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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi touring stalls after the former officially opened the HATAB conference in Maun yesterday. He said government was ready to engage with all sectors that drive economic growth and development to move the country forward. President Boko urged the tourism captains to identify challenges that impeded the industry’s progress, saying government was committed to reviewing policies, procedures and laws to do away with bottlenecks. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

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Leadership is tested not in moments of triumph, but in how we respond to threats that could undo our hard-won gains. One of the greatest and most persistent threats across Africa is to the health and wellbeing of our people. And yes, malaria remains at the heart of that threat.

Malaria still kills over half a million people in Africa each year, most of them children under five. Over 95 percent of deaths occur on our continent, where many still lack access to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. We are off track in meeting the African Union's 2030 Malaria elimination target, with malaria cases rising again.

This crisis is worsened by funding cuts from key donors, including recent reductions in US foreign aid which has historically been the major supporter of malaria elimination through the President's Malaria Initiative and the Global Fund. The freeze on USAID funding has disrupted programmes and caused stockouts of essential malaria commodities across multiple countries.

Projections by experts show that if funding stays flat, Africa could face 112 million more cases and 280 000 additional deaths over 2027-2029. A low Global Fund replenishment could push this to 137 million cases and 337 000 deaths thereby reversing decades of progress. At that scale, we would not just lose ground; we would risk returning to where we were in the last century.

And that is the truth about malaria. It punishes hesitation. Without urgent course correction, this crisis will deepen thereby risking more child deaths, and setbacks to health, economic, and regional stability. We cannot treat this as business as usual. If we are serious about leadership and protecting the next generation, malaria elimination must remain steady and uninterrupted. Tanzania and Botswana have each demonstrated what national leadership in malaria control looks like.

Tanzania has focused on expanding community-level responses, integrating malaria services into primary health care, and ensuring timely access to treatment. Botswana, now nearing elimination, has maintained strong surveillance systems, rapid outbreak response, and targeted vector control in high-risk zones. Both countries continue to show that with consistent leadership and adaptive strategies, meaningful progress is possible, even in the face of evolving threats.

Emerging and Ongoing Challenges: A Perfect Storm

Across the continent, the malaria fight is being tested by a perfect storm of challenges that threaten to reverse years of hard-won gains.

Climate change is expanding malaria risk. Shifting weather patterns and extreme events are pushing transmission into new areas and prolonging malaria seasons. At the same time, funding shortfalls threaten our progress. Africa needs an additional US\$5.2 billion annually to fully implement national malaria strategies. Despite support from national budgets and key

partners, gaps are widening. Cuts to development assistance have disrupted programmes, delayed interventions, and caused commodity shortages.

We are also facing the rising challenge of biological resistance. Mosquitoes are becoming less susceptible to insecticides, and the malaria parasite is showing signs of resistance to antimalarial medicines. This is weakening the effectiveness of our core tools and demands faster, more equitable access to new interventions. These next-generation tools already exist, but are more expensive.

Ongoing humanitarian crises continue to disrupt malaria service delivery. In fragile settings, continuity of care becomes harder to guarantee, and the risk of Malaria outbreaks increases sharply.

These threats are here and are layered upon each other.

Staying the Course Amid the Perfect Storm

Despite the perfect storm, accelerated progress is possible. Countries are scaling proven tools such as vector control, including insecticide treated nets and indoor spraying. Where coverage is high, malaria burden drops. New dual insecticide nets are also helping fight insecticide resistance in high-burden areas, leading to significant reductions in malaria.

We have witnessed that malaria chemoprevention and vaccines are opening new frontiers. Seasonal chemoprevention is also expanding in the Sahel, protecting children during peak transmission.

Early diagnosis and treatment continue to save lives. Community health workers are often the first line of care. Expanding this workforce and improving supply chains remain essential. Efforts to protect those who face higher risks such as pregnant women are improving with IPTp integrated into antenatal care, helping protect both mother and baby.

These efforts are working, but they must be expanded and supported by leadership, community engagement, and steady investment.

What It Will Take to Eliminate Malaria: The Big Push

Eliminating malaria will not happen through incremental effort. It requires a bold, coordinated push across all fronts and delivered consistently, urgently, and at scale.

We must ensure sustained access to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Insecticide-treated nets, rapid tests, and effective medicines save lives. We must put in place functional operational frameworks, with regular performance assessments to track progress, close gaps, and ensure accountability at all levels.

Progress depends on strong coordination and data-driven decisions. Countries need to rely on real-time data to guide interventions. This requires investment in information systems and empowered leadership.

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan of the United Republic of Tanzania



A one-size-fits-all approach will not work. That is why subnational tailoring and targeted interventions are so important. Districts with different malaria burdens require different solutions, and we must adapt accordingly.

Domestic resource mobilisation is a cornerstone of sustainable progress. The long-term impact depends on countries prioritising malaria within national budgets and financing strategies, as well as increased domestic private sector resources. We need a whole-of-society effort. Governments cannot do it alone. Success depends on engaging every sector, be it health, finance, education, agriculture, environment, and every part of society, including parliamentarians, civil society, youth, the private sector, and faith leaders. Everyone has a role to play. Zero malaria starts with all of us!

No strategy succeeds without those who deliver it. Community health workers, often the first point of care, must be well-trained, equipped, and supported to continue their lifesaving work. We must integrate malaria into broader health service delivery, mainstreaming malaria into antenatal care, school health programmes, and community health services to make interventions more accessible, efficient, and resilient.

Tools alone will not end malaria unless they are backed by political commitment, and accountability.

A Continental Platform for Leadership and Accountability

The African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) was created to meet that need. It was established under the leadership of President Jakaya Kikwete with a vision to bring heads of state and government together to turn political will into sustained action, elevate malaria to a leadership priority and unify the continent around shared goals.

Tanzania stepped forward to host ALMA's headquarters, as part of its early leadership and enduring commitment to advancing health and regional cooperation across the continent.

Over the years, ALMA's leadership has rotated

across regions, reflecting pan-African ownership. Today, the SADC region leads, with President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko of Botswana as chair.

Driving Results: ALMA's Role in Acceleration

As a platform led by African heads of state, ALMA provides countries with the tools they need to deliver results. Scorecard tools help countries track progress, identify bottlenecks, and act quickly to drive impact. Ministries use scorecards to inform decisions and direct resources more effectively. Community scorecards give citizens a voice by sharing local feedback on services to strengthen grassroots accountability.

ALMA promotes a whole-of-society approach, engaging parliamentarians, civil society, and youth in national responses. The *Zero Malaria Starts With Me* movement has helped embed malaria awareness in communities. ALMA has also supported 9 End Malaria Councils and Funds, which have mobilised over US\$125 million, and launched 16 country Youth Corps to empower young leaders.

ALMA promotes local manufacturing, regulatory reform and regional harmonisation to reduce dependence on imports and strengthen Africa's ability to respond to future health threats.

Access to Innovation and Local Manufacturing

Africa is not short of innovation. But too often, there's a gap between what exists globally and what is accessible locally. Closing that gap means accelerating access to new tools—and investing in local production across the continent.

The malaria innovation pipeline is stronger than ever. New tools include next-generation nets, improved diagnostics, next generation vaccines, and more effective medicines. On the horizon are technologies like spatial repellents, gene drive mosquitoes, and monoclonal antibodies.

But innovations only matter if they reach the people who need them. However, many countries face long timelines, rigid procurement rules, and

overlapping processes that delay access and limit impact.

Less than 2 per cent of malaria commodities are made in Africa. Expanding local production is no longer optional but essential. Tanzania is already showing what is possible. Through local investments like A-to-Z, it is producing Insecticide Treated Nets for Africa, thus lowering costs and building capacity. What's needed now is continental momentum and greater collaboration to harmonise regulatory processes. A sustainable malaria response must be both responsive and self-reliant. Africa must move from being the world's largest consumer to becoming a meaningful producer.

Are We Winning or Losing?

We can still win this fight. In Tanzania, malaria prevalence dropped from 18.1 to 8.1 per cent in just over a decade. Botswana is nearing malaria-free status. These aren't isolated wins—they show what's possible with consistent leadership, sustained action, and engaged communities.

Elimination will only come through sustained commitment, strong coordination, and faster adoption of new tools. We know what works—now we must do it faster, better, and together.

Conclusion: A Continental Commitment to the Big Push

As the Presidents of Tanzania and Botswana, we reaffirm our joint commitment to ending malaria, not just in our own countries, but across the continent.

This is not a journey that governments can walk alone. It requires shared ownership from every sector, including faith leaders, youth, scientists, educators, health workers, and the private sector. Let us be clear: Africa has never been more equipped to defeat malaria. The tools are ready, the frameworks exist, and the lessons are known. What we need now is a bold, coordinated big push to finish the job.

That push begins by closing the financing gap. Global support is vital and we must have a successful Global Fund Replenishment. Domestic resource mobilisation is essential including through National End Malaria Councils and Funds. These platforms secure in-country resources and keep malaria high on the political agenda. Malaria must also be integrated into broader health financing, from primary care to climate adaptation.

We must also make innovation truly accessible. Countries must fast-track approvals, cut costs, and strengthen regulatory systems so new tools reach those who need them most.

Tanzania and Botswana stand ready to lead that push. We are committed to accelerating action, mobilising our partners, and championing the kind of leadership that delivers results. We invite others across the continent, and around the world, to join us.

The next chapter in the fight against malaria is ours to write. Let it be one of action, unity, and victory.



BITC, India FICCI fortify investment ties

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Since government has shown commitment to create a conducive environment for foreign investment, India based enterprises that have shown interest to set up here will boost economic diversification efforts and create jobs for Batswana, particularly the youth.

Speaking during the India-Botswana Business Conclave in Gaborone yesterday, Botswana high commissioner to India, Mr Gilbert Mangole highlighted the strategic collaboration between Botswana and India, noting that some businesses in India had shown keen interest, particularly in sectors such as agriculture, mining, pharmaceuticals and renewable energy.

“Our aim is to ensure that these investments translate into real opportunities on the ground, skills development, job creation and sustainable growth,” said Mr Mangole.

India high commissioner to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthathi marked Botswana as a priority partner in India’s engagement with Africa.

Mr Kuthathi said the two countries’ cooperation had evolved from development assistance to robust commercial partnerships, and that the conclave reflected that

journey.

He stated that the strength of the economy of India and the promise of Botswana-India stood as the fifth largest economy in the world, growing at a rate of over seven per cent annually, and protected to be among the top three economies globally in the coming years.

With a large domestic market, a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem and a government committed to reforms and digital transformation, India offers expertise in innovation, scalability and inclusive development, Mr Kuthathi said.

He hailed Botswana as a shining example of stability, good governance and sound economic management in Africa whose rich natural resources, investor friendly policies and strategic location presented immense opportunities in sectors ranging from mining and manufacturing to agriculture, infrastructure, energy and ICT.

The conclave comes amid deepening economic cooperation between the two nations, driven by shared interest in trade, technology and development. India’s business leaders brought along by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for the conclave expressed optimism about Botswana’s investment climate, political stability, strategic location and investor friendly policies. **BOPA**



Botswana Investment and Trade Centre chief operations officer, Mr Anthony Sefako (left) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry assistant secretary general, Ms Mousumi Roy after signing a Memorandum of Understanding at the Botswana-India Business Conclave in Gaborone yesterday. The conclave comes amid deepening economic cooperation between the two nations, driven by shared interest in trade, technology and development. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Ministry implements national tourism strategy

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - The Ministry of Environment and Tourism is implementing the National Tourism Strategy and Master Plan (NTSMP), which is now aligned to the National Transformation Strategy (NTS), anchored on four key pillars.

Speaking during the Hospitality and Tourism Association Botswana (HATAB) conference in Maun yesterday, the tourism minister, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi

said the strategy focused on pillars such as enabling environment, marketing and branding, product strengthening and diversification as well as infrastructure and support services.

To guide such development, the country he said was divided into eight Tourism Development Areas (TDAs), adding that the ministry made significant progress in three key TDAs. He cited one in Gaborone that identified five sites, including Main Mall, Khama Crescent, Central Business Development (CBD), Green Link, and Old Naledi adding that concept designs were currently underway.

Another TDA he mentioned was Chobe, highlighting that through Kasane-Kazungula Redevelopment Project, four key sites were being allocated to investors which were a Residential Eco-Estate, Kasane Marina, Multi-Use Event Centre and Hotel, and the Kazungula Waterfront.

As for the one at Panhandle/Okavango, he said a layout plan for tourism around Mohembo Bridge had been developed, and site assessments and land acquisition were in progress.

In addition, Mr Mmolotsi said the ministry was supporting eight regional community museums across the country, working to safeguard Botswana’s rich heritage collections.

“These community museums serve as guardians of our history and as platforms for cultural education and tourism development.

Through the ‘Adopt a Museum’ program, we are actively pursuing partnerships with members of the public, non-governmental organisations, and the business community to support management and conservation of Botswana’s cultural and natural heritage sites,” he added.

The initiative, he said aimed to strengthen cultural heritage facilities, enabling them to preserve and conserve the national treasures. By doing so, Mr Mmolotsi said they wanted to ensure sustainability of the cultural heritage tourism product, an essential component of the broader tourism offering.

The gathering also learnt that the ministry was reviewing key

tourism legislation, including the Tourism Act of 2009, to streamline licensing and foster a more investor friendly environment.

In addition, Mr Mmolotsi said the Forest Act (1968) was also being reviewed, adding that the ministry was in the process of tabling Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) bill in the winter session of Parliament to help strengthen community involvement in tourism.

“We have amended the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act (2023) which will empower anti-poaching personnel to carry appropriate firearms to combat poaching activities in the country. Botswana tourism is predominantly wildlife-based, this calls for concerted efforts to ensure protection of the biodiversity,” said Mr Mmolotsi.

Such efforts, he said included transforming and strengthening the department of Wildlife and National Parks to enable it better respond to emerging challenges. With regard to infrastructure, connectivity and data, the minister said infrastructure was the backbone of tourism and through collaboration with other ministries, they were prioritising road, air and digital infrastructure that supported the sector.

He mentioned the progress of recent international routes introduced by Ethiopian Airlines and Fly Namibia, noting that Air link would increase flight frequency during the April 2025 peak season. Such developments, Mr Mmolotsi said enhanced connectivity, strengthen Botswana’s position as a premier tourism and investment destination.

The ministry, he said had also opened four routes in the riverfront at Chobe National Park to accommodate tourists while five new game view routes would be opened this year to further spread tourists along the riverfront so that they did not concentrate in one area.

Furthermore, the ministry, he said was working on opening roads in low-density tourism zones such as Nogatshaa Zweezwee to further attract tourists to other parts of Chobe National Park. **BOPA**

‘Government ready to engage’

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - President Advocate Duma Boko has acceded to the request for the revival of the Tourism Pitso, emphasising the forum’s crucial role in addressing pertinent issues and charting a strategic course for the growth of the tourism industry.

Tourism Pitso is a forum focused on discussion, networking, and addressing challenges within the tourism sector.

The pitso attracts various stakeholders, including government officials, tourism operators, and industry representatives, to address issues and promote tourism development.

Officially opening the Hospitality and Tourism Association Botswana (HATAB) conference in Maun yesterday

held under the theme: Botswana Tourism; Exploring the Conditions for Growth, the President appreciated that the forum aimed to discuss key issues and opportunities within the tourism industry and promote the country as a leading tourism destination.

“This forum will also accord me an opportunity to learn and be guided by experts and people who are conversant with tourism issues,” he said.

He underscored the tourism sector’s importance as the emerging engine of economic diversification moving beyond diamond dependence. Tourism, he said, had a huge potential for the country, coming second after minerals in its contribution. He therefore emphasised the need to address challenges that hinder the industry’s growth.

President Boko informed the gathering that government was ready to engage with all sectors that drive economic growth and development to move the country forward. He also acceded to a request for a courtesy call by HATAB chairperson, saying that would help to discuss issues impacting the tourism industry in depth. Stakeholder engagement, he said was key to address challenges facing the sector.

Addressing what he described as a demand for law reforms, the President urged the tourism captains to also identify challenges that impeded the industry’s progress, saying government was committed to reviewing policies,

procedures and laws to do away with bottlenecks.

Shaping policies and development of laws with a view to make the environment conducive for doing business was a priority for the government, he said.

“There is no doubt that the sector is faced with issues such as delay in renewal of leases for concessions and my question is why does the process has to take long instead of two days. My belief is when stuff comes, we need to take a quick route to act,” he added.

The industry players were also encouraged to consider the P4 000 minimum wage for implementation, which President Boko said could improve productivity. “Paying employees well generally leads to increased productivity. High wages motivate them to work hard and when production rises, profits also improve,” he added.

Earlier on, HATAB chairperson, Mr Joe Motse requested the government to consider reviving the Tourism Pitso, saying the forum gave them a platform to engage with relevant authorities on pressing issues affecting the industry.

He also said that when the government formulate policies, it was critical to conduct a study on implications. “There is a need to do a litmus test for the policies to see how they will impact the industry and where there is an impediment, we should not take long to review the said policy because the delay disadvantaged the industry,” he added. **BOPA**

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Molalatau embarks on reading course

Manowe Motsaathebe

MOLALATAU - In the monotony of a quiet, rural village of Molalatau, about 20km east of Bobirwa’s capital Bobonong, Ms Kagelelo Mosimanegape, a 42-year-old community development officer and others have devised a remedy to unshackle themselves from chains of boredom, ignorance and darkness through a reading club. Birthed in February last year, a brainchild of Ms Mosimanegape, the yet to be registered Molalatau Reading Club promotes reading and literacy amongst the community.

A catalyst for the community

members to develop mentally through reading, the club offers a refuge to those longing out of ignorance, according to Ms. Mosimanegape who testified during the World Book and Copyright Day in Molalatau on Wednesday. The event was held under the theme: Indigenous languages: Read your way. Inspired by her uncle to pursue lifelong education, Ms Mosimanegape said she had been a constant feature at every library she lived closest to, and felt duty-bound to organise readers to establish a club that would assist the community in lifelong learning whilst simultaneously helping

some to acquire new skills. “I believe in human development and everywhere I went, I’ve encouraged people to read, whilst also helping start some reading rooms,” she said. In Molalatau she found a community library resourced with books and free internet, a relish she dubbed central business district, otherwise CBD. Couple that with a loving community where the old and the young see the vision behind a reading club, Ms Mosimanegape got herself a pleasant shocker. Although yet to be registered, the reading club already has plans to broaden its scope and produce authors who could partake in local and international shows and or competitions.

“We envision a library and a community akin to nirvana, where young ones would broaden their scopes and develop their minds concurrently,” she added. Inspired to write a book on law and identity of the people, buoyed by her working at and with people from remote area settlements, Ms Mosimanegape would like to document the challenges the remote areas faced and subsequent solutions. Speaking

at the same event, Mr Morei David lauded the existence of a resourced community library, which he said has shone light on his paths ever since accustoming himself not only to frequenting the facility, but also to reading with purpose. “Reading empowers one’s mind with knowledge and takes juveniles off the streets,” Mr David said and added that post reading, the books live on in one’s mind and challenges one to regurgitate it instead of roaming the streets in wander. A self-confessed creature of reading, Mr. David is now studying to become a tourist guide, a trajectory that has been spurred by constant reading. The International Book Day is an annual event commemorated worldwide by authors, publishing houses, illustrators, booksellers and or distributors and information repositories like libraries. This day was set aside by the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1995 to be celebrated on April 23 annually. The celebrations are meant to promote reading, publishing and

copyright around the world. In Molalatau, kids were awarded certificates and monetary prizes for their outstanding performances in debate and spelling. Speaking during the day, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, Mr Jimmy Opelo said the day encourages the public to value the importance of books and reading. The day recognises the significant contribution played by those who write books, poems, stories, fairy tales and all literary works that serve to promote unity and cohesion among communities and nations. The Molalatau book event was the fourth to be celebrated in Botswana. It was first commemorated in Gaborone in 2019, Sehithwa in 2023, and Thamaga in 2024. The Sehithwa and Thamaga events were attended by 2 500 and 1 700 people respectively. This year’s theme has been adopted by UNESCO to bring emphasis to the importance of embracing indigenous languages in the promotion of reading. **BOPA**



The state is in the process of extraditing Katlego Dikeleko from South Africa.

State in extradition process of rape accused

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - The state is in the process of extraditing to Botswana a Mochudi police officer convicted for raping a fellow colleague about two years ago in Mochudi. State prosecutor, Ms Seeletso Ookeditse from the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP) explained before Mochudi Magistrate’s Court yesterday that the state was in the process of extraditing Katlego Calista Dikeleko to the country. “The person is on the run and currently in South Africa,” Ms Ookeditse told the court, adding that the extradition process has already begun. “May I request for a mention date in October as it appears that it will take a long time for him to be extradited to Botswana,” she said. Dikeleko, who has been convicted of raping and robbing a fellow police officer, absconded

from attending a court sessions last year in October when he was to appear for judgment. He was said to have committed the rape in November 2023 in Mochudi. The 31-year-old Dikeleko is alleged to have been violent resulting in the injury of the victim. On the second count, he was found to have robbed the victim a Huawei Y7 cellphone valued at P2 000 and cash amounting to P3 000. In his defence during trial, Dikeleko maintained that the act with his colleague was consensual despite having tied the victim with ropes, adding that they had on the said day, agreed to spice their sexual encounter with bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism (BDSM), an assertion Magistrate Ms Queen Moanga rejected and found him guilty as charged in absentia. **BOPA**

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - Botswana Defence Force (BDF) service personnel have been awarded medals to recognise and appreciate their outstanding service and conduct in military duties. The ceremony was held yesterday (Thursday 24) in Francistown at Second Military Garrison (Donga Camp) conducted by the BDF Commander, Lieutenant General Placid Segokgo accompanied by Second Brigade Group Commander, Brigadier Thomamo Makolo. The medal categories awarded were Pearl Jubilee Medal (PJM), Foreign Service Medal (FSM),

and Long Service Order (LSO). The PJM medals were awarded to a member of BDF who completed 30 years of honourable and continuous service to the army. FSM medals were awarded to BDF officers for honourable service outside the borders of Botswana on operational deployment, related foreign assignment of collective training for a period of two years or more. The medals were awarded by Ground Forces Command, Major General Simon Barwaabatsile accompanied by Commanding officer, 163 Air Defence Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Jobe Mogwera. LSO was awarded to any member of the other ranks within the BDF who had served

with good conduct for a period of not less than 15 years and were presented by Lt. General Segokgo, Director of Defence Intelligence, Brigadier Modise Tlhage and Commanding Officer, 224 Infantry Lieutenant Colonel Magalo Modise. In a post interview, Lieutenant Colonel, Lefika Ramontshonyana said the BDF medal parade was one of the biggest events in the BDF calendar that started with the establishment of BDF in 1977. He said it’s an annual event held in April. Lieutenant Colonel Ramontshonyana said such medals served to motivate, as well as to encourage BDF officers to be hard workers and to serve diligently. **BOPA**



Botswana Defence Force (BDF) Commander, Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo (right) bestowing medals on deserving officers during the 48th Award of Medals Parade ceremony in Francistown yesterday. Photo: Courtesy of BDF

Report reveals carcinogens in synthetic hair

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - A recent investigation by Consumer Reports has revealed troubling levels of harmful chemicals, including carcinogens, lead, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in synthetic braiding hair products widely used by Black women and girls in the United States, as well as individuals of African descent globally. According to the report, these groups represent the largest demography of consumers for such products.

Consumer Reports, a US non-profit organisation known for independent product testing, investigative journalism, and consumer advocacy, tested ten synthetic braiding hair products and found carcinogens in all of them. One of the most concerning substances detected

was benzene, a chemical linked to acute myeloid leukemia.

Lead was identified in nine of the ten products; prolonged exposure to lead can damage the brain and nervous system, suppress the immune system, and contribute to reproductive issues, kidney damage, and hypertension.

The report particularly underscored lead's dangers to children, including delayed brain development and other cognitive impairments. Among the VOCs found, acetone, a known respiratory irritant was detected at the highest levels across most of the samples

To address growing public concern, Dr Lebogang Sebekedi, a Lifestyle Medicine Practitioner and expert in Complementary and Alternative Medicine, weighed in on the findings.

With years of experience

in holistic health and disease prevention, he urged the public to remain cautious, but not alarmed.

"The study raises a cautionary flag more than it points to a smoking gun," Dr Sebekedi said, explaining that the small sample size, lack of exposure quantification, unrealistic testing conditions, and absence of health outcome data significantly weaken the claim of immediate danger.

He emphasised that while the findings could not be dismissed, the conclusions drawn by Consumer Reports may have overreached the data.

"Only ten brands were tested,"

he added. "That's like testing twenty cars and concluding that all vehicles are unsafe. As a chemist, I would call for a broader survey before raising alarm bells," said Dr. Sebekedi, who stressed the importance of involving major regulatory bodies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct more comprehensive studies that can track actual health outcomes.

Commenting on the detected carcinogens, he noted that no scientific studies have yet linked synthetic hair directly to cancer. "Correlation isn't causation," he said, "and without clinical

evidence, we cannot draw definitive conclusions."

He also pointed to other contributing cancer risk factors, such as genetics, diet, and environmental pollution.

"Don't throw your braiding hair into the bonfire just yet," Dr Sebekedi advised. "If possible, opt for brands with cleaner ingredient profiles, but above all, be cautious.

"The risk may be real, but this study alone isn't reason enough to lose sleep. Science demands evidence that is more substantial before we declare a crisis. Stay informed, but carry on with your daily life," he said. **BOPA**



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Five face charges - Supt Baatweng

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

FRANCISTOWN - A Motswana man and four Zimbabwean nationals will appear before the court for harbouring illegal immigrants and for staying in the country without the necessary documentation.

Superintendent Boipuso Baatweng of the Tati-Town Police informed **BOPA** on Tuesday that the police became aware of the situation after the vehicle carrying the five individuals was involved in an accident on the Francistown-Orapa road.

The five were reportedly en-route to Rakops when the driver, a Motswana man, lost control of the Honda Fit, causing the vehicle to overturn.

The accident resulted in injuries

to both the driver and one of the passengers.

Upon investigation, the police confirmed that the four Zimbabweans did not possess valid passports. Superintendent Baatweng stated, "We will charge the driver with illegally harbouring foreigners lacking proper documentation, and the four Zimbabweans will not escape charges for staying in Botswana without passports, as required by law."

He added that the five men will face the law once the injured parties have been discharged from the hospital.

Superintendent Baatweng warned Batswana against harbouring illegal immigrants, stating that this could lead to severe legal consequences. **BOPA**



A 52-year-old cobbler, Mr Chinyane Sikokolo, has been running a shoe repair business at the bus rank in Gaborone since 2010, specialising in repairs and sole replacement. He said while materials were accessible, he still faced challenges due to a lack of funds to purchase in bulk. Mr Sikokolo's business is constrained by limited space, but he expressed hope to expand to better display customer shoes and create jobs by hiring two to three employees. Having moved beyond basic repairs, he now seeks to venture into designing and producing leather products.

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Farmer pleads for govt support

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Despite the high incidence of human-wildlife conflict, some farmers in the Ngamiland region continue to farm due to their dependence on agriculture for subsistence and livelihood.

Even with the risk of crop loss due to elephants raiding their farms, farming still remains a vital source of food and income for many. One such farmer is a 68-year-old, Mr Bakae Maphare of Shorobe in the eastern side of Maun.

He is a passionate farmer who cultivates his land every year and is lucky to be alive after he survived an attack by an enraged elephant at his ploughing field at Mochaba.

He ploughs a variety of crops ranging from maize, millet, watermelon and beans and he always has a bumper harvest because he ploughs early than others.

"Farming is close to my heart and normally I plough before the rainy season starts with a view to prevent giant animals from damaging my crops because they intrude into our homesteads and fields around May, June and July," said Mr Maphare in an interview.

Some farmers have abandoned their ploughing fields due to the high risk of crop loss and the feeling that the government has turned a blind ear to their plight but for Mr Maphare, even with crops raiding, farming is still a viable option because he is of the view that something could be done to mitigate the human-wildlife conflict.

He said despite facing frequent crops raiding by elephants, he persisted in farming because he views it as the primary source of food and income.

He said farming is profitable if one does it right and perseveres. However, the year 2024 brought distress and grief to the elderly subsistence farmer following an attack by an aggressive elephant, which badly injured him.

Narrating his horrifying ordeal, Mr Maphare recalled that it was on a quiet drizzling evening last year May when his children spotted a troupe of elephants raiding crops and alerted him.

He took a rifle and hurried to the field to scare them and upon arrival shot in the air twice and the giant animals got irritated and moved some metres away from the centre of the field.

A few minutes later, one of the elephants aggressively turned around and ran towards him raising its trunk and fully extended its ears ready to attack.

Suddenly, he said he saw myself lying in a pool of blood under the huge animal, which kept on trampling and shattering his chest and right arm with its tusk.

Mr Maphare revealed that he was fortunate to be alive as there was a certain man whom he borrowed a hectare of land in his field and by the time of the incident, he was harvesting watermelons. "I was in an intolerable pain, that elephant almost killed me because I could not move my body.

"I am lucky I survived the attack and I thank that man for saving my life as he continued clapping hands until the other elephants left

the field and to my astonishment, the one attacking me also followed them.

He reported the matter to the police who rushed me to Letsholathebe hospital and I was immediately referred to Nyangagwe Referral Hospital where I was hospitalised for a month," he added, calling on the government to speedily review the compensation policy and include compensation for people injured by wild animals.

Mr Maphare argued with sadness that all his labour was in vain since elephants raided crops, which were already ripe.

Efforts to approach the Department of Wildlife and National Parks were also in vain as he was informed that the government only provides ex-gratia payment of P70 000 to families of those killed by wildlife.

"It saddens most to watch elephants destroying your produce after months of hard work. I take farming seriously because it is my source of income," he said, noting that once he is fully recovered, he would trace his roots.

While he appreciates that conflict will always exist, he pins hopes on the new administration that they would come up with better strategies to mitigate human-wildlife conflict in a bid to enhance food security.

He said the Ngamiland region is home to vast herds of elephants, buffaloes, lions, hippos and leopards, which terrorise residents and emphasised that the government should protect farmers while also promoting conservation. **BOPA**

Sandveld field day tomorrow

By Keith Ketl

SANDVELDT - Preparations for Sandveld Ranchers Association Field Day slated for Saturday at Kagotsii Ranch, western Sandveld are at advanced stage. The Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti is expected to officially launch the event.

Speaking in an interview with *BOPA* on Wednesday, the chairperson of Sandveld Ranchers Association, Mr Gabolekwe Tlogelang said they were working on final touches to ensure the success of the event.

The day, he noted would bring diverse stakeholders, including ranchers and financial institutions under one roof to exchange notes on how best to improve self-sufficiency and food security in the country.

Mr Tlogelang spoke of the need to take advantage of value addition to increase the value of their products and reap more benefits.

He said such a move would also strengthen efforts to commercialise the beef sector in the country and improve food security.

Mr Tlogelang encouraged

stakeholders in the livestock sub sector to transform and diversify agriculture from the traditional style to new ways of farming, using advanced technology for optimum out-put.

Furthermore, he said the association remain committed to ensure that the country produced quality beef for the European market.

He spoke of the need to increase cattle herd, pointing out that in 2004 there were about 2.2 million cattle in the country but the numbers declined drastically over the years to about 1.5 million.

Meanwhile, Mr Tlogelang decried lack of agricultural extension workers in the area, saying they needed them the most to soar the beef sub-sector in the country.

He said such professionals would bridge the gap between research and farmers by helping them apply scientific knowledge and new information to improve their farming enterprises.

Mr Tlogelang said they would work directly with farmers providing technical advice, training and support to enhance their productivity and overall agricultural development. *BOPA*



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, is expected to officiate at the Sandveld Ranchers Association Field Day at Kagotsii Ranch, Western Sandveld tomorrow.

Minister assures association of support

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Members of Hospitality and Tourism Association Botswana (HATAB) have been advised to engage the government on any piece of legislation that impedes the growth of their businesses.

Addressing HATAB members and stakeholders during cocktail dinner in Maun on Wednesday, Minister for State President, Mr

Moeti Mohwasa said government was committed to creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive.

The position of the government, he said, was to do away with impediments that hindered progress, citing that there was no legislation that allowed cultivation of Hemp but government would find a way to ensure cultivation of Hemp took place.

Mr Mohwasa called on members and other stakeholders to join hands with the new administration to grow the economy and deliver a new Botswana.

He noted that HATAB annual conference marked the association's 40 years anniversary, which symbolised an enduring passion and unwavering commitment by the association to not only contribute to the growth of tourism sector but the national economy.

"Over these four decades we have seen a tremendous growth in our economic activities particularly in the host areas of Okavango and Chobe where certainly culture has been promoted, improvement in businesses and the livelihoods of the people," he added.

Furthermore, he expressed gratitude to HATAB for convening the impactful event gathering leading voices and experts to deliberate on pertinent industry issues that cover various aspects of the sector.

The resolutions and key decisions adopted through the event, he said, must demonstrate tangible solutions through action rather than just discussing concepts.

The cocktail, sponsored by Stanbic Bank, which the minister appreciated, presented an opportunity for all to reflect on the progress they were making in the financial inclusion space.

He said financial inclusion was a catalyst for achieving many Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs) as it meant individuals and businesses had access to affordable financial products and services that met their needs, which were delivered in a responsible and sustainable way.

"While we encourage capital accumulation to promote financial stability, we cannot overlook the clearly evident vulnerability of people and businesses to climate change and natural disasters.

It is therefore imperative to build resilience with financial and banking products that can enable recovery from environmental shocks," he said.

That, Mr Mohwasa highlighted, resonated well with government's mandate driven by his ministry to also facilitate national strategic emergency coordination, coordinating National Transformation Strategy and overseeing government projects and programmes among other key areas.

He, however corroborated Stanbic Bank dedication in providing essential aid and alleviating human distress during the devastating floods experienced recently, adding that the financial institution joined flood relief efforts by contributing P2 million to the Private Sector Disaster Response Fund (PSDRF) to serve over 5 000 vulnerable community members.

In addition, Mr Mohwasa said, the bank had been also recognised as Botswana's best bank for environment, social and

governance (ESG) by Euromoney at the Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2024.

He said the accolades was an acknowledgement that as communities evolved, the banking sector must also ensure that their growth strategies promoted equitable opportunities for all and address systematic inequalities.

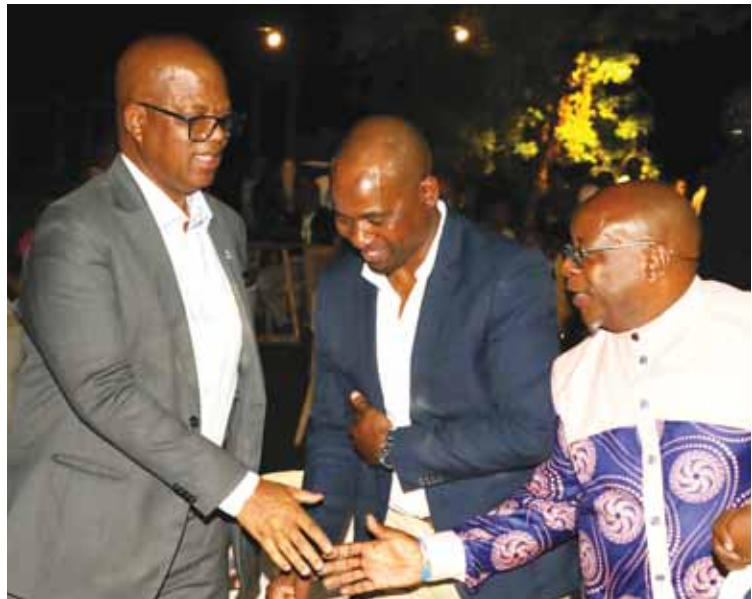
Stanbic Bank chief executive officer, Mr Chose Modise said the bank was open for stakeholder collaboration, which he said was critical for all to ensure sustainable tourism practices.

Appreciating the excellent service in the tourism industry, Mr Modise stated that tourism could be the country's new diamond.

"We have something special and it is entirely upon us, how big we want to grow it and as we explore the conditions, the value and benefit of tourism plays a crucial role in the country's economic stability, cultural preservation and environmental conservation.

While maximising the benefits, it is important to mitigate the challenges," he said, emphasising that it was essential for all stakeholders including government, local authorities, banking sector and tourism industry, its partners and providers to collaborate on sustainable policies.

Mr Modise said the future of tourism in the country lay in balancing the economic growth, social responsibility and environmental strategies. *BOPA*



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left), Stanbic Bank CEO, Mr Chose Modise (centre) and Mozambique High Commissioner to Botswana, Mr Antonio Macheve at the 2025 HATAB annual conference dinner hosted by the bank in Maun on Wednesday. Mr Mohwasa urged tourism companies to accede to government's call of paying employees a living wage of P4 000 to help close the wide gap between the rich and the poor.

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DHL sales executive and relationship manager, Mr George Dempster (second left) and relationship manager in training, Ms Bridget Selwe (right) with participants during the DHL WIBA training session in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Dempster encouraged women to transform their businesses into global magnets to maximise their potential. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

DHL, WIBA equip women in global trade

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - From budding entrepreneurs to seasoned business owners, women in the small to medium enterprise (SME) sector gathered in Gaborone on Wednesday for a workshop aimed at empowering them to tap into the vast potential of global trade.

The training was organised by Dalsey, Hillblom, and Lynn (DHL), a global leader in logistics and transportation, in partnership with the Women In Business Association (WIBA) under the theme: Trade and Grow Beyond Borders.

The facilitator, DHL Country Manager Mr Bob Marjawar underscored the importance of equipping women with necessary tools and knowledge to navigate international markets, especially in light of the upcoming African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

“We believe women are in a prime position to benefit from the free trade area. Knowledge and access to the right information will be key in helping them seize the opportunities that come with it,” said Mr Marjawar. He acknowledged the fear and hesitation that many felt when it came to international trade, often perceived as overly complex.

“DHL wants to use its expertise, global reach, and integrated services to demystify global trade,” he added, expressing the company’s commitment to empowering women entrepreneurs and supporting them through the full workshop series. Mr Marjawar said future sessions will cover topics such as setting up an online store, international shipping logistics, payment systems, and DHL’s tools that simplify cross-border trade.

Despite current global

challenges, including economic strain from ongoing wars and US imposed tariffs on imports from several African countries, Mr Marjawar highlighted emerging opportunities such as e-commerce. “With a good website, anyone can sell to the world,” he said.

WIBA Chairperson, Ms Christinah Leshego expressed appreciation for the partnership with DHL, calling it ‘an answered prayer’ for women entrepreneurs, especially in the face of logistical challenges encountered during initiatives like the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

“Logistics has always been a mammoth problem for us,” she noted, appreciating the significance of the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between WIBA and DHL. “With DHL by our side, we stand a better chance of excelling in the upcoming Free Trade Area as Batswana female entrepreneurs.”

Participants in the workshop expressed heartfelt gratitude to DHL for the training. For some, like Ms Marcia Sento, a canned foods entrepreneur, the knowledge shared provided hope after years of facing nearly insurmountable obstacles.

“There are always barriers when I try to sell my products to customers. To be honest, I often end up smuggling them just to make a sale,” she confessed, expressing optimism that the workshop would help her find more sustainable and legal solutions.

As part of its commitment to breaking down global trade barriers for women, DHL also runs DHL For Her, a programme dedicated to empowering women in business and promoting them into leadership roles. The workshop series will continue online via Zoom over the next three months. **BOPA**



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The Land Tribunal Regulations of 2024 (Statutory Instrument No. 86 of 2024) were gazetted on 5th August 2024. The Regulations bring about significant changes to some existing processes and standards, notably the following;

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- b. Fees for responding papers and any other court process;
- c. Prescription of filing, service and notice timelines;
- d. Prescribed forms for filing various court processes.

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Re a Leboga

Maralaleng, Draaihoek mourn leaders

By Naomi Leepile

TSABONG - Communities of Maralaleng and Draaihoek will have a somber Saturday as they will be laying to rest two of their traditional leaders.

In an interview, Kgosi David Megano of Maralaleng said the headman of arbitration of Masedi Ward in Maralaleng, Ms Keelesitse Kgangnyeng died on April 20, after a short illness.

He said the deceased had a long history of service to the community, having volunteered since 1998 and being formally employed in 2004.

Meanwhile, Kgosi Sekai Kgaodi of Draaihoek confirmed the death of Herero Ward headman of arbitration Mr Thomas Kavari who has been ill since 2022.

He said Mr Kavari would also be buried in Draaihoek on the same day. **BOPA**

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UNESCO appeals for AI inclusion in schools

ADDIS ABABA - Officials from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) have called for the inclusion of artificial intelligence (AI)-related content in foundational and secondary school curricula to transform the education system in Africa.

Ethiopia Digital Week 2025 and Huawei Education Summit was held in Addis Ababa on Tuesday, bringing together African technology and education experts.

Speaking at the opening of event, Rita Bissoonauth, director of the UNESCO Liaison Office to the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), said the development of AI in Africa would help promote innovative and sustainable education ecosystems through promoting digital solutions.

“UNESCO calls for African governments and private sectors to partner and work together in integrating AI into formal curricula and investing in green, tech-driven educational models to meet the needs of the new green economy,” Bissoonauth said.

Bissoonauth lauded Huawei’s and other Chinese companies’ commitment to expanding information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure in Africa.

She highlighted Huawei’s

growing investment in its global ICT academy initiative, including partnering with more than 2 200 educational institutions and offering training to over 200 000 students each year in ICT, networking, and cloud technologies.

Chief of education at the UNESCO Liaison Office to the AU and UNECA, Abdoulaye Salifou, emphasised the need to harness the opportunities

presented by AI and equip the African workforce with digital technology to spur economic development across the continent.

“The AI must be well handled in an appropriate manner guided by clear principles, inclusive governance and people-oriented ways,” Salifou said.

The central theme of this year’s Huawei Education Summit aims to integrate AI education in

Africa’s schools curricula, from AI-generated lesson plans to AI-assisted teaching techniques and real-time adaptive learning platforms.

During the summit, Huawei unveiled its latest education-focused technology solutions, including a cloud and AI-powered education platform, which enabled educational institutions to design intelligent digital learning environments.

It also unveiled Digital Smart Campus architecture, which offers an integrated model for managing academic, administrative, and research functions in real time, and Green Smart Campus technologies, such as modular data centers and solar-powered infrastructure that support environmentally responsible digital transformation in education. *Xinhua*

‘Join efforts to combat food insecurity ‘

JOHANNESBURG - Countries have to work together to address food insecurity, climate volatility, and systemic exclusion, which continue to threaten the stability of global food systems, South Africa official said on Wednesday.

Minister of Agriculture John Steenhuisen made the remarks during the Group of 20 (G20) Agriculture Working Group meeting, running from Wednesday to Friday in Durban.

He said South Africa is facing rising input costs, unpredictable climate shocks, and constrained fiscal spaces.

Steenhuisen said the solution lied in technology and innovation transfer, particularly to bridge the gap between those who are inventing and those who needed access to those inventions.

Countries have to build systems that can feed the world without destroying the

ecosystems that support them, he said.

“South Africa is committed to an approach that is inclusive, transparent, and focused on action.

As the host country and chair of this working group, we are deeply committed to ensuring that this working group becomes a platform for collective ambition, practical collaboration, and long-term transformation,” the minister said.

“We believe that if we work together, we can build a future in which agriculture feeds not just stomachs, but economies, ecosystems, and futures.”


Various working groups of the G20 have been holding meetings in South Africa since the country assumed the G20 presidency on December 1, last year.

South Africa will host the G20 Leaders’ Summit in November. *Xinhua*




BANGUI - People waiting for food and seed distribution in Central African Republic. South Africa Minister of Agriculture, John Steenhuisen, urged countries to work together to address food insecurity, climate volatility, and systemic exclusion, which continued to threaten the stability of global food systems.


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Letlhoko la madi le ama ba kabo ditsha

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KANYE - Lekgotla la kabo ditsha la Ngwaketse le lela ka ditirelo tse di saletseng kwa morago ka ntlha ya letlhoko la madi.

Mokwaledi wa lekgotla, Rre Godiramang Moepeng o supile fa makgotla a mabotlana a kabo ditsha a a welang ka fa tlase ga la Ngwaketse a tlhoka gore a dire ditogamaano tse di tlaa thusang go isa ditlamelo kwa setshabeng go sa kgathalesege gore seemo sa madi ke se se ntse jang.

“Mo dikgweding tse tharo tse di sa tswang go feta, bogolo jang ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo, lekgotla le ne la amogela madi a dithuso a a sa busiweng go setse go le thari,” Rre Moepeng a supa a bo a thalosa fa se, se ama ditsamaiso tsa lephata.

A re le fa seemo se ntse jalo, lekgotla le tshwanetse go dira ka natla go itumedisa setshaba, bogolo jang mo dikgweding tse pedi tse di tlang ka jaana madi a setlha sa ntlha a setse a bonetse.

O supile fa dikoloi tsa lekgotla di sa itekanela ebile bontsi jwa tsone di se mo tirisong, fa dingwe di ka se tshaphiwe go dirisiwa. Bothata jo, ba bo tshwere le ka dibalamakgolo.

Rre Moepeng o tladitse ka gore dikago tsa bodiredi le matlo di onetse, mme a kopa le go rotloetsa badiri ba lephata go tia le go tshwara ka thata ba bo ba nne ka tsholofelo ya gore seemo se tlaa tokafala.

O tlhagisitse makgotlana a kabo ditsha ka dikgang tse di sa ntseng di eme jaaka dikgotlhang le ditsheko tsa lefatshe, mme a kopa botlhe gore ba dire maiteko a go di fokotsa.

A re go mo pontsheng gore setshaba ga se itumelele lekgotla la kaboditsha le go ntsha maduo ga lone.

“Lekgotla le tshwanetse go dira maiteko a go busetsa tshapho le tlhompho ya setshaba le ntsa dikgwetlho di le teng,” Rre Moepeng a gakolola. A re lekgotla le tlaa tshwanelwa ke go nna kelotlhoko ka tirisano ya madi.

BOPA

‘Bolokang kwa posong’

Ka Victoria Kesimolotse

MAHALAPYE - Mopalamente wa Mahalapye Bophirima, Rre David Tshere yo gape e leng Tona wa Ditlhaeletsano le Botlhami, o rotloeditse bagodi go inaakanya le go dirisa mabolokelo a poso go ipeela madi a bone a dikamogelo.

O boletse se fa a buisa phuthego kwa kgotleng ya Madiba kwa Mahalapye ka Mosupulogo.

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sekaseka gore madi a ka goroga jang kwa go bone ka pabalesego.

Rre Tshere a re thulaganyo e tlaa dirwa go bona gore go ka dirwa jang go dirisa maranyane a a motlhofo go itsa go amogwa madi.

O tsewetse ka go re o itumelela gore bagodi ba amogetse koketso e ka jaana fa a ntse a buisa diphuthego, menyenyano ya bagolo e tlhwatswa pelo mme e le selo se se ntle thata ka se supa boitumelo.

Fa a bua kwa phuthegong eo, Kgosi wa Madiba Rre Sonny Mereyotlhe o kopile khansela ya Mahalapye go sekaseka kgang ya dikgomo tsa matimela a supa fa morafe o sokola go bona dikgomo tsa bone tse di timetseng.

A re go le pele, barui ba ne ba itse gore ba reetsa thulaganyo

ya matimela kgotsa ba ya go tlhola dikgomo tsa bone kwa khanseleng fa ba sa di bone mo sekgweng.

Rre Mereyotlhe a re barui ba tlelwa ke boitlhobogo ka jaana ba sa tlhole ba itse gore a ba timelelwa ke dikgomo kgotsa ba di amogwa ke magodu, mme ebile dikgetsi tsa bogodu di setse di keketse mo merakeng ya bone.

A re barui le bone ba ne ba thusa ka go isa dikgomo tse di timeletseng mo merakeng ya bone kwa khanseleng.

A re khansela e tlaa bo gape e fokoleditse ba sepodisi morwalo ka go phutha matimela a, mme ba kgona go itebaganya le dikgang tse dingwe.

Mokwaledi wa khansela ya Mahalapye, Mme Gomolemo

Moepeng, fa aa kgwa Kgosi dikgaba, o boletse fa lenaneo la matimela le santse le emisitswe ka ntlha ya letlhoko la madi.

A tselela ka go supa fa ba tlaa tlhatlosa mosepele ka ba setse ba filwe madi, mme seemo se tlaa boela mannong ka go phutha matimela.

Monni wa kgotla ya Madiba, Rre Dimpho Makoba, o ngongoregile ka dikgwebo potlana tsa batswakwa ba ba senang dipampipri kgotsa tseletso ya go nna mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

A re batswakwa ba setse ba tletse gongwe le gongwe mme ebile ba sa kgalemelesege ka jaana dikgwebo tse di seegetsweng Batswana di setse di dirwa ke bone.

Assistant Superintendent Moffat Seokanyane wa sepodisi sa Botswana a re ba leka ka bojoitlhe go tshwara batswakwa ba ba busetsa kwa mafatsheng a bone mme ba bowa ba tlola melolwane ba boela mo Botswana ba sena dipampiri.

Rre Seokanyane a re se ba se itemogetseng ke gore Batswana le bone ba thapa batswakwa a bo ba ba duela dituelo tse di kwa tlase mme ebile ba ba fitlha mo matlong a bone, kwa masimong le kwa merakeng gore ba ba berekele.

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Electrical & Electronics Engineering Lecturer (7)

- Qualification & Experience:** Degree/Master's Degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering or equivalent from a Recognized University
- 4 years' experience teaching experience at tertiary education level
- The candidates must be able to teach some of the following modules:**
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- Embedded System Design, Network Theory, Electrical and Electronics Engineering Principles and Assist students in research and projects
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- Experience:** 5 years of relevant teaching experience
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- Experience:** 5 years of relevant teaching experience at a tertiary education level

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- ICT System integration and Management, Antenna & Propagations, Electricity & Magnetism, Advanced Radio System, Advanced Telecommunication, Computer Security, Engineering Science and Engineering Drawing

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- Qualification:** A Degree/Masters or a PhD in Mechanical Engineering or its equivalent from a recognized University
- Experience:** 5 years of relevant teaching experience at a tertiary education level
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LOOKING FOR FARM worker in Bonwapitse fields. Contact: 71369398. P O Box 3152 Mahalapye

MORGAN FARM, GAKUTO. Farm worker wanted 72 295 440

URGENTLY WANTED : FARM Managers, farm supervisors, five farm workers and ten seasonal farm workers to work at a horticultural farm located at Magothoadisa, Bakgatla area. Contact Goitsemodimo Magdeline Gabegwe, P O Box 40874, Gaborone

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FARM WORKER (1) Tibelt Holdings (Pty) Ltd-Poultry P O Box 301876 Tlokweng.Call:71822986 Junior Certificate holder-no experience required,Mabutswe field,Tlokweng Closing date: 08 May 2025

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FARM WORKER WANTED in Masama farms. Should have crop farming experience. Please apply to P O Box 2181 Gaborone Botswana. Contact +267 77 455 083

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 334 in Mogoditshane intends to change landuse of the plot form single family residential to commercial. For any objection contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council physical planning office, 3105615 or James (physical planner), 71708051/ 75285391 within 14 working days of this publication

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION, OIKANYENG Bathena Plaatjie of plot no 1934 at Kumakwane wishes to notify neighbours about erection of a boundary wall. Objections can be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council physical planning office, on 3960773 within (14) days of this publication.

I ROSI PILANE owner of plot 17059, Mmaratanang ward, Tlokweng intends to erect boundary wall. Any objections should be sent to physical planning office, Tlokweng District Council. Contact 3695000

PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE

Master's Reference – LQHGB – 000001 - 25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

BRENHAM (PTY) LTD – UNDER PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Jethro Kamutsi was appointed the Provisional Liquidator of Brenham (Pty) Ltd on the 30th of January 2025.

Debtors and Creditors of the company are hereby required to pay their debts and/or file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

By the Provisional Liquidator

Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Sethloa Office Park, Unit 6
Sethloa Village, Gaborone
P O Box 602430 Gaborone

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-0008235-23

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE BAITSHEPI TEBOGO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District Botswana on the 01st day of August 2021.

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

DATED at _on this_ Day of _2025

The Executrix
Khumo Tebogo
P O Box 2039 MOGODITSHANE
Cell: 71632596

Urgently Wanted: Mechanical Engineers\Technical Supervisor, Riggers, Welders, Boiler Makers, Machinists, Auto Mechanics, Auto Electricians, Mechanics, Diesel Plant Fitters, Grander Operator Final Cutter, Foreman Mechanics, Foreman Auto Mechanics, Foreman Auto Electricians, Foreman Diesel Plant Fitters with over ten years' experience, Excavator Operators, Ten Extra Heavy Duty Drivers experienced in driving left hand trucks with over 30 tons' payload throughout SADC countries with over 10 years' experience.

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
EMILY B MOJIWA	ESHFT-000225-25	06-08-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Leol Holdings

Leol Holdings is a Property Development Company, recruiting for the position of **Finance Manager**, reporting to the Finance Director,

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Applicants who meet the above criteria should send in their application letters, CVs and employment references before **14th May 2025** to the Human Resource Manager PO Box 240 ABG Sebele Mall Gaborone, Plot 57669 Block 10 Gaborone Email to **admin2@eman.in**,Tel; 3186157

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NELLY MOLEFE OF lot 74996 Gaborone would like to erect a boundary wall on the same plot. For queries contact 72 534 131

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JRT PROPERTIES-NEIGHBOUR consultation- The owner of plot 8395 Tlokweng wishes to inform neighbouring plot owners of their intention to build a double story house. For any objections or queries please contact Tlokweng District Council Building Control Office on telephone number 3928355 or 3982200.

RANKWANA SEWAGODIMO **WOULD** like to change use from ploughing field to gravel Mining. For objections contact Mogoditshane Thamaga sub district or physical planning Mogoditshane on 3166646 within fourteen days (14) of publication of notice

TOY RACHABATSOTLHE **WOULD** like to change land use from commercial to single family residential. For objection contact Mogoditshane/Thamaga sub district physical planning Mogoditshane on 3166646 within fourteen days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOTS 37489 Located in Lotlhakane east church intends to build a boundary wall all round. Neighbours are therefore consulted. For any objections please contact Mr Gaotingwe Sefhedi on 71 614 675 within 14 days.

OWNER OF PLOT No.21397 intends to change land use from commercial shop to multi-family (build flats) in Maun, Boseja ward. For any objection contact North West District Council Physical Planning office at 6817963/6817942 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 592 Masunga, Mannathoko ward intends to change from single to multi residential. Queries contact North East Council

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VACANCIES

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000612/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ALFRED SEREMANE who did at Good Hope Primary Hospital, Goodhope, Barolong district, Botswana on the 18th day of August 2023.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged the Master

DATED at.....on the.....day of.....2025

The Executrix
Dineo Morobele Seremane
P O Box 1441
PITSANE
Cell: 72717973/71550756

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
THABANEDI GABANA	ESHFT-000411-23	10-06-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Notice of next of kin meetings

Administration of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of deceased person	Estate number	Date of meeting	Time	Master
Joseph M. Kaetwa	ESHFT-000329-25	15-07-2025	1100HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of certificate of registered title No. 137/2000 dated the **16th day of March 2000** passed in favour of **Lesedi Lesiapeto** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: Lot No.: 2197 Serowe
SITUATE: In the Bangwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 629m2 (Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Square Metres)

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

DATED at Serowe this 14th day of February 2025

LESEDI LESIAPETO, Applicant

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
EDITH C MOTHOBİ	ESHFT-000001-25	05-08-25	0900 HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
MOSUPI WITNESS MANEWE	ESHFT-000162-25	09-07-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2025

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB- 000020-24

IN THE ESTATE of the **LATE PATRICK TIHELO AND KEOPE PHOLOGOLO**

Who died at Plot 6638, Extension 16-Broadhurst, Gaborone, Gaborone district Botswana on the 30th day of October 2002 and Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, kweneng District Botswana on the 27th day of December 2015 respectively?

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that debtors and creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned

within of **thirty (30)days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT 12:29 on this 23 Day of _April_ 2025

The Executrix
Nonofa Podile
P O Box 497 MOSHUPA
CELL: 71837039/ 72652331

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:ESHGB 000827/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SENTSHO RAMAPULANA** who died at Setshwane ward,Bokaa,Kgatleng District,Botswana on the 26th July 2020.

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

DATED aton this.....day of.....2025

The Executrix
Modi Ramapulana
P O Box 127 **Bokaa**
Tel:75417221

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION

OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
TENDANI E. MANYIWA	ESHFT- 000198-25	23-07-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference : ESHGB 000321/21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Bushey Kenosi** who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone. Gaborone District, Botswana on the 15th September, 2021.

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

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 23rd day of April 2025

Executrix
Gaefiwe Crunch Kenosi
Plot 39794, Block 6
PO Box 446 MOGODITSHANE
TEL : +267 75226105

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DJ Taitha master on turntables

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - At just 25, Moiyabana-born Obakeng Gaaillewe, better known as DJ Taitha, is turning heads and spinning beats across Botswana's entertainment scene.

She told *BOPA* in an interview that what began as a love for Gospel mornings in a small village has evolved into a powerful rise that has seen her play at over 40 venues nationwide.

"I think anybody who knows Moiyabana knows it's fun," she explained. "Music plays from morning till the next day. My mom's Gospel was my daily alarm it's where it all began," she noted.

DJ Taitha said early exposure to rhythm and melody shaped her passion. "In school, you'd never find an entertainment event without me," she mentioned.

"I loved the stage as it gave me confidence and rhythm," she related. She discovered her DJ talent in Selebi Phikwe.

"My first gig wasn't perfect, but people vibed and I felt I had arrived.

That's when I knew this is it," she added. Today, DJ Taitha is more than just a deck-spinner.

With a marketing degree from the University of Botswana, she understands the business side of the beat. "Talent is just one part. Branding matters. Studying marketing was the icing on the cake," she said.

In a male-dominated space, she has carved out a lane of her own. "People doubt you just because you're a woman but you show up anyway. Every day," she added.

Known for her diverse and unpredictable sets, she said, "I love surprising people mid-set. Music is vast; I want to explore all of it." She is especially drawn to the energy of Amapiano.

"It's not just a sound, it's a movement. It connects with the youth; it's free, vibrant, and spiritual," noted DJ Taitha. Her inspirations range from international stars to Botswana

legends like Culture Spears. "They keep it real.

That authenticity inspires me," she said. DJ Taitha has performed at more than 40 hotspots including Piano Sunsets, Temple Lounge, Ko Café (Manye), Black Dog, X-Hall (Phikwe), and Corona Sunset (Francistown). "These are the stages I used to dream about. Now they're real," she said.

Balancing gigs with a corporate job, she stays grounded through faith. "God is my anchor. Without Him, none of this works. And routine keeps me sane," she said.

To girls from small villages dreaming of more, her advice is simple: "Finish school, start with what you have, and don't let fear win. Your dreams are valid."

Asked what's next in her career, she mentioned big collaborations. "I'm such a dreamer, and my team Daisy Tshoswane and Leago Mogano keeps me focused. Team work really does make the dream work," she said. *BOPA*



Obakeng Gaaillewe, better known as DJ Taitha, is spinning beats across Botswana's entertainment scene. Photo: Courtesy of DJ Taitha

Thapong coordinator condemns art plagiarism

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Thapong Visual Arts Centre coordinator,

Reginald Bakwena has strongly condemned visual arts plagiarism as an act that could damage artists' reputation and credibility as well as lead to copyright infringements with possible legal action and other consequences.

He thus cautioned artists not

to imitate, trace or appropriate other people's work saying, "that is their creative process and you need their attribution and consent to use their work.

Therefore, always engage them whenever you want to use any piece of their work in yours."

Bakwena was speaking at the opening of Thapong members exhibition on Wednesday, at Thapong where he advised artists to familiarise themselves with copyright laws and legalities around visual arts and urged them to always reference any elements of another artist in their work and to be authentic.

Art is a diversification of economic growth from which many countries benefit, Bakwena said.

The Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis Creative Study of 2019 indicates that the creative sector contributes five per cent of the country's GDP and Bakwena urged the private and parastatal sectors to support the creatives for them to do more.

With such support, Bakwena reckons Botswana can develop

monument parks and more art centres for economic growth and also pride in the country's cultural identity.

Thapong members exhibition, a networking platform that acknowledges and contributes to artists' individual livelihood, by marketing their work embraces professional and developing artists.

The two-week exhibition has attracted 38 exhibitors with 100 art works and features Oodi Weavers as special guest artists.

Meanwhile, visual artist maestro, Wilson Ngoni told *BOPA* that the exhibition had advanced in the visual art space, with pleasing quality from artists.

He said he noticed some of his influence in other artists' work. "The subject matter is patriotic, it is showcasing Botswana well and it is very African," Ngoni said adding that painting was the future.

He advised artists to be generous with paint lest their work came out pale.

Ngoni said he was open to assisting fellow artists improve their craft. *BOPA*



Visual artist maestro, Wilson Ngoni (centre) and other artists appreciating an artwork at the official opening of Thapong Visual Arts members exhibition in Gaborone on Wednesday. Thapong arts coordinator, Reginald Bakwena urged artists to refrain from plagiarism and come up with unique ideas when creating their art. Photo: Felicity Male

Botswana ranks eighth in Africa

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana has made a significant leap in the African tennis rankings, achieving the eighth position among the top 10 in the under 14, 16, and 18 categories.

With a total of 383 points, 268 points were garnered in singles play and 80 points in doubles. Leading the rankings is Morocco with an impressive 2 100 points, followed by Tunisia and Egypt with 1 440 and 1 420 points, respectively. South Africa ranks fourth with 898 points, with Nigeria in fifth at 652 points, while Zimbabwe and Algeria round out the list with 450 and 431 points, respectively.

When examined regionally, North Africa holds the top spot with a combined total of 5 571

points, followed by Southern Africa with 1 857 points, and Western Africa in third place with 641 points. Eastern Africa and Central Africa trail in fourth and fifth with 421 and 168 points, respectively.

According to the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT), the 2025 final national rankings were established based on the cumulative points accrued by each nation in both singles and doubles events for both boys and girls.

The ranking takes into account results from the African Championships for ages 18, 16, and the inaugural Africa Junior Championships for under 14s held in 2025.

“In addition, bonus points from the second AJC for 14 years and under, organized in the fourth

quarter of 2024, have also been included,” the CAT report stated.

The ranking system considers only the top eight singles results and the top eight individual doubles results for each nation, with a cap of two results per age group and gender.

Botswana Tennis Association President, Oaitse Thipe, expressed satisfaction with the achievement, noting the country’s improvement

from the previous rankings where Botswana placed 10th.

Thipe highlighted the contributions of rising players, including Malak Macheng and Tinashe Phatshwane, in bolstering Botswana’s standing. “We also saw Ntungamili Raguin performing exceptionally well last week, winning gold in doubles and silver in singles, which contributed to our eighth-

place finish,” he remarked.

Thipe is optimistic about the prospects of the upcoming under 12 and 14 groups. He said that Botswana would host a continental tournament in June, aimed at providing under 14 players with essential exposure and an opportunity to qualify for the second AJC, scheduled to be played on hard courts in September. **BOPA**

Orange FA cup last 16 thriller on offer

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Sixteen out of the 48 teams will fight to proceed to the next round of Orange FA Cup silverware last man standing heats up.

The moment of truth beckons for football fanatics and it will be a case of no retreat, no surrender as the Orange FA cup last 16 takes center stage across the country this weekend and no team needs any outside motivation with a staggering P800 000 prize money at stake.

Undoubtedly, the blockbuster tie between Union Flamingo Santos and Security Systems in Gabane on Sunday will indisputably headline the last 16 showdown as it is the only tie that has pitted elite league contenders against each other.

Both sides finds themselves at the wrong end of the Botswana Premier League table with Santos already relegated to the First Division league while Systems has their premier league status destiny in their own hands.

Having knocked out on-form Tatic via penalties in the previous round, Santos are expected to once again use the home ground advantage as they have now shifted their attention on the FA cup and aim to salvage what could be a nightmare season following their relegation.

Meanwhile, the defending champions Jwaneng Galaxy will travel the vast Kgalagadi desert for a David vs Goliath showdown against Blue Stars who play under the Ghanzi Regional Association Division 1 League.

Stars proceeded to the last 16 round with a 3-1 victory on penalties against Debswana First Division side Eleven Angels following a 0-0 stalemate in open play and they will be hoping to perform another giant killing

heroics in their own backyard against a star-studded Galaxy side.

The betting odds are undoubtedly in Galaxy’s favour buoyed by both their Premier League and CAF Champions League experience.

Galaxy has a reputation of being perennial winners and it is on the back of this that they will be hopeful to add another trophy to their wide range of collections.

Another mouth-watering encounter is expected when on-form Sua Flamingoes takes on Kazungula Young Fighters at Kasane Prisons grounds on Saturday. A daunting task awaits Sua Flamingoes as the Chobe regional football champions have already caused an upset in the Orange FA cup with the elimination of Debswana South First Division side, City Polar to reach the last 16 of the competition .In another last 16 fixture, crowd puller Mochudi Center Chiefs are pitted against Tswapong Regional League Division 1 contestants FC Palapye at Palapye stadium on Sunday.

FC Palapye proceeded to the last 16 following a 1-0 win against former Premier league campaigners Motlakase Power Dynamos while Mochudi Center Chiefs eliminated Masitaoka with a same score line in the last 32.

Meanwhile, in other fixtures Notwane will on Sunday play Holy Ghost at the SSG grounds in Gaborone while Orapa United will face off with Taung Young Strikers on Saturday at Tlokweng VDC grounds.

MR Highlanders will play host to Matebele FC at the Botswana railways stadium in Mahalapye while Hukuntsi based Sand Diamond will host VTM in Hukuntsi on Sunday.

All games are scheduled to start at 3pm hours. **BOPA**



Ntungamili Raguin



Tinashe Phatshwane



Malak Macheng

Vultures face Sibanye-Stillwater in friendly match

GABORONE - The Botswana national rugby team, the Vultures, will on Saturday at the Gaborone Hogs Rugby grounds play an international friendly match against Sibanye-Stillwater SAPGM Rugby Club from South Africa.

A media release from Botswana Rugby Union (BRU) says the international friendly match against Sibanye-Stillwater, who are playing in the Castle Super League in South Africa, is part of the build-up to the much-anticipated test match

against the Zimbabwe Sables on May 10, in Bulawayo.

It says the international friendly match will help the Vultures in fine-tuning their strategy and tackles and wear the blue and white with pride. **BOPA**



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The fourth edition of the Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Marathon kicks off at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown tomorrow. Participants will compete in various categories including 3km, 5km, 10km, 21.1km, 42.2km and a wheelchair race.

BTC ready for marathon enthusiasts

By Kelebogile Taolo

RANCISTOWN - The much-anticipated fourth edition of the Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) Marathon scheduled for tomorrow at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium aims to promote wellness, inclusivity, and community engagement aligning with BTC's broader commitment to nation-building.

This year's marathon is expected to draw participants from across Botswana as well as those from neighbouring countries.

Runners will compete in various categories including 3km, 5km, 10km, 21.1km, and 42.2km, ensuring options for all fitness levels and ages.

A notable addition in this year's marathon is the wheelchair race, which further enhance the event's inclusivity. BTC's acting CEO, Boitumelo Paya, emphasised the importance of the marathon as a way to honour the BTC journey and give back to the community.

"The marathon brings together athletes, families, and communities while creating real value beyond the finishing line," she stated.

Over the years, proceeds from the marathon have supported impactful community projects, including enhancements to schools and health facilities.

The theme for this year's event: Celebrating the Past, Connecting the Future. To spice up the marathon, BTC will introduce an after-party to celebrate its 45th anniversary.

The after-party will feature entertainment, community exhibitions, and activities designed for families. **BOPA**