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# Boko attends WEF



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and the Botswana Defence Force Commander, Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport yesterday during the former's departure for Davos, Switzerland. The President will participate at the 2025 World Economic Forum (WEF) from Monday to Friday, where he will feature in a number of high-level sessions on Africa's economy and governance and he will co-chair a session on the Africa Continental Free Trade Area. He will also hold a series of bilateral meetings with government and business leaders. The WEF is held annually and brings together global leaders from various sectors including government, international organisations, private sector, civil and academia to deliberate on ways of improving the state of the global community through entrepreneurship, innovation and cooperation. President Boko is accompanied by Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima and government officials. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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# 'Healthcare digitalisation way to go'

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - In the recent years, digitalisation has emerged as a transformative force in healthcare, reshaping the way services are delivered and experienced by patients.

In a recent interview, Dr Kagiso Ndlovu, the health informatics manager at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital highlighted how digitalisation was revolutionising patient care by offering improved access, efficiency and cost reduction.

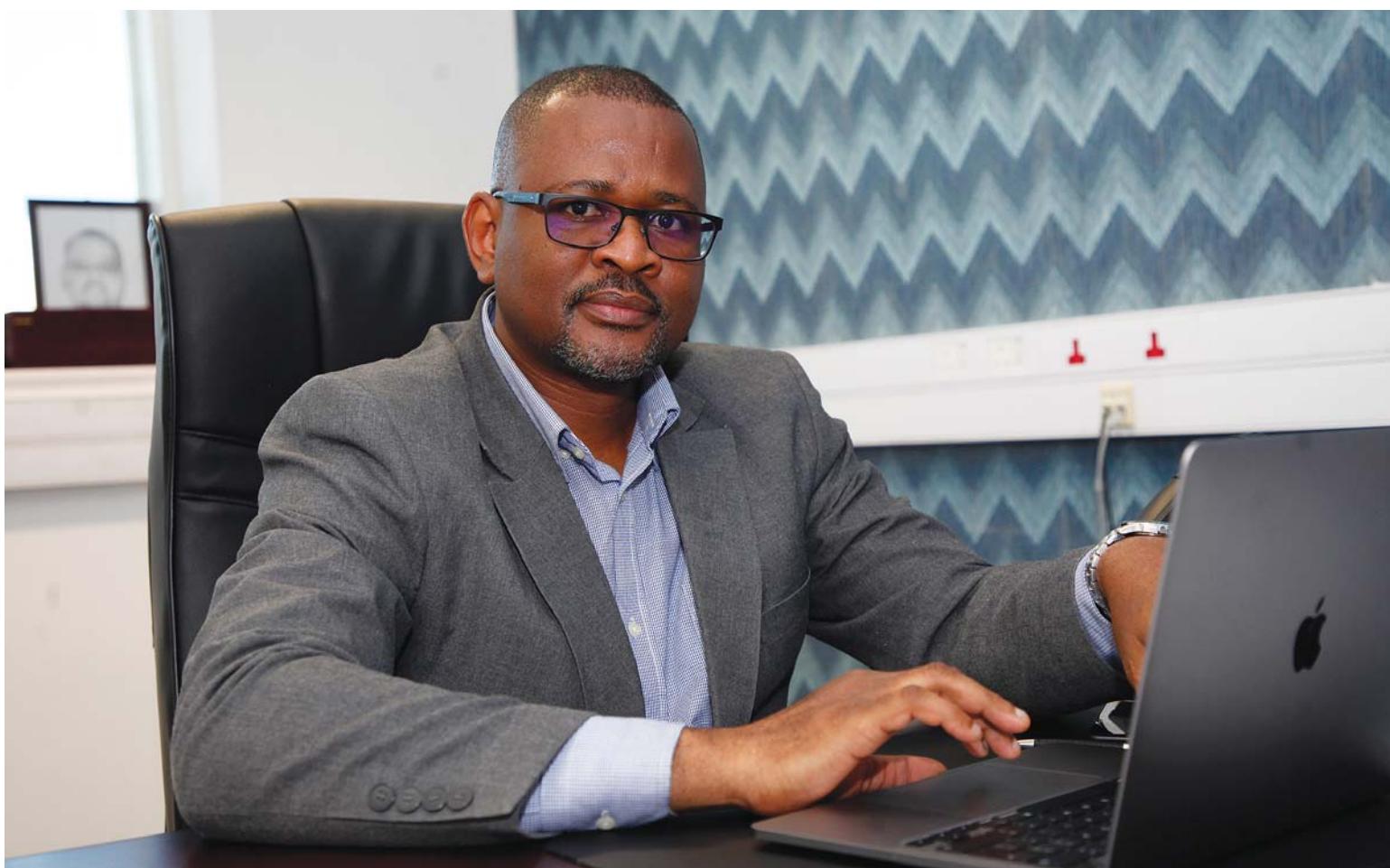
Dr Ndlovu explained that as technology advanced, innovative approaches such as telemedicine, wearable devices, electronic health records and the integration of digital health tools, could enhance efficiency, accessibility and patient outcomes, including the overall quality of healthcare delivery.

He emphasised that telemedicine, in particular, was crucial in addressing healthcare disparities such as shortage of specialised personnel.

"Since specialised practitioners were often concentrated in urban centres, telemedicine helps bridge the gap by allowing patients in remote areas to access medical expertise," he said, adding that in most cases, doctors collaborated through phone calls, WhatsApp groups, and other digital platforms to discuss complex cases, which practice promoted knowledge sharing and skills transfer.

"Telemedicine also plays a significant role in addressing global health matters by facilitating knowledge exchange."

Dr Ndlovu also pointed out that the collection and analysis of health data through digital tools enabled healthcare providers to make evidence-based decisions,



*Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital Health Informatics Manager, Dr Kagiso Ndlovu said as technology advanced, innovative approaches such as telemedicine, wearable devices, electronic health records and the integration of digital health tools, could enhance efficiency, accessibility and patient outcomes, including the overall quality of healthcare delivery.* Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

adding that data-driven approaches led to improved diagnostics and personalised treatment plans tailored to individual patient needs.

Riding on the benefits of telemedicine, Dr Ndlovu shared how it enhanced access to care, particularly for patients in underserved or rural areas who could not easily connect with healthcare providers.

He also highlighted the

convenience of telemedicine, as patients could receive care from the comfort of their homes, reducing travel costs and the off-work time typically required for in-person visits.

Furthermore, Dr Ndlovu emphasised how telemedicine improved communication between healthcare providers, facilitating better health management and providing mental health support, adding that over and above reducing stigma, it also encouraged more people to seek help.

He described telemedicine as one of the most significant advancements in digital healthcare,

noting that it allowed patients to consult healthcare providers remotely through video and phone calls or messaging.

"Telemedicine gained immense popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing for the continuation of care while minimising the risk of infection," Dr Ndlovu said, adding that the pandemic acted as a catalyst for its adoption and as healthcare continued to evolve, the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic would shape the future of patient care, ensuring that telemedicine remained a key component of healthcare delivery

going forward.

However, Dr Ndlovu acknowledged the challenges associated with digitalisation, including concerns around data security, access disparities and overall regulatory compliance issues.

He emphasised the importance of ensuring that the benefits of digital healthcare were accessible to all patients.

"By embracing digital health innovations responsibly, the healthcare industry can pave a way for a more connected, efficient and patient-centered future," Dr Ndlovu said. **BOPA**



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## Kanye District Council to prioritise road markings

By Marvin Motlhabane

KANYE - Kanye District Council will prioritise road markings in its budget for the next financial year.

This was said by the council's public relations officer, Ms Thato Chwaane in an interview following an inquiry on the council's plan to address lack of visible road markings in Kanye.

"In the fiscal year 2024/25 budget, we were allocated only P232 864 for road maintenance but with the condition of our roads, we actually need at least P10 million annually for adequate maintenance," she said.

She said budgetary constraints had forced them to prioritise urgent needs such as clearing overgrowth, repairing potholes and desilting of storm water drains, leaving road markings lower on their list of priorities.

Ms Chwaane said road markings played a crucial role in traffic regulation and safety, an essential factor that had prompted the

council to commit to addressing the issue in the upcoming year.

For his part, Sejelo Police Station Commander, Superintendent Mogomotsi Matlapeng confirmed that they were aware of the poorly marked roads in Kanye.

Mr Matlapeng said the police held discussions with the Kanye District Council regarding the implications of the situation and had received assurances that corrective measures would be taken.

He said the dangers of unmarked roads were that they increase the risk of road accidents that could be detrimental to both victims and offenders.

"Unmarked roads complicate police investigations and make it challenging to resolve accident cases," he added.

He urged the public to maintain diligence while driving, reminding them to use the skills learnt in driving schools, including yielding to other road users to prevent collisions.

While traffic officers have been lenient with warnings for infractions related to unmarked roads, he noted that they were prepared to enforce penalties when necessary.

One concerned motorist, Mr Atang Segomotso, expressed frustration over the persistent lack of road markings in Kanye.

He said while motorists and pedestrians must remain cautious, the onus is also on the council to improve road status.

"It's not surprising that the council faces budget shortages that hinder development, many government departments are struggling financially post-COVID-19," Mr Segomotso said.

However, he stressed the importance of prioritising road markings as an essential step in protecting the lives of residents.

He echoed Mr Matlapeng's call for motorists to be considerate of other road users and always maintain vigilance to reduce the risk of accidents. **BOPA**

# 'Govt resolute on boosting mining sector'

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Government is resolute on building a resilient, inclusive and sustainable mining sector that will continue to be the cornerstone of Botswana's prosperity.

Officially opening a four-day minerals stakeholders' engagement meeting in Gaborone yesterday, whose aim is to discuss critical policy reforms for the mining sector and chart a collaborative way forward, Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo said the sector was currently in an era of significant change and growing opportunity thus, making it essential to address the twin challenges of ensuring energy security and building sustainable and resource driven economy.

Ms Kenewendo said Botswana's role went beyond managing its resources and had a task of creating a transformative legacy that aligned with economic growth, social equity and environmental responsibility.

"We must respond not just with innovation but with intention because the future we shape, belongs to the generations to come," said Minister Kenewendo.

She stated that Botswana's journey was a testament to the

transformative power of prudent resource management and strong leadership, particularly through the effective utilisation of its mineral wealth especially diamonds, to drive economic growth and development.

Ms Kenewendo said Botswana now faced the opportunity to expand beyond diamonds into other valuable minerals.

A key part of the country's success story, she noted President Advocate Duma Boko's clear vision for the future, which envisioned a Botswana where diamonds were no longer just a gift of nature but a product of innovation, polished, refined and marketed as a product and proud product of Botswana.

"Imagine a mining sector that creates jobs not only in extraction, but also in technology, renewable energy and environmental conservation. Imagine a Botswana where our young people see mining not just as an industry of the past, but as a gateway to innovation and opportunity," Ms Kenewendo said.

To achieve those ambitious goals, she stressed the need for capital flow into the sector, both foreign and domestic, as well as the importance of a high conversion rate from prospecting



*Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (left) making a presentation at the minerals stakeholders' engagement in Gaborone yesterday. She said government was resolute on building a resilient, inclusive and sustainable mining sector that would continue to be the cornerstone of Botswana's prosperity.*

Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

and exploration to productive mining, which included rebuilding market confidence in natural diamonds and developing a strong strategy for critical materials and base metals, vital for the green transition.

"We further recognise the need for beneficiation and value chain development so that we no longer simply export raw materials outside Botswana and the continent," she said. Ms Kenewendo urged stakeholders

involved in mining and natural resource industries to join hands in implementing the reforms that will be discussed and ensuring a collective effort toward transformation of the mining sector. **BOPA**

## Khama sworn in as Ntlo ya Dikgosi member

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Kgosi Khama IV of Bagammangwato has been sworn in as member of Ntlo ya Dikgosi in line with Section 80 of Botswana's constitution.

Kgosi Khama took his oath of allegiance on Monday under the facilitation of the chairperson of Ntlo ya Dikgosi, Kgosi Malope II

of Bangwaketse.

He joins the house having served the country in different capacities including as commander of the Botswana Defence Force, vice president and later as Botswana's fourth president.

Talking to the business of the house, Kgosi Malope implored dikgosi as leaders to deliberate deeply and extensively on issues

of national interest affecting their communities such as gender-based violence (GBV).

He said the rising statistics of GBV were a cause for concern, observing that reports from the Botswana Police Service showed that from December 19, 2024 to January 2 this year, 60 cases of rape, 19 of murder and 13 of defilement were recorded.

"These statistics paint a distressing picture of Gender-Based Violence during the holiday period in Botswana, therefore highlighting the urgent need for collective action," he said.

Calling for prompt action, he said addressing the situation would require a multi-sectoral approach.

"I plead with potential partners to collaborate with Ntlo ya Dikgosi to develop meaningful and lasting solutions to this emerging issue," he said.

The chairperson said the narrative that GBV was a result of culture and the patriarchal nature of society needed to be looked into as it carried the potential to paint culture as bad.

Kgosi Malope II said since culture was dynamic and therefore evolved with time, it was necessary to constantly interrogate and examine it against social and economic trends in efforts to find its links, if any, to GBV.

In the end, he said Ntlo ya Dikgosi was committed to participate in all endeavours aimed toward combating the societal ill.

Regarding climate change, Kgosi Malope II urged dikgosi as thought leaders and an integral part of the legislature to be part of the discourse on the topical issue that continued to

affect the globe, Botswana and local communities included.

He said with their wealth of traditional indigenous knowledge and ideas that needed to be shared in the formulation of policies and legislation, dikgosi's role in combating climate change could not be over-emphasised.

On a different subject, Kgosi Malope II said Ntlo ya Dikgosi should reflect on its level of engagement in the public, particularly given how much it valued the input of the public.

He said engaging in robust dialogue with the public would help re-shape Ntlo ya Dikgosi and enhance its efforts to remain relevant in the face of changing times.

Setting the tone for a direction that the house should adopt going forward, the chairperson said Ntlo ya Dikgosi should re-engineer and reset its priorities in alignment with those of the new government.

"There is need to introspect and re-position Ntlo ya Dikgosi to be relevant and to deliver on its mandate in alignment with the national priorities set by the new government," he said.

The meeting of Ntlo ya Dikgosi continues in Palapye where Vice President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe is scheduled to open dikgosi's capacity building training today. **BOPA**



*Kgosi Khama IV (right) being sworn in as Ntlo ya Dikgosi member by the secretary, Mr Moroka Moreri (left) at the official opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ntlo ya Dikgosi in Gaborone yesterday. Chairperson, Kgosi Malope II said they were awaiting the return of Kgosi Tawana II of Batawana, who was also to be sworn in.*

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# BDP to embark on transformative drive

**By Thuso Kgakatsi**

KANG - Leader of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi says the BDP will soon embark on a transformative drive of rebuilding itself in order to once again become Batswana's party of choice.

Dr Masisi, said this in Kang on

Saturday at the commencement of his regional tour where he will be holding consultations with the party's regional structures.

Addressing the party's western region, which comprises Kgalagadi South, Kgalagadi North, Ghanzi and Charleshill, he said to kick-start its journey of transformation, the party will introduce and set up a research

wing, which will then undertake a comprehensive research on the state of the party and then make recommendations on the direction that it should adopt in order to remain relevant.

Dr Masisi, who said he was intent on rebuilding the party, noted further that there would also be a fully-fledged party school, one of whose objectives

would be to induct those holding positions of leadership within the party's different structures.

The school he said, would help raise a crop of leaders within the party who would remain patriotic in all circumstances and who would uphold and maintain a high level of discipline at all times. Reflecting on the BDP's poor showing in the last

general elections, Dr Masisi attributed the loss to the fact that Batswana wanted a change to their individual lives rather than politics of stability and continuity, which was the party's strategy going into the elections.

Expressing optimism that the party would return as the ultimate party of choice and reclaim its seat in the next general elections, he acknowledged that in an effort to initiate and effect the change that was needed, it was of paramount importance that members forgive themselves and each other in relation to how the party fared in the past elections.

Dr Masisi shared that in order to successfully regroup and re-build itself, the party should retrace its footsteps to the founding principles that promoted and held in high regard tenets of volunteerism, discipline and confidentiality.

He noted that although the party has lost, it has left behind a rich legacy particularly with respect to advancing a cause to achieve better livelihoods for Batswana through initiatives such as Temo Letlotlo, free high-speed internet connectivity and access to quality health services.

The BDP leader noted further that, at the time of losing elections the party had made considerable strides in areas such as water development and the expedited allocation of residential plots.

He said his government was also driving towards the manufacturing of human medicines through the Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI). He however lamented that the ruling Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) is more focused on people's individual gains instead of the wholesome empowerment of the nation.

For his part, BDP Secretary General Dr Lemogang Kwaape implored members to familiarise themselves with the party constitution, which he said was created by the founders in recognition of the need to uphold the BDP's vision and keep alive its spirit of unity.

He also encouraged members to place the spirit of volunteerism at the fore and work for the party to ensure that it succeeds in whatever endeavour it undertakes. Earlier in his welcome remarks, BDP western region's regional vice-chairperson Mr Keorapetse Ralehika thanked the party president for initiating the consultations in their region.

Admitting that they were saddened and highly affected by the BDP's loss, Mr Ralehika said it was encouraging and comforting though that none of the candidates who represented the party and lost during the 2024 general elections had defected from the party.

He shared that out of the 67 candidates who stood for the elections, only 17 managed to succeed, with eight from Kgalagadi South, four from Hukuntsi, two from Ghanzi and three from Charleshill. Mr Ralehika attributed the loss to hosting primary elections late, adding that Batswana were not pleased with the arrangement. **BOPA**



**BDP leader, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (centre) chairperson, Mr Slumber Tsogwane (right) and secretary general, Dr Lemogang Kwaape at BDP leader's regional consultation tour in Kang on Saturday. Dr Masisi underscored his commitment to ensuring that the party underwent a transformative drive of rebuilding, in order to regain its popularity so that it became a party of choice in the 2029 general elections.**

Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

## Masisi implores democrats to regroup

**By Kehumile Moekejo**

JWANENG - Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), members have urged party members to rebuild and grow the

party as they prepare for the 2029 general elections.

This was said by the party leader Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi at the BDP South West region consultative meeting held in

Jwaneng on Sunday.

He said following their catastrophic loss in last year's general elections, it was important for them to introspect and map a way forward in order to reclaim power in 2029.

He was speaking Dr Masisi noted that even though his party had a robust manifesto, aimed at improving people's lives, it was evident that the majority of Batswana were more confident on the lucrative promises of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC). However, he said his government did its best under the circumstances, considering the financial effects caused by COVID-19.

"Botswana's economy recovered fastest under the BDP government and we lured investors into our country as we geared towards a knowledge-based economy. Our country became 65 per cent self-sufficient in two years post COVID-19," he said.

He attributed part of their loss to internal conflicts emanating from primary elections processes and outcomes, among other factors. He underscored the need for members to be disciplined as they rebuild the party towards victory.

"I urge you to desist from internal fights but instead be

united, reliable and remain loyal to the organisation. Go and encourage others to work together to grow the party because your job as a member is to bring in key members," he noted. Additionally, he noted that plans were underway to capacitate the party's key position holders such as chairpersons, secretaries and treasurers to build robust party structures.

He said leadership requires special skills and attributes, hence the plan was to embark on impactful training sessions before July this year. Furthermore, he warned BDP members against campaigning for central committee positions prematurely, stating that such behaviour is against the party policy.

"Such campaigns are against our policy and therefore the perpetrators will be disqualified," he said. In his welcome remarks, the BDP South West chairperson, Mr Koolopile Pema, said there was need to educate members on leadership positions and their mandate.

This, he said would not only assist in executing their duties but would also go a long way in empowering them to work well with members and build the party in their areas. **BOPA**

## Court remands Peter in custody

**By Kelebogile Taolo**

FRANCISTOWN-Magistrate Tshepo Magetse of Francistown has remanded murder accused, Modisaotsile Peter of Maaloso Ward in Tonota.

The accused appeared before Magistrate Magetse yesterday for a status hearing where he requested bail so he could sell his livestock and raise money for a defence attorney.

Peter aged 36, faces a single count of murder of an eight year-old wheelchair bound girl of Manyanda Ward in Tonota which happened on December 27 last year. However, his plea was not successful since Magistrate Magetse stated that the matter was sensitive as it involved a minor and also that the investigations

were ongoing.

Magistrate Magetse said

since the case involved a minor,

Children's Act Section 41(4) read

with 43, a social worker must be

involved.

Tonota District Council social worker, Ms Itumeling Chizhala told the court that they visited the deceased's family, to offer support and counselling.

She added that the family was still grieving and awaited the results of the post mortem.

Ms Chizhala said she could not say the accused be granted bail as the case was still fresh and the investigations ongoing.

She said the family was still grieving and awaiting the results for post mortem.

Peter will reappear on February 27. **BOPA**

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# Tank explosion death toll rises to 86

ABUJA - A mass funeral has been held for the victims of Saturday's gasoline tanker explosion in Nigeria's north-central state of Niger, local authorities said on Sunday, while confirming that the death toll has risen from 80 to 86.

A total of 80 bodies were buried in a mass grave in the Gurara

local government area after the tanker laden with gasoline exploded when it overturned, spilling its contents on a busy road in the Dikko area of the state on Saturday morning, Abdullahi Baba-Arah, head of the Niger State Emergency Management Agency, told reporters on Sunday.

The bodies of 'five identifiable

victims' were taken away by their relatives for burial, and one of the injured victims died while receiving treatment at a local health facility in the Dikko area, Baba-Arah said. The mass burial was done with the support of local government authorities and volunteers.

At least 55 people are now

receiving treatment at local health facilities, the emergency response official added. Tragedy struck Saturday morning as many residents in the Dikko area of Niger State were caught in a heavy fire while trying to scoop fuel from the fallen gasoline tanker.

Some residents had besieged the fallen tanker, scooping fuel while an attempt to switch on a power generator to ease the transfer of the petrol triggered an explosion, resulting in the deaths and destruction of properties, witnesses said. Most of the victims were said to have burned beyond recognition.

Reacting to the 'worrysome, heartbreaking, and unfortunate' incident, Mohammed Bago, governor of Niger State, blamed 'reckless truck drivers' for causing a menace to the lives of local citizens.

The governor, while assessing the extent of damage caused by the incident and the loss of lives, issued a ban on the movement of heavy-duty trucks plying the route where the explosion took place on Saturday.

Nantewe Yilwatda, minister of humanitarian affairs and poverty reduction, expressed concern over the rising frequency of tanker explosions in the country, warning motorists against reckless driving that could endanger innocent lives.

He also urged tanker drivers and other motorists to adhere strictly to road traffic regulations. Gasoline tanker explosions are not uncommon in Nigeria, often causing heavy casualties and nationwide grief. In September 2024, at least 48 people were killed after a gasoline-laden tanker exploded on a busy highway in Niger State.

While many Nigerians continue to attribute the incessant incidents to the current economic hardship, which has driven people to desperate actions, including scooping gasoline from fallen tankers, others are calling for stricter traffic regulations to prevent similar disasters.

In a statement, the Nigerian Governors' Forum, statutorily consisting of all 36 state governors in the country, said the incident on Saturday "had cast a shadow of grief over the entire nation."

The forum said it is united in calling for stricter enforcement of safety measures across the country, particularly regarding the transportation and handling of hazardous materials. "This incident serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need to enhance our regulatory frameworks to prevent such occurrences in the future," it emphasized.

Expressing 'deep sorrow' over the incident and the immense human toll in a statement, Nigerian President Bola Tinubu described the explosion as devastating.

The Nigerian leader underscored the 'tragic and preventable nature of the incident,' directed relevant authorities to provide comprehensive medical care to the injured, and instructed security and road safety authorities to implement

measures to avert similar incidents.

He also strongly advised all citizens to exercise caution and avoid approaching accident sites, especially those involving fuel-laden vehicles, as they are highly explosive. In addition, the president mandated the National Orientation Agency to initiate a nationwide educational campaign.

This campaign would raise public awareness about the severe risks and environmental dangers of scooping fuel from fallen tankers, he added. Earlier in October last year, Tinubu reaffirmed the government's commitment to swiftly reviewing and enhancing fuel transportation safety protocols, and directed police to strengthen measures, such as increased patrols, stricter enforcement of safety regulations, and other highway safety mechanisms, to prevent similar incidents from reoccurring. *Xinhua*

## Seven illegal miners die in shootout

ACCRA - Seven illegal miners were killed and one seriously injured during a gun battle with the troops in western Ghana, the military said Sunday.

The gun battle took place in Obusai, a town in the western African country's Ashanti Region, on Saturday when some 60 illegal miners breached AngloGold Ashanti mine's security fence to enter the Deep Decline care of the mine and opened fire on the military stationed there, the military said in a statement.

The illegal miners were wielding locally manufactured rifles, pump-action guns, gas cylinders, knives, heavy-duty industrial bolt cutters, axes and machetes, said the statement.

"The troops returned fire in self-defense. The shootout led to the death of seven illegal miners and one seriously injured. The remaining illegal miners bolted," it said. A soldier who was also hit by pellets from a pump-action gun and got injured has been treated.

Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama has ordered an immediate investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the clashes and ensure that any individuals found to have acted unlawfully are brought to justice.

Over the past few years, the Ghanaian government has ramped up its efforts to tackle illegal mining, not least by dispatching security agencies to protect the mining concessions for their owners. *Xinhua*



Hussein Ali Mwinyi



Samia Suluhu Hassan

## Hassan, Mwinyi endorsed as Tanzania presidential candidates

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania's ruling party, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), passed a resolution on Sunday endorsing Samia Suluhu Hassan and Hussein Ali Mwinyi as the party's official candidates for the Union and Zanzibar presidential elections, respectively.

The resolution followed a recommendation by former President Jakaya Kikwete, who served as Tanzania's head of state

from 2005 to 2015. The decision came amid overwhelming support from delegates at the CCM National Congress held in the Tanzanian capital of Dodoma.

Mr Kikwete made the recommendation as delegates repeatedly chanted their support for Hassan and Mwinyi, prompting cheers and applause that interrupted his speech. "If we want to decide today that Samia is our candidate and

Mwinyi is our candidate, we have the authority to do so," said Kikwete, prompting another round of applause.

However, he cautioned against bypassing the legal framework and urged congress to ensure that the nomination process remains legally sound. Tanzania's general elections will be held in October 2025 to elect the president and members of the National Assembly. *Xinhua*



DAVOS - The Annual Meeting 2025 of the World Economic Forum started yesterday under the theme: *Collaboration for the Intelligent Age*. The meeting convenes global leaders to address challenges such as responding to geopolitical shocks, stimulating growth to improve living standards, and stewarding a just and inclusive energy transition.

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# China loan prime rates remain unchanged

BEIJING - China's one-year loan prime rate (LPR), a market-based benchmark lending rate, came in at 3.1 per cent Monday, unchanged from the previous month.

The over-five-year LPR, on which many lenders base their mortgage rates, also remained unchanged from the previous reading of 3.6 per cent, according to the National Interbank Funding Center.

The LPR, released once a month, is a key benchmark for loan interest rate pricing. The one-year LPR and over-five-year LPR dropped 35 basis points and 60 basis points, respectively, since the start of 2024. Lowered LPRs have kept loan interest rates at historically low levels.

According to the latest data from China's central bank, the interest rate for newly issued corporate loans was approximately 3.43 per cent last December, a year-on-year decrease of 0.36 percentage points. "The interest rate for personal housing loans stood at 3.11 per cent last month,

representing a year-on-year decrease of 0.88 percentage points."

China will further strengthen counter-cyclical adjustments by leveraging a range of monetary policy tools, including interest rates and the reserve requirement ratio, to maintain ample liquidity and ensure a supportive environment for social financing, Xuan Changneng, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, said last week. *Xinhua*

TIANJIN - German automobile giant Volkswagen and Chinese new energy vehicle (NEV) maker XPENG announced their strategic collaboration on a superfast charging network in China at the beginning of 2025.

Through the strategic cooperation, XPENG and Volkswagen Group China aim to provide customers with a superfast charging network



BEIJING - An aerial view showing financial island in Hengqin, Zhuhai City, south China's Guangdong Province. China's one-year loan prime rate, a market-based benchmark lending rate, came in at 3.1 per cent Monday, unchanged from the previous month. Photo: Xinhua

## Volkswagen speeds up electrification, innovation

featuring over 20 000 charging piles and covering 420 cities across China. Olaf Korzinowski, executive vice president of Volkswagen Group China, said that Volkswagen was committed to fully deepen its electrification strategy and launch high-quality electric vehicle products equipped with cutting-edge technology.

"The two companies are dedicated to building the largest ultra-fast charging network in China in terms of coverage, further optimising the charging experience for customers, and making electric mobility easily integrated into people's daily lives, whether in first-tier cities or remote cities and regions," said Korzinowski.

He said this reflected their determination to promote the development of electric mobility in China, as well as firm commitment to providing NEV customers with new and convenient service experiences.

In 2024, Volkswagen celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operations in China, and the company continued to expand its presence in the country.

"If I had to describe 2024 in one word, it would be transformation. We made significant strides in bringing our strategy to life, demonstrating our long-term commitment to China," said Ralf Brandstaetter, chairman and CEO of Volkswagen Group China.

"Our innovation hub Volkswagen Group China Technology Company in Hefei is now fully operational,

with 3 000 local engineers driving development of the next generation of intelligent connected vehicles (ICVs)," he said

The company kickstarted development of China Electronic Architecture (CEA), a joint project of Volkswagen China Technology Company, Volkswagen's software unit CARIAD and XPENG.

The CEA will develop a highly modern and cost-efficient electrical architecture that will be used in their vehicles from 2026. Also, the development of Volkswagen's first China-specific Compact Main Platform is well underway, achieving 30 per cent faster development and 40 per cent cost efficiency.

"We also deepened partnerships with China FAW Group Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC), including extending our joint venture with SAIC, planning 18 new models by 2030," Brandstaetter said.

With Volkswagen ID. CODE and AUDI E, two car models, the company showcased future design and technology, including the launch of the new AUDI brand for young, tech-savvy customers. Moreover, in the internal-combustion-engine (ICE) vehicle market, Volkswagen Group had a market share of over 21 percent in China in 2024, marking the highest market share since 2005.

Last year, Volkswagen Group delivered over 2.9 million vehicles in the Chinese market, while its global vehicle deliveries

surpassed 9 million, according to the German automaker.

In 2024, the company delivered more than 200 000 NEVs in China, among which the sales of ID. models increased by 17 per cent year on year.

"We have reached important milestones in our consistent strategic approach, which will contribute substantially to the future competitiveness of the group in China," Brandstaetter said.

"These milestones underscore our deep roots in this market. We are very proud of that."

China's NEV production and sales both surpassed 12 million in 2024, leading the global NEV market for 10 consecutive years, according to the latest data released by the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers on Monday.

According to Volkswagen Group China, a series of new models and technologies will be launched and unveiled in China in 2025.

"We will launch the first series model of the new AUDI brand at Shanghai Autoshow, and unveil prototypes of Volkswagen models on the Compact Main Platform, equipped with our new China E-Architecture," said Brandstaetter.

He said they would be focused on delivering first results of their 'In China, For China' strategy and bring it on the street. Brandstaetter said he was very confident and optimistic about the group's future in China. *Xinhua*

## Beijing high-tech sectors growing

BEIJING - A newly released report shows that Beijing's talent resources have steadily grown in recent years, with the number of professionals in high-end industries reaching 2.106 million as of 2023, accounting for 26.2 per cent of the Chinese capital's total talent pool.

According to the 2023 Beijing talent resource report, jointly released by the Beijing municipal human resources research center and the Beijing Institute of Talent Development Strategy, the supply of skilled talent in Beijing's high-tech industries is rapidly growing, with the sectors seeing the highest increases being pharmaceuticals and health, green energy and environmental protection, and smart city, the Science and Technology Daily reported on Monday.

Demand for talent is rising in four key industries: blockchain,

green energy and environmental protection, pharmaceuticals and health, and smart manufacturing and equipment, the report states.

Zhang Tianyang, director of the Beijing municipal human resources research center and executive director of the Beijing Institute of Talent Development Strategy, noted that the positive interaction between the talent chain and the industrial chain, fostering integrated development, was one of the key characteristics of Beijing's talent resources.

In recent years, both the quantity and quality of talent in Beijing have continued to improve. According to Zhang, the 'talent dividend' was gradually replacing the "population dividend" as the primary driver of high-quality development in the city, underscoring the strategic importance of talent-led growth. *Xinhua*

# Experts urge global support for Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA - Experts and policy-makers on Friday urged global support for Ethiopia's efforts in building a resilient and green economy as a sustainable solution to address the adverse effects of climate change.

This came during the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) annual development conference held in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, as experts, policy-makers, and representatives of UN agencies and development partners discussed Ethiopia's efforts in building climate resilience and sustainable development.

Addressing the gathering, UNDP Resident Representative in Ethiopia, Samuel Doe said Ethiopia, though a negligible contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, has emerged as "an unmatched leader" in the global response to the existential threat posed by climate change and a strong advocate for Africa's green journey.

"As we stand in critical danger in history, we are acutely aware of the unprecedented global challenges posed by climate change.

"These challenges demand urgent action, driven by global solidarity, and a shared vision for a sustainable future for all," he said.

Noting that Ethiopia is currently leading the way in the green energy transition with its vast green energy sources, he said this potential not only paves the way for job creation but also accelerates Ethiopia's goal of achieving universal access to green and affordable energy by

2030.

Doe, however, said that despite Ethiopia's notable strides, the country remains one of the most impacted by climate change.

Between 2020 and 2023, 11 million Ethiopian people faced food insecurity and more than four million were internally displaced due to recurring droughts, floods, and conflicts, underscoring the urgent need for increased support and solidarity from the global community.

While commending Ethiopia's achievements on the global green journey, conference participants also highlighted the severe impacts of climate change on the country and called for increased support for its efforts, particularly in accessing climate finance and private sector investments.

Citing a recent World Bank report, Ethiopia's State Minister of Planning and Development, Bereket Fesehatson said the annual gross domestic product losses due to climate change in Ethiopia are expected to range between 1 and 1.5 percent, potentially rising to 5 per cent by 2040, threatening the livelihoods of millions and undermining the country's development prospects.

He said the Ethiopian government is implementing long-standing and consistent efforts to build a climate-resilient and green economy.

The country has integrated climate resilience and green economic growth into its 10-year development plan (2021-2030), ensuring that climate considerations are at the core

of its development agenda. Fesehatson said Ethiopia is one of the few African countries to

have developed a long-term low-emission and climate-resilient development strategy, aiming for

a net-zero carbon emission and climate-resilient economy by 2050. *Xinhua*



JERUSALEM - Rose Khwais (left), a freed Palestinian prisoner, being welcomed by her father after her release from an Israeli prison yesterday. Israel released 90 Palestinian prisoners from Ofer prison, located west of Ramallah in the West Bank, just hours after three Israeli hostages returned home following their release from Hamas captivity in Gaza. Photo: Xinhua

## China Internet users surpass 1.1 billion, powers digital economy, innovation

BEIJING - The number of Internet users in China hit 1.1 billion by December 2024, up 16 million from the previous year, according to an industrial report on the country's Internet development released on Friday.

This milestone highlights the vast potential of China's digital economy and its key role in driving technological innovation.

The report by the China Internet

Network Information Center (CNNIC) revealed that Internet penetration in China reached 78.6 per cent in 2024, 30 years after the country was fully connected to the global Internet.

China now boasts the world's largest Internet infrastructure, equipped with advanced technologies, fueling the rapid growth of its digital economy.

By the end of last year, the

number of online payment users in China had surpassed 1 billion, while 974 million Chinese people had engaged in online shopping, an increase of 59.5 million people from the end of 2023, according to the report.

"China continues to lead the world in both online retail sales and mobile payment penetration," the report stated. *Xinhua*



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### TENDER ADVERTISEMENTS

#### TENDER NO: CEDA 015 / 2024 - 2025 | INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ICT EQUIPMENT

1. Sealed Tender offers are invited for the supply and delivery of ICT Equipment.
2. Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
3. Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories: Code: 203 (Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical, Fire and ICT Supplies) Sub code: 01 [Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Spares and Accessories (including ICT, Photographic Equipment and Others)].
4. In the event that the bidder is a joint venture/partnership/consortium/subcontracting/ technical partner/ alliance/association/cooperation or similar relationship there must be full adherence to all the compliance requirements by each constituent member of the joint venture/partnership/consortium and should be 100% Citizen Owned. Agreement between all parties involved should be submitted and signed off articulating works to be carried out by both parties and cost.
5. This tender is reserved for 100% Citizen Owned companies in line with Section 76 of the Public Procurement Act.
6. The tender is not open to State Owned Entities/Parastatals or any such entities wherein the Government has a stake/shareholding and any bids from such entities shall not be accepted.
7. The Agency shall assess bidders in accordance with the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021, which gives preference to "targeted Citizens" as defined in the Act. Preference Margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the following schemes:
- 7.1. Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy (CEEP), Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) or Local Procurement Scheme (LPS)
8. The Physical address for submission of bid documents is:

**Procurement Manager  
Citizen Entrepreneurial  
Development Agency  
Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350,  
Philip Matante Road  
CEDA House, CBD,  
Reception Area, Ground Floor  
Gaborone, Botswana**

9. Tender documents are available for purchase and collection at CEDA Head Office Only at a non-refundable fee of P250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pula Only) inclusive of VAT and P 125.00 (One hundred and Twenty-Five Pula) inclusive of VAT for youth owned companies as per Presidential Directive CAB (B)/2015 from the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
10. Tender documents may be collected during working hours between 09:00AM and 16:00PM.
11. The non-refundable fee for the tender document can be deposited in the CEDA Bank Account and the details are as follows:

**Citizen Entrepreneurial  
Development Agency (CEDA)  
Standard Chartered Bank  
Botswana  
Standard House  
Account Number:  
0100158058800  
Branch Code: 662167  
Swift Code: SCHBBWGXXX**

12. Tender document shall be issued upon provision of Proof of Payment (POP) and confirmation of receipt of funds. All funds transfer bank charges
13. Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 before close of business to Mrs Thato Ramaribane to seek guide on the tender document. Tel No. 3991084 or 3991138. Email address: tenderenquiries@ceda.co.bw
14. All Bids must be received no later than 10:00hrs on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (As per CEDA timepiece placed at Reception Area).
15. The Bid Submission Method is: One (1) Envelope Submission Method
16. One (1) original tender document marked ORIGINAL and two (2) duplicate copies of the original document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked: "Tender Reference No "CEDA 015 / 2024 - 2025 INVITATION TO TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ICT EQUIPMENT".
17. The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.
18. Telegraphic, telephone, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will not be accepted.
19. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Standardised conditions of Tender apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the Tender Document. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, CEDA is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.



Statistics Botswana invites interested locally registered companies to tender for:

#### 1. TENDER NO: STB\DSR\24-25\001- PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE STATISTICS BOTSWANA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

To be eligible for this tender, interested bidders should enclose the following PPRA Certificates:

- Code 317 - Other Consultancy Services
- Sub code(s): 01 - Management Consultancy Services, issued by PPRA (to be verified online)

**The tender is reserved for citizens or citizen contractors as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.**

2. A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** and 50% of selling price for Youth Owned Companies payable by cash or bank guaranteed cheque to the Accounts Unit located at Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor, Corporate Services, Four Thirty Square Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone during working hours between **07:30hours and 12:45hours, 13:45hours and 16:30hours** on week days excluding public holidays. Payment is required on collection of the tender document. Alternatively, an EFT/deposit can be made to:

#### ABSA

**Account Name:** Statistics Botswana

**Account Number:** 1001058

**Branch Name:** Barclays House

**Branch Code:** 290267

**REF:** Tender No. and Name of Company

Proof of Payment must be sent to: **gmakelepe@statsbots.org.bw or okelapetseng@statsbots.org.bw**

3. Invitation to Tender documents may be obtained from **Statistics Botswana Accounts Unit located at Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor, Corporate Services, Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone** during working hours from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), from **07:30 - 12:45hours and 13:45 - 16:30hours** from **17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- Closing date: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 10:00 hours.**
- Opening date: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**, immediately after the tender has been closed.
- 4. The tender will be opened at Statistics Botswana Head Office, North Wing First (1<sup>st</sup>) Floor, **Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone** in the presence of bidders wishing to attend.
- 5. Late tenders, telephonic, telegraphic, telex, emailed or faxed tenders will not be accepted.
- 6. Enquiries in relation to this tender can be made to:

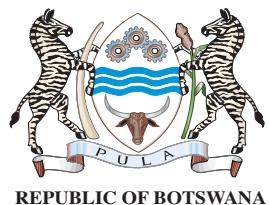
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# Egypt popular with Chinese tourists



FAYOUM - Chinese tourists visiting the Whale Valley in Egypt. Chairman of the Cultural Tourism Marketing Committee in Upper Egypt, Mohamed Othman, noted that Chinese tourists now preferred destinations with historical sites, natural beauty and modern amenities, making Egypt a popular choice. Photo: Xinhua

CAIRO - "It has always been my dream to travel to Egypt. Its rich civilisation, full of mysteries and stories, captivates me," said Ji Siqui, a Chinese tourist who kick-starts her seven-day trip to Egypt with a visit to the Egyptian Museum in downtown Cairo.

At the museum, a Chinese family, who identified themselves only by their surname Rui, said they were impressed by the abundance of Egypt's cultural relics and historic sites.

"Children should learn about ancient civilisations to broaden their horizons, so we come here," the mother of the family told *Xinhua*, as they neared the end of their 13-day family trip that covers destinations including the cities of Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, and the Red Sea resort city of Hurghada.

Both Ji and the Rui family are among the tens of thousands of Chinese visitors traveling to Egypt, an increasingly popular destination located about 7 000 km from China.

In 2024, about 300 000 Chinese tourists visited the North African country, home to the world-

renowned pyramids and temples, the Chinese embassy in Egypt revealed in mid-December.

Egyptian authorities said the figure represented a remarkable 63 per cent increase compared to 2023. Chinese tourists are part of the 15.7 million visitors who arrived in Egypt in 2024.

This figure surpasses the previous record of 14.9 million set in 2023 and marks the second consecutive year Egypt has exceeded its 2010 tourism peak of 14.7 million visitors, according to Egyptian authorities.

In a statement released by the Egyptian cabinet on January 1, Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly announced that the country aimed to attract 18 million visitors in 2025.

Analysts said with the strong relations between the two countries, the Chinese market would undoubtedly play a key role in driving the expansion of Egypt's tourism sector this year.

As part of its ambitious strategy to expand its share of the Chinese tourism market, Egypt aims to attract 3 million Chinese tourists annually by 2028, former Egyptian Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ahmed Issa announced in November 2023.

At the 2024 China Outbound

Travel and Tourism Market, a trade fair held in Beijing in October 2024, Egyptian tourism authorities revealed that a series of measures have been taken to attract more Chinese tourists, including adding Chinese-language signage at tourist sites, encouraging hotels to serve Chinese cuisine, and hiring more Chinese-speaking tour guides.

Amr El-Kady, CEO of the Egyptian Tourism Authority, highlighted Egypt's willingness to collaborate with Chinese travel agencies on joint marketing campaigns to provide Chinese tourists with an updated and enriched travel experience.

El-Kady also noted that Egypt's official tourism website was now available in Chinese, offering comprehensive information on tourist attractions, activities, and upcoming events in the country. Mohamed Othman, chairman of the Cultural Tourism Marketing Committee in Upper Egypt, noted that Chinese tourists now preferred destinations with historical sites, natural beauty, and modern amenities, making Egypt a popular choice.

He urged Egyptian travel agencies to strengthen cooperation with Chinese companies and increase flight connections between the two countries. *Xinhua*

## African youth catalysts to continent development

NAIROBI/BEIJING - On a sleek train between Nairobi and Mombasa, young stewards warmly welcome passengers. In the bustling Sino-Uganda Mbale Industrial Park, young workers proudly produce goods stamped with 'Made in Africa'.

In Nigeria, young employees efficiently manage parcel deliveries at a booming e-commerce logistics hub. Across the continent, young people are not just participants, they are catalysts accelerating Africa's transformation. According to the African Union and the African Development Bank, Africa is home to the youngest population in the world, with over 400 million people aged 15 to 35 and its youth population is expected to surpass 830 million by 2050.

This demographic, fueled by the digital revolution and a shift toward green energy, is unlocking new opportunities on the continent. By collaborating with global partners like China, African nations are tapping into this demographic dividend, empowering their youth to shape a brighter, more innovative future.

### Demographic Asset

According to Statista, an international data and business intelligence platform, Africa's total population exceeded 1.46 billion as of 2023 and is projected to reach about 2.5 billion by 2050.

In *AI and the Future of Work in Africa White Paper*, Microsoft estimated that by the end of the 21st century, Africa will be home to almost half of the world's youth population, nearly twice the entire population of Europe.

The strong presence of young workers is invigorating traditional sectors such as agriculture, industry and services, while accelerating the development of emerging sectors like the digital economy, and renewable energy and artificial intelligence (AI).

Furthermore, these young

generations serve as a major consumption force, contributing to the growing attraction of the African market.

Youth are a crucial driving force for Africa's socio-economic development, said Liu Tiannan, associate professor at the French Department of Foreign Languages Faculty and director of African Studies Institute at the University of International Relations in China.

"The youth bulge in Africa could prove to be the regions' most valuable asset moving forward" as other regions of the world grapple with population aging and labor shortages, said the International Labour Organization in its report titled: *Global Employment Trends for Youth 2024*.

### Immersion In Modern Trends

At Yaxare, an herbal tea company based in the Gambian capital Banjul, 33-year-old founder Fatoumata Njie oversees the packaging of her products, which have gained popularity among local consumers largely due to the integration of digital technologies in her business management.

To enhance the quality and yield of local medicinal herbs, Njie developed a mobile application called 'Happy Farm', helping farmers improve soil quality and boost harvests. Meanwhile, she regularly orders packaging and tea processing equipment from e-commerce platforms to deliver attractive, high-quality products to her customers.

Thanks to digital transformation, the daily lives of many young Africans like Njie are undergoing a significant shift. Across the continent, e-commerce and digital finance are making impressive strides, while mobile payments are rapidly expanding.

As communication infrastructure continues to improve, new job and entrepreneurial opportunities are increasing for Africa's youth. Meanwhile, more young Africans

are increasingly engaging in the energy transition, particularly amid the escalating threat of climate change. They are driving innovation in energy technologies and supporting the electrification of rural areas, helping steer the continent toward a green economy.

Doreen Orishaba, managing director at BasiGo, a Kenyan company specialising in new-energy vehicles, has spent over a year promoting Chinese electric buses in Rwanda, where fuel imports are expensive and fuel consumption is high due to the mountainous roads.

Her efforts have raised awareness among local bus operators about the environmental and economic benefits of these vehicles, prompting their order of more than a hundred electric buses. "For every bus BasiGO puts on a Rwandan road, we are helping mitigate up to 30 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions," she said.

### Unlocking Youth Potential

Liu said that for Africa's youth potential to become a true demographic dividend, it is essential to improve the education system, enhance skill development, expand employment opportunities and promote entrepreneurship among young people.

Henok Amanuel Emiru, a 26-year-old Ethiopian student, never imagined he would win the highest distinction among African candidates at the Belt and Road International Skills Competition hosted in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality last June.

This success is the result of training at the Ethiopian Luban Workshop, designated by the AU Headquarters as a high-quality skill-training centre for the entire African continent.

Through the shared expertise of his instructors, Emiru gained a mastery of techniques at the vocational training workshop. *Xinhua*

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN CASE NO: MAHFT 000-191/24

In the matter between

TSHEGOFATSO BASELE MIMMY

APPLICANT

(For and on behalf of Neelo Mogale Galekhutle and Sekao Barati Galekhutle (minors))

AND

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Nominally cited only)

And representing the Registrar of Births and Deaths) 1<sup>st</sup> RESPONDENT  
BAAGI GALEKHUTLE 2<sup>nd</sup> RESPONDENT

## NOTICE OF SERVICE- SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: BAAGI GALEKHUTLE a resident of Serowe, Botswana but whose present whereabouts are unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that by an Application issued out of the High Court of Botswana you have been called upon to give notice, within 21 days after publication hereof, to the Registrar and to the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to defend (if any) in an application wherein the Plaintiff MIMMY TSHEGOFATSO BASELE seeks the following orders, that:

1. The Registrar of Births and Deaths be and is hereby ordered to amend the birth registers of NEELO MOGALE GALEKHUTLE and SEKAO BARATI GALEKHUTLE by replacing the surname GALEKHUTLE with the surname BASELE;
  2. The Registrar of Births and Deaths further be ordered to issue amended birth certificates;
  3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent is hereby declared an absent father and the Applicant is hereby granted full guardianship rights;
  4. The Applicant shall not require the consent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent in respect of the minor children whenever it would ordinarily be required;
  5. No order for costs is sought against the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent.
  6. The court makes an alternative order as it deems just and equitable.
- TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY JANUARY 2025

REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT, Private Bag F13, FRANCISTOWN

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## Tsholofelo ke kgosi wa Matlhakola

Ka Portia Rapitsenyanne

MATLHAKOLA - Tona wa Dikgaolo le Tsa Ngwao, Rre Ketlhalefile Motshegwa a re lekoko le le neng le romilwe go batlisisa yo o lebaganweng ke go nna kgosi wa Matlhakola le weditse pego mme go supagetse fa Kabelo Tsholofelo e le ene kgosi wa motse oo.

Fa a bua kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa motseng oo ka Matlhatso, Rre Motshegwa a re lekoko le le neng le tlhomilwe le go batlisisa ka bogosi jwa motse oo, e ne e le dikosi di le tharo e leng mothusa kgosi wa Bakwena Kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi, moemela kgosi wa Kopong Kgosi Michael Molefhe le moemela Kgosi wa Hebron Kgosi Aobakwe Phethu mme ba wetsa tiro eo, e maikaelelo a yone e neng e le go batla tharabololo ya sennelaruri.

A re lekoko leo le ne la tsaya boikarabelo jo ba neng ba bo neetswe ba reetsa morafe mme

ditshekatsheko tsa supa fa bogosi bo lebagane boora Mathaba. Ka jalo, are go tla a dirwa thulaganyo ya go romela leina la ga Rre Tsholofelo go rurifadiwa kgotsa go tlhomamisiwa.

Rre Motshegwa a re kgang e e wela mo go reng lephata la gagwe ga le bee bogosi mme tiro ya lone ke go lebelela gore molao wa bogosi wa reng le morafe wa reng.

Ka jalo a re morafe o tla a neelwa malatsi a le masome a mararo gore fa go na le yo o ngongoregang tebang le se lekoko le reng le se bone a ntshe ngongora eo. A re fa malatsi a masome a mararo ao a wela go sena ngongorego ya boikuelo go tla a tsewa gore se se builweng ke lekoko ke sa boammaaruri.

Rre Motshegwa a re motse wa Matlhakola o ne wa simologelwa ke dikgang tsa bogosi morago ga gore Kgosi Sekolomane Mothobi a tlogele bogosi ka mabaka a bogodi. Kgang e, e ne ya tsaya phekelo e sele ka nako ya fa a

tlogela tiro ka a ne a supa fa a tla a tsenya ngwana wa gagwe mo setilong mme bontlha bongwe jwa morafe jwa sekja dumalana.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Motshegwa o ne a re puso e mo dithulaganyong tsa go tlhabolola lenaneo la Ipelegeng.

O tlhalositse fa mo ditogamaanong tsa bone ba le mo ditshekatshekong tse di tsweletseng gompieno tsa go e tokafatsa gore e nne lenaneo le e leng gore ba ba dirang mo go lone ba tla a fiwa dikitsi le dithutontsho tse di tla a ba kgontshang go dira tiro ya lenaneo le le tlhabolotsweng.

A re mo nakong eno, ba tshwaragane le ba-na-le seabe ba ba farologaneng go bona gore

Ipelegeng e tlhabololwe jang gore e fitlhelle maitlam a puso e a beileng a e santseng e tsepame mo go one a gore e tla a amogedisa P2 500 mo go yone.

A re ditshekatsheko tse dingwe ke tsa gore bagodi ba amogele P1 800 le gone gore dingwaga tsa dikamogelo tsa bagodi di simolole kwa go 60 years. A re go santse go phuthiwa tse di maleba gore go nne jalo.

O ne a tlhalosa fa goramente wa dikgaolo e le ene a leng gaufi le batho ka jalo dithata di tla a isiwa kwa dikhanseleng gore di nne le boikarabelo le go itirela madi le gone go itirela ditsompelo go isa ditlhabololo kwa bathong.

Le fa go ntse jalo, modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa

motse wa Matlhakola, Mme Kesia Abel o ne a lekodisa Rre Motshegwa fa ba setse ba thusitswe ka dipeo le madi a go lema mme sebe sa phiri e le gore diterekere tse di ba lemelang di boutsana.

A re mo nakong eno, bontsi jwa bone ga ba ise ba simolole go lema e bile ba tshoga gore ba tla a siwa ke bokgola. O ne a kopa puso go sekaseka gore ba ka thusiwa jang gore ba kgone go lema.

O ne a lekodisa fa dipula tse di sa tswang go tshologa di dirile tshenyo mo motseng bogolo jang mo ditseleng. A re tsela ya sekondere e sentswe ke dipula mme e kgaogane ka bogare ka jalo o ne a kopa gore seemo seo se tsibogelwe. **BOPA**



*Banni ba Matlhakola ba le kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Tona wa Dikgaolo le Tsa Ngwao, Rre Ketlhalefile Motshegwa ka Matlhatso. Tona Motshegwa a re lekoko le le neng le romilwe go batlisisa yo o lebaganweng ke go nna kgosi wa Matlhakola le weditse pego, mme go supagetse fa Rre Kabelo Tsholofelo e le ene kgosi wa motse oo. Senepe: Portia Rapitsenyanne*

## Puso e adimile madi go feleletsa ditlhabololo

Ka Tebogo Masuruke

ZOROGA/MAPOSA - Go tlhalositswe fa puso e adimile P12.5 billion go feleletsa ditiro dingwe tsa ditlhabololo tse di neng di dirwa.

Se se tlhalositswe ke mopalamente wa kgao ya Nata/Gweta Rre Lawrence Ookeditse mo diphuthegong tsa kgotla kwa Maposa le Zoroga bosheng. Rre Ookeditse a re madi ao, a ya go dirisiwa go feleletsa ditiro tse di tsweletseng tse di neng di seegetswe go dirwa ka ngwaga wa madi wa 2024/2025.

A re go ne go sena madi a go ka di feleletsa, ka jalo puso ya bona go tshwanela go adima madi. O boletse fa ditiro dingwe tse di neng di abilwe ka thendara di emisitswe go santse go sekasekwa dingwe tse go belaetsegang di sa tsamaya sentle.

Rre Ookeditse a re maikaelelo a bone e le puso e ntsha, ke go thusa batho ka botswapelo ba setse moono wa ga Tautona Duma Boko morago. O ile a rotloetsa banni go tsosolosa mowa wa boipelego go itirela ditiro.

A re madi a ba a fiwang ke ba trust ya bone le lemme le ba le fiwang ke ba Nata Sanctuary, ba ka le dirisa go betla lenaneo le le tlaa sologelang setshaba molemo jaaka go rua ditlhapi.

Kwa Maposa, Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Mme Sibongile Maposa, o boletse

fa go sena mabitla mo motseng ka jalo baswi ba bolokelwa gongwe le gongwe.

Mme Maposa a re go setse go le dingwaga ba bua ka kgang eo mme ba sa bone tlharabololo. A re fa ba latedisa kgang eo, ba tlhalosedwa fa tletla ya go dirisa lefelo le ba le beilweng ke ba kabotsha le yone e ba tshwereng go ka le dirisa (lease).

O supile fa madi a ba a filweng ke ba Nata Sanctuary ba kgonne go phatlalatsa metsi mo motseng le go tsenjetsa batho dipompo mo malwapeng a bone.

O gwetlhile puso go sa lebale tsholofeto tsa yone tsa go oketsa madi a Ipelegeng.

Kgosi Modiro Thomas wa Dzoroga o ne a lela ka lenyora mo motseng. Kgosi a re ba sale ba tshephitswe fa go tlaa epiwa letamo kwa motseng wa Mosetse nakokgolo ke eno.

Kgosi Thomas a re motse o tletse ka metswedi ya metsi mme ba bolawa ke lenyora.

Fa a tsibogela mangwe a matshwenyego a banni, Rre Ookeditse o boletse fa baitsanape ba tsa metsi ba boletse fa metsi a mo motseng a kgothelesegile ka jalo a sa siamela go nowa, ka jalo ba tlaa nna ba sielwa metsi ka koloi go fithelela go nna le tlharabololo ya sennelaruri.

Moglwane kwa khansele ya Tutume o soloeditse batho ba Maposa fa a tlaa latedisa kgang ya bone ya mabitla. **BOPA**

## Banni ba tshepisa go babalela di-tsa tlholego

Ka Tebogo Masuruke

ZOROGA - Banni ba Maposa le Zoroga ba itumeletse mogopolo wa gore ba ka bapala phane, go rwalela dikgong le go kgetla bojang ntle le teseletso, mme go sa akaretse ba ba bapalelang kgwebo.

Fa ba akgela mo mafokong a mopalamente wa kgao ya Nata/Gweta Rre Lawrence Ookeditse ba ne ba supa fa kgang ya go bapala dibapalwa nageng ka teseletso e ntse e sa ba jese di welang.

Rre Ookeditse yo gape e leng mothusa Tona ya Botsogo o ne a buisa diphuthegong tsa kgotla kwa metseng eo ka Labotlhano.

Banni ba ne ba amogela

mogopolo oo ka megolokwane le leshalaba le legolo.

Ba boletse fa ba ne ba sokola thata ka ba Lephata la Dikgwa le Dibapalwa Nageng ba ne ba ba latela kwa sekgweng mme fa ba sena diteseletso ba amogwe tse ba di bapetseng.

Baagi ba ne tshepisa puso fa ba tlaa dira se se tshwanetseng go babalela ditsa tlholego tseo.

Ba ile ba kopa puso go baya leitlhlo thata mo go bao ba ba bapalelang kgwebo, ba re bangwe ba tswa kwa metseng e kgakala go rema dikgong, le gone go bapala phane tota.

Go le pele, Rre Ookeditse o ne a tlhalosa fa ba ba bapalelang kgwebo ba tlamega go dirisa teseletso.

A re Batswana ba ntse ba sokodisiwa ke kgang eo ya teseletso mo bangwe ba neng ba felela ka go bapala phane ka go iphltha.

A re Batswana bangwe ba bapalela go itshtsa le ba malwapa a bone, mme a ba kopa go somarela dibapalwa nageng tseo bogolo jang phane le go rwalela dikgong ka kelelelo.

A re batho ba na le go tshwara phane le go epa ee ikepeteng fa fatshe, a supa fa go dira jalo ba tlaa bo ba itlhaba ka thipa mpeng, ka seo se nyeletsa phane.

Rre Ookeditse a re fa ba sa diragatse seo, lephata le le laolang dibapalwa nageng le tlaa tsaya taolo go laola seemo. **BOPA**

# AU intelligence services committee opens office in Tripoli

**TRIPOLI** - The Committee of Intelligence and Security Services (CISSA) of the African Union (AU) has announced the opening of its office in Tripoli, Libya.

The opening ceremony, held Friday attracted CISSA Executive Secretary Jackson Victor Hamata, and Libya intelligence chief Hussein Al-Ayeb, as Libya assumed the presidency of CISSA for the year 2025.

"This inauguration of CISSA office in Libya enhances Libya's leadership in the field of intelligence work at the regional level," Al-Ayeb said, stressing the need to "intensify coordination between African intelligence agencies against terrorism, organised crime and other security issues."

Meanwhile, Hamata praised Libya for enhancing African security and stability, and for hosting the CISSA, which represents a strong boost to joint intelligence work among its members.

On Thursday, Hamata met with President of the Libyan Presidency Council Mohamed al-Menfi on security and political situations in Libya and Africa, and on Libya's role against terrorism, organised crime, and illegal immigration.

CISSA, established in 2004 in Nigeria's Abuja, aimed to assist the AU and all its institutions to address the need to share information on security threats confronting Africa. *Xinhua*



**ADDIS ABABA** - Experts and policymakers have urged global support for Ethiopia's efforts in building a resilient and green economy as a sustainable solution to address the adverse effects of climate change. Photo: Xinhua

## Namibia fourth safest in Africa

**WINDHOEK** - Namibia's Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) has welcomed ranking by Altezza Travel, which placed Namibia as the forth safest country in Africa.

The ranking not only enhanced the country's international image but also reinforced Namibia's position as a prime travel destination.

MEFT spokesperson Romeo Muyunda in a statement on Saturday said Altezza Travel's acknowledgment of Namibia's

safety, political stability, and well-developed tourism infrastructure was a significant achievement.

According to Muyunda, Namibia was ranked fourth behind Mauritius in first place, Ghana in second, and Zambia in third.

"This ranking points out our peaceful nature as Namibians, but also highlights that our collective efforts to ensure peace and stability are being recognised. The ministry would commend the Namibian people, security clusters, law enforcement agencies,

and all stakeholders for fostering law and order in the country," he added.

Muyunda said safety was an important factor in the travel and tourism sectors; therefore, this ranking gives Namibia more recognition around the globe and will steer more recommendations by travelers to visit the country.

The spokesperson noted that even though Namibia was ranked fourth, the ministry believed that the country had the potential to be the safest country in Africa.

Meanwhile, the rankings came against the backdrop of the ongoing tourism safety campaign being spearheaded by the ministry in cooperation with the Namibian police, tour operators, and selected regional councils, among others.

"We must, as a country, prioritise peace and stability as this will not only attract tourists but also much-needed investors that will enhance economic development," he said.

Altezza Travel, a destination management company headquartered in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, compiled the rankings by reviewing leading global studies from recent years, including official statistics and citizens' perceptions of personal safety. *Xinhua*

## Libya Parliament discusses forming unified government

**TRIPOLI** - Representatives of Libya's eastern-based House of Representatives (parliament) on Sunday discussed forming a unified government in the country with the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

In a meeting with Deputy Special Representative of UN Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Officer-in-Charge of UNSMIL Stephanie Koury, they "discussed the latest

developments of Libya's political and economic situation and ways to end the Libya crisis by holding presidential and parliamentary elections and forming a unified government," the parliament said in a statement on its official website. The meeting also discussed the country's newly approved national reconciliation law, said the statement.

In December 2024, Speaker

of the House of Representatives Aguila Saleh announced that he and Koury had agreed on the need to unify the executive authority and form a unified government to "move forward towards holding presidential and parliamentary elections as soon as possible." Libya failed to hold general elections in December 2021 as previously scheduled, due to disagreements among the

Libyan parties over election laws. Since the fall of the late leader Muammar Gaddafi's regime in 2011, Libya has been struggling with fragmentation.

The country is now divided between two main rival administrations: the eastern-based government, backed by the parliament, and the western-based government in Tripoli, supported by the Presidential Council. *Xinhua*

**Kgokgontsho ya  
bong ga e a siama.  
Emisa Kgokgontsho**



# Classified Ads

## AUTOMOTIVES

I, MR ENOCK MOTSWASELE, declare I am the owner of vehicle Mazda MPV, Station wagon of engine No. L310261140, registration No:8957 BCM, I bought from Mr Chikosha Shelton from Zimbabwe, though I did not change the Ownership. For more information contact: 74 446 225 /71 606 333.

## FARM WORKERS

**FEMALE FARM WORKER WANTED** in Thabala. Contact 71 681 886

**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Contact 74 602 712 Makoro village.

**FARM HAND WANTED** at Mokgacha-wa-ditshepe. Contact 74579845 / 77 372 462

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Lister Medical Investments Proprietary Limited is looking for Laboratory Scientist at our Medigen Laboratory. The incumbent must have a minimum of Bachelor's of Technology degree with at least over ten years post graduate experience. Those with Mphil additional degree in HIV/AIDS management shall have an added advantage. Reply in confidence to P/Bag BR 97 Suite 97 Gaborone or email your application to [palmgroveclinic@yahoo.com](mailto:palmgroveclinic@yahoo.com) before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

## FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

**IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE TELLMORE MUCHENJE – ESHFT 000096/21 WHO DIED ON THE 19TH APRIL 2021 AT SIR KETUMILE MASIRE HOSPITAL, GABORONE DISTRICT**

The First and Final Liquidation And Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Francistown for a period of Twenty One (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master of High Court Francistown, Private Bag F13 Francistown.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS

17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

**The Executors**

Motsi Muchenje  
Gofaone Malebeswa  
C/O M.C.M Moseki Attorneys  
P.O. Box 1951  
FRANCISTOWN  
Tel: 2419902

## APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Deed of Transfer No. 334/91 dated 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1991, was entered into between the Kweneng Land Board as the Lessor, on the one hand, and Motlaodi Benjamin Morake (Born on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1962) as Lessee on the other hand for a period of NINETY - NINE (99) YEARS commencing on the 27th day of September 1990 in respect of: CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 1224, Mogoditshane; SITUATE:at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory; MEASURING:1871m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One Square Metres); AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR: From diagram DSL No. 244/91 surveyed by Land Surveyor C.P. Vista in August 1990 and approved by the Director of Surveys and Lands on the 5th day of July 1991:

WHICH PROPERTY: Is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease Number 334/1991 dated 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1991 made in favour of MOTLAODI BENJAMIN MORAKE (Born on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1962); SUBJECT TO:the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Lease;

All persons having objections to the issuance of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020 Gaborone within twenty one (21) days from the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone this 15th Day of January 2025

RENDÖ & CO, Plot 54374, Unit 5B, 2ND Floor, Grand Union Building Central Business District, P O Box 70514, Gaborone.

Tel: (267) 316 0185, (267) 74 706 837, (267) 730 847

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## IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA AT GABORONE

EX PARTE APPLICATION:

CASE NO: CVHGB-002497-20

In the matter between:

ATAJOY INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD  
And  
TAUDI LOPANG

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

## SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: TAUDI LOPANG, an adult male of full legal capacity whose address for the purpose of this suit is P O Box 24, SEROWE otherwise whose further and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown.

TAKE NOTICE THAT that a Writ of Summons for Civil Imprisonment issued out by this court ATAJOY INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD of RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS Plot 23952, Phase 4, Gaborone, P.O. Box 22014, Gaborone for the following claims;

a) The application for civil imprisonment is hereby granted.

b) The warrant for civil imprisonment shall issue for ninety (90) days suspended for thirty (30) days to allow the defendant time to pay the debt.

And that an Order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons on you. You are required to file documents in opposition to the writ of summons for civil imprisonment within fourteen (14) days of this publication and if you do not do so, judgement may be given against you in your absence.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgement may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

CONTACT: RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS, 311 9091, 77 622 313

THE REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA, GABORONE

**2 FARM WORKERS WANTED** P O Box 1100 Mahalapye. Call Goabaone B. Sefako 71 636 758 /72 954 285

**LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER** to be based at nata send your application to box 467 kasane

### NOTICE OF NEXT KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act [Cap . 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GASEWAME MASUSU	ESHFT-0000244-23	18-03-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
VICTOR MAZANA	ESHFT-000628-24	26-03-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## 24HR E&M CLINIC

### Position: Full-Time Medical Doctor

#### Requirements:

A recognized Degree in Medicine and Surgery.  
Minimum of 5-10 years of experience in medical practice.  
Current registration and good standing with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

#### Duties:

**The Medical Doctor will:**  
Diagnose and treat medical conditions, disorders, and diseases using advanced medical skills and knowledge.  
Prescribe treatments and medications based on their findings.  
Perform minor surgical procedures as necessary.

#### Remuneration:

Details will be shared with shortlisted candidates.

#### Application Details:

Interested candidates should send their applications to [clinic24hr@gmail.com](mailto:clinic24hr@gmail.com).

Closing Date: 14 February 2025

## Join Our Team as a Medical Laboratory Manager

We are seeking a highly skilled and motivated Medical Laboratory Manager to lead our laboratory services in a private hospital setting.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the medical laboratory
- Ensure compliance with regulatory standards and quality assurance protocols.
- Supervise and support laboratory staff, fostering a culture of excellence.
- Manage inventory, including procurement and maintenance of laboratory equipment.
- Collaborate with healthcare teams to ensure accurate and timely diagnostic results.

#### Requirements:

- Degree in Medical Laboratory Science or related field.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in a laboratory management or supervisory role
- Registration with the relevant health council and in good standing.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Experience in a hospital or similar healthcare setting is an advantage.

#### What We Offer:

- A competitive remuneration package.
- Opportunities for professional growth and development.
- A dynamic work environment in a state-of-the-art facility.

#### Application Details:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their CVs and a cover letter to [ecopathmaun@gmail.com](mailto:ecopathmaun@gmail.com) to by **14/02/2025**.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Vukwe. Contact Quite N. Letsholathebe, P O Box 103 Masunga. Phone 71 554 488

**HERD BOY WANTED** at Legothwana lands Kavimba call Mr Thabiso Mosabata 72 721 734 / 75 515 409

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Masukwane. Dyna Aaron 71600338. Box 493 Masunga

**HERD BOY WANTED** at Zoroga. Apply to Tumbali Ndzinge. 74610015 Box 1337 Francistown

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Mokatako. Contact 71 765 534

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** in Mmakgori village. Please apply to booyzana@gmail.com or P.O Box 201019. Gaborone before 31 Jan 2025.

**KE BATLA MODISA** looking for a herd boy in Sojwe area. Call 71307854 / 71 295 716 / 75 339 014

**HEAD MAN WANTED.** Apply to Box 1295 Mogoditshane 75 478 301

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** Mmalore farm with valid Omang or passport. Contact Mabe 72 288 898

**2 FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Seleme field Mochudi apply P O Box 308 Mochudi Chalid Zaheer Ahmed.

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** for ploughing and small stock. Apply to P O Box 2081 ABG Sebele or call N. Thebe 71 397 109.

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** Mmadinare, call 72 397 832 / 71694490.

**LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER,** the applicant must have five years experience knowledge of small stock. The work will be at Gakgatla Lands. Must be prepared to work long hours. Please reply to P O Box 1218 Molepolole. Tel: 591 6456, Tell: 71 825 592 / 75 158 181 / 73865867 or call Alfred Kwenasetso at Gakgatla.

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**MR NTLAFATSO KWAFELA**, owner of an industrial plot at Sebo ward, in Mmadinare wishes to change land use from industrial (bricks and concrete products) to commercial (shopping complex). For objections contact Bobirwa District Council Physical Planning office on 2619 274 within 14days of publication.

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## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**NEIGHBORS OF 3758, 3760, 3759** Tati-Siding are informed of a boundary wall development. For queries contact No 73 341 814 or North-East District Council on 2489242.

**OUR DOCTOR (PTY) LTD** being owner of plot 11493 Tsholofelo, Gaborone intends to build a boundary wall as well as a triple story building at the said plot. If you have any objections please contact 73 056 269 or Gaborone physical planning office on 390 7949.

**OWNER OF PLOT 38655** Mogoditshane Block 5, intend to build a boundary wall. Anyone with objections, contact Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning at 3166646 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

**OWNER OF LOT 3815** Mokatse wishes to change land use from dam to residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning office on 577 7411.

**OWNER OF PLOT 38655** Mogoditshane Block 5, intend to change land use from single residential to multi residential. Anyone with objections, contact Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning at 316 6646 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

**B, S, S, PROPERTY PTY LTD** owner of Plot 2905 & 2878, Extension 10, Gaborone, wishes to change the use from single to multi-residential. Whoever has an objection should contact GCC Physical Planning office at 365 7400 within 14 days of publication of this advert.

**URGENTLY WANTED** in G-West : Part Time Primary and form 5 Maths, Sciences and commerce Tutors. Must be staying near G-West. Call / Text 72 294 686.

**EXTRA HEAVY DUTY DRIVER** 15 years & above experience and experience of driving in terrain roads of Africa. Apply Radiata Timber Holdings P/Bag AE 94 AEH Gaborone.

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## PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Personal assistant wanted for Dipeo Nursery School. Applicants should possess:

- Good computer skills
- Driver's license

Additional Certificates will reflect positively.

Interested candidates with relevant skills and experience are requested to apply in writing by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 including CV and References to :

Dipeo Nursery School  
P O Box 149 Gaborone

Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed No. FT TL 956/2006 dated 8th November 2006 made in favour of Molebatsi Daniel Botumile.

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot 815, Sehitwa **SITUATE:** At Sehitwa in the Batawana Tribal Territory

**MEASURING:** 700m<sup>2</sup>

**APPEAR:** Lecha & Associates

2) That the said Title Deed has been lost under circumstances unknown to me and cannot be found though diligent search therefore has been made.  
3) And further that the said Title Deed has not been pledged or detained anyone as security for debt or otherwise.  
4) I undertake that should the Floating copy of the said Title Deed come into my possession after a curtailed copy has been issued to me, I shall deliver it to the register of Deeds at Francistown.

All person having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with register of Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020, GABORONE within 3 weeks of the last publication of this notice hereof.

**DATED AT MAUN THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

P.O BOX 21386, MAUN

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**Master's Reference: ESHGB 000790/23**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Ralph Charles Becorny who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 1996

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

**DATED at.....on this.....day of.....2024**  
The Executrix, Hazel Ibrahim, Private Bag 1218 AAD, Gaborone, CELL: 74676208

## NOTICE OF NEXT KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CHARLES V. TSWIRI	ESHFT-000798-24	01.04.2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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

ESHFT000170-24

### FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Mainah Tshotlego – ESHFT-000170-24 who died at Thamashanga, Sekonje ward, North-East District on the 29 April 2014

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

<b>DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS ..... DAY OF ..... 2025</b>	
Jeremiah Tshotlego Machacha P O Box 1205 Selibe Phikwe	AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 Francistown

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST® CHURCH

## VACANCIES

South Botswana Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced personnel to serve in the following positions at Mountain View Adventist Academy:

- TEACHERS
- COUNSELLOR/PSYCHOLOGIST
- ACCOUNTANT
- CASHIER

#### QUALIFICATION:

- A Degree or minimum of Diploma in the relevant field.
- Applicants should have a minimum of 2 years' experience.

Applications with certified copy of ID/Passport should be accompanied by the following:

- Detailed CV
- Two references
- Certified copies of Certificates

Applications should be hand-delivered or sent to:

The Principal  
Mountain View Adventist Academy  
Private Bag 45  
Mogoditshane  
Tel: 311 5919  
Or  
info.mvaa@yahoo.com

The closing date for all applications is 03 February 2025.

## Employment Opportunities

Applicants with more than ten (10) years experience shall have the specified qualification, driving licence, knowledge of Microsoft suites of software, Civil Designer or Autodesk Civil software.

**Civil Engineers (2)** – Bachelor or Higher degree in Civil Engineering. Specialized in materials and pavement design.

**Land Surveyors (2)** – Bachelor or Higher degree in Surveying.

Applications together with CVs and copies of certificates, telephone and email of two referees should be emailed to [gcg@groupconsult.co.bw](mailto:gcg@groupconsult.co.bw) not later than 17 January 2025

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
WITNESS SIBANDA	ESHFT-000129-22	26-03-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BOY MBULAYI	ESHFT-000590-24	25-03-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

## Travel Consultant - Asian Market

Harvey World Travel - Gaborone is searching for a Travel Consultant specialised in **Asian Market** to reach, serve and grow the customers in Asian market.

#### Required Qualification and Skill:

- Diploma or Higher in Travel and Tourism
- GDS training (Preferably in AMEDIUS)
- Speaks any Asian languages such as Hindi or Sinhala
- Conversant with norms and cultures of the Asian region
- Skills in fares and ticketing
- Age limit below 35 years as at the closing date of the advert

Application to be addressed to: Harvey World Travel - Gaborone  
PO Box 1950, Gaborone

**Closing date:** **07/02/2025**



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## New label tells Botswana farm story

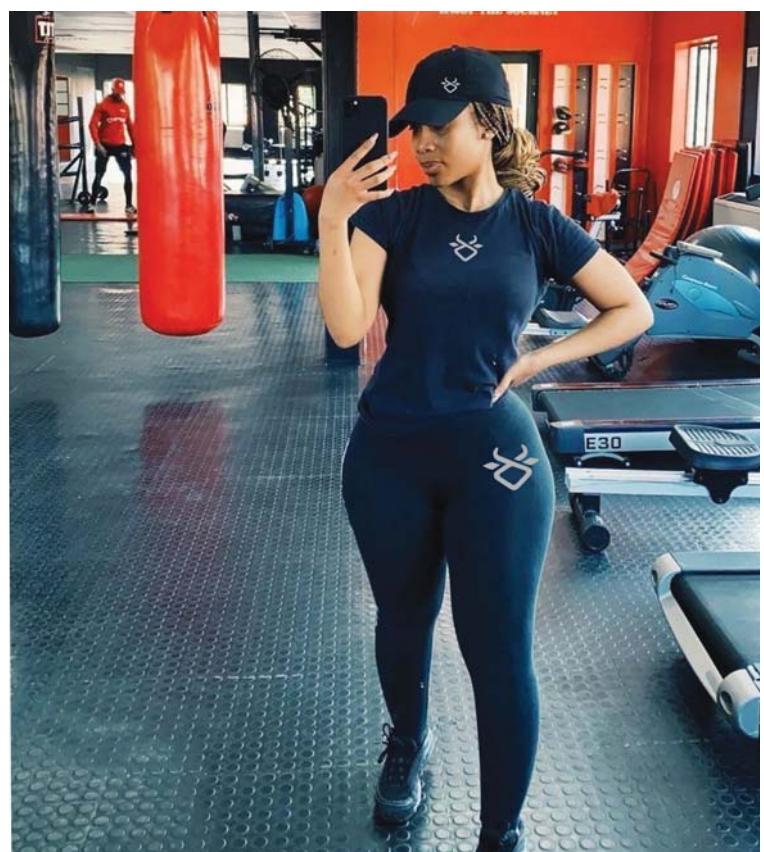
By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The founder of Strata Supply, a well-known fashion brand in Botswana, Thabo Rantao, has launched a new label called Farm Aura.

In a recent interview with BOPA, he said Farm Aura, which was launched last year November,

was inspired by the simplicity of Botswana's farm life and the modern style of urban living.

"The idea came to me during my travels across Botswana's rural areas. I was inspired by the earthy colours and practical clothing I saw on farms," he said. Rantao said Farm Aura's designs reflected this influence,



For those who enjoy jogging and marathons, the brand offers comfortable and stylish joggers and sweatpants, often featuring the brand's name or logo.

using natural tones like green and brown, as well as fabrics that were both sustainable and fashionable.

He said the label was about creating designs that felt natural yet stylish. "Each piece is meant to tell a story. We wanted to create something unique that blends the beauty of the countryside with a modern twist," he said.

For the founder, Farm Aura is more than just a clothing line. "It's about connecting people to nature and encouraging them to embrace a simpler, more authentic lifestyle," he said.

Shedding the light about what the local brand also offers, he said they featured clothing, which blended rugged, natural elements with modern street wear style.

These he said included utility jackets, oversized hoodies, graphic tees, cargo pants and denim pieces infused with earthy tones, bold prints and sustainable materials.

He also said their collection included textured fabrics, relaxed fits and accessories such as caps, socks and backpacks, emphasising both functionality and individuality. Even though he already has another label, he admitted that starting a new label was not easy.

Rantao said he had to find the right materials, work with local artisans, and ensure the brand stayed true to its vision.

Despite the challenges, they launched the brand last year



A model showcasing Farm Aura apparel. The founder of Strata Supply, Thabo Rantao, said Farm Aura, which was launched last year November, was inspired by the simplicity of Botswana's farm life and the modern style of urban living.

Photos: Courtesy of Farm Aura

November. He mentioned that the debut event showcased a collection of jackets, dresses, and other pieces that combined simplicity with elegance.

Rantao also said guests loved the natural look and feel of the designs, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

"The response was amazing," he shared. "It's clear that people appreciate fashion that tells a Botswana farm story and feels authentic," he added.

With this new label, the founder

of Strata Supply continues to push the boundaries of fashion in Botswana, proving that creativity and innovation can come from the most unexpected places.

For those who want to have a taste of Farm Aura taste of Botswana, the store is situated in Pure Drop/Leobah Complex in Gaborone, Phase 4.

For those who enjoy jogging and marathons, the brand offers comfortable and stylish joggers and sweatpants, often featuring the brand's name or logo. **BOPA**

## Zambia prepares for Chinese Spring Festival

LUSAKA - The Chinese Embassy in Zambia on Sunday held the 2025 Zambia-Chinese Spring Festival Temple Fair with a display of Chinese culture in celebration of the upcoming Spring Festival, which marks the first day of the lunar calendar.

The ceremony, organized in cooperation with the Zambia Chinese Association attracted scores of both Chinese and Zambian people in Lusaka.

The celebration featured various Chinese cultures, including a kung fu performance. Chinese food was also on display, while Chinese companies took advantage of the ceremony to showcase their products and services.

China's Spring Festival falls on January 29 this year, marking the beginning of the Year of the Snake. In December last year, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation inscribed 'Spring Festival, social

practices of the Chinese people in celebration of the traditional new year' on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

In his remarks, Han Jing, Chinese ambassador to Zambia, said the ceremony had been a

brand-name event for Chinese compatriots in Zambia to gather together to celebrate the Chinese New Year. He said 2025 was the year of the snake, which symbolises power, wealth, and longevity in traditional Chinese culture, which would also be key in the bilateral relations between China and Zambia.

Han said the embassy would continue to implement the philosophy of people-centered development and the principle of diplomacy for the people.

Mulambo Haimbe, Zambia's minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation, said the event was not only an event for the Chinese community in

Zambia but also a great platform for cultural exchanges between the two peoples. He said the comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership between the two countries brought tangible benefits to the people of both countries last year.

"Zambia and China have maintained close cooperation and joined hands to promote modernisation and build a community of shared future. Zambia expects more tourists, investment, and technology transfer from China this year," he said, adding that Zambia was committed to adhering to the one-China policy and safeguarding the foundation of mutual political trust.

"We are ready to work with the Chinese embassy and the Chinese community to create a conducive business environment and promote bilateral cooperation in all dimensions," the minister said. *Xinhua*



# New investor to stimulate Gunners

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

**LOBATSE** - Lobatse based football outfit, Extension Gunners newly found South African investor, Chief Ally Kgomongwe is poised to place the sleeping football giant back to where it belongs. At the top!

The five-year partnership, which is perhaps one of the key highlights in the football calendar this season sets Extension Gunners on a new path since the business magnate has promised to take it back to its heydays.

Speaking in an interview after the clash between Extension Gunners and Mochudi Center Chiefs on Saturday, Kgomongwe who was previously with Mbabane Highlanders in eSwatini said opportunities were abound and the ground was fertile for the team to thrive.

His mission is that after his five-year contract with Gunners, the team should have elevated to greater heights, as he also plans to compete in CAF competitions, buy more players and is already in talks with other clubs to loan him players.

He is working on identifying performance gaps and finding solutions to rebuild the team and make it compact and successful.

Quizzed on whether he did not deem it risky investing in a team faced with financial challenges and was not doing well in the log standings he said, "remember that in order to succeed you must build your own business from scratch, any business is a risk."

The business magnate is steadfast on taking his chances with Gunners, which has a solid foundation and good players.

"I have made investments at Mbabane Highlanders in eSwatini where I had to start off by looking for players in the streets. So, I see Extension Gunners as a much better team because already they have something in place. My promise to the Gunners family is that glory days are back!" he said with optimism.

Football analyst, Gorata



*Extension Gunners new investor, Chief Ally Kgomongwe (centre) from South Africa, greeting supporters during a game against Mochudi Centre Chiefs on Saturday. He said opportunities were abound and the ground was fertile for the team to thrive. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu*

Ramphaleng on the other hand said the investor brought in a wealth of experience in football administration having done so well with Mbabane Swallows over the years.

"Looks like he likes them black and white. Gunners brings in a lot of supporters into the league and cream in terms of attendance and visibility in the league, now that's a positive for selling our league. The cash injection will help the club, it serves as a motivation, now players will have their monthly dues consistently and maybe bonuses," she said.

Extension Gunners Supporters chairperson, Chris Mashiakomo told BOPA that the partnership would serve as a stimulant for growth.

"As supporters, we are very

happy for this development because we have been struggling as a team. We did not have sponsorship and as you know, football is very expensive to run.

We have especially noticed that it is challenging to play in the premier league without sponsorship. We have to take into consideration welfare of players, travelling is expensive and the prize money was not able to cover the costs," he said.

Mashiakomo appreciated the investor for gracing the team's match for the first time on Saturday, adding that his presence boosted Gunners supporters' morale.

"It was a good thing that supporters also came in good numbers. Investors are attracted by the number of supporters following the team and so it was a good first impression. His presence also made

a difference in a lot of ways," he said

Mashiakomo stated that Gunners had registered supporters in America and Canada who had formed a branch and a committee, adding that it was these supporters who helped the team financially during the time when it had no sponsor.

"They bought us football equipment from overseas and brought it here. Other branches also contributed to assist the team, they took the initiative to host the team. We have been having challenges and we consolidated branches to host the team. Going forward, it will help a lot, that as supporters we keep on supporting the team and the investor. It will be a motivating factor," he said.

He said they anticipated that a

meeting would be arranged for Kgomongwe to meet chairpersons of local branches, adding that they intended to work hard to retain the sponsor.

Worldwide, societies face challenges when investors pull back, Mashiakomo said and added, "we will strive to retain him."

We must make sure that as supporters, we behave well. Who knows? Maybe he might be the force that attracts more investors to the team."

For his part, Extension Gunners head coach, Proper Monnaanoka said the new investor was a morale booster.

"We have had dry spells and so, when this happens, it boosts players' morale. That is what contributed to our good game play today. We will fight harder going forward," he said in response to the new sponsor who advised them to avoid relegation.

"Right now we are fighting tooth and nail to avoid relegation. We plan to beef up our squad with strikers because we were able to win the ball and play but we did not score goals," said Monnaanoka. **BOPA**



*Chief Ally Kgomongwe*

## Marathons qualifiers for National Cross Country

By Keetile Bontsibokae

**KOPONG** - The local athletics scene on Saturday saw two cross-country events take place, both of which served as qualifiers to the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) National Cross Country Final to be held in Serowe next weekend.

Lefika Athletics Club based in Kopong hosted the Lefika Cross Country competition at Macheke drift in Kopong whilst the Orapa Athletics Club held its own epic event at Mokokong grounds in Letlhakane.

The Lefika cross country competition represented the southern stream whilst its Orapa counterpart hosted the northern side and the duo will battle it out in Serowe on January 25. The marathons were set in three categories, being youth, junior and senior.

The youth category was further categorised into two with boys battling it out for the 6km honours and their female counterparts competing in the 4km sub-category.

The junior men and women tussled to emerge victorious in 8km and 6km respectively while the seniors, both male and female, hit the track for their 10km race category. Olefile Keoagile of UB Athletics Club clinched top spot in the senior men category, clocking in the chronometer a record of 32:27.6.

He was followed in second spot by his teammate Thapelo Galeboe who recorded 32:57.25 whereas the third spot went to Sesebo Matlapeng of Lefika Athletics Club at 33.07.22.

In the senior women category, the veteran marathon runner Maitumelo Keoagile of BDF Athletics Club led the pack, clocking 39:27.16 whilst Kefilwe Galeitsewe of Lion's Den Athletics Club finished in second place, recording 41:14.95. Boikhutso Bakha of BDF Athletics Club came in third with her clock ticking 41:28.64.

Most athletes said the lack of international exposure was hindering them from benchmarking from global stars competing in the 4km sub-category.

perform better and increase their records. When quizzed about their efforts to feature athletes in international cross countries' schedules, BAA blamed the state of affairs on lack of funds. South Central chairperson Tebatso Omphitlhethse said BAA and its affiliates were faced with a lack of funds or sponsors, a scenario that deterred local athletes from participating beyond borders.

Omphitlhethse however hailed athletics clubs for helping to unearth talent, especially at a time when the future of the school sport remains at stake.

Thari Mooketsi, founder of Lefika Athletics Club, said the marathons were experiencing a stunning growth looking at the ever-increasing number of participants annually. For the northern version of the marathons, Lopang Oontse of Mmadinare Athletics Club maintained a lead from the starting point to arrive first in the senior men category at the Letlhakane Cross Country North competition.

He recorded 34:37 seconded by Othusitse Gabolelwé of

Francistown Athletics Club who clocked 35:11. Another Mmadinare Athletics Club runner, Wilson Othusitse came in third, recording a time of 36:37.

According to Orapa AthletOics Club technical official Gaobatshabe Keitatole, some sections of the route were muddy and soggy due to the recent rains, adding however that that was not an abnormal phenomenon as obstacles are part and parcel of marathons. Keitatole's main worry was the lower participation of women in the race, the reasons for which were unknown.

Despite the good turn-out of athletes at this year's event, he said in terms of publicity, they had done little to raise awareness of the event.

He said most people became aware of the event through his interview with Radio Botswana on Friday, which resulted in those far from the marathon's venue failing to make it to the event.

"We will resolve such a loophole in our marketing department for future events," said Keitatole. **BOPA**

## Galaxy delivers huge win



Jwaneng Galaxy coach, Gaoletshoo Nkutlwisang said the team's focus was to win the league, which would place them in a better position to compete at the DTCB tournament. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - Jwaneng Galaxy women's team delivered a convincing win in Jwaneng Mine Southern Region Women's Football League opening match on Saturday against Tholo Peace Masters by thrashing them 20 goals to nil.

Led by former senior women's national team, The Mares coach, Gaoletshoo 'Ronaldo' Nkutlwisang, Galaxy started the game expecting to score big.

"Tholo Peace Masters is a new team. I cannot say much about them because they are just rookies in the league and are yet to grow. Meanwhile, I used this match to introduce new players and I am quite happy that they performed well and fitted well into the team structure," Nkutlwisang said.

She said the game was also used to test players' prowess and to check which areas needed reinforcement on the pitch.

"We still need more players to beef up the team. Our ambition is to win the DTCB and so we have started working towards achieving our goal of competing against the best women football teams in the

country," she noted.

For his part, Tholo Peace Masters coach, Kaelo Kethubilwe said the team was formed last year at Goodhope and this was their debut game in the Southern Region Women Football League.

"The results were not pleasing but I am happy that we were able to honour the fixture. The players were playing for the first time in the league and so it was a new experience for them. We have seen areas where we need to improve in our very first game and we are hopeful that we will do better next time," he said. He said the 20-0 margin was a devastating loss for the women, "We will deal with this set back, their emotions and apply psychological therapy to avoid them losing hope. We will come better prepared next time," he said.

In an interview, Southern Region Women's Football League committee secretary, Keemenao Mmolawa said the league has been sponsored by the Jwaneng Mine to the tune of P900 000 since February 2022 for three seasons.

The last season is coming to an end and they are keeping their fingers crossed for the renewal of the sponsorship, which has greatly assisted them to administer the league.

The league, she noted features 11 women teams in the region, namely, Jwaneng Galaxy, Extension Gunners, Zodiac Collabo Girls, Gangwaketse, 11 Queens, Maletamatse FC, Moshupa New Stars FC, Tholo Peace Masters amongst others. She said the league would come to an end on April 26, 2024, and the champion will get P15 000.

The team, which comes second will get P12 500 while the third placed team will be rewarded with P10 000 and the one on position four will get P7 500.

The rest of the remaining teams will get P5 000 each. She said during the league, each team was entitled to get P8 600 grant to facilitate teams to sustain themselves during the league season, adding that last year Zodiac Collabo Girls were the champions.

Meanwhile, she said Botswana Football Association also assisted the women football champions with finances to enable them to compete at high-level tournaments such as the DTCB as part of encouraging women to participate in football. **BOPA**



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