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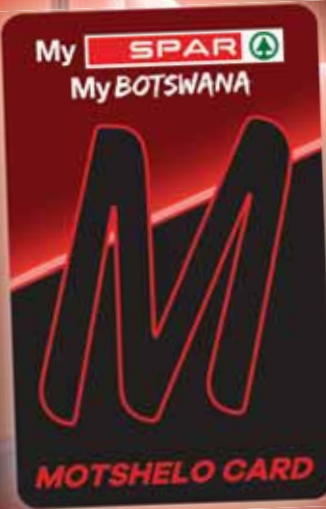


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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) arriving at Gumare kgotla on Friday, where he addressed a meeting. He said it was imperative for Botswana to come together and work as a unit to build Botswana and do things differently to resuscitate the ailing economy. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

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Minister calls for action against GBV

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE - Ending gender-based violence (GBV) will continue to be elusive for as long as policies meant to end the scourge are not implemented. An empowering call to action by Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo emphasised the urgent need to

Malaria outbreak claims eight lives

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABOBONE - Since its outbreak in November 2024, malaria has claimed eight lives as at April 1, Dr Christopher Nyanga, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health has said. Speaking in an interview, Dr Nyanga said since the first case was reported in Chobe District last November, the country had recorded a total of 1 688 cases. Dr Nyanga explained that the outbreak coincided with the malaria season, which typically ran from October to May, stressing the urgent need for preventative measures. He said the Okavango District had emerged as the hardest-hit area, accounting for over 70 per cent of the reported cases. Other districts, including Ngamiland, Chobe, Tutume, Boteti, Bobirwa and Kgalagadi North, are also witnessing an increase in malaria incidences. The majority of those affected, he said, were young adults and individuals under the age of 50, with men disproportionately impacted. The data showed that 64 per cent of cases involved males, while females constituted 36 per cent. In response, the spokesperson said the Ministry of Health had escalated its efforts to combat the outbreak by activating surveillance teams nationwide to identify and treat cases promptly, allowing for early intervention when symptoms arise. Dr Nyanga added that an aggressive public education campaign had been launched, focusing on informing Batswana about preventative measures to combat the spread of malaria. He said all health facilities in the affected regions were equipped and prepared to provide treatment and support for those affected by the disease. “We are monitoring all districts closely and since the declaration of the outbreak, daily reports have been instituted to track the situation effectively,” Dr Nyanga said. To disseminate information, he said the ministry was employing multiple media platforms, including radio, television and social media to reach various audiences and strengthen community awareness about the disease and preventive practices. Although there are challenges in accessing necessary supplies and equipment in a timely manner, Dr Nyanga assured the public that the situation remained manageable. **BOPA**

transform comprehensive policies into visible results that combat GBV, a pressing concern in Botswana. She was speaking at the Women Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women Southern and East Africa Area seminar, Friday in Gaborone, where she praised the Methodist Church for incorporating the crucial topic of gender mainstreaming into their programme. Ms Chombo commended their collaboration with key stakeholders such as Men and Boys and the Botswana Police Service, a move she considered essential in raising GBV awareness. She said such a gathering of congregants from various countries was a pivotal step toward bridging gaps and sharing insights to develop effective solutions against the pervasive issue of GBV and urged church leaders to reject GBV for it undermined the ability of

victims to contribute meaningfully to community development. With only three shelters for GBV victims in Botswana, Ms Chombo acknowledged the inadequacy of such an important service and appealed to churches to help establish safe spaces since the church could serve as a refuge for those in need. The minister shared her recent visit to Molepolole Prison, where she gathered insights from perpetrators, saying the session revealed that many offenders had experienced violence in their upbringing, whether through harsh punishments from parents or exposure to violence within their households. “This cycle of violence hardens individuals, causing them to disregard the consequences of their actions,” she explained. Citing a local government study, Ms Chombo revealed that a study by local government indicated

that physical violence remained alarmingly prevalent, affecting 43 per cent of boys and 43.4 per cent of girls, primarily at the hands of caregivers or parents. According to the 2018 Botswana National Relationship Study, over two-thirds (67 per cent) of women in Botswana have experienced some form of gender violence during their lives. The statistic, which includes both partner and non-partner violence, is compounded by nearly half (44 per cent) of men admitting to perpetrating violence against women. These grim realities have prompted the government to implement robust measures aimed at combating GBV, said Minister Chombo. Botswana Police Service Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe, termed GBV a pandemic that necessitated a holistic approach. “We must identify root causes,

develop solutions and address the aftermath of GBV,” she said, stressing the importance of building strong partnerships among stakeholders. Ms Marathe further said the digital landscape had aggravated the vulnerabilities of at risk groups such as children and individuals with disabilities. She recognised the church’s vital role in addressing the issues leading to GBV, viewing these platforms as opportunities for learning, response and healing amid social challenges. “The ultimate goal is to ensure that women and girls are safe while encouraging men to embrace their protective roles,” she said. Molopo District area president, Ms Patricia Maphani described the seminar as a sacred moment for renewal and empowerment, reinforcing the significance of unity among women on a mission. **BOPA**



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (second left) at the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, Southern and East Africa Area seminar in Gaborone on Friday. Ms Chombo said gender-based violence undermined the ability of victims to contribute meaningfully to community development. Photo: Felicity Male

Gaolathe tours Makalamabedi school

By Esther Mmolai

MAKALAMABEDI - Following some concerns from residents over the terrible state of the Makalamabedi Junior Secondary School, the then Acting President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe paid a visit to the school to appreciate the situation. Makalamabedi residents voiced their concerns during a kgotla meeting that Mr Gaolathe addressed on Saturday, calling on government to prioritise maintenance of the school. The school, which has boarding facilities, they said, had never been maintained since its opening in 1991 adding that the buildings were now dilapidated, arguing that learners stood no chance to excel under such circumstances. Furthermore, they decried that hostels were overpopulated and had no doors and window panes and that the pupils were suffering shortage of mattresses and poor hygiene. The residents said they had long

complained about the state of the school and hoped the matter would be urgently attended to following the acting President’s visit. Mr Gaolathe learnt that the school, situated in Boteti region, had an enrolment of 704 pupils, 484 of whom were boarders, most of whom were from the North West District and had no choice but to be accommodated at school. The capacity of both female and male hostels is 96 each, but currently, 262 girls and 222 boys were accommodated in the hostels, which situation the residents described as unhealthy. “The environment is not conducive for learning and if the government cannot come up with a short term measure then the school should be temporarily closed,” said one of the residents, Ms Gaothobogwe Fanabe advocating for speedy maintenance of at least the ablution blocks at school. The school, she said was operating under unfavourable condition, which posed a risk to learners, noting that it needed

thorough maintenance. Ms Fanabe, who is also the former Parents and Teachers Association chairperson, also requested the school to be administered by the North West District, given that a large portion of its learners were from the region. Village Development Committee member, Mr Lebogang Kelebang also raised a concern over the poor state of the school, calling for urgent attention. For school to up academic performance, he said pupils and teachers needed a conducive teaching and learning environment. Moreover, he proposed for the construction of a new junior school in the North West region, saying it could be a solution to the current situation, adding that at times, the school also faced shortage of food. For his part, Mr Gaolathe said it was disturbing to learn that since its construction, the school had never undergone maintenance. The issue will be looked into with relevant authorities, he said. On other issues, the acting

President informed residents that efforts were ongoing to revive the economy and focus on sustainable developmental projects aimed to improve the livelihoods of Batswana through job creation. The government, he said, was forging collaboration and luring reliable investors to come to invest in the country and eventually stimulate employment opportunities. Mr Gaolathe also highlighted that the North West region had great potential of growing the economy with mineral resources such as copper. “We want to turn Botswana into a financial hub in which we bring different financial services under one roof and provide a cohesive user experience. Other countries the size of Botswana are advanced in transforming their economies,” he added. Mr Gaolathe said some small and medium enterprises had been decrying lack of access to financial assistance and believed that the financial hub could be the answer. **BOPA**

South Korea to assist Botswana with TB treatment

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - The government of South Korea has pledged to collaborate with Botswana in providing tuberculosis (TB) treatment, as part of its ongoing efforts to support the latter's healthcare system.

South Korea's ambassador to Botswana, Mr Dong-han Yang announced during a courtesy call on the acting Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms Helen Manyeneng in Gaborone Friday.

He said the collaboration on TB treatment was a crucial step in further strengthening the two nation's relationship, particularly in the area of public health.

"We are actively working together to ensure that TB treatment is readily available to benefit the health and well-being of Batswana," said Ambassador Yang adding that last year, South Korea donated three X-ray machines to government.

Ambassador Yang highlighted that South Korea and Botswana had enjoyed 57 years of diplomatic ties, and expressed his country's continued commitment to work closely with Botswana across several key sectors as education, and healthcare as well as employment creation.

Ambassador Yang praised Botswana's democratic maturity and peaceful relations with South Korea premised on a shared commitment to promote mutual development.

He expressed a desire for further collaboration between the two nation's parliaments, with the aim of learning from one another and exploring new opportunities to enhance bilateral ties.

For her part, Ms Manyeneng expressed gratitude to Ambassador Yang for his visit and South Korea's ongoing support.

She particularly welcomed the assistance with TB treatment, acknowledging the urgent need to address tuberculosis alongside the country's ongoing efforts to combat HIV/AIDS.

"While HIV treatment remains a priority for Botswana, tuberculosis also requires our urgent attention," said Ms Manyeneng and hoped for strengthened collaboration in the

healthcare sector.

She also stressed the importance of expanding cooperation in the education sector, to address challenges and improve educational outcomes for Batswana.

Both parties agreed that fostering stronger ties between the two nations would contribute to the broader development of both countries. South Korea's commitment to support Botswana in the fight against tuberculosis comes at a time when TB remains a significant health issue, with the global community working to eradicate the disease. **BOPA**



Ambassador of South Korea, Mr Dong Han Yang during a courtesy call to acting Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms Helen Manyeneng (left) in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Yang pledged to collaborate with Botswana in providing tuberculosis treatment, as part of its ongoing efforts to support the latter's healthcare system. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Gaolathe urges nation to work together

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

GUMARE - It is imperative for Batswana from all walks of life to come together and work as a unit to build a new Botswana.

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said this when addressing a kgotla meeting in Gumare on Friday.

He said in the quest to build a new Botswana, it was vital that all knuckle down and did things differently to resuscitate the ailing economy.

The slump in diamond sales due to various factors among them the advent of lab-grown diamonds as well as global economic shocks according to Mr Gaolathe called for renewed vigor and courage from Batswana.

Botswana, led by the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), he said should not bury their heads in the sand but should take the bull by the horns to ensure that the narrative of Botswana's development and real diamond was made clear to the lucrative diamond market.

He was happy though that there were positive signs in the sales of diamonds although not significant,

which he said called for belt-tightening in the management of resources to ensure prudent use of dire financial resources.

Also, Mr Gaolathe said tough economic times called for shrewd management of parastatals and where necessary expanding some of the existing State-Owned Enterprises beyond the confines of Botswana borders to bring in the much-needed revenue for development and create jobs for the citizenry.

He said with other minerals coming to the fore such as Copper and Iron-Ore thanks to mineral prospecting in the North West and Ghanzi districts, the future looked bright as Botswana was already engaging world-renowned multi-nationals in the sector to ensure Batswana benefitted a great deal from the vast mineral deposits.

However, he acknowledged the poor state of the working class and the acute shortage of resources they were putting up with, something he said the new administration was working round the clock to address.

He said the government further wanted to see young people being

given a chance and support to bring technological solutions to the many problems the nation was faced with.

Earlier on, Kgosi Moitshepi Molwelwa decried inadequate office space as well as lack of furniture at the kgotla.

He also asked Mr Gaolathe to intervene and make sure that existing vacant posts of Headman of Arbitration that transcended Gumare were filled for the sake of efficiency and service delivery.

His words were shared by Gumare Umbrella Ward Development Committee chairperson, Ms Mmametsi Kesietswe, who also commended government for the Ipelegeng programme, which she said had brought temporary economic relief to the beneficiaries.

Although she welcomed the revised Ipelegeng programme, Ms Kesietswe called on government to also consider reviewing the allowances given to the beneficiaries.

She decried shortage of accommodation, which she said was the primary reason many high-calibre officials could not

come to Gumare.

Nokaneng-Gumare road, the unavailability of a primary hospital, and human-wildlife conflict were at the centre of the many complaints raised by the people of Gumare.

They said government should consider setting up a referral hospital in their district saying the Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital where they were referred to for medical attention was way too far and costly for them as they were forced to spend a night in Maun before they could reach Francistown.

Area MP, Mr Phillimon Aaron told Mr Gaolathe that the Gumare Primary Hospital was in a sorry state.

The hospital, he said did not even have essential tuberculosis and diabetes drugs, something, he added threatened the lives of the people of Gumare and the entire district.

Like many speakers before him, MP Aaron wanted the government to seek lasting solutions to human-wildlife conflict in the area.

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'Paradigm shift key for diversification'

By Malebogo Lekula

GHANZI - Botswana's economic growth has always been driven by diamond revenues, a commodity whose demand has slowed down.

This, therefore calls for a paradigm shift and government must seek ways to actively pursue diversification efforts and reduce reliance on diamonds by promoting other sectors as agriculture, tourism and financial services that will stimulate economic growth.

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said this when addressing a kgotla meeting in Ghanzi on Friday.

He also underscored the importance of citizen participation in planning and implementation of economic development policies and programmes.

He encouraged residents to explore different sectors and leverage on beef production, which Ghanzi was currently dominating.

Mr Gaolathe spoke of the

importance of revenue collection by Botswana Unified Revenue Services and called on residents to do their bit and help the organisation achieve its mandate, adding that tax revenues fund infrastructure development across the country.

He said prudent financial management would be ensured, to reduce wastage and over expenditure.

Mr Gaolathe also said government was committed to revitalising State-Owned Enterprises such as Water Utilities Corporation, Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and Botswana Power Corporation among others by reviewing governing laws and regulations that would ultimately promote prudent financial management, to enable them to sustain themselves in the future.

He said government recognised the potential of Ghanzi farmers and others across the country, and

would come up with operational changes at the BMC, to foster a more competitive environment that would increase participation from other players in the meat industry.

Village Development Committee secretary, Ms Keodiretse Tsenene had complained about BMC monopoly, lack of maintenance of Kuke cordon fence, inadequate storm water drainage system, poor academic results and delayed construction of Meriting Primary School and an additional junior secondary school.

Member of Parliament for Ghanzi and also the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae, explained that government had not abandoned the school projects and would be constructed once funds were available together with others that were pending.

Mr Salakae further said government was working round the clock to find a permanent

solution to Kuke cordon fence, to erect an electrical fence that would control animal movement between Ghanzi and Ngamiland districts.

He stated that they would continue with community engagements to ensure that diverse perspectives were incorporated in economic development planning processes.

Kgosi Annah Rankho, for her part, acknowledged the ongoing infrastructure development in Ghanzi, which she said would facelift the township.

Such she said included, serviced commercial and residential land, power supply, internal roads, water supply and distribution networks as well as wastewater treatment plant and sanitation services.

She however, said social ills such as gender-based violence, bullying in schools, alcohol and drug abuse were on the rise in the areas hence called for collaboration with stakeholders to fight them.

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Tlokweng Council rejects CCP proposals

By Baleseng Batlotleng

TLOKWENG - Tlokweng District Councillors have shot down a proposal by the council for the construction of storm water drains to reduce the negative impacts of floods in the village.

This came out during a special full council session of the authority recently where consultations were made on the implementation of the Constituency Community Projects (CCP).

The request is for P10 million for the implementation of the projects for the financial year 2025/26.

Presenting the project memorandum, the chief planning and development officer, Ms Gorata Sefawe, said the programme would deliver about 11 projects in the Tlokweng constituency.

She said the funding would be utilised primarily for the construction of storm water drains, which include mainly construction of culverts and storm water drains.

She said the district lacks a proper storm water drainage system resulting in frequent flooding of plots and roadways during the rainy season.

She said the flooding leads to road deterioration, property damage and disruption of transport and economic activities and said addressing the challenges would enhance road safety, improve accessibility and support the district's economic and social development.

Ms Sefawe said the storm water has washed away all the gravel and damaged almost all the gravel and earth roads rendering them impassable.

Contributing to the debate,

Letlapeng ward councilor, Mr Collen Mochotlhi, said due process was not followed with regards to the CCP project guidelines as far as project selection was concerned.

He said instead of the proposed construction of the storm water drainage systems the funds be channelled towards water reticulation at Letlapeng and Maratadiba wards, which are hard hit by water supply challenges.

Lesunyana ward councilor, Mr Ntwaetsile Tiro, said the construction of the system needed a proper storm water drainage master plan, which is a long-term plan requiring significant amount of money.

He said there are other priorities that the community had proposed at a recent consultative kgotla meeting, among them being the paving of internal roads, which is a concern in every ward.

Old Kgosing ward councilor, Mr Mothusi Seakgosing, said not enough consultations were done before the presentation of the project memorandum to the full council session. He said councillors were clueless on what criteria was used on projects selection.

Ranfurwa ward councilor, Ms Sheila Moalosi, also questioned the criteria on projects selection and proposed a master plan that would cover the whole village, which was a long-term solution to the challenge.

The majority of views proposed the paving of internal roads and council chairperson who is also councillor for Selokwana ward, Ms Ontiretse Bogatsu, passed a resolution that council proposed paving as the main CCP project proposal.

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People loading damaged goods onto a truck after a collision between two large trucks near Kgale Engine traffic lights in Gaborone on Friday. The accident caused traffic congestion in the area. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Letlhakane waste water drainage system included for NDP 12

By Thandy Tebogo

LETLHAKANE- The wastewater drainage system for Letlhakane has been included for consideration under the National Development Plan 12, says Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) General Manager, Mr Kehano Malema, during Boteti District Council meeting recently.

Mr Malema's statement came in response to concerns raised by Mmatshumo Councillor, Mr Gasethata Oagile, who emphasised the urgent need for improved sanitation infrastructure.

He expressed optimism that the project would progress to implementation in the near future.

Additionally, Mr Malema reported that a pipeline and water tank have been erected in Xere but noted that current water production does not meet the demand of the eight villages serviced in the area.

He assured councillors that WUC would engage with village leadership to discuss solutions for

the water supply issue in Xere.

Still at the meeting, issues regarding the inclusion of Xere in the Boteti Southern and Central villages' cluster water project were discussed. Councillor Gasenna Tebogo of Xere raised concerns about the village's status, while Councilor Modiitsi Gakelearabe of Kedia sought explanations for the continued supply of saline water despite the completion of the cluster project.

In response, Mr Malema confirmed that Kedia would be connected after the completion of well-field four, projected for November.

Further discussions on community needs were raised by Councillor Catherine Bosele of Rakops, who requested that the Department of Wildlife and National Parks open a gate at Makgadikgadi National Park to aid local livelihoods.

Senior Wildlife Warden, Mr Orbit Rantlole, informed the council that the Matswere gate, located 45 kilometers from Rakops, was operational and accessible for community use.

Additionally, a potential new gate site has been identified at Tsoi.

Concerns regarding the district's financial health were voiced by Councillor Basiami Sentsho of Xhumo, who highlighted a financial deficit of P93 million, posing significant challenges for the Boteti district as the year progresses. He noted that the social welfare budget, typically around P17 million, has already been exceeded.

Sentsho expressed particular distress over the low performance of local schools, stating, "Some of the schools leave a lot to be desired. Pupils are taught in environments that are not conducive for learning and teaching."

He suggested that government should consider reverting to former education systems to improve results.

He also raised concern over effectiveness of Village Development Committees (VDCs) in enhancing economic performance, alleging that many members misuse funds for personal gain. **BOPA**

North East District Council approves P189m budget

By Goweditswe Kome

MASUNGA - The North East District Council (NEDC) has approved a proposed budget of over P189 million for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Presenting the recurrent and development budget during NEDC full council session, Finance and General Purposes Committee chairperson, Mr Nabulani Lenyatso, said the proposed recurrent budget estimates for the fiscal year 2025/26 was P189 964 310 comprising of P179 282 268 and P10 162 044 being Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and income from own sources respectively.

Mr Lenyatso said the budget marks a significant milestone

as new government first budget adding that he was hopeful that the budget would go further to advance their commitment of delivering quality services to Batswana.

He wished for those responsible for the daily management of finances during the 2025/26 financial year to put in more effort and collect whatever was due to council.

"As for the development budget, the Second Transitional Development Plan has been extended up to October 31," he said.

Mr Lenyatso stated that the current allocation for the District would mainly focus on ongoing projects from the last financial year.

He noted that under the

Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, the total proposed Development Budget stood at over P119.6 million.

Mr Lenyatso stated that the development budget was being allocated as follows; construction of Tribal Administration offices at Mulambakwena, Gambule, Patayamatebele and Pole at about P10.6 million; maintenance of Matsiloje Primary School facilities at P763 270 , Ipelegeng Programme at about P31.6 million, Community Constituency Projects (CCPs) at P20 million and School Feeding budgeted at around P32.2 million. He said the remaining P24.3 million would cater for Primary School Backlog Eradication Programme, Orphan Care Programme, Community

Home Based Care and RAD Levy Fund.

On the other hand, he said history has shown that local authorities were highly dependent on the Revenue Support Grant but continue to under collect. Therefore, he highlighted that under the current ailing economy, there was need to explore new avenues for cost containment and revenue generation.

He said income from own sources of revenue has shown a marginal increase, which was mainly due to inclusion of Clinic Fees anticipated to collect P284 400.

"Since this budget approval marks the beginning of our tenure of office in terms of budget planning, let me urge

you to ensure that we continue serving Batswana diligently," he said.

Mr Lenyatso said the 6.4 per cent Personnel Emoluments decrease was due to exclusion of provision for payment of Members' Terminal Benefits while the significant increase of 29 per cent under Running Expenses increase was mainly attributed to a rise in water tariffs for government institutions by 40 per cent.

He also said Special Expenses decrease of 19.3 per cent was as a result of a move to transfer provision of care and protection of vulnerable children from the recurrent budget to the development budget under the Orphan Care and Vulnerable Children Programme. **BOPA**

BNF womens league elections April 26

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE - With the clock ticking ahead of elections scheduled for April 26 in Letlhakane, Botswana National Front (BNF) women's league lobby, Team Maatla, has unveiled its manifesto, with gender-based violence (GBV) topping the list of priority areas.

Speaking at a press briefing in Gaborone on Wednesday, presidential candidate Ms Monica Molome said GBV was at the forefront because it has become an issue of national interest, with cases being recorded each week.

This she said highlighted the need for the team to engage experts to develop a robust plan to address the situation, which has proven difficult to eradicate.

She said women faced many challenges, which compelled the team to devise a plan that could contribute to saving women from GBV, not only those under BNF, but from all corners of Botswana.

To fulfil the promises in the manifesto, Ms Molome stressed the need for transparency, engaging the media to disseminate information to the masses, who can hold them accountable in the future if they failed to deliver on their promises.

She added that the plan included

enrolling programs aimed at educating and empowering women, reaching even the most remote areas of the country, as it has come to their attention that women in urban areas were often more privileged.

Empowered with life skills, she said women would achieve financial independence and inspired others, because many women endured hardships due to

a lack of financial empowerment and support.

Maatla, which means "strength," highlighted the power of women she said. Ms Molome mentioned that the manifesto also addresses political representation, citing that only a few women currently occupy council seats. Therefore, the women's league was advocating for a levelled playing field.

She stated that her team, if given the opportunity, would ensure that by 2029, they field more women in contests, reaching very remote areas.

Prior to that, women will be empowered with leadership skills to position them as eligible candidates as government pushed for job creation.

Among other issues, the team supported developing

international partnerships to protect and promote the global monetisation of local creative content, as well as fostering collaborations between government agencies and private sector players to drive innovation and economic growth.

Although it's commonly believed that women were their own enemies, organising secretary, Ms Kedibonye Batlang said BNF always encouraged women to work together and stand united under Umbrella for Democratic Change in their quest to move forward.

In forming Team Maatla, which will compete against two other teams for a 16-member group to fill various positions in the women's league, Ms Batlang said they traveled across the country scouting for women, hence why their team comprised individuals from different constituencies.

In her welcome remarks, Secretary General, Ms Sadi Moremong said the manifesto encompassed key ideas that shape the women's league; emphasising inclusivity, transparency, accountability and the importance of listening to women's voices across when develop solutions to the problems they face. **BOPA**



Botswana National Front women league presidential candidate, Ms Monica Molome (centre) with team Maatla members during a press conference in Gaborone on Wednesday. Ms Molome said their manifesto emphasised active participation of women in all sectors and advocacy for stronger law to address gender-based violence. Photo: Gothusang Lesego.

BCP vows to hold government accountable

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Botswana Congress Party (BCP) has promised to exert pressure on government to deliver and fulfill its promises.

The BCP vice president, Mr Taolo Lucas said when addressing a press conference on Thursday.

He said the pressure would be in form of motions, questions and private members bills to strengthen the rule of law and to make the government to account.

He said so far, three motions from BCP Members of Parliament were adopted, one was rejected while the other was being debated by Parliament.

Also, he said over 400 questions were asked in Parliament and majority of them were from his party legislators.

He said BCP MPs would continue to ask questions despite some questions.

"We will continue to ask questions, they expose so many things and also help

us to be informed about our constituencies," he said.

Mr Lucas further said the party was portraying itself as an alternative government and was taking its engagement in Parliament seriously, hence it was actively participating in parliament and its committees.

Also, Mr Lucas said government seem to have somersaulted on political party funding, which he said was a plan to starve opposition parties of funding.

The party Opposition Whip in Parliament, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama said as the main opposition party, they have to ensure that democracy and the rule of law existed in the country.

"We cannot afford to take the foot off the pedal," he said adding that the pressure they exerted on the government was bearing fruits.

Also, he said the party has noted some positive changes by the government towards the opposition such as the appointment of a private secretary for the Leader of Opposition as well as allowing people to protest.

However, he said the ruling party appear not eager to act on the petitions, citing the temporary teachers whom he said nothing was done to address their grievances after they had protested twice.

BCP Secretary General Mr Goretse Kekgonegile however expressed disapproval of the executive approach towards parliament, adding that there was a habit of cabinet members to miss Parliament, something he said not common in the previous regime.

He said the trend has resulted with some of questions asked in Parliament not being answered, adding that even the Leader of the House was hardly in Parliament.

Also, Mr Kekgonegile said the government appeared not to be transparent in its financial management, adding that direct appointments in major tenders such as the forensic audit was a concern. **BOPA**



Botswana Congress Party vice president, Mr Taolo Lucas (right), party press secretary, Prof. Mpho Pheko (centre) and party secretary general, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile during a press conference in Gaborone recently. Mr Lucas said his party would bring to Parliament motions, questions and private members bills to make the government to account. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

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FIA warns banks about fraudsters

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE- The Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) has cautioned banks to employ stringent measures to detect and prevent fraudsters from using the country’s financial systems to clean their proceeds.

The agency, in its recently released report on money laundering and terrorism financing trends analysis for the period between July and December 2023, implored banks to use stringiest measures such as Know Your Customer (KYC), enhanced due diligence and anti-money laundering regulations, to detect and prevent fraudsters.

The FIA further calls for vigilance and collaboration, saying such are key components of an effective anti-money laundering strategy.

From the period between July and December 2023, FIA says it analysed a total of 59 cases, which included among others identity theft, where fraudsters wrongfully obtains and uses another person’s personal information such as their name and credit card details for fraudulent purposes.

FIA also noted cases of financial fraud, which entail

falsifying documents to open fraudulent bank accounts, apply for loans, or make unauthorised purchases.

Also, FIA states that Batswana continued to fall victims to phishing scams mostly through mobile money transactions, through which a total of 18 cases were reported during the period under review.

In this type of fraud, scammers masquerade as agents or representatives from mobile companies in an attempt to defraud their victims.

In most cases, scammers tell their victims that their mobile money accounts have randomly been selected as winners from an ongoing competition, which the victims will not have participated in.

The scammers will then ask their victims to dial certain numbers in their mobile phones in order to access the money they have purportedly won, and in the end the victims realise that they were in fact being tricked to transfer their balances to phone numbers belonging to fraudsters.

Hence FIA encourages individuals to be vigilant at all times and to keep their personal information secure. **BOPA**



Botswana’s flagship dairy project Milk Afric has officially changed its name to Milk Valley Farm. The project interim general manager, Mr Onkemetse Bareki said the renaming marked a new chapter in the journey to advancing Botswana’s dairy industry and contribute to national food security. Photos: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Milk Afric rebrands as Milk Valley Farm

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - Botswana’s flagship dairy project, Milk Afric, has officially rebranded to Milk Valley Farm, marking a transformation in its quest to advance the country’s dairy industry and contribute to national food security.

Interim General Manager

Mr Onkemetse Bareki said that the renaming symbolised a new chapter in the farm’s development.

“The renaming aligns with Botswana’s economic diversification goals. It plays a crucial role in reducing Botswana’s reliance on imported dairy products, thereby strengthening local food security

and supporting domestic dairy production, Mr Bareki said.

In its commitment to enhancing the dairy value chain, Milk Valley Farm aims to bolster local dairy production capacity through partnerships with key stakeholders and farmers.

The farm’s initiatives are designed to align with Botswana’s Dairy Strategy as well.

“By investing in innovation, technology, and capacity building, we can create a thriving ecosystem that generates employment opportunities, improves efficiencies, and boosts regional market development,” Mr Bareki added.

Official highlights development priorities

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - North West District Council’s senior economic planner, Ms Malebogo Magano, has informed stakeholders that some of the proposed programmes and projects were subject to change due to the prioritisation process being conducted without a budget ceiling from the relevant ministry.

Ms Magano made these remarks during a recent District Development Committee (DDC) conference, which convened all development partners to discuss and consolidate contributions to the District Development Plan (DDP 9) and the National Development Plan (NDP 12).

The Local Authority Key Issue Paper (LAKIP), presented by Ms Magano, outlined all critical issues within the district that the forthcoming DDP/NDP

will address through various programmes and projects. The North West District identified these key issues last year through extensive consultations with local communities.

Ms Magano said although they proposed additional projects, she said not all would be approved.

“Only projects and programmes that are included in NDP 12 will be funded. Those not funded in DDP 9 will be prioritised and carried over into the next national plan,” she said.

Furthermore, she highlighted the necessity for the district to align its identified issues with new government priorities, as well as established development frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the African Agenda 2063. The newly formed government, Ms Magano noted, was focusing on six pillars

and eight priority sectors: mining, tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, trade, transport and logistics, financial real estate and business services, and sports and logistics.

Ms Magano cited specific proposals that addressed prominent community concerns, such as the construction of a senior secondary school, aimed at alleviating congestion at the existing Maun Senior Secondary School, the design and construction of internal roads, the installation of solar street lighting, tower lights in strategic areas, and the development and maintenance of stormwater drainage systems in Maun and Sehithwa.

Additionally, she said the community proposed for re-instatement of shoulders on existing sealed roads, including pedestrian sidewalks in Maun.

She said other proposed projects included design and construction of cultural village and amphitheater with a view to boost tourism activities, design and construction of a new airport at Chanoga and maintenance thereof as well as construction of multi-species abattoir for small stock, poultry and piggery.

In response, stakeholders commended planners for prioritising developmental projects that aimed to give the district a facelift and improve the livelihoods of the communities.

Also, they argued that the district had been lacking behind in terms of developments.

“This document is comprised of good projects and programmes that could take our district to a higher level and I applaud the planners for working collectively,” said Kgosi Cosmos Lelatlhego. **BOPA**

Currently, the farm operates below its potential, housing only 214 cows, which includes 91 milking cows, two bulls, and 121 dry cows and heifers.

Presently, they milk 102 lactating cows twice a day at 6am and 6pm, with each animal producing approximately 15-20 litres daily.

The farm currently employs 18 workers, including four women. At full capacity, Milk Valley Farm is projected to create over 250 direct and indirect jobs, thereby strengthening the local economy. **BOPA**

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Kanye	25 & 26 April	Letlhakane	25 – 26 April
Lobatse	28 April	Serowe	28– 29 April
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Sbrana acute wards undergo refurbishment

GABORONE - Contractors are currently on site to refurbish the acute wards at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital, with one ward already handed over in December 2024.

The Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse told Parliament that there was frequent vandalism of the facility by patients noting that to this end, major renovations were required to attend to other sectors of the hospital, but limited owing to budgetary constraints.

Furthermore, he said ministry had engaged the fire department to conduct assessment and recommendations in order to address challenges of vandalised facilities and non functioning equipment.

On the issue of staff shortage at the facility, Mr Ookeditse said the ministry had sent a number of health professionals for further training in psychiatric related courses.

He noted that last year, five psychiatrists graduated, while 16 more were expected to graduate

in the next three years, with an additional 65 psychiatric nurse specialists also expected to graduate within the next year.

Furthermore, Mr Ookeditse said the ministry was in discussions with the University of Botswana to decentralise training, which would also increase psychiatric services in Botswana.

As for accommodation, the assistant minister highlighted that the leadership of the hospital was working closely with the Office of the District Commissioner to help where possible.

Additionally, he said currently, there were only 60 houses against a staff compliment of 330.

Lobatse MP, Mr Kamal Jacobs had wanted to know if the minister was aware of the state and situation at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital, particularly in terms of health risks, that included patients' well-being, state of the facility and well-being of employees. **BOPA**

Area between Orapa, Francistown policed from other posts

GABORONE - There are no plans to construct a police station between Francistown and Orapa area and due consideration would be made in future.

Answering a question in Parliament on behalf of the Minister for State President, the Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale said the ministry was aware that there was no fully functional police station between Francistown and Orapa and the area was policed by Borolong, Jamataka, Matsitama, Mabesekwa, Chadibe and Mmea police posts.

He said these police posts also covered the villages and their surrounding settlements, lands and cattle posts.

Dr Butale said, additionally, Tatitown, Tonota and Letlhakane police stations support these villages and surrounding areas and currently crime in all those areas was manageable.

He said the Mabesekwa police vehicles has mechanical setbacks since 2014 and currently awaited major service with the main constraints being non-availability of finances.

Dr Butale further said Chadibe police post was never issued with a vehicle but instead was assisted with Borolong vehicle, which also had mechanical faults since 2023.

He said in the meantime, the two police posts were serviced with vehicles from Tatitown, and Tonota police stations.

Shashe West MP, Mr Jeremiah Frenzel had asked the minister if there were plans place to construct a police station between Francistown and Orapa.

He also inquired as to when the lack of police vehicles at Chadibe and Mabesekwa would be addressed.

BOPA

Council embarks on health facilities assessment

GABORONE - Clinic and health posts were transferred from the Ministry of Health to that of local government and traditional affairs in their current maintenance state.

Responding to a question from MP for Tati East, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture on the deplorable conditions of Ditladi Health Post, the Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse

explained that the council would embark on a comprehensive assessment of all health facilities under their control, develop a prioritised maintenance list and work to bring them to an acceptable status.

He added that the health ministry would also transfer budget that had been allocated for maintenance of clinics to the respective councils following

the takeover in April 1.

He said budgetary constraints in recent years contributed to the maintenance backlog and some of the current deficiencies in the facilities including Ditladi Health Post.

Mr Furniture also wanted to know how the minister intends to rectify the deplorable conditions of Ditladi Health Post. **BOPA**



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Organisational review to address inconsistencies at DIS, DBS

GABORONE - Government intends to carry out an organisational assessment and redefine the job descriptions to address inconsistencies in both the Department of Information Services (DIS) and Department of Broadcasting Services (DBS).

Responding to a parliamentary question on behalf of the Minister for State President, the Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale said initially both departments had personnel located in Gaborone and subsequently, their roles and responsibilities grew to include the districts.

He observed that during these transitions, no organisational assessment had taken place to evaluate the scope and complexity of specific roles, potentially leading to these discrepancies.

Dr Butale said this situation had resulted in a deadlock and slowed the advancement of workers in both divisions, especially those in Information Services who appear to be at a disadvantage, hence the need for reviews to tackle the inconsistencies.

He stated that the total of reporters on the C1 salary scale at DBS was 18, whereas at DIS had 25.

Dr Butale observed that on average, officers had remained at C1 scale for 10 years, with some cases exceeding 15 years of stagnation.

He also stated that past attempts had been made via manpower planning to increase band strength, stagnation and welfare issues.

Dr Butale also pointed out that at present, DBS had 445 staff members instead of the anticipated 482, while DIS had 258 staff members out of the expected 276.

Additionally, he said DBS operated 15 outstations, comprising one station headed at D2, eight stations at D3, three stations at D4, and three stations within the C1 salary scale.

On the contrary, he said DIS operated 19 offices divided among four regional locations in Francistown, Serowe, Molepolole, and Kanye.

He said the regional offices were led at D3, while other district offices were managed at C1 and D4 salary levels, that is four at D3, one at D4 and 19 at C1 salary levels.

Minister Butale stated that the roles of Information Services and Broadcasting Services

involved sharing information and conveying public policies related to Botswana's social, political, and economic progress.

Broadcasting Services fulfilled its mandate via radio and television, whereas Information Services accomplished its mandate through print, such as DailyNews, Kutlwano Magazine, and various other publications.

Molepolole North MP, Mr Arafat Khan had requested the minister to provide the staffing levels for the two departments, detailing core responsibilities and support employees, while also indicating the number of outstations per department and the number of those outstations managed by staff in salary grades C1, D4, D3, D2, and D1 within each department.

Mr Khan also wanted to know why the DIS had more officers leading outstations on C1 and D3 salary scales, while this was not the same for the DBS.

Additionally, he requested that the minister specify the count of officers on the C1 top-notch salary scale within the departments and why employees at DBS appeared to be progressing better career wise compared to those at DIS.

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‘Satellite data critical for development’

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - There is need to educate Batswana on how satellite data could contribute toward national development, particularly in agriculture, environmental conservation and disaster management.

Briefing Parliament on Thursday, the Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere said the recent

successful launch of Botswana Satellite (BOTSAT 1) on March 15, marked transformation step in Botswana’s journey to becoming a space-enabled nation.

“Our ministry pushes research and innovation, therefore it will be important to launch another satellite for consistency,” he said adding that the ministry was planning for the design and eventual launch of the next satellite BOTSAT 2.

Additionally, Mr Tshere said the project had enhanced the country’s ability to make data-driven decisions in key sectors such as agriculture, environmental conservation, wildlife management, border security, urban planning and gauge the extent of drought.

“For years, we have relied on external satellite data, thereby limiting our ability to respond swiftly to nation’s challenges and

needs,” he said.

Going forward, Minister Tshere said there was a need to establish a team to oversee the effective use of BOTSAT 1 data across government ministries, ensuring that space derived insights that benefit citizens.

He said the Botswana Space Agency, would be a department that processed and packaged information from the satellite.

Mr Tshere said budget for establishing BOTSAT 1 was around P30 million and said his ministry had requested about P40.5 million for data storage and data processing.

Mr Tshere said the satellite was equipped with a hyper spectral camera with over 120 spectral brands, which would provide valuable data for the national development.

He said BOTSAT 1 has an expected lifespan of approximately five years, mainly due to factors such as orbit conditions and component degradation overtime.

“The satellite orbits the earth at an altitude of approximately 500-550km. The camera has image coverage per pass of approximately 32km,” he said.

He said his ministry was established to provide leadership and policy development, strategy and standards of communication, knowledge utilisation, research, science and technology.

The ministry has collaborated with Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) on the BOTSAT 1 project.

He said BIUST played a critical role in the design, integration

and testing of the satellite while the ministry provided strategic oversight and funding to ensure that Botswana’s space ambitions align with national priorities. Mr Tshere said the ground station at BIUST was meant to receive and process data in real time.

Additionally, he said Botswana space engineers were also trained to join international experts in the assembly, integration and testing of the satellite at Endurosat in Bulgaria.

Commenting on the briefing, MP for Chobe, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga said for educational purposes, there should be a website where the public could access data collected by the satellite.

Selebi Phikwe East MP, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana welcomed the satellite launch as a positive development. He asked the minister to be specific on when the proposed BOTSAT 2 would be launched.

Specially Elected MP, Major General Pius Mokgware said the satellite would help with information to address challenges of climate change.

Responding to legislators’ comments and questions, Minister Tshere said the collected data had value and would be given at a fee.

He said there would be no website to show what had been collected as some data was sensitive and the information would be delivered upon request.

The minister said the satellite was for surveillance purposes such as detecting drought and other environmental challenges.

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Government puts rescue plan for Minergy Coal

GABORONE - Government has put a rescue plan for Minergy Coal to fix its solvency status by agreeing to a conversion of government’s debt into equity in order to improve the balance sheet of Minergy Coal.

Answering a question in Parliament on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Minerals, the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said this would allow Minergy Coal to raise capital for the medium to long term whilst operations continue.

He said Minergy Coal was the owner and operator of the Masama Coal Mine near Media and added that Minergy Limited owned Minergy Coal, a public company listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE).

Mr Mmolotsi said Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund held a significant shareholding of the 51.15 per cent shares at BSE through various asset managers such as Vanani Fund Managers (9.15 per cent), Morula Capital Partners (13.73 per cent) and others.

He further said some Batswana have also invested individually and others through local pension funds through various fund managers.

The minister said according to Minergy Limited’s latest annual financial statements, there was a well-diversified subscription of

investors in Australia, and New Zealand.

He said currently, there were no stated owned entities that held any shareholding in either Minergy Limited or Minergy Coal. Mr Mmolotsi further explained that government’s interest in the company was through the Minerals Development Company Botswana (MDCB) and the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), with both interests being a result of loan advances over time to Minergy Coal for operations.

MDCB, he noted, had lent Minergy P636m and BDC P80m. Mr Mmolotsi said these investments were in a form of quasi debt instruments and were both convertible to equity at the election of MDCB and BDC.

He said due to the fact that Minergy Limited was a company listed on the BSE and currently in a closed reporting period, he was limited on providing details outside of what was currently publicly available as per the BSE listing rules.

The minister said MDCB made its initial investment into Minergy in 2019 following a comprehensive review of the proposed business case from the promoters of the business and approval by MDCB shareholder, the government.

The funding, he said, was undertaken through convertible

facility and the facility was amended to include a further P40m in March 2020 under the Amended and Restated Secured Debenture Facility Agreement (ARSDFA).

The minister further said in December 2020, an additional facility of P125m was disbursed in two equal tranches of P62.5m under ARSDFA, bringing the total facility to P235m, excluding accrued interest and fees.

He said that Minergy Limited, being Minergy Coal’s shareholder listed on the BSE had made an equity investment of P310.5m into the business whilst BDC invested P80m through a convertible preference share note programme in 2020.

Mr Mmolotsi said the investments reflected capital requirements and that the mine was initially proposed to have a production throughout of 250 000 tonnes per month or three million tonnes per annum, providing significant economies of scale and market pressure resilience.

However, he said owing to challenges in raising the required capital, the mine was developed at half of its ideal capacity or 1.5 million tonnes per annum, with a view of doubling up production post the commencement of operations. In 2023, he said MDCB loaned Minergy a further P90m to assist with its working capital challenges, which has

led to the shutdown of mining operations by the mining contractor, Jarcon Opencast Mining.

Mr Mmolotsi said that the investment afforded Minergy Coal the latitude to manage the mining contractor exit strategy prudently.

He added that in the same year, there was subsequent funding of P289m by MDCB as part of the wider business stabilisation and turnaround plan that saw the exit of the then mining contractor, replacement of the mining contractor with a new citizen owned contractor, resumption of operations and market re-entry.

Mr Mmolotsi explained that a further funding of P22m was made by MCB in 2024 to assist the company against the prolonged depressed coal market and prices.

Additionally, he said the stabilisation and turnaround strategy included a subsequent capital restructuring of the business to deleverage the balance sheet and attract investment and capitalisation to give the business more resilience towards realisation of its full potential.

He said the plan was in tandem with the parent company’s plan for recapitalisation.

Pertaining to the status of the loans, he said since 2019, Minergy Coal had made payments of P8.5m toward BDC facility over

the period, while there were no payments that had been made on the MDCB facilities but interest accrued on the facility.

He added that Minergy has been operating under unstable coal market challenges in the inland market, South Africa and Namibia and that the COVID-19 impact and implications on the business, as well as coal logistical hurdles prevailing at the current production capacity impacted the company’s profitability.

Mr Mmolotsi said that since the inception of the mine, Minergy Coal had paid P32 119 782.46 to the government as royalties and that the government does not have any equity interest.

He also said that since inception, the mine has produced a total of 4 163 072 tonnes of coal from a total coal resource of 380 million tonnes.

Mogoditshane East MP, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang had asked the minister to apprise Parliament on the shareholders of Minergy and the shareholders’ percentage and to further state if any state owned entity had funded the mine.

He also wanted to know the status of the facility and how much the mine contributed toward government coffers as royalties and as profit sharing as well as the total quantities of coal mined from inception to date.

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Khansele e amogela semmuso ditirelo tsa dikokelo

Ka Masego Tabengwa

MASUNGA - Lephata la Botsogo le roletse ditirelo tsa botsogo go ya kwa dikhanseleng kgwedi ya Moranang e le mararo mo kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba.

Dibui ka go farologana kwa go roleng ditirelo tseo ba ne ba rotloetsa tshwaragano le

tirisanyo mmogo magareng ga bodiredi jo bo gorogang le jo bo ntseng bo le teng jwa khansele, ba tlhalosa fa seo se ka ba kgontsha go isa ditirelo kwa bathong jaaka go solofetswe.

Ba boletse fa setshaba se na le tsholofelo e kgolo ya gore khudugo ya ditirelo tsa dikokelo go ya dikhanseleng go tlaa ba thusa go bona ditirelo tse di

botoka.

Mo mafokong a gagwe, Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Bokone Botlhaba yo gape e leng mokhanselara wa Mosojane/Mulambakwena/Pole, Rre Mbaakanyi Smart o supile fa a na le tsholofelo ya gore dikgwetlho dingwe tse di leng teng mo dikokelong di tlaa rarabololwa mo tsamaong ya nako.

Le fa go ntse jalo, o ne a ba gwetlha go seke ba letlelela dikgwetlho tseo go ba ema pele go tswaledisa tiro ya bone ya letsatsi le letsatsi ya go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong.

Rre Smart a re ka go lebega bodiredi jwa dikokelo bo itumeletse phetogo eo, ba seka ba itebelela fela gore ditsamaiso tsa bone tsa pereko di ya go tokafala mme ba bo ba lebala tiro e kgolo ya go isa ditirelo tsa botsogo kwa

bathong.

Mokwaledi wa khansele ya Bokone Botlhaba, Rre Lebuile Israel a re ka kang kgolo ya khansele e le go isa ditlamelo, o bona go goroga ga bodiredi jwa ditirelo tsa dikokelo go tlaa oketsa le go nonotsha khansele go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong.

O tlhalositse fa ba solofetse badiri ba ka tshwara makgolo a mararo le masome a mane le botlhano (345) go tswa kwa dikokelong tsa kgaolo ya Bokone Botlhaba ka kakaretso, a re seo se, oketsa palo ya badiri ba ba leng teng mo khanseleng eo, ba ba makgolo a marataro le masome a mane (640).

Rre Israel o ne a tshepisa fa ba tlaa thulanya ditlhogo le bana-le seabe go bona gore sepe se se tlhokang go baakangwa le diphatlha tse di ka tswang di

le teng mo ditirelong tseo di ka baakangwa le gore di ka thijwa jang.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, molomaganya ditirelo tsa botsogo mo kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba, Mme Kelebeletse Mokobela a re go tla ga bone kwa khanseleng ga go a tshwanela go kgopakgopetsa ope, mme tsholofelo ke gore ba goge ba le seoposengwe.

Mme Mokobela o ne a supa boitumelo jwa go bo thulaganyo ya ditirelo tsa botsogo e le ya maemo a a kwa godimo, a re seo se supagetse ka nako ya tthagogo ya bolwetse jwa COVID-19, ka ba ne ba kgona go boloka matshelo a batho ba le ba ntsi.

Ka moo o ne a tshepisa gore ba ya go tswelera jalo ka mowa oo, le ba le kwa khanseleng. **BOPA**

Bokopano jwa khansele bo tlaa tshwarelwa kwa metseng e mengwe

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Palapye Rre Kabo Ketshogile a re khansele e tla a sekaseka gore mo mogopolong wa gagwe o a neng a o baya makhanselara pele wa go isa khansele kwa setshabeng, bokopano jwa khansele bo tla a tshwarelwa kwa metseng efe mo kgaolong ya gagwe.

O ne a bua jalo kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e a neng a e buisa mo Palapye ka Labone. Maikaelelo a diphuthego tsa modulasetilo wa khansele tse a di buisitseng mo metseng yotlhe ya kgaolo ya Palapye e ne e le go ikitsise banni le gore banni ba bue dikgang tsa bone tse ba nang le tsone.

A re go tla a rulaganngwa gore go iwa kwa metseng efe gore banni ba kgone go tsena bokopano jwa khansele, ba bone selebego sa yone ba bo ba utlwe gore go buiwa eng kwa bokopanong jwa khansele.

Rre Ketshogile o ne a itsise banni ka ditsamaiso tsa khansele a ba a ba gakolola gore ba na le tshwanelo ya go tsena khansele fa bokopano jwa yone bo tsena go utlwa tse di diragalang kwa khanseleng.

A re banni ba Palapye ba na le sebaka se se ntsi sa go tsena khansele ka ba na le khansele mo motseng wa bone.

O ne a itsise banni gape gore khansele e tsere tshwetso ya gore modulasetilo wa khansele a nne le letlole la ofisi ya gagwe le madi a lone a tlaa thusang mo ditirong tse di farologaneng tsa ditlhabololo.

A re mogopolo oo, o ne a o baya makhanselara pele mme wa dumalanwa mme a re madi a letlole leo a tlaabo a thusa mo ditlhabololong dingwe tsa metse.

Rre Ketshogile o ne gape a gakolola dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse go tswa mo segologong sa gore tiro ya bone e nne go hirisa matlo mme ba dire tse di ka dirang madi di tswana le kgwebo go thusa motse go tlhabologa.

Gape a re ditiro tse di

tshwanang le go baakanya mabati a dikole di ka dirwa ke komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse go thusa khansele kana puso.

A re tiro ya gagwe e le modulasetilo wa khansele le makhasenlara ke go rurifatsa gore mananeo a a ntshiwang ke puso a a dirafadiwa le gore a Batswana ba fiwa dithuso sentle.

Mothusa molaodi wa kgaolo ya Palapye, Rre Kabelo Tshekiso o ne a supa fa go na le lenaneo la Re A Nyalana le bangwe kwa metseng e mengwe ba le akotseng.

A re kwa mafelong a mangwe, bangwe ga ba le amogele fa bangwe ba sotla ba bangwe ba re ke lenyalo la ga mmaboipelego ntswa e le lenyalo le le tshwanang le lenyalo lengwe le lengwe.

Rre Tshekiso a re batho fa ba nyalane ka Re A Nyalana, setlankana sa lenyalo se tswana fela le sa ba ba sa nyalanang ka lenaneo le.

A re batho ba le bantsi ba nna mmogo ba sa nyalana mme ba kgobokanya dithoto, mme fa yo mongwe a tlhokafala, go nna le kgotlhang e e felelang e ya kwa go kgosi.

O ne a ba rotloetsa gore ba gololesege mme ba ba batlang go nyalana ka lenaneo le, ba ikwadise ba nyadisiwe.

A re kwa mafelong mangwe a kgaolo ya Palapye, ba setse ba ithulagantse e bile ba emetse molaodi gore a ba nyadise.

O ne a ba itsise gape ka thulaganyo ya go isa ditlamelo kwa setshabeng e ba isetsang banni ditlamelo gore ba kgone go di fitlhelela e bile ba itse ka mananeo a a farologaneng a a leng teng mo pusong.

A re go tla a dirwa dithulaganyo tsa gore le mo motseng wa Palapye, ba atumeletswe ditlamelo gore ba itse ka mananeo a a leng teng.

Banni kwa phuthegong eo ba ne ba ngongorega ka dikgwa tse di leng teng mo mafelong a Extension 6 le 11, tse ba supileng fa di oka dirukutlhi le bone batho ba ba latlhelang matlakala mo go tsone. **BOPA**



Mogolwane kwa Selebi Phikwe Citrus, Rre Johan Janse van Vuuren o supile fa go kgaoga ga motlakase kgapetsa kgapetsa bosheng go sa babalela tiro ya go bapalwa ga maungo a sika-loo namune.

Ba tsweletse ka go bapala surunamune

Ka Chendzimu Manyepedza

SELEBI PHIKWE - : Mogolwane kwa Selebi Phikwe Citrus, Rre Johan Janse van Vuuren o supile fa go kgaoga ga motlakase kgapetsa kgapetsa bosheng go sa babalela tiro ya go bapalwa ga maungo a sika-loo namune. A re go bapalwa ga disurunamune go simolotswe kgwedi eno e rogwa mme tsotlhe di apere tshiamo.

O tlhalositse fa go dirisiwa diatla fela ntle le motshine go ka bapala maungo ao.

A re go bapala maungo ka diatla go ba fa sebaka sa go tlhophi maungo a boleng jo bo kगतललसलंग, mme a a iseng a wele go butswa a tlogelwa mo setlhareng go fitlhela a nna mo seemong se se siameng.

O supile fa tiriso ya motlakase e tlhokega thata fa go pakiwa maungo go ya ka boleng jwa one, le fa go ntse jalo a re ba itemogetse fa go le botlhokwa go loga maano a go tla go babalelwa ke kgaogo ya motlakase ka nako ya go paka maungo.

Ka jalo, a re ba malala a laotswe go tsenya sefetlha motlakase (generator) go thusa ka nako ya go tlaola le go paka maungo.

Go sale foo, o ile a supa fa thobo ya ngwaga o, e nametsa go gaisa ya ngwaga o fitileng, a re fa tsotlhe di apere tshiamo, ba solofetse bokete jwa thobo ya 20 000 tonnes, sengwe se a tlhalosang fa e le kgolo ka jaana thobo ya ngwaga o o fitileng ene e le 5 000 tonnes.

A re thobo ya ngwaga ono le yone e bone mmaraka kwa mafatsheng a sele a akaretsa a Europa, America le a mangwe fela jalo. Gape a re se se supa fa maungo a a rojwang kwa tshimong eo e le a boleng jo bo kगतललसलंग, e bile seo se tla tswelera se baya lefatshe leno mo mmepeng ka tsa merero ya temo ya sika loo namune. A re go bapalwa ga maungo go tlaa tswelera go fitlhela kgwedi ya Lwetse ngwaga ono, mme mo lobakeng lo lo sa fediseng pelo go tla simololwa go bapalwa dinamune.

O boletse gore ntswa tshimo e tsweletse ka go gola, dikgwetlho di akaretsa diji ga di ba robatse, le fa go ntse jalo a re ba dira ka bojotlhe go itepatepanya le diemo tseo. **BOPA**

TB Caucus Botswana Chapter launch Thursday

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Parliamentary Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS convened with the Ministry of Health to discuss the upcoming launch of the TB Caucus, Botswana Chapter. The event is scheduled for April 10 at the Travel Lodge in Gaborone.

In a statement presented to Parliament on Thursday, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi, the chairperson of the Parliamentary Health and HIV/AIDS Committee, expressed his support for the initiative, saying it had could to unite Members of Parliament (MPs) and policy makers in a concerted effort to combat the tuberculosis (TB) crisis in a non-partisan and inclusive manner.

“The caucus is long overdue, considering the milestones achieved by other countries that have long established similar initiatives,” Mr Moalosi said.

He emphasised the severity of the TB impact on global health, noting that it continued to afflict millions and inflicts social and economic repercussions. Botswana, he remarked, has not been immune to the epidemic.

Highlighting the significance of World Tuberculosis Day, observed on March 24, Mr Moalosi

reiterated the urgent call to action against TB, highlighting its status as the world’s deadliest infectious disease, which threatened human health.

The MP for Nkange recounted a pivotal agreement made in 2014 when MPs and political leaders signed the Barcelona Declaration on TB, pledging commitment to sustained action and substantial investment in the fight against the disease.

He commended all stakeholders dedicated to eradicating the TB epidemic, calling for a unified approach moving forward. “We further urge Members of Parliament and communities in the villages to come together to commit, invest and deliver more to end TB,” he said.

Mr Moalosi said Parliament supported the Ministry of Health’s intention to carry out TB Prevalence Survey to ascertain the true picture of the disease in Botswana

“Our role as Members of Parliament is to provide an enabling environment through the allocation of funds, for the enactment of laws, policies and projects,” he said.

Mr Moalosi said the committee was calling on the Ministry of Health to always ensure availability

of drugs in all health facilities across the country.

“This is critical in maintaining and restoring health and averting resistance of certain drugs on patients,” said Mr Moalosi.

Commenting on the statement, the MP for Tswapong South, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang said Pan-African Parliament was speaking more about the African TB Caucus, which was emphasising that each Parliament must have a caucus fighting TB.

Dr Gobotswang wanted clarity on the membership of the TB Caucus and added that Parliament had passed a Bill on anti-smoking and therefore wanted to establish on whether the Bill was signed into a law and put into use.

He said it was worth noting that tobacco smoking was among the leading causes of TB in the world.

In his response, Mr Moalosi said TB Caucus was open to all MPs and not restricted to only those in the Health and HIV/AIDS committee.

He said the launch would elaborate on how the TB Caucus would operate.

Mr Moalosi said according to the health officials, TB has overtaken HIV and AIDS in mortality, therefore its fight must be taken seriously. **BOPA**



Chairperson of the Parliamentary Health and HIV/AIDS Committee, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi said the TB Caucus, Botswana Chapter would enable MPs along with other policy makers to tackle the TB epidemic in a non-partisan and inclusive manner.

Hikuama calls for 26-day pay for teachers

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama has said teachers invest a lot of their time and effort working extracurricular activities including schools sport, organising social clubs, marking and preparation, and deserve to be remunerated more than what they currently earn.

Presenting a motion before Parliament on Thursday for government to introduce a 26-day month pay model for teachers in Botswana public schools, Mr Hikuama said the peculiarity of teachers’ work in shaping the minds of the next generation needed to be recognised.

He said while the Public Service Act currently provided for civil servants to be paid for a standard 22-day monthly wage, which amounts to five working days per week, the nature of work teachers are occupied with forces them to work extra hours, and this needs to be recognised through a 26-day month pay structure.

Mr Hikuama said the motion aimed to recognise the crucial role teachers’ play in fostering a positive learning environment; to improve the overall welfare of teachers through adjustments in their compensation structure; as well as to facilitate a smooth restoration of sports and extracurricular activities in public schools.

He said teachers were the backbone of the country’s development, and their role in producing the human capital that drove the country’s socio-economic and nation building agenda needed to be recognised.

Mr Hikuama said teachers do

multi-faceted work that included fostering knowledge, critical thinking, acting as mentors and counselors as well as providing psycho-social support to students.

He said they also served in school committees, planned lessons, marked and graded assignments, and this encompassed a lot of work that cannot be confined to normal working hours.

Maun West MP said teachers also dedicated time to coaching sports teams, leading clubs and organising other supplementary activities, and thus needed to be compensated accordingly.

“Adopting a 26-day month pay model would help reduce the conflict between teacher and school management and government. The disruption of school sporting and extra-curricular programmes stem primarily from a dispute over teachers’ remuneration for work done outside regular working hours,” Mr Hikuama said.

MP for Gaborone Central and also Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale responded by saying while he agreed with overall spirit of the motion, there was a need for comprehensive stakeholder consultation before such a

motion could be adopted.

Dr Butale said teachers unions needed to be brought on board to ensure that when such a motion is approved by Parliament, all aspects of teacher welfare and conditions of service are explored and thoroughly discussed with the relevant stakeholders, such that government does not address their issues in a piecemeal manner.

He also said the Public Service Act was currently under review, including looking at the conditions of service of specialised cadres including teachers, and this process would

include negotiations with teacher unions.

While agreeing with the 26-day month pay model, he said the teachers unions might also want a package of incentives included and this would allow government to bargain and come to a collective agreement.

NkangeMP, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi was in support of the motion, acknowledging teachers workload.

He said as a product of the school system, he understood the need for a better wage structure for teachers. **BOPA**



Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama presenting a motion for government to introduce a 26-day month pay model for teachers in public schools. Mr Hikuama said the peculiarity of teachers’ work in shaping the minds of the next generation needed to be recognised. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Minister confirms overtime payment for police officers

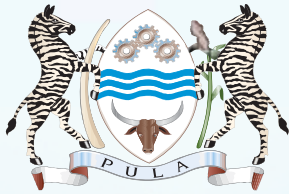
GABORONE - The Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale has said out of 9 967 police officers who were engaged during the 2024 General Elections, 9 388 have been paid their allowances.

Answering a question in Parliament on Thursday on behalf of the Minister for State President, Dr Butale said the remaining 579 would be paid before end of May.

He noted that the delay was caused by among others, wrong data input as well as multiple payments for those who were entitled to more than one claim, resulting in rejection of payment by the payroll system. “An

exercise to verify and resubmit all outstanding claims has been completed. The list will be submitted to the office of the Accountant General beginning of the 2025/26 financial year,” he said. As for other persons besides the police, Dr Butale said there were 34 056 engaged during the General Elections and all the retired officers and unemployed persons who were engaged had been paid.

Tswapong South MP, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang wanted an update on outstanding payments for members of the Botswana Police Service who took part in the 2024 General Elections. **BOPA**



Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY OF STATE PRESIDENT

DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELIEF

Following the heavy Floods which affected communities countrywide, the Private Sector and different Organisations came forth to offer support both in cash and in kind to assist Government of Botswana to make a difference in the lives of all those affected.

Update as at 27th March 2025

NO	NAME OF THE COMPANY/ORGANISATION	DONATION/CONTRIBUTION
1	Botswana-China friendship Association (BOCFA) and 1 Pula Foundation	-Food hampers
2	T-connect	-Internet Connectivity gadgets
3	Huawei Botswana	-P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel,500 Blankets,12000 bottles of water and Food parcels
4	China Civil engineering construction corporation and Zhong Gan companies	-Food hampers, bottled water and blankets , Storm water drainage equipment services
5	FEI DA (PTY) LTD	-Food hampers, 200 blankets,2000 bottled water and 100 pairs of shoes
6	Liquid Intelligent Technologies	-Liquid Leo Satellite
7	Orange Botswana	-P100,000,00 in which P54 ,000 .00 will be used for Jet Fuel while P46 000.00 will be used for food and Accommodation, Airtime worth P20 ,000.00 , One thousand (1000) five (5) litres of water.
8	Letshego	-P100,000.00 for Jet Fuel
9	Tau grading	-P100,000.00 for Jet Fuel
10	Drones for Africa	-P500,000.00 worth of drone services, Arial footage, Photography and Videos
11	TEE-PEE Transport	-30 food hampers (combo – 10kg Maize meal, 10kg sorghum, 10kg rice, cooking oil, 700ml Tomato sauce, 2kg macaroni, 750ml mayonnaise)
12	Prime Communications powered by Hytera	-P60,000.00 worth of Radio Communication services
13	Tsetseng Retail Group (SPAR)	-32 bales of toilet paper, Sanitary Pads 32x24x8, Conned beef 432x6 buckets, 500g Spaghetti 900x20packs, 196x5kg Rice, 2080 Baked beans, 2L cooking oil 540 and bottled water 2040
14	SAMAB Investment	-Water Pumping services
15	Drone Technology Centre	-Drone services (arial photography, thermal imaging and live broadcast)
16	Diagnofirm	-250 blankets
17	Mohamed Ismael family	-P25 ,000.00 worth of food vouchers
18	World group of Companies (Trade world)	-250 food packages, Bath soap 250, 2L cooking oil 250, Soup 250, 5kg Rice 250, 5kg white sugar 250, 5kg flour 250, 5kg sorghum 250
19	Botswana Teachers Union	-504 bottled water, P50, 000. 00 for disaster Management Relief
20	Pedros	-100 meals
21	Hungry Lion	-100 meals
22	Chinese Enterprises Association	-100 mattresses,100 blankets,2000 liters of water,100 by 10kg Rice,100 by 12.5kg flour and 100 by 12.5kg maize meal
23	Developer Circle	-App developing services and digital platform developers
24	ZAC Construction and Gaborone United FC	-70 Mattresses; Combo (12.5kg Maize Meal, 10kg Rice, 2kg Macaroni, 2L Cooking oil, 700ml Tomato sauce and 750ml Mayonnaise) x 70
25	DE BEERS GROUP COMPANIES Kewen Group (Pty) Ltd Represented by Farai Bobo (Sales Director)Gravitas Investments T/A Sally's	-450 cases of bottled water; 100 bottles of Sally's Hypo Yoghurt
26	Arona Natural Foods	-230 Arona Cooking Oil 750ml, 20 Arona Cooking Oil 20L, Loaves of Arona Bread, 100 Brown and 100 White
27	Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC)	-P100, 000.00 Relief Funds
28	Syntech Parts	-2000 Bottles of water 500ml
29	Kapula Drones	-Drone Services
30	FloTek and Motovac Represented by Vijay Naik and Anil Kumar	-P100 000.00 for Disaster Management Relief
31	Desert Sands Motel and Sister Companies Limpopo Feed and Fencing Megasave and Fencing All Based in Palapye Represented by Nazia Nadat	-100 Vouchers worth P20.000.00 -25 Vouchers worth P5, 000.00 -25 Vouchers worth P5, 000.00
32	Agentos De Restaraucion Y Rehabilitacion Represented by Etelelang T. Serumola (Director)	-1 tonne maize meal, 60 Blankets, 5kg Sugar x30,5l Cooking Oil x30, -5kg flour x30, 5kg sorghum x30 and 384 rolls of toilet paper
33	Senn Foods Represented by Trevor Watson	-2808 Canned beef and chicken 450 bottled water (500ml)
34	Woolworths Botswana Represented Gorata Abotseng Lekau	-Clothing for men, women and children together with Food hampers worth P800, 000.00, Kiddies wear and shoes 569 (10 boxes), Ladies wear and shoes 1048 units (23 boxes) -Men's wear and shoes 532 units (14 Boxes), Homeware 146 units (3 boxes)
35	Chinese Embassy Represented by Huang Yue	-100 Mattresses,100 Blankets and 400 pairs of rain gumboots
36	XL Skyways Travel Represented by Chebukani Mfanyane	-700 Mosquito nets
37	F. Ismail Group of Companies Represented by Faizel Ismail (Managing Director)	-Chicken Licken Supplies, Optimum Health Medical Laboratories Services and Natures Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution, Grocery Vouchers worth P30 000.00
38	Hytera (Hycomms) Amafrans Investments (Pty) Ltd Represented by Mr. Sentebale Mokgethi	-600 blankets worth of P216, 000.00, Food Hampers worth of P21, 000.00 -Two Way Radio and 1 DMR Adhoc portable repeater worth P137, 010.10
39	Crown Manufacturing & Group represented by Director Mr. Iqbal Patel and	-100 Food hampers worth P40 000.00
40	Unik Construction Mr.Yun Sun	-P1 000 000.00 -13 000 Bottled water. (500ml)
41	Bank of Baroda Botswana Ltd represented by Mr. Sanjay Jashi	-P100 000.00 cash , Food Hampers-Combo 70 (Cooking oil 2l, Mayonnaise & Tomato Sauce, Rice 10kg, white star 12,5kg, Mabele 10kg, macaroni 2kg -Blankets x 70
42	AIP Botswana (Fuel & transport logistics company) represented by Ms. Kefilwe- Sefalana Moreki	-Water bowser (1400litres) -supply of drinking water to evacuation centres
43	The Bulb World represented by Bakang Makoko	-Toiletries x100 families , Toilet Papers 10packages x100 , Bath Soap 4packages x100 , Toothpaste 2packages x100 , ELight (Rechargeable Light) x100
44	Jindal Africa Represented by Neeray Saxena	-P100 000,00
45	TRANS represented by Group Head of Marketing & Communications	-Food hampers & non- foods worth over P100 000.00
46	ASANTE Tech Group represented by Justice William	-Food hampers- Combo x150units ,Blankets x 150units , Water 2700 litres, Shoes 200 units & Chairs 150
47	Gaborone University College of Law & Professional Studies (GUC)	-100 Food hampers ,50 Blankets , 1 Cow & 2 Goats , Fruits & vegetables , Total cost P50,000.00
48	Pro-Halt Represented by Kagiso Kwelagobe	-Pot holes repair Value: P100 000.00
49	Business Botswana in collaboration with Black Oak & Legae Academy	-55 packs of toilet paper , 23 packs of sanitary Pads &Food hampers
50	Cherry Splash	-P300,000.00 (P150, 000.00 for Jet fuel , P150,000.00 Transport Fuel)
51	Tranwin Holding T/A Galaxy Cash n' Carry & Bagaetsho Medical Centre	-Food hampers x60 worth P20, 400.00

52	Suits Africa Represented by Mr. & Mrs. Amos	-School stationery worth P15,000.00
53	Asphalt Botswana (PTY) LTD , Represented by Mr Plus Mphathwa	-P3000,000.00
54	Khato Civils , Represented by Ishmael Maposa and Mongezi Mwyani	-P1 100,000.00
55	Motor Centre Group Represented by Mrs Zaheera Essof	-P 500, 000.00
56	Royal Assembly Ministries International Mrs Kgalalelo Ramogapi	-P10, 000.00
57	COSPHARM Botswana Represented by Nametso Sebetlelela	-40 Mattresses, 40 Blankets , 48 * 20 Toilet Papers & 20 Latex Gloves
58	Standard Chartered Education Trust Dr Didi Biorn	-P600, 000.00 and Psychosocial Support Services to the affected
59	Builders Dept , Represented by Zain UR Rehman & Zeeshan U Mohammad	-Food Humpers *85 @ P30,500.00 , Water Pumps *5 @P9500.00 ,-P40, 000.00
60	China Jiangsu International ,Botswana (PTY) LTD	-Food Humpers @P24,995.00
61	Shiyu Li	-Children's Clothes * 40 pieces
62	Overview Radio Represented by Joey Badubi	-P100 000.00 Airtime ,100 Sanitary Pads, 300 bottled water, Food hampers worth P10 000.00
63	Softlife TissueRepresented by Myson Mbengwa	-960 units of Toilet Paper
64	NADIR and Grand Stone Investment Represented by Altaf	-100 blankets , 240 sanitary pads (10 boxes)
65	Shaanxi Construction Engineering and Top International Engineering Botswana , Represented by Zhao Shuanghai	-P200 000.00
66	Botswana National Front Women's League	-P5 000.00
67	KLI Water Bowsing Services , Represented by Thapelo Monyere	-20 000L of drinking water
68	Hill View Church Represented by Pastor Rankgate	-32 mattresses, Sanitary Pads, Cartons of water (35 bottles x 6 , 24 bottles x 2), Assorted clothing, Food hampers (rice, samp and spaghetti)
69	Botswana Hindu Society	-50 Blankets and food hampers worth P12,000.00
70	Faheb Holdings	-190 towels, bedsheets and pillows worth P17,900.00
71	Duke Holdings	-P20,000.00
72	Legae Primary English Medium School	-Books amounting to P207 000,00 in value
73	B4U Discount Centre	-8 Washing Powder, 8 Fabric Softeners, 12 Colgates, 12 bath soaps, 20 blankets
74	Alex Forbes	-Cash P50,000.00
75	Bokomo Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00 & Food hampers P50,000.00
76	Stanbic Botswana	-Cash P2,000,000.00
77	Liberty Life	-Cash P50,000.00
78	Pep Stores	-Clothing & Blankets P10,000.00
79	Protea Masa Hotel	-Cash P5,000.00
80	Inq Digital Botswana	-Cash 10,000.0
81	Bolux Botswana	-Food Hampers (Maize Meal). P156,000.00
82	Clover Botswana	-Food Hampers (Dairy) P54,000.00
83	Woolworths Botswana	-Food & Clothing Hampers P850,000.00
84	CA Sales & Distribution	-Food & Toiletries Hampers P300,000.00
85	PST Sales & Distribution	-Food & Toiletries Hampers 60,000.00
86	Kalahari Training Institute	-Food & Toiletries Hampers 10,000.00
87	ABSA Botswana	-Cash P1,000,000
88	Flotek/Motovac Group	-Cash P100,000.00
89	Unik Construction	-Cash P1,000,000.00 and drinking water P13,000.00
90	Afrivet	-10 Knapsacks
91	Dutch Reform Church Clothing	-Clothing vauled P5,000.00
92	Botswana Fujian Overseas Chinese Association	-Relief cash fund of P100,000.00 and domestic items worth P140,193.00.

93	Greater Hope Life Change Charity Society	-6 water pumps, 200 mosquito nets, 20 heavy-duty torches, & food & toiletries valued at P40,000.00.
94	HLB Botswana	-8 combo meal packages, assorted toiletries, 50 fleece jackets, & 250 bottles of 330ml water.
95	Cellphone Warehouse	-Donated a DJI Avata Drone.
96	Jackson Pools	-Contributed 3 life jackets, 3 life rings, 5 horseshoe life buoys, and 3 cushion ,buoyancy A10.
97	Puma Energy Botswana	-Donated P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel.
98	Moffat James Bango Trading Pty Ltd	-Donated P100,000.00.
99	University of Botswana Academic & Support Staff Union (UBASSU)	-Donated P10,000.00.
100	Botswana Chapter of International Women Judges Association	-Donated P10,000.00.
101	Khoemacau Copper Mining	-Pledged to repair potholes, design Segoditshane River & culverts at a value of P2,500,000.00.
102	Mobile and Electric Retailers Association of Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00
103	Kalcon PTY LTD	-Cash P100,000.00
104	Stargems Botswana Pty Ltd	-Cash P50,000.00
105	Glazing Botswana	-Cash P40, 000.00
106	Botswana Doctors Union	-CashP15,000.00
107	Business Botswana in collaboration with AGS Botswana	-18 packets of sanitary pads, 33 bottles of 5l water, 14 bags of 10kg maize meal, 14 bags of 2kg macaroni, 14 bottles of 2l cooking oil, 14 bottles of 750ml tomato sauce, 14 bottles of 750ml mayonnaise & 3 power banks.
108	Botswana Fibre Networks (BOFINET)	-Cash P100,000.00
109	Human Resources Professionals' Society of Botswana:	-Food hampers worth P5,500.00
110	Botswana Gujarati Samaj	-150 food hampers
111	Legae Academy	25 mosquito nets, 25 mattresses, hygiene kits, and food hampers
112	Priceless Connection represented by Alamaan Q. Hamdani	50 Headlamps and 20 Torches
113	Korea Community Association	300 blankets, 70 first aid kits, 2 generators, 2 chainsaws, 10 solar searchlights, and 50 protective gloves
114	Holy Ghost International Church - Bethesda TV & Partners	20 blankets
115	Fairprice Group of Companies	Clothing for children and adults valued at P15,000.00.
116	Bible Life Ministries	A financial contribution of P70,000.00.
117	Mohammed VI Foundation	100 food hampers valued at P42,630.00.



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3 FARM WORKERS needed to apply to Mmathari Moloi P O Box 2 Artesia 71484784

SKYVIEW MEDIA-FARM worker wanted at Kgwarape lands.Call 75292549

GENERAL FARM WORKERS wanted in Mmamoto land Molepolole contact 74 251 868.

APPLY FOR A farm worker- Mahalapye Area Farm. P O Box 1488 ABG Gaborone. Please Post your CV to my Watsup number Cell 76101640.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Gabane- Moritshane lands. Apply to Box 53200 Gaborone before 30/04/25.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Maitengwe, Box 196 Maitengwe, Cell 74704327 / 71729214 contact Basimane Powder.

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Mogonono lands, Kgatleng District. Apply to P O Box 1440 Gaborone. Closing date- 28.04.2025.

FARM WORKER NEEDED agent at Nchic farm. Farm ID 1001703 at Machana ploughing field. Call : 71658939

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LOWANE LODGE (PTY) LTD P.O Box 502321 Gaborone 2 farm workers are needed. Call 72108390.

2 HERD BOYS NEEDED in chobe district munga cattle post near kavimba. please contact stephen samunzala 71 309 839/ 75 204 515

KE BATLA MODISA wa dikgomo ko maboza (parakarungu) (77647551, 72 639 757)

OWNER of

- 1. LOT 30913 (FTTL 472/2022)
- 2. LOT 30914 (FTTL 470/2022)
- 3. LOT 30915 (FTTL 473/2022)

at Motatawa Fields, Letlhakane

seeks consent from neighboring fields or whoever is concerned for change of land use from Integrated farm to Mixed land use.

Forward objections to
Boteti District Council
Physical Planning Department
or call +267 75 255 811
to view the drawings.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

PLOT OWNER 9257, Letlapeng, Tlokweng inform plots owners 9256, 9255, 9254, 9253, 9258 for intention to erect a boundary wall on- her property, Any objection contact 71543329/ Tlokweng District Council at 3695000.

OWNER OF PLOT 557, Mmopane Block 1 would like to change land use from residential to multi residential. For any objections contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning Office, telephone 3105615 in writing within (14) days publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE. OWNERS of MD Petroleura (Pty)Ltd wish to inform the public about their intent to construct a road junction along A1 Road at lot 7080,Molongwane l a n d s , M m a m a s h i a . F o r any objections contact 72111819/76532838

OWNER OF PLOT 5172,Mogoditshane Block 5,would like to change landuse from single-family residential to multi-family residential.For any objection contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning within 14 days of this publication

SUBDIVISION & REGULARIZATION. Owner of tribal lot 2233 Oodi would like to sub-divide and regularize existing structure on resultant plot. For enquiries/ objections contact Kgatleng District Council on telephones 5777411, within (14) fourteen days from date of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT lot 6217 Lekgapeng ward Molepolole wishes to erect a boundary wall. For any objections forward to Molepolole Physical Planning Office.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000720/23

IN THE STATE of the late **Annetjie Dewah** who died at Letotong Ward, Oodi, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 5th of July, 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 ____ 2025.

Executor
Elias Moyo Dewah
P. O Box 40828, Gaborone
Tel: 74597944

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference - ESHGB- 000279-24

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE GAOSITWE M GASEITSEWE** who died at Bokaa Ward, Mahalapye, Republic of Botswana, Central- Mahalapye District on the 11th day of April 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.

Executrix Testamentary
Tebogo Judith Komane
P O Box 81
Mahalapye

DATED at Mochudi on this **1st Day of April 2025**

Notice to Debtors and Creditor

ESHFT – 000521- 2024

IN THE STATE of the late **Boikgapo Gasejasepe Kgwaneng** who died at Extension 15 Clinic Gaborone District, Botswana on the 10th day of June 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 this **31st day of March, 2025**

Lethogonolo Makgane, C/O Makgane Attorneys, Executor Testamentary,
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**The Managing Director,
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Email: legae@legaeinvestors.com

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 April 2025.
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

VINCENT MAJA OWNER, of lot 2738 Morwa would like to change the landuse of the stated plot from single to multi-family residence. Any objections forward to Kgatleng District Council on 5777411 within 14 days of notice.

CHANGE OF LAND use. Owner of tribal lot 13218 Lekgwapheng Molepolole would like to change the land use of this plot from single residential to multi-family residential. For enquiries/objections contact Kweneng District Council on telephone 5915122, within (14) fourteen days from date of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND use. Tshwaranang Keodibetse, owner of lot 6253 in Tlokweng wishes to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential on their plot. For comments contact Urban Heights; 71329400 or Tlokweng District Council within 14 days of this publication

I BUCHILO MOKGALO, owner of plot, 4280 in Mmopane Block 1, wishes to erect a double storey, change land use and develop from single residential to multi-residential. For any queries, the public should contact 76507028 or the Mogoditshane Council Planning department within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OWNERS OF PLOTS in Portion 5 Senthane would like to close the proposed road abutting Lion Park because it is not useful due to existing main road nearby, Any concerns should be communicated to 78022588 or Ramotswa Physical Planning offices on 5381200.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION MOOKETSI MOTLHAGODI would like to apply for planning permission for subdivision and mixed use agriculture of a ploughing field located at Egepetwa Tlokweng. For any objection contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning Division at 3695000 within fourteen (14) days of this notice.

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Please take notice in terms of Section 34 (1) (a-e) of the Tribal Land Act, 2018 that Pinkie Tshole intends to enter into an agreement with Clement Paidamoyo Manyeka and Ericah Pamela Takaendesa beneficiaries who are both non-citizens, over a residential property being Tribal Lot 8630 Mmankgodi (A Portion of Lot 8011).

The transaction involves the undermentioned property:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 8630 Mmankgodi (A Portion of Lot 8011);
SITUATE: At Mmankgodi in the Bakwena Tribal Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 600m2 (Six Hundred Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: Resolution of the Board of Thamaga Sub Land Board dated 30th day of April 2024 made in favour of PINKIE TSHOLE.

The transaction is for the sum of P60 000.00 (Sixty Thousand Pula), subject to other terms and conditions as available for inspection and consideration at the offices of **S. G. Mariri Attorneys Lot 7906, Maruapula, Gaborone.**

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer in respect of the above property must give their submissions in writing to Thamaga Sub Land Board within 30 days of this publication.

S. G Mariri Attorneys (Attorneys, Notaries & Conveyancers)
Lot 7906, Segogwane Way, Maruapula, Gaborone
P O Box 793 AAH, Gaborone
Contacts: 391 0606 / 71 487 747 / 75 300 361

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000733/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BALESENG BALESENG** who died at Kanye Ruele Ward, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Republic of Botswana on 13th January 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 Gaborone this 3rd Day of APRIL 2025.

Executor Dative
Malcolm M. Baleseng
P O Box 402280 **GABORONE**
CELL: 75921411/ 72713426

Executor Dative
Bonolo Laone Gaongalelwe
P O Box 82 **KANYE**
Cell: 72995888

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:-ESHGB-000014-24

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE MOTSAMAI TIRO** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 20th day of December 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 Gaborone on this 02 Day of April 2025.

The Executor
Joel Tiro
P O Box 1330
Molepolole
Cell: 71657720

Notice of Intention to Dispose Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen

NOTICE IS ISSUED in compliance to the provisions of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, section 34, subsection (1) (a to e) and transactions involves the following property in Tribal Land;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 14068 Mogoditshane
SITUATE: at Mogoditshane (cadastre 89) in the Bakwena Tribal territory
MEASURING: 3813m2 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen Square Meters)
HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No. **TL 559/2021** dated **17th May 2021** made in favor of Ofentse Motswiri.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Residential

The transaction is valued at P2,500,000.00 (Two million Five Hundred Thousand Pula Only). By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through Ofentse Motswiri (Pty) Ltd, P.O Box 259 Mogoditshane, Gaborone, Botswana, Cellphone No.74841275 within thirty (30) days of this advert.

The intended transaction is between OFENTSE MOTSWIRI and MULTI GRAPH VENTURES INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2025

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• MUST HAVE ACTIVE PRACTICE LICENSE AND BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOTSWANA HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL.

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- Certified copies of certificates (Academic and Professional).
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- Certified copy of proof of identity (Omang) or Passport for non-citizens.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

The Board Chairperson **or Hand delivery** Sekolo sa Anne Stine
Sekolo Sa Annestine Borakalalo ward
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Molepolole **Next to Borakalalo Clinic**

By email: annestine8@gmail.com

For further information, please contact Ms. Kelebile or Ms. Radipodi at 5921128 / 78271526 / 74665619 during working hours. (0730hrs to 1630hrs).

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Those who have already applied in the previous advert that closed on 06 March 2025 need not apply again.

CLOSING DATE: 11 April 2025.



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Official urges educators to collaborate

By Relief Lephutshi

KANYE - Kidz Academy Principal, Mr Raleigh Moyo, has called upon early childhood educators to unite.

Speaking at the launch of the Kanye Early Educators Association (KEEA) recently, Mr Moyo said education played a critical role in the formative years of a child's development, emphasising that these early stages were pivotal in shaping their lives.

"Education during these formative years is not merely a set of strategies but an essential investment in human potential," Mr Moyo stated.

He stressed the importance of recognising early interventions as a necessity for targeted support, which nurtures cognitive, social, and emotional growth in children from the start.

"To achieve these goals, we must embrace our collective responsibility. The earlier we address developmental challenges in children, the greater their chances of success in later years," he said.

He said according to American educator, Dr James Heckman, 'the highest rate of return in early childhood development comes from investing as early as possible

in disadvantaged children.'

Mr Moyo said the words of Dr Heckman served as a reminder that equity in education must begin before the traditional school years; that meant providing every child with the tools to flourish.

The University of Botswana's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Dr Marea Tsamaase stated that having an association gave the practitioners a resolute voice compared to each coming up with their own agenda.

She further said it gave them recognition, because as individuals, there was no platform to take grievances to or be advised from as opposed to when recognised as an association.

Moreover, she said the association would help capacitate members where gaps were identified.

One early educator, Ms Bonny Masupane of Gracious House Academy reiterated Dr Tsamaase sentiment of oneness and said, it would help address their challenges as a collective.

Ms Masupane said that they had no platform to take their grievances to as individual centres and hoped that KEEA would help them speak with one voice.

She urged those who had not yet joined to do so. **BOPA**



Members of the North East District disaster management committee during a donation of blankets, mattresses, and P1 000 grocery vouchers from SOS Francistown Children's Village in Masunga recently. SOS Francistown project manager, Mr Nkgopolang Dikwena, indicated that the donation was part of the disaster response efforts supported by Standard Chartered Bank, a partner of SOS Children's Village. Photo credit: Goweditswe Kome

'Be adaptable to change'

By Goweditswe Kome

MASUNGA - Time management means a commitment and individual's self-respect.

Speaking during Masunga Office of the District Commissioner's mini retreat that was organised for staff to appreciate the 2024/2025 Annual Performance Plan (APP) achievements, North East District commissioner, Mr Wame Samapipi said for better time management, every officer had to own their space and know their responsibilities.

Ms Samapipi advised officers to make decisions and recommendations in line with their own space in the departments/ sections they were assigned or seconded to.

"That would mean understanding

the mandate, the processes and everything that dictates how that work should be prepared," she said, adding that many found themselves reporting for duty everyday not knowing what they were expected to do.

She therefore reminded the employees of the Reset Agenda, which had five pillars, one of which was the Mindset Change.

The District Commissioner said the Mindset Change allowed all employees and the community to change the way they had been doing things, the way they saw things, saying for one to achieve that, they would have to pause, restart and to improve through the principle of growth mindset.

In motivating the participants of the retreat, Performance

Improvement Coordinator at Tati Land Board, Ms Tshepho Ramojadife encouraged departments and employees to work hard to deliver their mandates.

"Let the past performance (non-performance) not cloud the positive intentions towards the financial year 2025/26 in delivering the prescribed mandate," Ms Ramojadife advised.

She encouraged them to devise smart plans, ensure implementation and try by all means to work on all initiatives.

She encouraged constant feedback and constant acknowledgement of employees who outperform themselves and for supervisors to give credit where it was due. **BOPA**

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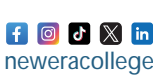


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NB: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.
CLOSING DATE: 25 April 2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Masters Reference: ESHGB 000030/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **JOSEPH LETLHOGONOLO PHALALO** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the late 10th August 2021.

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

DATED at _on this _Day of _2025.

The Executrix
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Closing Date 14 April 2025

Dikgathlong Dam beacon of hope for tourism in Robelela

By Chendzimu Manyepedza

ROBELELA - Nestled within a dense greenery lies the Dikgathlong Dam, a vast reservoir that symbolises hope and opportunity for the community of Robelela . However, government continues to commit to promoting sustainable tourism for economic diversification and job creation and therefore Robelela residents should take advantage of the dispensation.

Located 40 kilometers North East of Selibe Phikwe, the village holds significant tourism potential given the completion of Dikgathlong Dam in December 2011, that has a holding capacity of 400 000 000 cubic metres of water at optimum level, thus attracting an array of wildlife species.

The nation’s largest artificial reservoir, covering more than 400 square kilometers, was built at the tune of P1.2 billion to reticulate water to the eastern corridor; specifically through the North-South Carrier scheme (NSC-2), with a pipeline terminating in Palapye and planned extensions to Gaborone to address water supply challenges.

While the dam plays a crucial role in water supply, flood management and fosters biodiversity in the village and other areas in the vicinity, for residents, the vast body of water is more than just a reservoir as it creates a beautiful scenery complementing the village’s iconic landscape.

With the landscape that meets the serene and shimmering waters of Dikgathlong dam, the community envisions the dam as a potential cornerstone for a sustainable and prosperous tourism destination that presents an opportunity for economic revitalisation and job creation in the village.

The Dikgathlong dam is more than just a feat of engineering but has also become a sanctuary for an array of wildlife species, the convergence of these offers

a glimpse of the country’s biodiversity featuring birds, antelopes, and elephants roaming near the edges of the dam.

Kgosi Mosetsana Lekang of Robelela told BOPA that the village offers a warm welcome steeped in tradition and culture presenting opportunities in cultural tourism, there are also several archaeological sites which the traditional leader, believes can also be a feast to the eyes.

“We have a lot of untapped opportunities here to turn the village into a tourism destination area.

This can provide sustainable income for the community, ensuring that tourism benefits all of us,” Kgosi Lekang said.

She shared that efforts to capitalise on this burgeoning tourism potential have not borne any fruits so far despite the community’s zeal to make use of the opportunities.

Furthermore, Kgosi Lekang said efforts by the community were always thwarted by lack of experts to provide professional guidance on projects, adding the poor condition of the road that connects the village with Selibe Phikwe was not helping the situation.

“Our 40-kilometer road stretch from and to Selibe Phikwe was a daunting and perilous expedition rather than simple to commute.

With this pothole-riddled road, it is an uphill battle for one to rush out of the village due to lack of reliable transport.

This seems to be killing so many dreams of most people here,” she said.

Another resident at Robelela, Mr Kelethabo Kgotso, also shared his frustrations about the Robelela-Selibe Phikwe road that had squandered a lot of viable opportunities.

He said that although the road could be a doorway to promising tourism and other entrepreneurial dreams, the road’s abandonment has become a bottleneck to economic survival in the village.

“We spend long hours waiting

at the bus stop to commute to Selibe-Phikwe.

By the time we reach the offices to seek help, it is often late, and we find ourselves hurriedly trying to return before sunset,” he said.

Despite all these challenges, the community remains hopeful that one day, through the government, investors would show interest and bring solutions that would benefit them all.

The Chairperson of Bobirwa District Council, Mr Johannes Gaosikelwe, acknowledged that some villages in the Bobirwa district had the potential of being trailblazers in tourism.

He said the topography of such areas were exceptionally beautiful and abound with wildlife, adding they were also rich in cultural activities.

“The stunning dams in the area, such as Thune and Letsibogo, offer great potential for water-based tourism activities, eco-tourism, and outdoor recreation,” said Mr Gaosikilwe.

Therefore, he said the council and relevant stakeholders would work collectively and tirelessly to make efforts to develop villages that fall under Bobirwa district’s jurisdiction into tourism destination of choice.

In addition, he said that would benefit local communities and preserve the environment for continuous contribution to the district’s economic growth.

Regarding road networks, Mr Gaosikelwe also acknowledged that some roads were in bad state, and had negatively impacted on service delivery and economic activities.

He spoke of the need to invest in the rehabilitation and maintenance of some roads to ensure safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

“We strive to prioritise on enhanced connectivity among villages for improved service provision and support economic growth; we are aware that well maintained and improved road infrastructure were the backbone of progress,” he said. **BOPA**



Dikgathlong Dam

The week that was in pictures

The past week was marked by heartwarming moments, as President Advocate Duma Boko visited 110 year-old, Ms Gaselone Keaitse in Ditshegwane, fulfilling her wish of meeting the President. The President was addressing a series of kgotla meetings in Kweneng and Southern districts.

In Gaborone, Olympic Gold medalist, Letsile Tebogo continued to inspire young athletes following his appointment by the World Athletics as the ambassador

for Kids' Athletics Programme. The media fraternity also came together to honour the legacy of a fallen journalist, Koobonye Ramokopelwa at a moving memorial service.

Vice President and Minister of Finance Mr Ndaba Gaolathe visited Makalamabedi to address a kgotla meeting.

The Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo also officiated at the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, Southern and East Africa Area seminar.



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe showing his lighter side as he joined Makalamabedi Junior Secondary School Traditional Dance Group in dance during a kgotla meeting. Photo: Pheny Moalosi



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) paying a special visit to 110 year-old Ditshegwane resident, Ms Gaselone Keaitse. Ms Keaitse gained widespread attention in 2024 when she expressed her wish to meet the President in a viral social media video. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe



Botswana Media and Allied Workers Union president, Mr Phillimon Mmeso paying tribute to fallen Botswana Guardian and the Midweek Sun business editor, Koobonye Ramokopelwa at a memorial service held at Mass Media in Gaborone. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Olympic Gold medalist, Letsile Tebogo (centre) sharing tips with pupils during Kids Athletics Day in Gaborone. Tebogo was appointed ambassador for Kids' Athletics Programme by World Athletics. Kids' Athletic Programme is a global initiative that uses the power of athletics to inspire children across the world. Photo: Pheny Ramatu



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (centre) conversing with World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, Southern and East Africa Area world president, Ms Sipiwe Chisvo (left) and Molopo Region area president, Ms Patricia Mapani at a seminar in Gaborone. Photo: Felicity Male



President Advocate Duma Boko being welcomed by Kgodisong Day Care Centre pupils at a kgotla meeting in Kanye. Photo: Felicity Male



A driver escaped with minor injuries after losing control of his car, which plunged into a trench near the Tsabong traffic lights and Tsolamosese Choppies in Mogoditshane. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Hydropower project in full operation

DAR ES SALAAM - The Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project is fully operational after the activation of all nine turbines. “All nine turbines are fully operational, collectively generating 2 115 megawatts,” said Deputy Prime Minister Doto Biteko, also minister of energy, during an inspection tour of the mega power project on Saturday. He said the first turbine was switched on in February 2024,

and now all turbines, each generating 235 megawatts, were fully operational. “It is a great joy that all the

turbines are operational and generating power. The dream of harnessing electricity from a dam across the

Rufiji River has come true, and power is now available,” Biteko said. A consortium of Egyptian

companies began construction of the hydropower project, located on the Rufiji River in the Coast Region in 2019. *Xinhua*



DAR ES SALAAM - *The Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project is fully operational after the activation of all nine turbines. A consortium of Egyptian companies began construction of the hydropower station, located on the Rufiji River in the Coast Region, in 2019.* Photo: Xinhua

Leaders call for immediate ceasefire

CAIRO - Egypt president Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron called for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip during a phone conversation on Saturday, emphasising the need to restore calm and provide humanitarian aid, according to a statement from the Egyptian presidency.

The leaders underscored that a two-state solution was essential for achieving lasting peace in the region.

They also discussed Egypt’s efforts to broker a Gaza ceasefire and reviewed bilateral relations ahead of Macron’s scheduled visit to Egypt on Sunday.

The possibility of holding a tripartite summit involving Egypt, France, and Jordan in Cairo during Macron’s three-day visit was also considered, according to the statement.

Israel ended a two-month ceasefire with Hamas on March 18 and resumed air and ground assaults on the Palestinian enclave. Israel Defense Forces spokesman Effie Defrin stated on Thursday that the army had entered “a new stage” in its offensive in Gaza.

The renewed Israeli attacks have killed at least 1 309 Palestinians and injured 3 184 others, Gaza health authorities reported on Saturday. *Xinhua*



KERICHO - *A farmer at a tea factory in Kenya. Kericho county, located in the western of Rift Valley Province, is known as the ‘tea capital’ of Kenya.* Photo: Xinhua

Libyan security forces arrest 570

TRIPOLI - Libyan security forces aligned with the country’s eastern government arrested some 570 undocumented migrants of various nationalities and several suspected human traffickers near the border town of Imsa’ed on Saturday, eastern authorities said.

The arrests near Imsa’ed, close to Libya’s border with Egypt, followed investigations that uncovered several hideouts used by the migrants, the eastern security directorate said in a statement.

Approximately 570 migrants and a number of individuals suspected of human trafficking were detained during the operation, the statement added.

Libya became a major departure point for migrants, predominantly from other African nations, attempting treacherous sea crossings to Europe after a 2011 NATO-backed uprising ousted longtime ruler Muammar Gaddafi and plunged the North African country into chaos. *Xinhua*

Authorities dismantle camps for illegal migrants

TUNIS - Tunisian authorities have been dismantling camps housing undocumented sub-Saharan African migrants in the El Amra area near the eastern port city of Sfax, private radio station Mosaique FM reported on Saturday.

The radio, citing National Guard Spokesman Houcemeddine Jbabli, said the operation, which had been ongoing for three days, involved regional officials,

security forces, Red Crescent teams, and health services. Sanitary operations were conducted immediately after the camps were cleared to mitigate health and environmental risks, Jbabli added.

The spokesman estimated that around 20 000 undocumented migrants were concentrated in the El Amra and nearby Jebniana areas of Sfax province, a region that has become a primary

departure point for people attempting perilous sea crossings to Italy. J babli noted that many of the migrants are victims of human trafficking networks.

Authorities are coordinating with international migration organizations to facilitate the voluntary return of migrants to their home countries, according to Jbabli.

He confirmed the dismantling operation was ongoing and

that repatriation plans were proceeding under the daily supervision of president Kais Saied.

Tunisia, situated in the central Mediterranean, faces pressure as a major transit point for migrants and refugees from Africa and the Middle East seeking to reach Europe, often embarking on dangerous boat journeys towards the Italian island of Lampedusa. *Xinhua*

Companies aim for sustainable industry practices

ACCRA - Multiple Chinese companies on Thursday established a mining association in Accra, the capital of Ghana, reaffirming their commitment to responsible and sustainable industry practices in the country.

The Association of China-Ghana Mining (ACGM), initiated by several leading Chinese mining companies, aims to deepen cooperation between Chinese and Ghanaian mining enterprises, nurture investments, and promote technological synergy.

Addressing the launch ceremony, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah said his ministry was eager to work closely with the ACGM to enhance and streamline Chinese investments in Ghana's mining sector.

"Through structured cooperation, we can unlock new opportunities while ensuring that mining activities align with Ghana's broader developmental and sustainable goals," Buah said, adding that Ghana looks forward to technical exchanges to leverage China's technological advancements to build a mining sector that is both economically robust and environmentally sustainable.

"China's expertise in underground mining, low-grade ore development, and mining-related technical training presents invaluable opportunities for Ghana to improve efficiency, optimize resource utilization, and strengthen our global competitiveness," the minister said.

Chinese Ambassador to Ghana Tong Defa noted that the establishment of the association served as both a bridge for win-win cooperation between China and Ghana in the mining sector and an important platform for strengthening communication among the government, businesses, and local communities.

Tong added that the ACGM could help Chinese enterprises better integrate into the local market, enhance the quality of

cooperation, and achieve mutual benefits and win-win results.

The ambassador urged the association to help create more local jobs, increase the added value of minerals, and foster the healthy development of mining cooperation.

President of the ACGM Tang Zhenjiang pledged that the association would spearhead cooperation among Chinese enterprises and local collaborators for mutual benefits.

Tang also announced the establishment of a fund to help promote education, social welfare, environmental protection, and community development in Ghana. *Xinhua*



ACCRA -China and Ghana representatives at the launch ceremony of the Association of China-Ghana Mining in Ghana. Multiple Chinese companies on Thursday established a mining association and reaffirmed their commitment to responsible and sustainable industry practices in the country. Photo: Xinhua

Xinjiang women weave path to success

URUMQI - In a remote village in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, a dynamic group of rural women, including designers, tailors, livestreamers and marketers, work seamlessly together to introduce traditional Etles silk products to a broader audience. Leading this vibrant team is Azgul Dolet.

"Our clothing, which blends traditional ethnic Etles silk with modern elements, is incredibly popular," the 35-year-old entrepreneur said confidently as she introduced their products to clients.

Just a decade ago, Azgul Dolet's life was totally different. Hailing from a family of tailors in Lop Township, Hotan Prefecture, located on the southern edge of the country's largest desert, the Taklimakan, she was shy and

introverted.

Due to the remote and isolated location, her community traditionally held more conservative views. "Back then, it was rare to see women stepping out to work or starting their own businesses," said Azgul Dolet, adding that she could never have imagined founding a company and creating her own clothing brand a decade ago.

The turning point came in 2014 when Azgul Dolet spent several months studying fashion design in Urumqi, the regional capital.

The training not only broadened her horizons but also ignited her entrepreneurial passion. She saw immense business potential in Etles silk, known for its bold and colorful patterns.

Having grown up surrounded by the fabric, she recognised its

cultural significance and decided to turn this heritage into a thriving business.

However, she realised that traditional Etles silk garments were often considered old-fashioned by the younger generation, and tourists often hesitated before buying them, worrying that the strong ethnic style wouldn't fit into their everyday wardrobes.

"I needed to combine traditional elements with modern fashion," she said, explaining that she began to refine her designs, blending the heritage of Etles silk with popular contemporary trends, creating stylish qipaos (a classic tight-fitting dress), suits, wedding gowns and children's clothing.

Her new designs were an instant hit. In 2016, Azgul Dolet

established a company.

Though excited, she faced many challenges.

With limited knowledge of business operations and management, she was both thrilled and frustrated.

Thanks to the support of the local women's federation, she gained valuable opportunities to study and exchange ideas in other regions.

The federation also helped her join the Women Entrepreneurs Association of Hotan Prefecture.

"Through the association, I met many remarkable women who taught me how to manage a business and truly become an entrepreneur."

By 2024, Azgul Dolet's company had further expanded its reach by combining online and offline sales models. Through livestreaming on platforms like Douyin, they have sold over 8 000 pieces of Etles silk clothing and accessories.

The customers now span across the country, with more than 20 per cent of them from outside Xinjiang. The company currently employs 35 women, creating a stable team that includes designers, tailors, livestreamers and operators.

Employees earn up to 4 500 yuan (about US\$627) a month. Azgul Dolet's journey doesn't stop there.

Determined to give back to her community, she bought 50 sewing machines and ample training materials, inviting skilled tailors to offer professional guidance.

Since the company's inception, Azgul Dolet has organised sewing training sessions annually, benefiting 260 local women and helping them acquire valuable skills and expand their income opportunities.

She also actively mentors university students, encouraging them to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. *Xinhua*



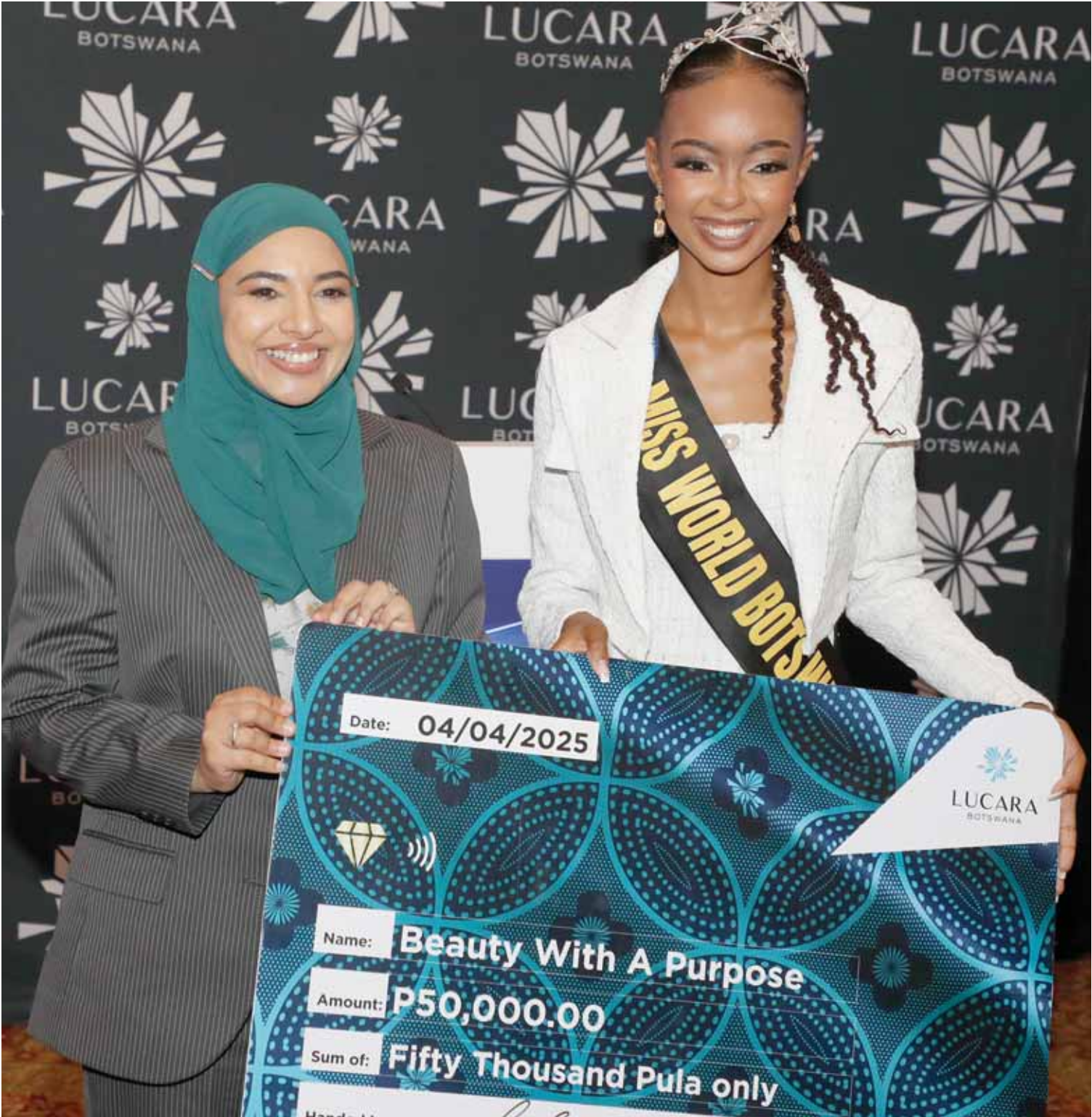
URUMQI - A dynamic group of rural women, including designers, tailors and marketers, work together to introduce traditional Etles silk products to a broader audience. Photo: Xinhua

‘Through structured cooperation, we can unlock new opportunities while ensuring that mining activities align with Ghana’s broader developmental and sustainable goals’

Lucara sponsors Miss World Botswana

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Lucara Botswana has sponsored Miss World Botswana organisation with P500 000. The diamond company's managing director, Naseem Lahri said the renewal of this partnership aimed to empower and uplift young Batswana women through the Miss World Botswana initiative. Addressing attendees in Gaborone on Friday, which included Miss World Botswana



Lucara managing director Naseem Lahri (left) handing over of P50 000 to Miss World Botswana, Anicia Gaothusi for her Beauty With a Purpose programme and an additional P500 000 to the Miss World Botswana organisation during a sponsorship handover in Gaborone on Friday. Lahri said Lucara’s relationship with Miss World Botswana was focused on developing impactful and sustainable projects, particularly those that targeted the value chain. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Anicia Gaothusi, Miss Botswana Ruth Thomas, first princess Selwana Motsemeng and second Princess Grlie Kookilwe, highlighted the pageant’s growing success.

“We have watched our journey with Miss World Botswana grow from strength to strength.

A significant moment in history was when Lesego Chombo walked the ramp with Botswana’s diamond on the world stage,” said Lahri.

She said Lucara’s relationship with Miss World Botswana was focused on developing impactful and sustainable projects, particularly those that targeted the value chain.

“We aim to diversify our impact and support entrepreneurs in their growth. From the makeup artists and hairstylists to the fashion designers working behind the scenes, they all need a platform to shine,” she added.

Lahri commended the pageant stars for putting Botswana on the international map and for making a meaningful difference with their initiatives.

She also presented Gaothusi with a P50 000 for her Beauty With a Purpose initiative called Lights, while emphasising that the nation was looking to her to elevate Botswana to even greater heights.

Miss World Botswana director, Benjamin Raletsatsi affirmed that the renewed partnership represented another milestone in improving Botswana’s economy.

“Miss World Botswana has become a formidable organisation, contributing to notable youth employment. Currently, 13 youth are actively working for the organisation,” Raletsatsi said.

He celebrated second runner-up, Kookilwe’s success in securing a job through her Beauty With A Purpose project, as well as Chombo’s rise to becoming a government minister, both of which highlighted the pageant’s lasting impact.

While Gaothusi’s departure for the Miss World stage remained unannounced, the pageant queen expressed excitement about the journey ahead and declared her determination to bring the crown home.

“I can’t wait to show you what I can do. I’m ready for Miss World, and I’m bringing the crown home,” Gaothusi said. **BOPA**

China museum to screen science movies

LHASA - The China Science and Technology Museum says it will launch a month-long display of 50 movies with special visual effects to offer audiences an opportunity to engage with the world’s science-themed cinematic works.

Running from April 8 to May 5, the screening is a part of the sci-tech section of the upcoming 15th Beijing International Film Festival.

The films originate from 14 countries, including China, Russia, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom.

They cover a diverse range of topics, from nature and aerospace to frontier technology and fantasy animation.

They will be shown on dome screens, giant screens and 4D.

Four of the featured films will have their Asian premieres and 21 will be shown for the first time in China during the screening, which will also include 21 classic and domestic science movies for free viewing, according to the museum.

Other activities, such as academic salons, science education initiatives and film concerts will be held along with the film exhibition. *Xinhua*

Peter emerges victorious in Kofukan championship

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Lefika Peter, a rising star in Botswana's Kofukan karate scene, emerged victorious at the Botswana Kagiso Open Kofukan Karate Championship, claiming the coveted gold medal in the senior open category on Saturday.

The win was a display of skill and power, culminating in a 4-0 victory over Badisa Mosesane in a match that captivated the crowd at the Francistown Donga BDF Camp venue.

A clash of titans was what occurred in the final in the senior category, with both Peter and Mosesane entering the arena having overcome formidable opponents.

Peter, having earlier defeated Lincoln Moyambo of Otto Tafa Academy Karate Club through a disqualification, was a formidable force against Mosesane who had defeated Kabo Modisenyane of Palapye Karate Academy to reach to the final, but Peter's superior technique and relentless attack proved too much to handle.

The early exchanges were tight, a calculated dance of feints and footwork. But as the match progressed, Peter's powerful punches began to find their mark. Supporters erupted in cheers

as Peter unleashed a barrage of blows, each punch a demonstration to his training.

His opponent, though valiantly defending, found himself increasingly outmatched by Peter's s relentless onslaught.

Peter, a true embodiment of the Kofukan spirit, moved with a surprising speed and agility. His defensive maneuvers were masterful, blocking a volley of Mosesane's attacks with practiced ease. Then, with a flurry of swift, accurate strikes, Peter seized the initiative, leaving Mosesane reeling. The judges' decision was clear and unwavering.

Mosesane, a true competitor, accepted his defeat with grace, while Peter's victory was met with a roar of approval from the enthusiastic crowd.

In a post-match interview, Peter thanked his coaches and training partners, acknowledging that the win marked a significant step for him in his karate journey.

He described the experience as both rewarding and challenging, crediting his determination and focus for helping him excel.

Another fight that ignited a firestorm was between Khalil Tsheko of Maun Karate Club and Kealeboga Motsamai of Police Karate Club, both displaying extraordinary skills as they

locked horns. The ring became a whirlwind of movement, a symphony of synchronised strikes and agile footwork.

Tsheko's powerful kicks, aimed with deadly accuracy, propelled him forward while Motsamai, equally adept, countered with a lightning-fast series of blocks and counters.

The crowd held their breath, mesmerised by the raw power and technical artistry of both competitors.

Tsheko's discipline and his elegant precision of style, reminiscent of a legendary Okinawa karate master, who was a true Kofukan practitioner within the brutal sport.

His final flurry of strikes proved decisive, and the crowd erupted as the score was announced 3-1.

Kagiso Karate Club spokesperson, Sensei Boitumelo Koone praised the incredible turnout, highlighting the enthusiasm of participants of all ages. He emphasised the profound value of Kofukan karate, not just as a defensive art, but also as a path to discipline and self-improvement.

The event served as a powerful testament to the future of Kofukan in Botswana, a promising future that Kagiso Karate Club vowed to nurture and expand upon. **BOPA**



Lefika Peter (left) during a fight with Badisa Mosesane at the Botswana Kagiso Open Kofukan Karate Championship senior category in Francistown on Saturday.

Shidolo secures victory for Matebele

By **Marvin Motlhabane**

LOBATSE - Moses Shidolo emerged as the hero for Matebele FC, scoring a late winner to solidify their push for a top eight spot in the FNB Premiership.

The match, played on Saturday at the Lobatse Sports Complex, showcased an intense battle between Matebele and Extension Gunners.

Both teams played with so much determination in the first half, with Matebele creating multiple scoring opportunities but unable to convert. In contrast, the home side Gunners capitalised on one of their two significant chances, taking a 1-0 lead into halftime courtesy of Kesekile Chivese.

After the break, Matebele made a tactical change by introducing Namibia winger, Stoffel Witbeen,

whose presence revitalised the squad's attacking efforts.

The change paid off quickly as they earned a corner kick shortly into the half, which was skilfully converted by Thobo Seeleko.

But Gunners responded promptly, with Pako Modikwa scoring again to regain the lead with a well-placed header from a free kick, making it 2-1.

Undeterred, Matebele intensified their offensive thrust, demonstrating their determination to secure a victory.

Their persistence bore fruit in the 66th minute when captain Moses Shidolo converted a precise cross, giving Matebele a 2-2 advantage.

As the match approached its conclusion, Witbeen was fouled inside the penalty area, resulting in a penalty kick awarded to

Matebele. Shidolo stepped up and successfully converted the penalty in the 93rd minute, sealing the match at 3-2. With this crucial win, Matebele climbed to 29 points, occupying the 9th position on the league table, just one point behind Orapa United, who currently holds the 8th spot.

Matebele's ambition for a Top 8 finish remained alive as the league season progresses with seven games remaining and a game in hand.

In other FNB Premiership games played also on Saturday, Orapa United fell to Gaborone United 3-2, Morupule Wanderers lost to Jwaneng Galaxy 2-1 and NICO United also succumbed to Township Rollers with the same score line. TAFIC FC went top of the log after beating Chadibe FC 3-0. **BOPA**



All eyes will be on Seabo Saleshando during the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, which starts at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone today.

Saleshando carries nation hope

By **Anastacia Sibanda**

GABORONE - Botswana's tennis player, Seabo 'Sibo' Saleshando will carry the nation's hopes during the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, which starts at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone today.

All eyes will be on Saleshando, ranked number one seed in the tournament, who was also part of last year's Davis Cup hosted by Botswana.

Saleshando said in an interview that he was prepared for the tournament and had been training everyday to hone his skills.

He said he knew most of his opponents because he had participated in a lot of tournaments with them before.

"Well, I know in the absence of Mark Nawa, all eyes are on me and obviously it comes with the pressure but I think I will manage to handle it and do my best," he said. Botswana Tennis Association president, Nonfo Othusitse said they were hosting Junior Tennis World Tennis Tour tournaments to foster player development and improve international rankings of their players.

"We are giving them an opportunity to play these

international tournaments right here at home. You will note that Denzel Seetso, Mark Nawa, Chelsea Chakanyuka and Naledi Raguin won their first world titles right here at home. So it shows that home advantage really works, hosting has a positive effect on players' performances," he said.

Othusitse further said the events were part of player development pathway because players had an opportunity to qualify for bigger events such as Orange Bowl and Junior Grand slams.

African countries expected to participate include, South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Lesotho as well as Britain, Italy, Canada, USA, Czech Republic, Portugal, Ireland, Croatia, France, Poland and Romania Republic.

Othusitse said Botswana players currently in the draw by Friday were Saleshando, Maqhawe Qame, Katlego Regoeng, Kefentse Lekaukau, Reagile Diraditsile, Tyson Anderson, Tinashe Phatshwane and Kgotso Kejakang.

In the girls category, he said was Rethabile Moshaoa, Nina Sekonopo, Kagello Malumo, Mbali Qame and Ditshegofatso Bapaletswe. **BOPA**

Tebogo bags top award

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Botswana's top athlete, Letsile Tebogo emerged the biggest winner at the 44th Botswana Sports Award as he bagged Sportsperson of the Year Award for the fourth consecutive time winning P100 000.

He was also named the Sportsman of the Year and won P75 000.

Tebogo, who was recently named Kids' Athletics ambassador by World Athletics, had an outstanding 2024, as he was the first athlete in Africa to win the Olympic gold medal in 200m and was also part of the 4x400m relay team, which won gold at the World Relays and silver at the Olympics.

He was also named Men's World Athlete of the Year, the first African sprinter to receive the honour.

The high rising tennis player, Malak Macheng won two prestigious awards, the Junior Female Athlete and the Public Athlete/Team of the year, an award voted for by the public.

Malak had a good tennis year having won back to back CAT 14 and Under titles, making her one of the top ranked players in Africa.

Ntungamile Raguin of tennis was named Junior Sportsman of the Year while Edwin Masuge of athletics won Sportsman with Disability award.

Another award recipient was Gaone Poane, tennis umpire, who scooped the Umpire/Referee of the year and the WASBO Special Award for her remarkable advocacy and contribution to sport. Poane served as an umpire in a number of international tournaments including the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Another WASBO Special Award recipient was Sharon Reakae of Special Olympics, while Gloria Majaga of athletics won the Sportswoman with Disability.

Chess star player, Naledi Marape, who is studying in the United States of America won the Woman of the Year Award.

Oreeditse Marakakgoro was one of the Minister's Award recipients.

Marakakgoro, who was Team Botswana's Chef de Mission for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, was described as having executed her assignment diligently as Team Botswana bought the first ever Olympic gold medal courtesy of Tebogo and silver medal through the 4x400m men relay team.

Marakakgoro who expressed her excitement, said she was grateful to her mentor, Game Mothibi.

She said her mentor held her hand for many years since 2014, helping her pursue her sporting career. Another Minister's Award was Mark Germiquet, who represented Botswana in the World Toughest Row, a challenge that Botswana knew little about.

When handing over the award to Germiquet, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng said Germiquet's exploits had not only highlighted the resilience and determination of Botswana's spirit but had also brought spotlight on Botswana. Athletics coach, Kebonyemodisa Mosimanyane walked away with the Coach of the Year award for nurturing some of top Botswana athletes.

Mosimanyane dedicated the award to his mother saying she had contributed a lot in his coaching career.

He said for the past three years, his mother allowed some athletes to camp in her house in Maun, providing them with all the necessities including food and electricity. Moses Bantsi of athletics won sports Administrator of the Year and Sumod Damoudar of cricket won Non-Citizen Award of the Year award. The Botswana Table tennis Association was named National Sporting Association of the year.

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Letsile Tebogo (left) receiving Sportperson of the year Award from the Botswana National Sports Commission chairperson, Marumo Morule during the 44th Botswana Sport Awards in Gaborone on Saturday. Tebogo, who won the award for the fourth consecutive time, also won the Sportsman of the Year award. Photo: Gothusang Lesego



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