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# 'Govt to cut red tape'



Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (second left), KGK Diamonds Botswana management, Messrs Sunil Agrawal (left), Rajkumar Baid (second right) and an employee, Ms Tshegetsang Solomon during the Vice President's familiarisation tour of the company in Gaborone on Monday. Mr Gaolathe said in a move to make it easier for investors to set up and operate businesses in Botswana, government would do its best to cut all the bureaucratic red tape prohibiting investments in the country.

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# Residents hopeful for road upgrade

By Esther Mmolai

**KHWAI** - Following a tour of Shorobe-Khwai road by Assistant Minister of Transport



*Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang (left) and some North West leadership appreciating the state of Shorobe-Khwai road recently. Residents of Sankoyo and Khwai are hopeful that government will prioritise the upgrading of the road to enhance accessibility and boost economic activities in the area.* Photo: Esther Mmolai

## Pupils present issues to First Lady

By Portia Rapitsenyanne

**MAHALAPYE** - Pupils from various schools in Mahalapye recently converged at Mowana Junior Secondary School where they had an opportunity to present to the First Lady, Ms Kaone Boko a number of issues that negatively impact their lives.

On behalf of other learners, Masedi Sebolayaphuti from Tamocha Primary School, Tumelo Mmolai and Osenyeng Mmebe from Madiba Senior School voiced their concerns saying young people had many obstacles that jeopardised their future.

They said obstacles such as truancy, substance abuse, bullying at schools, neglect by parents and peer pressure affected their learning. They therefore, advocated for effective communication between parents, teachers and students to overcome the situation.

They urged parents to be actively engaged to ensure that their children regularly attend school, adding that schools should also implement anti-bullying policies and create a conducive learning environment for students.

They said drugs and substance abuse among learners in Mahalapye was prevalent as drug dealers targeted them and exploited their innocence and vulnerability.

The pupils also said issues such as limited parental supervision and incidents of abuse at home should be addressed by strengthened collaboration between schools, law enforcement and communities.

They, thus called for the introduction of counselling services in schools. The other issue they raised was teenage pregnancy, which they said remained a challenge and oftentimes was a result of exploitation and peer pressure. They raised the issue of violence and abuse which they said had a severe impact on learners. The learners' representatives said many children silently suffered from emotional and sexual abuse and there was a need to create a culture of trust, safety and open communication.

and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang, residents of Khwai and Sankoyo are hopeful that the government will prioritise the upgrading of the road to enhance

accessibility and boost economic activities.

The residents said the assistant minister had seen the bad condition of the road and how it had been

negatively affecting their daily lives.

The road, they said was of economic importance as it contributed to tourism industry and believed things would change for the better.

The road also links Maun and Kasane and is mostly used by tourism operators and tourists visiting the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park.

Residents said the recent showers had worsened the road condition as it was impassable.

The road, they said, was also hazardous due to potholes that resulted from easy wearing away of gravel, hence it should be tarred.

"We pin our hopes in the new administration to bring change to our areas in terms of development infrastructure. We have long decried the bad condition of the road and we are optimistic that something will be done," said Ms Keorapetse Yarobi of Sankoyo.

Kgosi Gokgatlhang Moalosi of Sankoyo said he had long requested government to tar the said road, which passed through their villages. "I am impressed with the assistant minister's tour as he is showing the will to upgrade the road that is of economic benefit to our region."

Upgrading of the road, he said, would boost the economic activities as well as grow the tourism industry.

While they wait for the long term solution, Kgosi Moalosi wished the government could consider a short term measure more so that the road was busy and attracting an influx of tourists.

Kgosi Merafhe Amos of Khwai also appreciated that upgrading of the road would ease movement and contributed to the tourism sector as it was also used by big trucks transporting goods to different safari camps in the delta.

The Mababe-Khwai portion, he said, had not been maintained

in years. Maun North MP, Mr Dumelang Saleshando also said the road deserved to be upgraded as it was constructed in 1991 and had surpassed its lifespan.

The road, he said, hindered residents, including young people from enjoying available economic opportunities.

The MP expressed hope that the government would include it in the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) and prioritise its construction.

"In the previous years, the government showed intention to upgrade it, but that did not materialise and I am hopeful that since the relevant authorities came to appreciate it, things will change for the better," he added.

For his part, Mr Atamelang said the ministry had embarked on a mission to assess the state of road infrastructure across the country with a hope to improve those that had a significant bearing on the economy of the country.

He highlighted that Khwai area was a tourism destination and the bad state of the road was worrisome as it also made it difficult to bring services closer to the community.

He said his visit was an indication that government prioritised road infrastructure and assured the residents that the road would be considered in preparations for NDP12.

Mr Atamelang said road infrastructure stimulated the economy, attracted investors, created employment opportunities and also made it easy for residents to access government initiatives and services.

"This road is of economic importance not only to the region, but to the country as it contributes to the tourism sector, which is the backbone of our economy. Although we are working on a budget deficit, we will strive to ensure our roads are improved," he added. **BOPA**

Schools should develop safe confidential reporting mechanisms whilst parents and community leaders must establish support systems to arrest the situation.

They also proposed for the introduction of incentives to reward pupils who consistently demonstrated good behaviour, as well as academic excellence.

The learner thanked the First Lady for prioritising their wellbeing. In her response, First Lady Kaone commended the pupils for speaking their issues freely and coming up with ways to resolve them. She said her office was fairly new, she felt it was important

to meet with them to hear their challenges and come up with necessary interventions.

Mahalapye East MP, Mr Augustine Nyatanga thanked Ms Boko for seeing the importance of having contact with the children to talk about the issues affecting them. He said children were often not listened to and that parents oftentimes made decisions for them without engagement. Mr Nyatanga said one of the government's commitments was to listen to people before making decisions. He said the First Lady's approach was in line with government's way of doing things. **BOPA**

## Learners decry poor learning conditions

By Mothusi Galekhutle

**SALAJWE** - Lempu Junior Secondary School learners have raised concern concerning poor learning conditions in the school.

The learners relayed their concerns during a tour of the school by Member of Parliament for Takatokwane and also Minister of Sports and Arts, Mr Jacob Kelebeng.

They said the classrooms and dormitories had no doors and windowpanes.

Also, they said the school furniture was not only inadequate but was also in a state of despair.

Briefing the minister, the school head, Mr Keogotsitse Tinye said while maintenance was conducted in 2022, it was executed using substandard materials, particularly concerning the doors. He said the hostel boundary fence required refurbishment and learners' dormitories had no doors and windowpanes and were overcrowded, and as such, the ablution facilities were inadequate for the current population.

Also, he said vandalism was a significant challenge in the school adding that the staffroom was inadequate to accommodate all teachers.

He also called for expansion of

boarding facilities to accommodate the growing learners population over the years.

"When the school opened in 1996, it had 16 streams, which were later upgraded to 18 streams; currently, it has expanded to 32 streams, resulting in a shortage of classrooms," he noted.

A teacher from the Guidance

and Counselling Department, Ms Suzan Semme, expressed a concern over delay in assessing pupils with special needs by Learner Support Services personnel.

Ms Semme said a list of such learners had been submitted yet no action had been taken adding that some of them had already written their junior certificate

examinations. She reiterated the importance of providing appropriate support for learners with learning disabilities, saying they could not be taught with other learners and required specialised resources.

The concerns regarding the assessment of students with learning disabilities were echoed by several teachers, who advocated for prioritisation of schools in rural areas. They also said that lack of parental involvement in children's education exacerbated the situation and also expressed the need for adequate resources to enhance their teaching effectiveness.

An Agriculture teacher, Mr Ngauyos Kaodimba told the minister that they were facing challenges of teaching a practical subject like agriculture without proper resources.

The situation, he said did not only burden teachers but also jeopardised learners' future.

Meanwhile, Mr Kelebeng promised to relay challenges to relevant authorities.

He further briefed the meeting about the reintroduction of school sports, saying conversation with relevant stakeholders, including teachers through their union representatives was ongoing. **BOPA**



*Lempu Junior Secondary School head, Mr Keogotsitse Tinye said learners' dormitories were not habitable and called for expansion of boarding facilities.* Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle

# First Lady applauds learners

By Portia Rapitsenyanne

KUDUMATSE - First Lady Kaone Boko has applauded some learners in Dikgatlho Junior Secondary School in Kudumatse for doing well in Science though

they did not have laboratory equipment.

Ms Boko, who was handing over donations to the school on Monday, said schools should therefore be given appropriate equipment to enhance learning.

She said school facilities were dilapidated and needed urgent attention making learning difficult.

Thus, she thanked the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) for coming on board

to ensure that her quest to help children became a success.

On top of the donated items, which include mattresses, toilet papers and sanitary pads on Monday, Ms Boko said BOCRA had pledged ICT laboratory fully furnished with computers and Internet connectivity.

Also, she said BOCRA would support the refurbishment of the science laboratory.

Dikgatlho Junior Secondary School Student Representative Council vice president, Kaone Masego said they were committed to making their school a place where every learner felt valued, inspired and respected.

However, she said they faced a number of challenges such as dilapidated science laboratory and a library, which did not have enough books.

She said their school facilities needed maintenance adding that their dormitories were also in a bad state.

BOCRA chief executive officer, Mr Martin Mokgwane said their company had a Corporate Social Investment Policy with the objective of sharing some of its resources with the less privileged members of society.

As such, he said they met with Office of the First Lady in February where they visited Dikgatlho Junior Secondary School where they took a decision

to help the school.

Though, they would not be able to help with all the school's needs, he said it was their hope that once attended to, the learning environment would be conducive for pupils.

He said he was hopeful that the ICT laboratory would bridge the communication gap between the school and the rest of the country.

"It will be used to benefit the students academically and to improve their ICT skills, which will be beneficial in the long run," he said

He further said BOCRA had a mandate to regulate the Botswana's communications sector, which included broadcasting, Internet and ICT, postal as well as telecommunications.

He said the Communications Regulatory Authority Act, 2012 (CRA Act), required BOCRA to ensure that all areas of Botswana were covered with affordable, quality and safe communications services.

He said in discharging its legal mandate, BOCRA was alive to the fact that it was a living social corporate being that owed its existence to the society within which it operated.

"The manpower it employs, the utilities it uses, the roads and other resources that enables it to operate, belong to the society," he said. **BOPA**



*First Lady Kaone Boko, on Monday handed over donations including mattresses, toilet papers and sanitary pads to Dikgatlho Junior Secondary School in Kudumatse. She applauded learners for doing well in Science though they did not have laboratory equipment. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyanne*

## Government to reduce red tape - VP

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - In a move to make it easier for investors to set up and operate businesses in Botswana, government will do its best to cut all the bureaucratic red tape prohibiting investments in the country.

This was said by Vice President and also Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe following a tour of the KGK Diamonds Botswana in Gaborone on Monday.

This, he said would help in securing investors as government was looking for partners with deep proprietary knowledge, insights and experiences that the country did not have.

The partners, Mr Gaolathe said should have deep pockets and willing to be part of the country's story, culture and narrative.

Also, the Vice President appreciated KGK Diamonds Botswana for the investments it had made in Botswana.

"We consider it our duty to be able to sit down with partners, such as yourselves whenever there are issues that need to be talked about or things to be improved," he said.

Further, Mr Gaolathe commended the diamond

company for its plans to expand into agriculture, which was an important part of government's transformational agenda.

"We appreciate and we are hopeful that all this will bear fruit for our people. We will create massive employment opportunities for our people. We look forward to seeing you and the flowering of your project in Botswana," he added.

For his part, KGK Group director, Mr Navrattan Kothari said the company had intended to venture into agriculture in an effort to contribute to toward the country's food security as well as to diversify its revenue streams.

Mr Kothari said KGK Agro Botswana would support farmers through Contract Farming at Pantamatenga with 400 hectares, which started this year.

In addition, he said the group was also interested in supporting the smallholder cluster farmers through its small farm holders development programme.

"We plan to ensure food security within the country through our Agro Community trading expertise to strike a balance of trade within the agricultural industry in Botswana," he said.

KGK Diamond DMCC chief

financial officer, Mr Sunil Agrawal, also explained that through its Agro Community trading, the company could take care of warehouse management and stock control of Pandamatenga Silos.

With the support of government, Mr Agrawal said the company, with bulk production and storage facility, could ensure volume exports of agro commodity from

the country.

This, he said, would also enhance the profitability for the investor and the government, with the support of their commodity financing institutions.

"We can also import shortfall commodities in Botswana, such as soya beans, black eye peas and cow peas, just to mention but a few," he added.

In terms of skill development,

Mr Agrawal said the company provided comprehensive training on diamond, gemstone and jewellery techniques, through its KGK Academy to equip the trainees with the practical skills needed to excel in the industry.

Furthermore, through its skills transfer and development programme, he said the company trained locals with the latest technologies. **BOPA**



*Employees of KGK Diamonds Botswana at work in Gaborone on Monday. Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said with wages being a contentious issue, it was in government interest to see a highly motivated workforce that was well paid. Photo: Felicity Male*

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## Lack of funds stifles filling of vacancies

GABORONE - Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has created permanent positions for Boarding Assistants in Botswana primary and secondary schools, but has been stifled by lack of funds to fill them, minister Dr Nono Kgafela-Mokoka says.

Responding to questions posed by Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama in Parliament on Monday, she said the ministry engaged 2 244 temporary boarding assistants since 2019.

She said temporary boarding

assistants were appointed on contract terms of 12 months at a salary grade of C4, which translated to P9 037 per month for Diploma qualification holders and C3 translating to P10 591 per month. She said she was not happy with their terms of employment and the plan was to source funds for a permanent solution.

Dr Kgafela-Mokoka said the role of temporary boarding assistants in schools was to monitor the wellbeing of boarding students in a hostel by supervising daily cleaning of hostels, kitchen and its equipment. She said the assistants carried out inspection of kitchen equipment to check losses and damages and made necessary recommendations.

She said they were also tasked with safeguarding all equipment provided to boarding students as well as keeping records of all boarding students and ensuring their whereabouts were accurate and up to date.

She said the assistants were maintaining order in and around the hostels by monitoring boarding students' movement and behavior to ensure they obeyed school regulations.

She said they also managed compliance to Safety Health and Environment (SHE) protocols and standards at the hostels.

Mr Hikuama had asked the minister to explain the role of temporary boarding assistants in Botswana primary and secondary schools and to state the terms and conditions of their employment including salaried per month.

He had further asked her to state the total number of temporary boarding assistants engaged by her ministry since 2019. **BOPA**

## Mophane user fees minimal

GABORONE - Government has revised Mophane user fees including those for utilisation of Phane through Cabinet Directive No CAB7 on User Fees and Services Charges in September 2020, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi has told Parliament.

He said increase in prices covered Harvest Permit from P2 to P5, Dealers Permit from P50 to P110 and the Exporters Permit, which increased from P500 to P2 200. He said the increase that affected majority of those who were most in need were kept to a minimum; which are harvesters at P5 and traders at P110. He said the P2 200 increase was mainly for commercial operators.

Regarding the price increase on Exporters Permit, Mr Mmolotsi said government would conduct studies to determine the ideal price based on the market forces. He further encouraged local manufacturing companies to venture into processing of Phane products at community level to diversify the product base. He said processed products would bring significantly higher prices and more jobs than trading in unprocessed Mophane worms.

Member of Parliament for Bobirwa, Mr Taolo Lucas had asked the minister to state the rationale for increasing the export permit of Mophane worm, and if the increase was amendable to reduce. **BOPA**

# Govt addresses youth unemployment

GABORONE - Botswana continues to come up with strategies and interventions addressing youth unemployment nationally, Selebi Phikwe included, says the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware.

Responding to questions from Member of Parliament for Selebi Phikwe West, Mr Reuben Kaizer in Parliament on Monday, he said one major strategy was to facilitate youth entrepreneurship development in order to stimulate production, secure self-sufficiency and create jobs.

He said it would be done by financing start-ups through Youth Development Fund that capitalised youth entrepreneurs to start businesses and create employment in the process.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware said in the past two financial years, funding preference had been given to sectors with more potential to employ higher numbers of people, especially the youth.

He said such sectors were manufacturing, agriculture and its value chain and innovation. He also said preferential schemes or

affirmative action was extended to youth and their enterprises in order to assist their job creation potential.

He further said procurement, acquisition of land and tender documents had been extended to youth in order to facilitate their economic activities for job creation.

The minister said a long-term strategy remained hinged upon their efforts as a country to achieve economic diversification and industrialisation.

"If that gets achieved, the economy will be able to create more job opportunities, thus curbing unemployment," he said.

He said the country adopted first National Employment Policy, which would guide efforts of the country to create decent jobs for Batswana across the various sectors.

He said as per the 2022 Population and Housing Census, Selebi Phikwe had 42 488 residents with an estimation of 11 967 youth between the ages of 18 and 35 making 28 percent of the district population.

He also said Statistics Botswana

Quarterly Multi-Topic Survey Quarter 1 of 2024 showed that the overall labour force for people aged 18 years and above was 1 031 940 while the youth labour force for people aged 18 to 35 years was 500 082.

He further said Statistics Botswana report further indicates that youth labour force for Selebi Phikwe stood at 6 740 out of which 55 per cent were male. As of now, he said government had not considered the introduction of unemployment allowance for youth. He said the introduction of available interventions were meant to unlock employment opportunities.

MP Kaizer had asked the minister to update Parliament on Selebi Phikwe demographic profile and state the youth labour force in the town.

He also asked the minister to state the number of unemployed youth and state interventions in place to curb the skyrocketing unemployed youth in the town. He asked as to whether the government was considering unemployment allowances for the unemployed youth. **BOPA**



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## Conditions of service make retaining staff hard

GABORONE - Ministry of Higher Education is unable to fill lecturers' positions in time due to factors of availability of locals with required qualifications and attractiveness of the post to the qualifying individuals, says Assistant Minister of Higher Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa.

He said currently the number of lecturers at all seven Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) was 225.

He said it was also difficult to retain staff members because of conditions of service and remuneration packages, that were not as attractive as those of

competitors in the private sector and University of Botswana.

Mr Hunyepa was responding to a question in Parliament from Nkange MP, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi on Monday.

In addition, he said the ministry had no plans to engage assistant lecturers to assist students during practicals.

He said IHS utilised preceptors and part time lecturers to augment lecturers during practicals; as and when it was necessary to attain the standard student lecturer ratios as set by the professional bodies.

Regarding maintenance of the

IHS institutions, Mr Hunyepa said experts advised that each institution would require approximately P40 million to P45 million to revamp the infrastructure, or a total sum between P280 million to P315 million.

Therefore, he said funds permitting; the whole maintenance process was envisaged to take up to five years, to restore the state of the infrastructure.

Furthermore, Minister Hunyepa noted that IHS were moved from the Ministry of Health and Wellness to Ministry

of Tertiary Education, Research and Technology in 2020, and, currently he said IHS were under Ministry of Higher Education following rationalisation process in 2024.

Mr Moalosi had asked the Minister to state the number of lecturers at IHS, how long it takes to fill vacant positions and when the ministry intended to match the standards of other universities considering issue of maintenance.

He also asked the minister when IHS would be moved from the Ministry of Health to that of Higher Education. **BOPA**

# Ministry to ensure dispensation of justice

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Consultations with key stakeholders are ongoing to ensure that delivery of justice is not compromised where the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has not yet taken over prosecution of criminal matters, says Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana.

"We are also in consultation with other stakeholders, in particular Botswana Police Service (BPS) to revisit the issue of delegating DPP's prosecutorial powers for non-complex cases in order to ensure that justice is dispensed timeously through the completion of cases within a reasonable time," he said.

Presenting the 2025/2026 budget estimates for the Attorney General's Chamber, which was passed by Parliament on Monday, Mr Ramaotwana said

the Attorney General's Chamber existed to provide legal services to government. He said it had four divisions being Civil Litigation Division (CLD), Legislative Drafting Division (LDD), International and Commercial Division (ICD) and Corporate Services Division (CSD). He said office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) aspired to prosecute all criminal cases.

However, Mr Ramaotwana said the ambition was greatly impacted by acute shortage of resources for takeover project, which aimed to relieve BPS of the delegated prosecutorial powers previously bestowed upon them. He said it became even more urgent to review the project to determine whether it was feasible to continue with it without the provision of the necessary resources.

"The DPP has also not been spared by the perennial

high attrition of prosecutors. Consequently, our prosecutors are saddled with high case ratios and this greatly negates our efforts to dispose of cases within a reasonable time which in turn results in backlog which is undesirable," said Mr Ramaotwana. He said challenges relating to the takeover project was further compounded by the high attrition of prosecutors resulting in an increased workload affecting timeous dispensation of justice.

At this point, Mr Ramaotwana said complete takeover of prosecution duties from BPS had been achieved in Selebi Phikwe magisterial district with six BPS stations. Elsewhere, he said 26 out of 79 BPS stations had been relieved of prosecutorial duties by various DPP offices

being Gaborone (7), Lobatse (4), Francistown (4), Maun (2), Palapye (3), Kasane (5) and Tsabong (1).

He also said DPP would work effectively, prudently in running its affairs and independent budget from that of the AGC. Therefore, he said it was crucial to de-link the DPP from AGC and resource it both financial and non-financial. He said the de-linking would entail the amendment of the Constitution.

He said the proposed budget allocation of P397 584 440 under recurrent and P23 618 951 under development was to fund ongoing projects and takeover of prosecutorial services from BPS among others. Mr Ramaotwana concurred with legislators that Attorney General's Chamber was losing experienced lawyers as

the workload was overbearing on them. He said Attorney General's Chamber civil litigation alone had a shortage of over 67 lawyers.

He said the justice system was not all about winning a matter, but was primarily on arriving at the decision in a fair, independent and credible process. Mr Ramaotwana said that where possible it was important to consider the process of out of court settlement.

Mr Galenawabo Lekau, MP for Mogoditshane West said police officers had been prosecutors for the longest time, therefore, if possible they should be transferred to DPP to continue with what they had been doing for many years.

Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow said civil litigation department must increase the 30 days statutory notice, given to a person who wanted to take government to court, to at least 60 days. She appealed to government to be transparent on hiring of private lawyers as it appeared to favor a few. She said government must establish panels depending on the lawyer's area of speciality and even engage them on rotational basis.

Mr Victor Phologolo of Kanye South said the country used to have foreign judges, who helped the judiciary grow; a judiciary, which is now mostly dominated by local judges. He said same should apply to lawyers, as currently foreign lawyers dominated the judicial sectors. "We are not saying we should shut the door on them, we should be intentional towards giving the locals opportunities to work and grow," he said. He said there was no use producing law graduates when the environment was not conducive for them to get employment. Mr Kenny Kapinga, MP for Okavango West, said AGs must have a cohort of lawyers who specialised on drafting of contracts. He said it was concerning that government ended up losing labour matters in courts due to poorly drafted contracts. He said the principles of prosecuting a case were in black and white unless there were realistic prospects of conviction and the matter was of national interest. **BOPA**



*Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said consultations with keys stakeholders were ongoing to ensure that delivery of justice was not compromised where the Directorate of Public Prosecutions had not yet taken over prosecution of criminal matters.*

## Kopong JSS expansion priority under NDP 12

GABORONE - The Assistant Minister of Higher Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa has told Parliament that his ministry proposed the expansion of Kopong Junior Secondary School under the secondary schools expansion projects of National Development Plan 11, but it was not done due to budgetary constraints.

Due to the critical need to expand the size of the school, he said the ministry would prioritise the school during NDP 12, adding that the ministry was aware that the net enrolment for Kopong Junior Secondary School was 931,

which exceeded the available instructional space.

"Regarding access and equity, the ministry will include, among other things, water and sanitation infrastructure, modify some pit latrines, and upgrade portable and sewage reticulation inside the school."

Mr Hunyepa said the ministry would consider, through expansion projects for secondary schools, the construction of additional staff houses, upgrading of toilet facilities, an administration block, hostels, and all academic facilities.

Lentsweletau MP, Mr

Tshenolo Bogatsu had asked the minister whether the ministry would consider upgrading Kopong Junior Secondary School to a 24-stream school, as it was currently an 18-stream school with the infrastructure of a nine-stream school and a small staff room.

He also asked if the ministry was aware of the current total student capacity and whether it was still feasible for the ever-increasing number of students to use pit latrines, and whether building more staff houses at the school, given that there are 29 staff houses and 84 teachers, would be considered. **BOPA**

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - The National Assembly on Monday through its Committee of Supply authorised close to P450 million budget for the Administration of Justice (AoJ), comprising 428 million for recurrent spending and P16 million-development budget.

Presenting the budget proposal, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said the recurrent budget, which covered personal emoluments and basic administrative costs, represented 5 per cent increase from the previous financial year.

He said the development budget would cover infrastructure projects including the maintenance of court facilities, maintenance of judges' houses, improvement of magistrate housing, as well as computerisation projects such as e-filing. Mr Ramaotwana said AoJ in partnership with the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship would assist in the establishment of Commercial Courts. "The report is currently under consideration with particular attention to amending the Rules of Court to facilitate the establishment of the Commercial Courts," he said.

"In response to public outcry over unregulated deputy sheriffs, Parliament passed the Deputy Sheriff's Act of 2024. The act serves to provide for the appointment, supervision, monitoring and regulation of the conduct of Deputy Sheriffs, the appointment of a board and fidelity fund for deputy sheriffs, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto," he said.

He admitted that the disposal rate of cases at the high court

and magistrate courts needed to improve, as indicated by the Annual Performance of the courts for the period 2024-25.

In commenting on the AoJ budget, Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa called for measures to strengthen the judiciary, as well as to ensure a well-resourced, fair, independent and impartial judiciary.

Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyo Butale called for the abolition of civil imprisonment as remedial action for debtors who are unable to pay creditors over a period of time. He said such criminalised people who may be poor or struggling financially and genuinely could not pay back their debts.

Okavango West legislator, Mr Kenny Kapinga said the recent Carter Morupisi versus the State appeal case raised concern about hierarchy of courts, with a lower court having overruled a higher court, something he said needed to be clarified to avoid future ambiguity.

Kanye West MP, Mr Victor Phologolo said the backlog of cases before the Department of Justice was worrisome as it takes a long time for cases to be adjudicated, which denied involved parties their right to be served justice timeously. Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas, decried delay in administration of estates of deceased persons by Master of the High Court, which he said denied inheritance to deserving families, seeking to meet basic needs of surviving children who may require school fees, food and transportation.

He said such delays in the dispensing deceased's estate, including property or livestock may lead to such assets being lost to their rightful owners over time. **BOPA**

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## Makakatlela shines at business expo

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - The culminating moment of the three-day Maun Youth Business Expo is best summed by the youthful entrepreneur, Ms Lindy Makakatlela who was recognised for her resilience and determination in her journey as a rising entrepreneur.

The 35-year-old Makakatlela who operates a successful beauty therapy business called Sugar

Dolls in Maun, emerged the overall winner during the business expo organised by the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs in collaboration with the Mall of Maun. She was also named the best exhibitor under services category and was awarded two certificates.

Ms Makakatlela started her beauty spa in 2014 following funding through the Gender Affairs programme, which is an empowerment initiative aimed at helping beneficiaries to start

their own businesses. Her business offers services among them massage, manicure and pedicure as well as facial treatment.

In an interview, Ms Makakatlela could not hide her excitement saying the exhibition was a step in right direction more so that market access was a serious challenge among youth businesses.

The expo, she said, gave business owners an opportunity to interact with a large audience, answer questions and receive immediate feedback, all of which

were valuable for refining their offerings. She also appreciated the organisers for acknowledging her perseverance and giving youth entrepreneurs a platform to show their capability through their products and services.

"These awards will motivate me to do more to grow my business. They serve as an encouragement to keep striving for excellence and I want to urge other fellow youths to never give up but rather soldier on even if the journey looks tough," she added.

Giving a word of encouragement, the managing director of Kwenatsile Travel and Tours, Mr Thabo Maretwaneng urged fellow entrepreneurs to exercise patience in order to thrive in the business space.

Patience, he said was key to business growth and fulfillment, noting that some people gave up easily because of negative perceptions. Entrepreneurs were advised never to start business just for money but to bring change, stimulate economic growth and contribute to the development of the country.

"We should not run businesses to brag to our friends but run sustainable businesses that make a positive impact. Every decision you make as a purpose driven entrepreneur must align with your business purpose because the business purpose is the driving force behind your company's success," he added.

Mr Maretwaneng also motivated fellow youths to have passion for their businesses, highlighting that passionate leaders were willing to fight hard for their businesses because they realise how much was at stake.

Despite the fear of setbacks, he said, they maintained a positive attitude, which kept them in better spirits. He also highlighted that prayer was also key in running a successful business.

"I started small and faced many challenges. At one point I was bankrupt but I soldiered on because I had a vision and a dream to achieve and my aim is to become the best operator in the country," he remarked. However, he pleaded with the organisers to continue with such events like the expo, saying they brought them together to share and exchange ideas on how they could improve their businesses. He also urged entrepreneurs to establish a business portal in which they could advertise their services and products to the world.

The managing director of Okavango Air Rescue, Prophet Thato Elias said the expo provided a valuable opportunity for youth entrepreneurs to connect with industry giants and gain exposure to new products and services.

He encouraged entrepreneurs to believe in themselves and never imitate ideas that were strange to them. Some businesses, he said, failed because owners mimicked others and ultimately leading to a competitive disadvantage.

He also emphasised that benchmarking missions were key in business as they enhanced profit opportunity and advised them to venture into such mission, noting that "every year I go to Asia for 10 days on a benchmarking mission to learn best practices. I was impressed to learn that there is a central market place for entrepreneurs **BOPA**



Ms Lindy Makakatlela who operates a beauty therapy business called Sugar Dolls in Maun emerged the overall winner during the three-day Maun Youth Business Expo recently. She was also named the best exhibitor under services category. Photo: Esther Mmolai

## Chobe fishermen denounce fishing prohibitions

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KACHIKAU - Fish farmers in Chobe have raised a concern over the prohibition to catch fish in NG 15 concession within the Linyanti River basin.

They aired their views during a meeting hosted by Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga in Kachikau recently.

Satau fisherman, Mr Boniface Lisehu remarked that the prohibition was unfair in that a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Wilderness Safaris and Chobe Fresh and Dry Fish Association to allow fishermen to catch fish within the concession.

However, he said this agreement did not follow through as fishermen were chased out of Linyanti resulting in conflict. He said meetings were held between the concessionaire, fishermen and district leadership, but a consensus

was never reached over the years.

Mr Lisehu said catching fish was a means for a sustainable livelihood for the people of Chobe for many decades adding that even their parents raised them from fish businesses.

A fisherman from Parakarungu, Mr Edward Tumedi said Chobe River basin had not received sufficient inflows for many years which resulted in the floodplains drying up quickly. He said the floodplains from Muchenje up to Parakarungu were dry hence no fish spawned within their villages of which Linyanti was their only option.

He indicated that as fishermen they were well aware that there were private campsites in the NG 15 concession hence their activities were only at Zibalianja watercourse without infringing on the operations of the campsites.

He was hopeful however that

the matter would be solved after relaying their concerns to the MP who promised to call all relevant stakeholders from government and Wilderness Safaris.

MP Mapulanga pointed out that the concessionaire Wilderness Safaris banned fisherman from operating in the Linyanti area as this was a private land regulated by the Community Based Natural Resources policy.

He said as far as 1988 Chobe fishermen were catching fish in the Kwando-Linyanti basin up until 2010 when the area was leased through the Community Based Natural Resources Management policy.

He said when the Conservation Act was enacted to regulate natural resources in NG15 it caused conflict between concessionaire and fishermen as the former claimed to own exclusive rights to the shared river resources.

Mr Mapulanga said Zibalianja watercourse in Linyanti was able to hold water for longer period hence fish spawned immensely in those water sources presenting an opportunity to catch fish.

He said due to climate change Chobe River floodplains were not as abundant as they used to as the channels dried up quickly rendering fishing in Chobe Enclave impossible.

He said majority of the Chobe fishermen were elders whose livelihood was sustained from fish and were too old to find employment from concessionaires.

The MP said a resolution had been reached to hold a consultative meeting with all stakeholders involved; Wilderness Safaris, law enforcement agencies, District Commissioners Office, Chobe District Council, Department of Wildlife and National Parks to resolve this matter. **BOPA**




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# MP appeals for prompt response to pest outbreak

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

NOKANENG - Ngami MP has appealed to government to ensure prompt attendance to animal diseases and pests that disturb animals and crops in the Okavango District when required to do so by farmers.

Mr Philemon Aaron reasoned that in the absence of any manufacturing activities in the area, agriculture was its mainstay.

He was speaking during a kgotla meeting he addressed Monday in Nokaneng where he requested government to introduce more programmes that could advance the agricultural sector. Mr Aaron said the district was lagging behind in developments because many that were planned had been postponed owing to inadequate funds.

He said that it was also

worrisome that some major offices were established in Shakawe instead of Gumare which was the district headquarters.

On other matters, Mr Aaron said the poor academic results in the district might be due to poor accommodation facilities in schools and shortage of food, which led to poor living conditions for learners.

The Village Development Committee chairperson, Mr Justice Ngaruka asked government to assist Nokaneng community with boreholes specifically for agricultural purposes.

Doing so he said would help farmers to increase their yield.

Mr Ngaruka said learners from Nokaneng primary proceeded to Okavango junior school in Gumare for further studies with better academic results but performed poorly when they got there. **BOPA**



*Ngami MP, Mr Philemon Aaron has appealed to government to ensure prompt response to pest outbreak noting that agriculture was the district's mainstay.*

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## Support brings hope - official

By Keonee Majoto

SELOKOLELA - Rendering different forms of support to ill community members can be a great source of hope that could contribute to their respective healing journeys.

Public health specialist at Southern District Health Management Team (DHMT), Dr Christopher Chembe said on Monday during a donation of toiletries to clients of the Selokolela Community Home-Based Care programme that the sick required all the support they could get in order to lessen the impact of their illnesses.

Dr Chembe therefore called on different stakeholders to join hands with the community home-based care programme, the village health committee and health workers in supporting the sick in respective communities.

He said such collaborative efforts would have a greater impact in helping plug any gaps that might exist in the care that the sick were receiving from the healthcare system.

Further to that, he said caregivers carried a huge weight on their shoulders, and that any form of support to their sick loved ones often helped ease their burden, thereby making caregiving bearable.

Dr Chembe commended the Selokolela community home-based care team and the village's healthcare workers for their stellar job of going an extra mile by identifying and meeting the material needs of clients.

Appealing for more donations

to the home-based care committee, a health care assistant at the local clinic, Ms Johannah Khwarae concurred that meeting the non-medical needs of clients could help lift their spirits and encourage their healing.

Ms Khwarae said it was important to restore hope in the sick by making them feel loved and valued, hence the donation by the village's healthcare workers.

She hailed donors who had heeded the committee's call for donations, among whom she cited members of the business community in and outside Selokolela, faith-based organisations, local community leaders and the healthcare workers themselves.

Ward Councillor, Mr Gontekanye Tsie said addressing the needs of the sick by availing to them, necessities such as toiletries was a stepping stone in gently pushing them towards developing hope that they could beat their illnesses.

A client of the home-based care programme, Ms Bonang Sedupenyane observed that the donations had indeed lifted their spirits and were a much-needed reminder that despite their poor health status, they remained valuable members of the community.

Ms Gadifele Moisakamo, a home-based care volunteer said theirs was an act of love towards their clients, particularly since their day-to-day work of caring for the sick had reinforced their sense of responsibility towards fellow humans. **BOPA**

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## Pandamatenga o tlaa akola thobo



Mothusa modulasetilo wa Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association, Rre Ryan Neal a re mabele a a tlaa rojwang kwa masimong a Pandamatenga mono ngwaga a akanyediwa go tshwara ditone tse 70 000 ka ntlha ya dipula tse di namagadi le seemo sa loapi se se monate. Senepe: Portia Ikgopoleng

## Tlhabiwe o rotloetsa tiriso ya masimo

### Ka Relief Lephutshi

LOTLHAKANE EAST - Madi a a tshwanentseng go tsisa dithlabololo le ditlamelo tsa a ditsha tsa bonno ke one a puso e a dirisang go duela dijo tse lefatshe le le di rekang go tswa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka Afrika Borwa (Import bill).

Se, se boletswe ke Modulasetilo wa lephata la kabo ditsha la Ngwaketse, Rre Bobby Tlhabiwe, kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Lotlhakane East bosheng.

Rre Tlhabiwe o ikuetsi mo banning ba Lotlhakane East gore mokgwa wa go bewa masimo a bo a sa dirisiwe, o bolaisa lefatshe tlala ka jaana madi a dithlabololo a dirisiwa go duelela dijo tse tswang kwa ntle ga lefatshe boemong jwa gore masimo a a abilweng a ntshe dijo le madi gore lefatshe itshetse le go itlhabolola.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Tlhabiwe o kgadile boitshwaro jwa bangwe jwa go ipha le go batla go tshwarelala lefatshe e se ka fa molaong ntswa lephata le bua le bone go sutela peo ya ditsha fa e goroga mo mafelong a ba a ipheleng.

O tlhalositse fa seo se dia ditirelo tsa lephata tsa go neela baikopedi, dithlabololo le go oka ditatlhegelo tsa letseno mo sechabeng.

Go sale foo, banni ba Lotlhakane East ba ne ba begelwa ka phetogo ya ditlhwathlwa tsa ditirelo tsa kabo ditsha tse di neng tsa tsenngwa ke lephata la kabo ditsha mo tirisong ka ngwaga wa 2022 tse Botswana ba neng ba ngogoregile gore di kwa godimo.

Mothusa Modulasetilo wa

lekgotla le lebotlana la kabo ditsha la Kanye, Rre Katlego Pelekekae, a re dituelo tse, di fetotswe go simologa ka Phalane a le masome mabedi le boraro ngwaga wa dikete tse pedi, masome a mabedi le metso e mene. Rre Pelekekae a re setlankana se sesha se, (Secure Land Title/A deed of customary land grant) ke setlankana se se tlhwathlwa kgolo go ka atolosa itsholelo ya mong wa sone ka jaana tlhago ya sone e le ya maemo a a kwa godimo.

Boleng bongwe jwa sone ke gore motho o ka se dirisa go adima madi kwa dibankeng. O tlhaloseditse morafe gore setlankana se ga se diriwe moriti ka jaana se dirilwe gore dikano tsa sone di dire fela di le mo tlhagong ya sone ya pele.

Se bonwa mo lephateng la Deeds Registry kwa Gaborone.

Rre Pelekekae o ne a tswelela ka go tsibosa morafe go se babalela go itsa go senyega ga sone.

A re go le pele, go se dira gape motho o ne a lopiwa P1 500 mme diphetogo tsa dituelo di supa o ka duela P500 fela.

O ne a tswelela ka go tlhalosa ka dituelo tsa ditirelo tse di farologanyeng jaaka; dituelo tsa go dira setshwantsho sa moalo wa tsa dikago (sketch plan) a re sone se fokoditswe go tswa ko go P500 jaanong ke masome a mathano a dipula (P50); go fetola setsha, mo go kileng ga bo go dirwa ka P3 000 mme jaanong go dirwa ka P500.

A re go fetola setsha mo go ka dirwang go ya ka taelo ya kgotlakgolo, go dule kwa go P3 000 go ya ko go P200, fa setsha sa boswa sone se ne sa fetolwa go tswa

ko go P3 000 ko go P200. Dituelo tsa ditirelo tse di farologanyeng jaaka tsa ditsha tsa dikgwebo le tsa tiriso ya morafe tsone o di bona ka tsela ya go reka dipampiri tsa papatsos (tender documents) tse di rekisiwang mo lekgotleng la kabo ditsha. A re fa o rekile dipampiri tseo, o a di tlatsa ele tsela ya go tse na mo phadisanong le ba bagwe ba ba kopang ditsha tsa gonna jalo.

A re tsone di ne di rekili ka P1 000, mme tsa fokotswa go rekisiwa ka P250.

O tladitse ka gore mo go tsone go na le dithophpha tse di sekaseketsweng jaaka basha le banalebogole, bottle ba letelwelwa go di bona ka P125.

Rre Pelekekae a re bomapotiela (Surveyors), bone ditirelo tsa bone di ne di bonwa ka P1 500 jaanong di fetogtse ko go P500 fa go batelwelwa makono a gago o ka duelwa P500.

O supile fa go na le dikgwebo potlana tsa temo le leruo di tshwaana le fa go ruelwang dikoko tsa nama kgotsa mae gammogo le dikolobe.

Tsone ditirelo tsa ditsha tse, o tlhalositse fa di ne di duelewa P3 000 mme jaanong e le P500. Mafelo a morafe o kopanelang mo go one le a dikgwebo fa a hirisitswe go na le ditumalano tse di dirwang ke lephata le yo o dirisang lefelo la go nna jalo.

"Go sa sale ditumalano tse morago ke go roba molao wa ditumalano," ga gakolola Rre Pelekekae.

O ne a tswelelaka go tlhalosa gore, dithwathlwa tse di motrisong tsa ditsha tse di hirisitsweng tsa dikgwebo/madirelo di ne di

duelwa P1.00 go ka mmethara, jaanong ke P0.30 ka mmethara e le tlhwathlwa e e duelwag ke beng gae fa batswakwa ba lefisiwa P0.75 ngwaga le ngwaga Mafelo a madirelo a ditiro tsa diatla one a ne a duelwa P0.70 ka mmethara mme jaanong gompieno benggae ba lefisiwa P0.20 ka mmethara ngwaga le ngwaga fa batswakwa ba lopiwa P0.50 ka mmethara ka ngwaga.

Ditlhwathlwa tsa ditsha tsa ditirelo tsa morafe jaaka mafelo a kobamelo (kereke kgotsa ko o bonang bongaka ba setso) di ne di duelwa P0.55 ka mmethara ka ngwaga mme di fetoletswe ko go P0.1 ka mmethara ka ngwaga Lebala la difofane (airstrip) lone le duelewa P500 ka ngwaga.

Dikole tse di ikemetseng ka nosi di duela P0.50 ka mmethara ngwaga le ngwaga.

O supile fa ditsha tsa dikago tsa khansele le tsa komiti ya dithlabololo tsa metse tsone di duela P0.25 ka mmethara ka ngwaga fela jalo le mafelo a itlosi bodutu (Parks).

Ditsha tsa bonno tsa benggae tse di mo lefatsheng la morafe tsone di lefelwa P100 fa tsa batswaka e ele P1 000.

O gakolotse fa tse tsotlhe di ka bonwa mo bukaneng ya tsamaiso ya lefatshe ya 2024 e ntsha.

Morafe one wa iteela legofi phokoletso ya ditlhwathlwa tsa ditirelo tsa kabo ditsha.

"Re leboga thata fa puso e utule selelo sa rona."

Ke ditlhwathlwa tse re ka di kgonang jaanong," ga tshwaela monni, Rre Ompatile Isaac. **BOPA**.

PANDAMATENGA - Mabele a a tlaa rojwang kwa masimong a Pandamatenga mono ngwaga a akanyediwa go tshwara ditone tse 70 000.

Mothusa modulasetilo wa Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association, Rre Ryan Neal o buile mo potsolotsong gore lewa le le kalo le sololetswe ka ntlha ya dipula tse di namagadi le seemo sa loapi se se monate.

A re sejalo se sengwe se se tleng sentle ke dinawa, a tlatsa ka go re go dingwaga masimo a sa phophoma jalo.

Rre Neal o sololetswe gore fa seemo sa loapi se ka tswelela se le monate jaana, balemi ba Pandamatenga ba ka jesa Botswana mo go lekanyeng go fitlhelela letsema le le tleng.

Rre Neal o gateletse bottlhokwa jwa gore balemi ba itshwaraganye le puso go buisana le basidi ba ba lemotsa fa balemi ba Batswana ba na le mabele a a lekanyeng mmarakwa. Mo godimo ga moo, o ne a re go molemo gore basidi ba reke mabele mo baleming ba mo gae, e bile ke selo se se siameng gore balemi ba mono gae ba rekitsetse Batswana pele go na le go romela thobo kwa mafatsheng a sele.

Rre Neal o bile a tshwaela gore difalana tse di sa tswang go bulwa kwa Pandamatenga tsa mothama wa 60 000 metric tonnes di fa balemi monyetha wa go lema go utlwala gore mabele a penologe, a tlatsa ka go re, go bottlhokwa gore Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board, e leng motlhokomedi wa difalana, e tlhagafalele dituelo.

O ne a lebogela puso go bo e tsentse tsa kgopho ya metsi dingwaga tse di supang tse di fetileg ka jaana go dira jalo go thusitse gore e re dipula di na masimo a seka a ema metsi.

Balemi ba Pandamatenga ba re diji ga di maswemaswe jaaka di bolelwa kwa dikgaolong tsa Legare le Borwa jwa Botswana le fa go na le masalela a seboko sa segopa fale le fale mo masimong mangwe.

Rre Neal o gakolotse balemi go ralala lefatshe la Botswana gore ba peite dijalo ka molemo wa seboko sa segopa pele ga se tlhasela go na le go leka go se alafa se setse se tlhasetse. A re ka jaana Pandamatenga a dikaganyeditswe ke dikgwa tse di kitlanyeng, thaga ga e ise e tlhasele masimo ka e santse e eja peo ya tlhaga mo sekgweng. Mothusa modulasetilo a re kitsisoya ga Tautona Advocate Duma Boko ya gore Botswana o tlaa lema setlhatsana sa hemp go dirisiwa mo go direng dithoto le melemo ke dikgang tse di molemo.

A re temo ya hemp ke monyetla o mogolo wa Botswana gore ba atolosa temo-thuo ka jaana semela seo se ka lengwa mo mebung e e farologanyeng. A re ka hemp e le semela se sesha go lengwa le kwa mafatsheng a mangwe tota, go bottlhokwa gore go elwe tlhoko loago lwa yone le gore melawana ya teselesto ya go e lema e salwe morago mogang e tswang.

Mo godimo ga moo, a re hemp e siametsi go nonotsha mmu e bile e siametswe ke mmu wa Pandamatenga. **BOPA**

# Kgosi Khama IV appoints trustees

By Tshamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE - Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato has officially appointed a new board of trustees for the Ngwato Development Trust, marking a significant change after the previous board had served since 2008 without the expected biannual rotation.

The new appointments, include two consultants, Mr Kamogelo Mogale and Mr Godiretse Khumiso, mining surveyor Mr Malebela Oagile, accountant Mr Boago Matheatau, as well as legal advisors Ms Angelinah Seanokeng and Mr Tapiwa Abel.

In a community meeting held recently in Serowe, Kgosi Khama IV expressed confidence in the newly appointed trustees, noting that the outgoing board, led by Mr Keolopile Gaborone, had successfully fulfilled a substantial part of their mandate. Mr Gaborone was re-elected by community members to continue in his general manager role.

"The term that they navigated was longer than anticipated, but I believe it was not without its challenges," Kgosi Khama IV said.

He urged the incoming board to commit themselves fully to their

duties.

In addition to the board appointments, Kgosi Khama IV committed to promoting arts, culture, and natural heritage within his jurisdiction.

He has initiated the formation of several committees to support these efforts, which will focus on the preservation and promotion of historical buildings, significant sites, and natural heritage.

Kgosi Khama IV called upon relevant authorities to compile an inventory of all monumental and heritage sites in the area and proposed the construction of roads to enhance accessibility to these locations.

He emphasised his role as a custodian of culture and arts, pledging his support for the growth of this sector, which he believed could contribute significantly to economic diversification alongside the country's diamond industry.

"Batswana are inherently creative due to the vast array of natural heritage around us," he stated, challenging local artists to leverage their talents for economic growth.

He underscored the potential of the arts as a source of employment, encouraging

individuals to earn a living from their creative pursuits.

The committees will cover a range of areas, including culture and heritage, tourism, agriculture, dignity, media, infrastructure, and youth development and ports.

In his remarks, outgoing chairperson Mr. Charles Kabelo highlighted the trust's

commitment to community investment, mentioning the donation of chairs to several wards in Serowe as part of their efforts to give back. Since its inception in 2008, the Ngwato Development Trust has focused on safeguarding and generating income from community-owned properties, including Leupane

Ranch, Palapye Warehouse, Serowe Show Grounds, Radihemelo, and Serowe Dam.

Mr Kabelo also pointed out the trust's efforts to assist the less fortunate, including those who do not qualify for social services, emphasizing their dedication to long-term community benefits.

**BOPA**

## Court remands Zimbabwe man in custody

By Kabo Keaketswe

LETLHAKANE - Letlhakane magistrate court yesterday, remanded Charles Diamond of Zimbabwe origin in custody for exposing pornographic material to a minor.

The 50-year-old man, who is also an illegal immigrant will remain in custody until March 27 when he appears again for plea.

Regarding the legal representation, he said he would engage a lawyer.

The victim is a 14-year-old Form One girl at Motsumi Junior

Secondary School in Letlhakane, who out of discomfort, reported and showed her teacher the explicit content repeatedly sent to her phone by the accused.

Therefore, the teacher escalated the matter with the police and Diamond was arrested on March 9.

Investigating officer on the matter, Detective Constable Goitsemang Tshabadiro of gender and child protection unit said upon arrest, the accused's place was searched and the police discovered explicit pictures as well as pornographic videos in

his phone and laptop.

She pleaded with the court to remand Diamond as investigations were still ongoing and that the police were yet to identify other victims.

Magistrate Tshidiso Molao highlighted that since the matter involved the wellbeing of a minor, and the fact that the court took seriously issues of protection of children in the country, the accused would remain in custody.

Diamond is also charged with another count of unlawful stay in Botswana since October 2021.

**BOPA**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF 2 TENTED CAMPS IN LINYANTI (LINYANTI BUSH CAMP AND SHAILE)

In accordance with Section 7, Part 2 (a) of the Environmental Assessment Act, (Cap 65:07), Champs Botswana (Pty) Ltd, invites members of the following communities to Kgotsa meetings to share and discuss environmental issues regarding the proposed development of Two Campsites in the Linyanti-Shaile Area in the CH 1 concession area in the Chobe District.

The proposed projects are: 1. the Development and Operation of a Tented Camp at Shaile, and, 2. the Proposed Demolition, Redevelopment and Operation of the Existing, Linyanti Bush Camp in Linyanti.

Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Improved aesthetic quality	Disturbance of wildlife
Temporary employment during construction phase of 200 staff	Disturbance of top soil
Increased and Long-term employment	Noise pollution during construction
Increased national income	Water pollution
Destination marketing for brand Botswana	Soil pollution
Improved wildlife research, monitoring and management	Vegetation disturbance

#### Purpose of the Public Meeting

To facilitate a medium where interested and affected parties (IAPs) will convey their opinions about the project, Champs Botswana (Pty) Ltd has on behalf of Cranes Nest Safaris organized public meeting to be held as scheduled below. All are kindly requested to attend the meeting.

Village	Venue	Date	Time
Satau	Satau Kgotsa	31/03/2025	0800hrs
Parakarungu	Parakarungu Kgotsa	01/04/2025	0800hrs
Kavimba	Kavimba Kgotsa	02/04/2025	0800hrs
Mabele	Mabele Main Kgotsa	02/04/2025	1100hrs
Kachikau	Kachikau Kgotsa	03/04/2025	0800hrs

Any comments and enquiries regarding the proposed projects and meetings may be sent to: Champs Botswana (Pty) Ltd ,Office at Plot 1926, Matshwane Industrial, Maun (Tel: 68404108; Mobile: 72331509/ 71616121; Email: [gkhwarae@champsbotswana.co.bw](mailto:gkhwarae@champsbotswana.co.bw)/[admin@champsbotswana.co.bw](mailto:admin@champsbotswana.co.bw)) The contact person for this project is Geofrey Khwarae.

### KITSISO MO SECHABENG

#### TSHEKATSHEKO YA KAMEGO YA TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE TIRO YA GO TLHABOLOLA LE GO TSAMAISA DIKAMPA TSE PEDI TSA BOJAMNALA MO LINYANTI (LINYANTI BUSH CAMP AND SHAILE)

Go ya ka temana ya bosupa ya molao wa tshekatsheko tikologo (EA Act), Cap 65:07, ba kompone ya Champs Botswana ba laletsa sechaba sa metse e e latelang diphuthego tsa kgotsa go tla go buisana le go abelana megopolole mabapi le kago ya dikampa tsa Bojanala ko Linyanti-Shaile mo lefelong la botsomelo la CH 1 mo Kgaolong ya Chobe Ditiro tse di akantsweng, ya ntlha ke go aga le go tsamaisa kampa e ntsha ya Bojanala ko Shaile, fa ya bobedi ele go diga, go aga sesha le go tsamaisa Linyanti Bush Camp eyone eleng teng mo nakong ya gompieno.

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Go tilhamega ga ditiro tsa nakwana di ka tshwarang makgolo ale mabedi ka nako ya kago	Kgotlhego ya mmu
Go thama ditiro tsa sennela ruri	Modumo le lerole ka nako ya kago
Tokafalo ya itsholelo e le ka mabaka a ditlamelo tse di botoka	Kgotelesego ya metsi
Go bapatsa lefatshe la Botswana	Kgotelesego ya mmu
Tokafalo ya dikitsi, dipatlisiso le tshomarello ya diphologolo makgabisa	Go kgaolwa ga dithlare

#### Maikaelelo a Phuthego ya Kgotsa

Go ka abelana megopolole le ba ba amegang, le ba ba nang le kgatlhego mo tirong e, kompone ya Champs Botswana (Pty) Ltd mo boemong jwa ba Cranes Nest Safaris, e rulagantse diphuthego tsa kgotsa ka fa lenaneong le le latelang : Morafe o kopiwa go tsena phuthego e ka bontsi le ka nako ee beilweng.

Lefelo	Lefelo la Phuthego	Letsatsi	Nako
Satau	Satau Kgotsa	31/03/2025	0800hrs
Parakarungu	Parakarungu Kgotsa	01/04/2025	0800hrs
Kavimba	Kavimba Kgotsa	02/04/2025	0800hrs
Mabele	Mabele Main Kgotsa	02/04/2025	1100hrs
Kachikau	Kachikau Kgotsa	03/04/2025	0800hrs

Ba ba nang le dipotso kana megopolole mabapi le tiro e le diphuthego tse di rulagantsweng, ba ka leletsa megalala kgotsa ba kwalela ko diatereseng tse di latelang;

Champs Botswana (Pty) Ltd ,Office at Plot 1926, Matshwane Industrial, Maun (Tel: 68404108; Mobile: 72331509/ 71616121; Email: [gkhwarae@champsbotswana.co.bw](mailto:gkhwarae@champsbotswana.co.bw)/[admin@champsbotswana.co.bw](mailto:admin@champsbotswana.co.bw)) Motsamaise wa thulaganyo e ke rre Geofrey Khwarae.

# Classified Ads

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**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Metsibothoko. Contact Oteng Mogorosi cell 71 768 873

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**WANTED FARM WORKER**, Apply to P O Box 601 099 Gaborone. Pius Seone

**WANTED FARM WORKER** in Dikonye. Call Totolo Sebeso 71329274

**HERDBOY AND FARM WORKER** wanted. Edwin Thebe Box 20027 Mochudi

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD  
AT FRANCISTOWN  
ESHFT 000281-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOSIMANGAPE LEOKETS A SHFT 000281-24 who died at JWA MINE OPEN PIT, JWA DISTRICT BOTSWANA on the 17th of JUNE 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Executor Dative

Executor Dative

TAKONGWA S LEOKETS A  
P O BOX 1116  
SELEBI-PHIKWE

MOUTLWATE LEOKETS A  
P O BOX 3237  
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AND TO: Master of the High Court  
Private Bag F13  
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**Human Resources Manager**  
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P O Box 2205 AAD, Gaborone

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### CLOSING DATE: 24th March 2025

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**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Mmaothate farm. Contact 75220599

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Call: Kenyafetse Kgomoitso Phonono Box 188 Sikwane

**FARM WORKERS NEEDED** at Molapowabojang farm. Box 400 Lobatse. Contact 72 573 771

**HERDBOY AND FARM WORKER** wanted. Edwin Thebe Box 20027 Mochudi

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GAOAKANYE NTUMISANG	ESHFT-000085-25	10-06-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LAW OFFICES OF  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. Deed of Transfer No. 913/2018 dated the 01<sup>st</sup> day of June 2018 made in favour of MUSTAPHA ALI ADAM in respect of the below mentioned properties, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 39405 Gaborone;  
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 42;  
MEASURING: 1283 m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Square Metres);

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

Name	Plot	Address	Tel:	Fax:	Consultant Partner	Associate
AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews	Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone	P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana	(+267) 316 3125	(+267) 316 3124	Partner Akheel Jinabhai	O'Brien Bivindi (FIArb)
		Plot 17396 Boleja Ward Maun, Botswana	Email: info@aja.co.bw		Associates: Juvaireya Maher   Khaled Khan   Lesedi Kgakololo   Gorata Major   Lefika Nkolonyane   Ame Rindo	
			Web: www.aja.co.bw			

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[Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MODISAOTSILE MOTIBI	ESHFT-000037-24	04-06-25	1000HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LOST TITLE DEED

**ONE FARM WORKER** apply Kagiso Dipotso Bag 66 Francistown 73770385

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Siya's Poultry farm P O Box 532 AAD Gaborone. Cell 72 282 599

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Lemapeye cattlepost, Kweneeng area. Applications due 24/03/2025. Contact Mr M. Ollyn, Box 26527, Gaborone 72 621 080

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Mahalapye. Call 71 676 907

**TWO FARM WORKERS** wanted, Wincott Samaka Box 2353 Francistown 72 267 322

**TEN FARM LABOURERS WANTED** Giant Expert, Box 1096 Mahalapye

**TWO FARM WORKERS** wanted Bobbies Chickens. Box 3 Tshesebe 248 8355

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Tewane. Apply to Private Bag 52 Mahalapye.

**HERDBOY WANTED** AT Makadibeng Cattle Post Mothabaneng. 72 946 942 / 74634167

**LOOKING FOR HARDWORKING FARM Hand** at Mokgojwe Lands. Contact Mabuza at 75 487 622

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## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**OWNERS OF PLOT** 70026, 66523, 66524 and 70020 are notified of proposed boundary wall to be build on the plot 70027 Gaborone North. Any objection contact Gaborone City Council physical planning department or call 3657400.

**CHANGE OF LAND** use. Owner of plot 7557 in Maratanang ward, Tlokweng would like to notify owners of plots 7558 and 7581 of the intention to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. Enquiries should be directed to Tlokweng District council, PPO on telephone 369 5002.

**OWNER OF PLOT 8948**, Tlokweng, Letlapeng wishes to change land use from single to multi residential. Any objections contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning office at 267 3695000 or in writing within 14days after publication of this notice.

## APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that PHOLIRE ERICA LEGWAILA intends to apply for a Certified copy of the Deed of transfer No. 1568/2007 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2007 made in favour of PHOLILE ERICA LEGWAILA in respect of:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being portion 94 (a Portion of Portion 12 (a Portion of Portion 11) of the Farm Crocodile Pools No 15-KO;

**SITUATE:** In the South East Administrative District;

**MEASURING:** 4,186 Ha (Four comma One Eight Six Zero Square Metres);

All person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Private Bag 0020, Gaborone **within Twenty One (21) days** of the second publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025  
JERE ATTORNEYS,

Plot 5233 Ant Bear Road, Village  
PO Box 45897, Riverwalk Gaborone.  
Tel: 393 2771, Cell: 74 999 275

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

FOR THE LATE JOSEPH LECHUTI  
-ESHGB-000966/24

**IN PURSUANCE** of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap31:01} the **heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons** specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 at 1100hours** at the before – F. S. Sigweni. At the Master's Office, **Gaborone High Court** Building.

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

## FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's reference: ESHGB-000817/23

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **ALPHONSE THOMAS**, who died at Kachikau Ward, **Nata, Central-Tutume District**, Botswana on the **26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

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

Any objection to the estate account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

## VACANCIES

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Coordinator at least 10 years experience. Apply to Pan African Resources (Pty) Ltd T/A Oasis Logistics. Plot 85221 Tlokweng Sefoke ward

**SOFTWARE/APPS DEVELOPER**  
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**ROYAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
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### NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TIROYAONE MACHAO	ESHFT-0000131-25	07-05-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 06TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### TRIPLE "C" SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT-000196-23

### FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **LERAKANYE MOLAI** -ESHFT-000196-23 who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022**.

**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 the **High Court Francistown** for period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> OF JANUARY 2025

KAKALE MOLAI Executor Dative

P O Box 10352 TATITOWN

Cellphone: 71 700 726 / 71 988 314

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHFT 000751/23

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **ANTONETTE GODISANG PHALADI** who died at Thamaga Primary Hospital, Thamaga Kweneng District Botswana on the 22nd October 2023.

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

DATED at ..... On this ..... Day of ..... 2024

The Executor

Tshepiso Kgotsayame

P O BOX 30, THAMAGA

CELL: 77625511 / 77590916

### NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
SELEBATSO LEBUDI	ESHFT-000062-25	07-05-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 000223/23

### FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **BOIPUSO MBAIWA** ESHFT:000223/23 who died at NYANGABWE REFERAL HOSPITAL on the 06th July 2023 in Francistown.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

KGALALELO MBAIWA  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 214  
FRANCISTOWN

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

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MONAIWA MALETE	ESHFT-000167-25	13-05-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000299-24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **MASEGO GAONTEBALE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the 07<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED at.....on this .....Day of .....2025

The Executor  
Onalenna Gaontebale  
P O Box 21947 BONTLENG, GABORONE  
TEL: 71703684/72782441

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
LESOLE OKAILE	ESHFT-00-293-24	8-05-2025	1000HRS	RAMPHA

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2025  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
EWETSE KGOLE	ESHFT-000323-24	07-04-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2025  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MERCY MOTHIBI	ESHFT-000150-25	02-04-25	0900HRS	BASUPI

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY ISSUED** in compliance to the provisions of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, section 34(1) and the transaction involves property in a tribal land in respect of the under mentioned property being:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Plot No. 13616;

**SITUATE:** in Botswana Tribal Area, Kanye(Tloung Ward);

**MEASURING:** 43.33m x 37.31m x 41.49m x 42.49m (1693sqm)

**HELD UNDER:** Certificate of Customary Land Grant entered into N'kongolo Lambert Badibanga

This transaction is between N'kongolo Lambert Badibanga (seller) of P.O. Box 11811, Kanye and Marien Izasinga I

Wednesday March 12, 2025 No. 047

## African Attire on Fleek ignites joy

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - African Attire on Fleek aficionados brightened up Molapo Leisure Gardens in Francistown with their elegant and diverse African outfits during the event's fifth edition on Saturday.

Organised by Colourful Entertainment, the event attracted a vibrant crowd from various parts of the country, all eager to immerse themselves in a rich

cultural atmosphere filled with fashion, music, and dance.

Gentlemen adorned a variety of African shirts, including Leteisi and Zulu shirts, often complemented by headbands, creating an atmosphere that truly celebrated African fashion.

The ladies, too, added to the spectacle, with many sporting African tops resembling roses, beautifully designed long and short mateisi, traditional attire, Sotho, and Zulu outfits, all

enhanced by an array of colourful headgears. Obakeng Chabanga, a Francistown resident hailing from the southern part of Botswana, expressed delight in the event.

He appreciated Kalanga songs and dances and stated that although he did not fully understand the lyrics, he was captivated by the rhythm and energy of the performances.

Dressed in black pants and a tailored Leteisi shirt, Chabanga remarked that African Attire

on Fleek was the best event showcasing local culture and was especially excited by the Wosana dance.

Notty Gaokgorwe, who dazzled in an orange flair African dress adorned with a beaded necklace, shared her experience as a three-time attendee of African Attire on Fleek in Francistown.

As a business owner, she praised the event for being organised and the quality of music, which she felt created lasting memories.

This year, she purchased a golden ticket for a better view,

enjoying the jubilant atmosphere and commending the security and positive behaviour of fellow attendees. Gaokgorwe said she believed the event fostered significant cultural exchange through the interactions of its diverse participants.

The event featured captivating performances from local artistes, including Tjilenje che Ngwao, Bana Bana ba Ntoga, local DJs, and South African artiste Mawelele who made the event a memorable occasion for all. **BOPA**



Revellers at the fifth edition of African Attire on Fleek in Francistown on Saturday. Photo: Courtesy Colourful Entertainment



Bana Bana BaNtoga in action. Photo: Courtesy Colourful Entertainment

## GIMC Afrotech honours female DJs

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - To recognise and honour women in the DJ arena, Gaborone International Music and Concert (GIMC) Afrotech 6.0 will host a mini pitso in commemoration of international women's month on March 29 at Game City Marquee.

The month of March is set aside by United Nations to celebrate women's achievements, on March 8.

Women have in some fields experienced biasness, and the creative space is no exception particularly the DJ platform which is predominantly men.

This GIMC Afrotech edition, the ultra-feminine is first of its kind, women only Afrotech gig featuring Botswana's great afrotech female talent in Kele, DJ Mis J, Bo-Kettle, Osaka Sun, DJ Rudo, Kutlo Scope, Nendiyo and DJ Missy.

"We are doing this because we believe female DJs and artists have come of age and we can hold an event on them alone," said Fish Pabalinga, the organiser of GIMC. Pabalinga urged other women to come and support these creative talent on the day and celebrate them as well as their craft.

Each year, the UN comes with a theme to honour women's contributions and advocate for gender equality and women's rights. And, the theme for 2025 is: Accelerate Action, which emphasises the need to speed up efforts to end systematic barriers and biases that prevent gender equality.

Tickets for GIMC Afrotech 6.0 ultra-feminine are on sale at P150 single ticket and P800 double.

The double ticket includes some goodies including two pairs of GIMC/BK Proctor neon socks. **BOPA**



The GIMC Afrotech edition billed for Game City Marquee on March 29 will feature Botswana's afrotech female talent in the likes of BO-Kettle. The event recognises and honours women in the DJ arena.

# Exercise remedy for good health

By Keetile Bontsibokae

**MATEBELE** - The Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Augustine Nyatanga says research has revealed that someone who is engaged in aerobics is rarely affected by Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Nyatanga was giving the keynote address during the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services' wellness day on Friday. The occasion was held at Off-Road Extreme in Matebele.

Nyatanga said it was important for everyone to take the responsibility to know the status of their bodies, adding that it was better to suppress the disease before it

"Nowadays several diseases are mushrooming within peoples' bodies thus I urge you to be very cautious to avoid falling sick due to diseases that you could have prevented."

We have been imparted with knowledge on how to diagnose some of these diseases," said Nyatanga.

He cited a Setswana adage that goes, 'bodiba bo jeleng ngwana wa mmaago e re o bo bona o bo dikologe' translated as 'forewarned is forearmed.'

He highlighted the tendency of ignoring precautionary measures stipulated by the health experts, poor dieting, failure to do acrobatics and unhappy lifestyles hence he urged people to be very observant of these aspects.

Nyatanga added that health was not just about feeling well but included a healthy mind.

"Mostly importantly, I plead with you to try to love one another in the workplace, I



**Augustine Nyatanga**

mean just Godly love.

As we meet at work, we may not be related but love must bind us all to be in accord and enjoy work.

We must be united and see each other as brothers and sisters.

"Research shows that people spend most of their time at work and this is crystal clear in the sense that you wake up early in the morning and leave home around 6am and return in the evening around 7pm.

It is, therefore, an obligation to try to create a family in the work environment so that you see each as one team," said Nyatanga.

Furthermore, Nyatanga cautioned that people should avoid going to clinic at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour because it had been indicated that treating diseases was costly than preventing them. He said the inclusion of wellness days in the workplace served as an opportunity for workers to bond.

"Exercising does not need two hours but that small time that you use gymnastically is enough.

Your body needs to at least be active at one moment in a day and that is a good thing because if you ignore it, you experience early aging where people will misconstrue your look for being older than your actual age.

"Therefore, I plead with everyone to develop a habit of exercising their bodies.

You can exercise through dancing at church.

If you are at home dance to the music as research also emphasizes that dancing exercises the body wholly," Nyatanga revealed.

The assistant minister also encouraged people to take care of each other to the extent that if they see a colleague ailing, they should encourage them to visit a clinic.

Nyatanga said government provided free health services which should be fully utilised.

Nyatanga encouraged people to eat healthy foods as prescribed by health practitioners.

He gave workers tips of life that included laughter.

He said laughter was good for good health and urged supervisors to loosen up and engage with junior officers to create

harmony in the work place.

"We cannot do this wellness day and yet as we get to work, we continue with the same negative attitude toward one another.

Sometimes people think it does not matter to greet and check on a fellow employee's situation," said Nyatanga.

For her part, the Chief Nursing Officer at Kgatleng DHMT, Boineelo Moalosi gave a lecture on NCDs. She said NCDs were most associated with high blood pressure and sugar diabetes, but the circle embraced all sorts of cancers, obesity, kidney diseases, lung diseases and mental illnesses.

Moalosi said there was a common belief that NCDs were genetic, but research indicated that NCDs were lifestyle diseases.

"In Botswana, the most nerve-wracking diseases are cancerous ones; cervical, breast and colon cancers. Colon cancer nowadays is tops. We used to hear about these diseases from other countries but nowadays they exist in our society because of our unhealthy lifestyles," she noted.

She said in Botswana 27 per cent or more deaths are caused by NCDs and affect mostly the youth.

Moalosi encouraged people to prioritise good diet. She said most people who die due to NCDs in Botswana were males.

"Nine hundred and thirty-four per 100,000 of deaths are from males whereas 703 per 100,000 are females. This is because men are always lagging behind when it comes to going for clinical checkups whilst women are always eager to know more about their health status," said Moalosi.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given to all members of Gaborone Consumers Co-operative Society Limited (GCCSL) that the Annual General Meeting will be held in Gaborone at Aquarian Tide Hotel on 14th and 15th March 2025. The meeting will commence at 1400 hours until 1600 hours on the 14<sup>th</sup> and at 0800 hours on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

All members and proxies should bring evidence of their membership or proof of appointment to represent members.

For administration purposes please confirm your attendance with the Secretary at 71554230 alternatively call 77 834 249, 75 227 320 or 71 812 232 on or before the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### The Agenda of the meeting will include:

- i) The Society's Business Report.
- ii) Audited Financial Statements for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.
- iii) Minutes of the meeting of the General Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## KITSISO YA PHUTHEGO YA BOTLHE YA NGWAGA YA GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

Maloko a lekgotla la koporasi ya baji bareki la Gaborone a lalediwa phuthego ya botlhe e e tlala tshwarelwang mo Gaborone kwa hoteleng ya Aquarian Tide ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo e tlhola malatsi ale lesome le bone (14) go fitlhelela e tlhola malatsi ale lesome le botlhano (15). Phuthego e tlala simolola ka Labotlhano ka nako ya bobedi go fitlhelela ka nako ya borataro, mme ebo e tswelela ka Saterataga go tloga ka nako ya boferabobedi.

Maloko le baemedi ba maloko ba rotloediwa gotla ka sesupo sa boloko kana sa thomo ya leloko.

Maloko a kopiwa go supa gotla phuthegong ga bone ka go leletsa mokwaledi wa khuduthamaga mo mogaleng wa 7155 4230 kana e e latelang 7783 4249, 7522 7320 kana 7181 2232 pele ga Mopitlo a tlhola malatsi a supa (7).

### Thulaganyo ya phuthego e tlala tsenya tse di latelang:

- i. Pego ya kgwebo ya Koporase
- ii. Pego ya madi ya dingwaga tsa 2022/2023 le 2023/2024
- iii. Metsotso ya phuthego ya botlhe ya Thakole a tlhola 25 ka ngwaga wa 2023.

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Ag. Director, Department of Broadcasting Services

## Scribes rally behind Botswana

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Africa track and field journalists have put their weight behind Botswana's intentions to host the 2026 World Athletics Relays.

Botswana Athletics Association vice president, Oabona Theetso told *BOPA* that the association had presented a preliminary bid to World Athletics, adding that the second presentation would be done this week.

In that regard Africa journalists are of the view that Botswana is better placed to host and deliver a successful event.

Ghana journalist of *Joy News*, Muftawu Nabila Abdulai, said Botswana's recent bid presents a historic opportunity, not only to bring the competition to the African continent for the first time, but also to reward a nation that was rapidly becoming a powerhouse in athletics.

He said for a sport that prides itself on inclusivity and global representation, World Athletics has yet to honour Africa with hosting rights for its prestigious relay event.

This absence, he said, was increasingly glaring, given the continent's vast contribution to athletics in talent, passion, and audience.

Abdulai said hosting the World Relays in Botswana would

symbolise a shift towards genuine global balance.

He said it would be a clear message that Africa was not just a supplier of talent but also a viable destination for world-class sporting events.

He said Botswana had in recent years grown into a formidable force in track and field, especially in sprint events - a core feature of the world relays.

The

nation has produced standout athletes like Isaac Makwala, Baboloki Thebe, and Letsile Tebogo, who have all competed and won on the international stage.

"Tebogo, in particular, has emerged as a global sprinting star, capturing attention with his performances at the World Championships and Diamond League meets," he said.

He said this success had fuelled massive interest in athletics across the country. Therefore, hosting the World Relays would leverage this momentum and give the sport an even stronger foothold in Southern Africa.

"This nation has also hosted Botswana Golden Grand Prix, a World Athletics Continental Tour event, with efficiency and professionalism," he said.

Moreover, he said, Botswana's government has consistently shown strong support for sports development.

Abdulai said the Ministry of Sport and Arts, along with the Botswana Athletics Association, had actively pushed for international engagement.

"Their bid to host the World Relays is backed not just by logistics, but by political will and financial commitment," he said. "Because Africa deserves a place at the table. Because Botswana has earned it—on the track and off it."

He said

awarding the 2026 World Relays to Botswana would not just be a nod to equity and progress; it would be a bold step forward for global athletics. World Athletics has an opportunity to make history—Botswana is ready to deliver it.

Kenyan freelance journalist and sports media operations consultant, formerly managing editor for Sports at Kenya's Nation Media Group, Elias Makori, said: "It's time for Africa. The World Athletics Relays is not about Botswana, it's an African bid."

Makori said Botswana earned its rightful place as a force in global sprints as epitomised by the exploits of its Olympic champions.

"The amazing Letsile Tebogo, and other great sprinters before him like Isaac Makwala, Fanuel Kenosi, Bayapo Ndori, and Baboloki Thebe is a clear indication that Botswana is a force to be reckoned with," he said.

Makori said bringing the competition to Gaborone would spur the resurgence of sprints not only in Botswana alone, but in Africa as a whole.

He pointed out that Africa had produced sprints stars such as Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala, Cote d'Ivoire's Marie-Jose Ta Lou, South Africa's Wayde van Niekerk, Cameroon's Emmanuel Esseme and a host of other greats, including legends like Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, Mozambique's Maria Mutola and Senegal's Amy Mbacké Thiam.

Furthermore, he said, Botswana's organisational acumen was not in doubt with the presence of a Continental Tour Gold meeting and an impeccable venue a major boost for the bid.

"Also, the nation's overwhelming spectator interest in the sport, and immense love for track and field, cannot be questioned," he said.

Above all, Makori said, the Botswana government had been extremely supportive to sport, with such guarantees necessary for the development of athletics, especially at a time the country is under the stewardship of a young, vibrant leader in President Advocate Duma Boko.

"Finally, interest in the sport from sponsors will make the hosting of the World Athletics Relays financially viable," he said.

*SABC Radio* journalist, James Ngomane, said there was need for Africa to hold hands and support Botswana's bid, adding that hosting would also boost the country's economy.

Ngomane said Botswana had what it takes to host and deliver the event.

He however said Africa should be weary of sabotage from other nations.

"One or two people from elsewhere can be bribed to vote against Botswana," he warned. *BOPA*



Oabona Theetso