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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) receiving a letter from Zambia's special envoy, former vice president Mr Enock Kavindele (centre) and African Development Bank (AfDB) presidential candidate Dr Samuel Maimbo at Office of the President yesterday. A delegation from Zambia paid a courtesy call on President Boko to seek support for Dr Maimbo's bid for the AfDB presidency. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Tuberculosis remains under funded

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Despite Botswana’s commendable progress in strengthening its healthcare system, Tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the least funded and most overlooked health problems in the country.

This was said by the Botswana Network on Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA) director, Ms Cindy Kelemi-Baeletsi during the launch of the Botswana Parliamentary TB Caucus recently.

Addressing Members of Parliament, healthcare stakeholders, and civil society leaders, Ms Kelemi-Baeletsi emphasised that while significant strides have been made in improving healthcare delivery, TB continued to be overshadowed by other health priorities.

“Despite the vast investments in health, TB often gets overshadowed, and this must change,” she stated, adding that the TB Caucus had a critical role to play in advocating for the allocation of adequate funds for the disease and ensuring it received the attention and resources it desperately needed.

Ms Kelemi-Baeletsi pointed out that TB funding had often been side-lined, especially in the wake of recent global health crises. She cited the COVID-19 pandemic as a an example.

“Resources including diagnostic tools like GeneXpert machines

were diverted primarily for COVID-19 testing, leaving TB patients undiagnosed and untreated.”

She highlighted that during the advent of COVID-19, TB became a forgotten disease, adding that there was need to push the Ministries of Finance, Health and other relevant government bodies to dedicate sufficient funding to TB.

In addition to domestic advocacy, she called for regional and international collaboration to elevate TB on Africa’s health agenda. She encouraged leveraging platforms such as the Pan African Parliament and the African Union to amplify TB awareness and funding.

She also called on parliamentarians as lawmakers, to work with communities in their constituencies to raise awareness about TB, break down the stigma surrounding the disease, and campaign for non-discrimination of patients.

“Let us reaffirm our commitment to the targets agreed in the UN High-Level Political Declaration on TB and ensure that no one is left behind in the fight against TB,” she said

The launch of the Botswana Parliamentary TB Caucus marks a renewed national commitment to combating TB and represents a step forward in aligning local efforts with global goals to eliminate the disease by 2030. **BOPA**



Botswana Network on Ethics, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA) director, Ms Cindy Kelemi-Baeletsi addressing Members of Parliament, healthcare stakeholders and civil society leaders at the launch of Botswana Parliamentary TB Caucus in Gaborone recently. She said while significant strides had been made in improving healthcare delivery, TB continued to be overshadowed by other health priorities.

Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Poetavango organisation supports community vision

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Poetavango community based organisation in partnership with Eyes on Africa company from United States of America and Opticals Botswana have been hailed for distributing 400 reading glasses and those that correct vision to community members in need.

The initiative was made possible through a donation by Eyes for Africa, which had entered into a partnership with Poetavango to extend a helping hand to the community while Opticals Botswana conducted eye testing to ensure the glasses were the perfect fit for beneficiaries

North West District Council chairperson, Mr Itumeleng

Kelebetseng said this during the community outreach event held at Nhabe Museum on Sunday..

He thanked the organisations for the gesture noting that glasses would improve the vision of the beneficiaries and eventually improve quality of life.

He said many people struggled with vision condition that made close-up tasks difficult and without access to affordable reading glasses, their ability to carry out domestic errands, work and support their families would be affected.

“We really appreciate your efforts to bringing clear vision to some members of the community. I am impressed with the turn up as it is an indication that people are struggling with poor eye sight

and cannot afford to buy reading glasses,” he added.

Mr Kelebetseng appealed to the beneficiaries to take good care of the gifts. He also sensitised the gathering about healthy living to improve overall well-being and prevent diseases, emphasising eating well and testing for non-communicable disease (NCDs).

He underscored the importance of early detection and management, noting that some disease such as diabetes could damage eyes over time and cause vision loss.

On other issues, he decried disturbing incidents of gender-based violence (GBV) citing recent murders in Maun and urged members of the community to actively participate in efforts to fight GBV.

Individuals, families and the community at large, he said, should take ownership of addressing and preventing violence against women and girls who are the majority of victims.

Poetavango chairperson, Mr Legodile Seganabeng appreciated the turn up of members of the community, saying it was an indication that they needed help.

He thanked their partner, Eyes on Africa company for demonstrating a commitment to improving the quality of life through better vision.

“We are proud to facilitate this impactful initiative, reinforcing its dedication to community empowerment and going forward, we intend to extend our assistance to schools because we have realised that learners also experience eye problems,” he added.

He said poor eyesight could affect the pupils’ academic performance hence the need to visit schools and identify learners with visual challenges so that they could be assisted well on time.

Mr Seganabeng also highlighted that the assistance was not the first of its kind citing that they once distributed more than 200 reading glasses in 2022 and their efforts were appreciated by the community. Poetavango is a non- profit making organisation mandated to develop, promote the arts, literary and visual. As a community-based organisation, Poetavango supports the Maun community in various areas through a number of projects geared toward youth and artistic development. **BOPA**

Camp Logic, foundation donate to Meroro family

By Esther Mmolai

TSAU - Camp Logic Company, in partnership with the Okavango Human Wildlife Foundation (OHWF), has constructed a two-room timber house valued at over P70 000 for 81-year-old Ms Magatalina Meroro and her nine children at Mapeno cattle post near

Tsau.

Ms Meroro’s family faced devastation when recent heavy rains flooded their house, causing it to collapse. The handover ceremony took place on Saturday, attended by district leadership, including Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama.



Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama (left) and Camp Logic office manager, Ms Kgomotso Morokotso (right) during the donation of a shelter worth over P70 000 to 81-year-old, Ms Magatalina Meroro of Mapeno cattlepost near Tsau on Saturday. Mr Hikuama praised Camp Logic and Okavango Human Wildlife Foundation for the donation, saying housing was a fundamental human need. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Hikuama commended both organisations for their quick response to the family’s plight, emphasising that adequate housing was a fundamental human need. “Your efforts have demonstrated love, care, and humanity, pillars embraced by Batswana through traditional practices such as Mafisa and Molaletsa,” he said.

Mr Hikuama noted that the new house would bring hope and stability to Meroro family, providing them with refuge during unfavourable conditions.

However, he called for a review of the settlement policy, which he said failed to aid residents in ungazetted areas, such as Ms Meroro’s, despite their dire situation. He said that all disaster victims deserved support, regardless of their geographical location.

Councillor Mr Gaapale Makudinyane echoed these sentiments, advocating for a policy revision to ensure rural communities receive equal assistance and services compared to those in recognised villages. He stressed that living without proper housing contributed to economic exclusion, which could adversely affect various aspects of life.

Although the District Disaster Committee had suggested relocating Meroro family to Tsau, Mr Makudinyane expressed

gratitude towards Camp Logic and OHWF for stepping in to provide a much-needed shelter. He highlighted that with the new home, the family would not only sleep peacefully but would also be safer from crime and harsh weather conditions.

Ms Kgomotso Morokotso, Camp Logic’s office manager, explained that their involvement stemmed from an outcry by a woman about the Meroro family’s plight while Camp Logic was engaged in rebuilding facilities for Ker & Downey, a company located nearby.

Known for their expertise in camp construction and modular building solutions, Camp Logic and OHWF, a foundation dedicated to sustainable solutions for communities affected by human-wildlife conflict saw the urgent need to provide a safe home for the family as part of their corporate social responsibility.

The overjoyed Ms Meroro expressed gratitude, stating that the support from Camp Logic and OHWF had restored her family’s dignity when they had lost hope in finding assistance.

In addition to the construction of the house, Camp Logic and Bathobothe Social Club also donated food hampers to support the family during this challenging time. **BOPA**

Ramaotwana appeals for party unity

By Thuso Kgakatsi

HUKUNTSI - Botswana National Front (BNF) deputy general secretary, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana has implored the party's Kgalagadi North constituency members to uphold the principle of discipline, spirit of cohesion and unity.

Mr Ramaotwana was addressing members during the Kgalagadi North Elective

Congress over the weekend.

He emphasised that such principles were ideal for building a strong and unified party that could drive its objectives forward and continue to remain in power.

Mr Ramaotwana, therefore, appealed to the members to refrain from conflicts, adding that if unmanaged, they could result in antagonistic relationships between members and leadership.

“We need to work in unity,

hence our slogan, ‘Kopano ke Maatla’, which means united we stand divided we fall,” he said.

He said it was, therefore, necessary to manage the difference and take decisions in a democratic manner based on criticism and self-criticism, which were founded on respect and cooperation, so as to avoid chaos and anarchy.

“We also need to understand that we are the ruling party, we

need to be exemplary leaders, who are issue-based in their criticism and avoid personal character assassination,” he said.

He advised that whilst it was necessary to identify mistakes, it should be done with constructive criticism, adding that BNF did not condone destructive criticism.

“BNF does not condone insults and tribalism, members should understand and familiarise themselves with the principles

governing the party,” he said.

He implored the members to familiarise themselves with BNF Social Democratic Programme and its ideological orientation and policy frame work, which includes the constitutional provisions on party administration and those that dictate the party policy positions.

“Through understanding policies one will understand that gossip and misappropriation of party funds are not allowed,” he said, adding that factions and lobby groups were only temporary during congress.

Mr Ramaotwana assured the members that the leadership was working on clearing the card issuance backlog.

“We have almost 120 000 yet to be printed, and are yet to buy additional 50 000 cards, hence the need to pay for membership so that we can achieve that,” he said.

He shared that this year, the party would be celebrating 60th anniversary, having been formed on October 3, 1965 in Mochudi, with Kgosi Linchwe II as the chairperson among the founding fathers of comrades; Messrs Fish Keitseng, Klaas Motshidisi and Kenneth Koma.

Mr Ramaotwana thanked the members for having elected the party through the Member of Parliament, Mr Reason Lekutlane and pleaded with them to continue retaining the seat even in the next general elections.

In his welcome remarks, Kgalagadi North chairperson, Mr Nicolas Ngwamotsoko indicated that their constituency was amongst those with outstanding performance in the past general elections, which had in turn contributed to the UDC emerging the ultimate government of the day.

He shared that out of the 12 wards in the constituency, BNF managed to win eight council seats.

Mr Ngwamotsoko further noted that the party registered a low margin at the general elections, which called for a vigorous membership drive in recruitment and campaigns in order to retain power in the next general elections.

“Despite lack of funding they have continued their mandate of pursuing membership drive, adding that the recruitment process was ongoing with a target to attract at least 6 000 new member,” he said.

Mr Ngwamotsoko noted the constituency had lost many members after primary elections as a result of factions and further shared that it was upon the party to ensure that such people were lured back into the party.

During the elections, Mr Ngwamotsoko retained the seat as the constituency chairperson, securing 40 votes to defeat Mr Phillip Tlhage, who garnered nine votes.

Under the vice chairperson position, which was contested for by three candidates, Mr Ranolang Gababine won by 17 votes, defeating Mr Noah Motshoge with a margin of one vote, while Mr Morebodi Paledi attained 11 votes. **BOPA**



Botswana National Front (BNF), deputy secretary general, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana (right), Kgalagadi North Constituency councillors, Mr Thuo Letlotlo (left) of Lehututu and Mr Steven Lekgebero (second left) of Kang South with central committee secretary for economics, Ms Joyce Medupe at the BNF Kgalagadi North elective congress over the weekend. Mr Ramaotwana implored members to uphold the principles of discipline, cohesion and unity. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

Search for missing Motlhabaneng teacher continues

By Manowe Motsaathebe

MOTLHABANENG - The search for missing Motlhabaneng Primary School teacher, Ms Gomolemo Seroba, who disappeared January 12 will continue unabated, Semolale Police Station commander, Superintendent Edward Leposo says.

In an interview post a kgotla meeting by Member of Parliament for Bobirwa, Mr Taolo Lucas on Thursday, Superintendent Leposo vowed that the search for a 33-year-old teacher would continue until found.

“We the police, in conjunction with the community are still searching day and night for the missing teacher. We are not about to give up, but would rather augment and intensify our efforts,” he said.

The Semolale police chief said they employed all their resources and might to find the missing teacher albeit without success. However, the search continues nonetheless.

“We are trying anything and everything possible to find her. This past weekend we held church prayers for her safe return while also continually searching at all possible places,” he said.

Ms Seroba apparently went to bed with her seven-year-old daughter who woke up on January 7 to the absence of her mother in the house.

The daughter reported her mother missing to the neighbouring adults as she

prepared to go to school.

It is reported that she left everything like a purse, phones, cards, that people usually take on a trip. During a kgotla meeting, Kgosi Bethuel Machete appealed to all to help put together efforts to find Ms Seroba.

“We have been everywhere else to try and find her, but to no avail,” he said, and added that they had since requested

Semolale police to consider bringing back the helicopters to comb the area again with the hope of a positive outcome this time around.

While employing all the means necessary to find the missing teacher, Kgosi Machete expressed concerns over missing persons calling it a nationwide outcry.

“It has become worryingly fashionable for people to

disappear and never found. If found, they’re either decomposed or unidentifiable or worse, with some missing organs,” said the Motlhabaneng tribal leader who wondered where the trend was leading.

The village leader appealed to all to provide the police with any information necessary to help them crack the code to finding the missing teacher. **BOPA**

Let church be safe haven for all - Reverend Lekoba

By Keamogetse Setilo

SEROWE - Members of different church denominations thronged the Old Mall Centre in high spirits of praise and worship, for the Palm Sunday celebrations.

Leading the sermon was Reverend Father Kealeboga Lekoba of the Anglican Church, who urged congregants and the leadership to demonstrate devotion to what was good and uplifted God.

In addition, Reverend Lekoba pleaded with congregants of different denominations to restore the church as the body of Christ to be a safe haven for all and to ensure that the environment at churches was a welcoming one.

Furthermore, he urged members to use the upcoming Easter holidays as an opportunity to engage in restoring the reputation

of the church and renewing their faith.

For his part, Serowe District Criminal Investigation Officer, Superintendent Tlotlanang Mogwase, said holidays regrettably tend to show an increase in cases of gender-based violence (GBV) and other crimes compared to regular days.

To this end, he observed that the Serowe District registered high incidences of GBV-related offences in 2024, featuring 228 rape incidents, 45 murder cases, 165 defilement instances, and 51 threats to kill.

He also noted that there was an alarming trend of drug abuse among children of school going age.

He said children had access to drugs while parents were unaware of their activities at home and in school.

Therefore, he urged parents to be actively engaged in their children’s lives and foster a secure environment to prevent them from finding comfort in substance abuse and other harmful activities.

He also requested participants to utilise the Maunatlala narcotics unit to promote awareness about drug abuse at church conferences.

For his part, Constable Thabang Rasekawana from the Serowe Traffic Police encouraged participants to prioritise road safety particularly during holiday travel.

He urged travelers to be certain that the vehicles they were using were road worthy and that drivers should comply with all traffic regulations for their safety.

He advised them to avoid night travel saying those were peak hours for accidents. **BOPA**

Mathaba turns dream into green oasis

By **Thamani Shabani**

TONOTA - Just before Makomoto from Tonota, driving drive along A1 highway, a vibrant splash of green explodes onto the landscape, a stark contrast to the dusty roadside.

It is E&G Mmakobotshweu Farm, instantly captivating the eye with its lush fields brimming with life.

The farm, a demonstration to perseverance and passion, is almost impossible to miss, a verdant oasis against the ochre tones of the African savanna.

This is not just any farm; it is the realisation of a dream, the culmination of years of hard work and unwavering determination by Mr Ewetse Mathaba, a retired mining engineer and the chairman of the Tonota Agricultural Mechanisation Association (TAMA). From the highway, the abundance is immediately apparent. Rows of healthy sorghum stand tall, their stalks heavy with grain.

Fields of maize, lablab, sunflowers, beans, and watermelons stretch as far as the eye can see, a kaleidoscope of green and gold under the Botswana sun.

It is a vibrant tableau of agricultural bounty, a visual feast that speaks of hard work,

ingenuity, and success.

The inspiration for this impressive project came during Mr Mathaba's time at Lucara, where he witnessed first-hand the positive impact of a company-sponsored horticultural project in Mokubilo.

The seed of an idea was planted, an idea that would blossom into Chinaman Farm after his retirement.

He combined his inherited family plot with additional land purchases, expanding the size of his farm to 34 hectares.

His vision, though, was far larger than simply cultivating the land. This was to be an integrated farm, soon to include goats and other small livestock.

The journey, however, was fraught with challenges.

The first three boreholes yielded nothing but disappointment, costing a over P50 000 each.

Undeterred, Mr Mathaba consulted various water surveyors, traditional, modern, even Basarwa experts, until a fifth borehole, located with the help of a Mosarwa surveyor, finally delivered the precious water.

Miraculously, one of the previously dry boreholes then also sprang to life, providing an unprecedented supply.

"It was a lesson in perseverance," Mr Mathaba recalls, a twinkle in



Mr Ewetse Mathaba at his farm where he cultivates a variety of crops ranging from watermelons, sorghum, maize to lablab. Photos: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata



Mr Mathaba recalls a challenging journey marked by setbacks, including a time he had to replant sorghum three times due to pest infestations.



The former mining engineer is proud to have created employment opportunities and even more proud of the bumper harvest he anticipates this season.

his eye. "Don't look at the money; look at the result."

His determination was tested beyond water woes. Recent floods tested his resilience, leaving his flat farm waterlogged.

He was forced to dig trenches to drain the excess water and re-plough his fields multiple times, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to his farm. Despite the setbacks, the resilience of Mr Mathaba and his wife, Gaafele, shines through.

Working from humble beginnings with a portion of his retirement savings and just three tractor operators and a gardener (after having to reduce his workforce due to financial constraints), they have built a thriving enterprise that provides food for their family and contributes to Botswana's food security.

The recent floods forced temporary layoffs, but Mr Mathaba is committed to rehiring as soon as conditions improve.

He is proud to have helped fight unemployment and even more proud of the bumper harvest he anticipates this season, approximately 50 bags

each of maize and sorghum. Mr Mathaba's story, though personal, carries a valuable message for aspiring farmers in Botswana and beyond.

His advice is that "Start early, while you are young and energetic, with other income streams to support you while the farm develops, and never give up hope in the face of adversity." E&G Mmakobotshweu farm stands as a vibrant symbol of hope, a testament to the power of dedication and a beacon of inspiration on the Botswana landscape. **BOPA**

Teachers mobilise funds to build classroom block

By **Keith Ket**

SEROWE - Teachers within the jurisdiction of Central region have taken a step to improve education in the country through various initiatives.

Speaking during a Teachers' Day soccer tournament in Serowe on Saturday, Chief Education Officer for Serowe Region, Mr Gaobotse Mokomane, said teachers in the Central region have committed to build a reception class block at Palapye Central Primary School and remain optimistic the dream would turn into a reality.

Mr Mokomane said the initiative would be rolled out to other parts of the country, resources permitting, and therefore would go a long way in improving academic performance in schools. He said reception classes play a critical role in laying a strong foundation for children's future learning and

development.

He said reception classes bridge the gap between preschool and more formal schooling, focusing on foundational skills, as well as social and emotional development while preparing children for the academic expectations ahead.

The teachers used the six-team tournament as a vehicle to raise funds for the project.

He said such collaborative initiatives by teachers would foster a positive school culture and celebrate teachers' contribution in the economy, as there is a strong correlation between education and economic performance.

He explained that the goal was to create a memorable experience that demonstrates gratitude and reinforces the importance of teachers in the school community.

The event that proved to be a success was attended by people from all walks of life and was a build-up to the Teachers' Day commemoration slated for

Palapye on June 6.

Mr Mokomane emphasised the need for different stakeholders to lend a helping hand in education as government carry the burden alone, pointing out that such a move would reduce the financial burden on the government purse.

He said such collaborative initiatives would mean government resources could be channeled to other competing needs.

He observed that in many educational contexts, teachers are expected to partake in annual social responsibility projects, adding these can take various forms; from developing new teaching materials to organising community outreach events.

Mr Mokomane said the goal was to encourage teachers to engage with their communities and contribute to the greater good by integrating social responsibility into their teaching activity. **BOPA**

'Data centre key in digital economy'

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Digital economy requires that necessary infrastructure be built. Speaking at the Carerra Holdings Cybersecurity Leadership Dialogue in Gaborone on Thursday, acting permanent secretary in the Ministry of Communication and Innovation, Mr Cecil Masiga said presently there was over 90 per cent of 3G and 4G population coverage, adding that grey areas were also there to be closed.

Mr Masiga said the BoFiNet optical fibre system covered 16 000kms of the country, and was complimented by other fibres belonging to mobile network service providers such as MASCOM and BTC.

He said those were key developments in the economy enabling development of Data Centres, with some already undergoing certification while others were nearing certification stage. He also said a lot was needed to be done as the data centre market in Africa was projected to reach about P69.6 billion in 2026. He further said if the Botswana economy was positioned well, it could target at least 20 per cent of the Data Centre market, which could go a long way in pushing Botswana to the high income status that the country wished to attain.

The acting permanent secretary said without the comprehensive government approach for the digital economy, including sustainable investments in connectivity, infrastructure and services, inequalities would continue to widen.

Mr Masiga said the third industrial revolution had a lot to offer and if the nation had not transcended to the fourth industrial revolution, it could have achieved more in terms of NDP 10 and 11. He said a number of things had to change because they needed to talk of solutions that were affordable, relevant and applicable to Botswana as the current Botswana was dependent on communication infrastructure in agriculture, mining, health, finance, transport and communications.

He also said government had identified the same in the national cyber security solution strategy, in which the social, economic and security interests were vested. Therefore, he said the conversation on cyber security and how to strengthen the protection was welcome.

Mr Masiga said the cyber security strategy was approved in 2020, having taken over three years to be approved because it was not fully understood as some thought it to be a policy issue.

He further said government had advanced the formulation of cyber security law with the Attorney General, which talked about establishment of governance structures, regulation of cyber security for the industry and service providers.

For his part, Cyberrey Channel director for Africa, Mr Aadil Khan said his company was on a mission to secure the digital future of the country and the region. He said Cyberrey was an enabler of cyber resilience among strategic partners of vendors and clients. Mr Khan also said it helped organisations gain access to the innovative technologies and was committed to building localised cyber security capacity, enabling digital transformation while safeguarding national assets and data.

He said cyber security was no longer optional, but was foundational to trust, continuity and national resilience. **BOPA**



Cyberrey Channel director for Africa, Mr Aadil Khan (left), head of business development and channel strategy, Mr Abdullah Kaymakci (centre) and acting Permanent Secretary in the of Ministry of Communications and Innovation, Mr Cecil Masiga at the Carerra Holdings Cybersecurity Leadership Dialogue in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Masiga said if positioned well, Botswana economy could target at least 20 per cent of the Data Centre market, which would go a long way in pushing Botswana to the high income status that the country wished to attain. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Chobe Holdings invests in local businesses

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Kgosi Tshupegetso Bontsibokae of Matlapana has applauded Chobe Holdings management for their commitment in supporting the

growth of small and medium entrepreneurs in North West region.

He made the remarks during the graduation ceremony held at Sedie hotel on Friday, appreciating the company's

generous sponsorship of the skills development course which he said was a vital investment in the future of the community.

Through their initiative, Maun Business Collective, Chobe Holdings in collaboration with Barefoot Business company offered a transformative business training where 17 local entrepreneurs were equipped with essential business skills for a period of six months.

Participants were trained on leadership, marketing and sales, financial management, compliance, team motivation and long term strategic business planning to ensure their businesses not only grow but also thrive in a collaborative and sustainable way.

By providing such opportunity, Kgosi Bontsibokae said the company was investing and empowering entrepreneurs to reach their full potential and contribute even more to the region's economic prosperity.

"We are deeply grateful to Chobe Holdings support towards building a brighter future for our local entrepreneurs who are the driving force behind economic growth and prosperity.

Entrepreneurs are innovators, risk takers, the visionaries who turn ideas into reality and they are the back bone of our economy, creating jobs, fostering innovation and driving progress and we should support them," he added.

Kgosi Bontsibokae stressed the need to create an environment where entrepreneurship thrived, where innovation flourished and

where every individual had an opportunity to excel.

One of the participants, Ms Thitaku Kushonya who is a champion of basket weaving in Botswana, thanked the company and the facilitators for uplifting the spirit of entrepreneurship among them citing that the skills they acquired would be embedded in their daily operations and eventually bringing real change.

She encouraged fellow participants to apply what they had learnt for their businesses to grow and change the way they had been doing things.

Chobe Holdings chief executive officer, Mr John Gibson said business was about making mistakes and being resilient and carrying on, as such motivating participants to learn from their mistakes and turn challenges into opportunities.

He also stated that the company was committed towards developing a vibrant economy in the northern Botswana where it was rooted to benefit the community.

"At Chobe Holdings we believe in investing in the community, wildlife and the country and we have to remain true to that. We have projects ranging from schools, the community and now Maun Business Collective aims to unlock entrepreneurs' potential and tackle challenges," he added.

The initiative addresses the fundamental strengths and weaknesses of small and medium entrepreneurs with a view to rejuvenate their businesses and help it to grow. **BOPA**



Facilitators, Ms Maika Kretschmer (left) and Ms Vincenza Illiano (centre) with a graduate, Ms Thitaku Kushonya during the Chobe Holdings graduation ceremony in Maun on Friday. Chobe Holdings in collaboration with Barefoot Business offered a transformative business training and 17 local entrepreneurs were equipped with business skills for a period of six months. Photo: Esther Mmolai

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TEAM A			TEAM B		
Shakawe	Fours Supermarket	11-12 April	Kasane	Pla2 1	1-12 April
Ghanzi	Infront of Sefalana	14 April	Nata	Engen mall	14 April
Kang	Choppies Mall	16 April	Tutume	Mc Connell	15 April
Tsabong	Tsabong Unified	22 April	Masunga	Choppies Mall	16 April
Jwaneng	Old Mall	24 April	Francistown	Council stadium	22-24 April
Kanye	RAC	26-27 April	Letlhakane	Teemane mall	25-26 April
Lobatse	Junction Mall	28 April	Serowe	Bus Rank	28-29 April
Molepolole	Kgari Sechele	29-30 April	Bobonong	Choppies mall	01 May
Mahalapye	Bus rank	2-3 May	Selibe Phikwe	Barcelos	2-3 May
Palapye	Engen Mall	5-6 May			



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Motswedi Savings and Credit Co-operative Society invites its members to attend a Special General Meeting.

Date: 10 May 2025
Venue: Fairground Holdings (Boipuso Hall)

- Time:
- Registration starts at 07:00
 - Program Starts at 08:00

Agenda

1. Society updates
2. Elections - Committees

NB: Members who come before 0900hrs will get an attendance allowance.


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US aid freeze deepens suffering in Somalia

MOGADISHU - In the dusty plains of Al-Hidaya camp on the outskirts of Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, mothers sit outside makeshift shelters, shielding their children from the scorching heat with scraps of cloth.

Most families here fled recurrent droughts and conflict, seeking safety and basic assistance near the capital.

But they were dealt another devastating blow, the sudden suspension of US humanitarian aid.

The US government recently paused all humanitarian funding to Somalia through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), including a substantial US\$125.5 million-package.

The move, attributed to concerns over alleged misuse of funds, has left many aid-dependent communities in limbo grappling with rising despair and growing uncertainty.

The impact is already visible in Somalia, where more than 3.8 million people have been displaced internally by a combination of climate shocks and insecurity.

Fadumo Omar, a 40-year-old mother of 10 who fled the Qoryoley district in the Lower Shabelle region, sat quietly outside her tent.

"We used to receive food and support from USAID. Now we have nothing, no food, no water, not even toilets," Fadumo told *Xinhua* in a recent interview. Fadumo is among thousands of Al-Hidaya camp residents who said they have received no aid in recent months amid the US funding freeze.

"We came here to survive, but things are getting worse," she said.

According to the Somali government and aid agencies, the abrupt suspension of funding threatened to derail humanitarian operations nationwide.

Abdullahi Dahir Ahmed, programme manager at the Somali Women Development Centre, a local charity that supports displaced women and children, said that critical services have been disrupted since the US aid was halted. "We are doing everything possible to find new partners, but it's not easy. Local donors do not have the capacity and many international donors are also overwhelmed by other crises around the world," Ahmed said.

Ahmed observed that even European donors were now considering cuts of up to 50 per cent, further shrinking the pool of support available to Somalia's most vulnerable citizens.

"The loss of US aid has already affected our ability to serve people in need. If these trends continue, the situation will become much more dire, especially for displaced families who rely on this aid to survive."

Somalia remains one of the countries most vulnerable to climate emergencies. A succession of failed rainy seasons has pushed millions to starvation. Internally displaced people, often living in informal settlements with little access to clean water, food, or healthcare, are particularly at risk. At Al-Hidaya camp, families report skipping meals, sending children to beg, and sharing the little they

had with neighbours. Fadumo Abdulkadir, 42, who also fled from Lower Shabelle due to drought, said the reduction in aid from both the US and the United Nations has had a devastating impact.

"We used to get food and small cash payments. Pregnant women and malnourished children also got nutritional supplements. Now, there's nothing. This has affected us a lot," she explained.

She hopes the international community will reconsider its approach. "We are just trying to survive. We need aid agencies to resume their support before it is too late."

Humanitarian organisations

are scrambling to fill the gap some turning to private donors, others appealing to governments and multilateral institutions for emergency funds. The Somali government has urged continued engagement and pledged greater transparency in aid delivery.

Despite these efforts, humanitarian workers said they could do only so much with dwindling resources. For displaced families in camps like Al-Hidaya, each day is a fight for survival.

Children sit listlessly under sheets of plastic, their mothers worrying not only about where the next meal will come from but also what the future holds. *Xinhua*

Ethiopia mega dam project nears completion

ADDIS ABABA - The Grand Ethiopia Renaissance Dam (GERD) has reached 98.66 per cent completion, with six generating units currently in operation, the state-affiliated Fana Broadcasting Corporate reported Saturday.

The progress update was announced as the Ethiopia government began its nine-month performance review session for the current 2024/2025 Ethiopia fiscal year which began July last year.

Officials noted that the dam was nearing full completion and was playing a critical role in expanding the country's electricity generation and regional power supply.

During a parliamentary session last month, Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the mega dam would be inaugurated within six

months, hailing it as a symbol of self-reliance and collective effort amid economic pressures.

Upon completion, the GERD will have a total generating capacity of 5 150 megawatts and was expected to produce 15 760 GWH of electricity annually, according to Ethiopia Electric Power. Construction of the GERD began on the Nile River in April 2011.

The project has been a longstanding source of tension between Ethiopia and downstream countries Sudan and Egypt.

While Ethiopia views the dam as central to its development ambitions and pursuit of lower-middle-income status, Egypt and Sudan have voiced concerns over potential impacts on their water security. *Xinhua*



LIBREVILLE - Gabon Interior Minister Hermann Immongault declaring the results of the 2025 presidential election during a press conference on Sunday. Gabon's transitional leader Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema has been elected president following Saturday's vote. Photo: Xinhua

Nguema Gabon president elect

LIBREVILLE - Gabon's transitional leader Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema has been elected president, the Interior Ministry announced on Sunday.

Mr Nguema secured 90.35 per cent of the total votes cast in the election, Interior Minister Hermann Immongault said.

Nguema has served as Gabon's

transitional president since leading the 2023 coup that ousted former President Ali Bongo Ondimba.

His main challenger, Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze, former prime minister under the Ondimba administration, came in second with about 3.02 per cent of the vote, according to the minister. A total of 920 200 voters were

registered, including more than 28 000 abroad.

The voter turnout stood at 70.4 per cent, said the minister. Saturday's vote marked Gabon's first presidential election since the coup, signaling the final stage of the country's political transition and anticipated return to constitutional order. *Xinhua*

Tanzania launches explosives plant to support mining

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania Minister for Minerals Anthony Mavunde on Sunday inaugurated the country's first-ever explosives manufacturing plant, as part of broader efforts to promote value

addition and support the growth of industries serving strategic sectors such as mining.

Mavunde said the commissioning of Solar Nitrochemicals Limited in Kisarawe district, Coast Region,

will significantly enhance mining operations across the country.

He emphasised the government's commitment to maintaining a secure and conducive environment for investors, recognising their

contribution to revenue generation and job creation for Tanzanians.

Tanzania's annual demand for explosives stands at 26 000 tonnes and 10 million pieces, Mavunde noted. The new facility is

projected to produce 22 000 tonnes and 15 million pieces of explosives annually, a capacity expected to substantially reduce imports and boost exports to neighboring countries, he said. *Xinhua*

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Tona o kgothatsa bodiredi

Ka Gaboselwe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWE - Tona wa Lephata la Ofisi ya ga Tautona, Rre Moeti Mohwasa, o kgothatitse bakwaledi le bagolwane ba lephata la gagwe go nna boineelo le go bereka ka natla.

Rre Mohwasa o ne a bua se kwa moletlong o o neng o tswala thuto dipuisanyo ya malatsi a mararo e maikaelelo a yone e neng e le go sekaseka se lephata le se kgonneng le go sega tema go ya kwa dingwageng tse di latelang.

Rre Mohwasa o tlhalositse fa puso e dirile ditsholofetso tse e eletsang go di direla setshaba mme e ka kgona fela fa e tshwaraganetse tiro e le ba-na-le seabe jaaka bodiredi jwa puso.

O tlhalositse fa badirelapuso e le bone leitlho la puso, ka jalo e le bone ba tshwanetseng go

tlhomamisa gore ditlamelo di goroga kwa setshabeng ka nako.

O ne a ba kgothatsa go ipeela seelo sa go dira ditiro tsa puso ka seo se ka thusa thata gore ditiro di wediwe ka nako, a tlhalosa fa setshaba se solofetse go le go ntsi mo go bone.

Rre Mohwasa o ne a ba rotloetsa go ya go diragatsa tse ba di dumalaneng le go tlhomamisa gore setshaba se akola meamuso ya puso ka go lekalekana.

Le fa go ntse jalo, o ne a re go bothokwa gore bodiredi bo tsibogele dilelo le dingongorego tsa ba ba ba eteletseng pele.

E ntse e le gone kwa moletlong oo, bagolwane ba lephata ba ne ba kgobokanya madi a kana ka P10 250 go a abela Rre Emmanuel Sam wa kgaolo ya Distance kwa Selebi Phikwe.

Madi a, a ya go thusa go tlhabolola ntlo ya ga Rre Sam wa

dingwaga tse di magareng ga 65 le 70, ka ntlo ya gagwe e setse e senyegegile mme a sena bokgoni jwa go e baakanya.

Madi a ne a amogelwa ke ratoropo wa Selebi Phikwe, Rre Oageng Makgosa, boemong jwa ga Rre Sam yoo solofeditseng

fa madi a tlaa dira tiro e e a lebaneng.

Rre Makgosa o ne a lebogela bopelontle jo bo dirilweng ke badiri ba lephata la Ofisi ya ga Tautona, a tlhalosa fa se, se setse morago maitlamo a Tebelopelo ya Setshaba ya 2036,

a go tlhokomela ba ba tlhokileng lesego.

O kaile fa e le ruri moeteledi a tshwanetse go bonwa ka ditiro tsa gagwe tse dintle, mme a ba kgothatsa go tswelela ba tsenya letsogo fa ba bonang go na le bothloki teng. **BOPA**



Mothusa mokwaledi kwa lephateng la tlamelo ya bana le thuto go tswa kwa moding, Professor Agreement Jotia a sirolola sehikantswe jaaka sekole se sebotlana sa Mosiwa se ne se ipelela dingwaga tse di lekgolo kwa Hukuntsi ka Matlhatso. O akgoletse sekole seo go bo se tswelletse ka go dira bontle mo maduong a ditlhatlhobo tsa lokwalo lwa bosupa. Prof Jotia o ne gape a supa fa puso e ikemiseditse go tokafatsa seemo sa thuto mo lefatsheng leno. Senepe: Thuso Kgakatsi

Itseng melawana ya theko go tlhofofatsa tiro ya badiri

Ka Gaboselwe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWE - Mokwaledi wa lephata la merero ya Ofisi ya ga Tautona, Mme Goitsemang Morekisi o gateletse bothokwa jwa go itse melawana ya theko le thekiso ya dithoto tse di dirisiwang ke maphata a puso.

Mme Morekisi o buile jalo ka Labone mo bokopanong jo bo neng bo tsenwe ke bagolwane le bakwaledi ba maphata a a ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga Tautona.

A re go itse ka melawana ya thekiso go ka tlhofofatsa tiro ya badiri ba diofisi tse di lebanweng ke go reka dithoto tse di tlhokwang, selo se a supang fa se ka hema tiego ya go rolwa ga dithoto tse di rekilweng.

A re go itse ka melao eo go ka thusa thata gore theko le thekiso e dirwe ntle le makgwere ape gape e direlwa mo molaong le mo pontsheng. A re seo gape se ka fa badiri sebaka sa go reka dithoto

tse boleng jo bo kwa go dimo, se be se fe le bone barekisi sebaka sa go phadisanya go dira le go rekisa boleng jo bo amogelesegang.

O bile a supa fa go dira jalo go ka rotloetsa boikarabelo jo bo eletsegang jwa go direla mo pontsheng.

Go sale foo, Mme Morekisi o ne a gakolola bagolwane ba maphata go itepatepanya le diphetogo tsa sesha, a re go bothokwa go itse ka tiriso ya maranyane a sesha, selo se a supileng fa se ka fefosa tiro le gone go gorosa ditirelo tse di maleba kwa setshabeng.

Mme Morekisi o ne a gakolola bagolwane ba maphata go nna baeteledipele ba boleng le bokao jo bo kgaatlhang, a re ba tshwanetse go seegela tsebe dilelo tsa badiri ba bo ba potlakele go di rarabolola ba sa tsee letlhakore.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, ratoropo wa Selebi Phikwe, Rre Oageng Makgosa o supile bothokwa jwa go golagana ga makalana a a

ikemetseng le puso, a re go dira jalo go ka dira pharologanyo mo mererong ya go isa ditlamelo kwa setshabeng.

A re mangwe makalana a ka dira pharologanyo mo go godiseng itsholelo, selo se puso e se tlotlomaditseng e le nngwe tsela ya go diragatsa maitlamo a yone go fitlhelela dingwe dikeletso tsa Batswana.

Maikaelelo a bokopano jo, e ne le go fa bagolwane le bakwaledi sebaka sa go itshekatsheka, go bona tse ba di kgonneng mo ngwageng o o fetileng le gone go batla maano a a tlaa ba thusang go tswelela ba rarabolola dikgwetlho tse di ka tlhagogang jaaka ba tlaa bo ba isa ditirelo kwa setshabeng.

Go sa le foo, bokopano joo bo ne bo rotloetsa go dira ditshekatsheko, go tsaya ditshwetso tse di maleba mo mererong ya ditogamaano tsa bolesome le bobedi. (NDP12). **BOPA**

Somarelang ngwao - Khama

Ka Kelebogile Taolo

TONOTA - Kgosi Khama IV wa Bangwato o solofeditse Bakhurutshe fa bogosi bo itlama go somarela ngwao ya Setswana.

O buile jaana kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Tonota fa a ile go lekola morafe bosheng.

O ne a tlhalosetsa morafe fa go tlaa tlangwa dikomiti tse di tlaa thusang go tsamaisa ditiro mo motseng jaaka komiti ya tsa ngwao, e e itebagantseng le go ruta bana ka tsamaiso le mekgwa ya Setswana.

Kgosi Khama a re go tlaa nna le malatsi a go ipelela ngwao, kwa e leng gore bana ba ka ithuta ka ngwao teng, a tlatsa ka gore go ka nna le buka le tsebe ya maranyane a Facebook kgotsa website tse di tshwereng dikitsiso ka Tonota.

O ne a tlhalosa fa ditlamelo tseo di tlaa nna le dikitsiso gape ka matlotlo a tlhologo gore a fitlhelwa fa kae sentle mo motseng ga mmogo le go itse ka tsa maroko, itloso bodutu le tse dingwe.

Kgosi Khama a re o tlaa bua le borangwaneagwe a ba kopa go kopana le magosi a mangwe gore go tsosolosiwe mephato mo motseng. O bile a re go tlaa nna le komiti e e okametseng tsa boranyaneng le ditlhaeletsanyo, a tlatsa ka go re komiting eo e tlaa be e tlhame seromamowa sa Bangwato go rotloetsa ngwao.

A re seromamowa se se ka tshameka mmimo wa gaMmangwato, ga bo ga buiwa teme eo, e le ntlha ya go boloka ngwao.

Kgosi Khama o ne a bolelela morafe fa komiti e nngwe e tlaa itebaganya le tsa batho ba ba tlhokileng lesego le ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane.

O boletse fa a tlaa tswelela go thusa ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane ka dikobo, dijo le diaparo.

Kgosi Khama o ne a tlhalosa fa go tlaa dirwa tse dingwe dikomiti jaaka tsa banana, bojanala, temo-thuo ga mmogo le tse di itebagantseng le dikago le ditlhabololo.

O ne a kopa morafe gore dikomiti tse, di tlangwe ka maloko a farologanyeng a akaretsa banana ga mmogo le bo mme.

E ne ya re pele ga a amogela baeng mo kgotleng, Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse wa Tonota a tlhalosa fa go le matshwanedi go somarela ngwao, a rotloetsa morafe go itse le go tlhaloganya ka ditso tsa one, a rotloetsa balemi le barui go dira ka natla gore morafe o kgone go itirela.

O ne gape a re se se tshwenyang mo motseng ke bana ba ba golang ntle le go itse kwa ba tlhologang teng.

Kgosi Radipitse a re go bothokwa gore ngwana a itse kwa a tlhologang teng gore a nne le kitso ka mokgwa, tsamaiso le molao wa gagabo.

A re go dira jalo go ka thusa thata mo maitsholong a bana.

Morafe o o neng o tseneletse phuthego eo, o ne wa supa boitumelo tebang le go bo Kgosi Khama a ba etetse, ba supa fa se e le tshimologo ya tse di molemo. **BOPA**

Ramogapi o rotloetsa banni go akola Bonno Housing Scheme

Ka Kefilwe Selotlegeng

TOPISI - Banni ba Topisi le Moreomabele ba rotloeditswe go dirisa lenaneo le lesa la Bonno Housing Scheme.

Ba rotloeditswe jalo ke Mopalamente wa Palapye, Rre Onneetse Ramogapi fa a buisa diphuthego tsa kgotla kwa metseng eo ka Labone.

Rre Ramogapi a re puso e itlamile go aga matlo a le 100 000 mo dingwageng tse tlhano e le maikaelelo a go hema letlhoko la boroko jwa bodiredi le bonno jwa Batswana.

A re puso e fokoditse metsi ka 30 per cent gammogo le go fokoletsa Batswana madi a dikoloto tsa metsi ka sephatlo.

Rre Ramogapi a re phokotso ya dikoloto tsa metsi e simolotse Moranang a rogwa mme e wela Seetebosigo a fela.

O ba rotloeditse go dirisa sebaka se go duela metsi gore ba akole phokotso e gammogo le go rulaganya le lekalana la metsi gore baka duela sekoloto bonolo jang.

Rre Ramogapi a re ba dira jaana go tokafatsa matshelo a Batswana, a tlhalosa gore ba okeditse madi a itshetso a bana ba ithutelo tiro ya diatla go nna P1 900 go tswa kwa go P300, a bolela ka P300 wa batsetsi gammogo le go abela basetsana ba sekole mesangwana le go oketsa madi a bagodi go nna P1 400 go tswa kwa go P830.

O kopile Batswana gore ba seka ba fela pelo ka tse ba di ba solofeditseng ka ba na le dikgwedinyana fela ba busa mme e bile ba fitlhetse go sena madi.

A re ba buseleditse lekgotla la dipuisanyo tsa dituelo tsa babereki la Barging Council, a tlhalosa gore le tsweletse ka dipuisanyo.

O tlhalositse gape gore lenaneo la dituelo tsa badirelapuso la Fan Shape le tlaa diragadiwa.

Fa a itebaganya le seemo se se maswe sa dikole, o ne a tlhalosa fa puso e na le thulaganyo ya go baakanya dikole tsotlhe.

Fa a tsibogela kgang ya phane, a re o tlaa bua le lephata le le lebaneng ka gore batho ba ba bapalang phane ga ba sale morago tse di tlhokwang.

Rre Ramogapi a re tseletso ya go bapala phane e batla gore ba bo ba na le matlwana a boitiketso mme ga ba na nao.

O ne gape a akgolela dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa metse ya Topisi le Moreomabele go dira ditlhabololo tse di bonalang.

Kgosi Ezekiel Bontsi wa Topisi o ne a leboga mopalamente go bo a ba lekotse le mananeo a a tlang ka one.

Kgosi Bontsi o ne a lekodisa mopalamente gore ga ba jesiwe diwelang ke kgotlelesego ya tikologo e e dirwang ke babapadi ba phane.Kgosi Bontsi a re go nnile le tshologelo ya batho ba bantsi ba tsile go bapala phane mo kgaolong ya bone.

Mokhanselara wa Topisi/ Moreomabele, Rre Israel Tsiapane o supile fa kgaolo ya gagwe e tlhoka ntlwana ya pelegelo, a lela gape ka letlhoko la metsi le motlakase kwa ditsheng tse disha.

Rre Tsiapane a re go dirwe melawana e mesha e e ka sireletsang phane le mafelo a e bonwang kwa go one. **BOPA**



Mopalamente wa Serowe Borwa, Rre Leepetswe Lesedi (mojeng) a na le banni ba kgotla ya Teko morago ga go buisa phuthego kwa Serowe bosheng. O kopile khansele go tsaya paakanyo ya dikole ka tlhoafalo. Senepe: Baldwin Nyamande

Kgosi o ngongorega ka seemo sa ditsela

Ka Chendzimu Themba

SEROWE - Kgosi Ditshwanelo Makwati wa kgotla ya Teko kwa Serowe a re seemo sa ditsela tsa masimo a Mogatsapoo ga se itumedise.

O buile se mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa Serowe Borwa, Rre Leepetswe Lesedi bosheng.

Kgosi Makwati a re ditsela tse di yang masimong a Mogatsapoo le Tshetlong le metshela kgabo di senyegile mo go dirang gore

mesepela ya go ya masimong e nne bokete.

O kopile puso go tsibogela seemo se, ka ba beile matshelo a bone kwa masimo.

E rile a lekodisa mopalamente, mothusa modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse ya Lontone, Rre Tshepo Moloi a re e le komiti, ba kgonne go baakanya matlo a a bapileng le sekole se se potlana sa Tshekedi, ba a tsenya le dithibela magodu gore banni ba nne ka tshosologo.

Rre Moloi o supile gape gore

ba kgonne go tsenya dithibela magodu kwa ntlo-lehalahala ya bone.

A re ba ile ba kgona go baakanya sekole sa bananyana se se bapileng le sekole sa Tshekedi, ebile yo o se dirisang a ile a kgona go fiwa tseletso.

Rre Moloi o ile supa gore le bone e le komiti ba na le matshwenyego a ba kopanang le one mo kgaolong, a supa fa sekole sa Tshekedi se le makgasa, go sena ditilo le fa e le ditafole.

A re khansele e kgobokanya makgasa ao mo sekoleng mme se, se baya matshelo a bana mo diphatseng.

E rile a ba kgwa kgaba, mopalamente Lesedi a supa fa diemo tsa ditsela tsa kwa masimong di sa dirwa mathata e le gore diemo tsa dipula di diragetse ngwaga wa puso wa madi o le gaufi le go fela.

Mopalamente Lesedi o ile a kopa khansele go tsaya paakanyo ya dikole ka tlhoafalo.

A re puso e tsenye mo di tumalanong le ba khampani ya motlakase kwa Aferika Borwa gore ba ba rekisetse motlakase mme ba dumalana, ke ka seo mo malatsing a a fetileng motlakase o ne o sa kgaoge.

Rre Lesedi o ne a kopa bagodi go tshwara madi a bone sentle, ebile ba itshireletse mo magotswaneng a a tletseng gongwe le gongwe.

A re go botoka ba dira thulaganyo ya go amogelela kwa bankeng go na le go a tsaya otlhe kwa posong. **BOPA**

Maphata a tsibosa ka botlhokwa jwa go ja sentle

Ka Puseletso Kenyaditswe

LETLHAKENG - Komiti ya botsogo ya maphata a madi, Omang, diphologolo le bodiredi kwa Letlhakeng, ba ne ba dirile dijo tsa motshegare ka Labotlhano kwa Letlhakeng, go tsibosa badirelapuso ka botlhokwa jwa go ja sentle.

Modulasetilo wa komiti eo, mogolwane go tswa kwa Lephateng la Diphologolo Rre Gabriel Gami, o ne a tlhalosa fa maikaelelo a tiro eo e ne e le go ikgakolola botlhokwa jwa go ja sentle.

Rre Gami o ne a tlhalosa fa badirelapuso ba rata dijo tse di mafura mme di sa siamela mebele ya bone.

Mogolwane go tswa ofising ya ditirelo tsa HIV/AIDS, Rre Kennedy Dintwe, a tlhalosa fa puso e letlelela badirelapuso go nna le dikomiti tsa botsogo kwa

tirong, gore ba itshidile mmele le gone go nna ba itekanetse mo tirong.

Rre Dintwe o ne a tlhalosa fa badirelapuso ba nna nako e ntsi kwa tirong, a supa gore fa modirelapuso a sa tsoga sentle, o kgona go thasela batho ba sa mo dira sepe.

Sebui sa tlotla go tswa kwa lephateng la Botsogo, Rre Kelebile Kefithhile o ne a supa gore fa batho ba sa ele tlhoko gore ba ja eng, ba tlaa nna le mathata.

Rre Kefithhile o ne a tlhalosa fa dilo tse dintsi di fetogile, malwetse a a sa tshelanweng a gola thata mme a bakwa ke go tlhoka go ja sentle le go tlhoka go ja dijo tse di senang moroko le gone go tlhoka go itshidila.

Mogolwane o ne a tlhalosa fa go le botlhokwa go itshidila mmele, a supa fa dijo di efa maatla, mme maatla a fa a nna mantsi mo mmeleng a iphetola

mafura, mafura fa a nna mantsi mo mmeleng a thiba ditshika mme kwa phelelong motho o ka swa mhama.

Rre Kefithhile o ne a supa fa malwetse a tshwana le a madi a matona, a pelo, a sukiri, a kankere, go bipelwa le monono a tshwenya.

O ne a tlhalosa fa go na le malwetse a a dirang gore ngwana a gole mo go feteletseng, ke sone se go bewang botsogo jwa ngwana fa a le monnye leitlho.

O ne a tlhalosa fa go itshidila mmele go bula tlhologanya, a bo a supa gore go botlhokwa gore mmereki a batle nako ya go itshidila gore a nne le botsogo jo bo siameng.

Rre Kefithhile o ne a supa fa go le botlhokwa go ja maungo le merogo le go ja nama e e senang mafura gape e se ntsi.

O ne a tlhalosa gape fa letswai le lentsi le le borai, bogolo jang fa

le sa butswa.

O kopile batho gore fa ba aja nama ya koko, ba ntshe letlalo ka le na le mafura a mantsi le gone gore ba nwe metsi a mantsi.

Mogolwane o ne a supa gore go nwa metsi a mantsi go thusa go sila dijo sentle mo mmeleng.

O ne a ba kopa gape go ja dioura di le nne pele ga ba robala.

O ne a ba gakolola gape gore ba seka ba anwa dipilisi le melemo e e rekisiwang ke batho ba sa itse botsogo jwa bone, a tlhalosa fa go dira jalo go kgona go koafatsa diphilo.

Fa a leboga, mogolwane go tswa kwa lephateng la diphologolo, Rre Keemenao Ragontse, o ne a supa fa ba ithutile go le gontsi, mme fela jaaka gale, borre ba saletse kwa morago mo go tsa botsogo.

O ne a supa fa Batswana ba kile ba ne ba aja digwere le maungo mme ba kgona go tshela lebaka le lelelele. **BOPA**

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FARM WORKER WANTED at Tsonye, Ranaka. Contact: M. Garenamotse P O Box 1052, Lobatse 75 6945 58/ 71 622 804.

FARM WORKER NEEDED Oodi Matebeleng. Cell: 72 906 750.

FARM WORKER WANTED urgently at Tati Siding. Call 78190773/ 71 512 759 Mrs Kebobonye Makgekgenene. P O Box 11 Tonota

KE BATA MODISA ko Ntsolokgoro. Contact 72 654 000

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED. Contact 72 790 560 / 74 999 009, Gamagangwa farm.

HERD BOY WANTED Jackalas No 2 village. P.Bag 007 Francistown. Contact Vincent Elias. 74 303 067

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THABANG PERCY SAAKANE owner residential plot 28654 Mowana ward,Mahalapye would like to change land use from residential plot to commercial use. Any objection contact Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning Office on 471 8600

KENEILWE MAKHURA IN Mahalapye/ Flowertown ward, plot number 1707 would like to change land use from single-family to multi family residential. Anyone with objections physical planning office on telephone number 471 8600

OWNER OF PLOT 161, Ramotswa, wants to build a boundary wall. For queries contact Ramotswa buiding control office- 5380634

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION. **THE** owner of plot 9504 Tlokweng, Letlapeng wishes to notify neighbours about the intend to erect a boundary wall. For queries contact 71 915 190

GOITSEONE RAMPHU IN Moshopha/ Toteng ward would like to change land use from residential to commercial. Anyone with objections please contact physical planning office on telephone number 4718600

OWNER OF PLOT 9284, Tlokweng Letlapeng would like to change from residential to multi residential. For any objections from neighbouring plots contact Tlokweng physical planning office 369 5002/ 03/96.

Vacancy

Dr Motswasele Dental Clinic located at **Unit 3 & 4 Mahube Mall**, Kanye is looking for one qualified **Dental Therapist** with valid **BHPC license**, minimum **5 years experience** to carry out services offered at the clinic: Dental Consultation, Teeth Cleaning, Cosmetic Fillings, Tooth Extractions.

Closing date- 01/05/2025.

Contact 76698171/ drmotswaseledentalclinic@gmail.com

CLEANWALK (PTY) LTD

CLEANWALK (PTY) LTD of tribal lot 30500, Kanye wishes to apply for a road junction access to its commercial plot situated in Kanye along Lobatse to Moshupa/Gaborone/Jwaneng road where it forms a Tjunction with the road from Kanye (to Lobatse).

For any enquiries, objections or queries from all the neighbouring plot owners please contact Kanye Regional Roads Department Offices (Private Bag MK16, Kanye) in Mathubapula ward, near Mahube mall or call them on 5440206 or 5440635 or contact the owner of the plot on 72786286 within 14 days of this publication.

Application for a Certify Copy of Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Title Deed No. TL 1116/2018 dated 15th November, 2018 made in favour of Boineelo Modimoofile in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot. No.6784, Bokaa
SITUATE: Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 683m2 (Six Hundred and Eighty Three Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: Title Deed No. TL 1116/2018
IN FAVOUR OF: Boineelo Modimoofile

DATED at Gaborone on this 3rd of April 2025.

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

OTHUSITSE MBEHA LAWYERS, Plot 50362, Ground Floor, Unit 3, Fairgrounds, The Office Park, P O Box 70498, GABORONE Telephone No. 3950033

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

MOTSHOLATHEBE J. SELALEDI

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Wednesday 27th May 2025 at 10:30 hours at the Office of the Master – Batho Kgerethwa located** at Gaborone High Court Division.

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

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of the Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	TIME	MASTER
SAUL NGWENYA	ESHFT-000475-24	02-04-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

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Name of the Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	TIME	MASTER
ALLISON PHALADZI	ESHFT – 000296-24	29-07-2025	1000 hours	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of the Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	TIME	MASTER
FLORENCE CHAKOPA TLHALERWA	GFHFT-000486/23-24	11-06-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ithe undersigned **SIMON SETEKIA** of National Identity Number **464010706** intends to sell property described as:-

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Tribal Lot 1194 Mahalapye;
SITUATE: in Bangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING:1778 m² (One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy - Eight Square Metres)

To **Mp Link PROPRIETARY LIMITED** for the sum of P 500 000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Pula Only) By virtue of this notification any citizen of Botswana interested in entering similar offer in respect of the immovable property must give their submissions to in writing, with **NOWBUTH LAW CHAMBERS, Plot 3743 Leshomo Crescent , EU 5 , P. O. Box 883 JWANENG** within thirty(30) days from publication of this notice

DATED AT JWANENG ON THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

NOWBUTH LAW CHAMBERS, Plot 3743, Leshomo Crescent EU 5 JWANENG
Email: sooman.nowbuth@gmail.com Tel: (+267) 5887020 Cell 73564738

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 426/2020 dated **15th July 2020**, in favour of Tech Savvy (Proprietary)

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 279, Modipane;
SITUATE : in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;

MEASURING :1900m² (One Thousand Nine Hundred Square Metres)

WHICH PROPERTY : Is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA426/2020 dated 15th July 2020 made in favour of Tech Savvy (Proprietary) Limited.

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

Dated at Gaborone on the **8th day of April 2025**
Plaatjie Taupedi Attorneys,
Plot 115, Unit 11, Kgale Mews
P.O. Box 26114, Game City, **Gaborone.**
Tel: 392 0200

BOSA BOSELE TRAINING COLLEGE



VACANCIES

Bosa Bosele Training College requires suitably qualified and experienced personnel for both Gaborone and Francistown Campuses for the following posts:

- Lecturers in Early Childhood Education with at least a Master's degree in Education in Early Childhood Education.
- Lecturers in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) with at least a Master's degree in Information and Communication Technology, Master of Science in Engineering Project Management or equivalent.
- Lecturers in Social Work/Community Development with at least a Master's degree in Social Work/ Community Development.
- Human Resources Officer with at least a Diploma in Human Resources Management
- Marketing Officer with a proven track record. The consultant must have at least a Diploma in Digital Marketing or equivalent.

The candidates for posts 1 to 3 should have at least two (2) years' teaching/lecturing experience, in a tertiary institution in conventional, distance and on-line programmes. Candidates should indicate the choice of the campus they prefer in the subject line. Interested persons who meet the above requirements should send or hand deliver their applications, updated Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of relevant certificates and transcripts to:

To Apply:

Submit cover letter, resume, copies of certificates and transcripts and three (3) references to info@bosabosele.ac.bw and cc to **jchengetai@bosabosele.ac.bw** and **Itshegang@bosabosele.ac.bw** by **30th April 2024.**

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot 9243 in Kgalapitse lands, Oodi wishes to change land use from ploughing field to civic and community. Any objection may be forwarded to physical planning office at Kgatleng district council. Contact number 5777411 within 14 working days of this publication.

VACANCIES

URGENTLY IN NEED of Fashion Designers with Diploma in Fashion Designing.Experience of five to ten years will be advantage. Apply to Futha Quick Fashion Designing Pty Ltd. P O Box 30012 Tlokwenng.73061880 Closing date: 25/05/25

ONE POSITION FOR School head/Administrator. Diploma in Early Child hood, Certificate in HR or Administration. Apply Mimosa Preschool Plot 4876 Mokatse/Modipane P O Box 4249 Gaborone. Closing date: 02/05/2025. Contacts 72202260/ 71 290 209.

MOTOR MECHANICS NEED with certificate in Motor Mechanics and five to ten years experience. Apply to: Good fellows (Pty) Ltd P O Box 60391 Gaborone. Closing date 20/05/25.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST WANTED WITH atleast one year of experience. The candidate must be of registered with BHPC with a traceable reference. Apply to AA Physio & Rehab Clinic. Box 2953 Selebi Phikwe. Closing date: 15 April 2025

APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of **Lease No. ST205/2021** dated **30th March, 2021** in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: unit consisting of Section No.1
SITUATE: on Lot 75748 Gaborone (a position of Lot 55720 Gaborone) in the Gaborone Administrative District.
MEASURING: 194m² (One Hundred Ninety-Four Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. ST 206/2021 dated 30th March, 2021, made in favour of **JONES ACCOUNTING SERVICES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 02nd day of April, 2025.

LOKWALO ATTORNEYS, P O Box 787 ABG, Sebele, GABORONE Plot 28562, Unit F14, Fairgrounds Mall, GABORONE.

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed NO: TL 51/2004** dated **4th day of February 2004** made in favour of **Peter Molome** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being residential lot 90 Bokaa
SITUATE: Bokaa in Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 1598m² One Thousand five Hundred and Ninety Eight Square Metres
HELD UNDER: TL 51/2004 Dated 4th February 2004

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

DATED AT _ON THIS_ DAY OF _2025

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act
[Cap. 31.01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TSHWENYEGO KGONGWANA	ESHFT-000342-25	04-06-2025	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03RD DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Application for Lost Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. 112/19 dated 1st February, 2019 in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lease Area Lot 2033 Gaborone
SITUATE: at Gaborone Extension 8/Bontleng in the Gaborone District Council.
MEASURING: 599.69m² (Five Hundred Ninety-Nine and Sixty-Nine Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. 112/19 dated 1st February, 2019, made in favour of **ESTATE LATE GALEBOLOKE MMOPIEMANG**.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 02nd day of APRIL, 2025.

LOKWALO ATTORNEYS ,P O Box 787 ABG, Sebele, GABORONE Plot 28562, Unit F14, Fairgrounds Mall, GABORONE.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act
[Cap. 31.01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TIKI MOGAPI	ESHFT-000282-25	10-06-2025	0900HRS	SARM

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

NOTICE IS ISSUED in compliance with the Tribal Land Act of 2018, section 34, subsection 1 (a-e) and the transaction involves the following in Tribal Land:

CERTAIN: Field Mazane
SITUATE: Ngware/Mazane Lands, Kweneng Tribal Territory;
MEASUREMENTS: 21,2960 Ha(Two One comma Two Nine Six Zero Hectares);
DEVELOPMENTS: ploughing field and improvements thereon together with kraals for goats and cattle;
HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 13th June, 1992.

The cession of the aforementioned property in between **Koonne Seboko** of ID No.289121201 and **Bhekimpilo Ncube** of Passport No. of AE680517, a non-citizen for the sum of P100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Pula only). This cession is Subject to such other terms and conditions as available for inspection in a Memorandum of Undertaking and further Cession Agreement between the parties in consideration of the aforementioned property.

By virtue of this notice, a citizen of Botswana interested in entering into an offer in respect of the aforementioned property must give their submission, in writing within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone this 9th day of April, 2025.



T&T Geomatics Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Plot No43016 Phakalane
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Senior Geospatial Analyst

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Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in Geography, GIS, Information Technology, or a related discipline (preference to domain specialists with a strong GIS background).
- At least 15 years of progressive experience in the GIS industry, with a strong background in design, development, Training implementation, and administration of geospatial solutions.
- Completion of Esri-certified courses, including instructor-led sessions, Virtual Campus courses, MOOCs, or certifications in ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Enterprise, and data interoperability tools.
- Full member of Botswana Institute of Geomatics

Experience and Requirements

- Expertise in Esri's Enterprise ArcGIS environment, including ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Server, Portal for ArcGIS, ArcGIS Online, and related mobile solutions (e.g., Field Maps, Survey123, Q Field).
- Proficient in working with relational database management systems (minimum: MS SQL Server); experience with PostgreSQL/PostGIS and ArcSDE is advantageous.
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- Excellent capacity building and training development facilitation skills, with the ability to engage both technical and non-technical audiences.
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Hand deliver or email CV detailing the above with supporting references to info@ttgeomatics.com
Closing date: 2nd May 2025

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF SUB LEASE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Sub Lease No. MA764/2020** dated **28th day of October 2020** made in favour of **MICHAEL KGENGWENYANE** in respect of:-

1.CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 7 of Farm Molopo Ranch No. 1 –JN;

SITUATE: in the Kgalagadi Administrative District;

MEASURING: 9263.8593 Ha (Nine Two Six Three Decimal Eight Five Nine Three Hectares);

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2025.

MORIBAME MATTHEWS
Mowana Mews, Unit 6, Plot 74769
Western Commercial Road, CBD
P O Box 46271 **GABORONE**

Application for a Certified Copy of Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Sub-Lease No. 30/2001 dated 23rd January 2001, made in favour of Timba Trading (Proprietary) Limited in respect of the following property:-

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lease Area No. 833-KO;

SITUATED: On Portion 83, (a Portion of Portion 65) of the Farm Forest Hill No. 9-KO in the South East Administrative District;

MEASURING: 232 m² (Two Hundred and Thirty Two Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone, within twenty-one (21) days from the second publication of this notice.

DATED at GABORONE this 9th day of April 2025

S. Khan Law Plot 2851, South Ring Road, P O Box 72 Gaborone, Tel: (267) 3933443 Fax: (267) 3957609



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• Key Skills: Financial reporting, administrative management, and teamwork.

3.Finance & Admin Manager (x1)
• Qualifications: Degree in Finance/Accounting and management experience.
•KeySkills: Financial planning, administrative leadership, and multitasking.

4.Electrician (Minimum 5 Years Experience)
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•Key Skills: Electrical installations, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

5.Plumber (Minimum 5 Years Experience)
• Qualifications: Certificate or Diploma in Plumbing
•Key Skills: Plumbing systems installation, repair, and maintenance.

6.Carpenter (Minimum 5 Years Experience)
• **Qualifications:** Certificate in Carpentry

Closing Date for Applications: 25th April 2025.

Location: All positions, except Admin and Sales Officer, will be based in Selebi Phikwe. The Admin and Sales Officer position is located in Gaborone.

Application Process: Interested candidates are invited to email their **CVs and cover letters to hrlounge22@gmail.com**
P O Box 1172 Selibe Phikwe

• Key Skills: Construction, repairs, and crafting woodwork.

7.Welders (Minimum 5 Years Experience)
• Qualifications – Trade B, NCC or equivalent

8.Receptionist
• Qualification: Diploma in Business Administration
• Key Skills: Customer service, multitasking, and communication.

9.Cleaner/Tea Lady
• Key Skills: Organization, tidiness, and hospitality.

10.Handy Man/Messenger
• Key Skills: General repairs, maintenance, and deliveries.

11.Heavy Duty Driver (Experience Driving in South Africa)
• Key Skills: Long-distance driving, heavy vehicle management, and cross-border logistics.

12.Security Guards/Checkers (x2)
• Key Skills: Security operations, vigilance, and teamwork.

Position Based in Gaborone Office:

1.Admin and Sales Officer (x1)
•Qualifications: Relevant experience in sales and administration.
• Key Skills: Marketing, client management, and organizational skills

GBV awareness brunch May 3

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Community will on May 3 at Avani Gaborone Resort and Casino in a 'Brunch with Doreen Oboetswe in the Fight Against GBV' event meet to foster understanding and support against

gender-based violence (GBV).

Oboetswe, an advocate for women's rights in her council constituency of Gaborone South, has established a foundation dedicated to GBV, which will on May 3 bring together community leaders, activists and survivors,

corporate partners as well as citizens passionate about change to engage deeply on the issues of GBV.

To create a safe, empowering space where dialogue, education, and collective action can flourish, the GBV Brunch awareness event intentionally included men and boys in the conversations of the day as addressing GBV requires everyone's involvement. It is often common and normal that efforts on GBV awareness are focused on empowering girls and women, however organisers recognise that sustainable change also depended on shaping the attitudes and behaviours of boys and young men.

"Raising boys with values that promote respect and equality is essential because it helps break the cycle of harmful gender norms and fosters a culture of mutual respect. This does not imply that girls are inherently raised with these values by default, nor does it suggest that they do not require the same guidance and support," said Bambi-Elle, events director Bambi Motsamatshukudu in an interview.

She said society often placed a disproportionate burden on women and girls to "protect themselves" rather than addressing the root causes of violence, which often stem from societal expectations of masculinity and power dynamics. In addition, she said by proactively engaging boys in conversations about equality and respect, they were creating an environment where both men and women contribute to a culture free from violence and discrimination.

Themed 'Creating Conducive Spaces to Confront Toxic Notions of Masculinity,' the event will have expert speakers, panellists, and organisations bringing deep insight, lived experiences, and professional expertise to the conversations. Motsamatshukudu said speakers would talk to healing after abuse; a crucial topic that addresses the mental health challenges survivors face and the pathways to recovery. She also added that legal advocates would be part of a panel exploring the justice system's role in protecting survivors, helping attendees understand both the strengths and the gaps in current legal frameworks.

With a themed dress code of pastel colors and pearls, she said the dress code theme was selectively chosen as it was accessible and inclusive, which centred on the message of the day. She said they opted for something stylish yet comfortable, encouraging self-expression while keeping the tone respectful and appropriate for a cause-driven event. "Our focus is on participation and impact, not perfection."

Oboetswe said her advocacy for GBV was to ensure that women and children as well as everyone affected were safe and protected

within communities they live in.

She said the brunch was not just about dialogue but action.

"To ensure that the solutions discussed lead to tangible change, we will document key takeaways and commitments from the session. These will be consolidated into a post-event report shared with stakeholders, including community leaders, policymakers, and relevant organisations," she said.

Additionally, she said they aimed to establish follow-up mechanisms, such as check-in meetings, mentorship programs, and community-driven initiatives, to monitor the progress of these solutions over time.

Collaboration with local organisations and advocacy groups, Oboetswe said will also help track implementation and assess impact.

"This event is designed to educate, inspire, and unite us in the fight against domestic violence, a pervasive issue that touches many lives across all backgrounds. And some GBV survivors will share their personal stories tied to the theme of resilience and reclaiming power, reminding us of the real people behind the statistics and why our work matters," said Oboetswe.

She said each topic was intentionally chosen to ensure it does not only raise awareness, but also equipped attendees with knowledge, empathy, and tools to make a difference in their communities.

Tickets for the Brunch with Doreen Oboetswe in the Fight Against GBV event are sold at P400 inclusive snacks and welcome drink as well as Nora Cosmetics face beat. **BOPA**



A.T.I, Chokoma, Lerofo, The Choreographers, Motlha, LebGee, DJ Slym and Dj Verlaty will perform at the Into Africa Easter picnic scheduled for April 20 at Flamboyant Gardens.

Into Africa events hosts Easter picnic

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - It is time to prepare denim and white outfits for a second edition of the Into Africa Easter picnic to be held at Flamboyant Gardens on April 20.

What started as a local performance showcase is growing bigger and better, with the introduction of an international artist at this year's Easter picnic. Joining a rich talent of Botswana's creative in A.T.I, Chokoma, Lerofo, The Choreographers, Motlha, LebGee, DJ Slym, and Dj Verlaty among others is gospel maestro Sechaba from South Africa.

Into Africa events are a blend of entertainment, economic

empowerment and community innovation with the event providing a platform for budding entrepreneurs, both young and old. "We give the local community an opportunity to showcase and sell their products and services to our patrons as a way of uplifting and empowering," organiser of the event Thuso Mohurutshe said.

He said the event was also a networking platform particularly for the aspiring business owners as some successful business owners attend the event as well.

Additionally, he said the show created direct and indirect jobs for the youth. Tickets for the festival are sold at P100, P120, and P150 at the gate on the day of the event. **BOPA**



Community will on May 3 meet to foster understanding and support in the fight against gender-based violence in a Brunch with Doreen Oboetswe event at Avani Gaborone Resort and Casino. Photo: Courtesy of Doreen Oboetswe

BTC Francistown Marathon activation success

By Goweditswe Kome

MASUNGA - Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education has called on BTC Francistown Marathon organisers to host the activation in Masunga again.

Speaking at the marathon activation in Masunga on Saturday, Justin Hunyepa also advised BTC to introduce some paraphernalia that would market the marathon and the corporation to the outside world adding that colouring the event would encourage more young people to participate.

He further called for regular exercising as it had numerous

benefits for both physical and mental health.

He said regular exercising protected the body against ailments from non-communicable diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and also promoted cardiovascular health, stronger bones and muscles, better sleep, a reduced risk of chronic diseases like heart disease and some cancers.

"Additionally, exercise boost mood, reduce stress, improve cognitive function and enhance overall well-being," he said, adding that it equally offered immediate and long-term benefits.

Welcoming participants at the marathon activation, Kgosi Maruje III of Masunga said the BTC marathon had contributed immensely to the country and healthy leaving.

Thus, he urged Batswana to partake in such activities.

BTC retail manager-North Kao Maribe thanked residents of North East District for participating in large numbers during the activation.

He said this was the first activation attended by a large crowd, adding that such had put the district and Masunga on the map.

North East District Council chairperson, Mbaakanyi Smart pleaded with BTC to consider bringing the marathon to Masunga in future after maintenance of Masunga Sports Complex.

He said hosting the marathon, would promote small businesses and the transport industry around the district.

For her part, one of the runners, Gofaone Mhlambi, who had registered for the marathon, said the activation was worthwhile as she managed to run 10 kilometres.

The BTC Francistown Marathon will be held at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown on April 26. **BOPA**



Gofaone Mhlambi said the marathon motivated her to start exercising every day to keep healthy.



Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Justin Hunyepa (left), participant, Kushatha Lewatle (right) and North East District chairperson, Mbaakanyi Smart during the BTC Francistown marathon activation in Masunga on Saturday. The marathon will be held at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown on April 26. Photos: Goweditswe Kome

Fourteen darts players advance to final

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Fourteen young darts athletes from the Northern Region have secured their places in the Botswana Darts Association (BODA) national finals to be held in Gaborone next month.

The players will compete against their Southern Region counterparts for a spot on the national team, destined for the African Union Sports Council Youth Darts Championship (Region 5) in Mazuwe, Zimbabwe in August.

The successful athletes

represent a range of schools and include five Under-18 girls; Montle Matlho, Wame Mabelebele, Amanda Malidza (all from Mater Spei College), Laone Kereteletswe (Shashe River School), and Tshephang Balang (out of school).

The Under-18 boys finalists are: Tiiso Matseka, Powell Mosotho (all from Mater Spei College), Floyd Bakaang and Katlego Phoza (all from Francistown Secondary School).

Completing the finalists are three Under-15 boys, Letso Balang (Satellite Primary School), Junior Baakike

(Lebogang Junior Secondary School) and Goitseone Chidubi (John Phoko Primary School in Tonota).

BODA Northern Region Public Relations Officer, Retshepileone Smith said the regional tournament proceeded smoothly.

He expressed confidence that the selected squad would progress to the national finals and ultimately represent Botswana in the Region 5 tournament in Zimbabwe.

Smith also appealed to parents to provide the necessary support to their children. **BOPA**

Complacency cost us maximum points - Mpote

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - Orapa United coach, Mogomotsi 'Teenage' Mpote, berated the players for failing to come to the party after taking a two goal lead in the first 15 minutes of the game only for VTM to equalise minutes later.

The two teams played to a 3-all draw during the FNB Premiership encounter on Sunday.

Speaking to **BOPA** in a post match interview, Mpote said he expected his players, who had the experience of playing in the CAF Confederation Cup to understand the game plan and carry the two goal lead to the end of the first

half, and come back strong in the second half and bury their opponent.

As a result, he said they were punished for laxity.

Mpote said his boys gave away the game, which was a repeat of their play against Gaborone United.

The coach said his substitution was tactical and helped them to take a point home, while they could have collected maximum points, which would have made a difference in the log table.

He further said he would talk to the players, as all they need was to change their attitude toward each game and keep the winning mentality to accrue more points

to remain in a better position by the end of the season.

For his part, VTM FC coach, Reuben Njavera applauded his boys for taking instructions well and executing them accordingly.

Njavera said they knew that they were playing against a big team, which had experienced players, but they came up with a strategy to frustrate them and block their wings, which worked for them.

"I told my boys to block their channels as they like enjoying the passing game and just make sure they close them up, and when an opportunity arises, take it," he explained.

He further said they were

committed to winning the remaining games to get maximum points so as to have a top 8 slot.

Meanwhile, Orapa United's first goal came in the seventh minute through a beautiful cross that Norman Mabaya could not miss and headed into Lesang Senne's net and the second goal came through Erick Ookame in the 13th minute.

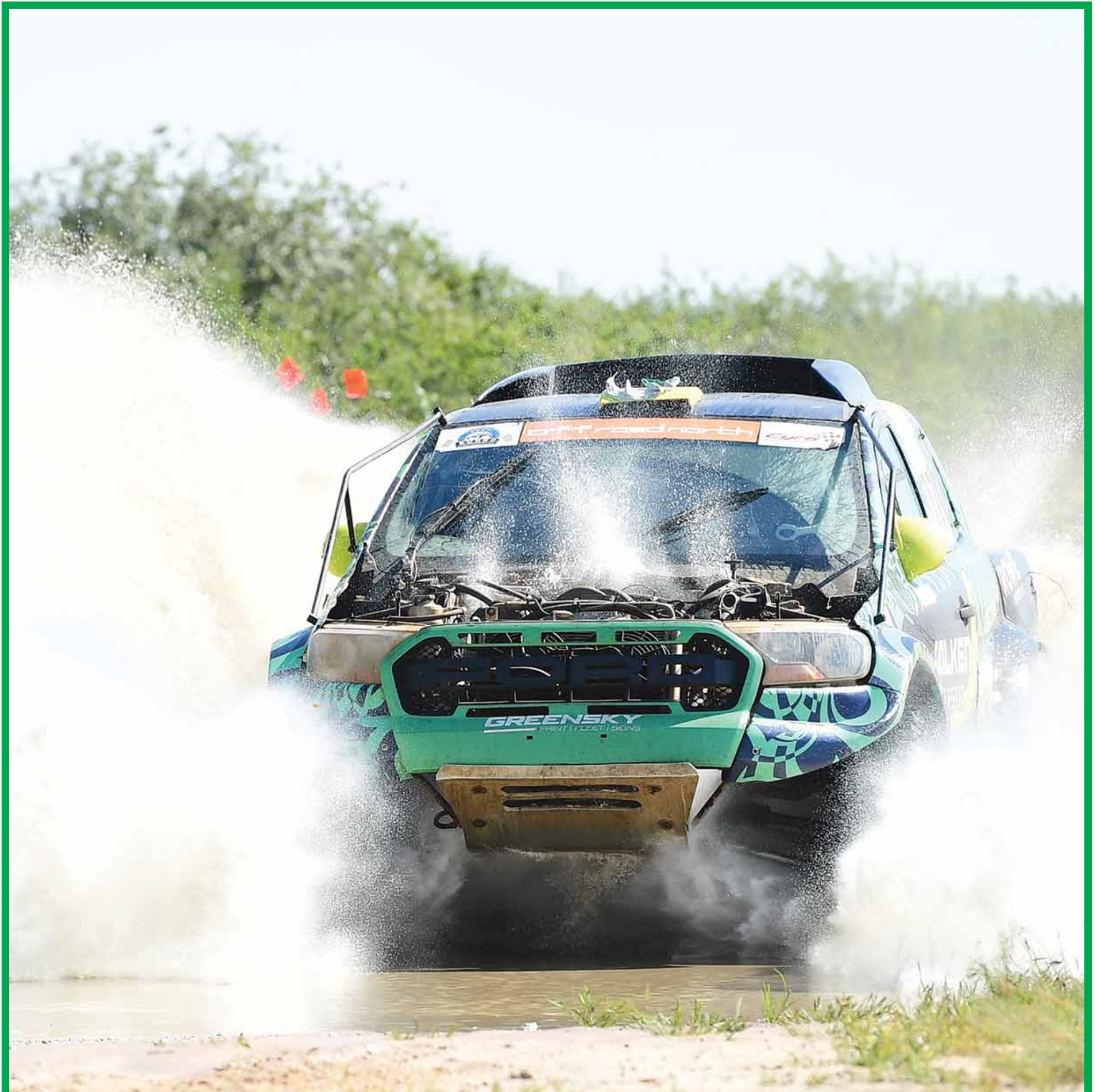
VTM got their goals through Thato Mogorosi who headed the ball in from a long throw-in that caught Orapa United defence napping and were again punished in the 24th minute when Abel Kasaong scored from a thunderbolt from outside the 18th area, beating Orapa goalkeeper,

Lesenya Malapela.

Cebo Meyiwa gave VTM the 3-2 lead in the 29th minute when he stunned Orapa by scoring from the 16th area and Malapela failed to stop him.

When VTM thought they now had the game in control and three points were in their bag, Orapa United's substitute, Oarabile Sekwai, rescued his team from embarrassment when he scored a beautiful header in the 90th minute to equalise and gave his team a point.

Orapa United is now with 32 points sitting at position 8 in the FNB Premiership log table while VTM is on position 11 with 27 points. **BOPA**



Marx victorious

Off-road South Africa driver, Nielen Marx and navigator, Rikus Hattingh leading the rest during the final lap of the Sarona Kalahari 1000 Race in Jwaneng on Sunday. They clocked 6:39:25 on day two and went on to clock 7:29:12 on day three to win the Production Vehicle Class T category. Marx said the route was tough, as they had to navigate through the water caused by the recent rainfall. Some of the entries could not complete the race owing to breakdowns throughout the three-day event. Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng hailed the organisers of the race for their efforts to close gap for off-road racing in Botswana. He said government was committed to supporting such initiatives and ensuring that they were successful. In other categories Kosmas Mamaloukos won the motorbike category, while another off-road racer, Dewald Van Breda won the FIA T1.2+ category. Production Vehicle Class D category was won by Shaheed Amin. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse