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President Advocate Duma Boko (second left) conversing with Lerala Junior Secondary School pupils upon arrival in Lerala yesterday. President Boko announced a significant increase in living allowances for Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) students, raising it from the longstanding P300 to P1 900. He pointed out that the current funding structure often demotivated potential learners from pursuing valuable skill-based jobs, perpetuating the stigma that technical education was only for those who struggled academically. With the President is Kgosi Selelo Moroka III of Lerala. Photo: Felicity Male

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‘Modernised police service essential’

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - A highly modernised and agile police service is vital to ensuring law and order says Assistant Minister of Communication and Innovation, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile.

Speaking at the handover ceremony of the refurbished Phakalane Police Post in Gaborone on Tuesday, Mr Ntlhaile emphasised the importance of creating an environment where all Batswana can enjoy basic human rights, including the right to life, education, shelter, and clean water, as outlined in United Nations Conventions.

“The government must address the persistent and alarming levels of violence, particularly in relation to crimes such as gender-based violence, which are often exacerbated by drug use,” Ntlhaile explained.

Mr Ntlhaile who is also the Member of Parliament for Gaborone North, stressed the significance of upholding human rights while maintaining the rule of law to build a better future for Botswana.

He acknowledged the Botswana Police Service’s ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and security of citizens and their property, highlighting their capabilities in tackling contemporary crimes, including cybercrime, human trafficking, money laundering, and terrorism financing.

He assured that the government would continue to allocate resources equitably towards high-yield projects and programs for the benefit of the broader population.

The Commissioner of the Botswana Police Service, Ms Dinah Marathe, addressed the challenges of urban crime, particularly in Phakalane, noting a rise in property break-ins, home invasions, and vehicle thefts targeting unsuspecting citizens. She confirmed that strategies are being implemented to combat these issues and ensure a safer environment for residents.

Ms Marathe stressed the importance of equipping the Botswana Police Service with modern resources and facilities that meet the expectations of the community.

“Despite current economic challenges, we are grateful for the resources available to us. We commit to the optimal utilisation of the scarce resources we have for the greater benefit of Batswana and residents, said Ms Marathe.

However, Ms Marathe noted that many police facilities were aging and have surpassed their maintenance cycles due to financial constraints, which could impact officer morale and public interactions.

“The current state of facilities underscores the need

for alternative maintenance solutions,” she warned.

The Commissioner highlighted the ‘Adopt-a-Police-Station’ initiative, which fosters a partnership between the Botswana Police Service and the business community.

This initiative represents crucial investments in policing infrastructure and corporate social responsibility.

“This collaboration not only enhances the physical appearance of police stations but also strengthens our law enforcement capabilities,” Ms Marathe said, committing to the continued development of this strategic partnership for mutual benefit. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Communication and Innovation, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile (left) and Commissioner of Botswana Police Service, Dinah Marathe during the handover of the refurbished Phakalane Police Post in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Ntlhaile said government would continue to allocate resources equitably toward projects and programmes that would enable Botswana Police Service to ensure the safety and security of Batswana. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

ICT remains key to economic growth

By Keamogetse Setilo

MAHALAPYE - Data and technology remain the key drivers of thriving economies. Thus, investing in this dynamic problem-solving and innovation platform would guide Botswana’s economy towards swift growth and success.

This was said by the Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere, while giving a keynote speech at the Mahalapye ICT Leaders Convention themed: Creating the ICT Roadmap for the Next Five Years.

He also emphasised that involving stakeholders from both government and the private sector in creating the ICT roadmap for the next five years sought to make certain that all technology sectors were addressed to act as a guide for growth, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Likewise, he highlighted that innovation and productivity were enhanced through partnerships.

He urged multiple sectors to collaborate in creating a plan that focused on digital infrastructure and connectivity, enhancing capacity and skills, along with offering support for

innovation, entrepreneurship, and policy development. “As leaders, we should not just adopt new technologies like quantum computing, blockchain, and the Internet of Things; we need to spearhead their integration into daily life, fostering efficiency, sustainability, and advancement,” he added.

Mr Tshere highlighted that although technology, especially Artificial Intelligence (AI), provides solutions and simplified tasks for all, ethical and responsible utilisation must always be maintained.

“As we adopt Artificial

Intelligence, make decisions based on data, and automate government services, we must guarantee that our progress maintains privacy, security, and ethical principles.

Advancement should not occur at the cost of essential human rights and principles, he said.

For his part, CEO of the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA), Mr Martin Mokgware, mentioned that BOCRA’s role as a regulatory agency was to ensure adherence to laws concerning communications and data.

He noted that to draw tech investors, Botswana must reassess its technology and communications regulations to establish a favourable atmosphere for business activities and implement strict measures to protect users from cyber attacks.

Additionally, he urged both individuals and businesses to become acquainted with regulations related to information, communication, and technology, like the Data Protection Act, to prevent ending up on the wrong side of the law.

Business Botswana president, Mr Neo Nwako, advocated for automating the government procurement system, stating that it would provide all vendors an equal opportunity and assist in eliminating corruption.

He stated that the system would enhance efficiency and productivity for both governmental entities and businesses.

Additionally, he recommended investing in the upskilling of existing ICT graduates to address the deficiency caused by the shortage of skilled workers capable of managing technical issues related to emerging technologies, which frequently results in outsourcing jobs overseas, an approach that proves costly for all businesses. **BOPA**

Government to equip police with advanced technology - Boko

By Portia Rapitsenyane

KGAGODI - Government will soon equip the police with advanced technology, including drones aimed at enhancing crime-fighting efforts.

The multifaceted uses of drones will assist in surveillance and monitoring operations.

“Drones can be deployed for various purposes, such as locating criminal activities both day and night, conducting investigations, and monitoring borderlines,” President Advocate Duma Boko explained during a kgotla meeting in Kgagodi on Tuesday.

Emphasising the need for the police to adapt to modern technology, President Boko stated that its implementation would enable law enforcement to work more efficiently for the benefit of residents.

He expressed confidence in the skills and capabilities of the Botswana Police Service,

stating, ‘the use of drones can significantly simplify their duties.’

Addressing the rising crime rates, the President reiterated government’s responsibility to safeguard citizens.

“Every individual should feel safe regardless of their location, and it is the duty of the government to ensure their protection. The integration of drones into policing will enhance public safety,” he affirmed.

The aerial advantages provided by drones, as noted by President Boko, would offer police officers a comprehensive perspective during operations.

He referenced successful past incidents where police cameras installed in certain regions have led to the apprehension of criminals, indicating a positive shift towards more effective policing.

Moreover, President Boko informed the community that the government was currently

negotiating with international drone suppliers to expand the range of available technology within the country.

On other matters, President Boko emphasised the commitment to human rights, assuring residents that their rights would not be compromised under his administration.

“It is the government’s duty to meet the needs of its people, and they should not feel that assistance is an act of favouritism,” he said.

The President urged citizens to remain hopeful as the government continued to work towards fulfilling its promises and achieving prosperity for the nation.

He said government was committed to paying pensioners P1 800 monthly, stating, “while the current allowance stands at P1 400, I am optimistic that this will soon be adjusted to P1 800 as part of our dedication to supporting our elderly,” he said. **BOPA**

PNR to open mines, promises job creation

By Manowe Motsaathebe

SELEBI PHIKWE - Premium Nickel Resources (PNR), a Canadian firm that acquired both Selebi and Selebi North mine shafts, will eventually open for operations, President Advocate Duma Boko has told residents of Selebi Phikwe.

Addressing the residents at Sam Sono Stadium, Tuesday, President Boko, although noncommittal to time frames, said government was encouraging and gently pushing PNR to expedite opening of the two shafts in order to help ease off the dire need for jobs.

“Will the mine ever open? Selebi, Selebi North, yes, PNR who acquired them, will open,” said President Advocate Boko.

“We want people to work, but we’re not focused only on the mine... We should resuscitate the economy of Selebi Phikwe by all means necessary and possible,” Advocate Boko added.

The President said there was a logistics company looking to invest P200 million in the copper/nickel mining town, a move that would

create jobs in a town that used to look like a graveyard following the closure of BCL Mine back in 2016.

Consequently, the Ministry of Minerals and Energy, through department of mines, has approached the liquidator with a view of acquiring the houses in question through the credit facility the liquidator acquired at the beginning of the liquidation process.

Although the amount was not stated, the liquidator was to reimburse government upon successful sale of the BCL Mine.

The houses would then become property of government after which the residents would be engaged on a way forward, the President said.

Not only was the liquidator evicting tenants from the BCL houses, he ensured that the state-of-the-art smelter was stripped and sold as scrap metal, the President said.

The President alluded that the BCL Mine was sold without thorough knowledge of the amount of minerals available underground and hence the new owners could not

believe their luck post exploration when they found huge deposits of copper and nickel at their acquired shafts. Government tried to hatch ways to remedy this, but the liquidator’s actions were legal and above board, the President found.

Resultantly, the President, with a team of experts and advocates, put heads together to ‘sweat blood’ until the only available avenue was the Presidential Commission of Inquiry, which could lead to the unearthing of the truth behind the liquidation of BCL Mine.

The said Presidential Commission of Inquiry is expected to kick-off mid-June. At the end, there will be actions to be taken following the recommendations of the commission of inquiry, Advocate Boko said.

The President said that some people may end up facing the law if implicated while those who enriched themselves through the process may find the products of such enrichment confiscated.

The liquidation of the BCL, President Boko said, was a result of

reckless and grave decision by the then government to go against his free counsel in parliament whilst still a Member of Parliament for Bonnington North in 2016.

Advocate Boko said that upon realising that the then Botswana Democratic Party-led government intransigently ignored his counsel against liquidation of the BCL Mine, he then offered that the government adopted judicial management, which they, too, turned a deaf ear to.

With the judicial management, President Boko said government could have had some power and control as opposed to liquidation where all the power was vested on the liquidator, leaving the government, the major creditor, powerless.

By opting for liquidation, President Boko said that the then government’s action was akin to locking themselves outside a house and then throwing keys inside the house where sits the liquidator.

Upon being faced by a hailstorm the same government would then beg for the liquidator to let them in,

but would turn them down.

To rid uninformed decisions, Advocate Boko said that leaders needed to engage in rigorous pondering over the decisions they were to make and their possible ramifications on the lives of the people. Before then, the President said the liquidator had gone to government to be allowed over six years for a successful liquidation process where he would prepare the mine for a profitable sale.

It is reported that the then government declined the request and forced the liquidator out under the guise that he was failing the process. The closure of BCL, a mine that provided for about 5 000 direct employees and tens of thousands indirect beneficiaries, saw some people lose their lives over the burden of shouldering responsibilities of providing and caring for their families whilst unemployed, Adv. Boko said.

In closing the mine abruptly, the President said, the rights of the workers inter alia were trampled upon. **BOPA**

TVET allowance increase August

By Chendzimu Manyepedza

LERALA - Living allowances for Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) students, will be increased from the longstanding P300 to P1 900 effective August.

President Advocate Duma Boko said this when addressing a kgotla meeting in Lerala yesterday.

President Boko highlighted the significant disparity between the financial support provided to TVET students and that offered to their peers in traditional tertiary education.

He pointed out that the current funding structure often demotivated potential learners from pursuing valuable skill-based jobs, perpetuating the stigma that technical education was only for those who struggled academically, hence the need for a re-evaluation.

“The disparity has created a negative narrative about technical education, as a last resort for those who do not thrive academically. This perception is not only a misinformation but also counterproductive to the growth of handy skilled expertise, as it

discourages youth from acquiring essential skills in fields that are in demand,” he said.

Furthermore, the President said handy skill courses, which included plumbing, bricklaying, electrical work and automotive repairs, amongst others, were crucial for the country’s infrastructure and innovative capabilities, adding that an increase in living allowance would instil pride in hands-on skills as a means for personal and professional success.

President Boko also encouraged the continuous need for a holistic educational approach that goes beyond traditional metrics of academic success, fostering creativity and practical skills.

He said the world was increasingly defined by values of diverse skills and the intelligence of the multifaceted, therefore diverse skills that include creativity and other non-academic excellence were relevant to shape the desired future.

President Boko acknowledged concerns raised by Kgosi Molebatsi Moroka III, regarding the escalating crime in the village.

He said a decision was made to construct a police station that would house seven police officers, which was currently at 35 per cent completion and it was expected to be handed over next year January.

President Boko further said more accommodation structures would be added to accommodate two more police officers.

Kgosi Moroka III had also pleaded with the government to protect Bogosi from political interference, saying it crippled the essence of Bogosi, and made it difficult for Dikgosi to fulfill their duties of instilling peace, harmony and safeguarding traditions amongst others.

He further urged the need to elevate the status of Bogosi to make it relevant and match the current demands. **BOPA**



Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa, Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo and Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae during a kgotla meeting in Selebi Phikwe on Tuesday. President Advocate Duma Boko said Premium Nickel Resources (PNR), a Canadian firm that acquired both Selebi and Selebi North mine shafts, would eventually open for operations. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Boko advocates for absorption of temporary employees

By Chendzimu Manyepedza

SELEBI PHIKWE - President Advocate Duma Boko has advocated for the permanent absorption of temporary employees across various government entities, highlighting the extended tenure of many temporary workers as an indication of existing vacant positions that need to be filled.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Selebi Phikwe on Tuesday, President Boko stated that these initiatives represent a significant milestone in the government’s commitment to creating employment opportunities, a promise his government had made to the nation.

He expressed that such efforts not only create jobs but also significantly enhance social welfare for many citizens.

In addition to employment initiatives, President Boko emphasised the importance of

integrating Information and Communication Technology (ICT) into education.

He pointed out that the adoption of ICT could facilitate virtual classes, allowing specialists to reach a larger number of learners across different regions simultaneously.

“The use of ICT can enable virtual classes; this can help specialists in different areas of learning connect with learners, benefiting the overall landscape of education,” he said.

The President reiterated the government’s commitment to addressing the housing crisis, reaffirming plans to construct 100 000 houses over the next five years. He noted that the execution of plans for 37 000 houses was currently underway, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

Addressing the ongoing economic challenges in Selebi Phikwe, particularly following the

closure of the BCL Mine, President Boko assured residents of the government’s continued efforts to attract investors to the region. “We will work effortlessly to resuscitate, diversify, and revitalise the economy of Selebi Phikwe,” he stated, acknowledging the hardships faced by the community.

Reiterating the government’s dedication to upholding human rights, President Boko emphasised that access to employment, education, and improved infrastructure were fundamental responsibilities the government was committed to delivering.

He urged citizens to recognise these efforts not as favours, but as essential commitments from their government.

Additionally, President Boko expressed awareness of the various challenges faced by the youth, attributing the lack of employment as a root cause of many of the issues. **BOPA**

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Residents call for end to injustice

By Mothusi Galekhutle

KAUDWANE - The Kaudwane community has called for the end of injustice they have endured since relocation from their ancestral land.

During an inter-ministerial committee consultation meeting held in Kaudwane on Monday, many community members who took to the podium stated that the relocation had perpetuated marginalisation of Basarwa.

They stated that they have been informed that they reside in a wildlife management area, which prevents them from being allocated land for farming and boreholes in Kaudwane, yet there are some boreholes owned by individuals who do not reside in Kaudwane.

They also accused the government of failing to fulfill the commitments made when relocating the Basarwa from the

Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR).

They expressed that everything promised by the government had turned out to be an illusion up to this point, and the government has brought more suffering than benefits from their relocation from the CKGR.

Mr George Pihelo, who was the first to take to the podium, called for a review of the Constitution to acknowledge the Basarwa, stating that they have suffered oppression for an extended period.

He cited the case of Mr Pitseng, who remained in the mortuary for years, as clear evidence of how the previous administration disregarded the rights of the Basarwa.

He insisted that the government had failed to fulfill the promises made during their relocation from their ancestral land.

He stated that they should be

returned to the CKGR and he emphasised their desire to be buried there. Ms Kebatshabile Moloreng warned the commission to deliver their recommendations as soon as possible, failing which they would take their property and return to the CKGR on their own.

She noted that the Basarwa community suffers greatly from a lack of employment, highlighting that even graduates from tertiary institutions remain unemployed. She stated that the government had failed to fulfill the promises made during their relocation, and they are having difficulty accessing basic services from the government.

Ms Kebafilwe Sebopego shared that their relocation was poorly managed, resulting in the loss of their belongings, including livestock, during the process.

He remarked that living in Kaudwane feels akin to living in

hell or being imprisoned.

Mr Bompone Chelete said the land board said they could not be allocated land for farming because they are living in a wildlife management area.

MrThobokweSelelabongwaka, who called for a constitutional review, requested relocation back to the CKGR and the provision of farms within that area.

Mr Pogiso Ithuteng stated that they are not allocated land for farming due to their designation within a wildlife management area. Ms Gabaakelwe Pihelo noted that the affirmative action frameworks have not benefited the Basarwa people.

Mr Keotshabetse Ithuteng expressed a desire to return to the CKGR to enjoy their freedom, saying that Kaudwane lacks land for cultivation. He suggested that essential services, such as schools, should be established in the CKGR.

Mr Gaboemelwe Ramaeba emphasised that the Basarwa are aware of their heritage and can guide the government in this regard.

However, he cautioned that the

relocation process to the CKGR should be handled carefully to avoid further complications. Concerning special hunting permits, he argued that they should be granted to Basarwa, but only under specific conditions.

He lamented that unlike in the past, many people now hunt for commercial reasons rather than for sustenance.

He also requested the allocation of borehole points in Kaudwane and the repair of the CKGR fence to protect their livestock from predators, while waiting for a sustainable solution.

He said there are some borehole owned by individuals who do not reside in Kaudwane.

The area councilor, Mr Solly Phetogo highlighted the need for health services in Kaudwane.

Earlier, the commission's representative who is the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Kgakagamalo Ketshajwang, noted that in previous consultative meetings it emerged that the rights of the Basarwa, particularly those of children, were neglected. **BOPA**



The Kaudwane community has called for an end to the injustice they have endured since their relocation from their ancestral land during an inter-ministerial committee consultation meeting on Monday.
Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle

Take advantage of debt amnesty to reduce arrears - MP

By Kehumile Moekejo

MORWAMOSU - Morwamosu residents have been urged to take advantage of the Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) debt amnesty initiative which gives domestic customers a 50 per cent discount on their water bills.

The campaign, which runs from April 1 to June 30, allows eligible customers to clear the remaining half of the debt within the three months.

Speaking in a kgotla meeting addressed by the Member of Parliament (MP) for Jwaneng/Mabutsane, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa in Morwamosu on Monday, WUC Mabutsane sub-cluster supervisor, Ms Arona Epadile implored residents to apply for debt amnesty assessment and make payment plans towards the remaining bills within the stipulated period. She noted that the amnesty only applied to old debts that were over 90 days old, while new debts would be billed

the usual way.

“You are encouraged to go and register for assessment of your bills and make payment plans for the remaining 50 per cent. If you fail to pay within the three months your debt will be billed as usual. You must also understand that this campaign only targets debts that are older than 90 days, while new ones would be paid as they are,” she explained.

Ms Epadile noted that bills which were classified as abnormal would be regularised and aligned with the average recorded in the past three months. Subsequently, she underscored the need for consumers to visit the WUC offices to get clarity and agree to payment plans suitable to their budgets.

On other issues, she said they would review the quantity of chlorine added to drinking water in Morwamosu to ensure that it was suitable for human consumption. She said even though the water needed chlorine

as a disinfectant, keeping it in the right quantities would make it almost undetectable.

“I have noted your concerns about the chemical that we put in your water and we will have it checked because even though it has to be added to make water safe for drinking, you are not supposed to taste it,” she said.

She noted that even though WUC was in the business of selling water, there were some exemptions since they acknowledge that water was an essential part of human life. She promised to make a follow-up on water shortage at Ikageng ward to determine if an intervention was needed to assist residents.

One of the residents, Mr Kebonamang Matsipane had requested that there should be a borehole at Ikageng ward to address water shortage in the area. “Water shortage is a concern at Ikageng ward and even our school going children do not have water to bath,” he said. **BOPA**

By Lindi Morwaeng

LETLHAKENG - Local district authorities have urged government to act decisively on the plight of Basarwa communities.

The call for comprehensive solutions that respect the rights, culture, and dignity of the Basarwa came during a meeting convened by the inter-ministerial committee set up by President Advocate Duma Boko to look into the situation of Basarwa in Botswana to address long-standing and pressing issues they have.

Presenting a number of recommendations for government action on Basarwa issues, Letlhakeng District Council chairperson Mr Gordon Mokgwathi proposed demarcating a portion of land in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve specifically for Basarwa as well as drilling boreholes to provide water access, and implementing a special dispensation for Basarwa students in education and government programmes.

Mokgwathi also highlighted the negative stereotypes and prejudices faced by Basarwa, stressing the need for government action to restore their dignity. “Basarwa have been unfairly labeled as lacking discipline and associated with vandalism. This negative image affects their educational performance and opportunities,” Mokgwathi remarked, advocating for special consideration in government programmes to address long-standing disparities.

Authorities urge government to act on Basarwa plight

He praised the current administration for its human rights-based governance and emphasised the responsibility of all Batswana, including the government, to support Basarwa in achieving their full potential and dignity as fellow citizens.

Letlhakeng District Commissioner Mr Ian Tema highlighted the need for a more consultative approach towards Basarwa issues, emphasising that past government decisions had often been made without engaging the Basarwa community.

“In the past, houses were built for the Basarwa without their input or consent, and when they were relocated from the game reserve, they were given cattle without access to boreholes for water,” Tema stated.

He urged fellow government officials to listen to the Basarwa community before making decisions that impact their lives, saying, “We need to apply ourselves first and consult with the Basarwa people before taking action.”

Village Development Committee (VDC) Secretary for Letlhakeng North Ms Kebafilwe Moselesele praised the government for consulting with communities living alongside Basarwa.

She said some communities who live alongside Basarwa learned to coexist harmoniously with them because they took time to understand their culture and identity.

She said it was important for all Batswana to embrace the Basarwa community and not discriminate against them. **BOPA**

Customers uptake of debt amnesty satisfactory

By Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE - Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) in Kanye has reported a positive reception of its debt amnesty programme, which is aimed at domestic customers.

This initiative is meant to aid WUC to recover about P30 million in outstanding dues from residential consumers.

In an interview with BOPA on Tuesday, WUC general manager Mr Monametsi Ramosu said the amnesty was intended to alleviate the burden of water bills arrears that had accumulated over time.

The amnesty allows customers to negotiate flexible repayment terms for their debts.

Mr Ramosu noted that many residents accrued debt during the early stages of COVID-19 pandemic when disconnections for non-payment were suspended.

The debt amnesty initiative covers all debts incurred prior to December 2024 and would be open for three consecutive months, from April to June 2025.

Mr Ramosu explained that under this programme customers were required to pay 50 percent of their outstanding dues within the three-month timeframe, while the government would cover the remaining balance.

Customers with bills incurred in 2025 will need to address

those outside the debt amnesty arrangement.

The corporation aims to significantly reduce the outstanding debt by the end of June 2025, while simultaneously helping customers to rectify their account statuses.

Early indications show a favourable uptake of the programme.

Mr Ramosu emphasised that WUC continued to promote the debt amnesty program through public announcements and was committed to addressing concerns from customers previously handed over to debt collectors.

He said these individuals would also have the opportunity to benefit from the programme, with WUC willing to withdraw their accounts from debt collectors and work with them directly.

He said while some may perceive the programme as a financial loss for the government, it was a necessary step to improve debt collection, citing that the WUC sees this amnesty as a means to recover funds that can support various government developmental initiatives.

Regarding businesses and government entities, Mr Ramosu said they would be obligated to settle their debts without special dispensations offered under the debt amnesty programme.

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First National Bank Botswana CEO Mr Steven Bogatsu (right), and Botswana Accountancy College deputy executive director for Academic Services, Dr Tebogo Magang during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two entities in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Teko Letsholo

FNBB, BAC sign MoU

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - First National Bank Botswana (FNBB) and the Botswana Accountancy College (BAC) have entered into a strategic partnership that champions progress, education, and national development through a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The agreement was formalised in Gaborone in Gaborone on Tuesday.

FNBB Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steven Bogatsu, expressed confidence in the collaboration, citing BAC's strong track record in academic achievement and its innovative spirit.

"This partnership is an investment not only in academic

talent, but in the dreams and potential of our nation's youth," said Mr Bogatsu.

He acknowledged Botswana's progress in building a diverse and resilient economy but stressed the importance of equipping young people with the skills, exposure, and confidence needed to sustain that momentum.

He emphasised FNBB's commitment to creating real-world learning experiences that go beyond the classroom.

"We are building a bridge between education and employment, a smoother path from classroom to career," he said.

BAC's Deputy Executive Director of Academic Services, Dr Tebogo Magang, affirmed the institution's position as a

leader in graduate employability, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

"We exist to serve our students, and we are dedicated to equipping them with the skills they need to thrive, through learning from industry experts and receiving top-tier mentorship," said Dr Magang.

He also praised FNBB's continued dedication to community upliftment and national development through various sponsorships.

As part of the agreement, FNBB will appoint a senior leader to BAC's Industry Reference Forum.

This move is intended to ensure the curriculum remains relevant, practical, and responsive to the evolving demands of the financial sector.

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Wild Entrust wins Wilderness Impact Challenge

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Wild Entrust has been announced as the overall winner of the Wilderness Impact

Challenge 2025 and walked away with a monetary prize to the tune of P1.4 million.

The challenge is a conservation initiative by Wilderness

Trust focused on supporting transformative projects that improve human-wildlife coexistence and enhance wildlife security.

This year's challenge prioritised projects that address the challenges of humans living alongside wildlife, especially in areas where conflict and competition for resources exist. The challenge was open to individuals and organisations, which could come up with sounding proposals of resourceful solutions/projects aimed at advancing wildlife conservation in Africa.

Wild Entrust, through its project proposal, 'The Bio-boundary', that aimed at developing new tools to reduce human-predator conflict by reducing predator attacks on livestock and the need for lethal control of predators, impressed the judges.

Speaking during a celebration to announce the winning project and honouring the people behind the idea on Tuesday, Wilderness Trust member, Mr Derek De La Harpe explained that the challenge was floated internationally in December and there were over 140 applications, which had to be reduced to a shortlist of 11. After further evaluation, the number was reduced to four entries.

"All were exciting and interesting projects that can address the urgent need for

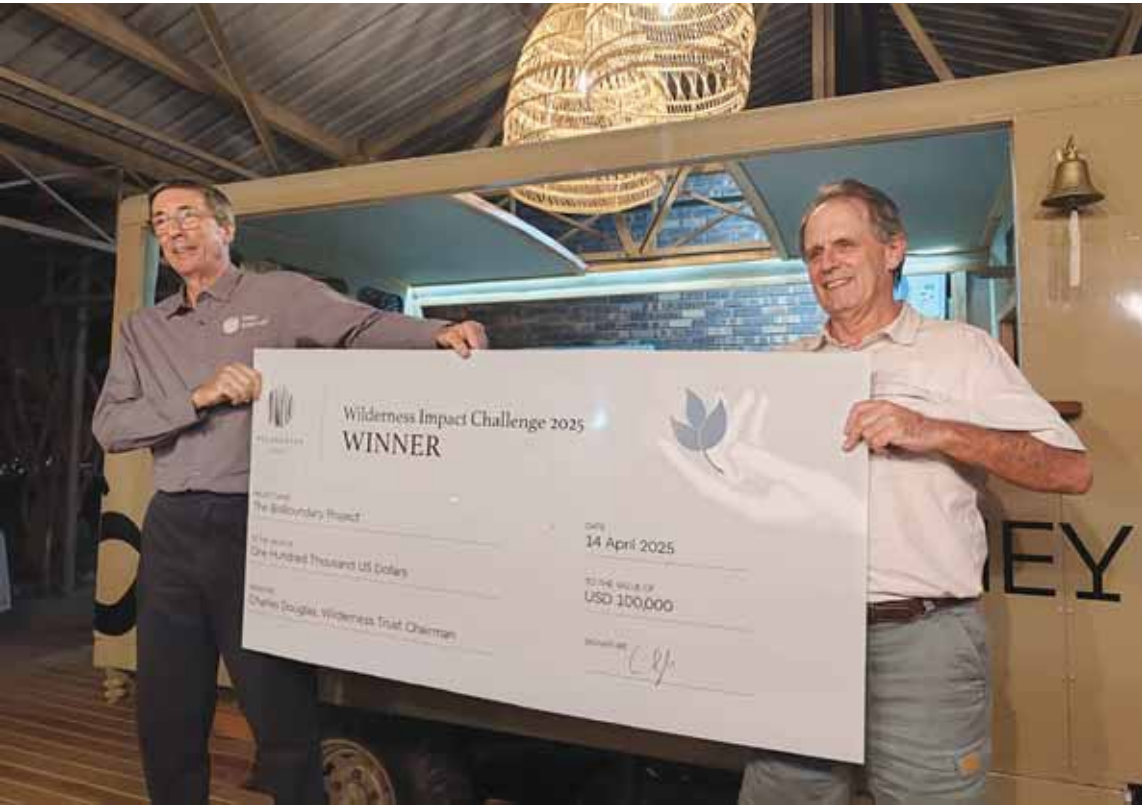
creative solutions but the Bio-boundary project outclassed other competitors to become the winner of the challenge and we look forward to working with them to expand the impact of the project on small scale farmers who rely on livestock," he added.

Mr De La Harpe highlighted that Wild Entrust presented an approach with the potential for lasting solution, noting that they expect the organisation to expand its research activities, especially on predators like lions in areas where Wilderness operates.

Senior researcher for Bio-Boundary Project, Dr Peter Apps, said the project has two main components, being the perimeter bio-boundary that deters predators from leaving protected areas by mimicking scent marks that demarcate home range and territories and bio-boundary repellents that use single components or simple mixtures of components of predator odours to keep carnivores away from livestock.

The project operates in northern Botswana on the Hainaveld and Motopi ranches, a subsistence cattle post area west of Maun, and in the eastern half of Moremi Game Reserve and its neighbouring tourism concession areas.

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Wild Entrust senior researcher, Dr Peter Apps (left) and Wilderness Trust member, Mr Derek De La Harpe during a celebration to announce the winning project of the Wilderness Impact Challenge 2025. The challenge is a conservation initiative by Wilderness Trust that focuses on supporting projects that improve human-wildlife coexistence and enhance wildlife security. Photo Esther Mmolai

Botswana hails AfDB for partnership

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - The African Development Bank (AfDB) has been hailed for not being just a financier, but a partner in the country's development journey.

The bank has in the past financed the construction of the Lobatse-Kanye Road in the 1970s, the Nata-Maun Road, Gaborone-Lobatse Water Supply and the Morupule B Power Plant.

Delivering a keynote address during the bank's 60th Anniversary Cocktail Dinner in Gaborone on Tuesday, the Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, who is also the Minister of Finance, said AfDB was a fountain of innovation and foresight for the African continent's future, with its footprint woven into the story of Botswana's progress.

He said Botswana and the AfDB had walked together since 1972, from the days of concessional funding under the African Development Fund to the robust collaboration that the country enjoyed today, which exceeded more than P35. 8 billion (US\$2.6 billion) across 67 transformative projects.

"We have seen the bank not only as a builder of roads and dams, but also as a partner in thinking, reforming and re-imagining. Whether through technical assistance in procurement reforms, lines of credit to our development institutions or policy advisory during our most difficult transitions. The bank has walked with us, quietly, consistently and

strategically," said Mr Gaolathe.

For this reason, the Vice President said time had come for Botswana and the AfDB to deepen their collaboration further, urging the bank to establish a local presence in Botswana.

"We understand that physical infrastructure takes time however, having a representative can bring us closer more quickly. We are ready and we await your handshake," he said.

Mr Gaolathe said the bank's 60th anniversary celebration presented an opportunity for the African continent's renewed vision, expressing concern that the continent had long been misunderstood, because the world saw it only in statistics and not in its potential.

The AfDB, the Vice President said was a beacon of Africa's own dream, born of African minds, shaped by African hands and led by an unshakable commitment to the dignity, prosperity and empowerment of the African people.

Further, Mr Gaolathe commended the bank for leading conversations that challenged the world to rethink Africa, not as a continent of scarcity, but as the richest cradle of life on earth.

Africa, he said held over 30 per cent of the world's critical minerals, commending the AfDB's pioneering efforts to establish a unified African strategy for critical minerals and its proposal of a Critical Minerals-Backed African Currency.

"When we begin to value what



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (second left), Africa Development Bank (AfDB) deputy director general for Southern Africa and country manager for Botswana, Ms Moono Mupotola (left), Africa Development Bank director general for Southern Africa, Ms Leila Mokaddem (second right) and Bank of Botswana Governor, Mr Cornelius Dekop cutting a cake at the 60th anniversary celebration of the AfDB in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Gaolathe commended the bank's pioneering efforts to establish a unified African strategy for critical minerals-backed currency.

Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

the Earth has given us, rather than solely what markets dictate, we redefine the concept of wealth. Africans must be the custodians of their own resources, authors of their policies and the protectors of their future," said Mr Gaolathe.

AfDB deputy director general

for Southern Africa and country manager for Botswana, Ms Moono Mupotola said she embarked on her role, as the new country manager for Botswana, with profound respect for the country's vision and with a strong sense of responsibility to enhance the long standing collaboration and partnership.

"I eagerly anticipate working with all of you, to further the strategic priorities that will help Botswana with its ambition of becoming a high-income country.

Together we can deliver impactful results by ensuring that our collaboration continues to build tangible benefits to the people of Botswana and drive positive change that will propel Botswana and the continent towards new heights," she said.

The AfDB was established in September 1964 to help drive development and economic growth across the African continent. From that vision, Ms Mupotola said the bank was born with a clear mission to reduce poverty and support sustainable progress on the continent.

"Since then, the AfDB has played a vital role in Africa's development story, it has grown, deepened partnerships and helped shape the continent's place in the global financial landscape," she added.

The bank, she said had remained a steady partner committed to innovation, inclusion and impact with a true concession of financing, technical support or policy dialogue.

Ms Mutopola said the bank's

partnership with Botswana had come a long way, with the first loan extended to the country in November 1973, which supported the extension and modernisation of the telecommunication systems in the country.

"Another of our key projects has been the Pandamatenga Agriculture Infrastructure Development project, which supported increased crop production," she said, adding that Botswana and AfDB's relationship had been characterised by mutual respect and collaboration.

More recently, she said the bank had committed itself to support the government in implementing the shared strategy, running from 2022 to 2026, with focus areas on; building economic resilience through support, economic governance and private sector development, as well as infrastructure development for improved competitiveness.

Additionally, the AfDB's deputy director general said the bank would continue to work with the government in its implementation of the Public Investment Programme and as it rolls out the 12th National Development Plan.

Furthermore, Ms Mutopola said the AfDB also aimed to support the country's priorities, including initiatives aimed at diversifying the economy, creating jobs, enhancing skills development and promoting manufacturing and value addition industries, expanding regional and international trade and modernising agriculture to ensure food security. **BOPA**

'Hemp production brings economic opportunities'

By Lechedzani Morapedi

FRANCISTOWN - As licensing policies for production of hemp in Botswana progresses, medicinal and scientific benefits are expected to be ripped from its production, with a high anticipation of job creation.

This was said by the Member of Parliament for Francistown South, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, when addressing residents of Boikhutso ward in Francistown on Monday. Mr Mmolotsi, who is also the Minister of Environment and Tourism, said the production of hemp would heighten government's efforts to create jobs and improve commercial opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry and construction among others.

He said the adoption of the hemp production policy was a key step towards achieving economic growth and development.

On other issues, Mr Mmolotsi

said the government was expected to finish existing projects and start National Development Plan 12 in August this year.

He added this was to allow for existing projects that were started by the previous government to complete before starting new ones.

Mr Mmolotsi said climate change proved that plans of residential plots needed to be reviewed as the previous floods left many homesteads damaged.

Furthermore, he said Botswana's economy relied solely on diamonds which had not been performing well therefore affecting the economy.

In his welcome remarks, Phase IV Court President, Mr Gunny Moses, noted the importance of consultative meetings in mapping a way forward to make sure developments were achieved.

He complained of bad behaviour in schools as drug and substance abuse seemed to be increasing.

Mr Moses said parents should

take part in the academic well-being of their children as education was a collaborative responsibility.

He also encouraged parents to take part in raising a responsible generation of children who were law-abiding citizens.

When giving the ward overview, the Chairperson of Boikhutso Ward Development Committee, Ms Beauty Sani, complained of substance abuse which led to violence, especially in drinking spots and areas with snooker games.

She said projects in the area were progressing well as most of them were almost at completion stages.

For her part, Ms Nchadi Joseph, a Block 1 resident, complained of noise in the area as drinking spots did not operate within the stipulated times.

She said the noise disturbed children during their study affecting their academic performance. **BOPA**

ZCC members embark on Easter pilgrimage

...takes necessary precautions to avoid eventualities

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOLEPOLOLE - The St Engenas ZCC Molepolole Branch has resumed the annual Easter pilgrimage to Moria, a year after the devastating bus accident at the Mmamatlakala bridge that claimed 45 lives.

This time, the congregation is taking precautions, opting for 16 cars and a 16-seater combi instead of a bus.

Molepolole branch congregation secretary, Mr Phillip Sebifo, assured the nation in an interview that the route would be different, and safety measures like traveling in a convoy would be employed.


Even with these measures, the emotional scars of the tragedy are still fresh, and some families are hesitant to return, including the mother of the only surviving child, Ms Gaosebale Siako.

“We have decided to keep our daughter from going until she is emotionally stable,” she said.

Ms Siako stated that she remained cautious with her daughter whom despite the trauma, was doing well. “She has closed off any conversation about the accident, and that’s okay. It will take time for her to recover fully,” said Ms Siako. The ZCC St Engenas Molepolole Branch is uncertain if there will be a memorial service for the deceased congregants during their pilgrimage, and await guidance from the church officials in Moria. **BOPA**





The scene of the tragic accident, where 45 Batswana perished on the eve of the Easter weekend at Mmamatlakala Bridge along the R518 in Limpopo, South Africa. The St Engenas ZCC Molepolole Branch is embarking on its annual Easter pilgrimage to Moria this year, taking precautions by opting for 16 cars and a 16-seater combi instead of a bus, and will be using a different route.



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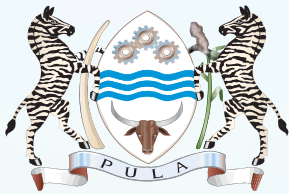
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DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELIEF

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

Update as at 8th April 2025

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

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

93	Greater Hope Life Change Charity Society	-6 water pumps, 200 mosquito nets, 20 heavy-duty torches, & food & toiletries valued at P40,000.00.
94	HLB Botswana	-8 combo meal packages, assorted toiletries, 50 fleece jackets, & 250 bottles of 330ml water.
95	Cellphone Warehouse	-Donated a DJI Avata Drone.
96	Jackson Pools	-Contributed 3 life jackets, 3 life rings, 5 horseshoe life buoys, and 3 cushion ,buoyancy A10.
97	Puma Energy Botswana	-Donated P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel.
98	Moffat James Bango Trading Pty Ltd	-Donated P100,000.00.
99	University of Botswana Academic & Support Staff Union (UBASSU)	-Donated P10,000.00.
100	Botswana Chapter of International Women Judges Association	-Donated P10,000.00.
101	Khoemacau Copper Mining	-Pledged to repair potholes, design Segoditshane River & culverts at a value of P2,500,000.00.
102	Mobile and Electric Retailers Association of Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00
103	Kalcon PTY LTD	-Cash P100,000.00
104	Stargems Botswana Pty Ltd	-Cash P50,000.00
105	Glazing Botswana	-Cash P40, 000.00
106	Botswana Doctors Union	-CashP15,000.00
107	Business Botswana in collaboration with AGS Botswana	-18 packets of sanitary pads, 33 bottles of 5l water, 14 bags of 10kg maize meal, 14 bags of 2kg macaroni, 14 bottles of 2l cooking oil, 14 bottles of 750ml tomato sauce, 14 bottles of 750ml mayonnaise & 3 power banks.
108	Botswana Fibre Networks (BOFINET)	-Cash P100,000.00
109	Human Resources Professionals’ Society of Botswana:	-Food hampers worth P5,500.00
110	Botswana Gujarati Samaj	-150 food hampers
111	Legae Academy	25 mosquito nets, 25 mattresses, hygiene kits, and food hampers
112	Priceless Connection represented by Alamaan Q. Hamdani	50 Headlamps and 20 Torches
113	Korea Community Association	300 blankets, 70 first aid kits, 2 generators, 2 chainsaws, 10 solar searchlights, and 50 protective gloves
114	Holy Ghost International Church - Bethesda TV & Partners	20 blankets
115	Fairprice Group of Companies	Clothing for children and adults valued at P15,000.00.
116	Bible Life Ministries	A financial contribution of P70,000.00.
117	Mohammed VI Foundation	100 food hampers valued at P42,630.00.
118	Dulux Botswana	P75,000.00
119	ZIMBOTS Golf Society	P3,500.00



Ba CKGR ba kopa ditlamelo

Ka Malebogo Lekula

METSIAMANONG - Banni ba mafelo a a mo Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) a akaretsa, Metsiamanong,

Gope, Mothomelo le Gugamma, ba kopile go akarediwa mo lenaneong la puso la go isa dithabololo kwa bathong.

Ba buile seo bosheng jaaka lekoko le le tlhomilweng ke

Tautona Advocate Duma Boko, ba ne ba etetse mafelo a banni ba letso la Sesarwa, e le tsela nngwe ya go tsaya megopolo mabapi le dikgang tse di amang matshelo a bone, go di sekaseka

go itebagantswe le ditshwanelo tsa setho.

Kgosi yo o okametseng mafelo ao, go tswa kwa New Xade, Kgosi Lobatse Beslag, o ne a supa fa mafelo ao, a lebanwe ke dikgwetlho tsa tlhalelo ya ditlamelo di tshwana botsogo, metsi, thuto, maranyane le ditlhaeletsanyo.

O ne a tlhalosa fa bontsi jwa banni mo mafelong a a mo CKGR, le tikologo ba tlhologa mo Metsiamanong, mme e bile go ka sekasekwa go tlhoma lefelo leo boremelelo jwa ditlamelo le ditirelo ka go farologana ka jaana a re le fa gare ga mafelo ao otlhe.

A re seo, se ka thusa go fokoletsa banni ba mafelo ao, mesepele e meleele go latela ditirelo le ditlamelo boturu kwa New Xade, Kaudwane le ka kwa kgaolong ya Boteti.

Kgosi Beslag o ne a supa gape fa ba eletsa gore mafelo ao, a bidiwe ka maina a one a tlhologo a puo ya Sesarwa.

Rre Ikakanye Keshakgetshe go tswa kwa Gope o ne a gatelela fa ba tlhoka go atumelediwa ditlamelo, a itebagantse segolo bogolo le thuto, a supa fa ba tshwanetse go agelwa dikole mo mafelong ao, ka jaana a re bana ba kgaoganngwa le batsadi ba sa le ba botlana, go ya go tsena sekole kwa New Xade.

A re bana ba tlhokomelelwa kwa sekoleng go simolola ka mophato wa ntlha, a supa fa seo, se ama kgolo ya ngwana ka ntata ya gore o patelesega go ipelega a sale mmotlana.

Rre Keshakgetshe a re seemo seo, ke sone se bakang kwelo tlase ya maduo ka jaana maikutlo a bana ga se a a iketlileng ka ntlha ya go nna kgakala le batsadi ba sa bone tlhokomelo e e nitameng.

Mo go tse dingwe, rre Keshakgetshe o ne a kopa gore ba Lephata la Tikologo le Bojanala ba sekaseke melawana ya go laola mesepele mo CKGR, a supa fa dinako tse di beilweng di ba patika, ka jalo a kopa gore ba letlelelwe go tsamaya nako nngwe le nngwe ka ntlha ya diemo tsa botsshelo.

E ntse e le kwa Gope, Mme Tlhabologo Galetshipe ene o ne a kopa gore ba agelwe kokelwana ka gore ba lebanwe ke kgwetlho ya dipalamo go tswa mo Gope go ya New Xade.

O ne a tlhalosa fa go tlhoka kokelwana go ama botsogo jwa bana ka jaana ba retelelwa ke go tsaya mekento ya thibelo malwetsi ka dinako tse di tshwanetseng a re seo, se baya matshelo a bana ba bone mo diphatseng.

O ne a tlatsa ka gore seemo sa go tlhoka kokelwana se ama le matshelo a bomme ba ba itsholofetseng ka jaana a re ba patelesega go ya itekodisong kgwedi le kgwedi mme ba felela

ba sa kgone ka ntlha ya letlhoko la dipalamo le madi.

Mme Kaitshotla Keemetswe go tswa kwa Mothomelo, o ne a supa fa metsi e le botshelo, ka jalo ba kopa gore ba gokelelwe metsi a sennela ruri gore dithabololo tse dingwe di kgone go tla ka go latelana.

O ne a supa gape fa ba tshela mo letshogong ntateng ya ditlou tse di sailang mo mafelong a bone, mme a kopa gore go batliwe methale ya go di kobela kgakala le fa batho ba nnang teng.

Rre Mosetlhanyana Matsipane ene, o ne a gatelela botlokwa jwa kabo ya lefatshe a re seo, se tlaa ba thusa go tsaya mananeo a tshwana le a temo letlotlo le a mangwe a boipelego gore ba kgone go itshetsa ka jaana a re ba aperwe ke lehuma la nta ya tlhogo.

O ne a kopa gore ba fiwe setlankana sa lefatshe gore fa ba senyeditse ke diphologolo tsa naga, ba kgone go kopa puso madi a phimolo dikeledi.

Go tswa kwa Metsiamanong, Rre Kgatlhego Digobe o kopile gore ba gokelelwe maranyane a ditlhaeletsanyo gore ba kgone go nna mo dinakong ka ditiragalo tsa lefatshe gammogo le mananeo a puso ka se se ka tlhabolola matshelo a bone.

O ne a gatelela botlhokwa jwa go gokelelwa metsi mo mafelong ao, a supa fa go nosiwa metsi ka dikoloi ke khansela kgwedi le kgwedi go sa ba berekele ka jaana metsi ao a sa lekane.

Rre Onkemetse Tshotlego go tswa kwa Gugamma ene o ne a gwetlha puso go tlhomamisa mafelo a bone a re seo, se tlaa ba fa tshiamelo ya go atumelediwa ditlamelo ka fa tshwanelong.

Mo go tse dingwe, banni ba ne ba kopa gore go sekasekwe molao motheo, lenaneo la Ipelegeng go tlhokomela ditsela tse di mo CKGR, kago ya mafelo a ngwao le koketsego ya kemedi ya batho ba letso la Sesarwa kwa Palamenteng gore lentswe la bone le tle le utlwale sentle.

Mokwaledi go tswa kwa lephateng la tikologo le bojanala, Rre Boatametse Modukanele o ne a itsise banni fa ba tlaa tsaya megopolo ya bone mme a ba itsise fa ba santse ba na le sebaka sa go sala ba kopana ba kwala tse dingwe, go oketsa tse ba setseng ba di ba begetse gore di kopanngwe di fetisetswa kwa go Tautona.

Mo mafokong a gagwe a malebo, Mokhanselara wa Kacgae, Rre Isang Saidoo, o ne a lebogela lekoko leo, a supa fa therisanyo eo, e tlaa thusa go fokotsa dipharologano mo merafeng ya batho ba letso la Sesarwa gore le bone ba akole ditshwanelo jaaka Motswana mongwe le mongwe. **BOPA**



Maiteko a khansela ya toropo ya Gaborone a go anamisa ditanka tsa matlakala mo mebileng le marekisetso ka maikaelelo a go lwantsha go gasagasiwa ga matlakala a tswelletse. Mmereki wa tsa botsogo jwa tikologo kwa khanseleng, Rre Oteng Sebetwane a re go tlhomilwe ditanka di feta makgolo a mabedi go dikologa toropo, go nolofatsa go latlha matlakala le go a phutha mo setshabeng ka kakaretso. Rre Sebetwane a re go tlhokega thuto ya tlaaleltsa mo setshabeng ka botsogo jwa tikologo, ka letsatsi le letsatsi ba amogela dingongora tsa go tlola molao wa go latlha matlakala. O tswelletse ka go rotloetsa setshaba go tswelela ba dirisa ditanka tse gore ba nne le toropo e e phepa. Senepe: Phenyio Ramatu

Sekole sa Nthwalang se tlhoka go shafadiwa

Ka Grace Sebape

DIGAWANA - Banni ba Digawana mo kgaolong ya Mmathethe/Good Hope, ba kopile gore sekole se segolwane sa Nthwalang se baakanngwe ka jaana se se mo seemong se se nametsang.

Kopo eo, e rotswe ke mothusa kgosi wa motse oo, Kgosi Moatlhodi Kgwakgwe mo mafokong a gagwe a kamogelo mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamante wa kgaolo, e bile e le tona wa lephata la lefatshe le temo-thuo, Dr Edwin Dikoloti ga mmogo le tona wa lephata la tlamelwa ya bana le thuto go tswa kwa moding, Mme Nono Kgafela-Mokoka kwa Digawana bosheng.

Kgosi o ne a bolela fa dikago tsa sekole seo di onetse, ka jalo di tlhoka go shafadiwa.

Godimo ga seo, a re ba tshwenngwa gape ke gore maduo a dikole tsa motse oo a kwa tlase

fela thata, go akarediwa le sone sa Nthwalang.

Mo go tse dingwe, Kgosi Kgwagwe o boletse gore kago ya diofisi tsa sepodisi e tswelletse, le gore ba filwe koloi ya mapodisi.

O kopile gore ba okelediwe mapodisi ka go bo dikgang tsa borukutlhi di a tshwenya mo motseng.

E rile a buisa banni, Mme Kgafela-Mokoka o ne a bolela fa lephata la gagwe le le lesa, a tlatsa ka gore ga gona jaaka go ka buiwa ka thuto go bo go tlogelwa ditlamelo tsa ngwana kwa ntle.

O tswelletse a bolela fa ditshwanelo tsa ngwana e le thuto, botsogo le gore o godisiwa ke mang, a bolela fa ba boipelego ba na le dithutego tse di faphegileng gore ba ka tlamela botsshelo jwa ngwana le jwa motho.

Fa a itebaganya le sekole sa Nthwalang, jaaka a ne a se etetse pele ga phuthego, tona Kgafela-Mokoka o supile fa seemo sa

sekole seo se sa jese diwelang, a tlatsa ka gore baithuti ba tsenela ka fa tlase ga ditlhare, mme a solofetsa gore dikago tsa sekole seo, di tshwanetse tsa shafadiwa.

A re o tlaa kopa di Porta Camp tse di lekaneng go nna matlwana a borutelo, a tlatsa ka gore le one matlo a bonno a barutabana ga a mo seemong se se siameng.

Tona Kgafela-Mokoka o boletse fa dikgang tse dingwe tse di tshwenyang ele tsa kgokgontsho ya bong e bana ba dirisiwang mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo ba le dingwaga di kwa tlase, selo se se felelang se ba senyetsa bokamoso.

O tswelletse a kopa batsadi go tlamele le go babalela bana kwa malwapeng fela jaaka ba babalelwa kwa dikoleng.

A re batsadi ba ele tlhoko mafoko a ba a buang fa ba na le bana.

Mo go tse dingwe o boletse gore tiriso ya thupa ke barutabana e emisitswe. **BOPA**



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Contact 76 447 290, Douglas
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Should have Diploma in Agriculture
and 3 years post graduate
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small stock a must. Apply to P.O Box
677 Metsimotlhabe.

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lands. Apply Box 547, Serowe.
Contacts: 74 729 708 / 72 406 822
/ 71 666 481.

FARM WORKER WANTED in
Matshelagabedi. Contact: Taboka
Sendimba 75 031 924, Box 30752
Francistown. Closing date 30/04/25

OWNER OF PLOT at Mokatse,
portion 3840A informs neighbours
about changing use from multi-
family to single family. Objections
to be forwarded to Kgatleng District
Council, physical planning office,
Tel 577 7411.

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

MPHO BOLDWIN LEONARD of
lot 8748 Francistown would like to
change use of the plot from single-
family to multi-family and also to
construct a boundary wall. Any
objection contact 72 428 128

OWNER OF PLOT 1335 Sefoke
ward,Tlokweg wishes to
change use from single to multi
residential.Owners of plots
119,694,4385,12064,12068 and
interested parties are herein
informed.For consent/objection
and viewing of drawings contact
Thabo @ 71612915 or Tlokweg
District Council Physical Planning
Department,Tlokweg

OWNER OF PLOT 8160 Ramfurwa
ward Tlokweg would like
to develop a boundary wall
neighbouring plot 8159, 8161, 8168.
Any objection is to be forwarded to
Tlokweg District Council Physical
Planning office within 14 days from
date of this publication. Contact
3695000

I GOBITSA CHEMA Mmerekhi, do
hereby consult my immediate
neighbors regarding the
proposed change of land use
from single residential to multi-
family residential on plot 26013 at
Newtown ward, Serowe. For any
queries, please contact Serowe
district department on 4631098
within 14 days of publication of this
notice.

ESTATEPROPERTYINVESTMENTS
(PTY) LTD , Owner of plot no. 7967
in Metsimotlhabe Block 4 wishes
to construct an access road from
the A12 main road. Any objections
should be forwarded to Kweneng
land Board at (+267) 5922600

OWNER OF PLOT 15522 Palapye
Ext 11 seek to change land use from
single family to multi-family. Any
objections contact Palapye District
Councils Physical Planning or call
74108940 within 14days of this
publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 562, Mmopane
Block 1 would like to change land
use from Residential to Multi
Residential. For any objections
contact Mogoditshane Physical
planning office, Telephone
3105615 in writing, within (14) days
publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 16423 Palapye
Ext 11 intends to erect a boundary
wall. Any objection contact Palapye
District Council building control
or 74108940 within 14days of this
publication.

TEBOGO DAMBUZA AT Makoro
fields Palapye, seek to change land
use from intergrated farm to Agro-
tourism. Any objections contact
Palapye District Council Physical
planning office or call 72223636
within 14days of this publication.

PLOT OWNER 1775, Borolong-
Basimane ward wishes to change
land use from multi-residential to
civic and community (Day-Care).
Contact Tonota Council Physical
Planning for quiries at 2484331
within fourteen days of this
publication.

BAKANG MOTSOPA OF PLOT
7324 Block 5, Mogoditshane
informs neighbors of intention
to change land use from single
to multi-family residential use.
Any objections to this should be
forwarded to Mogoditshane-
Thamaga Sub District Council,
Physical Planning Office at 310 5615
within 14 days of this publication.

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that **TIROYAONE ALBERTINAH MATSIKA** intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 930/2020 dated the 27th day of July 2020 in respect of Lot 69554 Gaborone in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 69554, Gaborone;

SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District;

MEASURING: 600 m² (Six Hundred Square Metres);

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 930/2020 dated the 27th day of July 2020 made in

favour of TIROYAONE ALBERTINA MATSIKA;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE _DAY OF APRIL 2025

MOKOPAKGOSI ATTORNEYS
Plot 86, Unit 1, Sub-Unit 1
Gaborone Int'l Commerce Park
P O Box 45287, Riverwalk
Gaborone

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

SALEFI KUMILE - ESHGB-000572/24

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the **Estates Act {Cap 31:01}** the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **5th day of June 2025 at 1130 hours** at the before — **Felicity S. Sigweni**. At the Master’s Office, **Gaborone High Court Building**.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting 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.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration Of Estate Act
[Cap31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or personsas 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
BANENELI MAFUMBO PEDZANI	ESFHT-000438-25	16-07-25	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF DEBITORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB-ESHGB-000463-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEBALEPILE BAME S KABELO** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 25th April 2023.

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

DATED at Gaborone on 15th April 2025

The Executrix
Refilwe Sentshebeng
P O Box 405120 GABORONE
TEL: 72967450/75944641

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration Estates Act
(Cap. 31:01)

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

Name of Diseased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BALASHIKI MORAPEDI	ESHFT-000757-24	15-06-25	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000035/24

IN THE EASTATE of the Late **ORILE ORIS KGALEMANG** who died at Block 9 Plot 26588, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 24th October 2000.

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

DATE at _on this _Day of _2025

The Executrix
Kesentsemg Kgalemang-Juma
P O Box 21291 Gaborone
Tel: 71462470

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HED AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 274-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PULENG MADZIBA** ESHFT:274-24 who died at **NYANGABWE HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the 12/08/2021

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 07TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

THABANG MADZIBA	SIGN _____	AND TO:
EXECUTOR DATIVE		Master of the High Court
P O BOX 64		Private Bag F13
MAROBELA		FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s reference :ESHGB-000780/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Rachel Balisi** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **27th of October,2023**.

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

DATED at _____on this _____day of_____2025

Executor
Kedikilwe Balisi
Private Bag BR164
GABORONE
72376327/77141976

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that the undersigned intents applying for certified copy of Deed No.T760/99 dated 12th May 1999, made in favour of the late Bertha Ratau in respect of

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Plot 27309

SITUATE : In Gaborone West extension 30

MEASURING : 480m2 (four hundred and eighty square metres)

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objections in writing with the registrar of Deeds,Private bag 0020 Gaborone within 3 weeks from the last publication of this notice.

Application name:Rebecca Ratau, Gaborone

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: - ESHFT- 000027-22

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE VICTOR MAJAULE** who died at Ngangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District Botswana on the 10th day of February 2022.

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

DATED at _on this _Day of _2025

The Executor	The Executor
Ugele Majaule	Moeteledi Marumo
P O Box 12 MASUNGA	P O Box 551 SELEBI-PHIKWE
Cell: 71385067	Cell: 75550431

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration Estates Act
(Cap. 31:01)

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

Name of Diseased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BALULAMI NTSHAMBIWA	ESHFT-000682-24	30-07-25	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

PROPERTY

CHANGE OF LAND USE. Lorato Motlhabani intends to change the land use from nursery to multi-residential (Portion A) and single family residential(Portion B) at Matebele. Any objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council,Physical Planning; Tel 5777741, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

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CHANGE OF LAND USE

FLIPSIDE INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED registered owner of Lot 44782 Francistown wishes to **change land use** of the subject plot **from Agricultural to Industrial.**

Any enquiries or **objections** to the proposal may be **forwarded to the City of Francistown**, Physical Planning office, contact telephone No. 241 1050 **within fourteen (14) days** of publication of this notice.

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Email your CV to hr@netsol.co.bw, or deliver to Unit 2, Plot 6429, Broadhurst. or **before the 9th of May 2025.**
Tel: 310 1263, 73 240 298

MEDICAL GASES TECHNICIAN / Supervisor required. Relevant Diploma or higher, 15+ years experience in specialized gases, HVAC systems. Apply- Climate Control, Box 25632, Gaborone.

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

ESHFT 000459-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JOSEPH M. MAEMO – ESHFT 000459-24** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Central District on the 01/01/2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Mater of the High Court Francistown for period twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

1) Audery Maemo
Executor Dative
P O Box 955 **Palapye**

AND TO: Master of High Court
Private F13
FRANCISTOWN

2) Gorata L. Maemo
P O Box 955 **Palapye**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000847/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **OMPHEMETSE EMELDAH MAKGOENG** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **23rd June 2023.**

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

DATED at on this Day of 2025.

The Executor
Boenyana K. Makgoeng
P O Box 1132 **Lobatse**
Cell: 71799160

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ONALENNA GAUMAKWE	GFTHFT-000472/23-24	29-07-2025	09900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master Reference: ESHGB-000384/21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Dinare Elizabeth Mamapilo** who died at Bamelete Lutheran Hospital, Ramotswa, Ramotswa District, Botswana on **14st June , 2021**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the **Master of the High Court** at **Gaborone** for a period of twenty-one (21)**days** from the date of publication hereof.

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

DATED at_on the_day of_2025

The Executrix
Mrs Segametsi K.Pule
P O Box 1348 GABORONE
74603911

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the underdeigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no 883/2004 dated 7 May 2004. Made in favour of Boikhutso Osupeng in respect to the following property;

CERTAIN: piece of land being residential lot 5846 Lobatse
SITUATE: In Lobatse Extension 23
MEASURING: 437m2 (Four Hundred and thirty seven square meters)
HELD UNDER: Title Deed No 883/2004 dated 7th day of May 2004.

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 weeks from the publication of this notice.

Dated: 09/04/2025

Address:
Plot 5823 Moshupa

NOTICE UNDER S.5 OF LAND CONTROL ACT (CAP 32:11)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that the following controlled transaction is proposed wherein 51% (Fifty One Percent) shares in Treading Lightly (Proprietary) Limited, which holds the below described parcel of agricultural land, is to be transferred to non-citizen shareholders:

1. PARTIES

1.1 TRANSFEROR: LOUIS JAMES MYNHARDT
1.2TRANSFEREES: SAREL FREDERIK SMIT
HENRIETTA AUGUSTA SMIT
ALEXANDRA CHARMIAN SMIT
VINCENT MARCO SMIT

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND:

CERTAIN: piece of Land being Lease Area No. 396-K0; on Portion 9 of the Farm Crocodile Pools No. 15-K0;
SITUATE: in the South East Administrative District;
MEASURING: 4.9550 Ha (Four pint Nine Five Five Zero Hectares); AS WILL MORE FULLY
APPEAR: from Diagram D.S.L. No. 550/96 surveyed in May 1996 by Land Surveyor C.P. Vista and ap proved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on 13th August 1996;

WHICH PROPERTY: was held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 70/2023 dated the 7th day of February 2023 made in favour of TREADING LIGHTLY (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED;
SUBJECT TO: the reservation and conditions contained in the aforesaid

3. CONSIDERATION: P4,000,000-00 (Four Million Pula).

All Botswana citizens interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above-named property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above-mentioned parties regarding the controlled transaction.

Any other person wishing to object to the proposed controlled transaction shall give notice of his/her intention to oppose and the reasons therefor to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Water Affairs with copies to the Attorneys hereinafter named, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Notice.

DATED AT GABORONE this 15th day of April 2025.

WARONA LAW OFFICE

Applicant's Attorneys
P O Box 41626
GABORONE

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KAY MOGIBELO	ESHFT-000170-24	18-06-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT-000001-23

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BLACKIE TANYALA-ESHTF-000001-23** who died at NYAGABABGWE REFETAL HOSPITAL Francistown Botswana on the 27 October 2022.

NOTICE HEREBY First and final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown for a period of Twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2025

MOSES TANYALA
Executor Dative
Private Bag 001 Serowe

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
Francistown

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Transfer Title **No. 760/2004** dated **20th April 2004** made in favour of **Tebogo Thapelo** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 38174, Gaborone

SITUATE: in the Gaborone West Extension 39;

MEASURING: 413 m² (Four Hundred and Thirteen Square Metres);

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA

AT GABORONE

CASE NO: CVHGB-001252-22

In the matter between:

GRS BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD
and
INNOVATIVE ROOFING CONCEPTS (PTY) LTD

Plaintiff

Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Judgment granted by the above Honourable Court the following property will be sold by **DEPUTY SHERIFF OMPHEMETSE PETER KAISARA** by public auction to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 28th April 2025

VENUE: Broadhurst Police

TIME: 10:30 am

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or bank guaranteed cheques

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 6 Office Chairs, 3 Office Tables, Samsung Monitor, HP CPU.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

Deputy Sheriff Omphemetse kaisara

Tel: 397 3799 / 72 195 113

c/o RAHIM KHAN & COMPANY Plaintiff's Attorneys

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A Fine Balance tackles complex issue

By Tshoganetso Mokowe

GABORONE - The struggle for coexistence between humans and wildlife in Botswana is a pressing issue that reflects broader global challenges.

In *A Fine Balance*, a documentary film directed by Robbie Kroger, explores the complexities surrounding sustainable hunting and the ramifications for communities living alongside wildlife are examined.

The film highlights the precarious equilibrium these communities must maintain; balancing their survival against the needs of wildlife conservation.

Botswana, home to approximately 130 000 elephants, grapples with the consequences of human-wildlife conflict, particularly in areas like Sankoyo and Sepako and other communities in the periphery of wildlife parks.

The introduction of a hunting ban from 2014 to 2019 stripped locals of vital income linked to hunting quotas, which previously supported families and community development initiatives.

Kroger illuminates the paradoxes faced by those living near wildlife-rich areas, where the daily struggle for essentials like

water and pastures is hampered by the constant threat posed by elephants and other wild animals.

Leon Kachelhoffer, vice chairperson of Botswana Wildlife Producers Association, emphasises that hunting historically served as a buffer for the Okavango Delta ecosystem.

“Wildlife is our national heritage, and we have no intention of destroying it,” he asserts.

Though ecotourism is suggested as an alternative solution to the conflict, many areas in Botswana, such as NG 13, an area in the Okavango Delta, remain under served and under developed for such ventures.

“It is crucial to develop strategies that enable rural communities to thrive, especially as poaching continues to be an issue,” adds Kachelhoffer.

For villages like Mababe, hunting helps fund education and food security as it contributes to a trust the residents for development of the village, yet it is not without challenges.

Member of Parliament for Maun North and Leader of Opposition, Dumelang Saleshando notes that while Botswana may face criticism for its hunting policies, the reality is that responsible, community-involved hunting is essential for

the region’s sustainability.

He notes that international hunting lobby often portrays the situation in a negative light, overlooking the local perspectives.

“We need a fair, sustainable use of hunting; communities value wildlife, but the profit must also translate into real benefits for them,” Saleshando argues.

Local voices emphasise the need for better resource allocation, so communities can benefit from hunting tourism rather than being left behind.

Trust Serumola, a local hunter, points that international hunters often receive premium treatment while locals struggle.

“We need tailored training programmes that prepare locals to engage at international standards,” he explains.

As the documentary, *A Fine Balance* illustrates that challenges of human-wildlife conflict and hunting sustainably in Botswana is multidimensional, intertwining the economic survival with conservation efforts.

The future of both wildlife and local communities hinges on developing sustainable practices that enable coexistence while ensuring that the benefits of wildlife resources reach those most affected.

The need for dialogue, education, and revision of hunting policies remains critical for securing a balanced future. **BOPA**



Botswana Wildlife Producers Association, Leon Kachelhoffer (left) and Member of Parliament for Maun North, Dumelang Saleshando during the previewing of *A Fine Balance*, a documentary directed by Robbie Kroger in Gaborone on Tuesday. The film explores the complexities surrounding sustainable hunting and ramifications for communities living alongside wild animals in Botswana and issues surrounding human wildlife conflict. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

What's on this

Weekend

Easter Events

Easter Conference Date: April 17-20
Venue: Kgari Sechele II Senior Secondary School, Molepolole

7th Anniversary Celebration & Marriage Seminar
Date: April 20 Venue: Moshupa

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event Date: April 18-21
Venue: Lily's Petting Farm, Oodi

Motswedi Game Night
Date: April 17 Venue: The Pavilion Restaurant, Gaborone

Head Mountain of God Apostolic Church in Zion
Date: April 17-20 Venue: Jackalas No. 2

Balatedi ba ga Jehovah (Easter Holidays)
Date: April 17 Venue: Tonota

New Anointing Church of All Nations
Date: April 15-21
Venue: Setlalekgosi Junior Secondary School, Francistown

Spiritual Healing Church Easter Holiday Celebrations
Date: April 20
Venue: Matopi Settlement Football tournaments, Matshelagabedi

Eloyi Christian Church
Date: April 18-21 Venue: Tsetsebjwe

The city of Revelation Healing Church
Date: April 18-21 Venue: Tlokweg

Choppies Easter Egg Hunt family fun day
Date: April 19 Venue: Game City Gaborone

This year Tour gospel worship event
Date: April 20 Venue: Gaborone

Churchwide Easter Camp 2025 Botswana International Church of Christ
Date: April 18-20 Venue: Woodpecker, Notwane

Chess Tournament
Date: April 21 Venue: Jacaranda Primary School Francistown

Mopako Ranch Traditional Horse Race Polka dance & Basarwa Traditional dance
Date: April 18-19 Venue: Mabutsane

BSA Championship
Date: April 18-21 Venue: Jwaneng

Kopong Easter Football Tournament
Date: April 19-21 Kopong Venue: Kopong United Grounds

Tri-nations U13, 15 and 17 Tournament
Date: April 18-20 Venue: Palapye

Intense Full Face Tutorial Masterclass
Date: April 18-20 Venue: Phase 2 Gaborone.

Meanwhile, congregations and communities are readying for the Easter Holiday meetings at different churches. In Tsetsejwe, Minister for State President, Moeti Mohwasa will join Good Friday celebrations at Eloyi headquarters in Tsetsebjwe. In Selebi Phikwe, Assistant Minister of Health, Lawrence Ookeditse, will be present at Angels Church on Good Friday. Kgosi Khama IV is set to attend Easter celebrations and donations at St Paul Apostolic Faith Mission in Serowe on April 19. In Boteti, Diphapo Apostolic Church in Zion will be giving out gifts in Mosu at Segotsane Kgotla ward on Good Friday. **BOPA**

All Kasi, FUB honour football legend

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - All Kasi Clothing Company, in collaboration with Footballers

Union of Botswana (FUB) has honoured former player, Tumie Duiker, by designing a customised trainer's football shoe engraved, Duiker 15.

The trainer is expected to hit the market in June and will cost P800. Speaking at the launch, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng, who pledged to

buy the first pair, said hounoring Duiker was not just to recognise him, but also to start a journey of recognising legends of the game. "It is also a call to us as the government to have a clear athletes policy, that supports our athletes, from playing days to post playing days," he said. Kelebeng said considering Duiker's journey as a football player, there was no doubt that he was a legend that needed to be recognised. Also, he said All Kasi should be celebrated, hence he came to endorse their partnership with Duiker. All Kasi clothing label marketing director, Barnes Maplanka, said having played football with Duiker, they found it fit to honour the legend of their times. He said Duiker's work spoke for itself hence they wanted to 'give him his flowers' while he was still alive. "When we grew up, Duiker was a celebrity, and it was very difficult for people to see him, except during match day, and a lot of us idolised him," he said. Former Extension Gunners' manager, Rashid Chopdat, said Duiker was a humble and a good player during his time. "When we took him from TAFIC, It was not easy. It was difficult to get his blue book, and we engaged a lawyer, Sidney Pilane," he said. He said they went to the Appeals Board for his clearance and Pilane was adamant that they were not going to give TAFIC more than P500. After an intence argument at the Appeals Board, Chopdat said he then called TAFIC financier, Geoffrey Maygillip, and they resolved the issue and he gave him P2 000 and managed to get Duiker's signature. Duiker thanked All Kasi and FUB for honouring and celebrating his contribution to football in Botswana. **BOPA**



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng (left), All Kasi clothing label marketing director, Barnes Maplanka, (right) honouring football legend, Tumie Duiker with an engraved Duiker 15 branded trainer shoes in Gaborone on Monday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Saleshando advances to J60 quarterfinals

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana tennis player, Seabo Saleshando has proceeded to the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J60 quarterfinals after beating Eric Sigauque of Mozambique 6-2, 6-2 at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone yesterday. Saleshando made his intentions of representing the country in the next round clear from the set go and dominated the second set, as his opponent was found wanting most of the time. In a post match interview, Saleshando said despite being the only Motswana player to proceed to the quarterfinals, he would absorb all the pressure and play his normal game. "But there were times that I played with a lot of nerves, and my intension is to correct that in my next match," he said. Meanwhile, Botswana rising tennis player, Malak Macheng bowed out of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J60 tournament after suffering a 6-1, 6-0 defeat from Allegra Van Der Walt of South Africa. Despite losing, Malak will take solace in that making it to the second round and

earning her first ITF junior ranking points. To qualify for the first round, Malak won against Zambia's Mukangwa Siame 6-4, 6-1 and went on to beat Tanaka Mhanga 7-6, 6-4. In the first round match, she overcame Phuti Leshoele 6-0, 6-3 who tormented her in their previous clashes at CAT tournaments level. However, her journey to proceed to the next round was stopped by experienced 17-yea-old, Van Der Walt's attacks. Malak said in an interview that she was happy with her overall performance, adding that making to the second round of ITF was a bonus. She said players from across the world came ready to compete, which exposed a lot of young players like her, to do better in future. Furthermore, she said the exposure also taught them new tactics, adding that the J60 tournament had given her a clear sign and prepared her for other future tournaments. The Botswana Sport Awards Junior Sportswoman of the Year said she her target was to play a J30 tournament in Zimbabwe in May. Meanwhile, in other results, Alicia Taylor

of South Africa beat Akeelah Khanye of Zimbabwe 6-0, 6-0, Charlotte Bouwer from South Africa beat her country lady, Asheley Taylor 6-3, 6-2. Lonwabo Majeke of South Africa lost 6-4, 6-4 to Takara Giles, while Courtney Kemp lost 6-3, 6-3 to Meri Sandenbergh. **BOPA**



Seabo Saleshando

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Teams battle for supremacy

By Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE - All eyes will be on the 2025 Botswana Softball Association (BSA) League Championships, where the best 16 teams will battle for supremacy in the premier softball

competition scheduled for the Easter holiday in Jwaneng. The highly anticipated championships will feature softball teams from both the northern and southern regions, competing in a double-elimination format from April 18

to 21. BSA president, Tirelo Mukokomani said the tournament would include four men and four women teams from each region, leading to a total of 16 participants. “For women, five teams from

the southern zone have qualified, while the northern region has three teams qualifying for the championship,” he noted. “This decision was made based on the ratio of women’s teams in the south. In contrast, for men, we will have four teams

from each side of the country.” Among the formidable contenders in the tournament are Vikings, Gatalamotho, Wells, Titans, Rail Giants and BDF XI, among others. Mukokomani expressed gratitude for the financial support they had been getting. Already, he said since last year they received P987 000 from the Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) through the Club Development Fund.

This funding covers various costs, including recognising the best players across categories and procuring medals, as well as supporting teams throughout the league.

Mukokomani also said an additional sponsorship from Debswana had funded accommodation and meals for each participating team during the tournament, along with contributing approximately P150 000 for all teams involved. “We are thankful to the BNSC and Debswana for their support,” Mukokomani said. “This funding will significantly contribute to the growth and development of softball in Botswana,” he added.

As the tournament aims to showcase softball as a sport with the potential to compete internationally while also benefiting the local community, Mukokomani said stalls had been made available to the residents of Jwaneng at affordable rates to facilitate business during the games. In addition to the league, the BSA continues to engage in social and player development initiatives, recently hosting games featuring the American community.

Furthermore, on May 10, the BSA will celebrate World Softball Day with matches between local and international players. **BOPA**



Botswana Softball Association Championship is scheduled for the Easter holidays in Jwaneng with top 16 softball teams from both the northern and southern regions competing for honour.

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