But worker leadership also requires an honest accounting of who bears the cost of the strategy adopted.

Suppose a union challenges a bargaining process and the consequence is that salary negotiations cannot proceed. The union leadership may regard the interruption as necessary to protect the long-term integrity of collective bargaining.

But the worker loses something immediate. There is no increment. There may be no adjustment for inflation. A low-paid worker effectively experiences a real reduction in purchasing power every month that wages remain unchanged while prices rise.

The professional union official may continue receiving a salary considerably greater than that of the people affected.

The contradiction becomes even sharper where the official's salary

itself continues to be financed through members' subscriptions during the period in which members' own salary negotiations have stalled.

In effect, the lowest-paid worker continues every month to finance the representative whose institutional decisions partly determine whether that worker's own salary can be negotiated.

That is an extraordinary relationship of accountability. It should impose an extraordinary obligation upon union leadership.

Representation Without Shared Economic Vulnerability

Historically, one of the moral strengths of the trade-union movement was that its leaders emerged from the workplace.

The organiser understood the mine because he had worked underground. The shop steward understood the factory because she worked on the production line.

The workers and their representatives shared not merely an ideology but a material condition. Professionalisation changes that relationship.

A union leader earning executive-level remuneration can gradually cease to experience working-class life in the same way as the membership.

Housing changes. Transport changes.

Access to healthcare changes. Education choices change.

Debt exposure changes. Social networks change.

The urgency of a P500 or P1,000 salary increase changes. This does not automatically extinguish solidarity. But it creates social distance. And social distance can eventually become political distance.

The danger is that poverty and low wages become matters the official represents rather than conditions the official experiences. The worker's hardship becomes a negotiating brief. The subscription creates an obligation. This is also why union subscriptions must be understood politically, not merely administratively.

The monthly deduction from a worker's salary represents a transfer of resources from an individual worker to a collective

organisation on the understanding that the organisation will use those resources to advance the worker's interests. The poorer the worker, the greater the relative sacrifice.

P100 deducted from a senior manager and P100 deducted from a cleaner are numerically identical but economically different. The cleaner sacrifices a much larger share of disposable income.

Union leadership remuneration therefore cannot be treated in precisely the same manner as corporate executive remuneration.

A corporate executive is paid from the revenues and profits of a commercial enterprise. A union leader is paid from resources contributed by workers for the purpose of collective representation.

The moral relationship is different. The executive is accountable to shareholders or owners for corporate performance. The union leader is accountable to workers for the defence and advancement of their material interests.

Where a union leader receives corporate-level remuneration funded substantially by the lowest-paid workers, the standard of accountability should consequently be exceptionally high. Members are entitled to ask:

What does our leadership earn?

Who determines those salaries?

How frequently are they reviewed?

Are they linked in any way to the wage realities of members?

Should someone representing the lowest-paid workers earn ten, twenty or thirty times what some of those workers earn?

And where negotiations are deliberately interrupted as part of union strategy, should the leadership carry any part of the economic sacrifice imposed upon members? These are not anti-union questions.

They are profoundly pro-union questions because they concern the democratic ownership of workers' organisations. The strongest test: the annual wage negotiation. The annual public-service wage negotiation provides perhaps the clearest test of this contradiction. For the union bureaucracy, negotiations are one element in a continuous institutional cycle. For the worker, the outcome may determine household income for the next twelve months. The

consequences are therefore asymmetric.

A senior union official whose income already places him among the country's better-paid citizens can theoretically afford to prioritise an institutional or constitutional dispute over an immediate wage settlement.

The lowest-paid public servant may not possess that luxury. This does not mean workers should always choose immediate money over institutional principle. It means workers themselves must consciously make that choice.

If members decide that sacrificing an annual increment is necessary to defend the long-term integrity of collective bargaining, that is worker democracy. If leadership makes that decision while workers merely carry its consequences, that begins to resemble bureaucratic substitution — the organisation acting in place of the class it claims to represent.

The distinction is crucial.

A union leader should never become economically indifferent to the outcome. This produces perhaps the most important principle for democratic trade unionism: The representative should never become materially indifferent to the outcome experienced by the represented.

A union leader need not earn exactly what the lowest-paid member earns. That would ignore the responsibilities and complexity of the position. But remuneration should remain sufficiently connected to the economic world of membership that leadership experiences the consequences of wage stagnation, inflation and failed collective bargaining with some degree of commonality.

One possible principle would be to link senior union salaries to the median salary of the membership rather than allowing them to evolve independently towards corporate executive levels.

Another would be full publication of leadership remuneration and benefits. Another would require members themselves, rather than executive committees alone, to approve substantial changes to senior leadership packages.

And perhaps most radically, unions could consider whether senior officials should receive the same percentage adjustments negotiated for their members.

Such mechanisms would not eliminate bureaucracy. But they would reconnect the economic fortunes of representatives with those of the represented. Because the ultimate contradiction is difficult to ignore:

The lowest-paid worker pays the union leader's salary every month. The union leader negotiates whether the lowest-paid worker's own salary will increase. Where the representative earns among the highest incomes in society while the subscriber remains among the lowest-paid workers in the state, that relationship requires constant democratic scrutiny. Otherwise an organisation created to overcome inequality in the workplace can begin reproducing inequality within its own structures.

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O ne a gatelela gore puso e tlhoka go thusiwa mokgoleo wa go thusa ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane ka e ka se kgone e le nosi.

Mokhanselara wa Kumakwane, Rre Batho Motukisi o ne a akbola

Rre Kehumile Kgoroba yo e leng tsala ya ga Rre Kim gape e le moagi wa motse go bo a ne a gopola ba a nnang le bone fa Rre Kim a supa keletso ya go aba. Rre Motukisi a re dikgosi di tlaa thusa mo go lemogeng le go nopola ba ba tshwanetsweng ke go abelwa mpho e, go tswa mo dikgotlaneng tsotlhe.

O gakolotse gore go na le bangwe ba ba setseng ba thusiwa ka dijo ke ba ofisi ya boipelelo, ka jalo mpho e e tswang kwa go moruti Kim, e tlaa abelwa ba ba tlhokang mme ba sa bone thuso gope jaaka ba-na-le bogole.

Rre Motukisi a re botsalano le tirisanyo mmogo ya lefatshe la Botswana le South Korea e tlhoka go nosediwa, gore dithuso tsa mofuta o di tswelale. O tswelsetse a re o itumelela le dithuso tse dingwe

tse batho ba ba tlhokileng lesego ba di fiwang ke dikereke.

Rre Kim o tlhalositse fa ba sa le ba simolotse tiro ya borongwa ngwaga tse di ferang bongwe tse di fetileng kwa Tanzania.

O tlhalositse fa ba tsamaya ba gasa efangedi ka thapelo, ba abelana lefoko la Modimo gape ba abela ba ba nnang mo mekgwatheng dijo.

Morwadie Kim, Jueon o ne a tlatse ka gore maikaelelo a bone ke go abelana kitso ya temo ya nosetso le banni ba motse ka e se turu.

Jueon a re temo ya nosetso, e ka dirwa le mo malwapeng, mo tshingwaneng kwa morago ga matlo.

Ba lelwapa la ga moruti Kim ba ne gape ba abela banana ba motse meriri e e logang e le masome a matlhano. **BOPA**

Tshwaragano e ba kgontsha go lwantsha borukutlhi

Keetile Bontsibokae

KOPONG

Kgosi wa Kopong, Kgosi Michael Molefe o akgoletse go rotloetsa mowa wa popagano.

Kakgolo eo, e ntshitswe ke mothusa Kgosi wa Bakwena, Kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi ka Labone kwa Kopong kwa tirong ya go rotloetsa le go abela dimpho makgotlana a baitlhaopi a twantsho borukutlhi.

Maikaelelo a kabo dimpho e ne e le go lemoga le go rotloetsa mowa wa boitlhaopo mo ditirong tsa setshaba jaaka go lwantsha borukutlhi.

Kgosi Mhaladi a re le fa kgaolo ya Kweneng e tlhorontshiwa ke borukutlhi go botlhokwa go bona Kgosi Molefe a tshwaraganye le morafe mme ba dira ka natla go lwantsha borukutlhi.

Kgosi Mhaladi o akgoletse morafe wa Kopong go tshwaragana a tlatse ka gore sengwe sa dilo tse di gakatsang dirukutlhi ke gore mo metlheng eno, batho ga ba kopane ka jalo dirukutlhi di sosologa go ba tlhasela ka di itse gose ope yo o ka ntshang mosi ka sekhurumelo.

di itebagantseng le go lwantsha bogodu jwa leruo.

A re kabo dietsele ke nngwe tsela ya go tiisa moko ba ba inakantseng le go lwantsha borukutlhi le go ba lemotsha fa ammaaruri maiteko a bone a nametsa.

Kgosi Molefe a re go lwantsha borukutlhi go tlhoka tshwaragano ya morafe le mapodisi.

O supile gore le fa ba tswelsetse ka maiteko a go lwantsha borukutlhi, Kopong o gola ka lebelo le le kwa godimo, seemo se se gakatsang borukutlhi.

Kgosi Molefe a re seemo se, go lebege se tlaa fekeetsa maiteko a bone a go lwantsha borukutlhi, a tlatse ka gore palo ya mapodisi mo motseng le yone e kwa tlase.

“Ke kopa gore re agelwe diofisi tse dikgolwane tsa mapodisi gore ba ntsifale ba tle ba re thuse go lwantsha dirukutlhi,” ga itela Kgosi Molefe.

Rre Molefe o akgotse botlhe ba ba abetsweng ditlankana, a re ba kgothale go tswelala ba dira ka natla go lwantsha borukutlhi.

O kopile ba ba santseng ba goga dinao go ititaa ka thupana mme ba thuse mo go gagamaletseng dirukutlhi setoropo.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Lentsweletau/Lephepe, Rre Tshenolo Bogatsu a re o tlaa tswelala ka go lwela gore motse o nne le diofisi tsa sepodisi tse dikgolwane.

Rre Bogatsu a re palo ya mapodisi a mo Kopong ga e a lekana go itepatepanya le seemo sa borukutlhi ka jaana motse o tswelsetse ka go gola.

Mokwaledi wa dikomiti tsa twantsho borukutlhi, Mme Neo Mosime a re Kopong ke sekgantshwane mo kgaolong le go ralala lefatshe ka a nna a ikgapela maemo a ntlha kgotsa a bobedi mo go lwantsheng borukutlhi.

A re dikomiti tsa twantsho borukutlhi jaaka tsa bagwebi, dikgotlana le ba bogodu jwa leruo, di ba kgontsha go fokotsa kgonagalo ya ditiro tsa borukutlhi.

Mme Mosime a re o nnile moithaopi wa twantsho borukutlhi go tloga ka ngwaga wa 2009, ka jalo o itemogetse gore bontsi jwa banana le borre ba santse ba le maoto a tshupa mo go lwantsheng borukutlhi.

BOPA

“*Mo malatsing ano, batho ba itswalela mo makotswaneng a o ka sekeng wa bona ope fa a le mo teng, ka jalo le fa dirukutlhi di tlhasela ga go motlhofo go lemoga gore go diragalang.*”

A re o itumelela gore le fa Kopong a bapile thata le Gaborone, banni ba motse o ga ba ise ba fokelwe ke mowa wa setoropo ka bontsi, ka jalo a ba kgothatsa go tswelala ba tshwere ka thata, ba ntse ngatana.

Fa a tswa la gagwe Kgosi Molefe a re go na le maiteko a nametsang mo Kopong a go lwantsha borukutlhi.

A re mo godimo ga go bopa dikomiti tsa go lwantsha borukutlhi tsa dikgotlana, ba ne gape ba dumalana go tlhama dikomiti tse



BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE NEW UNIFORM

BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE UNVEILS NEW UNIFORM

Botswana Prison Service introduces new uniforms, reinforcing its professional identity while preserving its traditions and standards.

The uniforms include Ceremonial, Service, Combat and Band Dress, while the Winter Suit remains the Number 2 Uniform.

The new uniform symbolises discipline, professionalism, identity and shared purpose, reflecting the pride and responsibility of serving Botswana.

Guided by its vision, “A Model Institution of Correctional Excellence,” the Service remains committed to Sustaining a Culture of High Performance!

Effective 1 September 2026.



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SHIRT AND TIE

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URGENTLY NEEDED a spacious home, 3 Bedrooms or 4 Bedrooms to rent in Molapo or Blocks for 6 months Contact 71 543 253

AUTOMOTIVE

CAR SALE; TOYOTA YARIS (2019) manual- local P150 000. 71302474.

FARM WORKES

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sebina contact Jessica Nkhwa 74887048 Box 75 958 005 Francitsown

KETLOGETSWE MONTSHIWA IS looking for a farmworker in Ntlhantle deadline 07.09.2026. Cell 78 403 343

KE KOPA MOTHO yo aka berekang mo famong P O Box 17 Bokaa

FARMWORKER WANTED at Sefhophe contact Brown 72690233 Box 146 Francistown

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Pitseewesi, Lecheng contact 74636568

FARM WORKER WANTED at Palm Farm Bobonong 72 346 969

FARMWORKER with knowledge in horticulture wanted in Mmakanke. Contact 73 696 965

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Zila Ndefu Produce (Pty) Ltd P O Box 80349 Gaborone. Call: 72330763

FARM WORKER WANTED in Tsabong 72 660 444

HERDMAN WANTED at Kachikau Contact: Mopako 71 728 625

FARM WORKER WANTED at Dimajwe in Serowe District with experience in livestock production. Apply to Mr James Ditsela, Rung Investments, P O Box 504329 Gaborone. Cell: 72 156 808 Email: freshdits@gmail.com closing date: 15 September 2026.

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Gojwane contact Lemogang Jonas 74 171 081 Box 7 Serule

NOTICETO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000405/22

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Kebeleale Sesiane** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on **19th September 2021**.

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

Dated at Gaborone on this **25th day of August 2026**.

K. SESIANE | EXECUTRIX DATIVE
Khumoetsile Senthlo Sesiane
P O Box 164, MOLEPOLOLE | CELL: 75 157 056

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Mortgage Bond No. FT 505/2015 dated the 30th June 2015 passed by **White Lotus (Proprietary) Limited** in favour of **First Capital Bank Limited** in respect of:-

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 100, Mmadinare;
SITUATE: in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 3520m² (Three Thousand Five Hundred And Twenty Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: Is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No FT MA 236/2014 dated 17th July 2014 made in favour of WHITE LOTUS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

SUBJECT TO: The conditions and reservations contained in the aforesaid Deed.
Any person having objection to the issuance of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone **within three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS **17th August 2026**

skhan S.KHAN LAW ATTORNEYS
PLOT 2851, South Ring Road, P O Box 72, Gaborone

NOTICETO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000964/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MANGWEATSILE KGOSIYANG** who died at Modimele Ward, Moshupa, Moshupa District, Botswana on 25th April 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 thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at on this Day of 2026

Executer Dative | Bakang Baxton Kgosiayang
P.O Box 45827, GABORONE | CELL: 72270869

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 405/85 dated **12th August, 1985** made in favour of Residential Holdings (Pty.) Ltd in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot No. 940 Francistown (formerly Portion 39 of the Farm No. 177);
SITUATE: in the North East Administrative District;
MEASURING: 4, 0468 ha (Four comma Zero Four Six Eight Hectares)

Any person having objections 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.

SEBEGO Attorneys Plot 387, Independence Avenue
Private Bag 80 177 GABORONE
Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999 Fax: 318 2686

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME
(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2013)

1. **ZIBANE PAPHANE** and **GOFAONE MARAPE**, married in community of property on the 21st August 2020, in Tlokweng, Gaborone wish to change their property regime to out of community of property
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication hereof.
3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties Attorneys, Cele Lebakeng Attorneys, before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS **04th DAY OF JULY 2026**

CELE LEBAKENG ATTORNEYS
Ntote House, office 4
Opposite Thapama cresta
P.O Box 11389 FRANCISTOWN

FARMWORKER WANTED at Nata Contact Kazmi 75 700 881 Box 404 Nata

FARMWORKER WANTED at Tshesebe contact Sexton Morima 72 418 550 Box 109 Tshesebe

LOOKING FOR FARM Manager and four farm workers at Lekgolobotlo farms. Contact 77144440

I AM LOOKING FOR RELIABLE and hardworking herd boy at Senyane, Shoshong must be experience in records keeping of farm activities eg birth, death and missing animals. Apply to P O Box 412 Shoshong. Contact 74 155 458 / 72 687 665

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

I the undersigned Phineas Motshome born on 7th November 1942, do hereby make oath and state that:

1. I am the registered of Deed of transfer no. CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 10910
SITUATE: Gaborone Extension 32
MEASURING: 409m² (Four Hundred and nine square meters)
HELD UNDER: Tittle deed no: 213/1982 dated 21st day of May 1982 in favour of Phineas Motshome

2. That the said Tittle Deed has been lost under circumstances unknown to me and cannot be found though diligent search therefore has been made

3. And further that the said Title deed has not been pledged and is not being detained by anyone as security for debt or otherwise

4. I, in my capacity aforesaid undertake that should the original floating copy of the Title deed come into my possession after a certified copy has been issued I shall deliver to the register of deeds at Gaborone.

THUS DONE AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT RAMOTSWA ON THIS 22 DAY OF AUGUST 2026. THE DEPONENT HAVING ACKNOELDGED THAT HE/SHE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THE AFFIDAVT COMMISSIONER OF OATH

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 1254/2009 DATED 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2009.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified true copy of Deed of Transfer No. 1254/2009 dated **10th day of June 2009** registered in favour of **MELCOMB BEN FLATTERY** in respect of;

CERTAIN : Piece of Land being Portion 132 (a portion of portion 115) of the Farm 150-NK
SITUATE : In the Ghanzi Administrative District;
Measuring : 10,0884 ha (Ten comma Zero Eight Eight Four Hectares)
HELD : Under Deed of Transfer No. 1254/2009 dated the 10th day of June 2009 made in favour of **MELCOMB BEN FLATTERY**.

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

DATED 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

BROWN AND COMPANY ATTORNEYS
PLOT 18461, PHASE 2, GABORONE, BOTSWANA
TELL : (+267) 311 6991
EMAIL : admin@brownandcompany.co.bw

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. **282/96** dated the **23rd day of April 1996** passed by **BARCLAYS BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** in favour of **GEOFFREY ALAN WILLIAMS**, in respect of **LOT 347, KASANE**.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS **12th DAY OF AUGUST 2026**
Our Ref: CONV/cmj/M07891

BBL | BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW
9th Floor, Riccarton North, Plot 54348
CSO Gaborone, Private Bag 382
Gaborone Central Botswana

VACANCY – FITTER MACHINIST

LLG Engineers (Pty) Ltd a renowned engineering company based in Gaborone invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals for the position of **Fitter Machinist**:

Qualifications & Experience

Applicants must possess:

•Machineshop Engineering Certificate or an equivalent qualification from a recognized institution.
•A minimum of five (5) years' post-qualification experience as a fitter machinist.
•Vast knowledge on welding and fabrication.
•Proven knowledge and practical experience in fitter and turning.

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

•Construct and assemble mechanical systems or parts using raw materials, following blueprints, technical drawings, and company specifications.

•Operate lathes, milling machines, drilling machines, and other workshop equipment to manufacture or repair components.
•Inspect fabricated parts and assembled systems for accuracy, functionality, and safety compliant.
•Identify defects or worn components, perform repairs or replacements, and conduct routine maintenance to ensure machinery operates efficiently.

Skills & Competencies

•Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
•Professionalism, integrity, and ethical conduct.
•Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
•Strong organisational and time management skills.

Interested candidates should submit an application letter, detailed CV, certified copies of qualifications to: Plot 39, Unit 3, Gaborone International Commerce Park, Gaborone. P O Box 20346, Gaborone. Tel: +267-71301641.

Closing Date: 11 September 2026.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

FARM WORKER REQUIRED for a farm in Parakarungu Chobe, experience in crop production and animal husbandry required. Address applications to Mubita Kaunda box 21148 Francistown call 71 721 971 / 625 1423 Closing date 2 September 2026

FARM WORKER A Christian man with truck driver license, Letsweletau lot 9735, P O Box 4919 Gabs 72 567 608

FARM WORKER WANTED Mbalambi P O Box 294 Masunga call: Dikitso Tobokane

FOR SALE: Residential Plot

Location: Maunatlala Village

Maforageng ward

Plot no: 5071

Plot size: 39.51mx19.97x39.51mx19.85 Square

Price: 40k Negotiable

Call/ WhatsApp 71124573/ 72936097

Contact Person: Malebogo Letsatsi

Change of Land Use

PULPWOOD HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD, owner of Plot No. 53916 at Block 5, Gaborone intends to change land use from civic and community to commercial.

Any objection to this proposal should be lodged within fourteen (14) days from the publication date of this notice and all queries should be done in writing, to Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Unit, who can be reached at **Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Botswana**

or contact Telephone Number (+267) 3657400.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: SESHGB-000922-24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **TAPOLOGO DITSHUPO** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **16th September 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 **24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026**

Kearabetswe Ditshupo
Private Bag 00454 Gaborone
Cell: 71 342 369

KE BATLA MODISA ko Suwane mogala 77 055 509 / 75 018 931

HERDBOY WANTED at Bokololo cattlepost. Contact 75 591 967

FARM WORKER WANTED at Jamakala contact Kealeboga Keeditse 73 340 008

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mogonono Village with experience. Cell no: 72 191 568 / 73 379 975, Mooketsi Odirile.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sefoke Lands Tlokweng. P O Box 30244 Tlokweng. Contact Deborah Seitshiro 72 170 791

FARM EMPLOYEE WANTED at Medie for horticulture and livestock, drivers licence required 73 386 699

LOOKING FOR HERDBOY at Pitsetshweu farm, Harreld Enterprises aged 20 years and above. Address: P/Bag no 554 ADD Gaborone. Cell: Leungo Molomo 72 492 605 or 72 806 507

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

GAPELELE KOLE OF PLOT 23142 Kanye wishes to change land use from residential to commercial. Whoever objects to the proposal should contact Kanye Dsistrict Council on +267 544 0117 within 14 days of publication or call 78 200 948.

I, SEROPELA ROBERT NKUNGA of Plot No; 5458 Kazungula Flowertown wish to change land use from single-family residential to guest house. Any objections should be forwarded to Kasane Building Control office, Chobe District Council on Telephone No; 625 4682 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOTS No. 17296, 17297, 17298 and 17299, Flowertown, Kazungula intends to consolidate his 4 plots and change land use of consolidated plot from single family residential. For comments, contact Chobe District Council, physical planning on 6250275 within 14days of this publication.

We are looking for an **intern assistant project manager** with a Diploma/Degree in construction engineering and management and 0–3 years’ experience as an assistant project manager or in a similar role. Interested candidates should email their CVs to **cherrysplash2020@gmail.com** by 5 September 2026. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000725/26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RAJESH CHANDRA**, who died at Plot 1009, Royal Aria, Tlokweng, Tlokweng District, Botswana, on **7th June 2026.**

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.

Executrix Dative
Sugandha Chandra
P O Box 3011, GABORONE

CELL: 74 595 048 / 76 994 367

HETCHLING VILA (PTY) LTD would like to change plot 1651 in Lecheng from residential to multi residential, and also erect the boundary wall for the same plot. To view the plans contact 74 533 210. Any objection contact Palapye Physical Planning.

BATSILE NWAKO INTENDS to change land use of their plot 29037 at Xhosa 1 ward, Mahalapye from single to multi-residential. Any objections may be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this publication at 4718636.

Adverts Bookings 241 3402

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (Cap.31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purpose 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
MOFFAT NDLEBE	ESHFT-000541-26	14/08/2026	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LESEDI BOARDS (PTY) LTD

FACTORY PRODUCTION MANAGER

Lesedi Boards (Pty) Ltd wishes to recruit a **Factory Production Manager**. Candidates are expected to have a suitable technical qualifications and must have a good track record that can be substantiated if required.

Qualifications, Experience and Skills Requirements

The candidate should have atleast the following :

- At least Degree in of Electrical / Mechanical Engineering or equivalent
- Atleast 10 years’ experience in the management of plant and/or factory
- Experience in high volume mass production in manufacturing factory with strong manufacturing experience in the operation field, and strong vision in operational excellence, supervises daily manufacturing activities to ensureproducts are made efficiently, meet quality standards and stay on schedule.
- Maintaining production budgets and schedules, upholding quality standards and leading production teams

Behavioural Competencies

- Ethical
- Assertiveness
- Strategic orientation

The successful candidate must be prepared to relocate to any site within Botswana.

Remuneration will be market related and commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

Applications should be made by no later than the 12th September 2026. Applicants should send their application letter and curriculum vitae to, referenced “Factory Production Manager”:

The Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 603 Gaborone
Tel: 267 3952341 Email: veronica@sharps.co.bw





WINNERS CHAPEL
INTERNATIONAL BOTSWANA

WINNERS CHAPEL INTERNATIONAL, BOTSWANA VACANCY

Winners Chapel International Gaborone, Botswana is looking for a suitably qualified and experienced candidate to serve as

SENIOR RESIDENT PASTOR

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- To provide spiritual leadership of the house of the Lord with responsibilities among others for the day-to-day running of the local assembly
- Effectively promote church planting, and oversee Winners Satellite fellowship systems, and other internal service structures
- Have spiritual and visionary oversight of growth and development of both the membership and the church at large
- Tasked with periodic and regular training of other Pastoral staff
- Lead aggressive church growth and other-related drive initiatives; follow up of new converts and members to ensure spiritual growth and advancement

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Degree in Theology/Divinity or relevant field
- 12 years experience in Pastoral Work; 8 years of which must have been at Senior Pastoral management in a multicultural community/environment

DESIRED COMPETENCIES

- Wisdom and fear of God with strong conviction with commitment to impact the community
- Emotional intelligence
- Compassion and concern for others, coupled with drive towards helping the underprivileged
- Excellent interpersonal and proven leadership skills
- Ability to work under pressure and manage teams
- Good verbal and written communication
- Computer Literacy
- Project management

Suitably qualified and experienced candidates are requested to apply, enclosing an updated curriculum Vitae, certified copies of qualifications and at least three (3) references to:

The Administrator email: wmawcigab@yahoo.com Winners Chapel International Gaborone Plot 54692, Block 6; Next to Pula Spar, 00267

Closing Date: 22 September, 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 Mahalapye 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
SETLOGILE SETTY MANGADI	ESHMY 000187-26	23.09.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 12TH AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members of the public of the following proposed transaction between **GOPOLANG TUMISO** and **THIRD PLEXUS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN: piece of land being a Ploughing Field at Mmalenale/Mogobane; **SITUATE:** in the Bamalete Tribal Territory; **MEASURING:** 182.90x 229.30x 235.74x 183.49 Square metres; **WHICH** **PROPERTY:** is held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 22nd August 2017 made in favour GOPOLANG TUMISO;

CONSIDERATIONS: For the sum of P80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Pula)

Any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is entitled to register such objection or interest in writing to Molepolole Sub Land board and copies to the below contacts within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 25th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE,Plot 19111, Aresutelane Way, Phase 2, P O Box AE 451 AEH, GABORONE

Forward in Faith International

Forward in Faith International is a church with branches across Botswana and seeks to recruit Pastors.

Pastor x1

Requirements

- Must be born-again, water-baptised and Holy Spirit filled.
- Diploma/Degree in Christian Education from AMFCC.
- Possess an Ordination Certificate
- Must have a genuine call to the work of the ministry
- Minimum 5 years’ experience as a Pastor.
- Minimum of 35 years of age.
- Must be married

Responsibilities

- To fulfil the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Have an oversight of spiritual matters of the church.
- Build, develop, counsel, encourage and strengthen believers.

Competencies

- Knowledge of the doctrine of Forward in Faith International church.

Apply to: **Forward in Faith International**
P O Box 254
Gaborone

VACANCY

Senior Business Consultant - Mobile Business and MVNO Strategy

A local ICT company is seeking an experienced Senior Business Consultant to support the development, launch and growth of its mobile business. Working closely with Executive Management and cross functional teams, the successful candidate will lead the development and execution of the company’s mobile strategy, with a focus on MVNO, National Roaming and related operating models. The ideal candidate will be an experienced telecommunications leader with a proven track record of launching greenfield mobile networks, MVNO’s or major mobile transformation programs and successfully translating strategy into commercial execution.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead the development and execution of the company’s mobile and MVNO strategy.
- Evaluate and recommend MVNO, National Roaming and hybrid operating models.
- Develop business cases, commercial models and go-to-market strategies.
- Support product development across prepaid, postpaid, enterprise and wholesale mobile services.
- Provide strategic oversight of mobile technology platforms, Radio and Core Network, BSS/OSS (Billing, CRM, Provisioning) and operational readiness.
- Support vendor, partner and host network negotiations.
- Establish governance, KPIs and operating processes to support launch and growth.
- Coordinate launch readiness across commercial, technology, operations, finance and customer service.
- Support post-launch optimisation and the next phase of the mobile growth strategy.

Qualifications & Experience

- Post Graduate degree or experience equivalent to 15+ years’ experience at a senior level in telecommunications, business systems technology, digital transformation or related fields.
- Proven experience in the successful launch of a greenfield mobile network, MVNO or mobile operator.
- Strong understanding of MVNO strategy, National Roaming and mobile commercial models.
- Experience with LTE/mobile networks, BSS/OSS, billing, CRM and provisioning platforms.
- Experience in crafting Business Processes, Business Rules and Business Objects across all Business areas (Finance, Operations, Sales & Distribution, etc.)
- Demonstrated ability to develop business cases, commercial strategies and go-to-market plans.
- Strong stakeholder management skills with the ability to operate across commercial, technical and operational environments.

Applications should be submitted to hr.bw@paratus.africa and must include detailed CV, copies of certificates and referees. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Closing Date: 7 days from publication of this advert.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 0000845-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the later **JOEL S. LEPERE** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District on the **11th 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 GABORONE on this 24 Day of AUGUST 2026.

The Executrix
Lucky Lepere
P O Box 1743
MOCHUDI
Cell No:
75148705

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master 's Reference : **ESHGB 000488/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PETER BARATANG** who died at along A10 Road Kolobeng, Kolobeng, Kweneng District , Botswana **18th 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 _____ Dayof _____ 2026

Executor Dative TselaeKgopo Allan Gadiinewe
P.O. Box 1268 **THAMAGA** CELL: **71555664 / 75860956**

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 on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for the appointment ,a person's 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
MOSAMAREA CHARLES ABOTSENG	ESHMY 000482-26	05.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 25TH AUGUST 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 the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court on the date and time specified below 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 the deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Daniel Tshabo	ESHMN-000099-26	24-11-26	10:30HRS	

DATED AT MAUN THIS 24 DAY OF August 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 000465-26

NOTICE TO THE DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kambo Leseru -ESHFT- 000465/26** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital ,Francistown District on the 15 May 2026 .

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Phono Manaka	AND TO:	Master of the High Court
Executor Dative	Private Bag F13	
P O Box 20922 , Bontleng, Gaborone	FRANCISTOWN	

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGSAdministration of Estate Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (Cap.31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purpose 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
JOSEPH BADISA ONKABETSE	ESHFT-00794-24	11/11/2026	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 00049-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **MMANKHA SEDISA** who died at Rakgomo Ward, Serowe, Central- Serowe District, Botswana on the 9th January 2015.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of Twenty-One (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 24th Day of August 2026.

Executor Dative, Dancan Liza Sedisa, P O Box 30668, SEROWE, Cell: 76787980

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: 27/08/2017 dated 5th day of December 2017made in favour of: **JOB0 LAZARUS SITHOLE** In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 1662, Gaborone

SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 7

MEASURING: 413m², Four Hundred and Thirteen Square Meters

HELD UNDER: JOB0 LAZARUS SITHOLE

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 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2026
APPLICANT: JOB0 LAZARUS SITHOLE

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No FT MA 89/2011** dated the **10th JUNE 2011** made in favour of **Baitlhamaki Portia O tlaadisa** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being TRIBAL LOT 3131, MAUN
Measuring: 725m2 (SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE SQUARE METERS
SITUATE: IN THE BATAWANA TRIBAL TERRITORY
HELD Under: FT MA 89/2011 DATED 10TH JUNE 2011

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

ADDRESS
Dated 04/08/2026
P/Bag F72
Francistown

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000070-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **KEIMELWE BADUBI** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe,Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **17th September 2019.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty –one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executrix | Mmatshipi Staff Badupi
P O Box 480, PALAPYE | **Cell:** 75 509 404

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

Master's Reference:ESHGB-000840/24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOMPATI GOTSHAJWANG** who died at S.D.A Kanye Hospital, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on the **29th March 2018.**

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 publication hereof.

MARIA GOTSHAJWANG, The Executrix Dative
P O Box 10944, **KANYE** Cellphone No;72559324 / 72578591

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 Mahalapye 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
MILTON NCHI DHLODHLO	ESHMY 000781-26	11.11.26	09000HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 25TH OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000089-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **BUTLER SEATLA DINTWA** who died at Unit 12 F12, Jwaneng, Jwaneng District, Botswana on the **8th December 1998.**

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 Mahalapye on this 17th Day of August 2026.

The Executor Dative Sheila Dintwa
P O Box 10579 **Palapye** Cell: **71482914 / 75303404**

“LIQUOR ACT” (Cap. 43:11)

FORM 2
(re 3(1))

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied for a Bottle Store Liquor licence in terms of section 13 of the liquor Act (Cap. 43: 11) in respect of the premises situated at Kelaotswe and Family Complex and Liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by Liquor Control Authority on the 25th day of August 2026. Any person who wishes to object to the grant of the licence should within twenty-one (21) days of the last publication of this notice, give notice in writing to the Liquor Control Authority of his/her intention to oppose the application and state the grounds on which his/her objection is based.
Company/Business NAME: DINNIE DIPS (PTY)LTD Address: P O Box 10489 Lobatse Submitted by: Dineo Bopoma Signature: *D. Bopoma* Date: 25/08/2026

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE: I intend to change land use plot 4953 from agriculture to mixed use agriculture (agriculture and commercial) queries should be directed to Kgatleng District Council physical planning office tel 577 3512

I DIMPHO MONYAMANE owner of plot 5496 Kazungula, intends to change land use from single-family residential plot to commercial plot. For any objections, contact Chobe council physical planning at Telephone no 625 4650 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT NO: 6082 in Charleshill, Botshabelo ward wishes to notify the neighbours of his will to construct a double storey building (commercial guest house). Any objections should be forwarded to physical planning office, Charleshill or call 75679427

OWNER OF SEWING CENTRE plot in Moshupa behind Kgabosetso Primary School wants to change land use from commercial to multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Moshupa district council on contact +267 5449950 or plot owner on contact +267 75 557 339 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

THE VAN HOTEL PROPRIETARY LIMITED of Lot No. 2038 at Matebele would like to change land use from agriculture to commercial. Owners of neighbouring plots are to contact Kgatleng District Council, Physical Planning Department on Telephone Nos: 577 3512 or 577 3511 for any objection within fourteen (14) days of publication.

OWNERS OF PLOTS 21623, 21625, 12629 at Phakalane, Gaborone. Kindly you are informed that the owner of plot No 21624 intends to build double storey building and boundary wall. Contact Gaborone city council physical planning office telephone 365 7400

FONDHO APPLICATIONS (PTY) Ltd of Plot 19354 Gaborone wishes to change land use from residential to commercial. Whoever objects to the proposal should contact Gaborone City Council on +267 3657400 within 14 days of publication or call 78 200 948.

I PETER MABAKA WOULD like to change my agricultural plot at Sefhare, plot no . 4432 to mixed land use. For queries, contact Mahalapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on telephone no (+267) 471 8500/ 4713205 or Peter Mabaka at 74256463 within fourteen days of publication of this notice.

SHARON THUTO SEBETSO Afful, owner of plot no 30205 in Mogoditshane would like to change land use from her plot from single -family residential to multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council, Physical Planning Department within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 3031 Mogonye, would like to erect a double story building. Neighbours of plot 3034, 3030 and plot 3032 are hereby consulted. Any objections can be raised within fourteen (14) days of this publication to Moshupa District Council, Physical Planning Office.

ADDFOCUS (PTY) LTD, owner of plot 5335 Extension 11 in Gaborone wishes to change land use from single-residential to commercial. Whoever has an objection should contact Gaborone city council at 365 7400 or call 74 320 695 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT 10957 Broadhurst intends to change land use from residential to commercial. For any objection contact Gaborone City Council physical planning on telephone 365 7400 within 14 days of publication notice.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

COLLEN RANTSUDU INFORMS neighbours of plots 3725, 3732, 3733 wish to change land use from multi-residential to self-catering apartment on plot 2856 Mmadinare

PROPERTIES

TRACTOR FOR SALE TAFE (13 years old) P95,000.00, Trailor P15,000.00, Disc plough P10,000.00, Planter P10,000.00

TSHIMO FOR SALE, 22 hectares at Tonota -west Dibongwane lands with title deed, fully fenced contact 77 442 241

RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO:12703 for sale at Mokgobelele/Letlhakane, measuring 45.61X30X37.64X41.08 SQM with customary Land Grant. Price P250,000.00. Contact 71636863

VACANCIES

WANTED: DIESEL MECHANIC. Diesel mechanic wanted specialised in diesel diagnostics, injector pump knowledge, modifictaion of imported diesel vehicles to manual fuel system. With supervision and teaching ability, atleast 10 years experience. Send CV to Advanced Diesel Power, Broadhurst Industrial, Plot 13097. Phone 350 0573, Email: adp@ncbw.co.bw

RE-ADVERTISEMENT: PRISONS Football Club is looking for a Head Coach and 5 international players. The Head Coach must have EOAF A/ CAF A and vast experience in football. The players must have international national CAPS. Send to 72 194 408 or hand deliver to Prisons FC Office. Closing date is 31/12/2026

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for 4 Indian Executive Chef, min 5 years experience in Indian Cuisines for Swami Investment (PTY) LTD at Mmamabula and Pandamatenga. Drop application at p. O. Box 315 Kasane, contact 625 2237. Batswana preferred. Last date to apply 10 September 2026.

BUKHARA RESTAURANT (MAUN Branch) is urgently looking for 3 Indian Chefs. Candidates should have knowledge in Tandoori, Afghani and Indian curry. Send C.V, certificates and references to P O Box 45045, Gaborone, should have atleast 5 years experience. Closing date: 25 September 2026.

RE - A D V E R T I S E M E N T : GABORONE United Football Club looking for head coach and 5 international players. Head coach must have EUFA A/CAF A. 5 years experience in coaching. Players must be international and national team caps added advantage. Send application to gaboroneunited@yahoo.com or hand delivery at GU stadium (office). Closing date 31/12/2026

APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION Botswana invites ordained pastors application for Mabutsane Assembly. Requirements: Ordination Certificate, 3 years experience, Theology Qualification. Reply to P O Box 39 Mabutsane. Closing date 10 Sep 2026

FASHION DESIGNER WANTED urgently at Moji Productions Pty Ltd T/ A MARV WEAR P O Box 71292492 Virtual Box Poso House Gaborone, 71 292 492.

SELAKINGS INVESTMENTS Jwaneng looking for a fashion designer who knows how to design man & woman suits/dresses. Contact 71 732 954, 78 469 351

PSYCHOLOGIST WANTED at Psychology Centre-Palapye. Requirements: Honours Degree Psychology; Master's Degree an added advantage, At least six months internship and two years of experience in the filed of psychology, Research Background. Forward Cover Letter, CV, References and Certified copies of certificates to: Stpatkolobe8@gamil.com. Closing date 10 sSeptember 2026, 1200hrs.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMN - 000070 - 26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late Roedolf Daniel Alberts who died at Plot 68, Matsaudi, Maun, Ngami District, Botswana on the 28th day of April, 2026.

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 publication thereof.

Dated at Maun on this 24th day of August, 2026.
ROEDOLF DANIEL ALBERTS, the Executor, P.O Box 404055, GABORONE, Telephone No. 71486559

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons are 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
GAREBAITSE PHOKOJE	ESHFT – 000778-26	10/11/26	0900 HRS	Master SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No FT 78/2011 dated the 14th February 2011 made in favour of Bailthamaki Portia O tlaadisa in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 14678, Selebi Phikwe
MEASURING: 450m2 (Four Hundred and Fifty Square meters)
SITUATE: In Selebi Phikwe Administrative District
HELD Under: FT 78/2011 dated 14th February 2011

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

ADDRESS
Dated 04/08/2026
P/Bag F72
Francistown

CHANGE OF LAND-USE

Boile Nthuba Tumelo of plot number 5125 at Ikageleng ward in Selebi Phikwe wish to change land-use from Residential use to Civic and Community Land Use. Anyone with objections can call physical Planning Office (Selebi Phikwe Town Council) on **Tell:2610570** within fourteen(14) days of publication of this notice.

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Mortgage Bond No 153/09 dated the 7th March 2009 made in favour of Tiny Nsakwa in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being: Tribal Lot 2243 Mmadinare
SITUATE: At Mmadinare in Bamangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 966m², Nine Hundred and Sixty Six square meters
HELD UNDER: Title Deed No FTTL 82/09 dated 18th day of February 2009 In favour of Tiny Nsakwa

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

Dated: 13/07/2026

ADDRESS **Box 726 Mmadinare**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (Cap.31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purpose 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
PETER BASIAMISI MASOLE	ESHFT-000648-26	07/10/2026	0900HR	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED IN TERM OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. 10/88 dated 10th day of February 1988 passed in favour of MOUTLAKGOLA NGWAKO in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN :Piece of land being Tribal Lot 85 Palapye;
SITUATE : in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 1061m²(One Thousand and Sixty One Square Metres);

Any such person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag F72, FRANCISTOWN within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

MODIE AND PARTNERS P.O. BOX 3259 GABORONE , TEL: 71840341, Block 9, , Plot 24270

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE ESTATE LATE NNANAAKOKO – GFHLB 111/21-22

IN PURSUANCE of **Section 31 of the {Cap 31:01}** the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invite to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 08:30 hours** at the Office of the **Master – B. Kgerethwa** located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Master's Office on **3718343, or 3718000/3718040 (switchboard).**

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed No: 1859/2025 Dated 15th Day of September 2025. Made in favour of Apple Box (Proprietary) Limited

CERTAIN: Piece of land being lot no: 81905 Gaborone (a portion of the farm content No.1-KO)

SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District

MEASURING: 540 metres squared Five Hundred and fourty square meters

All persons having objection to the issue of such a 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 17th DAY OF August 2026

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APPLICANT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000256-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the **Late STEPHEN DIALE** who died at Letlhakane, Boteti District, Botswana on the 1st day of October 2020.

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

DATED at on this Day of 2026

The Executor | Thuso Mokwapeng Diale
P O Box 1868, Molepolole | Cell: 74320432

UNIK CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (Pty) LTD

VACANCIES

1. Project Manager x2: A minimum of **15 years** of road construction experience. BSC/ Beng in Civil Engineering or more. Registration of ERB is required

2. Commercial Manager (Road and Earth works) X1: 10 + years in General work experience, 5 years in Similar position. Primary Degree: B.Sc or B.Tech in Quantity Surveying, Construction Management or related field. Post-Graduate: A Diploma in Construction Law is an added advantage. Professional Registration: QSRC, ERB or equivalent is Required

3. Equipment Administration Clerk: a minimum of the three years work experience diploma or Bachelor's degree. Must be able to drive a manual vehicle.,Good knowledge of Microsoft Office☑Good at data entry, basic statistics and document filing.

4. Material Administration clerk: a minimum of the three years work experience diploma or Bachelor's degree. Must be able to drive a manual vehicle.,Good knowledge of Microsoft Office☑Good at data entry, basic statistics and document filing.

5. Contracts Director (Road and Earthworks) X1: A minimum of 10 years general experience, 5 years in a similar position. BSc/BE (Civil) or Similar. Professional certifications such as: QSRC, ERB is a requirement

6. Road Planner: 10+ years general experience, 5+ years in similar project position, Professional certifications (e.g. ERB or equivalent), BSc/BE (Civil) or Similar

7. Business development Officer x2: Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Economics or related field , 7 years of General work experience, Oversea experience is an added advantage

8. Technician x15: Minimum of 8 years of work experience, in SHEQ, Highway, Building and road construction.

9. Civil Engineer x5: 10 years' experience in design and structural engineering in a construction environment. BSc Civil Engineering or equivalent.

10. Senior Quantity Surveyor x2: 10 years' post qualification experience. Diploma or BSc in Quantity Surveying, MSc is added advantage. Proven knowledge of QS/estimating software is a pre-requisite. **WILLING TO RELOCATE TO OTHER BRANCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE RECENT RESUME, CERTIFIED COPIES OF CREDENTIALS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CITIZENS

Closing Date:07/09/2026

Send email applications with job title CLEARLY stated in the email heading to: EMAIL: recruitment.bw@unikconst.com;

For more information, contact: The Human Resource Manager, P/Bag 26, Gaborone, Tel: 3924965, Fax: 3923001

BOTS60 logo captures a nation’s journey

Taboka Ngwako
GABORONE

As the midnight hour approaches on September 30, Botswana will usher in a moment that echoes across six decades.

It was at that same moment in 1966 that the Union Jack was lowered and the blue-black-and-white flag of a new Republic was raised, severing colonial ties and birthing a nation from the dust of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Now, 60 years later, a new symbol is quietly but firmly threading its way across the country, from government buildings to commercial establishments.

It is the BOTS60 logo and it carries the weight of a nation’s memory and the blueprint of its ambition.

However, the idea behind it is deceptively simple, yet profoundly expressive, a visual thread weaving together three distinct layers that tell the story of the country’s past, its people and its aspirations for the future.

Unveiled by government as the official visual identity for this year’s Diamond Jubilee, the logo is far more than a decorative number.

It is a deliberate tapestry, designed not by an expensive foreign agency, but by the steady hands of government employees at Botswana Government Communications and Information Systems (BGCIS).

“The outer layer is inspired by our basket weaving,” explains Laone Molelo, a representative of BGCIS, in an interview.

Molelo says it speaks to the local culture and heritage, something that has been part of Batswana for generations.

Just as local skilled weavers intertwine brittle strands of grass to create vessels of strength and beauty, Molelo says the logo’s weave represents the coming together of different strands, which are the diverse tribes, voices and contributions of Batswana.

“Weaving shows different strands coming together to make one complete piece as it speaks to unity and how we have all contributed to building Botswana,” Molelo says.

Moreover, Molelo says the second layer, inspired by traditional basket patterns, celebrates indigenous knowledge, craftsmanship and generational wisdom, while the inner modern geometric element represents the country’s embrace of modern industries and future prosperity.

But it is the inner core that offers the most arresting visual, dynamic, flowing rendition of the number ‘60’ surrounded by lines that refuse to stand still.



“The movement in the design represents progress and sustainable development,” Molelo says.

Molelo further says on Independence Day, the BOTS60 logo will appear everywhere, from government buildings to establishments like Nando’s, which has launched an arts initiative celebrating Botswana’s culture.

“The idea behind the BOTS60 logo is not merely to commemorate, it is to inspire Batswana to keep weaving, keep moving and keep building for the next 60 years,” he says.

That message of relentless motion comes at a critical juncture while the nation prepares to celebrate its political stability and democratic governance.

As the diamond revenues that fuelled the miracle are faltering, intensifying pressure on government coffers and as the country gazes toward its seventh decade, the digital economy has been identified as a pathway to diversification, employment and global competitiveness.

Molelo says the Diamond Jubilee therefore offers an opportunity not only to celebrate the past but to assess whether the foundations built since independence are strong enough to support the Botswana of the future.

“For a nation that has travelled from independence in 1966 to a modern middle income economy, the 60th anniversary logo may ultimately serve as a reminder that the celebration is as much about the road ahead as it is about the road already travelled,” he says. **BOPA**



The basket, a timeless national symbol of patience, craftsmanship, unity, and generational wisdom, represents Botswana’s shared identity and collective responsibility, where every individual’s contribution strengthens the nation’s growth and development.



The outer decorative ring’s repeating circular forms symbolise every unique yet interconnected Motswana, reflecting national unity, Botho, shared responsibility, and collective participation in people-centred development.



The woven middle layer, inspired by traditional basket patterns, celebrates indigenous knowledge, craftsmanship, and generational wisdom, symbolising how Botswana’s diverse communities unite into one strong national identity.



The inner circular element’s modern geometry reflects Botswana’s embrace of modern industries for future prosperity, while together all three layers convey a philosophy of people at the centre, culture as foundation, and industrialisation as the engine of growth.



The number Six (6) represents the 6 decades of Botswana’s independence.

The stroke’s forward momentum embodies Botswana’s ambition for continued progress through innovation, economic transformation, and sustainable development.

Colour Palette

The core brand colour palette consists of crisp, high-contrast tones optimised for corporate and formal environments. Always use the exact colour codes provided below to avoid saturation shift across digital displays and print media.

Colour	HEX	RGB Code	CMYK Code	Pantone
Black	#000000	117, 170, 219	0, 0, 0, 100	Black 6 C
Blue	#64C8ED	100, 198, 237	54, 3, 2, 0	P 115-4 C



Embroidery and Printing Apparel

Logo Variations
When doing embroidery, use only solid-fill logo versions to eliminate tiny details or elements unsuitable for thread, so as to maintain clean production.

Thread Colour Palette
Only official brand hex/RGB/CMYK/Pantone codes must be mapped directly to standard industrial thread systems.

Sizing and Scale Limits
Dimensions must be at least 50mm tall to prevent thread bunching and illegibility.

Placement Coordinates
Branding positions are as follows: place beneath the coat of arms; if no coat of arms is used, place on the right chest (90–100mm down from the shoulder seam). On caps, it should be centred within a 35 x 105mm window.

Coat of Arms
The BOTS60 logo must be placed on the right side of the T-shirt when used with a coat of arms.

Co-branding Apparel
The BOTS60 logo must be placed alone, on the left side of the T-shirt, or arm or back.





When patriotism means everything

Thamani Shabani
MATSILOJE

Independence Day fever in the early years was so strong that some Batswana went to extreme lengths to show love for the country. One story that trended in the past is that of a Motswana who painted a donkey blue, black and white for Independence Day. Nobody knows how the case ended, whether authorities called it cruelty to animals or just another tale of patriotism gone overboard. As Botswana turns 60 in September, Headman of Arbitration for Dipolasi/ Pobepobe ward in Matsiloje, Kgosi Thapelo Sebokolodi attests that kind of excitement was common. “In those days, the whole village would change colours before independence,” he says, recalling the independence celebrations of his youth. Those years, some huts would get fresh coats of traditional painting using different muds and natural dyes. Walls, gates and yards turned into the colours of the national flag. “The main kgotla was swept, decorated and painted. Primary schools followed. From a distance, the village looked like a living flag. It was beautiful,” he adds. To Kgosi Sebokolodi, independence celebrations were taken seriously because they brought people together. “Unlike Christmas, which is for families, independence was for the whole village at the kgotla. We already knew the date. Radio would announce it. At school, teachers would remind us. The hype would start. Some parents even bought children new clothes. The day had a significant purpose in the hearts of many. It was a joyous day,” he says. A day before, cattle and goats would be slaughtered at the kgotla. On the day, pupils carried flags made from manila paper, with

cheeks painted blue, black and white. At the kgotla, the programme of the day featured traditional song and dance, choral music, poetry, drama, storytelling and the speeches. Churches too added to the mirth of the day. They would sing and pray for the country and its prosperity, much to the joy of the villagers. The highlight, however, was the food,” Kgosi Sebokolodi reminisces. He says that is when students liked it most. “We would feast and until our bellies couldn’t take any more food,” he said, adding that it was rare for them go back home without extras. In Matsiloje, people queued for food according to their wards and not a single person would be unfed. “Everyone ended the day with a full stomach,” he states. Born in 1958, he reckons Batswana should go back to the crossroads and revive the spirit of self-reliance as the country marks 60 years of independence. That same spirit saw Batswana celebrate independence with pomp and glee in those early years though the country had little economically. Batswana contributed what they had, and what they each could bring, collectively translated into feasts of great proportions. “Some villagers donated livestock that was slaughtered and feasted on at the main kgotla to mark the day,” he says. Though he appreciates government for stepping in by providing funds for Independence Day celebrations after diamond sales improved the economy, Kgosi Sebokolodi feels the move weakened the spirit of self-reliance. “Government was doing that in good faith, but many Batswana took a back seat, thinking that government had taken over. But the fact of the matter is that independence celebrations belong to Batswana, not to

government,” he adds. Kgosi Sebokolodi believes the situation can still be salvaged. Batswana should simply introspect and then do the needful. In Matsiloje, the train has already left the station. For the past two to three years, independence celebrations have been driven mainly by local contributions. Residents have moved beyond joining hands only to celebrate Independence Day and through self-reliance, they have built a

multimillion Pula shelter at the main kgotla. “The spirit of self-reliance has benefitted Batswana from time immemorial through building of schools and local gravel roads,” he said. For Kgosi Sebokolodi, independence was never about how much government could give but about how much people could give to each other. His message is simple. Batswana can once again have a feast, one flag at a time. **BOPA**



Matsiloje Headman of Arbitration, Kgosi Thapelo Sebokolodi



**PUBLIC
TENDER NOTICE**

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1. BURS/ADM/WRKS/23/2026-2027- A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BASEMENT SUBMERSIBLE LIFT PUMPS AT BURS HEAD OFFICE

PPRA Code & Grade under the following categories	Code: 08 - Mechanical Engineering Works and Maintenance, Grade: E Sub code(s): 11 - Pumps and Munchers
Procurement Method	Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)
Fee	P500.00
Collection Date	28 th August 2026
Compulsory Site visits	LOCATION: BURS Head Office, Auxiliary Block, Gaborone - CBD DATE: 10 th September 2026 TIME: 1000hrs

Tender Closing

25th September 2026 at 1000hrs

Interested companies are advised to purchase tenders from 07:30 to 12:45 and 13:45 to 16:00 hours during weekdays, at **BURS Head Office CBD, Finance Division - Tower block (Motswere), 4th Floor, South wing, Reception**. In line with Government Policy Reform 2015: Affirmative Action in favour of youth, youth companies pay **half price** to purchase the tenders on production of citizen youth directorship proof.

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The response to the Tender, are to be hand delivered or couriered to BURS and deposited in the tender box located at **Procurement Unit (Motsentsela), South Block, Ground Floor, New BURS Head Office, Lot 54379, Eastern Commercial Road, CBD, Gaborone, not later than 10:00hrs on the day of closing**. Bidders are informed that public bid opening procedure shall be followed.

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Gomolemo Loeto leaving Extension II Magistrate Court after his mitigation and sentencing in Gaborone on Wednesday. Magistrate Keabetswe Majuta sentenced Loeto to 20 years in prison for a single case of rape. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Loeto to serve 20 years for rape

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Convicted rapist Gomolemo Loeto, who has two other rape cases pending before the courts, has been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

Loeto was sentenced by Extension II Magistrate Ms Keabetswe Majuta on Wednesday after failing to demonstrate exceptional circumstances warranting a lesser sentence than the mandatory statutory term.

In passing sentence, Magistrate Majuta said although Loeto had submitted written mitigation, he had failed to persuade the court to impose a lesser penalty.

She said the convict had claimed to be a first offender, raised by his father and that he had been sexually abused by another man while growing up.

However, she said the court was also required to balance the interests of society, particularly the need to protect victims of sexual offences.

Magistrate Majuta further ordered that the period Loeto had spent in custody be deducted from his sentence.

Loeto was recently convicted by the same magistrate in connection with a rape incident that occurred

on July 28, 2024 at Goo-Moeng Ward. The police also suspected him of committing a similar offence in Ramotswa using the same modus operandi.

When convicting him, Magistrate Majuta said the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt, with the evidence pointing to forced sexual intercourse rather than consensual sex, as claimed by the accused.

She said the doctor who examined the complainant observed soiled clothing, bruises on her body and neck, as well as soil particles around her private area, which were consistent with physical and forced sexual intercourse.

The magistrate said a state witness testified that on the day of the incident, while walking with the victim from a bar, the accused approached them from behind, placed a brown knife against her companion's neck and ordered him to run, leaving the victim alone with him.

She said the victim's evidence corroborated that of the state witness, as she told the court that the accused threatened her with a

knife and dragged her to a nearby bush, where he raped her.

After the incident, the accused threatened her with the knife and ordered her to accompany him to his home to bathe.

While the convict boiled water in a kettle at her home, the complainant managed to escape and locked him inside the room while she sought assistance.

In his defence, Loeto told the court that the complainant had consented to sexual intercourse.

He alleged that after the act, she demanded P1,200, claiming to be a sex worker. He said he only had P200, after which she agreed to settle for P950.

According to Loeto, when he went to look for his phone in the house, the complainant locked herself in a room and began shouting that she had been raped.

Loeto was subsequently arrested and charged with rape.

Magistrate Majuta informed him of his right to appeal against both the conviction and sentence within 14 days. His other case is scheduled for mention on September 23.

BOPA

Botshabelo cemetery undergoes expansion

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

The Botshabelo Cemetery in Selebi Phikwe is set to undergo an expansion of 3.5 hectares, as burial space is expected to be exhausted by the end of this year.

This was said by Selebi Phikwe mayor, Mr Oageng Makgosa, during a full council session.

Mr Makgosa said relevant stakeholders had applied for the expansion land, which had been approved by the department of lands.

He also mentioned that preparatory work regarding community and other stakeholder consultations had already been undertaken.

He said that an extension area covering one hectare had been completed and highlighted that such intervention had effectively prepared the site for additional development and had laid the groundwork for future burial activities.

Mr Makgosa said the enhancements made to the area would not only facilitate better organisation and accessibility but also ensured that the site met requirements for upcoming burial activities.

"An extension space for the cemetery has been secured. This development is necessary to ensure that the community continues to have adequate burial space and avoid challenges that could arise from a shortage of cemetery land," he said.

He also mentioned that additional developments at the cemetery, such as enhancing security, improving operational efficiency and delivering better overall service, would be financed through Community Constituency Projects (CCP).

On education-related matters,

Mr Makgosa applauded efforts by some schools in town to complement government support through self-help initiatives and assistance from the community.

He said the self-help initiative demonstrated the commitment of schools and their communities to improving the learning environment, despite resource constraints.

He also appreciated other stakeholders who continued to extend assistance to schools in need, citing Orange Botswana for donations towards the integration of ICT in the teaching and learning space, through its sustained support to schools across Selebi Phikwe.

Mr Makgosa told the meeting that water supply situation in Selebi Phikwe was stable, with current production levels adequate to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

He also indicated that, in addition to supplying domestic water, Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) also provided raw water to local farms in the area to support agricultural activities.

Mr Makgosa emphasised that the recent decline in crime within the town was a promising sign of stability and safety for the community.

He pointed out that there were 83 serious and intrusive crimes recorded last year, which included alarming offenses such as murder, rape, defilement and stock theft.

This year, however, he said the community experienced a dramatic drop, with only 14 cases documented in the same time frame.

"This sharp reduction is a positive development that reflects not only improvements in law enforcement efforts but also the community's increasing commitment to safety and cohesion," he said. **BOPA**



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 13 of 2026 | REF: ENT 4/26/1 VI (51) | DATE: 19 July 2026

TO: All Permanent Secretaries
All Heads of Departments

VACANCY: – PRINCIPAL TOURISM OFFICER I – D2 (1 POSITION)

Applicants are invited from suitably qualified Botswana Citizens for the above mentioned position, which is tenable at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism – Department of Tourism (Tsabong).

Salary Scale: D2 - (P337, 008 – P371, 628) per annum

Benefits:

i) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee 50%)

ii) Contributory Pension Fund (Government pays 15% and employee 5%).

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Qualifications:

Degree in Tourism Management/Tourism Hospitality/Tourism Planning/Statistics.

Experience: A minimum of ten (10) years relevant work experience of which two (2) should have served at D3 salary scale.

Main Purpose of the Job

To coordinate the implementation of short, medium and long term tourism development.

DUTIES

- Collaborates with stakeholders on pertinent tourism issues and objectives.
- Promote and facilitate tourism growth.
- Disseminate tourism information to stakeholders.
- Represents the Department in relevant committees locally, regionally and internationally, all matters related to tourism industry.
- Analyses and interprets data on the impact of tourism to the economy.
- Verifies business plans for tourism enterprises license applications prior to submission to tourism industry license

board.

- Recommend for the review of Tourism legislation.
- Initiates strategies and programmes for the Department

COMPETENCIES

- Deciding and initiating action
- Adhering to principles and values
- Working with people
- Analyzing
- Writing and reporting
- Planning and organizing
- Delivering results and meeting customers
- Adapting and responding to change

Applications:

Applicants should quote the reference number and vacancy circular number and provide:

a) Full name, address, Date and place of birth.

b) Brief summary of careers with duties (Curriculum Vitae).

c) Certified copies of Certificates and Omang

d) Date of first appointment

e) Present post and date of appointment thereto

f) Two references (not older than 3 months)

Important:

All applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their Heads of Department and Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Private Bag BO 199, Gaborone

Or hand delivered to Ministry of Environment and Tourism - Head Quarters - Records Management Unit - Office No. 205.

Closing Date: 4th September 2026

For further information, required please contact: Ms B Mpihi at 3647938 or Ms R. Tumelo 3647995.



Mophato Dance Theatre is set to leap into a major double milestone as Botswana counts down to its 60th Independence anniversary. The acclaimed troupe is marking 15 years of reshaping national contemporary dance with a powerhouse production titled CHABA, running from September 1-5.

Boko to grace BOMU awards

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

This Friday, the country’s biggest music night is expected to make history before a single note is even played.

For the first time since the Botswana Musicians Union (BOMU) Awards were established in 2011, a sitting President is expected to grace the ceremony.

President Advocate Duma Boko’s expected attendance at the 14th edition will mark an unprecedented milestone for the local creative scene and beckon a major boost of encouragement for artistes nationwide.

Held at the Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC) under the theme: Music Beyond, the awards aim to honour the very heartbeat of the local music industry, from spotlight-stealing vocalists and hit-making producers to the unsung visionaries working tirelessly behind the scenes.

Over the years, the platform has strived to inspire both established and emerging talent to push creative boundaries and craft music that transcends the ordinary.

In harmony with the national spirit of the 60 years of independence, the red carpet promises to be a spectacular display of culture and style.

Guests are encouraged to embrace the official dress code, ‘3 colours of Botswana-bold colours/ national motifs,’ which invites attendees to interpret the national colours with high-fashion flair to blend individuality and patriotism in an unforgettable visual showcase.

The 2026 edition features 35 categories, including a trendy new entry, most viral song, reflecting how modern digital culture shapes today’s hits.

Out of 36 total honours, only seven will be voted for by the public, including the people’s choice award, most played song on radio, song of the year, best collaboration, best female artiste, beat male artiste and best newcomer.

In an interview, awards coordinator, Seabelo Modibe of Events Lab, said for local creatives, the President’s presence was far more than a routine appearance, thus he was at the development.

BOMU president, Gloria Dzwikiti said that was the biggest moment not only for the music industry but for the creative industry as a whole.

“This is an affirmation that Botswana’s creative talent matters and deserves to be celebrated, supported and invested in,” Dzwikiti said. **BOPA**

Mophato celebrates 15th anniversary

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

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The acclaimed troupe is marking 15 years of reshaping national contemporary dance with a

powerhouse production titled: CHABA, running from September 1 to 5.

For a decade and a half, Mophato has woven the country’s heritage into dynamic motion through modern classics like Pula, The Musical, Thari, Inyaya, Borwa and Teemane.

Their signature blend of rich local folklore and expressive contemporary movement has not just captivated home audiences, it has taken Batswana culture across global stages in Tokyo, China, the UK, Norway, Germany, South Africa and New York.

Short for Sechaba, meaning

‘the nation,’ CHABA serves as a vibrant collage of Mophato’s past works while acting as an energetic artistic curtain-raiser for the country’s Diamond Jubilee. Founding director, Andrew Kola says this is a deeply personal showcase, celebrating 15 years of growth in movement, narrative and artistic maturity.

The production echoes the famous words of Botswana’s founding president, Sir Seretse Khama ‘A nation without culture is like a nation without a soul.’

Bringing a showcase of this scale to life requires immense heart and hustle. As a self-funded venture, the show’s budget sits between P400,000 and P500,000.

Despite the financial squeeze, the crew relies heavily on ticket sales to sustain rehearsals and keep the dream alive.

Beyond the stage, Kola remains committed to nurturing his cast. Through strategic partnerships, including study opportunities with the Chinese government, Mophato dancers continue to build global careers while being encouraged to choreograph solo works and step into their own creative confidence.

Tickets for CHABA are currently on sale at P250 for a single ticket and P450 for a double ticket, offering Batswana a front-row seat to 15 years of world-class storytelling live at the Gaborone Main Mall. **BOPA**





JINGDEZHEN - A craftsman making clay body on the wheel at a studio in east China's Jiangxi Province. Photo: Xinhua

Jingdezhen handicraft porcelain seeks UNESCO listing

NANCHANG

One month after the Jingdezhen Handicraft Porcelain Industry Sites were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, a symposium was held on Tuesday to explore how to turn the status into lasting momentum for urban development.

Themed: Preserving Cultural Heritage: Advancing the Inheritance and Innovation of Ceramic Culture, the event gathered experts, scholars and craft artisans in Jingdezhen, the ancient “porcelain capital” in east China’s Jiangxi Province.

On July 25, with its UNESCO inscription, the Jingdezhen Handicraft Porcelain Industry Sites became China’s 61st World Heritage site.

As symposium participants noted, this was not an endpoint but the beginning of a new chapter, with the focus now shifting to how the city’s living heritage can be protected, passed on and revitalised. Wang Tongmao, deputy secretary-general of the Jingdezhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, said ensuring effective post-inscription efforts hinges on concrete actions that integrate conservation, utilization and industrial development, allowing heritage protection to generate broader cultural and economic benefits. He pointed to Taoxichuan, a former state-owned porcelain factory, as an example.

The site has been transformed into a cultural and creative district, where 22 historic factory buildings and industrial facilities have been preserved and repurposed. It received 12.59 million visits in 2025, US\$193.

Wang also stressed broader public participation. He said the city is exploring mechanisms to encourage community involvement, allowing local residents to not only benefit from heritage protection but also to play an active role in safeguarding it. Jingpiao, a community of young artists and artisans who choose to live and pursue their dreams in this porcelain capital, is among those helping keep the city’s ceramic culture alive.

At times, as many as 5 000 foreign creators work and live in Jingdezhen.

Among them is Yann Colleu, a French ceramic artist who first came to the city in 2017 for what was meant to be a three-month academic exchange.

Drawn by Jingdezhen’s open and vibrant ceramic community, he later returned to pursue a doctoral degree at Jingdezhen Ceramic University.

“I felt that I had entered a city where ceramic history was still being practiced. People help and respect each other, exchange techniques, collaborate and continuously push one another to improve, and I believe this is one reason why Jingdezhen’s ceramic ecosystem remains so dynamic,” he said.

Yet keeping this ecosystem alive requires more than attracting new talent. It also depends on preserving and passing on traditional skills.

Fu Changmin, a national-level inheritor of traditional famille-rose porcelain-making techniques, said Jingdezhen’s value lies not only in its surviving historic sites, but also in its living craftsmanship.

“What we are safeguarding is not just the bricks and kilns of the past, but also the living heritage carried through generations of artisans,” Fu noted.

The UNESCO inscription, she added, should serve as a starting point for bringing traditional craftsmanship to a wider audience and helping more people see the contemporary vitality of the millennia-old porcelain capital.

Beyond safeguarding craftsmanship at home, the city’s experience also offers insights into how Chinese cultural heritage can be presented to the world.

Lyu Zhou, director of the National Heritage Center at Tsinghua University, said Jingdezhen’s successful inscription demonstrated how the historical and cultural value of Chinese heritage can be integrated into an internationally recognised framework, offering a distinctive Chinese approach to heritage communication.

Participants said that for Jingdezhen, the inscription has thus opened a new chapter in which protection, inheritance and innovation will continue to shape the future of the millennia-old porcelain capital. *Xinhua*

Kgololo premieres Sunday

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Most people find a way out of pain with calming their nervous system, breaking circle of tension, speaking with a professional or just gentle movements and slow breathing, among the many.

But, for Lone Motsumi, an actress, theatre choreographer and performer, dance theatre has always been her way out of pain.

Rhythm, breath, gesture and the body have always been a language for her to explain things she struggles with when words fail her.

With a Master’s Degree in Fine Arts in Dance and Theatre Production acquired from Nanjing University of Arts in China, Motsumi brings *Kgololo* to Maitisong Theatre this Sunday, to tell her story.

Kgololo, meaning liberation, was created as a memory for her father, but it became deeper and personal.

The theatre piece follows the journey of a woman returning to herself, confronting what has been carried within the body, memory, resistance, grief, pain and the things she held onto because they became familiar.

Through movement, she gradually moves towards release, transformation and renewed sense of self.

“So, the piece became a kind of excavation. I had to go inward, into un-lived and lived memories and emotions that I thought I already understood. And through the creative process, I discovered that sometimes healing is not about forgetting what happened. It is about changing your relationship with what you carry,” Motsumi shares, as she tells her story of *Kgololo* in an interview.

A solo production directed by Tefo Paya, for Motsumi, *Kgololo* is a deeply personal journey which felt almost inevitable and she wanted to be responsible for telling the story and not place her experience into someone else’s body and have them interpret it for her.

“I wanted to stand inside the work and allow my own body to become the storyteller. There is also something very vulnerable about being alone on stage; there is nowhere to hide, every breath, every hesitation, every physical decision becomes part of the story and I think that vulnerability is important to *Kgololo*,” Motsumi says.

Although it is a story which begins with her, *Kgololo* is both personal and communal. Motsumi wants to share something deeply personal with hope that someone watching will recognise a part of themselves in the story as she enters the stage alone.

“I do not want the audience to feel alone in what they are experiencing,” she adds.

Building the *Kgololo* script between Motsumi and her director was most challenging but also transformative.

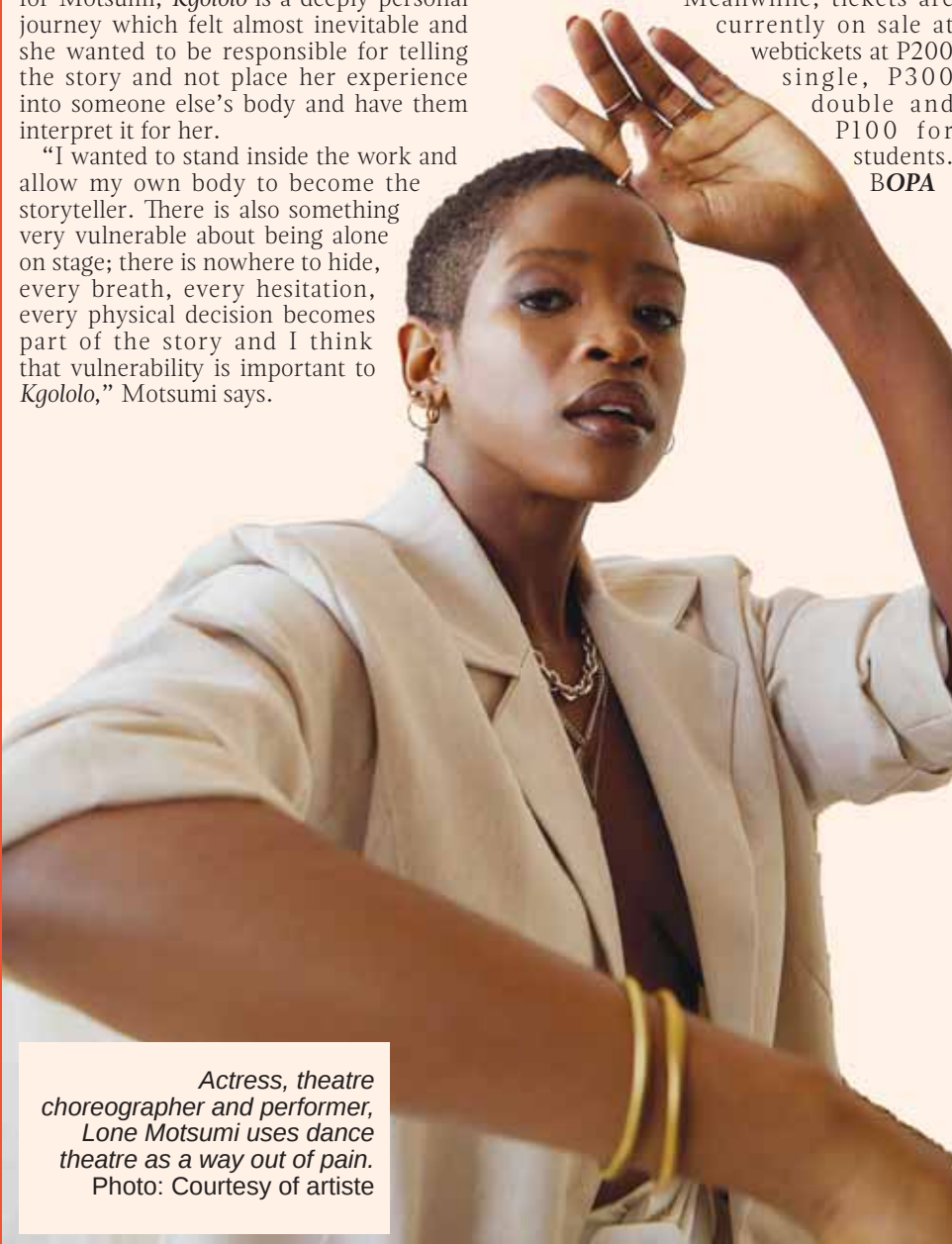
“My director has been instrumental in that process because he challenged me to go much deeper than what I thought I already knew about myself and about the story. There were moments when I came into rehearsal thinking, I know this part, I understand what this means. And then he would ask a question, give me a task, or push me into a different physical or emotional space and suddenly something I thought I understood became real again,” she says, adding that alone made the rehearsal room a very vulnerable space.

However, Motsumi appreciated the process of creating the script because her director did not try to control the work into becoming something that only existed in his imagination.

Rather, Paya stretched her thinking, challenged her choices and also allowed the production to breathe and develop its own identity.

Motsumi urges the public to attend the show and reflect on *Kgololo* their own experiences rather than view it as solely Motsumi’s story. Her aim is for *Kgololo* to act as a mirror, prompting viewers to consider their personal struggles and what they carry; be it pain, beliefs, relationships, fears and identities. She reminds audiences that liberation is an individual choice, even with valuable support; the decision to release one’s burdens ultimately lies with the individual.

Meanwhile, tickets are currently on sale at webtickets at P200 single, P300 double and P100 for students. **BOPA**



Actress, theatre choreographer and performer, Lone Motsumi uses dance theatre as a way out of pain. Photo: Courtesy of artiste



Botswana team at the 2026 Motocross of African Nations (MXOAN) competition in Windhoek, Namibia, this weekend. The riders will compete across several categories, including MX50, MX65, MX85/Lites, High School, MX2 and MX Vets. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

MX team ready for continental competition

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

An 11-member motocross team is set to represent the country at the 2026 Motocross of African Nations (MXOAN) competition in Windhoek, Namibia, this weekend.

The team, comprising 10 males and one female rider aged between seven and 43, was sent off by Botswana Motorsport and Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) on Tuesday.

The riders will compete across several categories, including MX50, MX65, MX85/Lites, High School, MX2 and MX Vets.

Team captain, Brad Pieterse, who will compete in the MX Vets for riders aged 40 and above, said the competition would provide an important learning opportunity, particularly for riders who had recently joined the team.

Pieterse said the team would travel to Namibia with the aim of gaining international experience and showcase Botswana’s potential in motocross.

“We want to perform well and show Africa what Botswana is capable of,” he said.

As part of preparations, the team will undergo bike inspections on Friday to ensure that all motorcycles meet the required international safety standards.

The inspection would also ensure that riders had the appropriate safety gear and equipment, an aspect Pieterse said was particularly important given that some of the competitors were children.

Meanwhile, Botswana Motorsport MX representative, Rosaline Mamaloukos said the team had intensified preparations ahead of the continental competition.

She said riders participated in the South African Motocross National Round Six in Bronkhorstspuit last weekend as part of their training and preparation for MXOAN 2026. Mamaloukos also commended parents for their continued financial and emotional support, saying their commitment was essential to the development of young riders.

She appealed for continued parental support and also implored businesses and other potential sponsors to invest in the sport.

She further said motocross was an expensive sport to maintain, with the cost of motorcycles, safety equipment, travel and participation presenting a major barrier to entry for many aspiring riders.

She said the involvement of parents who allowed their

children to participate despite the risks associated with the sport demonstrated a high level of trust in Botswana Motorsport and its commitment to rider safety and welfare. Beyond the upcoming competition, Mamaloukos said the association was seeking to grow the sport by attracting more riders, particularly young people, in the

coming years.

She encouraged parents, individuals and aspiring riders interested in motocross to join the sport, saying increased participation would help broaden the country’s talent pool and strengthen presence in regional and continental competitions.
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Catch them young - Moesi

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He is of the view that early exposure builds long term athletics success, psychological wellbeing and social discipline.

Moesi also explained that the BAA exchange programme with the US does not pave way for the resumption of the school sports, as it was purely a skills sharing initiative. “This initiative focuses on exchange of technical tactics and athletic knowledge with local coaches and sports administrators.

Moesi further said BAA came up with the initiative as they equally realise that absence of school sports had affected sports development at grassroots level. With the initiative, he said the association aims to survive and strengthen the sport by building a strong foundation of young talent so that when schools sports resume, they will have quality athletes, ready to compete.

He acknowledged that North West region was rich in talent citing that during the sports festival held prior to their meeting with coaches, they had identified raw talent that needed to be nurtured and developed.

BAA deputy president (technical), Kenneth Kikwe also concurred that forming sports clubs that will focus on grassroots development could create

structured environments that nurture young talent.

He said regular training will give athletes experience and team building skills. Kikwe also appreciated that the region has an abundance of raw sport talent, stressing that clubs were often the first place where potential was identified and nurtured.

Kikwe also acknowledged that a number of champions in sports were produced from the regions, highlighting that they had engaged Botswana National Sports Commission to consider expanding sports centres, anticipating that starting October more centres would be established.

He also reminded local coaches to knock at BAA doors to be assisted through mentorship and workshops. One of the local coaches, Ralph Ledimo also stated that children were eager to participate in sports, therefore implored fellow coaches and teachers to give them such an opportunity by forming clubs since a specific date for resumption of school sports was not given.

He said grassroots development was behind every successful athlete, therefore advocating for formation of such centres to provide children with opportunities to participate, develop and fall in love with sport.
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Part of the delegation who participated in the Youth Talent Identification Festival hosted by Botswana Athletics Association at Maun Sports Complex recently. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Briefs

Basketball League final four kicks off today

SEROWE - The high-stakes 2026 Men’s Botswana Basketball Association (BBA) Final Four tournament kicks off today at the Serowe College Indoor Arena. Four of the country’s top basketball teams will battle in an action-packed and three-day national championship from Friday, August 28 through Sunday, August 30.

Schedule:
Friday, August 28 (Day 1)
Game 1 (5pm): Dolphins vs Hearts
Game 2 (7pm): Police vs Delivery
Saturday, August 29 (Day 2)
Game 1 (4pm): Delivery vs Police
Game 2 (6pm): Hearts vs Dolphins
Sunday, August 30 (Day 3)
Game 1 (9am): Dolphins vs Hearts
Game 2 (11am): Police vs Delivery

BDF Athletics Club half marathon tomorrow

GABORONE - The Botswana Defence Force Athletics Club (BDF AC) has unveiled over P1 million in combined sponsorship for the 6th edition of the Mogoditshane Half Marathon. Unveiled by BDF Commander, General Mpho Mophuting at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks (SSKB), the event is set to feature athletes from five SADC defence forces alongside local competitors.

Date: Saturday, August 29
Venue: SSKB, Mogoditshane
Prizes: P15,000 (1st), P10,000 (2nd), and P5,000 (3rd) for the 21.1km senior categories; P10,000 (1st) for senior 10km and P6,000 (1st) for junior 10km.

Paje 200km Off-Road race starts this weekend

PAJE - Around 98 local and international riders will compete in the 5th annual Paje 200km off-road motorbike and quad race. Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Moeti Mohwasa, will be guest speaker, while Kgosi Khama IV will be among the high-profile participants scheduled to race across junior, senior and master divisions.

Dates: Friday, August 28 to Saturday, August 29
Venue: Funkie Kokoro’s Feedlot and Campsite, Paje

Teenager organises 2nd Francistown Spin Show

FRANCISTOWN - 14-year-old Amber Kierstead will host the second edition of the Francistown Spin Show in memory of her late father, Alfred ‘The Crippled Captain’ Kierstead. The event will bring together top stunt drivers from Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe, including Teka Famba, AK47, Boss Phiri and Gorriira.

Date: Saturday, August 29 (10am to 10pm)
Venue: Francistown Spin Arena (Dumela-Tsamaya Road)

Kgalagadi celebrates inclusion at Special Olympics Games

HUKUNTSI - The Kgalagadi Regional Special Olympics Games have officially opened following a torch-lighting ceremony at Mosiwa Grounds. Running under the theme, Different Abilities, One Family, Endless Potential, the games bring together young athletes with disabilities to compete in athletics while serving as a grass-roots pathway towards future international competitions, including the 2027 World Games in Chile.

Venue: Mosiwa Grounds, Hukuntsi

P4.3m facelift underway for Montshiwa Grounds

KANYE - Work is officially underway on the Kanye P4.3 million facility development funded by the Betway Cares Foundation. Constructed by Kwikturf, the facility will feature a football pitch, athletics track, solar lighting and ablution blocks, with final completion scheduled for November 2026.

Completion of P10m Tsabong Mini Stadium delayed to December

TSABONG - Physical progress on the P10.2 million project currently stands at 70 per cent. Following cash-flow hurdles and administrative payment delays, the contractor has requested an extension to shift the completion target to December 2026.
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Tebogo and Ndori in Brescia this Sunday

Letsile Tebogo

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Italy is in for a treat this Sunday as Botswana’s track royalty heads to the Banca Valsabbina Grand Prix Brescia.

Gold-medal poster boy, Letsile Tebogo and one-lap specialist, Bayapo Ndori are set to light up the men’s 400m field and line up against a stacked roster that includes American power, Vernon Norwood, Grenadian icon, Kirani James, Australia’s Reece Holder and France’s Muhammad Kounta.

For Tebogo, stepping up to the 400m is not a pivot but a calculated detour.

Ahead of next month’s inaugural World Athletics Ultimate Championship, the short-sprint phenom is deliberately hunting down lactic acid.

Stretching his range to the quarter-mile is all about building speed endurance and expanding his physical engine to ensure that when he hits the home stretch in his primary events, his explosive top-end speed does not fade.

On one hand, Ndori’s mission, is about recalibration. Fresh off a stint on the sidelines recovering from an injury, the Italian meeting serves as a vital diagnostic test.

Stepping onto the track against world-class heat will give him clear benchmark for his healing process and tactical sharpness as he works his way back to peak form.

In an interview, Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) sport development manager - technical, Patrick Moesi said the federation was highly encouraged by the elite athletes stepping onto the track and delivering positive results.

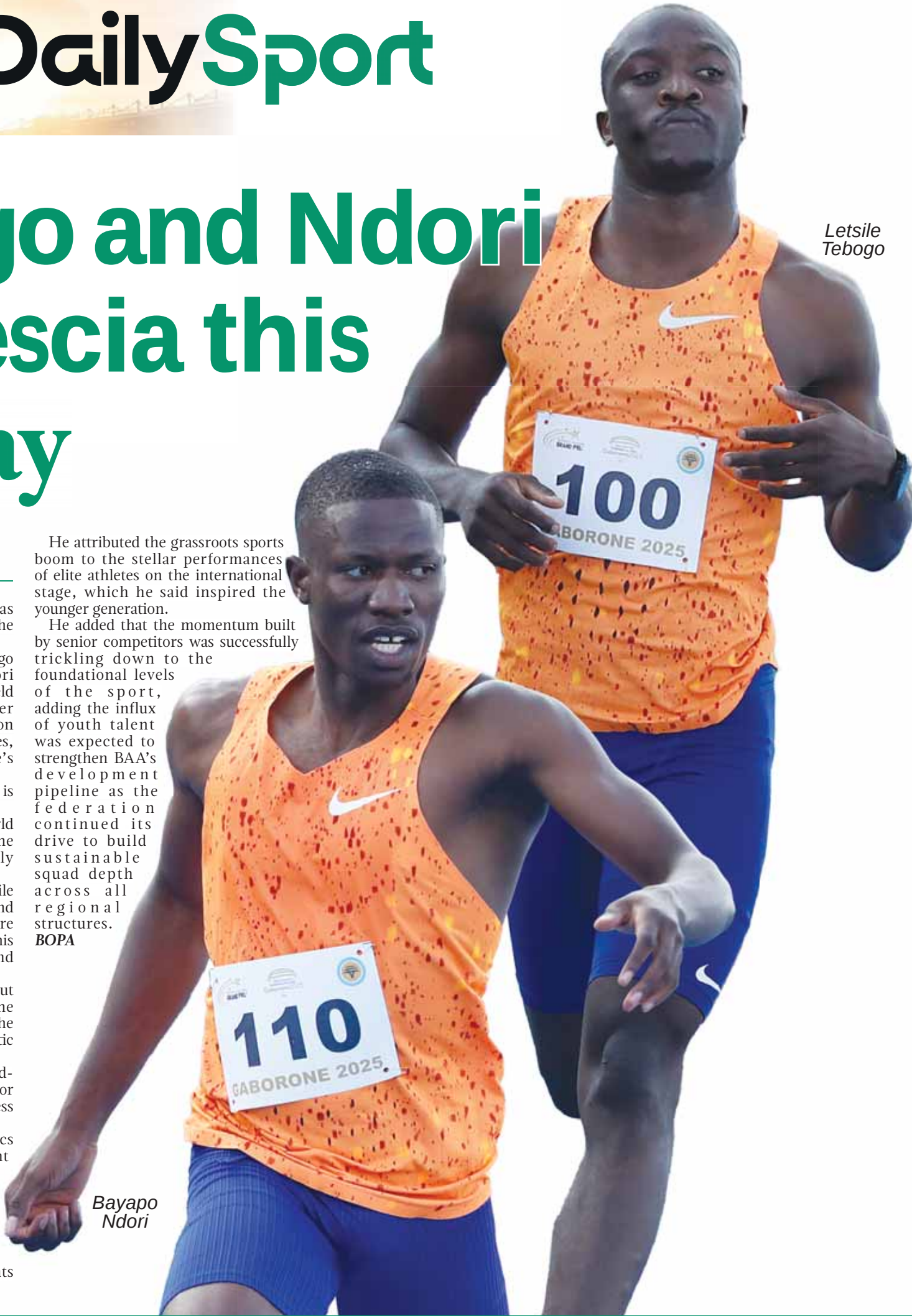
Moesi said that had made a significant surge in interest among children eager to participate in track and field events nationwide.

He attributed the grassroots sports boom to the stellar performances of elite athletes on the international stage, which he said inspired the younger generation.

He added that the momentum built by senior competitors was successfully trickling down to the foundational levels of the sport, adding the influx of youth talent was expected to strengthen BAA’s development pipeline as the federation continued its drive to build sustainable squad depth across all regional structures.

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Bayapo Ndori



Catch them young - Moesi

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

In the absence of school sports, local coaches and school sports administrators have been implored to explore grassroots development of young athletes through formation of small clubs.

These sentiments were shared by Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) sports development manager (technical), Patrick Moesi in an interview following a successful discussion between Maun sports

administrators, coaches and a delegation of coaches from the United States of American (USA).

The discussions were focused on athletes’ development and organisation of school competition.

While awaiting the revival of the school sports programme, he underscored the need to give children an opportunity to participate in track and field, learning basic movements.

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