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# BDF recognises officers



President Advocate Duma Boko who is the Commander in Chief of Armed Forces, (centre) bestowing the Foreign Service Medal - Operation BOLEAS on BDF deputy commander, Major General Joseph Seelo (left) during the 48<sup>th</sup> Award of Medals Parade ceremony in Mogoditshane yesterday. Over 500 deserving current and former BDF members were awarded medals in recognition of their outstanding service and good conduct. Looking on is the BDF commander, Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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*Dilapidated hostels at Montshiwa Junior Secondary School. Addressing a kgotla meeting in Pitsane on Tuesday, Good Hope/Mmathethe MP, Dr Edwin Dikoloti committed to taking action to ensure that the hostel were renovated and restored to a functional state. Photo: Aobakwe Molefi*

# MP promises to expedite hostels renovation

By Aobakwe Molefhi

PITSANE - Member of Parliament for Good Hope/Mmathethe, Dr Edwin Dikoloti has vowed to expedite the renovation of Montshiwa Junior Secondary School hostels to ensure their utilisation.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Pitsane on Tuesday, the MP promised residents that he would make it a point that before long, the hostels served their intended purpose.

This came after residents complained that some learners walked long distances from neighbouring village such as Rakhuna, Ngwatsau and Bethele to attend school while the hostels were lying idle since their construction.

They said students faced untold challenges along the way as they were forced to leave their homesteads early and come back late in the evening after walking long distances.

“These are some of the reasons why learners end up not doing well academically because they are forced to endure bad weather conditions such as rain and bad winter season,” said the village development committee vice chair, Ms Serubele Tebogo.

She said some ended up absconding from school as parents could not afford transport fares.

Ms Tebogo also said the school was in a dilapidated state as the teacher’s quarters, classrooms and perimeter fence needed maintenance.

Dr Dikoloti, who is also Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture concurred with them that in the era where the country was grappling with high numbers of missing persons and gender-based violence, it was only fitting that they attended to the hostels to protect learners especially the girl-child.

He urged parents to instil discipline on their children as they were the ones vandalising their classrooms.

On other issues, the area MP urged the district authorities to consider having a police post in Pitsane, saying the village deserved one because of its population size.

He also said with the rife stock theft happening in the area, the police post would come in handy.

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# Institution shapes youth lives

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Programmes offered at Maun based, Drongo School of Leadership have come in handy for many who have trained at the facility.

Established in 2022, the institution offers leadership skills and character building courses targeting different ages and employees’ needs, as well as initiatives that benefit communities.

It also equips those who failed to go beyond secondary school level with leadership and life skills that enhance their employability.

One of the facilitators, Mr Laone Chombo told *BOPA* that their programmes enabled one

to know their strengths and weaknesses, built confidence, enhance resilience and inspired young people to become agents of change in their communities and beyond.

Mr Chombo said each year, there were learners who failed to further their studies because of unsatisfactory performance and those who were idle and engaged in activities that did not add any value to their lives whom the school wished to develop.

Drongo School of Leadership through its programme, Tsholetsang Banana, in partnership with Botoka Foundation started a series of five day workshops through which it seeks to advance learners, Mr Chombo said and explained that

training was free and designed to inspire trainees lead successful lives.

He said more than 200 had graduated from the institution, some of whom were fortunate enough to go for further training.

A graduate, Mr Thuto Keamogetswe stated that the programme had improved his confidence and helped him build meaning relationships.

“Best of all, I am now headed for hospitality training with Kwando Safaris,” Mr Keamogetswe said in a joyous mood.

Another graduate, Ms Reatile Greig shared that before enrolling in the programme, she felt hopeless but that had changed and was now feeling positive.

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# BEC embraces e-marking system

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - The Botswana Examination Council (BEC) is making strides toward modernising its examination marking processes with the implementation of an electronic marking (e-marking) system. BEC Chief Executive Officer Dr Moreetsi Thobega spoke about the functionality and future of ‘this innovative approach’ in a recent interview.

Dr Thobega explained that the e-marking system, which was introduced three years ago, aimed to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the examination marking process. Initially focused on marking multiple-choice questions, the system has now expanded to include structured examinations as well.

The e-marking system, known as e-authoring, has already been utilised for the Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Examinations (BGCSE), Junior Certificate Examinations (JCE), and Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE).

The system allows a marker to evaluate questions from an exam script, and after completing their marking, another marker is assigned to the same questions without prior knowledge of the previous evaluation.

“If discrepancies arise among markers, the system escalates the issue to a team leader who serves as the standardiser,” Dr Thobega said. In the 2024 examination marking period, 32 subjects were marked using this electronic approach, with plans to gradually expand its usage until all written syllabuses are incorporated.

Dr Thobega emphasised the benefits of the e-marking system, stating that it enhanced marking accuracy through a verification process involving two or three individuals per answer. This approach significantly reduces errors and streamlines the

grading process. Once marking is completed, the system inputs the scores into the Malepa system, where grades are processed and final results compiled. He said the e-marking system not only shortened the marking time but also improved quality assurance.

“The system operates at the convenience of the markers, allowing them to mark at any time,” Dr Thobega added. He expressed optimism that with full implementation, the examination marking period would drastically be reduced.

Notably, the electronically marked subjects from the last examination cycle were completed in less than a week.

However, Dr Thobega clarified that the implementation of e-marking would not decrease the number of examiners required for the marking process.

“Even with electronic marking, professionals must apply their expertise. The same number of markers will still be necessary,” he explained.

While there will be no reduction in the workforce, associated costs are expected to decrease, he said.

Challenges remain for the full implementation of the e-marking system, particularly regarding financial constraints related to training examiners. Dr Thobega expressed a desire for a fully digital examination process in the future, where questions are generated electronically, paving the way for computer-aided testing and potentially eliminating physical scripts to mitigate issues such as lost or leaked exams.

To date, no complaints have been reported by examiners regarding the e-marking system.

Dr Thobega also highlighted the importance of linking the e-marking system with the Malepa Processing System to meet the electronic business needs of service providers and schools.

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Dr Moreetsi Thobega



# HATAB stakeholders meet in Maun

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Members of the Hospitality and Tourism Association Botswana (HATAB) and key stakeholders will meet in Maun today to engage in discussions, explore opportunities and address challenges within the tourism sector.

This year's conference will be held under the theme: Botswana tourism: What are the conditions for growth? and President Advocate Duma Boko is expected to perform the official opening.

However, some HATAB members are anticipating the conference to also address pending issues affecting the industry such as poor roads infrastructure in parks and game reserves as well as old gates which they said needed renovation.

While they appreciated that there were already topics on the agenda to be discussed such as the tourism strategy, digital transformation, aviation and economic sustainability and MICE tourism and destination marketing, among others, members said in an interview that some issues had been dragging for a long time and believed that they could take advantage of the conference to take them up with the relevant authorities.

"We have been complaining about poor road infrastructure in our parks and game reserves and I believe through this platform, we can make our voice heard more so that policy makers and government officials will be in attendance," said Mr Modiakgotla Mokgowe, a mobile operator at Kasane.

He said mobile operators were faced with many challenges citing the pressing issue of water supply at Savuti and hoped the relevant ministry would bring a permanent solution to arrest the issue.

Mobile operators through their association, the Botswana Guides Association, recently took up the matter with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism expressing their grievances with regards to the payment of water by mobile operators in Savuti Camp and that the matter was also coming from a company which they did not have an agreement with.

However, a response from the ministry was that they would continue to draw water from the department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) borehole in Savuti without any charge as per the previous arrangement.

The ministry further informed members that the above dispensation would continue pending the development of

water management strategy by DNWP that could amongst others introduce cost recovery.

Mr Mokgowe also appreciated

that the conference would discuss MICE tourism and destination marketing saying effective marketing was crucial in the

tourism sector for attracting visitors.

Some operators, he said, struggled to come up with

marketing strategies and believed that through the conference, they would learn good practices on how best they could market their businesses in order to thrive and eventually stimulate economic growth.

He said customer care was another area that needed to be looked into. Mr Mokgowe said exceptional customer services remained critical in efforts to improve the country's competitive advantage in the global tourism landscape. "We should exercise professionalism in providing service to our clients as that can also help to expand our market," he added.

However, small business owners also welcomed the conference, saying it would boost their businesses and generate better profits.

Meanwhile, the conference is expected to attract over 250 participants from across the public and private sector, international affiliates and tourism partners, among others, to discuss pressing issues and explore opportunities for inclusive growth.

Members of HATAB comprise of airlines, camps and lodges, hotels, air charters, mobile operators, tour operators, conservation and wildlife management and services sub sectors and the association exists to promote and encourage excellence in hospitality and tourism in the country. **BOPA**



**Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left), Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa (second left) Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse (second right) and Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima at the NDP 12 Consultative meeting in Francistown on Tuesday. Mr Mohwasa said the Local Authority Key Issues Paper must be developed to pursue an issue-based development agenda for community impactful projects rather than adopting a blanket approach.** Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

## NDP 12 to align with government priorities

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - The Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, says consultations on the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 will ensure that the aspirations

and priorities of Batswana and the new government are fully reflected in the plan.

When addressing district leaders in Francistown on Monday, Mr Mohwasa emphasised the need for them to contribute meaningful to NDP 12

so that it would entail key plans and strategies that improved the lives of Batswana.

Mr Mohwasa urged those who attended the meeting, among them MPs, dikgosi, councillors and court presidents to come up with projects which would go a

long way in benefiting Batswana.

He encouraged all the districts to play their part in supporting those in leadership and work as a collective in sharing ideas and come up with best ways of taking the country forward.

Mr Mohwasa said these consultations would map a way forward for Botswana, adding that currently the country was not where it was supposed to be.

Mr Mohwasa said preparation of NDP 12, which was expected to commence in April 2025 was delayed because the available time was too short to allow for meaningful engagement with the new administration and other stakeholders. He said NDP 12 was now expected to commence in November 2025.

For her part, the National Planning Commission (NPC) Assistant Commissioner General, Ms Kountze Mokgwathi, said the consultations would go on and cover all the district to gather different ideas and concerns.

Ms Mokgwathi said consultations with all the 31 districts would assist in identifying key national priorities, citing that as government they had a target which include growing the economy by five per cent and creating 100 000 jobs each year.

When responding to the minister, speakers commended government for the consultations which would lead to the betterment of the lives of the citizens.

In his comment, Nkange MP, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi said NDP 12 should incorporate projects such as roads which would impact the lives of Batswana positively, adding that government finances should be used wisely. **BOPA**

## Boko recognises meritorious service

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOGODITSHANE - President Advocate Duma Boko has recognised exemplary service and achievements of over 500 deserving current and former Botswana Defence Force (BDF) members during the 48<sup>th</sup> Award of Medals Parade ceremony, held at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks (SSKB) yesterday.

President Boko who is also Commander in Chief of the armed forces, was joined by the BDF Commander Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo to present the Duty Code Order (DCO) Medal, the Pearl Jubilee Medal (PJM), and the Foreign Service Medal (FSM) to senior officers who demonstrated outstanding commitment to their duties.

DCO medal recognises dedication and professionalism of administration and technical staff members within the BDF.

PJM bestowed upon BDF members who dedicated 30 years of exemplary service to the force, commemorates their long-term commitment to the defence of Botswana.

Meanwhile, the FSM honours contributions of BDF personnel who served abroad, either on operational deployments or during foreign assignments, demonstrating

their versatility and adaptability in diverse environment.

During the ceremony, Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa responsible for defence, along with Deputy Commander, BDF, Major General Joseph Seelo, awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) and FSM to Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers for their distinguished service and contributions to foreign missions.

Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale accompanied by Director General Support Services Maj. Gen. Molefi Seikano, conferred the Pearl Jubilee Medals upon non-commissioned officers, honouring their longstanding dedication and service to the BDF. Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Mr Nelson Ramaotwana, accompanied by Commander, Ground Forces Command Maj. Gen. Simon Barwabatsile, awarded Long Service Order (LSO) Medals to BDF members in the "Other Ranks" category who displayed commendable conduct for a minimum of 15 years of service.

Assistant Minister for State President Ms Maipelo Mophuting, assisted by Commander, Defence Logistic Command Brigadier Thomas Masunga, bestowed the FSM upon Non-Commissioned

Officers, recognising their commitment and contributions to foreign missions.

Chairperson of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence, Security and Justice Dr Unity Dow, along with Brigadier Benjamin Masunga, honoured officers with LSO medal for their significant service to the BDF. In an interview, Major Bangu Kaisara, a recipient of FSM shared that as a psychosocial support professional, she was part of the Mozambique peacekeeping mission from October 2023 to June 2024. "The well-being of the soldiers was my primary focus," Major Kaisara explained.

"I am glad that my efforts contributed to their mental stability during our mission. It's an honour to be recognised for my service, and I take pride in having served my country and brought peace to another," she said.

Meanwhile, Colonel Mosikare Maphane, a recipient of the DCO award, expressed gratitude for the recognition he received. "This award is a testament to my dedication, diligence, and selfless service. My family's unwavering support has been invaluable. They deserve equal credit for creating an environment that enabled me to focus on my duties and excel in my service," he said. **BOPA**

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# Botswana Catholics mourn Pope Francis

By **Pako Lebanna**

GABORONE - As Christians concluded their annual paschal festivities on Easter Monday, news emerged that day that Pope Francis, the Bishop of Rome and worldwide leader of the Roman Catholic Church had died.

On Wednesday, as Pope Francis’ body started lying in state for three days of public viewing at St Peter’s Basilica at the church global headquarters, the Vatican City, the Catholic Diocese of Gaborone held a requiem mass at Christ the King Cathedral to honour the memory of the Pope.

In an interview with *BOPA*, the Bishop of Gaborone, Archbishop Frank Nubuasah said Botswana Catholics mourned Pope Francis, who had been the leader of the Catholic Church, the world’s biggest singular Christian denomination with over 1.4 billion baptised members globally. “He was the 266<sup>th</sup> Pope, and legacy is the love for the poor, the migrants, refugees, he became the voice amplifying the opinion of the ordinary people.

He was also known for his simplicity, always choosing to drive a small car, and his love for the people of God, he was the People’s Pope,” Archbishop Nubuasah said.

He said they had organised the mass (Catholic Church Service) for Wednesday evening to thank God for Pope Francis’ life and to commemorate his memory.

“How it works in the Catholic Church, when the Pope dies, you mourn where you are, and we are celebrating the mass at Christ the King Cathedral.

We are not sending any delegates to Rome because we are mourning locally and our prayers will be sent out from here,” Archbishop Nubuasah.

The role of the Pope, as the Bishop of Rome is to preside over the Holy See, the central

governing body of the Catholic Church and the Vatican state.

The Pope is the head of state of the Vatican, a small autonomous city state enclave surrounded by the Italian capital Rome, which has permanent observer seat at the United Nations.

The Catholic Church, which globally runs tens of thousands of hospitals, clinics, schools and orphanages, is the world’s largest non-governmental provider of education and healthcare, and has permanent diplomatic representation to the UN at New York, United States of America and Geneva, Switzerland.

“The Pope is the Vicar of Christ, which means he is the visible head of the church on earth on behalf of Jesus Christ.

He is the unifying factor and personifies Christian love in the church,” Archbishop Nubuasah said.

The Bishop of Gaborone recounted personally meeting Pope Francis on a few occasions, the last time being in 2023 when on a trip to Rome alongside other Southern African bishops. “By chance the Bishop of Manzini and I were standing outside the entrance of our guest house, and a small car dropped off the Pope.

He came straight to us, and that evening he would spend an hour with us, bishops of Southern Africa.

He was very humble, simple easy-going, he could release a hearty laugh, he never took the trappings of his office as his hallmark,” Archbishop Nubuasah recalled.

The only time a sitting Pope visited Botswana was in 1988 when Pope John Paul II, the head of the Catholic Church and Sovereign of the Vatican state from 1978 until



*Roman Catholic bishop, Reverend Frank Nubuasah during an interview on Pope Francis’ death in Gaborone yesterday. He said the Roman Catholic community would remember Pope Francis’ legacy of compassion, his love for the poor, the migrants, refugees and for being the voice of the ordinary people. Photo: Felicity Male*

2005, visited Botswana and was hosted by the then President Sir Ketumile Masire.

Archbishop Nubuasah revealed that current President Advocate Duma Boko has extended an invite for the Pope to visit Botswana, but since the late Pope Francis was unwell, the church would only now pursue acting upon the invite once a new Pope has been appointed.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17 1936 in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, to

Italian migrant parents who had relocated to South America to flee the fascist rule of Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini, Pope Francis was ordained into Christian ministry in 1969.

He rose through the ranks of the church to become Bishop of Buenos Aires in the 1990s, and later appointed a cardinal, the most

senior clergy in the Catholic priestly order other than the Pope, in 2001.

Appointed Pope in 2013, the first from the Southern hemisphere, he chose the name Pope Francis as his papal name in honour of St Francis of Assisi, a 13<sup>th</sup> century Catholic poet and preacher. While having the option to use their baptismal names, the tradition is for the new Pope to choose a name inspired by previous popes or Christian

saints.

Following the death of Pope Francis, the stage is now set for the College of Cardinals to elect a new Pope, and that process is likely to be concluded within the next three weeks, Archbishop Nubuasah said. “Right now the focus is on preparing for the funeral.

The Dean of the Cardinals has invited all the cardinals to all come to Rome, and those under the age of 80 can vote. **BOPA**

## Doctors union seeks arbitration

By **Bonang Masolotat**

GABORONE - The ongoing legal dispute between public service doctors and their employer, the Directorate of the Public Service Management (DPSM), is now under consideration for arbitration, as urged by Botswana Doctors Union (BDU) attorney Dr Baatlhodi Molatlhegi during a court appearance yesterday before Industrial Court Justice Isaac Bahuma.

Dr Molatlhegi said that the matter had persisted for years and proposed that the court exercise its authority under section 20 of the Trade Dispute Act to refer the case to the Commissioner of Labour for arbitration.

However, before reaching a conclusion, Justice Bahuma suggested that both applicants and respondents should engage to find out how the court should proceed.

Upon reconvening, Mr Virgil Vergeer, representing DPSM and the Attorney General, explained to court that they did not have a mandate to refer the dispute for arbitration.

Earlier in the proceedings,

Justice Bahuma had earlier criticised BDU for issuing a press statement about a temporary order he had issued over the holidays, in favour of the applicants.

He further inquired whether an application for his recusal, as mentioned in the press statement, would be forthcoming in which Dr Molatlhegi responded that he had not been given such authorisation.

“It is unacceptable that when an order comes, which is not in your favour, you go to the press,” Justice Bahuma stated.

He expressed frustration over the union’s decision to utilise the press instead of opting to appeal the ruling, emphasising that court decisions could swing either way and that the union’s statement constituted an attack on his integrity.

The case has been postponed to Friday, alongside an extension of the interim order requiring doctors to resume their emergency call duties.

Last week, Justice Bahuma issued a rule nisi, mandating BDU members to fulfill their emergency responsibilities. **BOPA**



*ROME - Pope Francis at an event at St Peter’s Square in the Vatican. Pope Francis died on Monday at the age of 88. Born as Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, he had served as the head of the Roman Catholic Church since 2013. Photo: Xinhua*



# Mosikare to be laid to rest Saturday

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - The deceased journalist for Mmegi and The Monitor newspapers, Mr Lebogang Mosikare, who was based in Francistown, will be buried on Saturday at the town's

Gerald Estate Cemetery.

The late Mosikare died on April 16 at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital after a brief illness. He was aged 42.

A memorial service will be held to honour him on Friday at the Francistown Civic Centre. The

memorial service, organised by media colleagues in conjunction with MISA Botswana, is expected to pay tribute to his significant contributions to the profession.

Mosikare was a versatile and dedicated journalist, covering a wide range of topics, including

courts, sports, and general news. He was particularly known for his meticulous court reporting, often cited for its accuracy and adherence to journalistic ethics.

His commitment to accuracy extended to avoiding the pitfalls of rushing stories or committing errors, and he frequently cautioned colleagues against the dangers of defamation in the pursuit of "scoops". Mosikare's meticulous approach was renowned, earning him considerable respect among his peers.

"To avoid contempt of court, don't write what you have not heard," was a frequent piece of advice offered by Mosikare to colleagues.

In addition to his court reporting, Mosikare was passionate about exploring new beats. Recently, he had begun covering sports, having observed the coverage of Chakalisa Dube, who had transitioned to a position in one of the government ministries.

Mosikare's colleagues recall him as an engaging conversationalist, readily discussing topical issues, including media freedom, politics, corruption, and biased in reporting.

The Voice's reporter, Ms Christinah Mothabane said Mosikare's interactions often fostered lively discussions, concluding with a measured, respectful exchange of views.

"The media has lost a good journalist who was the creme de la creme of journalism. He was a scribe of note dedicated to his profession. No one will ever fit or replace his love and style of writing," said Ms Mothabane.

"He would never go to court without a pen and notebook. Never. He was passionate and dedicated to his work" she added.

She described her late friend as a firm believer in continuous learning as he constantly encouraged other journalists to read, especially international news.

"He said staying updated broadened perspectives and improved one's writing. He particularly emphasised the importance of court reporters

familiarising themselves with legal jargon, ensuring accuracy and clarity in their reporting," she said.

Ms Mothabane also said the late Mosikare was incredibly proud of his writing skills. She explained that the late Mosikare used to say, with a twinkle in his eye, that after he filed a story, no editor ever needed to touch it.

"He was that good," she explained. When it comes to work, he was very strict to meet deadlines. She explained that Mosikare was a super calm soul when it comes to work but at the same time joyful.

Sunday Standard/Telegraph journalist, Mr Obusitswe Kologwe said he met the late Mosikare for the first time during their school days in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in 2002.

"He was at the University of Port Elizabeth and I was studying at Port Elizabeth Technikon before the two institutions merged to become Nelson Mandela University," said Kologwe.

He said Mosikare was a very brilliant scholar as a Media Studies student and a debater, who was well-informed in current affairs. He said as a journalist, Mosikare was one of the best writers he ever knew and had a deep passion for court reporting and politics.

"He always reminded us to verify our facts before writing our articles, or we would find ourselves in a court of law," Mr Kolokwe said.

On the other hand, Mr Kologwe explained that the late Mosikare was very social, humble and down to earth.

"He was an avid reader, and a fearless journalist who always stood for what he believed in," he stated.

Born in Matsiloje, the late Mosikare attended Matsiloje Primary School, Setlalekgosi Junior Secondary School, and Francistown Senior Secondary School before pursuing a degree in Mass Communications and Culture at the University of Port Elizabeth (now Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University). **BOPA**



Two of the accused in the G4S cash-in-transit robbery, Ntholephi Ntshalintshali (left) and Mzwandile Mazibuko leaving the Broadhurst Magistrate's Court on Tuesday. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

## Defence dismisses case as poorly investigated

By **Bonang Masolotat**

GABORONE - A defence attorney in the P2.3 million Turnrite Mall cash-in-transit robbery case has dismissed the matter as poorly investigated and that to seek a conviction against the four accused persons was purely opportunistic.

This is the how the defence attorney, Mr Nkosana Ngwenya on Tuesday summarised the state's case against Mothusi Matomela, Thapelo Lekobe, Mzwandile Mazibuko and Ntholephi Elliot Ntshalintshali who are charged with robbing a G4S Security vehicle in October 2021.

"It appears clear that this is a poorly investigated matter and the attempt to get a conviction against the accused persons is purely opportunistic," Mr Ngwenya said before Ms Goabaone Rammapudi-Lesedi at Broadhurst Magistrate's Court.

Mr Ngwenya who represents the South African duo of Mazibuko and Ntshalintshali said the prosecution case was poorly investigated and evidence was not sufficient to sustain a conviction.

He said during the search and seizure of the four accused persons, there were two independent witnesses who were surprisingly never brought to the court to testify on what they saw. In addition, he said a search warrant for the said search and seizure was never presented to court, which nullified the exercise.

He said the accused persons were said to have been found in possession of a vehicle stolen outside Botswana, saying there was no proof from the purported owner that the vehicle was stolen.

He said without a police report from the South African Police and correspondence from Interpol that the vehicle was stolen, the court should be cautious with such evidence. Mr Ngwenya said there was no DNA conducted nor fingerprints taken to link the accused persons to the vehicle alleged to have been used as a getaway car.

He said both Mazibuko and Ntshalintshali were also charged for entering the country illegally, yet there was no statement presented before the court from the relevant ministry, to substantiate that.

He said the investigating officer only told court that a team of 10 persons went on a journey to be shown where the accused entered the country, adding that such material fact was never substantiated, even by a member of the said team.

He said although the investigating officer had alleged that the second accused, Lekobe, was the most cooperative and demonstrated how the robbery was executed, that was denied by all the accused persons. He said prosecution failed to deposit a statement or confession from the accused person to substantiate the claim.

He said the four accused persons were charged for being found in possession of arms and ammunition, but no DNA or fingerprints were deposited before the court to link them to the crime, although no arms and ammunition were found in their possession.

Mr Ngwenya said although this was a criminal offence, no identification parade was conducted and no eye witnesses

had in their statement indicated that they could positively identify the robbers.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Rammapudi-Lesedi said she would need time before delivering the judgment. "I will be dealing with voluminous records.

I am looking at three to four months to deliver the judgment," Magistrate Rammapudi-Lesedi said. **BOPA**

## Police make breakthrough against Mashebeshete

By **Calviniah Kgauthe**

LOBATSE - Botswana Police Services has made breakthrough in fighting crime street gangs commonly referred to as Mashebeshete who recently unleashed terror in Lobatse.

In an interview with **BOPA**, Officer Commanding District No.4 Senior Superintendent Russ Letsebe said ever since the Police and community volunteers 'Madibela Lobatse' came together in night patrols, the crime situation subsided, as they have not recorded any case recently linked to Mashebeshete.

He said the strategic joint community and police patrols and reinforced police personnel on the ground came in handy for the community as they were able to make headway, leading to successes in making numerous arrests and referring some of them to court.

He said initially the crime situation was acerbated by the fact that some of Mashebeshete were out on bail as they had ongoing court cases of murder, and break ins, but went on to contravene their bail conditions. "We became quick on our heels to strategise and with the help of community members we were able to bring the situation under control," he said.

He said the violent gang was made up of a group of boys who almost sparked chaos bringing shudder fear amongst Lobatse community as Police received an abnormal influx of cases of people attacked on the streets of Peleng, in bars, public areas, entertainments centers at night and their belongings stolen.

The "Madibela Lobatse" volunteers' committee secretary Ms Kagiso Daniel said 39 community volunteers worked tirelessly with the police during night patrols,

adding that they were pleased with the results thus far as the crime situation, which nearly was out of control, had tremendously subsided.

She said they patrolled the streets with the police to arrest the perpetrators.

She said even though crime had reduced, they were aware more work needed to be done to seal loose ends to ensure Mashebeshete gang dies.

She said they needed to cover more ground in the effort to fight crime, through education, instilling parental guidance and involving social workers as the problem may have been birthed by other social factors.

"These are our children. They come from our homes, our community therefore we must do something to build them up. We intend to find ways of dealing with these children, mold them to be better," she said. **BOPA**



# ‘Lower tariffs enhance trade’

WASHINGTON DC - World Bank Group President Ajay Banga said Tuesday that lower tariffs are good for everybody, while noting that he has seen increased inter-regional trade and bilateral trade in recent years.

“For the last 10 years, if you look at the number of bilateral and regional trade deals being signed in the world, they are way in excess of what most people are paying attention to,” Banga said at an event during the 2025 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

“Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) are all deals involving groups of nations in the last decade, and it has changed the way trade is working in those countries,” Banga said, referring to the two major trade agreements in the Asia-Pacific region.

World Bank president noted that there was untapped potential in deeper regional integration.

“Trade among developing economies is growing rapidly. Nearly half of exports from these countries, now go to other emerging markets,” Banga said. “Strengthening regional ties through more efficient border processes, lower trade costs, less friction, clear rules of origin can boost trade volumes and support more stable and diversified growth,” he said.

Banga also said many developing economies still maintained higher tariffs than advanced economies, averaging several percentage points more on key imports, which created a real risk of reciprocal tariffs and a loss of competitiveness.

“So a broad-based liberalisation, not just with favorite partners, can help offset these risks and actually expand

market access,” he said, adding that history showed that more open economies tend to grow faster and withstand stocks and

shocks more effectively.

Banga told reporters that uncertainty and volatility were contributing to a more

cautious economic and business environment, urging countries to negotiate and engage in dialogue on trade issues. *Xinhua*



**Cars queuing for fast food takeaways at a KFC drive-thru during an evening of load shedding in Gaborone recently. A press release from Botswana Power Corporation says load shedding activities have ceased effective immediately. It says the positive development follows the successful synchronisation of the third of the four generation units at Morupule B Power station, significantly increasing local generation capacity to 390MW and enhancing the overall power situation. The release goes to say the achievements are substantially augmented by the successful bilateral engagement between Botswana and South Africa on energy security facilitated by Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo. Photo: Teko Letsholo**

## IMF cuts South Africa growth forecasts

JOHANNESBURG - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised its forecast for South Africa’s economic growth in 2025, cutting it from 1.5 per cent to 1 per cent, according to the latest World Economic Outlook report released on Tuesday.

Citing “tariff rates to levels not seen in a century and a highly unpredictable environment,” the report also lowered South Africa’s

growth forecast in 2026 from the earlier 1.5 per cent to 1.3 per cent.

Dawie Roodt, a senior economist at Efficient Group, a financial services company based in South Africa, told *Xinhua* that the downward revision did not come as a surprise, given the likely effects of trade tariffs and global instability.

With South Africa’s agricultural and automotive sectors exporting

products worth billions to the United States each year, tariffs are expected to damage these industries if not reversed.

As finance ministers and reserve bank governors will convene in Washington this week for the Group of 20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank

Governors’ meeting, Roodt said trade tariffs would be among the key issues discussed at the meeting.

“The tariffs would be the main issue. Tariffs and their effects and what countries could do to limit their effects would feature prominently. *Xinhua*

## China trade with Kenya hits record high

BEIJING - Bilateral trade between China and Kenya reached a record high in the first quarter of the year, official data showed on Tuesday, demonstrating the deepening economic ties between the two countries.

According to the General Administration of Customs, goods trade between the two countries in the first three months climbed 11.9 per cent year on year to reach ¥16.13 billion (US\$2.24 billion), marking the sixth consecutive quarter of growth.

China’s exports to Kenya saw a year-on-year increase of 11.8 per cent during the period, while imports from Kenya went up by 13.2 per cent, the customs data showed. China and Kenya have robustly expanded cooperation in an array of areas since the establishment of

diplomatic relations more than six decades ago.

Their ties were elevated to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership in 2017.

Today, China is Kenya’s largest trading partner and the biggest source of its imports, while Kenya is China’s biggest trading partner in East Africa.

Bilateral trade has delivered tangible benefits to people in both countries.

Chinese goods such as home appliances, electrical components and construction machinery have supported Kenya’s infrastructure development and broadened consumer choices.

Meanwhile, Kenyan agricultural products, ranging from avocados to tea, are appearing more frequently on Chinese dining tables. *Xinhua*



**URUMQI - A view of the load-transfer yard of Horgos railway port in Horgos. Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous saw its foreign trade expand 15.4 per cent to a total of ¥108.16 billion (around US\$15 billion) in the first quarter of 2025, according to data from customs authorities. During the period, the autonomous region’s exports hit ¥95.17 billion, while imports reached ¥12.99 billion, Urumqi Customs said. Photo: Xinhua**



# Electric buses cut carbon dioxide emissions in Chile

SANTIAGO - Santiago's public transport system which accounts for only 3.3 per cent of Chile's capital total carbon dioxide emissions related to transport, thanks largely to its fleet of more than 2 500 Chinese-made electric buses.

The environmental benefits of these electric buses are enormous, said Transport and Telecommunications Minister Juan Carlos Munoz on Tuesday. "Between 2018 and 2023, the city's switch to electric buses saved more than 60 million litres of diesel and significantly reduced air pollution equivalent to removing emissions from 2 900 wood-burning stoves," Munoz added.

The electric buses have also helped cut the capital city's noise pollution by up to 44 per cent along major routes like

Alameda Avenue.

Chile government plans to add 1 800 electric buses, raising the total number to over 4 400 units by the end of this year, or about 68 per cent of Santiago's public bus fleet.

Private cars and motorcycles still account for about 90 per cent of Santiago's transport emissions, according to a newly released report on the electromobility situation in Santiago.

Paola Tapia, head of Santiago's Metropolitan Public Transport Directorate, said the electromobility policy has spanned three administrations and now stood as a consolidated national commitment. "Electromobility is here to stay," Tapia said. *Xinhua*



SANTIAGO - Electric buses manufactured by Chinese company BYD heading for Santiago from the Port San Antonio in Chile. The buses have significantly reduced air and noise pollution. Photo: Xinhua

# Sudan agrees to build logistical supply bases

KHARTOUM - Sudan government announced Monday that it has agreed to build United Nations (UN) logistical supply bases in North Darfur State in western Sudan.

"The Government of Sudan has agreed on the UN request to establish logistical

supply bases around El Fasher to facilitate humanitarian work in Mellit and Tawila areas," Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council said in a statement.

Its chairman Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, also commander of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF), received a phone call on

Monday from UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Tom Fletcher, during which the two discussed the possibility of delivering aid to El Fasher while avoiding obstacles posed by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) or others.

On Sunday, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs stressed the need to grant the UN and non-governmental organisations immediate and sustained access to El Fasher and surrounding areas to ensure safe and large-scale deliveries of life-saving support.

"The current mass displacement particularly from Zamzam, Abu Shouk, and other displaced camps has pushed an estimated 400 000 to 450 000 people toward Tawila, areas surrounding Jebel Marra, and further," it said in a statement.

Since May 10, 2024, fierce fighting erupted between the SAF and the RSF in El Fasher, part of the broader conflict that has engulfed Sudan since mid-April 2023.

The conflict has killed tens of thousands of people, displaced over 15 million, and left Sudan facing what the UN calls one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. *Xinhua*

# Rwanda to roll out malaria prevention strategy

KIGALI - Rwanda will roll out a new malaria prevention strategy under which all members of a household will be tested if one person is diagnosed with the

disease, a health official has said.

"This approach will help reduce malaria transmission among the population, and once transmission is lowered, it serves as a form of prevention," Epaphrodite Habanabakize, malaria prevention senior officer at the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), told national broadcaster Rwanda TV on Monday.

He said the strategy would initially be implemented in Kigali, before being extended to other districts nationwide.

"If someone visits a health facility and is diagnosed with malaria, a health worker will visit their home to test all household members.

# China donates 2 400 tonnes of rice to Togo

LOME - China handed over the final batch of a rice donation to Togo on Tuesday at the Maritime Regional Directorate of the National Food Security Agency in Lome.

This food aid consisted of 2 400 tons of white rice, worth about US\$2.74 million.

It is part of an emergency food assistance project to strengthen the food resilience for Togo's population, with the first shipment arriving in Lome on January 8.

During the ceremony held in Beijing last year, Chinese Ambassador to Togo Chao Weidong said the emergency food aid project was one of the achievements of the bilateral cooperation following the Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

He reaffirmed China's commitment to strengthening the mutually beneficial partnership between the two countries.

Afo Salifou, secretary general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Togo, said that the donation showed the dynamism of the cooperation between China and Togo.

He expressed hope that this cooperation would continue to diversify and deepen in areas such as healthcare, investment and infrastructure. *Xinhua*

Those who test positive but are not showing symptoms despite carrying the malaria parasite will still be given malaria medication," he explained.

He said even if one was not exhibiting symptoms, they may already be infected.

"Providing treatment in such cases helps prevent the onset of symptoms and further transmission," he said, noting that by treating asymptomatic cases, the strategy aims to break the chain of infection by preventing mosquitoes from biting infected individuals and spreading the parasite.

Rwanda registered a significant reduction in malaria cases from 4.8 million to 620 000 cases between the 2016/2017 and 2023/2024 fiscal years.

Malaria-related deaths also dropped substantially during the same period.

However, malaria remains a public health concern, with 802 428 simple malaria cases recorded in 2024, according to RBC data.

In 2020, Rwanda introduced drone-based larvicide spraying in swampy areas to complement indoor residual spraying efforts, targeting mosquito breeding grounds. *Xinhua*

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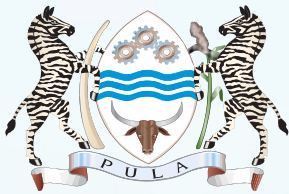
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Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELIEF

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

Update as at 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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



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

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





# Letamo la Mooko le thusa barui

## Ka Tshiamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE - Botlhokwa jwa go epa matamo kwa merakeng le masimo bo bonala thata ka nako tsa leuba, go nosa leruo.

Mo malobeng, barui ba ne ba ithaopa go epa matamo mo dithoteng tsa bone, gore ka nako tsa pula ba boloke metsi a a tlaa

ba thusang fa pula e seyo.

Go ne go thusa gape gore leruo le seka la phatlalala le le mo letsomong la metsi.

Kwa kgaolong ya Serowe Borwa, lengwe la matamo ke la Mooko kwa merakeng ya Mookong, le le epilwng ke barui ba meraka eo, ba thusiwa ke Lephata la Temo-Thuo la kepo

ya matamo.

Barui ba meraka ya Mooko, ba ipela ka letamo le, le le tshwarang metsi go fitlha pula e phaila.

Ba re ba tlhoka phulo ka nako tsa leuba mme metsi o ne, ke maphatshaphatsha.

Mo dipuisanong bosheng kwa morakeng oo, modulasetilo wa komiti ya balemi-barui, Rre

Mosenyi Mosenyi, o kaile fa ngogola ba ne ba latlhegelwa ke leruo ka ntlha ya leuba bogolo jang go tlhoka phulo.

Rre Mosenyi o boletse fa letamo le oka leruo ka bontsi go tswa kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe, go balelwa le matimela.

A re le fa letamo le ageletswe, le kgona go tlhatsetsa kwa ntle ebile le kgona go tsitla, metsi a tswele kwa ntle mme go bake dikgomo go tla go nwa koo.

Rre Mosenyi a re matimela a baka magodi a leruo a a felelang a a utswa le dikgomo tsa bone, mme gape matimela a tlhagela

mo tamong a baka tshenyo.

Morui, Rre Kereng Kelebeile e ne o kaile fa go le bonya gore mapodisi ba ba thuse fa ba bega bogodu jwa leruo ka gore ga gona ditsela.

Mogolwane wa mapodisi kwa Serowe, Assistant Superintendent Eric Dambe, o kaile fa barui ba Mooko ba itse magodu a leruo ebile bangwe e le bana ba bone mme ba bipa mpa ka mabele.

O gakolotse komiti ya leruo go nna seopo sengwe ba lwantshe borukutlhi jwa leruo kwa merakeng, ba nne le komiti ya ntebela ke go lebele. **BOPA**

# Motlhware wa ga Kgosi Makaba II o tshwere ditso

## Ka Relief Lephutshi

KANYE - Kwa kgotleng yoo Sebako kwa Kanye, go fitlhelwa setlhare sa motlhware se go bolelwang se le dingwaga di ka tshwara lekgolo le masome a mararo.

Setlhare se, se amanngwa le ditso tsa magosi a ga Ngwaketse.

Go ya ka Kgosi Dikgageng Sebati, Kgosi Makaba II o ne a tla a tswa kwa Motsenekatse go bapa le Molapowabojang, mme a thibelela ka kwa Pitsaneng fa a goroga, go bapa le kwa kgotleng ya ga Sebako.

Go tswa Pitsaneng, go bolelwa Kgosi Makaba a ne a tla go tsena kwa ga Sebako, kwa motlhware o o leng teng.

Kgosi Sebati o supa fa Kgosi Makaba a ne a ya go nna gape le kwa Ga Modutlwa.

Kgosis Sebati a re kwa ga Modutlwa, go bolelwa fa Kgosi Makaba II a ne a fitlhelwa ke Moruti David Livingstone teng, a agile le morafe mo gare ga matlhware a mantsi.

Go bolelwa fa Livigstone a ne a mmotsa gore ke eng a rata go nna mo gare ga matlhware, mme karabo ya ga Kgosi Makaba II ya nna gore motlhware ke setlhare se se moriti thata go ka nna mo go sone.

“Kwa GaSebako ke gone kwa go duleng booraSebego le boRatshosa e leng bana ba ga Kgosi Makaba II.

Sebego o ne a le motona a le ka fa tlase ga ga Kgosi Seepapitso I,” ga tlhalosa Kgosi Sebati.

A re go ne go le ngwana wa ga Tshosa a bidiwa Senthufe, yo o neng a ntshiwa go ya go dira motse oo raTshosa kwa goora Sebego go ya go tshwara kgotla ka jaana Tshosa ene ka nako eo a ne a seyo.

Go ya ka Kgosi Sebati, motlhware fa o medileng teng mo kgotleng, go na le mokgalo le morobe.

A re bokao ja mokgalo ke gore ke sengwe sa ditso tsa Bangwaketse, jaaka ba itsege ka puo e e reng “ba ga mokgalo o thebe”.

Ke gore mokgalo o amanngwa



*Motlhware wa ga Kgosi Makaba II oo dingwaga di fetang lekgolo, o bonwa mo kgotleng ya Sebako kwa Kanye. Ke setlhare se se nang le ditso tsa bogosi jwa Bangwaketse.* Senepe: Relief Lephutshi

le tshireletsego ya morafe, o supile gore go dumelwa fa mokgalo o seke o rathwa ke tladi ka jalo ba leba mokgalo e le thebe ya setshaba.

Morobe le mokgalo tse di medileng mo thitong ya motlhware, go ya ka Kgosi Sebati, ke bokao ja gore Kgosi ga a ke a tsamaya a le nosi o na le morafe, ka jalo mokgalo le morobe di kaya kgolo ya morafe fa motlhware one o tsere maemo a ga kgosi.

Mogolwane e bile e le moitseanape wa tlhokomelo ya Matlotlo a di-tsa Tlholego le Ngwao mo kgaolong ya Borwa, Rre Louis Moroka, o tlhalositse mo potsolotsong fa ba lephata la gagwe ba itsile ka setlhare sa motlhware wa ga Makaba II mo

ngwageng o o fetileng.

“Ga re na lenaneo lepe kgotsa dipatlisiso dipe ka motlhware wa ga Makaba II”, ga tlhalosa Rre Moroka.

O ne a tswelela ka go tlhalosa fa go ya ka molao wa tshomarelo matlotlo a di-tsa tlholego, go tlhokega gore ka tetla ya morafe, setlhare seo se kwadisiwe gore se sirelediwe.

A re go dira jalo ke go lemoga ditso le botlhokwa jwa sone mo morafeng gammogo le go se sireletsa ka sena le bokao jo bogolo mo morafeng.

O ne a gakolola gore fa go na le morafe ope o o nang le matlotlo a di-tsa tlholego mo metseng ya bone ba ikopanye le ba ofisi ya tshireletso ya matlotlo a di-tsa tlholego. **BOPA**

# Mapodisi a Ghanzi a lebogela maitshola a mantle

## Ka Malebogo Lekula

GHANZI - E re ka e le tlwaelo gore malatsi a boitapoloso a na le go farafariwa ke dikgwetlho di tshwana le dikotsi tsa tsela le melato e mengwe, ba sepodisi sa kgaolo tsa Ghanzi le Charleshill ba akgotse setshaba gore mo malatsing a Paseka ya monongwaga, kgaolo e ne e robaletswe ke ditlhokwa.

Mo potsolotsong le **BOPA**, Mookamela mapodisi a District No.6, Senior Superintendent Thari Senwelo, a re ba lebogela maitshola a mantle a setshaba se a supileng ka malatsi a Paseka.

A re malatsi pele ga Paseka ba ne ba tshwaragana le makalana a mangwe, mme ba bolotsa letsholo ka go etela marekisetso ka go farologana go tlhodumela seemo sa ditiesetso le tsone dithoto tse di rekisiwang gore ke tse di letlelelwang.

A re mo letsholong leo, ba ne ba dira dikganedi tsa tsela go ruta badirisi ba tsela ka botlhokwa jwa ipabalelo tseleng, jaaka ba tlaa bo ba pegile setshaba go tsaya maeto go ya kwa mafelong a farologanyeng.

Senior Supt Senwelo a re ba ne ba etela le dikereke go anamisa molaetsa wa ipabalelo tseleng jaaka bontsi bo ne bo etela kwa mafelong a a kwa ntle ga Ghanzi go ya kobamelong koo.

Le fa go le jalo, o ne a tlhalosa fa ka Matlhatso, ba ne ba tshwara basimane ba le bane ba ba tlhologang kwa Moshupa morago ga go fitlhelwa ka mophuthelwana wa setlhatshana se go belae sengang e le motokwane se se ka tshwarang bokete jwa 80g. A re basimane bao, ba tshwerwe ka nako ya fa mapodisi ba ne ba raleitse motse ba ntse ba emisa batho ba ba phuruphutsha mme a tlhalosa fa bone joo, bo ne bo le mo mosepeleng go fetela

kwa Ukhwi kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi Bokone.

A re ditlhotlhomiso di santse di tswelletse ka jaana ba tshwere phage ka mangana go batlisisa le go phatlalatsa digongwana tse go belaelwang ba gweba ka setlhatshana seo le ditagi dingwe.

O ne a gwetlha batsadi go ela bana ba bone tlhoko gore ba se inaakanye le tiriso le thekiso ya ditagi ka di ama botsogo le bokamoso jwa bone.

Senior Supt Senwelo o ne a gwetlha setshaba go tswelela ka mowa wa tirisanyo mmogo mo ditseleng le gone go diragatsa mananeo a mangwe a itshireletso a bo ntebele ke go lebele ka jaana a supile a na le maduo mo go fokotseng dikgetsi tsa borukutlhi.

Ba molelwane wa Mamuno bone ba supile fa ba ne ba itemogela mesepele e mentsi malatsi a le mararo pele ga Paseka. Mme Ntlafalo Kgabanyane o ne a tlhalosa fa ba gatisitse dipalo di feta 4 000 mo malatsing ao, ka jaana bangwe ba ne ba fetela kwa Zimbabwe le South Africa go ya Pasekeng fa bangwe ba ne ba kgabaganyetsa kwa Namibia go ya go iphokisa phefo.

Le fa go le jalo, Mme Kgabanyane o ne a tlhalosa fa ba ne ba seka ba kopana le makgwere ape kwa ntle ga go itemogela dikgetsi di le pedi tsa batsadi ba ba neng ba sa tshola dibukana tsa mesepele tsa bana ka maikaeleo a go dirisa setlankana sa matsalo.

O ne a gatelela fa bana bao, ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga lesome le boferabongwe ba dirisa bukana tsa mesepele e seng setlankana sa matsalo.

O ne gape a gwetlha batsadi go itshwaraganya le ba ofisi ya mesepele pele ba simolola maeto go rurifatsa tse di tlhokafalang kwa molelwane go itsa madiadia ka nako ya mesepele. **BOPA**



# Earth Day key to sustainable future

CAPE TOWN - South Africa joined the global community in celebrating World Earth Day on Tuesday, as Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Dion George reaffirmed the country's commitment to environmental sustainability and called on all citizens to help build a greener, more resilient future.

"This significant day on the environmental calendar offers a powerful opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to preserving

our natural heritage and tackling the urgent complexities of climate change, biodiversity loss and resource scarcity," said George in a statement.

This year's Earth Day themed: Our Power, Our Planet, urged efforts to unite around renewable energy and the global target to triple clean electricity by 2030, as agreed upon at the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

He reflected on key national achievements in combating climate change, preserving biodiversity, and advancing renewable energy initiatives.

He also underscored South Africa's efforts to protect endangered species, transition to cleaner energy, and develop carbon markets that fostered both conservation and economic opportunity.

"We are accelerating the transition to renewable energy by

expanding solar photovoltaic and wind energy to address South Africa's electricity needs while advancing our climate goals, aligning with the ambitions of the Paris Agreement," he said.

George emphasised that collective action across government, communities and the private sector was essential to safeguarding the country's natural heritage.

He also pledged that, as the chair of the Group of 20, South Africa will drive progress

in improving the global environmental situation and provide collaborative solutions to protect the planet for future generations.

"On this Earth Day, I urge all South Africans to join in protecting our environment. Whether through reducing waste, conserving water or supporting sustainable policies, every action matters. Together, we can ensure that South Africa's natural heritage thrives for generations to come," said George. *Xinhua*



HARARE - Zimbabwe's minister of women affairs, community, small and medium enterprises development, Monica Mutsvangwa, said ties between Zimbabwe and China continued to deepen 45 years after diplomatic relations were established. She said the enduring friendship between the two sides had yielded positive results in Zimbabwe's social and economic development.

## Locust outbreak raises concerns

WINDHOEK - Namibia's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform has confirmed a locust outbreak in the country's northeastern Zambezi Region, affecting multiple areas and raising concerns of a possible second wave of infestations.

In a public notice issued

Tuesday, Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata, executive director at the ministry, said the outbreak was first reported in early February following heavy rains and has been observed in the hopper and fledgling stages.

Locusts have been spotted along the floodplains of Ibbu,

near the Chobe River, and in about 11 constituencies in the Zambezi Region, adding that significant rainfall has created ideal conditions for locust reproduction.

"We are urging farmers to report any sightings of locust bands or swarms to the nearest Agricultural Development Center," she said.

Nghituwamata said that the continued presence of green vegetation in northeastern and north-central Namibia, as well as in neighbouring countries such as Zambia, Botswana and Angola, provided favourable conditions for a second generation of locusts.

"As vegetation begins to dry, the insects are expected to form groups and potentially move northward in small swarms, she added.

Namibia has deployed a team of agricultural officers to the region to control the outbreak using vehicle-mounted sprayers and mist blowers.

"We are actively monitoring the situation and carrying out control measures to limit the spread," Nghituwamata said.

Namibia has experienced several locust outbreaks in recent years.

In 2020, an outbreak of African migratory locusts affected over 700 000 hectares across the Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West and Otjozondjupa regions. *Xinhua*



BRUSSELS - Claude Brouir (right) with a friend before embarking on the cross-continental journey Bike2Shanghai in Belgium recently. Brouir, now in his sixties, appeared energised, focused and determined ahead of his four and a half month, 12 000-kilometre ride across Eurasia. Photo: Xinhua

### Radical Investments Pty Ltd

#### VACANCIES

Radical Investments Pty Ltd t/a Flotek Pipes and Irrigation, a well-established PVC Pipe & Tank manufacturing company having operations in Lobatse, Gaborone & Ramotswa is looking for the services of qualified persons for the following vacancies.

#### PRODUCTION MANAGER (CPVC AND FOAM CORE)

The ideal candidate should have a Diploma Qualification in Plastic Polymer or related Diploma in any Engineering Field with a minimum work experience of 25 years; at least 10 years at a management level particularly in the ISO accredited plastic manufacturing environment specializing with in CPVC and PVC Foam Core Pipe Production, Formulation, Die Design and other related works.

Should have knowledge of ISO standards and training background, Internal Audit Training, and must be able to deal independently with SABS, BOBS, ISO, and other Product Approval bodies. Must have experience with various plastic pipe production machines (extruders), particularly the AMC, Rollepaal, Theysohn and Kabra Extruders and downstream equipment. Must have exposure to the following materials: CPVC, MPVC, UPVC, LDPE, and HDPE. Knowledge of Parallel & Conical Screw, Mandrel Design Parameters are highly desirable. The candidate will be responsible for running the production operations of CPVC and Foam Core plastic pipes. Managing and developing training programs for a team of diverse production employees and technicians working in the production department to improve production output and quality.

The applicant should be willing to work on shifts and should be available on call.

Interested Candidates: Please apply to,

Email: [recruitment@flotekafrica.com](mailto:recruitment@flotekafrica.com)

The Human Resources Manager,  
Radical Investments Pty Ltd t/a Flotek  
P.O Box 10723, Lobatse.  
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#### Quality Control Manager

The ideal candidate should have a Diploma, Degree or other experience relating to Quality Controller, Relevant qualifications in Safety Production Management and Quality Control and relevant Experience in Plastic Manufacturing Industry, Strong Leadership and Organizational Skills, expertise in safety protocols and quality management systems. They need to develop and implement quality control processes and systems, monitor, identify and address any quality issues, ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and standards, monitor processes and performance to detect and areas of improvement. The candidate will follow and document, inspection requirements and testing procedures as per BOBS, SABS and ISO standards and monitor and document the results to identify and correct any issues. The Quality Controller will also be involved in the review and approve all changes and deviations from established procedures, including Engineering Change Orders (ECOs) and may conduct internal and external audits. The candidate will also be required to ensure adoption of pragmatic approach to assurance of Quality on all phases of the Project, Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning, taking cognizance of commercial, schedule and budget constraints and reporting data for foundations, investors, and company's board of directors. The Quality Controller will collaborate with cross-functional teams to identify opportunities for improvement, evaluate and qualify suppliers based on quality performance and delivery capabilities, as well as monitor suppliers' performance and address quality issues promptly.

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# ClassifiedAds

## FARM WORKERS

**ULTIMATE SEASON (Pty) Ltd** looking for farm worker/labour X5.Write to Owner Bag BO 268 Bontleng

**LOOKING FOR HEADBOY** at Molapowabasadi lands, should be a male. Contact Gaone Molefhi 71620938

**FARM FARM WORKER WANTED:** Leropong lands Box 11254,Kanye. 73 057 077

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Sedojwane Kgatleng-Write P. O. Box 285 Mochudi

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Nata, Box 279. Contact 72 661 030

**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Call: 72578741

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Magoriapitse lands for cattle and sheep. Able to write and read. Contact 72 151 622 or Box 973 Molepolole. Closing date 09/05/25

**FIVE FARM WORKERS** needed with experience in Animal husbandry and horticulture at Barolong farms. Apply to Dosela Investments Box 47436 Gaborone. Contact 76603929. Closing date 06/05/2025.

**3 FARM WORKERS NEEDED** in Hatsalatladi Kweneng. Apply to Lopang Baig. P O Box 2495 Gaborone.Closing date 30/04/2025. 72 900 400, 3936134

**3 FARM WORKERS WANTED** Corbie Investments (Pty) Ltd Tuli Block P O Box 2547 Mahalapye 74790103 Engela Smit

**TSHIAMO FARM PLOT NO 7637** Bokaa looking for a male farm worker, Call 71 451 804

**FARMWORKER / HORTICULTURE NEEDED** at Molalatau village. Apply to Neo Cedric Kgothi. Virtual Post 71 795 602 Gaborone. Cell 75192353 / 71 795 602

**2 FARM WORKERS WANTED,** Gakuto farms. Contacts 75 515 253 / 75 253 872

**3 FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Mokobeng P O Box 1 Sefhare Mmamathaba Oteng 77 769 372

**2 FARM WORKERS WANTED;** BOBONONG. 71 541 415

**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Contact Kebonye @ 71 720 505

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**I ONALETHATA REITSENG** owner of plot 10353 located in Kazungula,Flowertown intend to change land use of the plot from single residential to multi-residential.Any objections should be forwarded to Chobe District Council,Physical Planning Department,Telephone: 6250275 or contact 71998145 within 14 days of this notice.

## VACANCIES

**MAZILANKATHA CIVILS (PTY)** Ltd is looking for civil structural bridge engineer- Degree in civil engineering with ERB professional institution, 20yrs of experience. Reply to H. R Manager Box 46057 Gaborone.

**I NEED ONE FARM WORKER** and one Welder; Gobojango, Cell NO 71652598

# CHANGE OF LAND USE

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

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

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED

**NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN** that the undersigned intents applying for certified copy of Deed No.T760/99 dated 12th May 1999, made in favour of the late Bertha Ratau in respect of  
**CERTAIN** : Piece of land being Plot 27309  
**SITUATE** : In Gaborone West extension 30  
**MEASURING** : 480m2 (four hundred and eighty square metres)  
All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objections in writing with the registrar of Deeds,Private bag 0020 Gaborone within 3 weeks from the last publication of this notice.

Application name:Rebecca Ratau, Gaborone

Century Office Supplies

Century Office Supplies – A leading Company in Office Supplies, Office Automation, and Furniture is looking for the suitable citizen candidate for the following positions:

- 1. Carpenter**
- Should have a Certificate/Diploma in Carpentry and Jo
  - Should have minimum 5 years experience in the same field.
  - Should have a valid Driving License
  - Should be customer oriented.

Send your CV, Copy of Educational Credentials to the following address within 5 Days

**The Human Resource Manager,**  
**Century Office Supplies, P.O.Box 21206, Gaborone**  
**Mail your CV's to cv@century.bw**

**Radical Investments Pty Ltd t/a Flotek Pipes and Irrigation, manufacturers of PVC, C-PVC, UPVC and MPVC Pipes and Rotomoulded Tanks, based in Lobatse have the following vacancies.**

## Pipes and Tanks Manufacturing Machine Technician

The applicant should have at least a Certificate in Machineshop/Workshop Engineering; additional training in Hydraulics and Pneumatics is also a requirement. The applicant should have a minimum of 15 years post qualification work experience in handling plastic pipes and tanks production machines, extrusion lines and handling PVC, HDPE and LLDPE materials. The job entails ensuring that the production machines, working components and work areas are in safe operating conditions. Safely and efficiently operating a variety of machines, performing quality testing to ensure that appropriate machine adjustments can be made, performing necessary equipment repairs, and assisting with shipping functions related to the pipe extrusion manufacturing location. Designing, installing and maintaining Hydraulic and Pneumatics circuits. The candidate should be used to extruders and belling machines. The candidate must be willing to work in shifts and take up additional responsibilities to tackle the minor and major maintenance requirements as per ISO maintenance standards and reduce downtime.

Interested Candidates may email their application to:

Email: recruitment@floteckafrica.com

The Group HR Manager, Flotek Pipes & Irrigation, P.O Box 10723, Plot 2132, Woodhall Industrial, Lobatse.

Phone-00267-5332180

Fax -00267-5333146

**Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### 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 (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 relative for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEITUMETSE LABA	ESHFT-000472-23	05-08-25	0900HRS	SARM

Dated AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## Radical Investments Pty Ltd

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#### Quality Assurance Manager

The ideal candidate should have a Diploma in Plastic Polymer or related Diploma qualification with training on all ISO Standards implementation. The candidate should have a minimum work experience of over 20 years in plastic manufacturing environment, managing Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Management System and ISO accreditation, training and implementation in a plastic pipe manufacturing environment, with specialisation in in PVC/HDPE/ LDPE Pipes and Fittings.

The candidate should have been in management for the at least 7 years. The candidate must develop standards that guides and manages accreditation of Flotek manufacturing standards with SABS, BOBS, ISO and other Product Approval bodies. The candidate will be expected to develop and lead a team of Flotek ISO internal auditors, facilitate testing of finished products as per regulators standards and testing of raw materials as per international standards.

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

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

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 69554, Gaborone;

**SITUATE:** in Gaborone Administrative District;

**MEASURING:** 600 m<sup>2</sup> (Six Hundred Square Metres);

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

favour of TIROYAONE ALBERTINA MATSIKA;

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THE \_DAY OF APRIL 2025**

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE  
KEINEE KWEREPE- ESHGB 000281-24

**IN PURSUANCE** of section 31 of the **Administration of the Estates Act {cap 31:01}** the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 08.30 hours at the office of the Master – Batho kgerethwa** located at the Gaborone High court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased persons estate please contact the masters office on **3718343**, or **3718000/3718040** {switchboard}

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN  
ESHFT-000291-24  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **SIPHONONO BAYANI-ESHFT 000291-24** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana on 11 July 2022.

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

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025**

**ALICE SITHOLE**  
**Executor Dative**  
**P O Box 11609**  
**Francistown**

AND TO:

**AND TO:Master**  
**of the High Court**  
**Private Bag F13**  
**FRANCISTOWN**

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Position	Project Manager
Qualification and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BSc or Honours in (Electrical Engineering)</li><li>15+ years as a project manager in a construction or design related field</li><li>Professional registered with ERB, SACPCMP or PMP or ECSA</li><li>Other special courses: Construction regulation and Legal liability</li><li>At least 10 years’ relevant experience in respect of managing construction/built environment projects with emphasis being placed on construction and contract management; financial management, risk management, commercial and legal management; operational planning, programming and implementation and staff management</li><li>Construction management, planning and programming</li><li>Legal and contract administration</li></ul>
Position	Executive Head (Operations)
Qualification and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bachelor’s/ MSC/MA or master’s in business administration (MBA)</li><li>10 to 15 years at an Executive level</li><li>Experience in Financial operations, Leadership, Reporting and Strategy is essential</li><li>Attended courses in Leadership and Strategic operations Efficient and effective organisational skills</li><li>Exceptional business nous with outstanding strategic skills complemented by outstanding implementation and execution skills in the business environment.</li><li>Have well-developed and proven leadership and management skills at top management level</li><li>Have well-developed interpersonal and communication skills</li><li>Have exceptional emotional intelligence (EQ)</li><li>Have exceptional gravitas as a person and hence the ability to lead and manage and inspire and influence all internal and external stakeholders in the company</li></ul>
Position	Senior Quantity Surveyor
Qualification and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BSc Quantity Surveying(QS) or Honours in Quantity Survey</li><li>South African Council of Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) or any other recognised professional body will be an added advantage</li><li>15+ years’ experience as a Quantity Surveyor in civil engineering construction preferably water infrastructure</li><li>Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)</li><li>Contract law and insurance</li><li>Basic financial reporting</li><li>Construction methods and outputs, programming, and scheduling</li><li>SHEQ legislation</li><li>Basic IR, including relevant labour legislation</li><li>At least 8-10 years’ experience in a similar position and business strategy, contract management, commercial and legal management; operational planning and implementation.</li><li>Excellent Communication and computer skills</li><li>Be able to make decisions and be a team player</li><li>Ability to work under pressure</li></ul>

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**In Favour of LYDIA MMABOTSHE MOKWENA**

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## Fashion show presents winter edition

By Baleseng Batlotleng

GABORONE - Madam Queen Modelling Agency, in conjunction with Riverwalk Mall, CB Stores and Topline, will on Saturday host the 2025 Winter Fashion Show.

The fashion show is an annual event for the modelling agency. The founder of the modelling agency, Queen Kolobe said in an interview that models would showcase the latest winter fashion trends from CB Stores and Topline clothing lines.

Kolobe, affectionately known as Madam Queen, said the show was intended to bring the international feel of fashion to Batswana and show them that to look fashionable and presentable does not mean one should travel outside to access fashion trends.

She said their long time sponsors and partners, CB Stores and Topline, were selling reasonable clothing of good quality that did not require one to break the bank.

Also, she said the intention was to woo potential sponsors to their fold and grow the brand bigger.

"The fashion and modelling industry is struggling a lot locally, but it is such a money spinning industry globally," she said, adding that they aim to attract more sponsors for their upcoming shows so that they could engage the youth who were roaming the streets jobless.

Kolobe said some young people were not academically gifted but used their modelling talent to eke a living. Kolobe said they were thankful for their sponsors and partners who had been supportive since 2006 when the show was still in its infancy stages. Madam Queen said they were engaging young aspiring models to try to motivate them.

She said in her years in the industry, she had seen some young talent blossom into reputable models and inspiring others.

"We have been operating for the past 18 years and have been supported by our partners to realise our dream.

We urge young people not to lose hope and to make use of available initiatives to grow their dreams," she said. Kolobe said they were expecting over 30 participants at the weekend who

were trained and groomed by the agency.

She said some were scouted in local schools while some had attended top-drawer modeling shows such as the Fashion Without Borders in South Africa.

Kolobe said some of her models were part of the Junior Miss Botswana pageant.

"They need support and we appeal to government and the private sector to come on board and support this talent.

We intend to take this talent out of the streets and make it a source of income for them," she added.

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Queen Kolobe



Models showcasing designs at a previous Madam Queen Winter Fashion Show in Gaborone. The modelling agency, in conjunction with Riverwalk Mall, CB Stores and Topline, will on Saturday host the 2025 Winter Fashion Show.

## British women writers shape world

LONDON - From Jane Austen to Mary Shelley, and from Agatha Christie to JK Rowling, some of the world's most celebrated women writers hail from Britain.

For centuries, they have penned stories that changed not only what people read but also how they understand and interpret the world.

Writing from a corner in the tranquil village of Chawton, Hampshire, stands a centuries-old red-brick house.

In one corner of its dining room sits a modest 12-sided table, its edge worn from years of repeated use. It was on this unassuming table that Jane Austen is believed to have revised and completed all six of her enduring novels over 200 years ago, including *Sense and Sensibility* and *Pride and Prejudice*.

Lizzie Dunford, director of *Jane Austen's House*, described the table as "the base of a whirlwind" that spirals out to the world with "incredible influence."

Virginia Woolf once wrote that "a woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write fiction."

But in Austen's time, the obstacles facing women writers were far more complex.

The first edition of *Sense and Sensibility* was published

anonymously, credited only to 'A Lady' the Bronte sisters wrote under male pseudonyms, and Mary Ann Evans became widely known as George Eliot.

"We did not like to declare ourselves women," Charlotte Bronte wrote in an 1850 biographical notice. Because we had a vague impression that authoresses are liable to be looked on with prejudice."

At the time, universities and libraries were often inaccessible to women, compelling many to educate themselves independently.

Yet from these confined spaces, British women writers carved out vast imaginative landscapes and secured their lasting place in literary history.

Seeing through her eyes Across the diverse themes explored by British women writers - from the countryside tales of Peter Rabbit to the magical world of Hogwarts - one element often unites their work: a distinctly female perspective.

In Jane Austen's novels, the world is seen through the eyes of her charming and brilliant heroines - women who are sharp, witty, and "unashamed of their intellect, abilities, and judgment."

"It was revolutionary in her time, and it remains revolutionary today, to have such women at the

heart of these novels - women who don't take any nonsense and expect equality of opportunity, even when it isn't always possible," Dunford said.

She noted that in a "precarious and difficult time" for women, it was remarkable that Austen not only became a published author but also gave her heroines the kinds of endings that real women of her time rarely enjoyed. And Austen was not alone.

Agatha Christie, the Queen of Crime, introduced a new kind of detective. With *Miss Marple*, she demonstrated that keen observation and emotional intelligence could be just as powerful as sharp logic. Rather than casting women as narrative frills or confining them to narrow stereotypes, these authors created figures who were independent, resilient, warm, complex - and above all, authentic.

Their literary legacy continues to shape the voice of British women's literature across generations. Shaping the future According to James Daunt, managing director of the iconic British bookstore chain Waterstones, books - especially translated works - can be "a major propulsor of social change," broadening cultural horizons, presenting diverse perspectives, and fostering greater

understanding across society.

British women writers have played a key role in this transformation.

They have explored themes of love, power, class, equality, justice, dignity, and more.

And the influence of women's voices extends far beyond Britain.

"Throughout history and across the globe, there have been women who have raised their voices to make change and champion their experiences," said Dunford, expressing a desire to learn more about women "doing extraordinary things around the world."

In China, the poet Li Qingzhao left behind breathtaking verses nearly a thousand years ago. In the 20th century, Eileen Chang portrayed ordinary lives amid war and social upheaval.

More recently, Yan Geling's novels have been adapted into internationally acclaimed films.

As the world celebrates women writers on World Book Day, which fell on Wednesday this year, the inspiration sparked by women's literature continues to grow.

While acknowledging progress, Daunt cautions against overstating how equal society has become, noting that dedicated shelf categories and literary prizes for women remain necessary. **Xinhua**

*'The show is intended to bring the international feel of fashion'*



# Laureus World Sports Award eludes Tebogo

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Barcelona forward and Spain national team player Lamine Yamal is the World Breakthrough of the Year award winner ahead of Letsile Tebogo, at the Laureus World Sports Awards held at Palacio de Cibeles in Madrid, on Sunday.

Tebogo was nominated alongside Summer McIntosh, Julien Alfred, Victor Wembanyama, and Bayer of

Leverkusen.

Despite not winning the prestigious awards, Tebogo's coach, Kebonyemodisa "Dose" Mosimanyane said for the athlete to be amongst the nominees, was a big achievement for them.

"These are the biggest awards in sport.

The fact that he was nominated, is also a big recognition, and we were happy with the nomination," he said. Mosimanyane said they had been observing that athletics

unlike other sporting codes lurked behind, adding that for Tebogo to be one of the nominees from athletics meant a lot.

He said the nomination was a big morale booster and he was happy that it was the beginning of the season, and such should energise the athlete.

He said they knew competition was going to be tough, adding that the level was very high given that Tebogo competed against teams, and people from popular

sport like football. He said the athlete had a great season as he was recognised by the World Athletics and appointed children's ambassador.

"That again was a confidence booster, because World Athletics demonstrated that they had confidence in him that he can inspire kids in the world," he said.

Meanwhile, Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year. World Sportswoman of the Year went to American gymnast Simone Biles, while

Rebeca Andrade won the World Comeback of the Year.

American surfer Kelly Slater won the Lifetime Achievement Award, Chinese Para swimmer Jiang Yuyan is the Sportsman with a Disability Award winner, Action Sportsman Award went to British cyclist Tom Pidcock, while Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal won the Icon Award.

Lesotho's Kick4Life got the Sport for Good Award, and Real Madrid won Team of the Year.

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## Africa middle, long distance runners powerhouse

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - For a very long time, Africa was known as middle and long distance runners powerhouse, thanks to Kenya and Ethiopia for keeping the candle burning.

However, despite not winning medals at major events, except

for Namibian Frankie Fredericks who was a torch bearer for the continent, nothing much can be said about Africa.

Since Fredericks' retirement, countries such as America and Jamaica have been dominating the sprint events, both the 100 metres and 200 metres.

But the emergence of Akani Simbine, Ferdinand Omanyala and Tebogo Letsile gave Africa a ray of hope that the continent can also stand up and be counted.

In fact, it was Tebogo who

demonstrated that Africa can compete and make it to the podium in sprint.

In 2023 at the World Athletics Championships, in Budapest, Tebogo became the first African to win a men's 100m medal, by winning a silver medal with a National Record time of 9.88.

He won bronze in the 200m, and made history by winning the first gold medal for Africa at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

Simbine's manager, Peet van Zyl told BOPA that Africa was known globally as a long distance running continent. He said Southern Africa has now witnessed the emergence of sprinters in countries such as Botswana, South Africa and Namibia.

"For me the interesting phenomenon is in the 400m where the likes of Botswana are producing quality athletes in that distance," he said.

Van Zyl said Botswana used to have Nijel Amos and Glody Dube competing in the middle distance, adding that the interest was now in 400m, 200m, 100m due to Tebogo's achievement's.

"It is an exciting time, and I think a lot of kids have now realised that you don't just have to focus on the middle distance only. So it is good to see sprints developing in Africa," he said.

Van Zyl said African sprinters are trailblazers, with youngsters following them, and a lot of coaches are also at work in ensuring that African sprinters break the 10, 20 and 40 seconds barriers. **BOPA**



Akani Simbine



Ferdinand Omanyala



Although Letsile Tebogo did not win the World Breakthrough of the Year Award, his coach, Kebonyemodisa 'Dose' Mosimanyane, said being nominated was a significant achievement for them.

## Bukowiecka hoping for good result in China



Natalia Bukowiecka

WARSAW - Olympic 400m bronze medalist Natalia Bukowiecka hopes to return to peak form at the 2025 World Athletics Relays, set to take place May 10-11 in Guangzhou, China. Bukowiecka, 27, is slated to compete in both women's and mixed 4x400m relays at the Guangdong Olympic Stadium.

The competition serves as a key qualifying opportunity for the World Athletics Championships this September in Tokyo.

"Running for Poland is always very important, and here an additional motivator will be the stakes we are fighting for," Bukowiecka told Polish outlet

Biegowe.pl on Wednesday.

"Direct qualification for the world championships will give us peace of mind throughout the season and a good atmosphere in preparations for this September start."

The 2024 Olympic bronze medalist missed much of the 2025 indoor season after sustaining an injury in early February at a meeting in Ostrava.

She was sidelined for both the European Indoor Championships in Apeldoorn and the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Nanjing, China.

Despite the setback, Polish officials say the team is prepared

for the upcoming relay event.

"The World Athletics Relays will be the most important qualifying event for the World Championships in Tokyo in September," said Sebastian Chmara, president of the Polish Athletics Association.

"It's a challenge for the athletes because they need to be in shape for their first start of the season, and this is already a high-stakes event.

I'm convinced that our runners will show their best side in China." Chmara confirmed that Poland will send a 26-member squad to Guangzhou for the relays. **Xinhua**



# Women league resumes

By Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE - Jwaneng Mine Southern Region Women's Football League will be back on the turf on Saturday following the Easter break.

This weekend, runner-up Jwaneng Galaxy, trailing by just two points behind the log leaders, Collabo, are set to clash in a high-stakes match that could impact the league standings.

The ongoing 2024/2025 season is heating up, and both fixtures promise to be thrilling encounters as teams vie for crucial points in pursuit of the championship.

Zodiac Collabo Girls FC, renowned for their formidable attacking prowess and solid defense, will capitalise on their home advantage as they defend against Jwaneng Galaxy's challenge.

With their players demonstrating impressive form this season, they are eager to showcase their skills in front of loyal fans in Lobatse.

Conversely, Jwaneng Galaxy is determined to capitalise on any potential lapses from their rivals. Equipped with a talented squad and a tactical approach, they aim not only to close the gap but also to seize the top position in the league standings.

The historical rivalry between these two teams adds an extra layer of excitement to the upcoming match, given their track record of competitive showdowns.

Fans are anticipated to turn out in large numbers, creating an electric atmosphere at the stadium.

The matches are slated to kick off at 9am, and both teams are poised to make a significant statement as the league progresses.

With every match becoming increasingly pivotal as the season unfolds, this weekend's clash could serve as a defining moment for both Zodiac Collabo Girls FC and Jwaneng Galaxy in their quest for the coveted league title.

After facing a 2-1 defeat to Collabo on week 15, Galaxy

bounced back vigorously by overwhelming 11 Queens with a 20-0 victory, bringing their points to 37 while the log leaders sit at 39. In this weekend's Week 17 fixtures set for Saturday, Galaxy will enjoy home-ground advantage as they battle against Bonto FC, currently in sixth position with 14 points.

Log leaders Collabo will also face Maletamotse FC in what promises to be a thrilling encounter, as they strive to extend their lead at the top of the table.

Fourth-place Moshupa New Stars takes on Tholo Peace Masters, who remain at the bottom of the table with only 2 points after 13 games. **BOPA**



Zodiac Collabo Girls' Refilwe Matlho (left) and Gaborone United's Thapelo Moshe during a previous encounter. Jwaneng Mine Southern Region Women's Football League defending champions, Zodiac Collabo Girls FC are looking to maintain their winning streak in a game against Jwaneng Galaxy this weekend.

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