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Malaria outbreak hinders efforts for zero cases

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

GUMARE - This year's Malaria outbreak has undermined Botswana's objectives of achieving zero Malaria cases, according to Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse. Mr Ookeditse was speaking during a kgotla meeting in Gumare to give an update on the Malaria outbreak in Okavango District. He emphasised the need for a collective community response to combat the Malaria, highlighting the government's role in supporting affected individuals and managing regions more vulnerable to the disease. Initiatives include, he said increasing the distribution of mosquito nets and enhancing public awareness campaigns on Malaria through various platforms. Mr Ookeditse urged the public to embrace Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) as a critical

method for controlling malaria transmissions. He also noted that the government was collaborating with other countries and international organisations to bolster efforts in the fight against malaria. Additionally, Mr Ookeditse warned against self-diagnosis and the use of readily available medications, stating that such practices could delay the detection and treatment of malaria at its early stages. He reiterated that timely medical intervention was crucial, not only for individual recovery but also for assisting health staff in contact tracing. "Malaria is indeed curable, but it can lead to fatalities if not treated properly," he cautioned, revealing that the country has recorded eight deaths due to Malaria. Mr Ookeditse called on residents to adopt preventive measures, such as using

mosquito nets, maintaining clean homesteads by trimming grass, and eliminating stagnant water to remove malaria breeding grounds. As at April 17, the Okavango District has reported the highest number of Malaria cases in the country, with a total of 1 400 out of 1 968 confirmed countrywide. The northern regions continue to be the most impacted, with specific case counts including 1 400 in Okavango, 172 in North West, 130 in Chobe, 64 in Gantsi, 62 in Tutume, and 34 in Boteti. In response to the outbreak, Gumare Primary Hospital matron Ms Batho Rampana said that the Gumare catchment area, previously free of malaria for two years, has this year started to register infections. Focusing on demographics, Ms Rampana reported that children and adult males were the most affected groups in Okavango. She shared some challenges

faced in the fight against malaria, including public resistance to IRS in homes, inadequacies in house structures suitable for spraying in cattle posts, improper use of bed nets, and increasing stagnant water bodies.

Malaria symptoms include fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach ache, and headache. Ms Rampana urged community members to seek medical attention upon experiencing any of these signs. **BOPA**

'Embrace new narrative land-linked country'

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Citizens have been encouraged to perceive Botswana not as a land-locked but as a land-linked one, a move aimed at repositioning the country as a vital connector in Southern Africa's economic and

trade landscape. Speaking at a kgotla meeting in Morula Ward, Gaborone West recently, Member of Parliament for Bonnington South, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, called on citizens to embrace a more empowering national narrative that highlighted Botswana's geographic location as strength rather than as a perceived limitation. "The term 'landlocked' implies limitation, but Botswana is not isolated," said Mr Gaolathe. "We are a central connector in Southern Africa, we are land-linked, not landlocked," he said. Mr Gaolathe said Botswana's location placed it at the heart of Southern African region, with borders connecting it to four key countries, adding that the connections, opened up critical trade routes to major international ports such as Durban and Walvis Bay, allowing Botswana to serve as a bridge between inland economies and global markets. "This aligns with Botswana's ambitions to position itself as a trade and transport hub," he said, adding that the shift in narrative reflected Botswana's proactive approach to redefining its role in Southern Africa's economic ecosystem.

The MP underscored that the rebranding from landlocked to land-linked was more than symbolic as it reflected a broader strategic direction in national policy. Mr Gaolathe further said Botswana was increasingly investing in infrastructure, promoting regional integration, and modernising logistics and transport networks. Among key government initiatives, he mentioned plans to construct a major underground fuel pipeline and development of a new international airport to boost regional connectivity. He said such mega infrastructure projects would enhance the country's logistical capabilities and create business opportunities and jobs for citizens. He encouraged Batswana to contribute ideas and take initiative in developing ventures that supported the nation's economic transformation. Mr Gaolathe who is also the Vice President and Minister of Finance, said land-linked reflected, "Botswana is a connected, capable, and competitive nation," urging that Batswana should assume that position, and step confidently into a future of regional and global relevance. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Health Mr Lawrence Ookeditse addressing Gumare residents on the Malaria outbreak in Okavango District recently. As at April 17, the Okavango District has reported the highest number of Malaria cases in the country, with a total of 1 400 out of 1 968 confirmed countrywide. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

Govt considers hospital upgrade

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Government intend to upgrade Letsholathebe Memorial hospital into a fully-fledged referral hospital in a bid to improve healthcare service delivery, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said. Responding to some comments raised by some residents with regard to numerous challenges of inadequate service in terms of shortage of doctors and specialists as well as shortage of drugs, he urged them to exercise patience as the ministry was aware of the challenges and that the facility was servicing a high population. The intention, he said was to ensure the hospital provided the same services as of those provided by Princess Marina and Nyangwagwe Referral hospitals

noting that it was disturbing to hear that patients traveled long distances as far as Francistown to access specialised services. By upgrading of the facility, he said residents would access quality healthcare services under one roof including specialised services. Mr Ookeditse said convenience was key, especially when it comes to healthcare adding that government had committed to providing a comprehensive health services in a single facility so that patients access them easily instead of travelling long distances. He also mentioned that offering treatments at a single facility would optimise resources, prioritise patient care, and ensure that patients received timely treatment without unnecessary delays, thereby enhancing their overall

healthcare outcomes. Earlier, residents expressed their concerns about the shortage of certain specialists at Letsholathebe Hospital. They also called for the Matshwane Clinic to be upgraded to operate 24/7 and provide a full range of services, as well as the construction of a maternity wing at the clinic. Additionally, residents lamented the delays in completing the refurbishment of the old Maun Hospital, stating that the facility could help alleviate the pressure on Letsholathebe Hospital. The project commenced in July 2017 and was scheduled for completion in July 2018; however, it faced delays due to minor building work issues. The hospital was expected to function as a 24-hour clinic. Residents also reported

incidents of theft of electrical works and vandalism of staff houses, attributed to inadequate security at the site. In response, Deputy Council Secretary Dr Sandra Maripe-Ebutswe explained that the project experienced setbacks because the initial contractor was unable to deliver as expected. Consequently, authorities had to engage a new contractor to complete the project. However, the initial contractor took the matter to court, expressing dissatisfaction with the developments. "The matter is still before the courts, and we have to await the outcome," she added. Dr Maripe-Ebutswe acknowledged the occurrence of vandalism and theft at the site, but emphasised that efforts were being made to address these issues. **BOPA**

Botswana, Burkina Faso expand bilateral relations

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Botswana is eager to expand its bilateral cooperation with Burkina Faso and promote the spirit of South-South cooperation, stated Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale, during a benchmarking reception dinner held in honor of a delegation of special advisors to the President of Burkina Faso, Captain Ibrahim Traorè.

This benchmarking exercise, he said, underscored the shared vision of both leaders, aiming for positive change and actionable solutions for their citizens.

Dr Butale noted that Botswana had adhered to sustainable development principles grounded in good governance, prudent economic management, transparency, and the rule of law over the past decades.

“We are happy to share our experiences in any sector that you may have interest in,” Dr Butale said, acknowledging Burkina Faso’s recent efforts to maximise the benefits of its mineral resources through governance practices reminiscent of Botswana’s own strategies.

The minister emphasised the importance of long-term equitable benefit sharing and the necessity for continuous innovation in natural resource management.

He said that the prudent management of the resources could catalyse economic diversification, infrastructure development, and investment in human capital. Drawing from Botswana’s experiences with diamond mining, Dr Butale highlighted the significance of local beneficiation and value creation.

Moreover, Dr Butale reaffirmed Botswana’s ongoing commitment to good governance, democratic principles, and the strengthening of institutional capacity to enhance citizen participation.

“We believe that responsive and accountable leadership forms the foundation for sustainable development,” he added.

In the spirit of cooperation, he mentioned Botswana’s deliberate efforts in fostering a stable, inclusive financial environment that stimulates private sector growth. He pointed out that the country’s banking system was adapting to emerging economic trends, particularly the shift towards digital finance.

This partnership, he said aimed to complement the intra-African trade agenda by leveraging Africa’s natural resources for sustainable solutions to the continent’s challenges. Leading the Burkina Faso delegation, Prof. Nicolas Kagambega, Special Advisor to President Traorè, expressed gratitude for the warm welcome extended by the people and government of Botswana.

During the five-day visit, the delegation explored various ministries, including International Relations, Finance, and Agriculture, to understand Botswana’s governance structures and practices.

“This engagement is a follow-up to the discussions between the two heads of state held in Ghana,” Prof. Kagambega stated, emphasising the focus on good governance and anti-corruption measures. He articulated President Traorè’s commitment to prioritising South-South cooperation as Burkina Faso embarked on transformative reforms aimed at sustainable development.

Prof. Kagambega appreciated Botswana’s high standards of governance, respect for human rights, and low levels of corruption.

He acknowledged the country’s stability, attributing it to its democratic electoral processes, which have been in place since 1965, and praised the Independent Electoral Commission’s role in

ensuring free and fair elections.

Furthermore, he highlighted Burkina Faso’s collaborative efforts with neighbouring countries, such as Mali and Niger, to combat terrorism and their ongoing discussions about establishing a shared currency.

Prof. Kagambega expressed interest in leveraging Botswana’s successful mining model and regulatory frameworks to benefit Burkina Faso’s mineral-rich population, particularly after visiting the Minerals and Energy Ministry and the Diamond Trading Company Botswana.

“This benchmarking exercise marks the beginning of a collaborative relationship between our two countries,” he said, promising to relay suggestions regarding anti-corruption efforts and initiatives in the mining, agricultural, and financial sectors back to President Traorè. **BOPA**



Burkina Faso head of delegation, Prof. Nicolas Kagambega, Special Advisor to president Ibrahim Traorè (left) and Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale at a dinner in honour of a Burkina Faso delegation. Dr Butale said the benchmarking exercise was a testament of two leaders who shared a vision to make Africa better.

Gaolathe attends World Bank, IMF high level meetings

GABORONE - The Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe is on an official visit in the United States of America from April 21 to May 2.

According to a public statement from the Office of the President, Mr Gaolathe will during the visit represent Botswana at a series of high profile engagements aimed at advancing the country’s economic transformation agenda and strengthening global partnerships.

The Vice President’s working visit begins at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he will participate as a distinguished panelist at the

Legatum Centre Conference and proceed to George Washington University to deliver a keynote address as part of the World Bank spring meeting side event.

Mr Gaolathe will also join global leaders at the 2025 World Bank/International Monetary Fund(IMF) spring meeting in Washington DC.

“His participation will highlight Botswana’s commitment to fiscal discipline , macroeconomic stability and proactive engagement in shaping policies that drive Botswana’s sustainable development,” says the statement.

To conclude the US mission, the Vice President will attend an

exclusive Ministerial Leadership Development Program at Harvard University, which aims to enhance Botswana’s governance frameworks through world class executive insights.

Mr Gaolathe is accompanied by the Governor of the Bank of Botswana, Mr Cornelius Dekop, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Finance, Dr Tshokolo Kganetsano and senior government official.

During Mr Gaolathe’s absence, Assistant Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr Shawn Ntshaile will assume the role of acting Minister of Finance. **BOPA**

Govt strives to improve water supply systems

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, emphasised the urgent need to improve water delivery systems to support agricultural growth and enhance food security, citing the sector as a priority area in the country’s broader development agenda.

Addressing residents during a kgotla meeting recently in Morula Ward, Gaborone West, Mr Gaolathe, who is also Member of Parliament for Gaborone Bonnington South called on Batswana to remain hopeful and united as the country forged ahead

with a new phase of development aimed at building a more inclusive and resilient economy.

He urged citizens to embrace the promise of a brighter future and stay committed to the national vision.

“We must be hopeful of the new

Botswana we are building together, a Botswana of opportunity, progress, and shared prosperity,” said Mr Gaolathe, adding it was not the time for despair, but a time for courage, resilience, and commitment to the national vision.

His remarks come against the

backdrop of ongoing economic reforms as Botswana intensifies efforts to diversify economy beyond diamond mining.

Mr Gaolathe highlighted that government initiatives aimed to boosting key sectors such as agriculture, technology, and renewable energy, with a particular focus on youth empowerment and job creation.

Acknowledging the country’s current challenges including unemployment, inequality, and corruption, he assured residents that government was actively addressing such issues through policy reforms and inclusive development strategies.

“We are investing in infrastructure, education, and healthcare, and we are working to ensure that no Motswana is left behind,” he said.

Reflecting on Botswana’s history of unity and resilience, Mr Gaolathe encouraged Batswana to draw strength from their shared values and collective spirit. “Together, we will shape Botswana we want, a Botswana that future generations will be proud to call home,” he said. **BOPA**



Vice President and also Bonnington South MP, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (centre) with Morula residents in Gaborone West recently. Mr Gaolathe emphasised the urgent need to improve water delivery systems to support agricultural growth. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Withdrawal of GBV cases concerns police

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Police in Maun have expressed concern about the withdrawal of gender-based violence (GBV) cases before the courts, describing such practice as tantamount to defeating the course of justice.

Superintendent Joseph Lepodisi, the commander of Maun Police Station, said cases related GBV such as rape, assault, defilement, murder and other forms of domestic violence were serious crimes and therefore, withdrawing them encouraged perpetrators to continue to commit the crime. Supt Lepodisi said during the Easter Holidays mass prayer organised by the police and faith-based organisations recently that women and parents should always make the right decisions concerning GBV.

Themed “Power of Prayer, Crime-Free Easter Holidays,” the event sought to sensitise the community about crime situation in their policing area as well as to

seek divine intervention to curb the scourge.

Supt Lepodisi appealed to women and parents of minors to make informed decisions, citing that reporting such cases mean to deliver justice to those affected and send a message to perpetrators and the society that the acts were not acceptable.

Some parents, especially of minors, he said often plead for withdrawal of cases of children disregarding their rights in the process while some had a tendency of reconciling with perpetrators something which, he said, undermined their efforts to curb the vice.

He added: “As police we make efforts of taking all cases to court where some are unfortunately withdrawn.

This is disturbing as we believe culprits deserve to be brought to book if gender-based violence is to be curbed. People should stop the habit because in future, victims will be reluctant to report the abuse.”

However, he highlighted that GBV remained a serious concern in his policing area citing that Maun police had registered more than 100 cases since January this year to date of which 27 involved girls under the age of sixteen, 20 were rape, five were murder and 26 threat to kill among others.

He pleaded with faith-based organisations to assist with prayers and divine guidance to curb the scourge.

The statistics, he said, were scary considering the fact that this was the first quarter of the year comparing that last year as a whole, they recorded 17 murder cases, 98 rape cases and 94 defilement cases.

In most cases of defilement, he said, minors were abused by some family members who were expected to be responsible enough to take care of the children. Parents were urged to create a conducive environment that promoted open communication so that their children could freely seek advice.

They were also urged to take their

responsibility of parental guidance and proper parenting saying some children become vulnerable to abuse because of negligence. Supt Lepodisi also said road accidents were worrisome, citing that last year they recorded 11 while this year, they had already registered two.

Most of the accidents, he said, were caused by reckless driving and some drivers under the influence of alcohol.

The Chairperson of Maun Ministers Fraternal, Prophet Thato Elias, echoed same sentiments that reckless driving and use of cell phone while driving contributed to road crashes.

Some people, including Christians, he said, also drove without licenses and thus posed a risk to other road users and urged people to do the right thing to arrest accidents.

He also noted that the societal ills such as GBV and other criminal activities required all to come together and seek the divine intervention so that people could refrain from evil ways.

“Together we can create a society free from crime and promote peace and stability.

We should all play a part to support the police in their endeavour to deliver justice for all,” he said. **BOPA**



Maun police, in collaboration with local churches, recently organised Easter prayer service to raise awareness about the ongoing crime situation and seek divine intervention for the community's safety. The event brought together residents in solidarity. Station Commander, Superintendent Joseph Lepodisi, however, expressed concern about the increasing withdrawal of gender-based violence cases before the courts, stressing that this undermined the pursuit of justice. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Pre-school closure frustrates residents

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Residents of Morula Ward in Gaborone West have raised concern over the continued closure of a local pre-school that has remained shut since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Speaking during a kgotla meeting addressed by Bonnington South MP, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe in Gaborone recently, Ward Development Committee (WDC) chairperson Mr Kevin Motana said the day-care facility had remained non-operational due to significant financial debts.

He said while the school was advised to outsource management in an effort to revive it, no progress had been made since.

“The situation has been stagnant for years now, we were told to outsource, but nothing has materialised. We are asking for

intervention,” Mr Motana said. Echoing the same frustration, local resident Ms Lona Sekgororwane expressed disappointment that the once-thriving pre-school, which served as a lifeline for working parents and young children, was yet to re-open despite the return to normalcy in other sectors.

“It was supposed to be a temporary closure, but it has been nearly five years,” she said.

She further said children were missing out on foundational learning.

Ms Sekgororwane noted that lack of affordable early childhood education in the ward had left many families in a difficult position, with limited access to childcare and development resources.

Residents also pointed out that the facility showed no signs of renovation or reopening, and said official communication from

relevant authorities had been scarce.

In response, MP Gaolathe who is also the Vice President and Minister of Finance acknowledged the concerns and emphasised the urgency of the issue.

Mr Gaolathe stressed the importance of early childhood education, stating that the early years were crucial for cognitive and social development.

“Experts warn that the first five years of life are critical for brain development,” Mr Gaolathe said, adding that a gap of that nature could set some children back significantly.

He committed to engage with relevant stakeholders to explore immediate solutions, including possible public-private partnerships to revive the day-care centre and ensure children in Morula Ward have access to quality early learning. **BOPA**

BPSC focuses on enhancing service delivery

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE -Botswana Public Service College (BPSC) is committed to provide training that will produce an ideal public service in line with the vision of the new administration.

The college's executive director Mr Kitso Kemoeng said they were ready to come up with training programmes aimed at retooling and developing a productive public service.

He made the remarks recently at the signing of a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Labour and Employment Studies (ILES).

He said the MoU was intended to develop and capacitate the public service at all levels.

“We view this as a long-standing relationship that will not only impact the public service capacity and productivity, but will also immensely cut litigation costs for government,” Mr Kemoeng said.

He said their journey with ILES dated back to September 2024 at a human resource conference in Tlokweng, where ILES shared a presentation on poor management of labour issues by the public service.

“It is evident that the public service is wanting in managing and handling discipline and grievance management issues,” he said.

He said the badly managed labour matters often increase litigation costs for government, when aggrieved parties escalated their grievances to the courts of law, where litigants often emerged successful.

“The gaps highlighted by ILES at the conference easily suggested to us that there is a big gap in the public service waiting to be filled, and this gap cannot be filled by anybody else, but by us at the BPSC,” he said.

Mr Kemoeng said the situation necessitated an urgent dialogue with ILES resulting in the signing of the MoU marking the commencement of a journey, not only to save government funds, but most importantly to ensure that staff grievances in the public service were handled fairly.

He stated that the move would also mean grievances were free of bias and irregularities that continued to rock disciplinary

proceedings. Mr Kemoeng said BPSC would offer training to ILES staff on areas agreed by the two parties.

He said BPSC was established in 2008 to ensure quality and excellence in the delivery of services to the public.

He said the broad mandate may be achieved effectively by leveraging on collaborative efforts.

Mr Kemoeng said BPSC needed combined efforts of relevant stakeholders with requisite expertise, appetite and experience to assist in designing and delivering programmes to enable the public service to provide efficient and effective service delivery to the populace.

He said ILES was a Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) accredited institution with the mission to empower the working population with relevant education, training and research on labour and employment studies.

ILES chief executive officer Mr Shandukani Hlabano said the event marked a significant milestone in the ongoing journey of education and training.

He said the two entities were united in their commitment to enhancing quality education and training by developing and nurturing a workforce that was both skilled and empowered.

He said ILES was a labour college accredited as a learning and education provider. “The institute was founded by the Botswana Public Employees Union (BOPEU) to among other things address the gap in workers education and training by providing the much needed soft skills,” said Mr Hlabano.

He said tertiary education does not provide one with the soft skills such as supervising, managing conflicts and dispute resolutions. “This is where ILES comes in to provide workers with skills to deal with challenges,” he said.

He said the merging of efforts by the two institutions would not only provide knowledge but also real life skills essential to navigate the complexities of modern workplaces. “Through capacity building, together we can develop leaders in the public service by instilling values of integrity, transparency and commitment to the common good,” he said. **BOPA**

Psychiatrist rediscovers African numerical writings

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Sunlight slant through the window of Dr Paul Sidandi's office at Jubilee Psychiatric Unit that forms part of Nyangabgwe Hospital in Francistown, illuminating the leather of his armchair and the half-opened laptop resting on his side desk.

The computer holds the script that seems alien, yet resonates with a familiar rhythm deep within his being. Dr Sidandi, a man whose silver hair mirrors the fading light, is tracing the lines of the African Lakeside Script.

A psychiatrist by profession, a quiet observer of the human mind, he found himself drawn back to a time before the colonial erasure, a time when the whispers of history, etched not in stone but in papyrus and bark, painted a vibrant tapestry of life.

He is one of the few who remembers the riots, the flames that consumed the very essence of a culture, and the silent screams of a people silenced by a burgeoning empire.

He is a living evidence, a walking paradox. How could a man dedicated to the quiet contemplation of the human psyche be so intimately connected to a time of political upheaval, of a script that paints a vibrant history of a continent?

The script, the very essence of what was called "African Lakeside Script," is far more than just a system of symbols.

It is a vibrant script that could have chronicled the struggles and triumphs of the people, their language, wisdom, folklore, and even their songs.

Dr Sidandi, a beacon of modern medicine, is now dedicated to bringing the rich past to light.

The African Lakeside Script emerged from a collaboration between Dr Paul Sidandi of Botswana and Engineer Kefa Ombewa of Kenya. Dr Sidandi's discovery of African number systems in Botswana, combined with Mr Ombewa's invention of the Luoscript originally designed for the Luo people of Kenya, forms the foundation of the new script that can be used to write any African Language.

Initially named Luoscript, the project's name changed following a suggestion from a team member in Botswana's Kweneng District.

This member argued that "Luoscript" was geographically limiting, given the Luo people's origins around Lake Victoria. The more inclusive "African Lakeside Script" was adopted.

The team, now including collaborators from various backgrounds, continues to develop the script.

Under Dr Sidandi's leadership, they aim to create a downloadable font, placing the African Lakeside Script alongside established scripts like Arabic, Russian, and Hebrew. Their ultimate goal is to establish Africa's own unique alphabet system, fostering self-sufficiency and enabling Africans to contribute meaningfully to the global conversation.

Dr Sidandi envisions a future where African students are no

longer marginalised, able to point to their contributions, such as the Kefa and Sidandi Font used for the African Lakeside Script, with pride.

To demonstrate the script's practicality, the team is working with an Eritrean PhD Engineering Student at Uppsala University Finland Oreen Yousuf and a Graduate from Limkokwing University of Creativity and Technology, Mr Taolo Dipatane of Lobatse Botswana who is a Graphics Designer.

They are modifying everyday objects, such as wall clocks, calenders, T-shirts to incorporate the African Lakeside Script alongside standard numerals and letters.

This approach, using a familiar item like a clock, aims to make learning the script accessible and engaging for a wide audience. His voice, low and measured, carries the weight of generations. "It is not just writing. It is a way of life.

A way of telling stories passed



Dr Paul Sidandi showcasing a watch written in the African Lakeside Script. The script emerged from a collaboration between Dr Sidandi of Botswana and Kenyan engineer Mr Kefa Ombewa. Dr Sidandi's discovery of African numerical systems in Botswana, combined with Mr Ombewa's invention of the Luoscript originally designed for the Luo people of Kenya, forms the foundation of the new script that can be used to write any African Language. Photo: Thamani Shabani

down through generations and preserving our history and our heritage," said Dr Sidandi, who also doubles up as the Project Director of BAPR the Lobatse based Botswana Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation, a non-governmental organisation aimed to improve the quality of life of people psychological challenged either infected or affected by HIV/ AIDS and OVCs.

He spoke of the lakeside settlements, the bustling markets, the communal dances that echoed through the nights, all woven into the script, a living demonstration to a forgotten people.

He recounted tales of rebellion, of resilience, of the intricate social structures that predated the arrival of empires. Dr Sidandi, a passionate advocate for linguistic preservation, believes that the African Lakeside

script deserves a prominent place in primary education.

He argues that incorporating this script into the curriculum will empower young people, fostering a sense of pride in their language and cultural heritage.

Dr Sidandi himself stands as a testament to the importance of preserving linguistic diversity and cultural pride. "Many young people, particularly those living in the lakeside regions of Africa, are growing up with little to no knowledge of their indigenous languages," he added. "This often leads to a weakening of cultural identity and a loss of historical connections."

The African Lakeside script, he argues, holds the key to bridging this gap. He explained that the script is more than just a way to write our language but it is a reflection of history, values, and rich cultural narrative, adding that including it in the curriculum, thereby instilling a sense of belonging and inspire a love for Africa's heritage within the next generation.

Dr Sidandi's advocacy extends beyond mere inclusion as he stressed the necessity of accompanying the script's introduction with dedicated resources and training for educators. This, he believes, is crucial for effective implementation and ensures that the script is not simply a footnote, but an integral part of the learning experience. **BOPA**



ROME - Pope Francis, the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, died yesterday at the age of 88, said the Vatican in a statement. Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Francis was head of the Roman Catholic Church since 2013. His death came weeks after returning home from a 38-day stay in intensive care, and followed an intense Holy Week schedule that included public appearances. After a period of mourning, the Vatican will turn toward preparations for a gathering of the College of Cardinals to select Francis' successor. Photo: Xinhua

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Milk Valley Farm takes shape

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - In the early morning as the world awakens from its slumber, soft colourful sunrise hues diffuse in a breath-taking spectacle of beauty and grandeur at Milk Valley Farm, former Milk Afric in Lobatse.

A drive into this beautiful dairy farm offers a picturesque scenery of a refreshing escape into nature. Gentle breeze wheezes about as one meanders on the paved road up and down the valley gradually descending into lush emerald landscape. Calming, serene melodious chirping of birds and cow moos fill the senses as one approaches the regal white charming farm buildings and astounding heaps of straw.

In here, there is a beehive of activity in a highly

Mozambique rice import bill hits record high

MAPUTO - The cost of rice imports by Mozambique surged in 2024, reaching US\$ 441 million, according to a recent report by the Bank of Mozambique.

The figure marks a 38.8 per cent increase compared to 2023 when rice imports amounted to US\$4317.7 million.

It also surpasses the previous record of US\$342.3 million set in 2021, the report says.

Despite a general decline in overall consumer goods imports falling to US\$8.2 billion in 2024, the lowest level in three years, the rising cost of rice continues to weigh heavily on Mozambique's external accounts.

The surge in rice imports is partly driven by a sharp decline in domestic cereal production.

Data from the National Institute of Statistics show that rice output fell by 34 per cent in 2023, totaling 161,800 tonnes, down from 245,700 tonnes in 2022. Zambezia Province in central Mozambique led national production with 48,500 tonnes, followed by Gaza Province with around 40,900 tonnes. Other key crops also saw declines. Maize production fell by 11 per cent to 2.1 million tonnes, sorghum production dropped by 15 per cent to 139,500 tonnes, and millet decreased by 32 per cent to 17,000 tonnes. *Xinhua*

technologically driven enterprise. Workers on shift stand alert in positions, each with a special role to play in the mass scale milking duty where over a hundred dairy cows come matching majestically to the state of the art automated cow milking rotary parlor with a capacity of holding 72 dairy cows per milking session.

The dairy cows enter the complex milking machine which is complete with teat cups, vacuum pumps, milk lines, milk receptacles, and systems for cleaning and sanitising the equipment twice a day, at 6am and 6pm.

The smart milking technology produces frothy fresh milk which is then stored in tanks for daily deliveries and collections.

"Milk Valley Farm is Botswana's flagship dairy project wholly owned by Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) aligned to Botswana's economic diversification goals playing a crucial role in reducing Botswana's reliance on imported dairy products.

We are currently at Phase I of the project which initially started in 2013," says project interim General Manager, Mr Onkemetse Bareki.

The dairy farm started as a Public and Private Partnership, between Mr Philemon Matibe and Lobatse Town Council; BDC came on board around 2017. The dairy cows were procured locally in Pitsane about two years ago. The farm boasts of an animal population of 262 consisting of high yielding breeds such as Holstein Friesian, Guernsey, Jersey, Brown Swiss and Ashires.

"Originally from Holland, Holstein Friesian is a breed that produces more milk, the Guernsey and the Jerseys come second to them in terms of milk production. The Jerseys are known for their better fat content, if you want to make ice cream, cheese then obviously you go for the breed with better butter fat content," Mr Bareki explained.

According to Mr Bareki, the farm employs 18 Batswana including four women of which a half a dozen of them trained in the United States of America for a year. At full capacity, the farm will generate over 250 direct and indirect jobs. The project can accommodate over 2 000 milking cows, each with a daily production capacity of over 20 litres of milk.

However, due to the import ban on cloven-hoofed animals from South Africa, herd expansion has been a challenge. To deal with the challenge, the farm developed a breeding plan, which includes procurement of sexed semen from cows with superior genetics and sourcing cows from local



The dairy cows at the milking machine which entails teat cups, vacuum pumps, milk lines, milk receptacles, and systems for cleaning and sanitising the equipment.

farmers.

"We produce milk daily and the bulk goes to Choppies, which procures about 6 000 litres per a week, 2 000 litres per week goes to a yoghurt manufacturing company in Molepolole, a company that makes sour milk gets around 2 000 litres per week, and community members who buy the remaining milk. We sell our milk at P7.50 per litre," he noted. The milk is tested by Department of Veterinary services every Tuesday for compliance to the public safety standards.

Even though the project is up and running, it is faced challenges. "Our biggest challenge is procurement of cattle, we cannot get cattle anywhere in the SADC region due to red zones because of the outbreak of foot and Mouth. We targeted to procure more animals from South Africa but it is a challenge. We are currently doing artificial insemination; we bought sexed semen, which will give us a better ratio of female cows. We have 64 dry cows, 40 of them were pregnant from the bulls while 20 were artificially inseminated," said Mr Bareki.

He said milk consumption in Botswana stood at 120 million litres per annum but the local dairy farmers were only satisfying 10 per cent of the demand. "We are still at infancy; the industry is still crawling so that is how huge milk production is. Here we produce over 2 000 litres per day," he said.

Mr Bareki said that dairy farming was a capital-intensive

venture and they spend around P200 000 per month on feeds, "Our biggest challenge is feed costs, the lactating cows feed differently. In the morning we give them 600kg of Lucerne, 500kg of maize bran, 8kg molasses, 50kg of soya oil cake, 40kg of dairy concentrates, and 400kg of brewer's bran for all the 102 lactating cows. It is quite expensive to achieve that," he says. He encouraged Batswana to plant animal feed to address a challenge they face to feed

stock. "If we increase animal head we will need sufficient feed rations. We are exploring ways of going into contract farming with farmers to be able to manage what animals feed on," said Mr Bareki.

He expressed optimism at going into Phase II of the project upon completion of phase I which he noted would entail construction of four cow houses to be able to carry about 3 000 dairy cows to operate at full capacity to be able to supply sufficient milk to the nation. **BOPA**



The smart milking technology produces frothy fresh milk which is then stored in tanks for daily deliveries. Photos: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Kopong murder case committal suffers set back

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The prosecution's efforts to have the Kopong murder case committed to the High Court for trial have suffered a set back.

This follows Magistrate, Ms Jobbie Moilatshimo's ruling on Thursday acceding to the defence team's request to have the committal application entertained after the holidays.

Oageng Moagi Letsholo, Leufy Gaolemogwe Kosie, Outlwele Aston and Kebaleboge Ntsebe stand accused of murdering the Barulaganye Aston in 2022, while Letsholo also faces an additional charge of raping the deceased.

The defence had argued that they had not had enough time to study the committal documents by the state prosecutor Ms Seeletso Ookeditse.

When filing the committal documents, Ms Ookeditse said the state was ready to commit the case to the High Court for the four accused persons to stand trial, adding that the state had a total of 27 witnesses and a list of exhibits to support their case. However, she said there were issues with the first accused person, Letsholo, relating to the items which were seized during the search operation.

"The first accused person is not happy saying some of the items are missing, we will present what we have if he is not happy, he will take the issues to the relevant authorities," she said.

He said the items to be presented to Letsholo included laptop, coins,

jewellery and two bags.

However, Letsholo expressed unhappiness over the items presented by the state, saying some were missing hence he appealed to the court to conduct a trial within a trial so that all those who were present during the search would give evidence of what they saw during the search.

Letsholo requested for the register of all the items seized during his search, saying such would assist the court to determine if indeed some his belongings were missing. He said he expected the investigating officer to take a stand

and answer for the missing items.

He appealed to the court to determine the fate of lost items before the case could be committed to the High Court , adding that the High Court would not determine the whereabouts of his items.

However, Ms Ookeditse submitted to the court that the items in question had no bearing on the case being committed to the High Court, as the accused could explore existing avenues to recover his items.

"He can still pursue his matter even if the case is committed to the High Court," she argued. **BOPA**



One of the accused in the murder of Ms Barulaganye Aston, Moagi Letsholo after appearing at Broadhurst Magistrate Court in Gaborone on Thursday. The prosecution's efforts to have the case committed to the High Court for trial suffered a set back.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo



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China development path offers reference to Africa

HARARE - African countries can tap into their huge potential for economic development by learning lessons and experience from China, a Zimbabwean economist has said.

In a recent interview with *Xinhua*, Paul Musodza, an independent economist said China's development path has yielded impressive results over the past decades, marked by its fast-developing economy and people's enhanced livelihood.

"China is way ahead now because it has changed the way it does things at home. Now it's benefiting other countries through bilateral trade relations," Musodza said. Musodza noted that while African countries held vast development potential, challenges such as a lack of planning have hindered some from achieving economic growth.

But some countries, such as Uganda, Ethiopia, and Tanzania, have improved the lives of their people through careful economic planning, he said adding that stand out because they are learning from China and working with China. *Xinhua*

Churches celebrate Easter, focuses on renewal, hope

In observance of the Easter holidays, churches across the country dedicated their services to conferences aimed at renewing faith and winning souls. This year, the message centred on addressing pressing societal issues, including gender-based violence, diseases as well as drug and substance abuse. While many congregations highlighted these critical concerns, some also extended their outreach beyond the pulpit. Several churches visited communities and donated to those in need, embodying the spirit of compassion and support that Easter represents.

In Serowe St. Paul Apostolic Faith Mission of Botswana Church held Easter conference in where they invited Member of Parliament for Serowe West, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe. The MP according to BOPA reporter Tshiamiso Mosetlhe implored Faith-based organisations to continue praying for an end to societal ills and disease in the country. He urged the church to continue playing its role in addressing national challenges such as diseases, gender-based violence and drug abuse.

“The Church is a powerful tool and as such should pray against social ills presently bedeviling Botswana”, he said.

He said churches should pray for the country to conquer in all situations affecting the nation, adding that prayers remained the nation’s bedrock in moving forward amidst challenges.

MP Kedikilwe indicated that Botswana faced major challenges in public health and safety including high rates of NCDs, road accidents, GBV, HIV/AIDS, and alcohol and substance abuse.

He said NCDs and road traffic accidents, which continued to claim lives, should be included in the prayers.

Concerning complaints about plot allocations for churches, the MP told the congregants that plots disadvantages churches as priority was given to profit making organisations. He has promised to address the issue with relevant ministry about allocation woes facing churches in the country.

He admitted that the current land policy was not favourable to churches, therefore needs to be harmonised to make land accessible to churches.

He said government was in the process of reviewing some land policies to address land allocation challenges faced by churches.

Earlier, welcoming the MP and church members, St Paul Arch-Bishop, Mr Kotlaetsile Kgare complained about shortage of land for the churches and also some regulations which oppressed the churches.

He said that churches were not profit making organisations but they were there to pray for the nation.

However, during the day, St Paul church and the MP managed to visit Serowe SOS children’s village where they donated clothes, toys and books.

Mr Kedikilwe also donated P2 000 and church members contributed P600.

The Serowe SOS programme manager, Mr Phillip Morebodi said SOS Children’s Villages was committed to improving the living conditions of children and young people.

Morebodi said SOS Botswana advocated, promoted and provided quality and comprehensive child protection and a wide range of options of



Members of St Bernadette and Krete Lefika Catholic Church performing a drama depicting events that led to Jesus Christ of Nazareth’s death. The dramatic presentation commonly referred to as the Passion play in religious parlance originates in the Catholic Church. The drama depicts the Passion of Christ, which include the trial, suffering and death of Lord Jesus Christ.

Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

family tailored support, advice and education services aimed at needy children and their parents.

He appreciated the gifts and requested more gifts for the village every day because they relied only on gifts from individuals and business people.

The Evangelical Religious Protestant Unity Church (Unity Church) gathered in Hukuntsi where Thuso Kgakatsi reports that leadership was encouraged to take pride in having congregants who have a deep relationship with God rather than focusing on numerical growth of members.

The message came from Hukuntsi District Council Chairperson, Mr Steven Lekgobero who was speaking at the opening of the church’s Easter holiday session.

He emphasised the importance of retaining congregants with zeal to preaching and upholding the principles of the gospel instead of focusing on attracting more members to the church.

“Churches will no longer grow because many people are only interested and attracted to false faith and false prophesy,” he said.

“The decline in church attendance should motivate churches to care about their congregants, focus should be on quality not quantity,” he added.

He noted that most people were driven by self-interests of fulfilling their life’s desires and therefore driven to churches which promised them prosperity.

Mr Lekgobero however commended Unity Church for the significant role it had played in preaching the gospel within the community, which

had been pivotal in uniting the community.

He shared that, he had identified a businessman who was willing to help to address some of the church’s challenges and therefore advised them to share their challenges, out of which the businessman would help to solve one.

For his part, Kgosi Merapelo Tshweneyagae said the roles of the priests and chiefs were similar as they were centered on uniting people.

He said Hukuntsi was privileged as the church’s history and origins were based in the village, adding that the church was established in 1959 by Archbishop Kenaleeng Kachipaa who had come to Hukuntsi at the invitation of Kgosi Kenalemang Moapare.

Kgosi Tshweneyagae shared that during those days, Kgosi Moapare was not in support of establishing a church as he believed in the freewill of praying, adding that it was later after the influence of Archbishop Saint Edwin Kenaleeng Katjipaa that Unity Church was founded in Hukuntsi.

He said the church had played a significant role in community development, as from time to time it assisted families in Hunhukwe and Ukhwi.

In his remarks, Arch Bishop Tannex Mantle decried challenges with regard to the church inability to grow.

He shared that their aim was to attract new members to the church.

In Tatisiding Thamani Shabani joined the Jesus Outreach Ministries International church,

which, kickstarted its Easter celebrations on Saturday by physical activities, including a variety of outdoor and indoor games.

Outdoor activities included water and egg races, while indoor games ranged from a debate on the appropriateness of premarital and marital sex to finding biblical verses and a spelling bee.

The traditional notions of church observance during Easter celebrations has been challenged to complement spiritual well-being with physical health improvement.

Pastor Olebilemang Dilo of Jesus Outreach Ministries International, said the games provided congregants with time for reflection and promoted community bonding.

Arguments in favour of premarital sex centered on the idea of exploring sexual compatibility and intimacy before committing to marriage.

The debating team on the topic (sex before marriage is good) argued that this allowed couples to assess their relationship’s potential for long-term success and avoid incompatibility issues that could lead to marital difficulties.

They also argued that individuals had a right to sexual expression and pleasure regardless of marital status.

Arguments for sex ‘after’ marriage emphasised the sanctity of marriage and the desire to maintain a strong, committed relationship. They also associated sexual exclusivity within marriage with increased trust, bonding, and a deeper sense of commitment, adding that many religious traditions

strongly upheld this perspective.

At the end, Pastor Dilo said it was important to note that these were just potential arguments, and the validity of each depends on individual beliefs and values. He also spoke powerfully about the vital importance of a church’s strong foundation, likening a church without one to a “dead church,” a dangerous entity within the community.

He drew a compelling similarity to a quote attributed to Botswana’s founding president, Sir Seretse Khama: ‘A nation without a culture is a dead nation.’ Pastor Dilo said the principles were the same, as a strong foundation was essential for both church and nation to thrive.

He urged fellow church leaders to foster unity, emphasising that all churches share the common goal of seeking God, not merely human approval.

Discrimination between denominations, he argued, was counterproductive to their shared mission of winning souls and making disciples.

Pastor Dilo’s vision for his own church included a strong commitment to social responsibility.

He called on the congregation to reach out and support the most vulnerable members of society; widows and orphans, to meet them halfway in their needs.

His Easter message was not only a celebration of resurrection, but also a call to action for both spiritual and societal renewal.

The Easter celebrations were preceded by the churches’ donation of food hampers and blankets to some of the needy members of the community. **BOPA**

Lucas itemises appeals to church, government

By Manowe Motsaathebe

BOBONONG -Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas has implored Eloyi Christian Church (ECC) to pray for Umbrella for Democratic Change-led (UDC) government to succeed in fulfilling the aspirations of Batswana.

In praying for the UDC-led government, Mr Lucas said, the church should not only pray for fulfillment of their promises, but pray against temptations for self-enrichment at the expense of the very people they should be the custodians of.

Mr Lucas was speaking during the official opening of ECC's Easter holiday ceremony, Friday, at the church's headquarters in Tsetsebjwe.

"You should pray that they let what belongs to the nation

Matsiloje border post experiences quiet Easter

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

MATSILOJE - The Officer In-Charge at the Matsiloje border post, Ms Irene Mogotsi, reported a quiet Easter this year, with few people crossing into either Botswana or Zimbabwe during the holiday period.

In an interview with BOPA at the border facility in Matsiloje, she said that there had been minimal movement, except for Friday.

By Saturday, 725 individuals, mostly from Zimbabwe, crossed into Zimbabwe, while only four Batswana entered Botswana. Additionally, 51 people passed through Botswana on their way to South Africa.

"We have noticed that this year's Easter has seen much less movement compared to previous years."

Ms Mogotsi attributed the low volume of crossings to the possible use of other border posts, such as Maitengwe and Ramokgwebana.

She further praised Batswana who crossed the border during Easter for their good behavior and adherence to the law.

"*Re bone Batswana ba tsena fa ba tshotse dipampiri tsa mesepele tse di siameng le ditlankana tsa matsalo tsa bana, selo se se re itumedisitseng re le badiri ba melolwane,*" she said, adding that in the past, some Batswana had found themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Ms Mogotsi credited this positive change to radio campaigns conducted by the Immigration Office. **BOPA**

remain as such while they also propel the wheels toward fulfilling your aspirations as a nation," Mr Lucas added.

While entreating the church to pray for the governing party, Mr Lucas also appealed to the church to pray for the opposition parties, who keeps the rulers in check, against 'just opposing,' but do so with substance and honesty.

Over and above the parties, MP Lucas called on the ECC to pray for the nation at large and also for the safe return of the missing Ms Gomolemo Seroba, a Motlhabaneng Primary School teacher who disappeared January 12.

The MP then called on the government to abandon the policy that required churches to tender for plots, arguing that many churches were not knowledgeable on tendering.

"I don't think it was an informed decision to seek churches to tender for plots and I appeal that this policy be abandoned," Mr Lucas said.

He said that he backed the then minister of lands, Mr Kefentse Mzwini, when he promised that where churches were found to have occupied the land illegally, their allocation would be regularised so that they conformed to the land allocation requirements.

In his inventory of appeals, MP Lucas also beseeched the government to lower lease fees, saying churches found the leases hefty and were in debt.

Speaking at the same function, Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa informed the ECC congregants that a UDC human rights-centric government respected people's freedom to worship and or freedom of religion or belief.

"This freedom is considered a fundamental human right that allows individuals or a collective to practice their faith openly without coercion. As such, our government will continually ensure that such a freedom is respected and also devise ways to better enhance this sector," minister Mohwasa said.

He said the commitment to this

human right was demonstrated December last year when government reviewed Societies Act and took a deliberate decision that to enable all to be able to register their churches they would be required to have at least 20 members.

The minister also recognised the ECC for engaging in the transformation agenda, a road map to the future of the church. He said that while the transformation was a positive move, it never sought to downplay efforts charted

by the founding fathers of the movement that had 217 branches in Botswana and 20 in South Africa.

"The church leadership found the need to enhance what is already in existence to keep abreast with requirements as stipulated by the Societies Act," he said.

Mr Mohwasa, said the theme: Unity in Christ, a Symbol of Victory and New Dawn of Faith, harmonises with the new dawn that came with ushering in of the new government after 58

years of the BDP rule.

A new government committed to ensuring improved livelihood for every Motswana in every corner of the country, will fulfill Batswana's aspirations by amongst other things creating jobs and growing the economy of this country, said Mr Mohwasa.

To achieve the ideals of the new government, the minister called on all the stakeholders to assume their roles in developing the country as a united force. **BOPA**

Heaven Holiness Apostolic Church Arch Bishop Segaillele Bokole (left) and the Heaven Holiness Apostolic Church congregants in solemn moment during Good Friday service in Mochudi on Friday.

Photo: Teko Letsholo



Easter at core of Christianity - Rev Moteti

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

MATSILOJE - Easter, a cornerstone of Christianity, continues to hold profound significance, just as it did centuries ago.

This annual celebration serves as a poignant reminder of the pivotal life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which occurred over 2000 years ago.

In an interview, Reverend Baamogeleng Moteti of Spiritual Healing Church said that commemorating Easter by pilgrims annually solidifies believers' faith in the eternal life accorded them by Jesus Christ, who died on the cross of Calvary for the salvation of

many.

"Easter is a time of reflection on this and many Christian values. It is a way to cement our belief in the everlasting life the Lord has given us," he said.

Rev Moteti, the Church's General Secretary, underscored the church's pivotal role as a beacon of hope and love.

He emphasised its indispensability in a society grappling with a myriad of challenges, including gender-based violence, youth waywardness and moral decay.

According to Rev Moteti, love was at the centre of the many good virtues proclaimed by the church and had the potential to restore a divided society.

Rev Moteti shared, for

instance, that the Spiritual Healing Church had established a comprehensive programme to instil the virtue of love in youth aged 12 to 17.

This initiative, conducted annually, testify to the church's commitment to nurturing the next generation.

Rev Moteti emphasised that the youth programme at Spiritual Healing Church was not exclusive to its members.

Although most youth participating in this programme are Spiritual Healing Church members, Rev Moteti said that all young people in the same age bracket, including those from other church denominations, were welcome.

The programme, he said

further, was the right vehicle to spread the doctrine of love, as many of the beneficiaries come from different parts of the country.

On others, Rev Moteti expressed his joy at the Spiritual Healing Church's growth in Botswana and neighboring countries such as South Africa and Namibia.

This expansion is a testament to the church's mission and dedication to its eternal mandate, evoking a sense of pride and accomplishment.

This Easter, the church also had visiting Christians from other denominations, such as the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa(UCCSA) and many others. **BOPA**

Maiteko a kereke ya FGAC a tswa tema

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

RATHOLO - Kereke ya Faith Gospel After Christ (FGAC) e akgoletswwe go bo e dirile pharologanyo e ntsi mo lefatsheng leno.

Se se builwe ke Tona wa Lephata la Ofisi ya ga Tautona, Rre Moeti Mohwasa ka Matlhatso jaaka fa kereke eo e ne e dirile dikgaisano tsa moopelo e le nngwe ya go keteka malatsi a paseka le go gakologelwa seabe le ditiro tse dintle tsa mosimolodi wa kereke Bishop Robert Modikwa.

Rre Mohwasa a re motlhala wa ga Archbishop Modikwa o ka latedisiwa kwa dingwageng tsa 1949 fa a ne a simolola kereke eo le ba bangwe. Ka jalo, are se se ne sa dira gore go nne le kgololesego ya puso ya batho ka batho mo lefatsheng leno.

Rre Mohwasa a re kereke ya FGAC ke kereke e tona thata e bile e tswa kgakala e na le motlhala wa go thusa setshaba ka go abela masiela ngwaga le ngwaga ka malatsi a paseka.

A re kereke e, gape go supilwe fa e agile ntlu kwa motseng wa Tshimoyapula le Tumasera le go thusa mo dikolong ka mesangwana ya basetsanyana le tse di tlhapang.

Se se diragala ngwaga le ngwaga ka Phukwi mo bokopanong jwa kereke jwa dikhwaere, a supa fa go dira jalo ba araba pilara ya toro ya setshaba ya 2036 ya bobedi ya go thusa 'mong ka wena'.

O ne a akgolela kereke eo gape go neela mme maemo, jaaka go supagetse ka Archbishop Norah Modikwa yo eleng ene a eteletse kereke eo pele go

simolola ka ngwaga wa 2013.

A ba a tlatsa ka gore puso e itumelela thata go bona dikereke le tsone di lemoga seabe sa bomme.

A re puso e lemoga seabe sa dikereke thata ke ka moo e sa di tlogeleng kwa morago ka di bopaganya setshaba.

A re fa go nna le seemo, seabe sa kereke se tshwanetse se utlwale thata mo dikgannyeng tse di tshwenyang mo malwapeng le mo setshabeng.

Rre Mohwasa a re puso e sa tswa go fetola molao gore kwadiso ya kereke e nne maloko a le 20 go tswa mo go a le 150 mme e dira jaana go tlhofolaetsa Batswana gore ba rapele ka kgololesego le gore mo metseng

mengwe e e kwa teng ga ba kgone go tshwara dipalo tsa 150 mme ba batla go rapela.

Ka jalo, a re puso e tla a ela tlhoko ba ba tswang mo tseleng a ba a lopa baeteledipele ba dikereke go kgalema le go kaela.

O ne a kopa dikereke go tshegetsa molao motheo wa tsone o ba o ipeetseng le melawana mme ba fokotse dikgotlhang ebile go tlotlanwe go fokotswwe dikgotlhang ka di isa seriti sa kereke kwa tlase.

Rre Mohwasa o tswelletse a supa fa puso e lemogile botlhokwa jwa dikereke ka seabe sa tsone sa go rapelela tshwaragano le tse dingwe.

O ne a kopa ba FGAC go tswelela ka meopelo mo kerekeng

ya bone ka ba kgonne go rupisa banana bangwe ka ba tlhamile dipina tsa sekeresete.

Modulasetilo wa dikhwaere tsa kereke ya FGAC Rre Cedric Luka o ne a re puso e supile fa dikgaisanyo tsa bone tsa ngwaga le ngwaga di na le seabe mo itsholelong ya lefatshe.

A re ba neelana ditemana mme ba tlhama dipina ka tsone mme mo ngwageng eno ba ne ba bona go tshwanela gore ba lemoge motlhami wa kereke ya bone ka go bitsa dikgaisanyo tseo ka ene.

A re ba ikaelela go tswelela ba isa molaetsa ka thulaganyo ya kopelo e bile ba tswelletse ka go tshwaraganela le puso go supa mowa wa kutlwelobotlhoko ka go aba. **BOPA**

Moruti Phale o gakolotswe go ikanya Modimo

Ka Tebagano Ntshole

MOCHUDI - Moruti Tebogo Phale wa kereke ya Heaven Holiness Apostolic Church yo sa tswang go tlhomiwa o gakolotswe go tshepha lefoko le le molemo le go ikanya Modimo mo ditirong tsotlhe tsa gagwe.

Kgakololo e, e dirilwe ke Mopalamente wa Kgatleng Bogare Rre Mpho Morolong kwa tirong ya go tthomamisiwa ga ga Moruti Phale kwa Mochudi ka Labotlhanu.

Mopalamente o boletse fa dikereke mo malatsing a gompieno di lebananwe ke dikgwetlho ka gore letlhoo le feta lorato.

Rre Morolong o boletse fa Rre Phale a tsaya maikarabelo ka dinako tse di thata, mme a mo kopa gore a nne pelotelele, a tle a rute lorato.

“Ke go utlwela botlhoko go bo o nna moruti ka nako e letlhoo le golang ka teng mo kerekeng,” mopalamente a tlhalosa, a tlatsa ka go mo rotloetsa go ikokotlela ka lefoko la modimo.

A re fa Moruti Phale a ka kgona, phuthago ya gagwe ya ntsha letlhoo mo kerekeng, o ka natefelelwa ke tiro ya gagwe ka ba tlaa bo ba ntshitse dikgang se di tshesane tse di sa ba ageng.

Kgwetlho e nngwe e moruti a lebananeng le yone ke tiriso ya maranyane.

“O tthomamisiwa ka nako e maranyane a tsereng taolo ya sengwe le sengwe. Gongwe le gongwe fa o le teng, se o se buang le se o se dirang, sechaba se go lebile,” a tlhalosa jalo mopalamente mme ka jalo a kopa moruti gore a ikele tlhoko ka dinako tsotlhe go tthomamisa gore dipuo tsa gagwe le maitshwano ke tsa motho a eteletse kereke pele.

Mopalamente Morolong o kopile moruti go tseya dikgakololo mo baruting ba

bangwe mme a seka a lebala maikano a gagwe, gape a seka a swabisa mookamedi wa kereke yo a mo tlhomileng mo maemong.

O tswelletse a tlhalosa gore e re ntsa lefatshe la Botswana le amogetse tumelo ya sekeresete, ga gona sepe se se supang fa e le lefatshe la tumelo ka le lebananwe ke dikgwetlho di le dintsi.

A re o eletsa go bona lefatshe le agiwa ka malwapa a a feletseng, banna ba nna le basadi ba bone le bana ba bone, go sena monna yo o latlhang ngwana wa gagwe.

A re se se batla monna tia, yo o dibelang lelwapa la gagwe kgatlananong le kgokgontsho.

Mopalamente o ne a kopa Mme Tlamelo Phale, yo e leng mohumagadi wa moruti, go ema monna wa gagwe nokeng mo thomong ya gagwe ya boruti, a gatelela ka gore kemo nokeng ya gagwe e botlhokwa.

Rre Morolong o boletse fa a rotloetsa lenyalo mo kerekeng mme a sa itumedisiwe ke batho ba ba nang le bana kwa ntle ga lenyalo, bangwe ba bo mme ba phuagantswe ka bana.

A re thulaganyo ya lenyalo ke ya Modimo mme ka jalo a kopa kereke gore ba kope kwa go ene go tsena mo lenyalong le le boitshepho.

Mo lefokong la gagwe la thotloetso, Moruti Letshele Bokole o gakolotse Moruti Phale gore a ikanye lefoko la Modimo, a re thomo ya gagwe e tshwana le e e neng Modimo a e roma Ezekiel a re, ‘morwa motho, tloga o ye kwa go ba ntlu ya Israel’.

O mo gakolotse gore a simolole ditiro tsa gagwe tsotlhe ka thapelo mme a ikanye Modimo go na le botlhale jwa gagwe.

Moruti Bokole o ne a mo gakolola gape gore a seka a reetsa batho ba ba batlang go mo latlha, ba tliša dikgotlhang mo kerekeng.

Moruti Phale o tlhomilwe go etella lekalana la kereke ya Pilane.**BOPA**



Tona wa ofisi ya ga Tautona, Rre Moeti Mohwasa (fa gare) a le kwa dikgaisanong tsa moopelo tsa kerekere ya FGAC kwa Ratholo bosheng. A re kereke eo, e tswa kgakala e thusa setshaba, ka jalo maiteko a yone a dira pharologanyo e ntsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Senepe: Portia Rapitsenyane

Tshere o lebogela tirisano mmogo

Ka Victoria Kesimolotse

MAHALAPYE - Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Mahalapye Bophirima, Rre David Tshere o lebogetse tirisano mmogo le lerato la banni ba Mahalapye.

O buile jalo fa a buisa phuthago ya Kgotla kwa Mahalapye bosheng.

Rre Tshere yo gape e leng Tona wa Ditlhaeletsano le Ditlhamo, o lebogetse go fiwa sebaka sa go emela kgaolo ya Mahalapye Bophirima kwa palamenteng.

A re o tlaa leka ka gotlhe go netefatsa gore ditsholofetso tsa morafe di a diragadiwa.

O tlhalositse gore ditlhabololo tsa motse wa Mahalapye tse go setseng go kile ga buiwa ka tsone di ntse di tlaa diragadiwa ka maikaelelo magolo e le go feleletsa ditiro tsotlhe tse di neng di tshwanetse go wediwa.

A re di filwe go fitlha kgwedi ya Phalane gore di bo di weditswe go itsa go dira mealo e mesha ditiro dingwe di saletse kwa morago.

Tona a re ditiro tse, di akaretse maemelo a dipalamo tsa setshaba a masha a a nang le dikago tsa mabentlele a a buileng ka one ngogola a ebileng a filwe setsha, maemelo a diteraka le sekole

se sebotlana kwa kgotleng ya Flowertown.

Rre Tshere o kgadile kgokgontsho ya bong, ebile a supa gore seemo se, se tshwanetse go potlakelwa se ise se kekele.

A re dikgang tsa kgokgontso mo Mahalapye ga di mo jese diwelang e bile di tlhabisa ditlhong.

O supile fa go ya ka dipego, bomme le bana ba motse wa Mahalapye ba sa sireletsega.

O buile gape ka borukutlhi le tiriso ya ditagi le diritibatsi tse di di goelang pele mo bananeng.

Rre Tshere a re diemo tse tsotlhe di tsile go koba bagwebi ka jaana go na le baba nang le kgatlhego ya go tla go bula dikgwebo kwa Mahalapye.

O kopile morafe go dirisana sentle le ba sepodisi gotlhe le ba bogosi go lwantsha diemo tse ka di dirwa ba di itse mme ebile ba nale thata ya go ka thusa go di fenywa.

A re batsadi ba tshwanetse go ema ka dinao go kgalema bana ba bone mme ebile go sa pale sepe gore ba ikuele kwa kgosing fa bana ba tswa mo tseleng ka lore lo ojwa le sale metsi.

A re le bana ba ba dirisiwang botlhaswa ba emelwe ka dinao ka e le bone bokamoso jwa lefatshe

le.

Osupile fa e se bana babasetsana fela ba ba dirisiwang botlhaswa ka go setse go gatisitswe kgetsi ya tiriso botlhaswa ya ngwana wa mosimane bosheng.

Mothusa modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Rre Boniface Disho o kopile gore ditsela tsa motse di baakanngwe ka jaana di sentswwe ke dipula.

O kopile gore bogolo fa ditsela di ka gopiwa mme tsa tshelwa go tlaabo go le botoka ka jaana di le dikhuti, e bile di baka metsi go ema gongwe le gongwe. **BOPA**



Rre David Tshere

The week that



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) embracing a Boitumelo Primary School Standard Six pupil, Lelentle Gaborone after she recited a poem about the President during a kgotla meeting in Selebi Phikwe. **Photo: Gothusang Lesego**



All Kasi Clothing, in collaboration with the Footballers Union of Botswana, honoured former footballer, Tumie Duiker with a customised 'Duiker 15' trainer, set to launch in June at P800. **Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe**



Members of St Bernadette and Krete Lefika Catholic Church performing a Passion play depicting the trial, suffering, death and rise of Jesus Christ. **Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe**

Last week was filled with impactful moments of com
Duma Boko shared a heartfelt moment with a young
Phikwe while All Kasi Clothing paid tribute to a footba
trainer. Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe joined celebrat
The St Bernadette and Krete Lefika Catholic church
Friday and Reverend Tebogo Phakela was also ordaine
milestone at the Ipelegeng Skill Development graduat



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) interacting with guests during the Africa Development Bank 60th anniversary celebration in Gaborone. **Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe**



Mr David Magang (left) and wife, Dorcas, of Phakalane Estate during the official opening of a refurbished Phakalane Police Post. **Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo**

was in pictures

community, faith and sportsmanship. President Advocate poet during a kgotla meeting he addressed in Selebi all legend, Tumie Duiker with a customised 'Duiker 15' ions at the Africa Development Bank's 60th anniversary. es brought the Passion play to life during the Good ed on the day in Mochudi while 51 graduates marked a tion ceremony in Serowe.



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (left) conversing with Tomeletso Sereetsi of Sereetsi & The Natives after he performed at the Africa Development Bank 60th anniversary celebration in Gaborone. **Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe**



A graduate, Mr Gabriel Baokame (centre) being congratulated by acting executive director of CITF, Mr Godiramodimo Kalaote (right) and well-wishers during Ipelegeng Skill Development Component graduation ceremony in Serowe, where 51 graduated. **Photo: Baldwin Nyamande**



President Boko (left) in a cheerful exchange with Zambia former vice president, Mr Enock Kavindele during a courtesy call to seek support for Dr Samuel Maimbo's bid for the Africa Development Bank presidency. **Photo: Pheny Moalosi**



Methodist Church of Southern Africa Lobatse Circuit 1539, held an Easter service in Pitsane on Good Friday, bringing together congregants from Lobatse, Gaborone and Tsabong to reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. **Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe**



Thuto Mooketsane of Tlokweng United (left) failing to score after the ball went wide during the Batlokwa Easter Challenge tournament sponsored by Tlokweng MP Pheny Segokgo. Red Sparks won their last match against Tlokweng United 1-0. **Photo: Pheny Ramatu**



Kgatlang Central MP, Mr Mpho Morolong (centre) and Kgatlang District Council chairperson, Mr Thabo Komane (left) with Heaven Holiness Apostolic Church leadership at the ordination of Reverend Tebogo Phale (right) in Mochudi. **Photo: Teko Letsholo**

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF PLOT 368, Kasane
intends to apply for a land use
change from single family residential
to commercial guest house. Plot is at
Baabazangu ward, Kachikau Street.
Objections must be submitted in
writing to Chobe District Council
Physical Planning Committee within
14 days from date of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE the owner
of Plot 38584 Simon P Korae and
siblings want to change land use
from residential to commercial.
For any objections contact
Mogoditshane Thamaga Council or
contact the owner 72 671 784 plot in
Mogoditshane.

CHANGE OF LAND USE

OWNER OF THE PLOT 2866,Gaborone informs
neighbors about change of
land use from
residential to multi residential
use only.
Objections can be raised within
14 days at
Gaborone city council physical
planning.
Meyano Projects Mr Amit cell
71428266

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF THE PLOT 2898,Gaborone
informs neighbours about **change of
land use** from **residential to multi
residential use** only.

Objections can be raised **within 14
days** at Gaborone City Council physical
planning.
Meyano Projects Mr Amit cell 71 428 266

OWNER OF THE PLOT 18520, Gaborone informs
neighbors about **change of
land use** from **residential to
multiresidential** use only.

Objections can be raised
within **14 days at Gaborone
city council** physical
planning.

Meyano Projects **Mr Amit
cell 71428266**

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the
undersigned intends to apply for a
certified copy Of **Deed NO:** 2340/2010 **dated**
09th day of April 2025
made in favor of **SASHA KARABO POWDER**
AND SANDILE POWDER
In respect of: LOT 40957 GABORONE

CERTAIN: piece of land being lot 40957,
Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 43
MEASURING: 450 m2 (Four Hundred and Fifty

Square Meters)
HELD UNDER: TITLE DEED NO.2340/2010

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

DATED AT _ON THIS _DAY OF _20
APPLICANT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE LEMMY ISAAC

ISAAC MORE – ESHGB-000881/23

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 **12th 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

Administrative of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administrative 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 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
KAGELELO JOYCE MADESWI	ESHFT-000324-25	03-06-25	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No 1127/2025 dated 6th day of May 2015 made in favour of **Jacob Mogomotsi** In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 13367 Gaborone

SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 3

MEASURING: 422m2, four hundred and twenty-two square meters

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 7th DAY OF March 2025.

J.M
APPLICANT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:- **ESHGB- 000244-25**

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE GERRIT ANDRIES VISAGIE** who died at Hartenbos, Western Cape District, South Africa on the 20th day of January 2025.

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

DATED at GABORONE on this 16th Day of APRIL 2025

The Executrix
Refilwe Brigitte Mogwe
Private Bag 00296 **GABORONE**
Cell: **71656196/364 5100**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act
[Cap 31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at 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
BENJAMIN MOKWENA	ESHFT-000408-24	29-07-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS _ DAY OF APRIL2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000529-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ALESENG MAGIBISELA** died at Extension 4, Palapye, Palapye District, Republic of Botswana.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be 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 within the 21 days stated above

DATED at Gaborone on this 16 Day of April 2025.

The Executor
Koketso Thatayaone Magibisela
P.O. Box 539 **PALAPYE**
Tel: 71259355

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

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

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

MEASURING :1900m² (One Thousand Nine
Hundred Square Metres)
WHICH PROPERTY : Is held under
Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA426/2020
dated 15th July 2020 made in favour of Tech
Savvy (Proprietary) Limited.

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

Dated at Gaborone on the
8th day of April 2025
Plaatjie Taupedi Attorneys,
Plot 115, Unit 11, Kgale Mews
P.O. Box 261 14, Game City, **Gaborone.**
Tel: 392 0200

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act
[Cap 31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at **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	Mater
PATRICK LESEGO BALOPI	ESHFT-000319-24	17-06-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB-000357-25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SALLY PATRICIA BARROW** who died at Disaneng Ward, Maun, Ngamiland District, Republic of Botswana on 5th **February, 2025.**

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 application hereof.

DATED at Gaborone this 15th day of APRIL 2025

Executrix Testamentary
Penelope Susan Thorneycroft
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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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Name of the Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GAABONWE MADIBANA	ESHFT-000081-23	11-06-25	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court 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
Dipogiso Montshiwa	ESHFT-000264-25	28-05-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATE AT FRANCISTOWN _DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF SUB LEASE

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

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

SITUATE: in the Kgalagadi Administrative District;

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

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

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

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

LOST MORTGAGE BOND

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intend to apply for a certified copy of **Covering Surety Mortgage Bond No. 1581/2023** dated **28TH AUGUST, 2023** made in favour of **THE HOLLARD INSURANCE COMPANY OF BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 3028 Mogonye.
SITUATE: at Mogonye (Cadastré 93) in the Bangwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: **1032m² (One Thousand and Thirty Two Square Metres);**

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. **TL 599/2020** dated the **18th** day of June 2020 in favour of **ORERATILE CYRIL RANKWANA.**

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 10TH APRIL 2025

DESAI LAW GROUP
P O BOX 640
GABORONE
TEL : 3162727

Lost Title Deed

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No. FT TL 190/2003** dated **25-06-03** in favour of **NTSHEMANG GABOEKAE** in respect of;

CERTAIN: piece of land being tribal lot 2598 Maun,

SITUATE: at Kubung Maun, in the BATAWANA tribal territory,

MEASURING: 5033M2 (five thousand and thirty three square meters).

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

Dated: 04/04/2025
P O Box 270 Maun

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY
(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mohamed Sajid Patel has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Zumzum (Proprietary) Limited in respect of A Customary Land Grant, namely:-

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 18499 Molepolole
(a Portion of Cadasre 66)
SITUATE: at Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 1193 m² (One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Three Square Metres)
LAND USE: Residential

Herein after referred to as (the Property).
The property is transferred at P 720,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula) excluding any VAT/ transfer duty consequential to the transaction.
Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering a similar transaction in respect of the property.
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CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 31391 Gaborone (formerly Portion 91, a Portion of Portion 4 of the Farm Content No. 1-KO);
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 4,0625 ha (Four comma Zero Six Two Five Hectares);
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All **persons objecting** to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such **objection in writing** with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone **within 3 (Three) weeks** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 31TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

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P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
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LOST TITLE DEED

Application for a Certified Copy of Lost Title Deed

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

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

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

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

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

DATED at GABORONE this 9th day of April 2025

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

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY
(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MACLEAN CORTEZ LETSHWITI** have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **PLASTICS SHOP (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of A Customary Land Grant, namely:-

CERTAIN: Customary Grant No 94-KP
SITUATE: at Ramodibe in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 13.1570 ha
LAND USE: Industrial

Herein after referred to as (the Property).
The property is transferred at P 5,250,000.00 (Five Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula) excluding any VAT/transfer duty consequential to the transaction.
Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering a similar transaction in respect of the property.
Any citizen objecting to the Transaction is hereby requested to lodge such objection with reason, in writing, to S. Khan Law within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this notice.



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THE OWNER OF PLOT 17428 Ntshe Francistown, kindly contact 74 756 929 regarding screen wall development

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

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

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

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

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APPLICANT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed NO TL186/2014** dated 17th day of **February 2014** made in favour of **Lazarus Molefi** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal lot 1952 Ramotswa
SITUATE: in Bamalete Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 2750m² (Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: TL186/2014

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

Dated at Gaborone on this
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Applicant Lazarus Molefi

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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.

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DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03 DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION (In terms of Section 34 (1) of the Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of the Public of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between **MAIPELO CHIBATAMOTO** (citizen) and **CLJ FARMS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** (Non-citizen), for the sale of the here- undermentioned property, that is to say:

CERTAIN: piece of land
SITUATED: at Mmatshipa in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 55035 (Fifty Five Thousand and Thirty Five Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business Plots issued by the Oodi Sub Land Board on 16th April 2019.
USE: PLOUGHING FIELD purposes only.

FOR the consideration amount of **P550 000.00 (Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula)** to be paid in terms the deed of sale.

ANY citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is afforded the right to register such objection or interest, in writing, to the Secretary of the Oodi Sub Land Board, Private Bag 002, Oodi or submit at the offices of the here- undermentioned attorneys within **30 (THIRTY) DAYS** of publication of this notice, to receive priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

MAINA NYANGARI LEGAL PRACTICE,
Plot 36933, Nakalatlou Crescent, Block 8, GABORONE.
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COMPETENCIES

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Applicants must possess good communication skills, a positive attitude and a good work ethic. Those who meet the requirements may send their applications (CV, certificates and references) to: hr.botswana@kgkbw.com

or

P.O.Box 2169 Gaborone
Botswana

Or alternatively hand deliver to: Plot 20588,
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Closing Date: 8 May 2025

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- Bachelor of Commerce and any other related field.
- At least 10 years minimum work experience in diamond cutting and polishing.
- Leadership skills.

Computer literacy.

Data Analyst & Diamond streamlining-

Responsibilities:

- Optimization and security.
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Qualification & Experience:

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Kanye	RAC	26-27 April	Letlhakane	Teemane mall	25-26 April
Lobatse	Junction Mall	28 April	Serowe	Bus Rank	28-29 April
Molepolole	Kgari Sechele	29-30 April	Bobonong	Choppies mall	01 May
Mahalapye	Bus rank	2-3 May	Selibe Phikwe	Barcelos	2-3 May
Palapye	Engen Mall	5-6 May			



STARTING TIME FOR ALL VENUES IS 0900HRS! APPLICANTS ARE URGED TO BRING CERTIFIED COPIES OF THEIR RESULTS SLIPS AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS





**NOTICE TO MEMBERS
CLOSURE OF MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION**

GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED (GCCSL) MEMBERS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP TRACING IS 30/04/2025.

MEMBERS SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS IS THEIR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY SUBMITTING THEIR PASSBOOKS OR ANY EVIDENCE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP AT SEBELE DCD OFFICE OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY AT 71S554230 OR ALTERNATIVELY CALL 77 834 249, 75 227 320 OR 71 812 232 ON OR BEFORE THE 30TH APRIL, 2025.

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Residents plead for rehabilitation centre

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Some residents of Maun have appealed to the government to consider establishing a rehabilitation centre to reduce the effects of substance and drug abuse among young people.

They decried that substance and drug use were prevalent among youth in Maun despite efforts such as education campaigns meant to sensitize them about the consequences of drugs and believed that a rehabilitation centre could be a lasting solution as those attending addiction treatment would learn necessary tools for building a productive, health and happy life.

Residents aired their complaints during a kgotla meeting addressed by the Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse, citing that the level of drug abuse by young people including school going children was horrendous and a cause of concern and called for action.

Drug usage, they said, led some youths to criminal and anti-social behaviour while on the other hand, affected teaching and compromised learners' academic performance.

The situation, they noted, was compounded by some parents who either sold drugs to learners or give them to sell to their colleagues.

Ms Grace Mahuma, one of the Maun residents, said: "There is an undeniable link between substance abuse and delinquency. Our children are abusing us physically, emotionally, socially and economically because addiction to drugs.

We are afraid to talk to them because drugs swing their moods and the proposed centre can provide a permanent solution to the problem of drug addiction."

Ms Mahuma said drugs, she said affected children's mental health as they change their physical, psychological and emotional function and believed that centre could offer treatment to help individuals identify and overcome the underlying issues that started their addiction.

The Chairperson of the Umbrella Village Development Committee for Maun East, Ms Kegomoditswe Ndulamo, also highlighted that one of the challenges facing Maun today was substance and drug abuse and concurred that construction of a rehabilitation centre was ideal.

Challenges emanating from the use of drugs by pupils, she said, rendered parents difficult to manage due to bad behaviour adding that the drugs were also destroying the future of tomorrow. "Young people who persistently abuse drugs often experience an array of problems including health related and academic difficulties among others.

However, the Deputy Council Secretary for Primary Health Services, Dr Sandra Maripe- Ebutswe, also pointed out that drugs were a concern in the district citing that even in health facilities, they were dealing with conditions caused by use of drugs among youth.

Dr Maripe-Ebutswe informed the gathering that construction of a rehabilitation centre had been among the proposed projects in the Local Authority Key Issue Paper (LAKIP), a document

which outlines all critical issues in the district, which the DDP/NDP would address through different programmes and projects. She hoped the project would be approved and funded to pave way for commencement.

The Secretary for Primary Health Care, Dr Mareko Ramotsababa, told residents that the government was equally concerned over rampant usage of drugs among young people and as such, they could not establish the second rehabilitation centre as there is one being built at Serowe.

The government identified Old Serowe Institute of Health Sciences to establish the first national substance use treatment centre which would provide both in an outpatient rehabilitation services.

He said it was advisable to complete the facility and ensure its function first instead of establishing more centres as they may end up being white elephants. "Once it is completed and functional as expected, we will assess if there is need to establish the second one or more across the country," he added. **BOPA**

Egypt president reiterates support to Jordan

CAIRO - Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi on Saturday reiterated Egypt's full solidarity and unshakable support to Jordan in confronting all forms of terrorism and extremist groups that seek to undermine its security and stability.

According to a statement released by the Egyptian Presidency, al-Sisi held a phone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan, during which the Egyptian president stressed the crucial importance of joint cooperation to achieve the aspirations of the peoples for a safe and stable life.

King Abdullah II voiced appreciation for the Egyptian support, and highlighted the

historical and fraternal relations between the two countries.

The two also discussed the developments in Gaza and West Bank, among others, said the statement.

Jordan's General Intelligence Directorate announced that 16 individuals had been arrested for involvement in plots "aimed at undermining national security and inciting chaos and material sabotage within the Kingdom."

The suspects were allegedly trained and financed in Lebanon, and involved in efforts to manufacture rockets and drones for illicit purposes. **Xinhua**

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CAIRO - The headquarters of the African Space Agency in Egyptia Space City. The building was inaugurated on Sunday in Egypt. Photo: Xinhua

Cairo houses Africa Space Agency headquarters

CAIRO - Egypt inaugurated the headquarters of the African Space Agency (AfSA) in the Egyptia Space City in Cairo on Sunday.

“Egypt has made extensive efforts to establish the agency, which embodies the vision of ‘The Africa We Want’ outlined in the African Union’s Agenda 2063,” Egypt Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said at the inauguration ceremony.

He emphasised that the agency will serve as a platform for enhancing cooperation among African countries in the peaceful uses of space, exchanging expertise, building capacities, and unifying African positions in international forums, particularly within the framework of the United Nations.

Abdelatty also highlighted the importance of the agency’s openness to cooperation with research institutions, universities, and international space agencies, which would contribute to establishing a strong African base in space science and technology.

Sherif Sedky, CEO of the Egypt Space Agency, said the inauguration of the AfSA marked a significant milestone in the history of Africa.

“The AfSA will serve as a beacon of innovation, collaboration, and progress for all African nations,” he said.

Meanwhile, Huan Yiheng, co-founder of MinoSpace, a Beijing-based company focusing on the engineering of advanced small satellites, said the agency was an

important platform for African nations to jointly develop their space technology.

“We want to explore potential cooperation with the AfSA and other African countries,” Huan told *Xinhua*.

Following its inauguration, the AfSA will be the primary entity coordinating Africa’s space cooperation with Europe and other international partners.

A central objective of AfSA is to enhance space missions across Africa, ensuring optimal access to space-derived data, information, services, and products.

Egypt was selected as the host nation of the AfSA in 2019 by the African Union after meeting the necessary political and technical criteria. *Xinhua*

Kenya forum calls for sustainable solutions

NAIROBI - Policymakers, migration experts and regional stakeholders called for long-term, sustainable solutions to address the drivers of displacement and migration in the Horn of Africa.

The annual migration conference themed: Securing Sustainable Solutions for Migration in Somalia brought together representatives from governments, regional bodies, the United Nations, civil society organisations, and academic institutions to address the multiple drivers of migration in Somalia, including conflict, poverty, climate change, and weak governance structures.

During the forum held in Kenya, Nairobi on Sunday, Jabril Ibrahim Abdulle, Somalia’s ambassador to Kenya, underscored the need for lasting peace, socio-economic development and cross-border cooperation to stem irregular migration and internal displacement in Somalia.

“Sustainable solutions must extend beyond emergency

responses and must be Somali-led and regionally supported.”

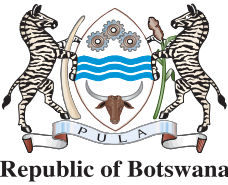
An expert on disaster displacement at the Climate Prediction and Applications Center of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, a regional bloc, Mohamed Omar, decried the rise in climate-induced displacement in Somalia, particularly due to recurrent floods, droughts and desertification.

Omar said planning based on early warning systems could help communities reduce the drivers of irregular migration.

Bisharo Ali Hussein, migration governance and policy development officer at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations migration agency, said legal migrants were beneficial as their remittances and technology transfer to home countries.

He said the IOM was committed to support Somalia in implementing inclusive and evidence-based migration policies. *Xinhua*

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH
PRIVATE BAG 0038
GABORONE

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 20 of 2025 MINISTRY OF HEALTH VACANCY CODE: 111703817.1.1

VACANCY: DIRECTOR – PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT (BUYER)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Health, **tenable at Central Medical Stores (CMS), Gaborone.**

SALARY: E1 (P512, 148 – P532, 860 per annum)

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- a) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50%, Employee pays 50%).
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LEAVE: 30 working days per annum.

QUALIFICATIONS: Degree in Procurement or Supply Chain Management/CIPS Level 6/CPM/CPIM or equivalent, or Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance or any related field. Masters Degree in Procurement/ CIMA/ ACCA/MBA will be an added advantage.

EXPERIENCE: A minimum of sixteen (16) years relevant work experience in a reputable private or public institution, with two (2) years having been served at E2 salary scale or equivalent.

Membership of Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) – MCIPS or Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) – CMILT or Institute of Supply Chain Management (ISM) – CPSM or National Contract Management Association (NCMA) – CPCM or Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA), ACCA, CIMA is

essential.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB: To ensure compliance to public procurement legislation and related procedures, as well as to promote the fundamental principles of transparency, competition, economy, efficiency, fairness and accountability in the public procurement for the achievement of best value for money in government expenditure.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

1. Develop procurement oversight strategy for the procuring entity in line with the relevant laws, policies and regulations and facilitate implementation thereof.
2. Provides technical advice and support on procurement to the Procuring Entity.
3. Reviews tender evaluation and award recommendation report within the procurement laws and regulations and advise accordingly.
4. Carries out market intelligence to identify and recommend potential sources of supply that will result in cost effective procurement for the Procuring Entity.
5. Presides over and manage public bid openings.
6. Monitors the enforcement of preferential and reservation schemes to promote citizen economic empowerment.
7. Evaluates requests and ascertain non – availability of goods and services prior to authorization of procurement from the external market.
8. Monitors performance of suppliers based on price, delivery terms and quality of goods and services, and

advises the Accounting Officer accordingly.

9. Monitors adherence to contractual agreements and service standards.
10. Monitor maintenance of accurate and up to date procurement records.
11. Reviews and submit monthly and annual procurement reports to PPADB and the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry for monitoring and evaluation.
12. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES:

1. Analytical and Strategic thinking
2. Deciding and Initiating Change
3. Planning and Execution
4. Innovation and driving Change
5. Supervision and Accountability
6. Teamwork and Partnering
7. Communicating Effectively
8. Delivering Quality Service

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (These are Compulsory requirements):

Quote the number of the Vacancy Circular and provide the following details:

- a) Full name, address and place of birth.
- b) Brief summary of up to date career duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- c) Certified copies of certificates (Academic and Professional).
- d) Professional Bodies Registration and Practicing Certificate

(where necessary)

- e) A minimum of two current references (not more than 6 months).
- f) Certified copy of proof of Identity (Omang).
- g) Date of first appointment.
- h) Present post and date of appointment thereto.

Applications should be addressed to: -
PERMANENT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
P/BAG 0038 GABORONE
OR
Hand delivered to:
Ministry of Health Headquarters
Office 8A21 (8th Floor)

IMPORTANT: All applications from serving Public Officers must be routed through their Heads of Departments. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

Only short-listed candidates will be responded to.

Closing date: 13th May 2025, 1630 hours.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For further information contact: Human Resource Management Unit on Tel: 3632228/2012/2369



KITUI - People using Apsonic tricycles in Kenya. Nixon Nzioka, one of the tricycle owners, uses it to transport agricultural products, household goods, water and various construction materials such as sand, gravel as well as stones. Photo: Xinhua)

Chinese tricycles powers rural livelihoods in Kenya

NAIROBI - In his hometown of Kitui in eastern Kenya, Nixon Nzioka has become one of the most sought-after transportation service providers.

Nzioka owns a tricycle, which he uses to transport agricultural products, household goods, water, and various construction materials such as sand, gravel, and stones.

“Business is good. There are only two of us in this trading centre offering tricycle transportation services,” Nzioka, who bought the Chinese-made machine five months ago, told *Xinhua*.

Nzioka said the purchase of the tricycle from Sincerity Holding Group, a Chinese company based in Nairobi, has been one of the best decisions he has ever made, as he earns an average of about US\$7.7 a day.

The tricycle branded Apsonic is making inroads in Kenya’s rural and urban areas, not only as a reliable means of transportation but also as a moneymaker.

“Before I bought the machine, I did some research and compared it to others on the market. The Apsonic won. It has a strong body, is bigger, and has good ground clearance, which is ideal for rural areas,” said Nzioka.

Li Guo, general manager of Sincerity Holding Group Kenya, said the company entered the Kenyan market in 2023, and the quality of their products and good services have seen an increase in the number of customers.

“The company started introducing electric products in 2022 as it embraces the greener future,” he said.

The group is continuously improving its products according to usage habits and the environment, and its electric tricycles will soon be sold in Kenya. According to Li, the company has employed 30 Kenyans, who mainly offer after-sales services to customers across the East African country.

Johanna Muiruri, a local employee of Sincerity Holding Group, said the services included engine oil changes, wheel replacements, and turn signal repairs.

“We also assemble the different

parts of the machines once a customer buys them,” said Muiruri, a trained mechanical engineer, adding that he has learned a lot of technology from the Chinese firm, which will help him in his future career.

Lucy Njoki, who lives in Loitoktok, about 230km from Nairobi, said she bought her first machine from Sincerity Holding Group last May.

She uses it to provide transportation services, including ferrying farm produce, sand, and firewood, earning about US\$6.9 daily.

Njoki loves Apsonic tricycles for their durability, have a larger size that allowed her to carry many things, and have a low failure rate.

She noted that through the transportation business, she was able to feed her family, pay rent and school fees, and contributes US\$3 a week to her savings group.

“I’m definitely going to buy a

second Apsonic tricycle so that I can expand this business I do with my husband,” she said, adding that with the tricycles, “my future is bright.” *Xinhua*

UN official stresses need for continued demining, risk education

TRIPOLI - Deputy special representative of the UN secretary general, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Libya, has stressed the need for continued demining and risk education to ensure people’s safety, the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) said in a statement on Friday.

Aeneas Chuma made the remarks during a ceremony held in Tripoli on Wednesday to commemorate the International Day for Mine Action Awareness, the statement said.

Quoting data from the Libyan Mine Action Center (LibMAC), Chuma said that hundreds of millions of square meters in Libya have been identified as hazardous areas, with more expected to be added.

Khalil El-Shibli, LibMAC director, called on the UN and the international community to continue supporting the lifesaving operations led by Libyans and their partners on the ground.

The Chief of Mine Action at UNSMIL, Fatma Zourrig, in her remarks, highlighted

the importance of a strategic framework, legislation, and strengthened cooperation between humanitarian organisations and security institutions to advance mine action in Libya.

Following the 2011 uprising that toppled the rule of the late leader Muammar Gaddafi, Libya has been plagued by insecurity and conflict.

Prolonged armed clashes have left large areas of the country contaminated with deadly remnants such as mines and other hazardous weapons. *Xinhua*

Three storey building collapse, claims five lives

ABUJA - At least five people were killed and 15 others rescued after a three-storey building collapsed in Nigeria’s southwestern state of Lagos, the country’s emergency management agency said Sunday.

The three-storey building collapsed on Saturday morning in Ojodu-Berger, a suburb of Lagos, leaving an unknown number of people trapped, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said earlier.

Ibrahim Farinloye, NEMA coordinator in Lagos, told reporters on Sunday that a total of five bodies have so far been recovered from the rubble since rescue operations began.

He said there was a possibility for more victims to be found or rescued, as rescuers are still searching the debris of the collapsed building.

Speaking to reporters on the incident, Olumide Oluoyinka, commissioner for physical planning and urban development in Lagos, said the building

might have collapsed because it had been abandoned and left unplastered for a long time, which likely weakened its structure over time due to moisture.

Cases of building collapse are common in Nigeria, Africa’s most populous country, often leading to heavy casualties.

Local experts blamed these

incidents on aging structures, non-compliance with building regulations, and the use of substandard construction materials. *Xinhua*



GOKWE - Zimbabwe president Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa in a military vehicle during a military display marking the Independence Day in Midlands Province, Zimbabwe on Friday. He led the nation in marking the country’s 45th independence anniversary, expressing his gratitude for the liberation and post-independence efforts to develop and modernise Zimbabwe. Photo: Xinhua

Zambia confirms second Mpox death

LUSAKA - Zambia has confirmed its second Mpox-related death as the cumulative cases reached 49 in the southern African country.

Minister of Health Elijah Muchima on Thursday said the second Mpox-related death, involving a 10-year-old child, was recorded in Mpika District, Muchinga Province.

The country recorded its first Mpox-related death last month after reporting its first Mpox case in October last year.

In remarks delivered during an update press briefing, the minister said the country recorded 13 new cases between April 2 and 15, bringing the total number to 49,

with cases reported in six of the country’s 10 provinces so far.

A total of 32 cases have so far been treated and discharged, while 15 people are currently under home isolation, he added.

The minister said the health ministry was working with cooperating partners to investigate, detect, and contain Mpox cases to prevent further spread.

Meanwhile, the country’s cumulative cholera cases have reached 490, following 18 new cases recorded in the past two weeks.

About 480 people have so far been discharged, while nine people have died, the minister said. *Xinhua*



Trevor Mabua

Mabua music journey gains momentum

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - From performing in a humble pub in Palapye to sharing the stage with jazz legends such as Punah Gabasiane and Sereetsi & The Natives, Trevor Mabua’s musical journey is gaining momentum. He returns with what he describes as his best work yet, a new album entitled, *Mmamotse*. The album is packed with songs that celebrate Botswana’s beauty, pay tribute to the country’s current President and address social issues. “It is my best album so far,” said Mabua, who is a teacher by profession. Explaining the inspiration behind the album title, Mabua shared that *Mmamotse* was about the story of a husband’s lament over his wayward wife, a woman who took care of the village but ended up in an affair, ultimately bearing a child with a neighbour. He also highlighted standout tracks such as *Buka*, a song

centred around Facebook, which reflected on both the positive and negative aspects of social media. Another notable track is *Gideon*, also referred to as *That’s My Boy*, a tribute to President Advocate Duma Boko. “I created this song as a reminder that our President is unstoppable,” Mabua said. “When his opponents tried to bring him down last year, he defeated them all,” he added, a testament that the album would deliver messages of resilience and determination. He revealed that he was currently working on a creative music video that would bring the *Mmamotse* storyline to life. So far, the album has been launched in Francistown, receiving a positive response. For the afro-jazz artiste, this is a continuation of his work as an influential figure in Botswana’s music scene, to inspire listeners through his socially conscious music and storytelling. Next stop? A nationwide tour. **BOPA**

Preservation of culture crucial

By Thandy Tebogo

LETLHAKANE - Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato, has implored Letlhakane residents to restore and preserve culture by teaching the young generation customs and tradition. He said during a kgotla meeting in Letlhakane recently, that preserving culture could be instrumental in curbing societal ills such as gender-based violence and drug abuse among others. He said all districts under Bamangwato should have committees aimed at promoting culture, encouraging even schools to celebrate cultural days. He said they aimed to set up committees on culture and heritage, agricultural, infrastructural, finance and investment, youth and media among others; with the umbrella committee based in Serowe. He said they would document heritage and cultural sites for easy access by international tourists visiting Botswana. Kgosi Khama said traditional dance competitions like polka would be revived, adding that through the agricultural

committee, a market for farmers would be established. He said there would be funding for youth business start-ups, indicating that he had already secured 14 sponsorship from United Arab Emirates for youth interested in construction. Airfare for trainees, he said would be covered under his office and two trainees would be selected through the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs from each of the seven districts in Bamangwato area. He said it was crucial to have an airstrip in Letlhakane ease travelling of international tourists. For comments, one resident, Otsile Mmatlakgomo raised concern that chief representative of Bamangwato never addressed kgotla meetings in Boteti villages. He complained that Basarwa in Boteti were squatters, with no land to call theirs. He raised concern that Basarwa were not allowed to bury their deceased in areas they originated from, which were in most instances deemed cattle posts. Another resident, Boyce Tawana proposed that umbrella committee should comprised of

members from committees in the districts. He was of the view that Boteti be a fully-fledged district whilst main land-board be based in Serowe. In response, Kgosi Khama IV said he would encourage chief representatives to address kgotla meetings. He said he would meet with councillors to establish position on the issue of Basarwa and how to assist them, noting that Basarwa being Batswana deserved to be treated equally like all Motswana. On the issue of the umbrella committee encompassing members of the committees from the seven districts, he said it would presents challenge of transportation costs. Member of Parliament for Boteti East, Keoagile Atamelang said merging of Mmatshumo and Letlhakane villages was a desirable idea to aid improving livelihoods of the people in Boteti district in area. He said Boteti was a rich district with an abundance of minerals, wildlife, cattle and tourism, urging residents to utilise such resources for sustenance. **BOPA**



PHNOM PENH - The Chinese Film Week, which opened with the animated film *I Am What I Am 2* on Thursday ended yesterday. Photo: Xinhua

China, Cambodia collaborate on film industry

PHNOM PENH - The 2025 Chinese Film Week, which kicked off in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Thursday ended yesterday. The event opened with the animated film, *I Am What I Am 2* and brought Cambodian people the best of recent Chinese films across various genres and themes. At the opening ceremony, Phoeurng Sackona, Cambodia minister of culture and fine arts,

said Cambodia and China had expanded their collaboration in the film industry through various projects. Zhang Xuxia, deputy director of China Film Archive, said the Chinese animated blockbuster *Ne Zha 2* had been very popular in Cambodia. Premiered on March 25, the film is available both in its original Chinese audio and a Khmer

dubbed version, showcasing the cultural exchanges between the two countries. A total of six films were screened during this year’s event, including *I Am What I Am 2*, *Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms*, *Creation of the Gods II: Demon Force*, *Detective Chinatown 1900*, *A Tapestry of a Legendary Land*, and *Big World*. **Xinhua**



Western Bypass (right) from Motokwe was crowned the champion of the 2 400 metre grand race at the Masa Horse Race in Samedupi over the long weekend. Photo: Courtesy of Ministry of Sport and Arts

Western Bypass gallops to victory

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Western Bypass, a thoroughbred horse from Motokwe, has been crowned the champion of the second edition of the Masa Horse Race after clinching position one in the 2 400m grand race in Samedupi on Saturday.

Western Bypass won P30 000.

Owned by Botswana Horse Racing Association president, Tymon Kelebeng, the horse that came from behind surprised the masses in a tight and thrilling race, which attracted top horses from Botswana, Lesotho and Namibia to test their mettle.

In an interview, Kelebeng said he was happy that his horse never disappointed as it had been winning other races across the country.

He also thanked the organisers saying, ‘this is the second edition of the race and we have seen a significant growth more so that this time we have seen sponsors in the likes of Sunbet Botswana and Mascom’.

He also said the presence of the Minister of Sport and Arts,

Jacob Kelebeng was an indication that government supported the sport because it had the potential contribute to the economic growth and eventually improve livelihoods.

He also gave credit to horse owners for participating in the race saying such showed growth of the industry as well.

Kelebeng said maintenance of horses was expensive; hence he thanked horse owners for showing determination and perseverance.

He however, appealed to the private sector to invest in horse racing so that horse owners could get better price monies citing that in other developed countries, the sport was more rewarding as horse owners were paid millions.

For his part, Minister Kelebeng said the sport was growing fast in the country.

He was also impressed with the horse track saying it was one of the best in the country as spectators could see horses racing from all angles.

“This was a thrilling race to watch as we got to marvel at horses and their jockeys racing at incredible speeds from the start line starting until to the finish point,” he added.

He said for a long time, the sport struggled to secure sponsors but appreciated that some sponsors had shown interest to support series of races across the country.

Kelebeng said the sport had potential to create employment, stimulate the economy and improve lives. However, he expressed frustration that the veterans in the horse industry were gradually losing interest and stressed the need to empower and encourage them to soldier on, as things would change for the better. He also indicated that Botswana Horse Racing Association was now an affiliate to Botswana National Sports Commission noting that sport ministry would support and develop the sport to ensure it grows in leaps and bounds.

One of the sponsors, Sunbet Botswana splashed P500 000 for the event.

The company’s country manager, Tsholofelo Makgoeng appreciated the event saying it was successful as it attracted the masses both locally and internationally. “We are impressed with the overall outcome of the event. We have really achieved what we wanted and I can assure the organisers that this is the beginning of bigger and better things,” she said. **BOPA**

Ntungamile wins double in Cairo

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana tennis player, Ntungamili Raguin won double at the just ended African Junior Championships (AJC) under 16 tournament in Cairo, Egypt.

Ntungamili together with his partner, Andriantefihasina Mirija from Morocco won 5-7, 6-3, 10-4 against Algeria’s Nacer Ghouli and Yacine Meghari in the doubles final to clinch gold.

He also won silver in singles in a closely contested final match losing to Nigeria’s Ogunsakin Peter by 6-2, 6-3.

This was his second continental title, as he won the first AJC Under 14 singles in 2023.

In an interview, Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) vice president Nonofo Othusitse said they were happy with the player’s feat.

“Ntungamili’s brilliant performances in the AJC serve as a positive reinforcement for our players, coaches, and administrators,” he said.

Furthermore, he said such was also a motivation for the upcoming

players in the 12 and 14 under categories that it’s possible to take on the continent and the world.

Othusitse said they would engage the corporate world and other partners such as Botswana National Sport Commission and Botswana National Olympic Committee as they needed their support to implement initiatives such as the high performance programme, junior tennis initiative programme and wheelchair tennis programme.

Further, he said hosting more international events offered players platform and the opportunity to be competitive.

“Given that the future looks brighter for our code, we are not far off from a first appearance at the Youth Olympics Games and Junior Grand slams,” he said.

Othusitse said given the support by all stakeholder tennis could thrive, and results were there to support their case.

“In the last five years, Botswana won four continental titles. In 2021, Ekua Refilwe Youri won the girls’ singles title while Denzel Seetso and Mark Nawa won the

doubles title in the 16 and under category, add ITF Juniors titles won by Naledi Raguin, Chelsea Chakanyuka, Denzel Seetso, Mark Nawa, and Ntungamili Raguin.

Othusitse said the most recent CAT under 14 wins by Angel Chakanyuka, Tinashe Phatshwane, and Malak Macheng had shown that they had the talent to compete on the International Tennis scene.

Meanwhile, Othusitse hailed the just concluded ITF U-18 Gaborone J30 and J60 tournaments as successful.

The tournaments attracted players from South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho., Britain, USA, Czech Republic, and Croatia who kept spectators on their toes throughout the two weeks.

The first week of J30, Botswana fielded 13 players; eight boys and five girls in the main draw.

In the J60, Botswana had 16 players, eight boys and eight girls.

However, all the players could not proceed to the semi-finals of both the J30 and J60 of the tournament.

Othusitse said though local

Dikoloti Classic Dog Race grows in leaps, bounds

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

GOPONG - Dog race sport fanatics were on Saturday treated to an impressive competition where dogs battled it out under five categories in the Dikoloti Classic Dog Race at Gopong in Borolong area.

The annual dog race registered 54 greyhounds racing dogs, which competed at a packed Easter extravaganza.

In an interview, an executive committee member of Botswana

Greyhound Association, Keikantse Jacob said the race continued to grow each year as the dogs registered increased.

“The bigger the dog numbers the more the races, dogs are the core of the game. We have grown in leaps and bounds compared to the last two years. This is the third year we are racing in Good Hope/Mmathethe constituency during Easter Holidays and we are impressed by the turn out,” he said. When they started in 2022, he said they had only four races in four categories and the numbers

increased to five in 2023, while this year ‘we have seen an increase in dogs registration for this race’.

The dogs, he said competed under different categories; the Under 9 months, Under 12 Months, Under 15, Under 18 and those under the Opens commonly referred to as pure racing Greyhound of speed hound, which were the pure studs and the cross breeds.

He appealed for the sport to be regularised and called for other stakeholders to come on board to sponsor more dog races, which he noted added value to variety to the

sporting games.

“We appeal to Ministry of Sport and Arts to recognise dog racing as sport, and register us, and assist us financially to grow this sport,” he said.

Jacob said even though the sport was relatively new as they introduced it to Batswana in recent years, the association organised other dog races all over the country where there was sponsorship, adding that being included as part of the Ministry of Sport and Arts constituency games would be a cherry on top to help grow the sport.

He said dog races added value to community development and had economic trickle-down effect as it was a money-spinner that benefitted small and medium enterprises who sold their products during the races, which attracted throngs of dog race fanatics.

The sport, he said also promoted cultural tourism, domestic tourism and social cohesion as some racing dog owners came from Selebi Phikwe, Borolong, Francistown, Letlhakane, Mmashoro, Serowe, Thamaga, Ngwaketse, Gaborone and Bobonong. **BOPA**

Vikings, BDF IX champions

By Marvin Motlhabane

JWANENG - Vikings women's team and the men's BDF IX emerged victorious as champions of the 2025 BSA Championship tournament held at Diamond Ball Park in Jwaneng.

In the women's final, the Vikings delivered a commanding

performance against BDF, securing a decisive 7-2 victory to claim the championship.

This result placed BDF in second position, while Titans finished in third place.

On the men's side, BDF IX edged out Gatalamotho with a narrow 2-1 victory, thus winning the championship.

Gatalamotho secured the

runner-up position and Wells finished third.

The fierce competition for the championship title generated palpable excitement among spectators, who cheered fervently for their teams as they battled for supremacy.

Earlier in the day, Titans achieved a significant win over Police IX, setting the stage

for an exhilarating showdown against BDF IX in the women's final.

In a closely contested match, BDF IX triumphed 6-5 against Titans, earning their place in the final against the Vikings.

In the men's division, BDF IX advanced to the finals with a dominant 7-2 victory over Wells.

They then awaited the

outcome of the match between Gatalamotho and Police IX, where Gatalamotho emerged victorious with a commanding 9-1 win.

Overall, the three-day tournament showcased thrilling matches and exceptional talent, culminating in a memorable crowning of the 2025 BSA champions. **BOPA**



Vikings women's team celebrating after being crowned 2025 Botswana Softball Association tournament champions in Jwaneng on Sunday. Vikings delivered a commanding performance against BDF securing a decisive 7-2 victory to claim the championship.



BDF IX men's team in a jubilant mood following their victory in the 2025 BSA Championship tournament in Jwaneng. BDF edged out Gatalamotho with a narrow 2-1 victory. Photos: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo