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BDF Turns Its Back On Gov't In Pensions Lawsuit

Conflicted because they have a vested interest in the success of their retired colleagues who are suing the government over their pensions, the top brass of the BDF has asked to stand aside in the matter as COVID-19 compels several officers to quit ahead of time. Staff Writer **TEFO PHEAGE** reports

Flak from the case of retired members of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) is breaking the solidarity of those who should be standing as one in the matter, *The Botswana Gazette* has established.

In the result, the army is not lending its support to the Defence Council and the Attorney General who is eager to have the case dismissed. The hearts of active servicemen actually lie with their retired colleagues because they agree that transferring them from the BDF pension scheme to the Botswana Public Officers Pensions Fund (BPOPF) robbed and disadvantaged them.

Led by General Gaolathe Galebotse and several brigadiers, colonels and other retired senior officers, the more than 500 former soldiers have cited the BDF as the second respondent. The Attorney General had expected assistance and participation of the BDF to get the case dismissed.

The bone of contention is that initially, there were distinct differences in the computation denominator used for civil servants, which was 1/720, and the one used for the BDF, which was 1/600. During the switch to BPOPF, the former soldiers say the transfer values ignored the difference in the denominators, thus disadvantaging them when they retired.

Addressing the army at Thebephatshwa Airbase



BDF Commander, Placid Segokgo

before the general elections last year, President Mokgweetsi Masisi said the BDF pension arrangement would be reviewed with a view to securing a better retirement package for soldiers. "The aim is to have a Net Replacement Ratio of 75% or better," the President said. He was referring to "the projected pension at retirement expressed as a percentage of final net salary after deductions and

income tax".

As it turns out, that remains to be effected. A brigadier currently retires with a net replacement ratio of 50 percent while lower ranks below the P500 000 threshold do not have pensions and retire with a lumpsum. According to BPOPF, the threshold of P500 000 translates into a salary of P5 000 per month. A lower denominator therefore results in a lower net

replacement ratio.

This publication has it on good authority that the controversial litigation by retired servicemen has pitted currently serving soldiers against their employer because a similar fate awaits them upon retirement. When the case began, there was a strategy meeting of the state that was attended the Commander of the BDF, Placid Segokgo, and his Human Resources Of-

ficer. However, Segokgo reportedly informed the Attorney General and the Defence Council that it was hard for the army to be of any assistance to the state because the issues that the retired soldiers are suing for are the same issues that the army has presented before the government.

The point is that like the retired servicemen, Segokgo and other serving senior army officers stand in more than implicit solidarity with their retired colleagues because their victory will benefit them upon their retirement. While this may not have been explicitly stated, it is understood that the BDF has asked to be a spectator in the matter because it is conflicted.

Asked about the issue of conflict, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, Justice, and Security, Matshidiso Bokole, was terse. "I do not have the answers," she said. Similarly, the BDF said it did not want to comment on the matter. A representative of the Attorney General, chief state counsel Otladisa Kwape, said he had not yet heard of the BDF position yet added that it might be a new development. "The BDF should differentiate between professional and personal interests," said Kwape.

"Your mandate as a public servant supersedes your personal interests. The BDF is an establishment. How you, as an establishment, interpret the Pensions Act is not how you interpret it as an individual and the interpretation cannot be based on how one thinks one is going to be

affected. The mandate of the BDF is to protect the government. If one feels otherwise about this interpretation, one may approach relevant authorities to seek redress."

One of the people who have been vocal about the issue is former BDF Head of Finance, Brigadier Charles Nkele, who was a BPOPF trustee from 2013 to 2019 during which time he was also a member of the fund's investment committee. Nkele recently quit the army ahead of his retirement age and has since joined forces with the litigants. "It is true that I quit in May 2020 and I am now a part of the case," he told *The Gazette*. "We are not doing this because we are broke but rather because we feel we have been robbed of our hard earned money. My other reason is to protect my pension from the effects of COVID-19."

Nkele holds that the government has not cared to listen to anyone about grievances over pensions. "The error may have been committed knowingly or unknowingly but it could have been rectified," he said. Regarding the dilemma of serving officers, he noted: "I know the Commander has been acting behind closed doors and appealing to the government. They know his position. But this is not easy when you are still on the government payroll. I know several people who are heading out. Some are running in fear of markets crashing as a result of COVID-19 and want to protect their pensions."

Among those heading out is 60-year old Major General Innocent Phatshwane who has confirmed this to *The Botswana Gazette*. According to him, several officers remaining with three more years before their retirement age will quit to protect their pensions against potential effects of COVID-19.



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Motshegwa Ousting Looms At BLLAHWU

- CEC divided, some want Motshegwa out
- Drags him to Court to nullify his contract
- Contract allegedly ended on June 30
- CEC Claims he is illegally employed
- Ruling expected today(Wednesday)

KEABETSWE NEWEL

Secretary General of the Botswana Landboard Local Authorities and Health Workers Union (BLLAHWU) could find himself jobless anytime soon, should the High Court in Francistown rule in favour of his sacking in a case before court.

The Botswana Gazette established that an urgent application was filed before Justice Sechele at the Francistown High Court, which was heard this week Monday. The urgent application was filed by Nicholas Letso Motheletsi (1st applicant), Baone Christopher Seloka (2nd applicant) and Boemo Baletang Bato (3rd applicant).

Motheletsi is BLLAHWU 1st Vice President, Seloka is Treasurer General while Bato is 2nd Vice President. The trio filed the case against BLLAHWU as 1st Respondent while Motshegwa is 2nd Respondent. According to Court documents, Motshegwa was elected as the Secretary General of the Union in 2010 and was re-elected for the second consecutive term in 2013. It further shows that Motshegwa was dismissed from his employment with the Francistown City Council around May 2013. At that time, court documents say that his membership with the union terminated, since he was no longer an employee within the registered scope of the union in terms of Article 11.2 of the constitution. It says his membership ceased within 30 days of his

dismissal.

In the notice of urgent application, it says that at the time of Motshegwa's dismissal, the Central Executive Committee (CEC) ought to have appointed, on an interim basis, any member of the union to the office of Secretary General until the next electoral Congress in 2016. Court documents say this would have been in line with Article 17.2.4 of the Constitution. Further, it is said the CEC ought to have further requested Motshegwa to attend a CEC meeting for the inspection and hand over of all books, documents and papers in his possession. It says as a non union member, Motshegwa was no longer eligible to hold, nor continue to hold, the office of the Secretary General. It emerges that none of the afore mentioned steps were taken, instead the CEC opted to offer Motshegwa a contract of employment which allowed him to remain in Office from the 1st of June 2015 until 30th June 2020, a decision which was clearly contrary to the provisions of the constitution and of the union and ultra vires the powers of the CEC. "On the 31st of October 2019, a writ of elections for office bearers of the CEC was issued and by reason of this agreement, the office of the Secretary General was not declared vacant.

Further, documents reveal that at a CEC meeting held on the 19th June 2020, the CEC proposed to retain Motshegwa under the same arrangement. The 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer General were present according to the papers, and are said to have expressed their misgivings on the procedure sug-

gested to be adopted for the appointment of Motshegwa as Secretary General.

Documents show that there were six members of the CEC present at the meeting, including the union President Thataone Kesebonye. It is said that it was Kesebonye who then suggested that the appointment of the Secretary General be referred to a Vote since there was disagreement among the members. The vote was hung, according to filed court papers. Kesebonye is said to elected to use his Casting Vote in favour of Motshegwa. It is the Applicants' position that this procedure is contrary to the constitution. Further, they say it was not a procedure based on any power granted the CEC by the constitution. "The position of Secretary General is not one of recruitment, nor can an individual be appointed to it by the majority vote of the CEC. It is held only by a union member duly elected at a Congress. Further, the applicants argued that the Constitution allows members of the CEC to hold office only for up to two terms and then vacate such positions.

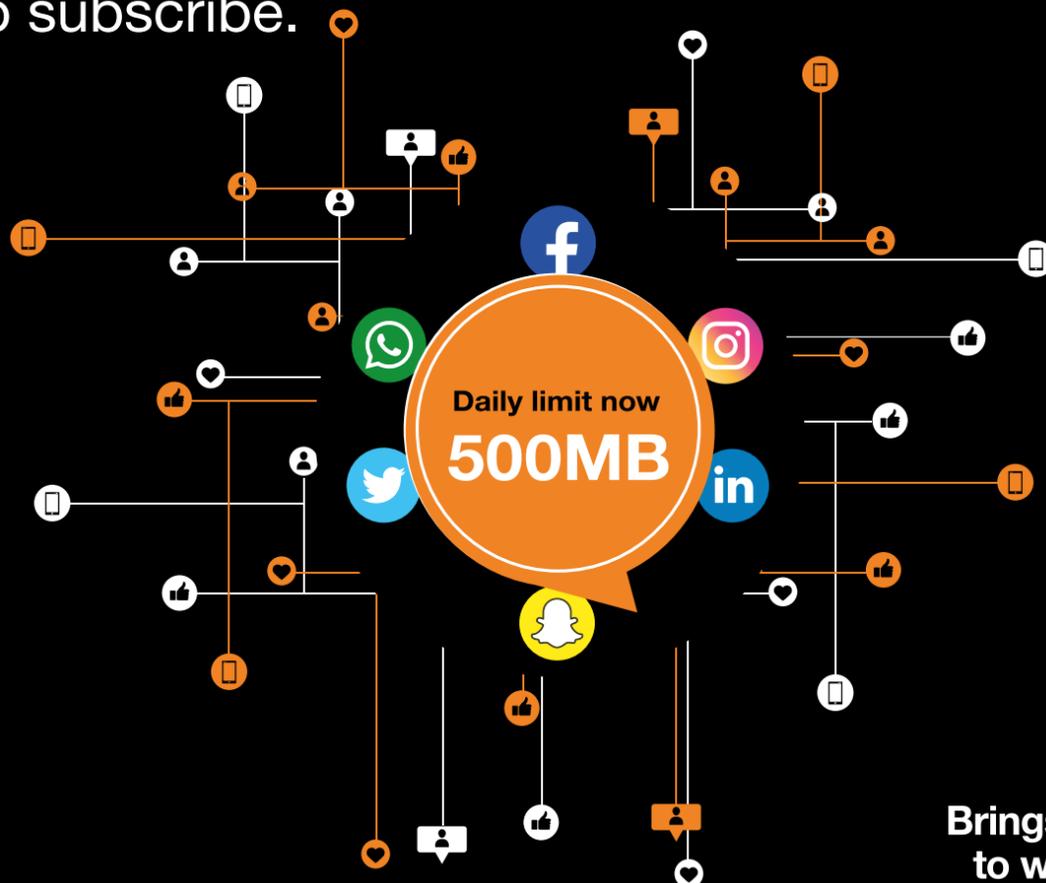
The applicants were represented by Mboni Manyothwane of Manyothwane and Partners. In an interview with Motshegwa, he said he was aware of such a case adding that it is politically sponsored. He however said they have no concrete case against him

The ruling on the urgency of the application is expected today (Wednesday). Motshegwa is represented by Nelson Ramaotwana. Motshegwa lost the 2019 general elections parliamentary seat at Bonnington South under the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ticket.

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Masisi Somersaults On 'Punishing' Foreign Investors

- Pleads with Batswana to be inclusive and supportive to foreign investors
- He had initially sworn to ensure larger economic share is channeled towards citizen businesses



LETLHOGILE MPUANG

President Mokgweetsi Masisi appears to have chickened out of taking action against some foreign owned companies, which he publicly described as 'not considerate and disrespectful' to their citizen employees, *The Botswana Gazette* has established

Addressing the nation on Botswana Television (BTV) last week, Masisi pleaded with Batswana to be tolerant, inclusive and supportive of all foreign investors in Botswana, which is a change of tone as compared to what he said during lockdown that it is time to prioritise citizen businesses.

In May this year, Masisi publicly said he was extremely disappointed by the conduct of some foreign

owned companies.

"...re bua ka dikomponi, tse e leng gore beng ba tsone ba tsile mono ba tsamaya ka bo rampeechane. Gompieno, ba humile khumo ya di nale-di. Bangwe ba bone, bare swabisitse ... (Some of these business owners were very poor when they first arrived in this country, today they are multi-millionaires)," Masisi said, adding that the time has come to have citizens as the biggest players in the country's economy. He also said he has already instructed his cabinet to find ways of ensuring that the largest share of the economy is channelled towards citizens.

Since April 2020, several companies had decided to 'unlawfully' retrench employees, as a result of cashflow disruptions.

However, sources at the Office of

the President (OP) told this publication that the President has somersaulted. This comes at a time when there is hype, with many Batswana calling for the support of citizen owned business instead, which prompted Masisi to call for inclusivity and tolerance and support to the foreign businesses in Botswana.

"Most of these companies belong to the businessmen of Indian and Chinese origin. Government has not taken any action against them; and chances are that no decision will be taken. The issue is also political," said a well placed source at OP.

The informer also stressed that some of these businesspeople are Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) sponsors.

Minister of Investment Trade and Industry Peggie Serame was unable to respond to this publication's enquiry at the time of going to press. Numerous attempts to get a comment from Assistant Minister of Presiden-

tial Affairs, Governance and Public Administration Dumezweni Mthimkhulu were also futile as his phone rang unanswered on Tuesday (*Yesterday*) afternoon.

The Botswana Gazette was also unsuccessful when trying to speak to the Minister of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development, Mpho Balopi.

NO ACTION AGAINST GIPS

Furthermore, this publication has been told that tertiary institution, Gaborone Institution of Professional Studies (GIPS) is one of the companies that were targeted. On March 31st 2020, GIPS management informed staff members that payment of their salaries would be suspended until a date, at which learning would be allowed to resume. However due to some serious public backlash the institution withdrew their position a few days later, and so did several

other businesses.

GIPS is owned by businessman Arjinder Pal Singh. He also owns Major Blue Aviation College; the two institutions enjoy a significant amount of business from the government through the Department of Tertiary Education Financing (DTEF).

There are several complaints against the tertiary institution relating to poor quality education. No action has been taken against GIPS though.

When asked about his current relationship with government, he said they have been paying staff full salaries and have since withdrawn their announcement.

He further said GIPS' relationship with stakeholders is normal.

In 2018, The Sikh Group reported that Singh was rated amongst the top 100 successful Sikh in the world. It stated that, "Arjinder Pal Singh is a businessman based in Botswana. His business empire spreads across the education, construction, tourism, airline, manufacturing and agriculture industries. He started his humble beginnings in 1992 by venturing into the education sector." In 2007, he set up a manufacturing plant which manufactures medical and houseware products, based in Dubai. He also has other businesses in India and Australia.



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Ex-Defence Minister Joins Army's Pensions Case

• Ex-minister Seretse says he has joined a cause for justice • Soldiers switch to BPOPF disadvantaged them

TTEFO PHEAGE

Former Minister of Defence, Justice and Security, Ramadeluka Seretse, has joined over 500 retired members of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) who hold that they were robbed by the switch from the BDF pension scheme to the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF).

Seretse, who left the BDF in 1998, has confirmed this to The Botswana Gazette, saying he had adopted a cautious approach at first because he was part of the decision-makers. "My position, even when I was still a serving member of the BDF, has always been that BDF pensions cannot be administered with those of civilians," he said.

Asked about why he had decided to join the effort, Seretse answered: "It is not out of a wish to gain anything but as a matter of principle. As I said, I have always held that the government was mishandling the issue. This is a position that resonates well with what I stood and still stand for and therefore my decision to join

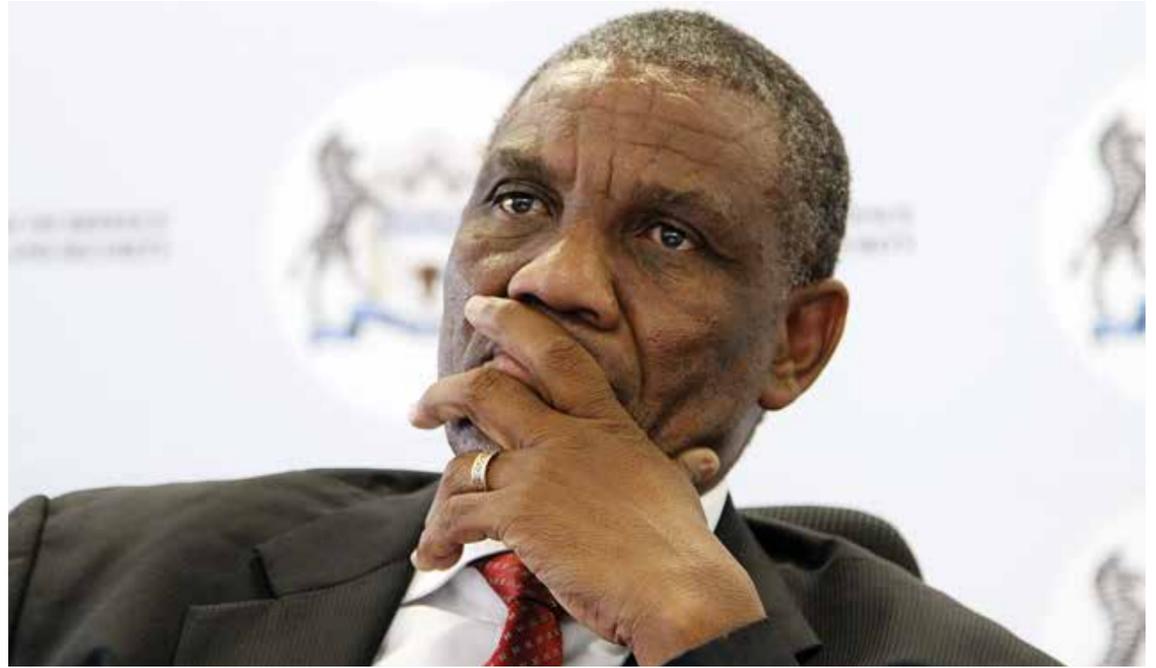
the cause and call which I believe is about justice and fairness."

The case is led by former army Commander, General Lieutenant General Gaolathe Galebotswe and several brigadiers, colonels, majors and includes a host of their subordinates.

"Even when I was still with the BDF, I refused to migrate to Alexander Forbes but was forced into submission by the law giving us a certain period to have migrated," he asserted. "But when I was minister and chairman of the Defence Council, I deferred financial matters to the Minister of Finance who was also a member of the Defence Council. I did so with all financial matters because they were the experts in that field and the government has always been of the view that the pensions law supersedes the BDF Act."

Seretse said as things stand, soldiers - both serving and retired members of the BDF - are in for a huge disappointment over their pensions.

From its inception, the BDF had a distinct pension scheme that



Former Minister of Defence, Justice and Security, Ramadeluka Seretse

was separate and different from that of the rest of the civil service. There were also differences in the computation denominators used, for the civil service being 1/720 and 1/600 for the BDF.

Although soldiers and civil servants belong to the public service as distinct from the civil service, this was motivated by

the inherent difference between the army and the civil service in that members of the BDF retire earlier than civil servants.

The retired soldiers say efforts to discuss rationalisation of the BDF pay structure with the Defence Council were futile. However, in the course of switching to BPOPF, the different denomi-

nators were not maintained, thus disadvantaging the former soldiers. For these reasons, they want the transfer declared illegal and nullified.

But it is likely to be a tough battle between the retired soldiers and the civilian government that has applied for the case to be dismissed.

Standard Chartered Botswana Donates Masks to the Botswana Police Service

Standard Chartered Bank continues to support the efforts of all involved in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. As global numbers of COVID-19 cases continue to increase, Botswana continues to be on the alert. For this reason, Standard Chartered has donated 5,000 N95 face masks to the value of P510,000 to the Botswana Police Service for use by police officers nationwide.

This donation forms part of Standard Chartered Botswana's ongoing commitment of being "Here for good" for the people of Botswana. Standard Chartered has to date, contributed approximately P5.6 million to Botswana's COVID-19 Relief efforts. The donation included a P1 million contribution to the National COVID-19 Relief Fund, a USD 300,000 (approximately P3.6 million) contribution to the Botswana Red Cross Society and a donation-in-kind of Personal Protective Equipment to the value of P500,000 to the Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital.

Standard Chartered Botswana recognises the critical role that the Botswana Police Service continues to play at the front-line in managing the pandemic through various interventions, which include, but are not limited to; crowd control and maintenance of social distancing protocols, manning of traffic and

interzonal boundaries as well as playing the pivotal role of escorting trucks supplying Botswana with essential goods.

Speaking at the handover, Standard Chartered CEO, Mpho Masupe expressed gratitude to the Botswana Police Service for their dedication and hard work, saying; "Often times when we think of the frontline workers, our focus is on those in the Medical fraternity, today we would like to pay tribute to the disciplined forces for their unwavering commitment to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, it is because of you, that we feel safe and protected. Discipline has been maintained due to the incredible work you are doing. We also wish to recognise that the BPS has once again been recognised by the World Internal Security and Police Index Report as the Best Police Service in Africa, and for this reason, our donation serves as encouragement for you to keep serving diligently."

When receiving the donation, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police, Solomon Mantswe remarked; "The donation will go a long way in assisting us to continue to protect and serve, and to do so whilst ensuring our officers are protected." He highlighted that the masks will assist as the county continues to protect itself against the onslaught of this pandemic.



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GABORONE - Acting Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration, Hon. Dumezweni Meshack Mthimkhulu; Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs, Hon. Anna Mokgethi; and Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Dr. Lemogang Kwape visited Kgalagadi Breweries Limited (KBL) Head office on July 6th to share the brewery's latest Covid-19 contributions.

Hon. Mthimkhulu launched a P825,000 food relief program intended to assist employees of mainstream outlets (bars). Two employees from 1650 selected outlets will each receive a P250 Sefalana voucher to facilitate their household needs; the program will be rolled out in phases to avoid congestion at Sefalana stores. Mthimkhulu said this of the initiative, "This act of kindness is an indication that we are together in the fight against this scourge."

The Honourable Minister also helped to officially present KBL's Covid-19 prevention kits, distributed to outlets nationwide in early June. These kits are comprised of:

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Hon. Anna Mokgethi and Hon. Dr. Lemogang Kwape were also in attendance to accept donations for their respective ministries. Hon. Mokgethi accepted 1000 shields for border officials from various ministries, whom she described as the "key stakeholder[s] in the fight against Covid-19." Hon. Dr. Kwape received 4000 shields for health workers that have "sacrificed time with loved ones in order to ensure our safety and care for those infected."

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BPC, Workers Clash over Wages



TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

State owned power distributor, Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) has locked horns with its employees over an inflationary adjustment, the workers Union has said.

It was announced through a statement from the Botswana Power Corporation Workers' Union (BPCWU). The statement was released yesterday (July 14) and signed by General Secretary Ganaone Marumoagae.

According to the statement, BPC workers understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected companies and their revenues. That being the case, they believe it is not a good enough reason for BPC management to refuse to make inflationary adjustments, considering then rising cost of living.

The Union is of the view that BPC can afford to pay for an inflationary adjustment because the Corporation recently received a P500 million subsidy, which they believe must also cater for staff welfare.

"The BPC also embarked on a restructuring exercise which was intended to reduce the size of the organisation, but it rather increased the numbers of employees from 2032 to 2187 and many of these new positions are not essential to the business," argues BPCWU.

"The appointments are also questionable with a clear indication of nepotism. In effect, there is an ample reason to believe positions are created merely to reward friends and family, in the process making the BPC structure bloated. The financial difficulties are therefore as a result of mismanagement of resources."

BPCWU further argues that despite additional positions at BPC, the Corporation continuously outsource jobs that can be done internally.

"This leads to the company bleeding cash while still paying salaries for the same work," reads a statement from BPCWU. If there was no money, the corporation would stop this senseless multi-mil-

lion pula tenders awarded to friends and families. A good number of line extensions for instance, are given to companies on the basis affiliations, and the charges are exorbitant."

The BPC Workers Union also accuses the Corporation of lack of aligning to its five year transformation strategy (MASA 2020), which was meant to positively turn around the Corporation's financial position.

"They have since diverted from the strategy, this is because the strategy had identified only three services for outsourcing being security, cleaning and fleet services," BPCWU stated.

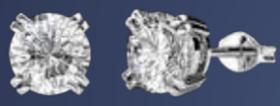
He said BPC outsources jobs in areas which were not identified for outsourcing.

According to the Union, proceeds from the recent 22 percent tariff increase should support not only companies chosen by management but also workers. The union had requested an inflationary adjustment instead of a salary increase.

"We therefore announce that we are about to exhaust all channels of negotiation with the employer, and therefore are about to resort to picketing," BPCWU states. "If not for the state of emergency we would go for an outright strike. We call upon the Government of Botswana to act and rein in the BPC Management. The energy sector in this country is in crisis largely due to management failure. The failures of BPC and even the Petroleum sector are the failures of government."



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BDP Councillors reject appeal for 'visibility' donations

Money needed for visibility where BPF is making inroads

SESUPO RANTSIMAKO

FRANCISTOWN: Councillors of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP)

here have rejected a request by the party to donate money for use by Vice President and party chairman Slumber Tsogwane in constituencies where the BDP

perceives a threat from the Botswana Patriotic Front, *The Botswana Gazette* has learnt.

Sources say the idea is to show people in such constitu-



Reached for comment, the Chairman of the BDP Francistown Region of the BDP, Baemedi Medupi, was quite evasive

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encies that the BDP is always with them, especially in difficult times such as the present scourge of the Coronavirus. "I can confirm that recently we had a meeting where the party leadership asked us to make donations to be distributed by the VP when he tours our regional structures," said one councillor.

"We were told that these donations are meant to make the party visible, especially during this time when all activities are suspended. This was a plan to take the party to the people, more so that the donations were going to be led by the VP and the party councillors."

The councillor said the appeal was rejected because they believe there are national issues that deserve the priority attention of the party more than making campaign donations. "Besides that, we were of the view that the party wanted to fulfill its failed promise of providing people with COVID-19 food relief packages," the councillor said.

"Our government promised to help people with food relief packages for a period of three months and the decision has been reversed for unknown reasons. We cannot therefore be expected to make donations to cover this government failure."

This is not the first time that the BDP has attempted to seek donations from its activists around COVID-19. Prior to the first lockdown, the party failed to draw donations of part-salaries from members in elective office to the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Reached for comment, the Chairman of the BDP Francistown Region of the BDP, Baemedi Medupi, was quite evasive. "We have been making lots of donations to help those in need," said. "But if it comes as a request from the party, it looks like people on a mission. This was not going to look good at all."

Four reluctant nudists report fishy assault in the wild

Police say they know nothing about four employees of a safari company in the Okavango being allegedly assaulted and paraded naked for the amusement of an abusive anti-poaching detail that found the men in possession of fish, the army says it is fully aware of the matter but won't say a word, lest investigations become slippery. Staff Writer **SESUPO RANTSIMAKO** reports

An employee of Machaka Safari was hospitalised after he and three of his colleagues were brutally assaulted by a detail of the anti-poaching unit of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) that also paraded them naked when it found the men in possession of fish in a cooler box, the four have alleged.

The four, Maithoko Nyame, Motlhokomedi Obonye, Moleti Kelebile and Onkabetse Sebora, say they reported the matter to Maun Police Station but Station Commander Chenamo Orateng says he is not aware of such a case.

"I am not aware of the case you are talking about because I have been out of the office for some time," Orateng told *The Botswana Gazette* in an interview. "If it was reported here, I could be aware of it. Maybe I will be briefed later."

By contrast, the BDF has confirmed awareness of the case but said it would be improper to pre-empt the outcome of investigations by discussing it with the media. "The BDF is aware of a joint BDF and Department of Wildlife (detail) manning a gate Xuruxharaga," a spokesman of the army, Colonel Tebo Dikole said. "The detail stopped a vehicle and discovered fish suspected to have been acquired illegally. The men in the vehicle reported to Maun Police Station three days later that they had been assaulted and abused."

The four men have admitted being found in possession of fish on their way from Kiri Camp to Maun but say they had caught the fish at NG32 Concession for consumption in accordance with terms of an arrangement with the Community Trust for Okavango, Kopano and Mokoro.

According to the Manager of the trust, Seikaneng Moepedi, a licence is required only for commercial fishing as opposed to fishing for consumption. When the four explained this to the anti-poaching detail, it was allegedly ignored and instead had their fish confiscated. "They confiscated the cooler box and referred us to the Department of Wildlife for enquiries," said Nyame. They also ordered us to report back to them afterwards."

It was upon their return to the detail that the four men were allegedly assaulted. "They started assaulting us, kicking us severely with their boots," Nyame continued. "We begged for mercy but no one cared. When we thought the assault was over, we were made to drink a lot of warm water and eat soil. I was severely injured in my eyes, ears and teeth during the beatings."

In addition to being assaulted, the four allege that they were ordered to undress for the amusement of the detail. "We were then paraded naked in front of them, including a Wildlife woman who was among the soldiers," Nyame said. "The soldiers jeered and laughed raucously as we paraded our nudity."

The Botswana Gazette is in possession of minutes of a meeting between the assaulted men and representatives of the BDF and the Department of Wildlife that was apparently convened so that the

detail may apologise to the men. In the minutes, Maithoko raises concerns that the soldiers who assaulted them are not present. The four men said they would forgive the BDF provided the company they work for and their parents were involved.



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Informal sector body dismisses Letlhabile

- Says requirements are more suited to the formal sector
- Declares itself unfamiliar with banking
- Says grants would make better sense
- CEDA says assessments can handle issues raised



CEO of CEDA, Thabo Thamane

SESUPO RANTSIMAKO

FRANCISTOWN: The Botswana Informal Sector Association (BoISA) has cast aspersions on a recently introduced programme under the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) that aims to stimulate informal sector businesses post-COVID-19 lockdown.

Known as Letlhabile, the stimulus programme will provide such businesses with loans from as little as P500 to P10 000 with interest payable over six months. "This programme focuses on supporting businesses in the informal sector and micro-enterprises that were operational prior to movement restrictions," the CEO of CEDA, Thabo Thamane, said when launching the programme.

However, the General Secretary of BoISA, Mpho Matoteng, has told *The Botswana Gazette* in an interview that contrary to CEDA's claim, the Letlhabile programme misses the point because requirements to qualify for it are more suitable for the formal sector.

"Evidently, the government confuses the informal sector with small businesses in the formal sector," Matoteng said. "Our conviction is that the informal sector is

made up mainly of hawkers and vendors who are not registered with the Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)."

He noted that the informal sector is not very familiar with banking and banking plans. For that reason, he added, it would make better sense to speak of grants rather than loans. "With the Letlhabile programme, our sector has been sidelined because most of us do not meet the requirements," Matoeng asserted.

But a spokesperson of CEDA, Neo Tumelo, says the complaints relate to adjustment of loans sought and that this is a matter for assessment by CEDA. "We have noted that most of the concerns arise from reduction of the proposed loans," Tumelo told *The Botswana Gazette*. "The applicants have to understand that we do the assessment before allocating the loan proposed."

Regarding the proposal for grants rather than loans, Tumelo stated that CEDA has a mandate to fulfill. "We have a mandate to account to our stakeholders," the spokesperson noted. "Besides, amendment should come from the government. We cannot introduce grants before the government gives us instructions to do so."

Hundreds of elephants are mysteriously dying in Botswana – a conservationist explains what we know

Worrying news has recently come to light: hundreds of elephants have been found dead in Botswana, and as yet, there is no clear cause of death. But as an expert in elephants and their conservation, I believe we can at least rule out a few possible answers.

Here's what we do know: the first deaths were reported in March, but significant numbers were only recorded from May onwards. To date, it's thought that the death toll stands at nearly 400 elephants of both sexes and all ages. Most of the deaths have occurred near the village of Seronga on the northern fringes of the Okavango Delta, a vast swampy inland region that hosts huge wildlife populations. Many of the carcasses have been found near to water.

Of those discovered so far, some lay on their knees and faces (rather than on their side), suggesting sudden death, although there are also reports of elephants looking disoriented and even walking in circles. The tusks of the dead elephants are still in place and, as yet, no other species have died under similar circumstances.

Botswana's elephant politics

Botswana has long been a stronghold for Africa's remaining 400,000 elephants, boasting a third of the continent's population. While elephant numbers have widely declined in recent decades, largely due to poaching, Botswana's population has grown.

However, this growth has been outpaced by the ever-increasing human population. With more elephants and more people, competition for space has escalated and increasingly, elephants and people find themselves at odds. Some communities see elephants as pests, as they feed on and trample crops, cause damage to infrastructure and threaten the lives of people and livestock. In return, people retaliate by killing and injuring offending elephants.

With large rural communities struggling to coexist with elephants, the issue has become highly politicised. In 2019, in a controversial move, president Mokgweetsi Masisi lifted a ban on the hunting of elephants in Botswana, reasoning that hunting could both reduce their numbers and generate income for struggling rural communities. This, against a backdrop of rising poaching, suggests that times are changing for Botswana's elephants.

Speculation

This has sparked speculation about the recent deaths. However, given what we know, we can address some of the rumours.

Firstly, it seems unlikely that poachers are to blame, since the tusks of the dead elephants have not been removed. It's estimated that illegal black-market ivory trade is responsible for the deaths of 20,000 el-

ephants annually.

The elephants could have been killed by frustrated local people, typically by shooting or spearing. In this case however, the sheer number of dead elephants and the lack of reports of gunshot or spearing wounds, does not support this hypothesis.

Poisoning could be used instead, either by poachers or in retaliation by locals. A few years ago hundreds of elephants in Zimbabwe died after drinking from watering holes laced with cyanide, and the proximity of many of the recent deaths to water has given the idea some foundation.

However, in the event of poisoning, we would expect to see other species dying as well, either because they drank from the same poisoned water source or because they fed on the poisoned carcass of the elephant, and this has not been reported.

A natural cause of death?

If the evidence currently available doesn't support foul play, that leads us to consider natural causes.

Drought can cause significant deaths. In 2009, a drought killed around 400 elephants in Amboseli, Kenya, a quarter of the local population. But drought tends to kill the very young and old, while the deaths recently reported in Botswana show elephants of all ages are affected. Moreover, rainfall in recent months has been near normal, ruling out the influence of drought.

Mount Kilimanjaro looms over Amboseli National Park. Graeme Shannon / shutterstock

Perhaps because wildlife disease has gained much attention in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the remaining possibility that has been widely suggested is disease. While COVID-19 itself is unlikely, elephants, like humans, are affected by a range of diseases.

For instance, over 100 were suspected to have died from an anthrax outbreak in Botswana in 2019. Those elephants that seemed disoriented and to be walking in circles might suggest a disease causing a neurological condition.

Still, the information currently available is inconclusive. The Botswana government has released a statement explaining that investigations are ongoing and that laboratories had been identified to process samples taken from the carcasses of dead elephants.

To avoid further speculation and prevent the deaths of more elephants in their last remaining stronghold, it's vital that investigations are expedited so that the cause of death can be determined and suitable action taken.

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South African financial giants ABSA and Nedbank have found themselves entangled in the controversial case that has pitted regional neighbours Botswana and South Africa against each other on a prosecutorial course that could strain their relations.

Questions have been raised regarding how they came to assist powerful South African businesswoman Bridgette Motsepe-Radebe while the Botswana Government was simultaneously blanked out by South African government authorities in its request for Mutual Legal Assistance. Botswana investigators and prosecutors were left scratching their heads when, just months after making their request, ABSA and Nedbank both came out to dismiss a major point in the request: a look into alleged accounts belonging to Motsepe-Radebe.

The South African authorities gave the inquiry a cold shoulder, especially this aspect of it, at a time when the accounts were the focus of South African and Botswana media reports. It is for this reason that hardnosed legal mind Gerrie Nel, whose appointment by Botswana has received criticism for his pro-Afrikaner advocacy work, will seek to focus his inquiry on highly suspected behind-the-scenes collaboration between bank officials, South Africa government officials and powerful political leaders both in and outside government.

This week Nedbank sought to distance itself from the controversy by claiming that it was merely responding to a legal request by Bridgette Motsepe-Radebe's legal representatives. "Nedbank confirmed in November 2019 that it does not hold accounts in the name of Blue Flies (Pty) Ltd and Fire Flies (Pty) Ltd. Following requests by both Ms Radebe and the attorneys representing Hilton Lerato Motswana late last year, letters were sent to both parties confirming that Nedbank does not hold accounts for these entities," the bank said in a response to an inquiry by *The Botswana Gazette*.

This publication sought to know what Nedbank knew and how in the entire time when Botswana authorities were blanked out and unable to get a response to its inquiries into the bank accounts allegedly held in the banks, Motsepe-Radebe was able to get their cooperation, including a statement from the bank.

In media interviews, Motsepe-Radebe is curiously arguing that the pursuit of Botswana's Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) request through Nel in South Africa is intended "to open apartheid wounds". However, those close to the investigation say she is launching a major diversion from the fact that as a politically connected and prominent businessperson, she is actively interfering with key evidence in the graft case against powerful political elite in Botswana. The full extent of the collaboration of South African institutions and Motsepe-Radebe is becoming clear.



Gerrie Nel's Attention Turns To SA's Major Banks

The unwanted meerkat in the "Butterfly" case, Gerrie Nel, seems to be making some headway towards the gates of hell because questions are already being raised over the behaviour of South Africa's major banks that seem to have colluded with the defence and powerful personages to block investigation of certain accounts and even deny they ever existed.

Gazette investigations reveal that Nedbank South Africa spoke to Motsepe-Radebe in November after which it released a letter titled "W.M. Maswabi 11 THE STATE (BOTSWANA HIGH COURT)" to her. The communication between Nedbank and its subsequent assistance came two months after Botswana sent its request to South African authorities. In Botswana, Motsepe-Radebe facilitated the bail release of the main accused person, Welhelminah Maswabi, by causing the bank to deny that account numbers 8061923840 and 1099810081 were opened with the bank. Motsepe-Radebe made this inquiry before investigations by South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) which

would have been caused by Botswana's MLA request if it had been granted. Following this, on 11 November 2019, ABSA Bank in Pretoria responded to a letter from Maswabi's lawyer Uyapo Ndadi which he had sent to the bank through Motsepe-Radebe, also denying existence of account number 40892246893. This is despite the fact that Motsepe-Radebe is cited in the Botswana's MLA request as a suspect.

The focus for Nel will be whether or not there were political arrangements to assist Motsepe-Radebe. Nel's team will be interested how, even before South Africa could act on Botswana's request, Motsepe-Radebe was personally actively working with another bank that could have possibly been inves-

tigated by the NPA if the MLA request had been granted. Nedbank would not be drawn into elaborating on how it collaborated with state bodies in South Africa at the time. "Nedbank is not in a position to comment on its engagements with authorities, which should not be construed as having /not having engaged with authorities," a statement from the bank reads. The Botswana Government had requested South Africa to assist in the investigation that involves obtaining evidence from financial institutions in that country, among them ABSA and Nedbank. A South African source says developments around this raise eyebrows. "Our information shows that whilst the Botswana Government still awaits the outcome

of its MLA request to South Africa, the very banks that are potential witnesses in the matter have been swift in responding to enquiries by Motsepe who at this time is not party to any ongoing investigations," the source points out. "This is despite the fact that by doing this, Motsepe may be using her political and business connections to meddle with damning evidence central to the Botswana case."

It also raises serious questions why, after denying any personal knowledge of Maswabi, who is better known as "Butterfly," Motsepe-Radebe should go out on a limb for her and secure denials from ABSA and Nedbank on Maswabi's behalf. "If Umam' Maswabi is a stranger to Bridgette, why would she expose herself to the risks of being caught in future NPA investigations that may lead to her criminal prosecution?," ponders a source inside Nedbank. "It is clear that the letter from Nedbank was made on behalf of Maswabi at her (Motsepe-Radebe) request and the title of the letter is very clear on that."

The amount of political weight on the case compelled the prosecutors to pursue an MLA rather than the more circuitous diplomatic channels between the two countries. But when even the MLA was stalled, the delays by the South African authorities may have helped both Motsepe-Radebe and her allies in Botswana. "Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) argues that Botswana should have exhausted diplomatic channels," notes a government source in Gaborone. "They know it affords them a strategic delay that helps them interfere with potential investigations while also marshalling a political programme to paralyse the current administration. However, diplomacy cannot trump concerns against crime involving politically exposed persons."

Motsepe-Radebe's connections to Maswabi and ex-president Ian Khama are well known. Under normal circumstances, Botswana's MLA request - which is still at South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) through which it was properly channeled, should have been sent without delay to the country's Ministry of Justice for approval. If approved, South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority would have investigated the money laundering allegations raised in Botswana's request to establish the extent to which institutions like ABSA and Nedbank, as well as politically connected persons like Khama, Motsepe-Radebe and Maswabi were involved, at least on the surface.

Nel says his clients suspect the delays were caused by the profile of the people that are the focus of this inquiry, in particular Motsepe-Radebe. Meanwhile, she continues to deny any involvement, directly or indirectly, in the matter(s). Sources in Botswana say by choosing Nel, they wanted not just a lawyer with insight into the working of the NPA but the connection between the political leadership, prosecuting authorities and the South African economy, in this case, the banks.



The former permanent secretary to the president (PSP) Carter Nkatla Morupisi and his wife Pinnny Morupisi appear in-front of High Court justice Chris Gabanagae at the high court in Gaborone on 13 July 2020. Both of them facing are corruption charges. (Pic:MONIRUL BHUIYAN/PRESS PHOTO)

UB's Rebuke of Protesting Workers Was Misguided

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to rear its ugly head. For those in the informal economy, the effects have been devastating as the economy nullifies opportunities on a daily basis and the economy has been predicted to shrink considerably. In these trying times, one would hope that there is a unity of purpose to preserve jobs and to ensure that those on the fringes of the economy are protected.

The most precarious workers in Botswana, among them security guards and shop assistants, are not organised as a labour collective. Union busting tactics in the private sector has made organising this section of workers extremely difficult. This article, however, does not seek to explore the difficulties in organising the informal sector but intends to express my deep-seated disappointment with my alma mater, the University of Botswana (UB).
 In the week beginning 6 July

2020, the University of Botswana flighted several advertisements in newspapers that condemned industrial action by several employees of its sub-contractors. For years, it has been known that many of the several service providers employed by the University of Botswana have been exploiting their employees. The exploitation, to put it lightly, has at times bordered on criminality. One would have hoped that the University, out of moral considerations, would have stood with the workers.

As the country's premier tertiary institution and based on its history, UB has a special role in moulding the moral fabric of the country. But its recent tone of deafness was a betrayal of the principles upon which it was founded. The University of Botswana was not meant to be a capitalist demagogue but was founded on a simple but powerful principle of community.

It was to serve as a mould for a country we could all be proud of. Part of the responsibility of UB is to stand against acts of injustice, especially when they happen on its soil.

By allowing companies that not only exploit citizens but flout the law to continue to work for it, UB has tarnished its own image. These groups of employees, being extremely vulnerable, were appealing to the conscience of the university management. But instead of being met with a warm embrace, they were met with a cold and heartless rebuke. I believe the employees were making their appeal with the hope that the university management would use its power to intervene on their behalf. However, like waste water, they were thrown to the curb.

But what can the University of Botswana do now? To start with, UB management owes and should offer unreserved apol-

ogy to all the workers that they threw under the bus. That is a moral obligation UB owes the country. As an alumnus of the University of Botswana, I expect as much and hope that the rest of the alumni community will feel the same. Secondly, the university should, along with now accepted best practice, insert peremptory labour-friendly clauses that protect employees of its sub-contractors from exploitation. Unpaid salaries should, among others, amount to a material breach of contract. Further to that, the university management should ensure that such clauses are enforced.

In closing, I would like to call upon labour unions to come to the aid of informal workers. In times like these, we need to hear their voices more than ever. There is a need to assist in organising this section of the labour force.

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THE TAX
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Tax Changes Snatch Trusts' Sparkle

Private trusts used to be one of the best ways of planning for the smooth transfer of, in particular, immovable property from late parents to heirs. Most wealthy parents used to make use of this vehicle, as an estate planning mechanism and it would legally suppress Capital Gains Tax and Donations & Inheritance Tax on inheritances. Private trusts are vehicles which are created mainly to house property on behalf of heirs with the main benefit of facilitating smooth and tax-free transfers to heirs.

The recent changes to the Transfer Duty Act and Capital Transfer Tax Act however snatched away the sparkle that private trusts used to have, especially where immovable property constituted the main assets to devolve from estates to beneficiaries. Transfer Duty is a tax payable when immovable assets are transferred to a purchaser or heir of such property. On the other hand, Capital Gains Tax is payable on the capital appreciation of taxable assets such as shares and immovable property whilst Donations & Inheritance Tax

(or Capital Transfer Tax) is a tax that is levied on donees or heirs when they inherit or receive property for free.

The previous sparkle

Trusts used to allow parents to pay Donations & Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Transfer Duty, where applicable, when they moved immovable property from their names to a trust during their lifetime. The property would then be owned by a trust and registered in the name of an appointed trustee, until transfer to the beneficiaries, usually on the passing on of parents. No tax would arise upon inheritance by heirs as the subsequent transfer would simply be on paper since the ownership moves to the beneficiaries upon the initial transfer by the parents into the trust. The greatest advantage of private trusts was that the heirs would inherit the property without paying a thebe in taxes. This is where private trusts derived their sparkle from.

On the other hand, if someone did not have a trust, their children would struggle to inherit property after the demise of their parents, mainly due to heavy Donations & Inheritance Tax bills.

Sparkle fades away

The Transfer Duty Act has always exempted the transfer of immovable property to

heirs and it never was a headache for heirs. On the other hand, BURS accepts, more as a concession, that there is no Capital Gains Tax on inheritances, which leaves Donations & Inheritance Tax as the sole menace heirs face on inheritances. The Donations & Inheritance Tax bills would sometimes be so heavy such that some heirs would not be able to inherit, especially, immovable property.

Trusts used to allow parents to pay Donations & Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Transfer Duty, where applicable, when they moved immovable property from their names to a trust during their lifetime.

The above is no longer the case as the Capital Transfer Tax Act was amended to take away Donations & Inheritance Tax when heirs inherit immovable property, effective 1 March 2020. This therefore

means that whether or not there is a trust, heirs taking over immovable property will not suffer Donations & Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Transfer Duty. By extension, the amendments make private trusts to lose the mentioned tax sparkle that private trusts previously had.

Conclusion

Even though heirs no longer pay any tax when they inherit immovable property, trusts still suppress Donations and Inheritance Tax in cases where the property being inherited is not immovable property. As an example, if a parent's main assets consist of livestock, shares or any other movable property, they can still use a private trust to pay the Donations & Inheritance Tax whilst they are alive, a move which makes the heirs not subject to that tax upon inheriting the property. The amendments to the above-mentioned Tax Acts mean that parents may need to consider other vehicles for estate planning other than trusts, especially if they own immovable property. Wills are now a hassle-free alternative to private trusts.

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Corporate activism is more than a marketing gimmick

In the past month, there's been an outpouring of support for Black Lives Matter from America's largest corporations.

You might have noticed [Amazon](#), for example, announcing its support for Black Lives Matter on its homepage. Even children's candy brands Gushers and Fruit by the Foot teamed up to condemn police brutality and "stand with those fighting for justice."

Corporate activism for racial equality and criminal justice reform is almost inescapable.

Often, the assumption is that corporations are making these statements as a form of marketing. They are branding themselves as inclusive to boost their sales and maybe also attract young liberal employees. Critics call these actions "performative." And indeed, prior scholarly research has established that public opinion can drive corporate behavior.

Yet my ongoing research on corporate activism suggests that businesses often engage

in social activism because they want to sway public policy outcomes, not solely to appeal to liberal customers and future employees.

While some see companies' support for Black Lives Matter as a calculated marketing ploy, I argue that companies' support for Black Lives Matter is an example of corporate activism – in other words, a sincere engagement with the policymaking process.

Setting aside the question of whether corporate activism is good or bad for democracy, and whether it is sometimes clumsy or even offensive, it is a genuine attempt to influence policy outcomes.

More than cheap talk
Corporate activism is distinct from corporate social responsibility and occurs when businesses advocate that the government change public policies on social or moral issues.

Take Walmart, for example. In 2015, the re-

tail giant stopped selling rifles commonly used in mass shootings – engaging in corporate social responsibility by disassociating themselves from the controversial firearms industry.

However, in 2019 after a mass shooting in one of its stores, Walmart CEO Doug McMillan engaged in corporate activism when he urged lawmakers to enact stricter gun control measures.

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Recently, big businesses like Amazon, Apple, Coca-Cola, Facebook, Nike and Uber have all pledged contributions to advocacy organizations focused on racial equality and criminal justice reform. This is another example of corporate activism.

The past decade has also seen corporate activism on LGBT rights and immigration.

When it comes to racial justice, big businesses have contributed to the Congressional Black Caucus's political action committee and

advocated for affirmative action in higher education with the U.S. Supreme Court.

My research finds that corporate activism is quite common. Forty-four percent of the S&P 500's large, public corporations supported the liberal side of LGBT rights, immigration or racial justice between 2008 and 2017. No S&P 500 companies took conservative stances on these issues.

Notable past examples of conservative social stances, by Chick-fil-A on gay marriage and Hobby Lobby on contraception, were advanced by privately held, smaller companies controlled by their founding families.

The major causes of corporate activism
One important finding from my research is that there's no evidence that the stock market reacts to business social activism on LGBT rights or immigration.

In other words, investors don't think such activism affects corporate financial performance. This implies that there is no economic market-based incentive nor disincentive for corporate activism for the average big business.

Another finding is that the ideology of top managers is a strong predictor of corporate activism on LGBT rights, immigration and racial justice. When companies transition from a conservative CEO to a liberal CEO, they engage in more corporate activism.

In the past decade, liberal CEOs like Tim Cook and Howard Schultz, for example, commonly used their businesses as a tool to advance their personal values.

What's more, I find that liberal CEOs are most likely to engage their firms in activism in two scenarios:

First, when leading a consumer-oriented company that has an incentive to appeal to young, liberal consumers.

Second, when leading a company with a diverse employee base. Activism cultivates an inclusive environment promoting employee recruitment and retention among that diverse workforce.

But it's more than companies proactively trying to court liberal customers or perhaps future employees. Sometimes they are responding to the demands of current employees as well.

My colleague Josiah Drewry and I found in a study of LGBT rights activism that employees – especially in highly educated workforces – can be an organized force, urging their employers to engage in corporate activism.

Different types of activism
When studying LGBT rights activism, Drewry and I also wanted to know if "hard activism" – like lobbying or contributions to advocacy organizations – can be explained by different things than "soft activism," like tweets or press releases.

We found few differences when it came to the factors that influenced hard and soft activism. The main exception was the influence of peer companies.

For example, the more companies within an industry engage in activism, the more likely a company within that industry is to engage in soft activism.

However, when it comes to hard activism, the fewer companies within an industry engage in activism, the more likely it was that a single company was doing things like lobbying or making donations.

We gathered from this that there are a core group of corporate leaders acting first, before others within their industry. For instance, Target and Sempra Energy were hard activism leaders on LGBT rights within their respective industries.

While it may be fair to skeptically view companies that engage in activism later on, the first movers, or those that engage in hard activism early, are more likely interested in achieving policy change.

The bottom line
CEO ideology and employee pressure are hidden forces at play with corporate activism.

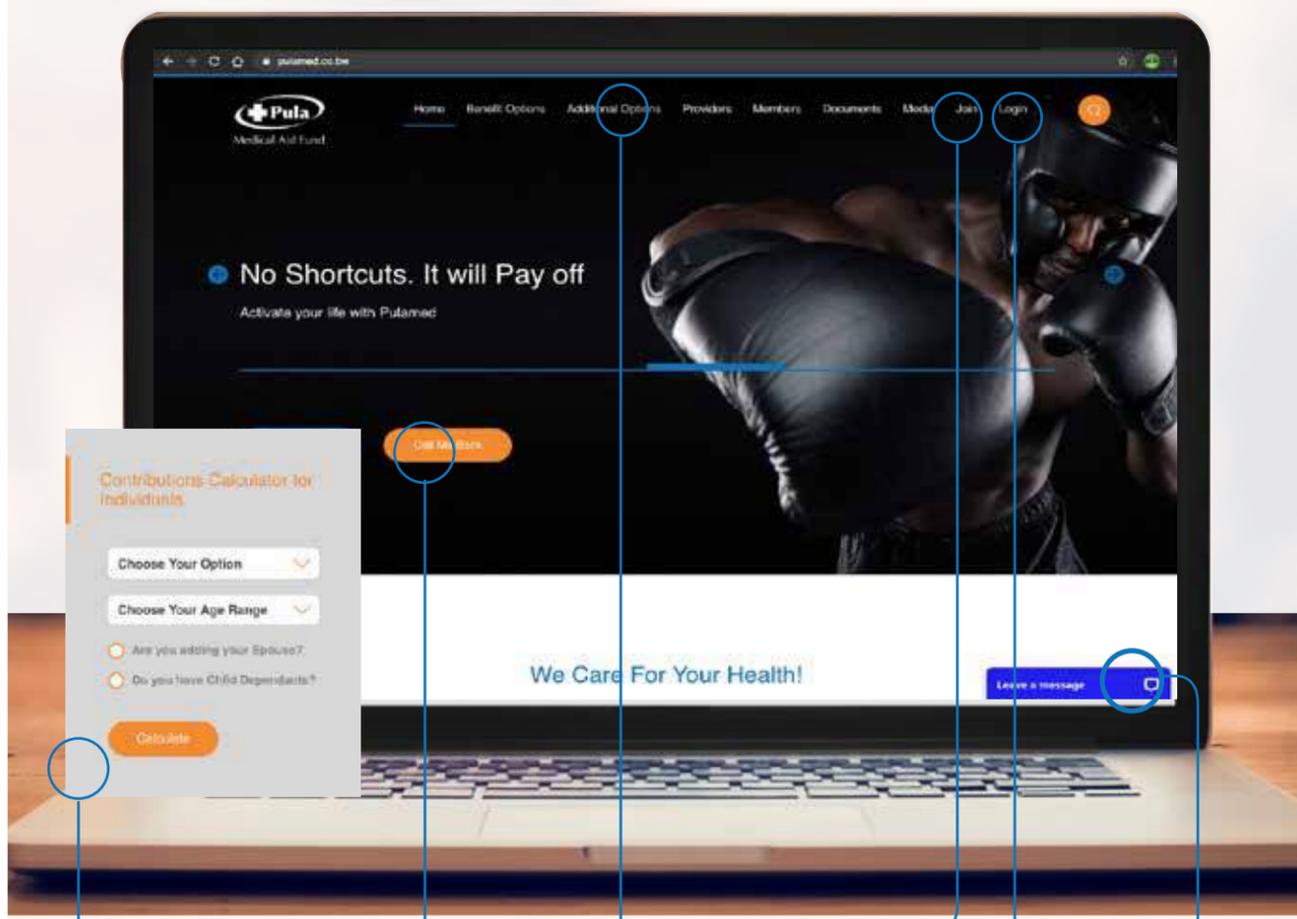
Not every business is announcing its support for Black Lives Matter in order to appeal to liberal customers and future employees. Many of these companies may genuinely want to see greater racial equality in the U.S., acting on behalf of their liberal CEOs and marginalized employees.

Therefore, these corporations can be partners in change with social movements.

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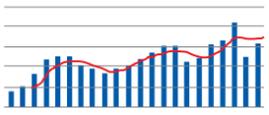
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BPOPF's P3.5 Billion Bonanza

- Fund awards P3.5 billion tender
- Morula Capital Ventures awarded P3bn tender
- Ipro Botswana also awarded P500m tender
- We will soon award more tenders-CEO says

KEABETSWE NEWEL

The cash rich Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) has awarded two asset management firms a P3.5 billion kitty, *The Botswana Gazette* can confidently confirm.

In the latest mandate, upcoming fund Management Company, Morula Capital Partners has been awarded a P3 billion mandate, while Ipro Botswana Fund Management has been given P500 million.

Ipro Botswana Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Clair Mathelisenda** said she was not in a position to neither confirm nor deny such a development. She referred this publication to the BPOPF.

Boikanyo Mogami, the Managing Partner at Morula, did not respond to *The Botswana Gazette* phone call and an inquiry sent him, meant to confirm whether Morula was awarded the mandate or not.

In an interview, the BPOPF Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Moemedi Malindah said the award has not yet been made as the parties are still at contract negotiations. However, he further said conditional offers have been given for consideration to some managers. *The Botswana Gazette* can confirm however that Morula and Ipro have been given those tenders, although the processes of due diligence is yet to be completed to the letter. Asked as to when the bids were

submitted, Malindah said it was in February 2020, at a time when Boitumelo Molefe was still at the helm of the BPOPF.

"The tender was advertised on the Mmegi newspaper of 24th January 2020 as well as on our digital platforms being the website, Facebook and Twitter," Malindah responded. Sources however are curious, because they say this is one of the quickest tenders to have been awarded by the BPOPF, considering the lengthy technical processes involved.

The tender was awarded in 4 months, immediately after lockdown. Market watchers believe the time was limited for a proper due diligence, technical and legal to be conducted, also considering that it was during lockdown. They suspect that there was only adjudication and conditional award without due diligence. Malindah however disagreed. He said all asset management tenders are subject to mandatory due diligence.

"These mandates were subject to both technical and legal due diligence," he said, before adding that the BPOPF is going back to the market soon on local equity mandate.

Morula Capital Partners, which got the largest slice of the cake, is under the stewardship of Mogami is one of the four founders of Morula. Mogami is Managing Partner. Prior to Morula he spent 10 years at Botswana Insurance Fund Management (BIFM) where he was the Chief Investment Officer

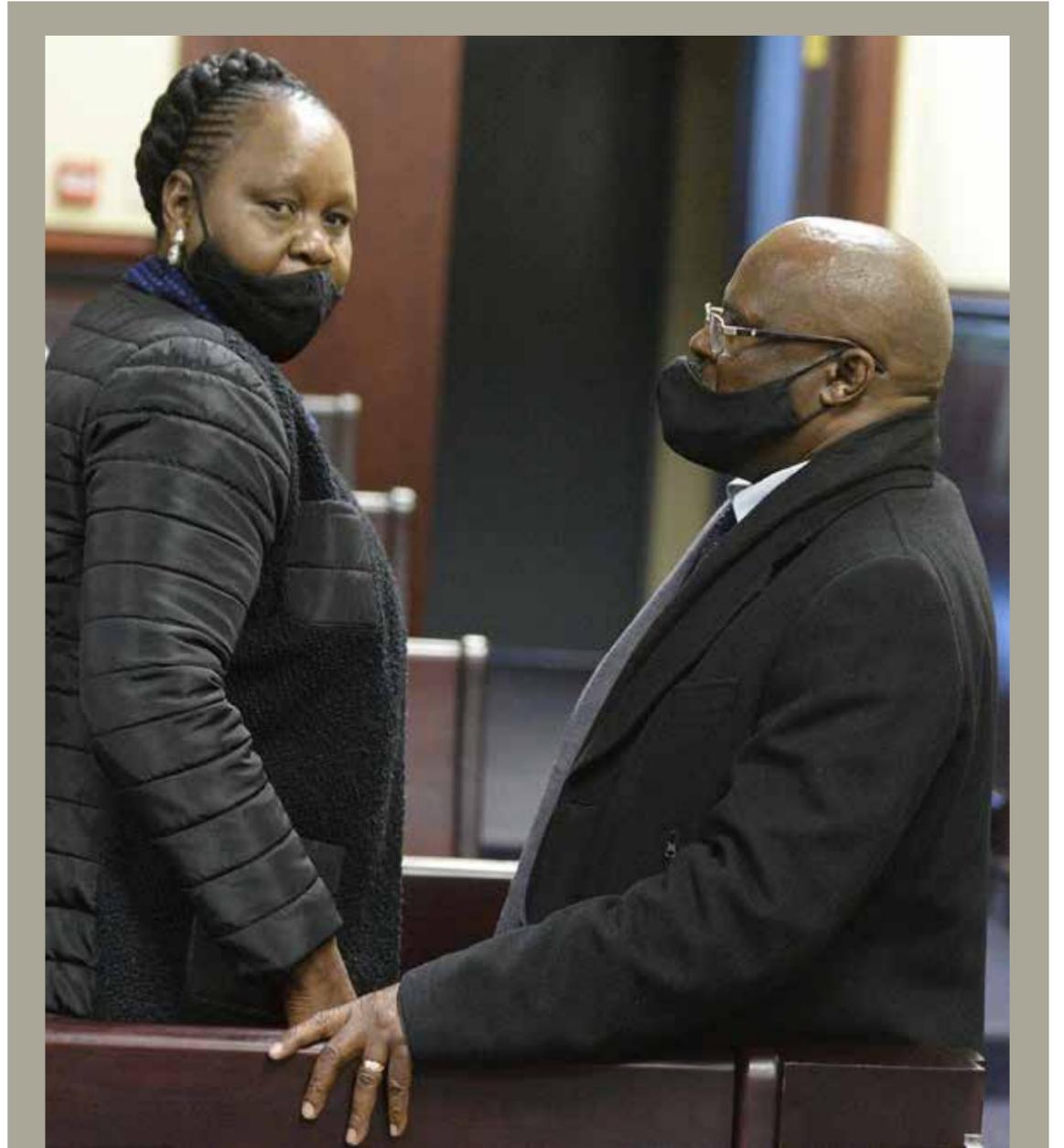
Another shareholder is Zoumana Kone who is also a portfolio Manager. He is responsible for fixed income strategies. Prior to Morula, Kone spent ten years at BIFM as a Fixed Income Strategist.

Another founder and shareholder is Kagiso Sedimo, who

is responsible for Botswana and global equities. Previously, he was a strategy leader at Investec Asset Management. Wenyu Machacha is the fourth founding partner at Morula. She is a portfolio manager responsible for Botswana and global equities. Prior to Morula she was a port-

folio manager at BIFM. Morula was formed just a few years ago, after the BPOPF announced that it will award a P1.5 billion incubation fund, meant to empower Botswana owned fund managers.

Ipro Botswana is a subsidiary of Ipro Investment, a Mauritius based company.



The former permanent secretary to the president (PSP) Carter Nkatla Morupisi and his wife Pinny Morupisi appear in-front of High Court justice Chris Gabanagae at the high court in Gaborone on 13 July 2020. Both of them are facing corruption charges. (Pic:MONIRUL BHUIYAN/PRESS PHOTO)



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Business Botswana Plans Radical Economic Transformation

- Says COVID-19 plight presents an opportunity to change Botswana economy
- As BB and UNDP partner to aid the private recuperate from COVID-19 effects



BB Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Norman Moleele

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

The damnable COVID-19 pandemic must be seen as a pivotal moment to change Botswana's economy from the way it was before the pandemic happened, a COVID-19 recovery plan for the private sector prepared by Business

Botswana (BB) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) shows.

Just like it is in many countries, the businesses in Botswana have experienced the full impact of the COVID-19 crisis which is likely to produce devastating economic effects for the country, with a projected GDP loss of 10 to 15

percent as according to the report.

With that, BB together with UNDP intends to use the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity to become the proactive driving force in creating an economy that is more dynamic, diverse, inclusive, ecologically friendly and resilient. The private sector recovery plan is therefore consid-

ered the steppingstone towards achieving that.

The plan which has been prepared by BB and UNDP is informed by one overall guiding objective: to Build Back Better, with the private sector acting as its own driving force.

"This will see us embark on a new way of doing business in Botswana, developing away from what was in place before the global economic crisis and forging a new path," the recovery plan report states. "The plan is the private sector's idea of what it will take to not only restore the economy back to its pre COVID-19 trajectory but rather to move it towards the high-performance path. The overarching goal is to create a private sector that is inclusive, more dynamic, diverse and self-reliant, greener and resilient, as well as underpinned by technological advancements."

BB and UNDP wants to see the private sector relying on itself as the driving force in proactively changing the economy and helping to create more conducive ecosystems for entrepreneurs, supporting aspiring entrepreneurs and actively developing local supply chains. "The inclusiveness targets youth and women," the report states. "While there are ample opportunities for youth and women to

tap into for becoming entrepreneurs, the eco-system is however not in their favour and does not address their needs."

According to BB Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Norman Moleele, they will develop and implement programmes as well as projects that will ensure that the private sector leads in addressing many of the priority areas identified in the plan.

"It is our duty as the private sector to lead on skills development to meet our growth and competitiveness needs," he said in the report. "We must lead on technological and competitiveness upgrading, investment in the identification, nurturing and development of young entrepreneurial talent, the integration of SMEs into the supply chain management strategies of large firms, helping even the odds to ensure that women entrepreneurs enter and compete in traditionally male dominated businesses, and in directing corporate social investment towards impact investments such as impact incubators."

For her part UNDP Resident Representative in Botswana Jacinta Barrins noted that the essential features of their plan include high productivity, global competitiveness and exports of value-added goods. "It suggests that for Botswana to achieve the levels of growth and economic transformation required to meaningfully and sustainably resolve the problems of poverty, unemployment and relative economic exclusion of youth and women in particular, it will have to make some major strategic strides," she said.

Air Botswana Resumes Operations

GAZETTE REPORTER

The Air Botswana Board of Directors and Management have announced the re-introduction of the airline's scheduled domestic operations effective July 17, 2020.

The Airline said this resumption is subject to health and safety protocols and the new ways of working, guided by the COVID-19 safety requirements. The Airline further said it shall gradually increase frequency of operations on the basis of demand and reinstate regional operations as soon as current travel restrictions are lifted. "This is an exciting

development, one that we have been eagerly awaiting! We are looking forward to resuming operations and embracing our new ways of working. As we gradually reintroduce operations, we will continually explore other possible recovery strategies that address the commercial viability and business sustainability of the national airline, without compromising the health and safety of both staff and customers. Following the suspension of operations towards the end of March, Air Botswana has been waiting for an opportunity to reunite its valued customers with their loved ones, their businesses and

nature," said the General Manager, Agnes Khunwana.

She further added that Air Botswana has a commendable record of the highest safety and operational standards and as such, safety remains at the heart of the business.

"After the great set-back we have suffered as an industry, we are counting on our customers to support us through this difficult period in the history of aviation. We will incorporate all industry best practices and national regulations in the fight against COVID-19," stated Khunwana.

She also said the Airline extends its heartfelt gratitude to

customers, staff and the public for their immense support and understanding during these difficult times.

Moreover, Khunwana said the public is further encouraged to take advantage of the efficient point-to-point air travel services, that are conducted under strict protocols and regularly supervised by capable entities, such

as the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) and Port Health officials. In furtherance of the fight to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, Air Botswana has put in place contactless booking and ticketing mechanisms through its online booking and ticketing platform and encourages the public to take advantage of the same.

After the great set-back we have suffered as an industry, we are counting on our customers to support us through this difficult period in the history of aviation.



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Pole Positions Emerge in the CMB Money Dispute

Irreconcilable positions emerge in the course of liquidation of CMB while the company's directors face criminal charges in court. Staff Writer **KEABETSWE NEWEL** reports

As liquidation of troubled equity firm Capital management Botswana (CMB) continues, two pole positions have emerged to characterise matters: at one end is Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) that maintains that funds are missing; on the other is the CEO of the firm who insists that the money was invested in traceable instruments and can be converted into cash easily.

CMB drew down P477.5 million from Botswana Opportunities Partnership (BOP). According to an affidavit filed by CMB before court, P150 million was invested in Kawena Holdings Limited, another P150 million was invested in Wilderness Holdings Limited, while AGILE and Bona Life received P50 million each in investment.

At the centre of the dispute is the sum of P150 million that CMB is said to have drawn down from BOP for investment in Kawena Holdings. BPOPF is adamant that the money is missing and untraceable. Not so, says Rapula Okaile, the chief executive of CMB, who insists that the money can be traced and even converted into cash without

difficulty. CMB is currently under liquidation while its directors, Okaile and Tim Marsland, face criminal charges in court. Both men hold the position that the charges hold no ground because they can account for

for all the funds, he said he could not confirm or deny the assertion.

The Botswana Gazette spoke to Okaile in a quest to understand if indeed the P150 million drawn down for investment in Kawena

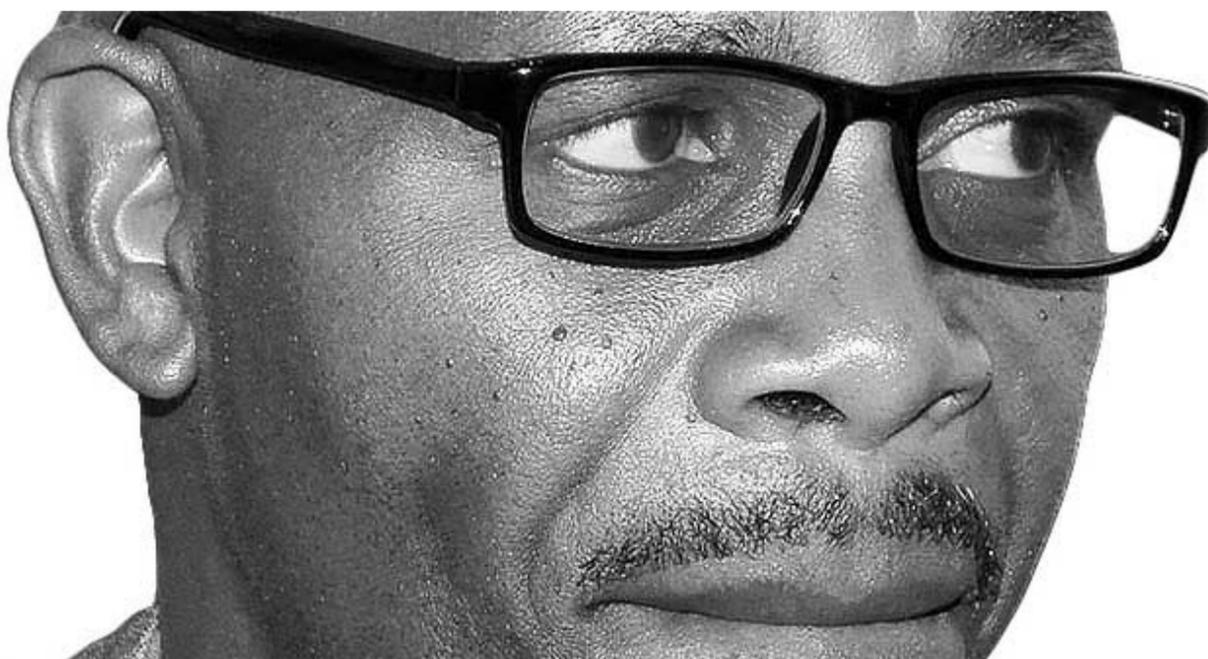
asserted that a part of the money was used to pay the Managing Director of Kawena, Clementino Dos Santos, for the purchase of shares while the balance was for operational costs. "It took a bit of time before we

ance, Okaile said, P13.5 million was invested in Lot 226, a property at Extension 5 in Gaborone. A further P13 million was loaned to Yarona Media Holdings while P1.5 million was loaned to troubled life in-

portunities Partnership for investment in Kawena, the funds belonged to Kawena. Investing the funds in other instruments was simply an investment decision to preserve Kawena funds, he added. "We were still in negotiations at that time to get set up Kawena's first operations in Botswana, which is why the funds were invested in other interest-generating instruments," he stated.

"All they are interested in is raising funds, but they will lose out on benefits of other investments because of premature divestment. We are aware that there is a proposal to sell Kawena. They have already converted the P20 million Cell City loan into cash and have also converted the property at Extension 9 worth P13.5 million into cash. This demonstrates that contrary to their belief that funds are missing, the funds are actually invested and can be converted into cash easily."

According to Okaile, out of the P477.5 million, the P27.5 million paid to the CMB directors was in management fees. He maintained that even the P477.5 million is fully accounted for.



all the funds which were drawn down.

CMB Liquidator Kopanang Thekiso declined to comment on the matter in detail, saying only that he will conclude the liquidator's report soon and that the report will have all his findings. Asked if it is true that CMB had accounted

was squandered. He answered that CMB drew down P150 million for the purchase of 60 percent shareholding in Kawena Holdings and that the balance of the money was for running capital of the company, as stated in the draw-down notice and minutes.

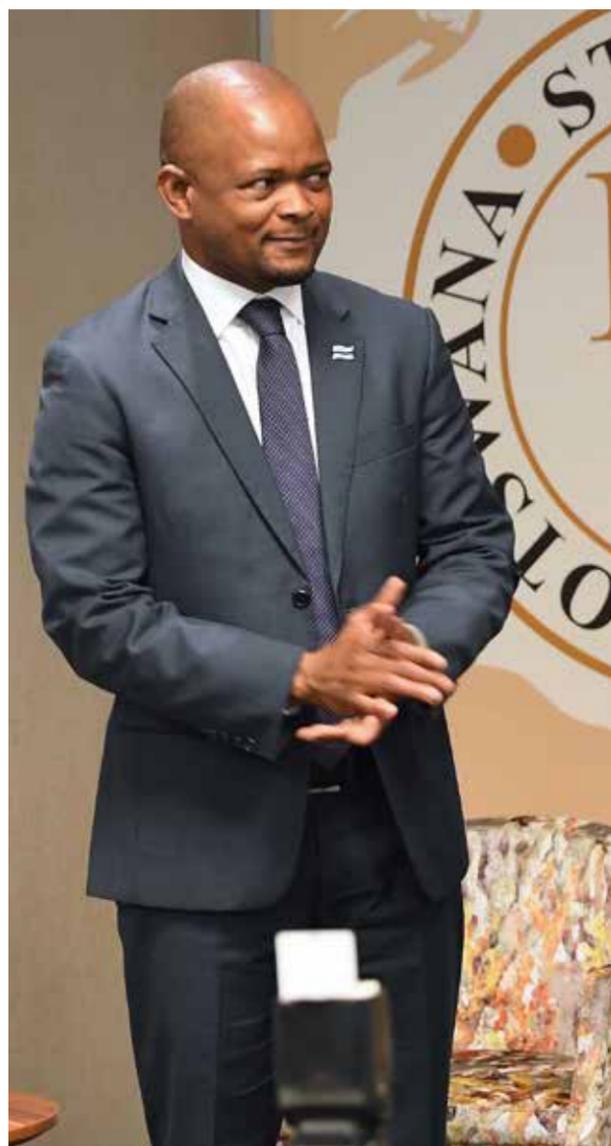
In the interview, Okaile

could get Kawena to function in Botswana," Okaile said. "So we invested the Kawena funds (which were meant for operational costs) to avoid them sitting idle. That is why most of the investments were loans since the funds were meant for Kawena operations."

From the remaining bal-

insurance company, Bona Life. According to Okaile, Trudy Lodge was loaned P1.5 million, Lobatse Clay Works P5 million, Manor Squad P33 million while Cell City was loaned P20 million.

Okaile said because the P150 million was drawn down from Botswana Op-



BSE H1 Equity Turnover Down

As Sechaba, Letshego and FNBB leads most traded companies

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

Tradings activity and liquidity was comparatively low at Botswana Stock Exchange Limited (BSEL) during the first six months of 2020, the BSE market report shows.

The performance analysis, for the period 1 January to 30 June shows that during the period under review, the BSE equity turnover declined by 58 percent as it stood at P363.8 million from traded volumes of 153.4 million shares. This was low in comparison to a turnover of P866.9 million and a total volume of 257.4 million shares traded during the same half in 2019.

Previously, the BSE had said that some trading activities were affected by the COVID-19, which cre-

ated uncertainties and volatility in the capital market.

"The value of bonds traded during the year-to-date period was P395.8 Million compared to P523.8 Million traded during the same period in 2019," BSE states.

According to the BSEL market report, during the first half of 2020, the top three traded companies in terms of value were Sechaba (P68.8 million), Letshego (P60.8 million) and FNBB (P55.9 million).

"Turnover from these three companies (P185.5 Million) accounted for 51 percent of total equity

turnover compared to 59.7 percent during the same period in 2019, indicating improved contribution to turnover by companies in 2020 relative to 2019," the report state.

Property Company, Letlolle on the other hand is on top of the list of the companies that experienced share price increases during the period under review after the company's shares increased by 3.6 percent followed by Sefalana and Cresta which increased by 1.3 percent and 0.7 percent respectively. With that, the top three companies that experienced share price declines were Lucara, which experienced the steepest decline in price shedding 49.7 percent, followed by Minergy which depreciated by 22.7 percent and StanChart which dropped by 16.8 percent during the

first half of 2020.

Under the stewardship of Thapelo Tsheole, BSEL indicates that during the first half of 2020, local companies contributed 65.1 percent to total turnover compared to 60.7 percent in the corresponding 2019 period. Local individuals contributed 6.4 percent of total turnover recorded during this period, a significant improvement from the 2019 contribution of 4.9 percent during the corresponding period.

Meanwhile, BSEL indicates that the bond market experienced a significant reduction in trading activity compared to the same period in 2019. "The value of bonds traded during the year-to-date period was P395.8 Million compared to P523.8 Million traded during the same period in 2019," BSE states.

Diversification Needed Urgently - BoB

As foreign reserves decline by P6.2billion

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

After Botswana's foreign reserves declined by a staggering P6.2 billion during the 2019 fiscal period, bank of Botswana Governor Moses Pelaelo said diversification is needed now more than ever, he revealed this at the bank's economic briefing and launch of the 2019 annual report on Tuesday this week.

The central bank's total assets stood at P66 billion in 2019 as compared to the P72.2 billion recorded in 2018.

The total assets simply declined by a whopping P6.2 billion. Pelaelo attributed the decline in assets to the decrease in the country's foreign exchange reserves.

According to the banking sector regulator, foreign exchange reserves decreased by 8.7 percent from P71.4 billion seen in the 2018 reporting to P65.2 billion in the 2019 financial year.

"The decrease in reserves was attributed to net foreign exchange outflows (P13.8 billion) offset by net fair value revaluation gains of P6.6 billion (2018: P2.2 billion losses).

"With an eye on slowing the depletion of external and fiscal

buffers, there is need to enhance domestic resource mobilisation, by broadening the tax base, increase the progressivity of the personal income tax, streamlining and rationalisation of discretionary subsidies and VAT exemptions," commented Pelaelo on the prospective transition to structural fiscal and balance of payments deficits as well as the consequent decline of the official foreign exchange reserves.

He furthermore highlighted that with the right governance architecture, there is considerable scope for an enhanced and more optimal domestic borrowing programme to tap into resources accumulated by the retirement funds, annuity providers and other institutional funds for infrastructure financing and increasing the productive capacity of the economy.

According to Pelaelo, a key driver of economic and welfare prospects for the country, namely, the export potential has, over the last few years, faltered and shrunk as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). "Therefore there is an urgent need for rejuvenation by redesigning the country's industrial policies to promote exports and to grow the private sec-

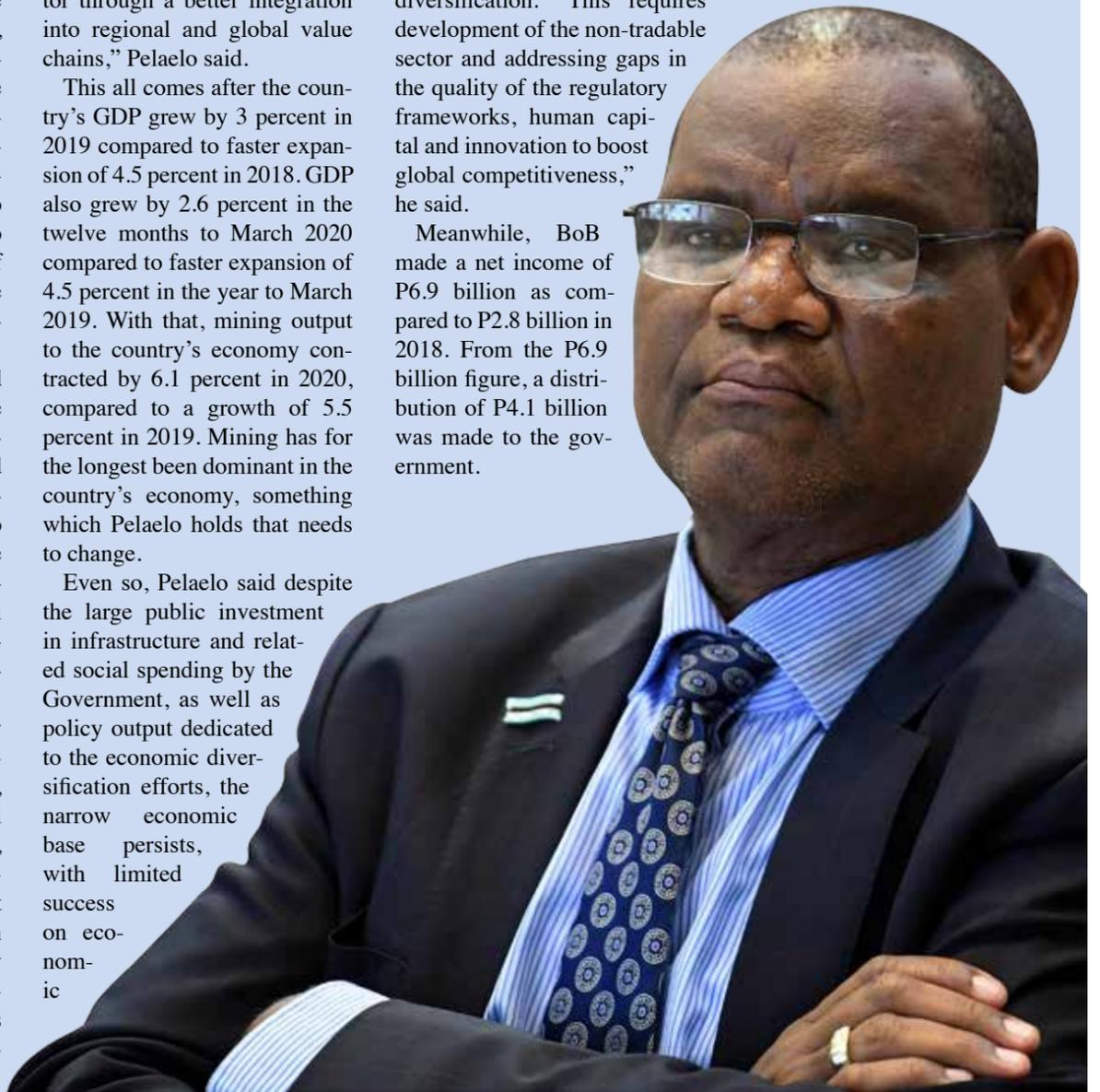
tor through a better integration into regional and global value chains," Pelaelo said.

This all comes after the country's GDP grew by 3 percent in 2019 compared to faster expansion of 4.5 percent in 2018. GDP also grew by 2.6 percent in the twelve months to March 2020 compared to faster expansion of 4.5 percent in the year to March 2019. With that, mining output to the country's economy contracted by 6.1 percent in 2020, compared to a growth of 5.5 percent in 2019. Mining has for the longest been dominant in the country's economy, something which Pelaelo holds that needs to change.

Even so, Pelaelo said despite the large public investment in infrastructure and related social spending by the Government, as well as policy output dedicated to the economic diversification efforts, the narrow economic base persists, with limited success on economic

diversification. "This requires development of the non-tradable sector and addressing gaps in the quality of the regulatory frameworks, human capital and innovation to boost global competitiveness," he said.

Meanwhile, BoB made a net income of P6.9 billion as compared to P2.8 billion in 2018. From the P6.9 billion figure, a distribution of P4.1 billion was made to the government.



Remembering July 15: The Resolve Of Citizens Is What Makes Democracy Strong

BY MELTEM BUYUKKARAKAS
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OF TURKEY IN BOTSWANA

Within the history of every nation, there are difficult times when the values people cherish, such as freedom and unity are placed in jeopardy by internal or external forces. However, history teaches us that in these difficult times, the resolve and strength of people is the ultimate force that can tackle any challenge that the nation is facing.

July 15th is Democracy and National Unity Day of Turkey. On this day, Turkey commemorates the utmost sacrifice made by the Turkish people who gave their lives for the protection of democracy, freedom and constitutional order.

Four years ago on the night of July 15, 2016, the Turkish democratic system faced a grave threat. A renegade group within the Turkish Armed Forces tried to capture the State and over-



throw the legitimately elected government of Turkey. Tanks rolled through the streets, running over people. Unarmed civilians protesting the coup were

shot and killed. Perhaps the most symbolic of those was that they bombed the National Parliament as well as the Presidential Complex and the National Police

Headquarters.

July 15 was a test of the strength and resilience of the Turkish democracy and the Republic. This test was successfully passed

thanks to the Turkish people from all backgrounds and political views who resisted and displayed a remarkable example of solidarity as they stood selflessly in front of the tanks and reclaimed their democratic rights. Ultimately, the coup attempt failed, leaving behind 251 deceased civilians and over 2000 wounded.

This year marks the 4th anniversary of this dreadful coup attempt in Turkey. Following years of meticulous and extensive criminal and judicial investigations and trials, it has been proven beyond any doubt that this bloody coup attempt was perpetrated by a clandestine terrorist organization FETO, led by Fetullah Gülen, a self-declared cleric living in exile. He and his followers disguised themselves as a charitable, benign education movement, when they started the campaign of establishing schools in Turkey and later around the world. They have manipulated people's religious values to develop a secret structure and a crime syndicate. This shadowy cult had over the years infiltrated into government structures in Turkey. They had focused their efforts in a number of key institutions including law enforcement, the judiciary and eventually the military. Their loyalty was not to the nation or to the state they served, but to their so-

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BoFiNet Captures 12 In first Content Buying Effort

With its recent contract signing with 12 local content creators, the company is betting on original content to drive future growth of the film and TV industry and vows to include women in the next run

GOSEGO MOTSUMI

After sending out calls for content producers to submit proposals for evaluation late last year, broadband wholesaler Botswana Fibre Networks (BoFiNet) entered into a contract with 12 local content producers last Friday at Masa Square in Gaborone.

This is in preparation for the launch of the company's first Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) service, which is a subscription-based streaming service that will host a bouquet of local and international titles. "This is our continuous effort as a company to support and develop our local film industry in partnership with content producers," said Mabua Mabua, the CEO, in an interview.

"There were a number of issues our industry and the underlying one was lack of a platform where Batswana are represented and producers are able to showcase their productions. BoFiNet then came up with the IPTV platform that will achieve this dream of representing Batswana."

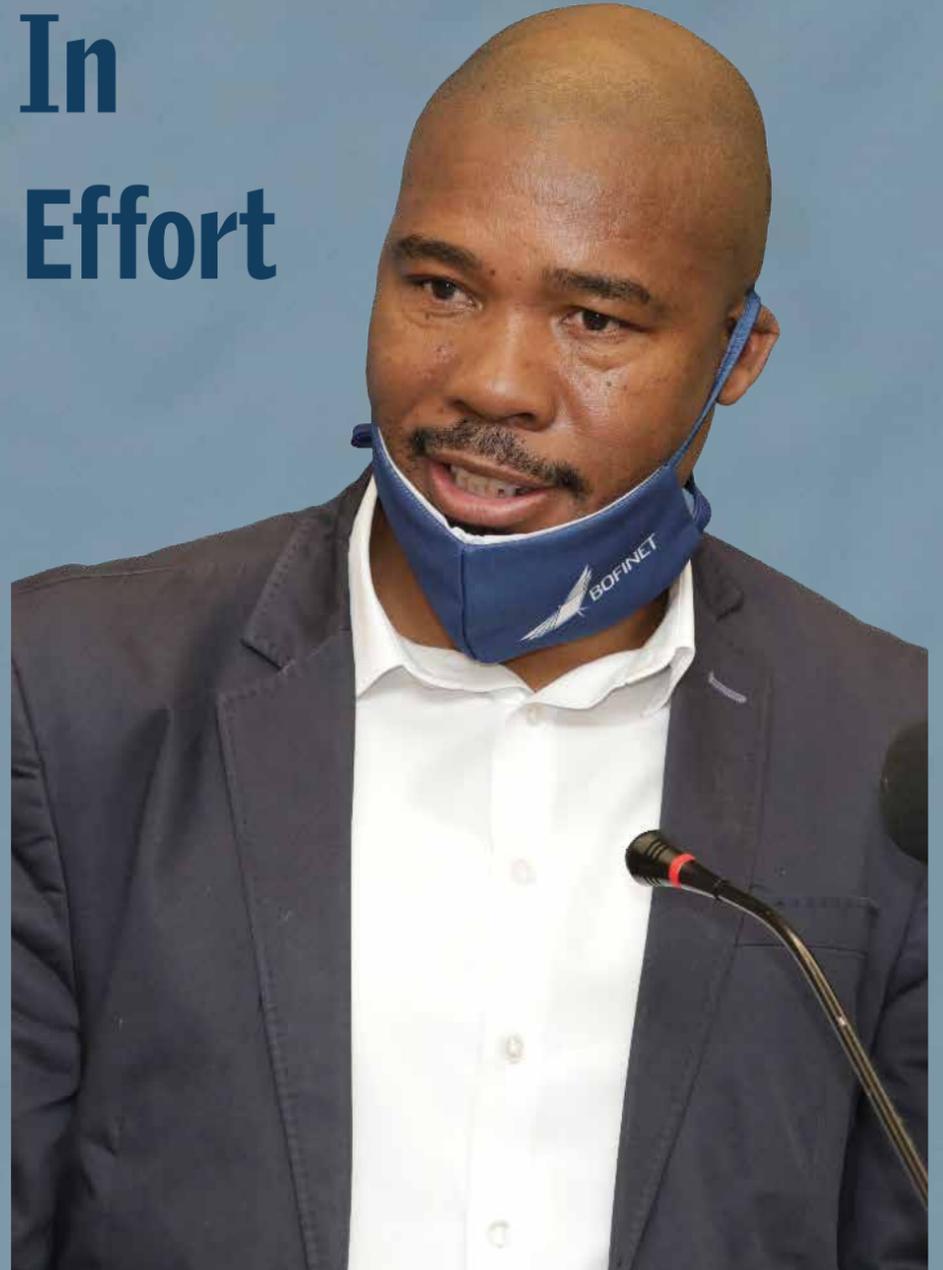
Different from terrestrial broadcasting, IPTV is a video online platform that broadcasts video signals online, allowing users to choose what they want to watch. In this way, BoFiNet is creating a platform similar to other IPTV services such as Showmax and Netflix where content is sold through licensed local service Internet providers. "The beauty of the Internet platform is that it can be accessed by anybody, anywhere

and you don't even need to have a licence," Mabua explained. "The quality that we are starting with is commendable and I think in the next 12 months it will be even better. Our bigger picture is to duplicate the same concept as elsewhere in the region."

The company has partnered with 12 production houses, namely Torch Studios, Studio 24 Film, Molibi Otukile, Box Screen Pictures, Onalethata Mochine, Baboneng Film Productions, Motion Lab, Mellow Deeds, Dee Zone Productions, Flava Choon Republic, New Look Studio and Industry Media. The platform will be launched towards the end of this month or early August with 90 titles procured from the content producers that will run for the next 18 months.

While selection of the inaugural lot does not feature any female producers, the CEO has promised to balance the equation in BoFiNet's next content sourcing. "The criteria that we used to select the contracted creators were through a public tender," Mabua said. "We were looking for different genres and evaluated and picked the top productions with good quality standards under each. This has not been an easy exercise but it is a start. When we were evaluating, we looked at the content and the company. For our upcoming tender, we will be explicit about including women producers."

Content from producers was not commissioned and the CEO will not disclose how much the company spent to source the content. He noted that the platform would



Mabua Mabua, CEO BoFiNet

feature live channels on Btv and Now TV and include in its offerings a Catch-Up television service and local radio stations.

Officiating at the contract signing ceremony, the Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary -ICT of the Ministry Transport and Communications, Cecil Masiga, noted: "We want to foster healthy competition in the sector. If the content is appealing, the sector's contribution will be a significant contributor to the GDP. The growth of the sector will require significant skills and ingenuity. I strongly believe that they have the ability and capability to adopt a strong, innovative approach to the creation of this content."

Commenting on behalf of the selected producers, Thabiso Maretlwaneng of Deezone Productions applauded BoFiNet for the window of opportunity that he said would save the industry that it was the first to take a hit from COVID-19 and would probably be the last to open. "This came at the right time because we are facing the hardest times because of the virus," Maretlwaneng said. "It is a great opportunity because we are constrained and cannot go out there to create content. BoFiNet decided to save us with this digital platform that will show the world what Batswana are doing."



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'No man is an island' at Old Naledi



Imagine living in an affluent neighbourhood your entire life, totally oblivious of life on the other side. But thanks to a reality show on NOW TV, suburbanites get to experience it in "I Survived the Ghetto"

GOSEGO MOTSUMI

The perception that has come to define the shanty township of Old Naledi for most outsiders is that it is a high-risk fleapit of petty and serious crime. But the township's stories and lifestyle challenge this image in the latest reality show dubbed "I Survived the Ghetto" that flights on NOW TV every Thursday at 18:30 pm.

"This reality show is tailor-made to give three participants who never had a taste of ghetto life an opportunity to experience it," says the proprietor of Lingano Media, Mandla Mogomotsi, in an interview.

Being the oldest township that until recently was the southern limits of Botswana's capital city, Gaborone, the producers decided to use Old Naledi to change people's perception of this densely populated neighbourhood in the first episode of the reality show. Mogomotsi grew up in this township that he describes as a beehive of talent because it has many stories to tell.

He points out that residents of the township still uphold basic principles of neighbourly love and raising children as a community. "I like to refer to the place as a living soul because everyone can survive in Old Naledi," he says. "When I realized that people are afraid of the place, I went and got three people who have never experienced the township life, and that was the concept of our reality show."

Two young women in their 20s accompanied by a young male were recruited for the experience and challenges were thrown at them. The original concept was to get them to live in the township for a month but financial constraints compelled the producer to settle for a few days. Lingano Media shot 13 episodes from mid-November 2019 and ended the production on 15 December 2019. This first season gives viewers an

opportunity to see Old Naledi through the participant's experience, the township's humble beginnings and history, and how the residents live.

"The people in Old Naledi have nothing but they are the happiest people, yet depression is real here," Mogomotsi explains. "The participants had the opportunity to learn from these people. The first lesson was for them to manage a tight budget as they were given P1500 to rent a house and buy necessities. It was a struggle at first but they eventually got the hang of it because they had more than their neighbours."

The funds were pocket money for nail treatment for one contestant in her real world. They soon adopted the Kasi lifestyle, buying combo food packs, fetching water, cooking outside and sharing a small space. The participants came out with changed perceptions and had an opportunity to donate to a young mother who was their neighbour before they left.

"People love the show because it gives them an opportunity to see authentic Kasi stories as people in Old Naledi live their reality," says Mogomotsi. "This is where you get to see the saying, 'Motho ke motho ka batho ba bangwe' or 'No man is an island' at play."

The production company is in the process of producing Season 2 of the reality show. In the meantime, they are changing the concept to a game show that will see the surviving participant winning a cash prize of P100 000. The show will feature new participants who will audition for available spots. Mogomotsi says the show has one of his best concepts as a content creator even though he managed to produce only 60% of it because of challenges with resources. He discloses that the best production that his six-member team has produced is a documentary called "Tales Of Shakawe" that is also available on NOW TV.



Cycling as a response to fuel crisis

According to a cycling expert, Batswana are interested in cycling and fitness. However, the biggest hurdle to developing a cycling culture could be lack of a proper infrastructure of good bicycle lanes, showers at workplaces and bike stations. StaffWriter **GOSEGO MOTSUMI** reports



Most people in Botswana are not particularly enthusiastic about non-motorised transport. However, this may change because the long queues at filling stations occasioned by an unprecedented fuel shortage that has hit Botswana is proving a difficult for most motorists to adapt to and a people not used to waiting long in line three weeks since the hustle began.

But in response, President Mokgweetsi Masisi has appealed to Batswana to become fuel-conservative and ordered a fuel rationing that could spawn illicit hoarding and a black market worse than the 'bootlegging' that emerged soon after alcohol was prohibited as a measure to curb the spread of COVID-19 recently.

In a televised address last week, President Masisi appealed to Batswana "to trace our steps back to use bicycles and taking walks to ease the pressure on the fuel shortage". This was met with a spirited debate around whether Batswana were ready to resort to cycling. This is in contrast to many cities around the world where bicycles are widely used for urban commutes, thanks to their practicality and functionality.

And in a world of rising carbon emissions and fluctuating fuel supply and

pump prices, bike-friendly cities have become more important than ever. Denmark's capital, Copenhagen, is widely regarded as the world's most cycling city. According to the Copenhagenize Index, the city was hailed as the number one bike-friendly city on the planet in 2019. Numbers showed that 62% of locals commute by bicycle and collectively cycle 894,000 miles each day.

By comparison, earlier this year the BBC published an article that named Gaborone as the city where cyclists are unwelcome, noting that a social stigma around cycling has made the streets more dangerous than lions. The article observed that the hostile attitude of local drivers towards cyclists emanates from a deep-seated belief that cycling is for the poor. "In modern Botswana, drivers have enjoyed the respect that comes with owning a car as opposed to a bicycle, which is now considered archaic," the BBC said.

In an interview with cycling enthusiast Kagiso Matsila, who is the Director of Chain Reaction, Batswana are actually interested in cycling and fitness, with people commuting from nearby villages to the capital city where unfortunately they have always faced challenges of improper road infrastructure that does

not cater for cyclists at all. Matsila must know what he is talking about because he has been running a bicycle renting business for the past 13 years.

For him, the answer to the fuel crisis lies in cycling as an affordable, fast, healthy, and emissions-free mode of transport. Cycling is also a safe way to avoid crowded public transportation systems that the World Health Organisation regards dimly in the fight against COVID-19. "We could start with organisations encouraging people to cycle on Fridays but we need roads that cater for cyclists as well as ablutions that cyclists can use to freshen up," says Matsila. "If you go to Cape Town (South Africa), you will see how the roads are structured to cater for non-motorised transport. That is what we need to encourage and make it easy for the culture of cycling to grow in Gaborone."

Forty-two-year old Matsila has been cycling for charity for the past 15 years riding from Gaborone to Maun and other parts of the country. He says no distance is too far for a mountain or an off-road bicycle, which are more durable and come in different models to cater for different preferences and prices. Cycling is his lifestyle as he often rides to his corporate job in Gaborone or run-

ning home errands.

"A system that our city planners can use is to erect bike stations around the city where bicycles can be left safely while we carry out our errands," Matsila notes. "For convenience, we could have the option of leaving a bicycle that was borrowed from a bicycle station at Commerce Park at a bicycle station at Riverwalk if you want to use other modes of transport."

In an opinion piece published in *The Botswana Gazette* in February this year, the Managing Director of Molapo Crossing, Luc Vandercastele, observed that Gaborone ensures that cyclists are "secondary citizens" compared to motorists who pollute the city. Titled "Why is Gaborone hostile to cycling?," Vandercastele's article asserted: "Cyclists are exercising their bodies. Cyclists are using a fraction of the space the cars use. Cyclists go faster during peak hours. Cyclists save on fuel and limit carbon emissions to zero. But we like to show off, right? We like to keep up with the neighbours. We feel important driving around in our latest car. We do not care losing every day hours in traffic jams, for that is where we are seen to be affluent!"

Remembering July 15

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called leader.

In the past years, the fight against this terrorist organization has been a major priority of the Turkish State. As the organization lost its backbone in Turkey, it is now trying to survive by using its structure abroad. FETO is present in around 160 countries, with thousands of schools, businesses, NGOs and media houses. As they aim to enlarge their global economic and political influence, they constitute a direct security threat for any country where they operate.

The international community is gradually understanding that FETO is not a social movement of education and charity, but rather a sinister organization with hidden political and economic ambitions. Public awareness regarding the real characteristics of the organization has been increasing in the world. In third countries, closer monitoring and investigation of the activities of FETO affiliated organizations are being conducted by local authorities. FETO has been declared a terrorist organization by some countries and international organizations such as the Organisation of Islamic Co-

operation (OIC) and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA). Activities of FETO affiliated schools and language courses have been terminated in 38 countries. The Turkish Maarif Foundation, a non-profit public education institution authorized to provide educational services abroad, has taken over FETO affiliated schools in 20 countries. Furthermore, Turkish Maarif Foundation has opened schools in 22 countries.

Turkey will resolutely continue its efforts to fight against FETO and all other terrorist organizations without any discrimination. In fact, terrorism is a global threat and should be countered globally. To be successful in this respect, unrestrained cooperation at the global level is absolutely indispensable. Therefore, four political party groups in the National Parliament of Turkey last year reiterated their call to Turkey's allies and partners to take steps against this terrorist organization and its leader. We are convinced that the truth and their dubious goals will eventually be revealed.

The enormity of the coup attempt on July 15, 2016, was in

stark contrast to the ideals pursued by Turkish people to cement democratic practices. Once again, on the anniversary of the heinous coup attempt, Turkey honours the memories of those who lost their lives defending democracy and national solidarity.

Botswana, which has been enjoying a worldwide reputation as a beacon of democracy and good governance in Africa and as a country upholding the rule of law unreservedly since its independence, is better placed to truly understand and appreciate the struggle of Turkish people to protect its own democracy. Both nations are cherishing the same values which will help to overcome any challenge our nations may face. Thanks to the solid democratic background and peaceful nature of Botswana, those kind of sinister organizations have never set a foothold in this country. We are pleased to have embarked on a journey that will enhance Turkey-Botswana relations in all fields including priority areas of business and investments, health and scholarships.

**JUSTICE GAREKWE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT LOBATSE**

CASE NO: CVHGB-003753-19

In the matter between:
TIRELO DINAMA
And
MATSHEDISO GAOBOTSE

Plaintiff
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that a sale by Public Auction against Defendant will be held by Deputy Sherriff Onkemetse Medupe to the highest bidder as follows.

DATE OF SALE : 7th August, 2020
TIME OF SALE : 10:00 hrs
VENUE : Gaborone, Broadhurst, BBS Mall
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1X Blue VW Polo Registration NO: B 109 AXW, 1 Black Hisense TV, 1 Black couches 2 sitter, 1x king Size bed, 1 x Double bed, 1 x White LG Fridge.

TERMS OF PAYMENT : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques
CONDITIONS OF SALE : The sale is subject to terms and conditions of sale which may be inspected at the offices of the Attorneys Kgoadi, Ng'andu and Partners Law Chambers and as well as the Deputy Sheriff upon request.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

Deputy Sheriff Onkemetse Medupe
C/o KGOADI, NG'ANDU AND PARTNERS LAW CHAMBERS.
PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS
PLOT 11008, RAMOTSWA CRESCENT,
EXTENSION 32, BROADHURST
P.O. BOX 2071 ABG, SEBELE, GABORONE
CELL NUMBER: 72315134,73503358/ 77704048

**JUSTICE WALIA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE**

CASE NO: MC 258-2004

In the matter between:
GLORIA BOKINYANA MOKGWA
And
ERIC KELEMOGILE MOKGWA

APPLICANT
RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION- IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that a sale in execution against Plaintiff will be held by Deputy Sherriff Onkemetse Medupe to the highest bidder as follows.

DATE OF SALE : 7th August, 2020
TIME OF SALE : 10:30 hrs
VENUE : lot 1111, Modipane
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Piece of land being Plot No: 1111 at Modipane 40.19 x 23.94 x 39.98 x 25.52 comprising a 3(three) bedroomed house with kitchen, sitting room, toilet.

CONDITIONS OF SALE : Inspection and viewing of the premises will be arranged with Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

Deputy Sheriff Onkemetse Medupe
C/o KGOADI, NG'ANDU AND PARTNERS LAW CHAMBERS.
PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS
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Ngele's Agent Confirms Short Term Extension



BONGANI MALUNGA

Last week Gazette Sport exclusively revealed that Moga-kolodi Ngele has signed a short term extension with Black Leopards after his initial deal expired on June 30, the extension was a special arrangement provided by FIFA and the South African Football Association to allow out of contract

The agent also cast more doubt on the player's future at the club beyond the 2019/2020 season. "From what I know, he is staying at Leopards. Yes, for two months

players to finish the 2019/2020 season with their teams.

Ngele's agent Basia Michaels recently confirmed the news in an interview with South African publication KickOff, he revealed that the player has signed a two month extension.

The agent also cast more doubt on the player's future at the club beyond the 2019/2020 season. "From what I know, he is staying at Leopards.

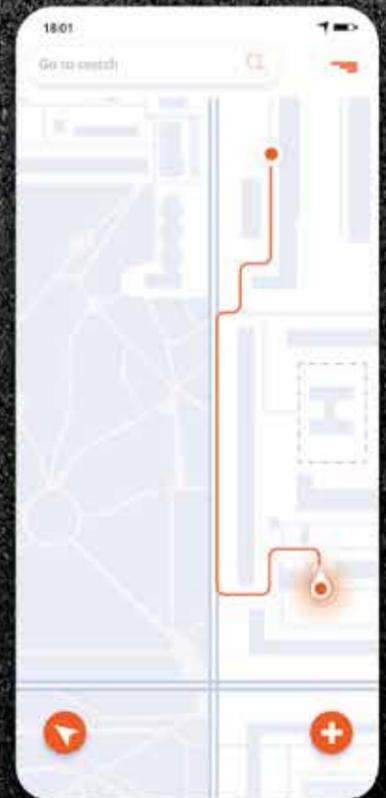
Yes, for two months. We have to work on something, but let's see how the season ends because it's very difficult to make certain decisions right now.

There is a lot of uncertainty and some chairmen are waiting to know what next season holds," Michaels stated.

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT LOBATSE**

In the matter between:
BANK OF BARODA (BOTSWANA) LIMITED
and
FIRST INTAKE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LIMITED
SKY-WAY CHEMICALS (PTY) LIMITED
KEIKANETSWE MASHILA
MSUMIKWA HANGANANI PRISCAH

CVHGB-000218-17
Plaintiff
First Defendant
Second Defendant
Third Defendant
Fourth Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the following immovable property will be sold by public auction by **DEPUTY SHERIFF NTSHWARELANG OOKAME** to the highest bidder as follows:-

DATE OF SALE : 2ND SEPTEMBER 2020
TIME : 14.00 HRS
VENUE : Tribal Lot 400 Matshelegabedi,
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Certain piece of land being Tribal Lot 400, Matshelegabedi, situated at Matshelegabedi in the Tati Tribal Area, measuring **1150 m²** which property is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease **No. FT TL 118/2009** dated 5TH day of **MARCH 2009** made in favour of **SKY-WAY CHEMICALS (PTY) LIMITED** together with developments being a two roomed house, kitchen with corrugated roofing, storeroom (built with bricks and roofed with corrugated iron), toilets (male and female) separated with shower) with security fence.

TERMS OF SALE : Subject to Conditions of Sale. Only cash or bank guaranteed cheques will be accepted.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JULY 2020.



OSEI-OFEI SWABI & CO.
Plaintiff's Attorneys
First Floor, Unit 18 Kgale Mews,
Gaborone International Finance Park
P.O.Box 403506
GABORONE
(Ref: DS.gno.011721)
Deputy Sheriff Ntshwarelang Ookame
Cell no.72879169

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT LOBATSE**

In the matter between:
BANK OF BARODA (BOTSWANA) LIMITED
and
TKM TRAINING & CONSULTING SERVICES (PTY) LTD
T/A TKM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & CARRER
DEVELOPMENT (PTY) LIMITED
MAB-ROSE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LIMITED
LEWIS MUSUNGAH
JOHN FISHER MUSUNGAH

CVHGB-000550-19
Plaintiff
First Defendant
Second Defendant
Third Defendant
Fourth Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the following immovable property will be sold by public auction by **DEPUTY SHERIFF NTSHWARELANG OOKAME** to the highest bidder as follows:-

DATE OF SALE : 2ND SEPTEMBER 2020
TIME : 10:30 HRS
VENUE : TRIBAL GRANT 564-NQ, MATHANGWANE
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Certain piece of land being **TRIBAL GRANT NO.564-NQ, MATHANGWANE**, in **MATHANGWANE LANDS**, in **BANGWATO TRIBAL TERRITORY**, measuring **19.6781ha** held under Notarial Deed of Cession **NO. FT MA 172/2012** dated 8TH day of **AUGUST 2012** made in favour of **MAB-ROSE INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** together with some developments, thereon being two (2) rooms and feeding lot fenced.

TERMS OF SALE : Subject to Conditions of Sale. Only cash or bank guaranteed cheques will be accepted.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020.



OSEI-OFEI SWABI & CO.
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TAFJA J.
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE**

In the matter between:
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
And
BOAGO MATLHODI
MPHOENTLE MATLHODI

CASE NO. CVHGB – 002570-2015
Plaintiff
1st Defendant
2nd Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Ditiro Gabobakwe to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 11 August 2020;
TIME : 10:30am;
VENUE : Lease Area No. 1024-KO, on Portion No. 96-KO of the Farm Traquair No. 10-KO, Mokolodi;
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Certain pieces of Land being Lease Area No. 1024-KO, on Portion No. 96-KO of the Farm Traquair No. 10-KO in the South East Administrative District, measuring 2550 square metres, (two thousand five hundred and fifty square metres), held under Notarial Deed of Cession and Delegation No. MA 674/2011 dated 28th November 2011 and made in favour of Boago Mathodi subject to the conditions in the aforesaid Notarial Deed of Cession some developments therein being 3 bedrooms Double Storey House MES, sitting room, dining combined, open plan kitchen, Double Garage, 2 Balcony's, bath combined with bath, screen wall.

TERMS OF SALE : **CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUE.** Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 7TH JULY 2020

DEPUTY SHERIFF GABOBAKWE
C/O RANTAO ATTORNEYS
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MOTHOBI J.
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE**

In the matter between:
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
And
PRISCA OBOTSENG NOSA MOLEFE

CASE NO. CVHGB – 000144-17
Plaintiff
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Uyapo Mafika to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 04 September 2020;
TIME : 10:30am
VENUE : Plot 27317, Gaborone
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Certain piece of Land being Lot 27317, Gaborone, situated in the Gaborone West Extension 30, measuring 541m² (Five Hundred and Forty One Square Metres) which property was held under certificate of registered state title no 48/91 dated 21 January 1991 and now held under deed of fixed period state grant No 189/2005 dated 3 February 2005, together with some developments thereon being the first house consisting of a sitting room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a 3 bedrooms, bath room and toilet. The second house consists of 2 bed rooms, sitting room, kitchen, bath room and toilet. The third house is a two and half type with a toilet and shower.

TERMS OF SALE : **CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUE.** Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 07TH JULY 2020

DEPUTY SHERIFF UYAPO MAFIKA
C/O RANTAO ATTORNEYS
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GRAND UNION BUILDING
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LEBOTSE J.
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE**

In the matter between:
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
And
FELICITY ONTWESE KELEEME

CASE NO. CVHGB – 003129-16
Plaintiff
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Uyapo Mafika to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 30 August 2020;
TIME : 10:30am;
VENUE : Lot 11704 Francistown;
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : being a certain piece of land being lot 11704, Francistown situated in Francistown Extension 15, measuring 405 m², (Four Hundred and five square metres), held under Deed of Transfer No: FT 10/2007 dated 4th day of January 2007 and made in favour of Felicity Ontwetse Keleeme subject to the conditions in the aforesaid Deed of Transfer with some developments therein being 1 x master bed room ensuite, 2 bed rooms fitted with wall wardrobes, 1 x bath room fitted bath, 1 x guest toilet fitted, 1 x fitted kitchen, 1 x sitting room, 1 x single garage, electrified screen wall and some improvements therein.

TERMS OF SALE : **CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUE.** Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 7TH JULY 2020

DEPUTY SHERIFF UYAPO MAFIKA
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RADIJENG J
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE**

In the matter between:
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
And
KABELO FREDERICK MODISANE
ELIJAH OPELO MODISANE

CASE NO. CVHGB – 001786-16
Plaintiff
1st Defendant
2nd Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Uyapo Mafika to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 02 September 2020;
TIME : 10:30am
VENUE : Plot 27317, Gaborone
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Certain piece of Land being Plot 5912, Gaborone, situate in Gaborone West Extension 14, measuring 505m² (Five Hundred and Five square metres), held under Fixed Period State Grant Number 2203/2012 dated the 26th day of September 2012 made in favour of Elijah Opele Modisane subject to the conditions in the aforesaid Deed together with some developments therein being a 4 bedroomed house, sitting room, kitchen, dining room, 2 bath rooms and toilets, 5 multi-residential rooms

TERMS OF SALE : **CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUE.** Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 7TH JULY 2020

DEPUTY SHERIFF UYAPO MAFIKA
C/O RANTAO ATTORNEYS
PLOT 54374, SECOND FLOOR, UNIT 5B
GRAND UNION BUILDING
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GABORONE



H/W WILLIE
**IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF GABORONE
HELD AT EXTENSION II**

In the matter between:
LEBATSANG SEGAMETSI JIM
And
LEONARD GASELOTHO

CASE NO: CCMEX-000077/19
PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO; **LEONARD GASEMOTHO**, an adult male of full capacity whose full and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown;

TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued out of the magistrate court, in Gaborone Village, you are required within 30 days after publication hereof, to give notice to the Clerk of Court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys of your intentions to defend the action in which the Plaintiff seeks the following:

- Payment of the sum of P 10 500 .00
- Interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of Summons to date of judgment
- Costs of Suits;
- Further and/ or alternative relief

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2020

MAKGANE ATTORNEYS
PLAINTIFF ATTORNEYS
P.O.BOX 3035
GABORONE
PLOT 561, EXTENSION 4
OPPOSITE POP INN MALL
GABORONE

H/W NCUBE
**IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF GABORONE
HELD AT EXTENSION II**

In the matter between:
ATLASAONE SEBUSANG
And
MOTSHWARIEMANG MATHABA

CASE NO: CCMEX-000078/19
PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO; **MOTSHWARIEMANG MATHABA**, an adult male of full capacity whose full and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown;

TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued out of the magistrate court, in Gaborone Village, you are required within 30 days after publication hereof, to give notice to the Clerk of Court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys of your intentions to defend the action in which the Plaintiff seeks the following:

- Payment of the sum of P 18 200 .00
- Interest thereon at the rate of 10% from the date of Summons to date of judgment
- Costs of Suits;
- Further and/ or alternative relief

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2020

MAKGANE ATTORNEYS
PLAINTIFF ATTORNEYS
P.O.BOX 3035
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PLOT 561, EXTENSION 4
OPPOSITE POP INN MALL
GABORONE

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT VILLAGE

In the matter between:
COLIN DOREY
JANE DOREY
 and
GERHARDHUS NORTJE
LILLIAN NORTJE

CASE NO. CCMVL 00020-19

1st Plaintiff
2nd Plaintiff

1st Defendant
2nd Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION-MOVABLE

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Judgment by the Honourable Court, the following immovable property will be sold by auction by **DEPUTY NONOFO MABINA** to the highest bidder as follows:-

DATE OF SALE : Thursday 6th August 2020;
TIME : 10:30am;
VENUE : in front of Broadhurst Magistrate court, Gaborone;

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1x white Ford Ranger double cab, pickup, Registration Number B733 BCN.

CONDITIONS OF SALE : CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUES.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

Deputy Sheriff Nonofo Mabina
C/O: MINCHIN & KELLY BOTSWANA
 Contacts: 3912734 / 71657100 / 73280689
 Plaintiff's Attorneys
 The Fields Precinct
 Lot 54349 CBD, Office Block B, 3rd Floor,
 P O Box 1339
GABORONE
 (Ref: FR/oak/1011589)



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

In the matter between:
BARCLAYS BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED
 And
SEITEBALENG CONSTANCE RANKAE

CASE NO: CVHFT 000 444/18

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment issued out of the above Honourable Court in the above matter, the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by Public Auction by Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 7th August 2020
VENUE : Absa Park, Block 8, Gaborone
TIME : 10.30 a.m.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 2012 Toyota Etios SDN 1.5P, Silver in colour, Registration No. B 525 AUX.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or bank guaranteed cheques only.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2020

VAN NIEKERK ATTORNEYS
 Plot 4660, Area G, Ditau Street, P.O. Box 37, Francistown
 Telephone No. 241 3421

Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy

Before MAKOBO IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF FRANCISTOWN HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

In the matter between:
TENDANI MOKULE
MALEBOGO MAILA

Case No. CCMFT 000155/18

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment of the above Honourable Court dated 11th June 2018, the immovable property of the above named Defendant shall be publicly sold in execution by the Deputy Sheriff as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 25th July 2020
VENUE : IN FRONT OF NTSHE HOUSE (FRANCISTOWN)
TIME : 09:00 am
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : Sinqtec TV, LG Radio, Wall Unit, Micro wave, Open decoder, Phillipao decoder.

CONDITIONS OF SALE : Details and conditions of sale may be inspected at the Plaintiff's Attorneys' offices or the Deputy Sheriff's Offices.

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

DEPUTY SHERIFF KEBONYEKGOSI NTEBELE: Cell: 77638433/7169430
C/O MHIZHA LEGAL
 Plaintiff's Attorneys
 Plot 417 BAINES STREET
 P. O. Box 1617,
FRANCISTOWN
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

In the matter between:
BARCLAYS BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED
 And
MARKO RUSIKE

CASE NO: CVHFT 000 889/18

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment issued out of the above Honourable Court in the above matter, the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by Public Auction by Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 7th August 2020
VENUE : Absa Park, Block 8, Gaborone
TIME : 1030 Hours

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 2018 Mercedes Benz V250D (A), Blue in colour, Registration No. B 177 BHE

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques only.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2020

VAN NIEKERK ATTORNEYS
 Plaintiff's Attorneys,
 Ditau Street, Plot 4660, Area G, P. O. Box 37, Francistown
 Telephone No. 241 3421

Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy

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

In the matter between:
VOORSLAG FARMERS SUPPLIES (PTY) LTD
 And
CATLAW INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD
BOITSHOKO LEWANIKA

CASE NO: CVHFT 000 752/18

PLAINTIFF

1ST DEFENDANT
2ND DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a Judgment issued out of the above Honourable Court in the above matter, the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by Public Auction by Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy to the highest bidder:

DATE OF SALE : 6th August 2020
PLACE : Voorslag Farmer's Supplies Premises, Plot 203, Industrial Site, Lethakane Village
TIME : 1030 Hours
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1 x 3 Phase Inventor Welding Machine, 1 x Co2 Welding Machine, 1 x Transac 3 Phase Welding Machine, 1 x Compressor (Air), 1 x Diesel Generator (Heavy Duty), 1 x Trailer (4 Ton), 1 x HP Printer, 1 x CPU, 1 x Acer Monitor, 31 Garden Chairs.

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques only.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS THE 9TH DAY OF JULY 2020

VAN NIEKERK ATTORNEYS
 Plaintiff's Attorneys,
 Ditau Street, Plot 4660, Area G, P. O. Box 37, Francistown
 Telephone No. 241 3421

Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy

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

In the matter between:
BARCLAYS BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED
 And
ABEL KHUPE

CASE NO: CVHFT 000 182/19

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment issued out of the above Honourable Court in the above matter, the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by Public Auction by Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 7th August 2020
VENUE : Absa Park, Block 8, Gaborone
TIME : 1030 Hours

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 2018 Toyota Hilux, 4X4 Double Cab, orange in colour, Registration Letters and Numbers B 124 BHP

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or bank guaranteed cheques only.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2020

VAN NIEKERK ATTORNEYS
 Plaintiff's Attorneys,
 Ditau Street, Plot 4660, Area G, P. O. Box 37, Francistown
 Telephone No. 241 3421

Deputy Sheriff Bathusi Billy

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

In the matter between:
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
 And
UNANGONI SEAMAN

CASE NO: CVHFT 000 668-18

Plaintiff

Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

AND TO: **UNANGONI SEAMAN**
 Respondent/Defendant
 Nkosho ward
 P O Box 172
LETLHAKANE

whose whereabouts are unknown:

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that summons for imprisonment of debt has been issued against you in this Honourable Court by **STANBIC BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED**

You are hereby **UNANGONI SEAMAN** summoned to appear before Justice **MAPHAKWANE** at **FRANCISTOWN HIGH COURT** on the 27th day of **August 2020** at **09:30 a.m.** to show cause why a decree for civil imprisonment should not be made against you at the suit of **STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** in respect of the non-payment of the sum of **P168 713.62** (One Hundred And Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen Pula Sixty Two Thebe) together with interest thereon at the rate of prime plus **18%** (prime currently at 6.50%) making **24.50%** per annum from **28th day of June 2018** to date of final payment, penalty interest at the rate of **10%** on any instalment of principal, arrears outstanding and/or interest not paid when due per annum from the time such fell due to the date on which it is actually paid, **10%** Collection Commission on any instalments, which may be collected after the grant of judgment and costs of suit at Attorney and own client scale recovered against you by the said **STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** by a judgment of this Court bearing the date of the **4th day of July 2019**.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2020.

..... REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT

LOWA ATTORNEYS
 Plaintiff's Attorney
 Unit 16, Haskins Building
 Plot No: 469/70, Blue Jacket Street
 P.O. Box 3537
FRANCISTOWN



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

In the matter between:
STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED
 And
MOLEFE TSHEKISO

CASE NO: CVHFT 000 841-19

Plaintiff

Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

AND TO: **MOLEFE TSHEKISO**
 Flat No. E7 Area W Camp,
 P O Box 500199
FRANCISTOWN

Formerly residing at Flat No.E7, Area W Camp, Francistown but whose present whereabouts are unknown:

TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued out of this Honourable Court, you have been called upon to give notice, within Twenty One (21) days after publication hereof, to the Registrar and to **STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** c/o **LOWA ATTORNEYS** (Plaintiff's Attorneys) of intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein **STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** claims:-

- Payment of the sum of **P91 789.92** by the Defendant;
- Interest thereon at the rate of prime (prime currently at 6.50%) making 6.50% per annum from **13th day of August 2019** to date of final payment;
- Penalty interest at the rate of **10%** on any instalment of principal, arrears outstanding and/or interest not paid when due per annum from the time such sum fell due to the date on which it is actually paid.
- That the Plaintiff shall be entitled to **10%** collection commission, on any instalments, which may be collected after the grant of judgment; and
- Costs of the suit at attorney and own client scale.
- Further and/or alternative relief.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS DAY OF 13TH DAY OF JULY 2020

..... REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT

LOWA ATTORNEYS
 Plaintiff's Attorneys
 Plot 469/70, Haskins Building,
 Unit 16, Blue Jacket Street
 P.O. Box 3537
FRANCISTOWN



'Why BFA Should Never Be Broke'

FIFA Forward 2.0 Aptly Supports Associations Financially

MOLEFHI KANNEMEYER
OBENNE

With the introduction of FIFA Forward Development Programme, Botswana Football Association (BFA) must never be broke from now onwards. The FIFA Forward Programme is designed and adopted by FIFA to support and develop football in the World. According to FIFA's website, the aim of the programme is to improve the way football is developed and supported across the globe so that football can reach its potential in every single country, and so that everyone that wants to take part can do so without barriers.

This programme was first adopted by the FIFA Congress on the 9th May 2016 and it was to become not only a "step change" for global football development. FIFA created a way to share the success of the FIFA World Cup with its member associations, but also one of the most prominent sports' development programmes. The first edition, called FIFA Forward 1.0 started in 2016 and it ended in 2018. At the back of that FIFA, on the 13th June 2018 FIFA Congress approved FIFA Forward 2.0, with a 20% increment of funding in the annual entitlement for each of the 211 member associations. With the three - year tenure of the first deployment, FIFA moved to have Regulations of FIFA Forward 2.0 on the 26th October 2018, in Kigali, Rwanda. The new programme regulations were based on three principles more oversight,

more impact and more investment to various member associations.

There were two main amendments under Forward 2.0 for the 2019-2022 cycle, financial entitlement of \$6,000,000 (about P70,724,447.63) for operational cost and development projects, over four years and a central audit report which ensures the funds are used for what they are meant for. The financial entitlement is an investment fund each member association is entitled to, which gives each association \$1,000,000 (about P11,787,410.90) per year, for a period of four year, for operational costs (day-to-day activities, administration and running costs). With a total of \$4,000,000.00 (about P47,147,645.33) over those four years. The association gets the first disbursement of \$500,000 in January and another one in July annually, but for it to get the second disbursement, it needs to satisfy and fulfil the ten specific activities spelt out by FIFA during the year.

These activities inter alia, include, organizing men's, women's and youth competitions (two age groups for both girls and boys) – each competition should involve at least ten clubs for at least 90 matches and for at least six months each year. Secondly, having active men's, women's and youth national teams – each one participating in at least four matches per year. Thirdly, having a functioning and regularly updated IT player registration and competition management system (provided free of

charge by FIFA if needed); and last but not least having men's and women's refereeing programmes.

Surely, BFA in this regard is covered, if you think of organized competitions which are all your leagues (Premier, First Division, Regional, Women and Youth). For the second aspect as well, we always have all the national teams playing. On the third pool of activities, FIFA has availed FIFA Connect which is a Transfer Management System currently used by BFA as well. Lastly, all the games are played under the management of referees who are always trained. Confidently, this should be an easy fund (about P11,787,410.90) to get from FIFA on annual basis without fail.

FIFA also availed \$2,000,000 (about P23,574,820.89) over the period of the whole 2019-2022 cycle for projects tailored according to the member association's approved contract of agreed objectives, and in particular relating to football infrastructure (e.g. pitches, technical centres, training grounds, stadiums and headquarters). This BFA is also at liberty to access and utilize and the investment can be used as legacy to further generate revenues for the BFA in the future. The association can use this infrastructure to rent it out to the community and companies and get money in return. In essence we expect BFA to build something tangible between now and 2022. Can we see BFA building a football centre in Gantsi or Kgalagadi or Maun for a change.

Over and above this,

there is another additional amount of \$1,000,000 (about P11,787,410.90) available for associations with an annual revenue of \$4,000,000 or less in order to support their travel and equipment needs. But unfortunately, BFA doesn't qualify for this entitlement if the 2019 Annual Financial Statement (BFA Financial Report 2019) for the year ending 31 March 2019, audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC), is anything to go by since the association has a revenue of P49,509,037. FIFA uses this annual statutory audit report to assess if an association qualifies or not.

The onus is on BFA to ensure successful access and utilization of this entitlement by proper governance and compliance under the central audit review report, which all the member associations have to undergo on an annual basis. The review is conducted via desktop reviews and on site visits between 1 July and 30 August each year by independent auditors appointed by FIFA. With the BFA's annual financial statements apparently prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). And further, with an untested hope that, the auditors have expressed unqualified opinion on the financial statements presented and a cleared them to be in accordance with General Acceptable Accounting Practices (GAAP), I have no reason to believe BFA should say its broke while it has an entitlement of about P11,787,410.90 a year and about P23,574,820.89 to investment in infrastructure, from FIFA.



BAA Explains Their Return To Competitions

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) have decided to resume their competitions schedule next month because they want their athletes to be in shape when the Tokyo Olympics qualification period recommences in December, BAA mouth piece Oabona Theetso has said.

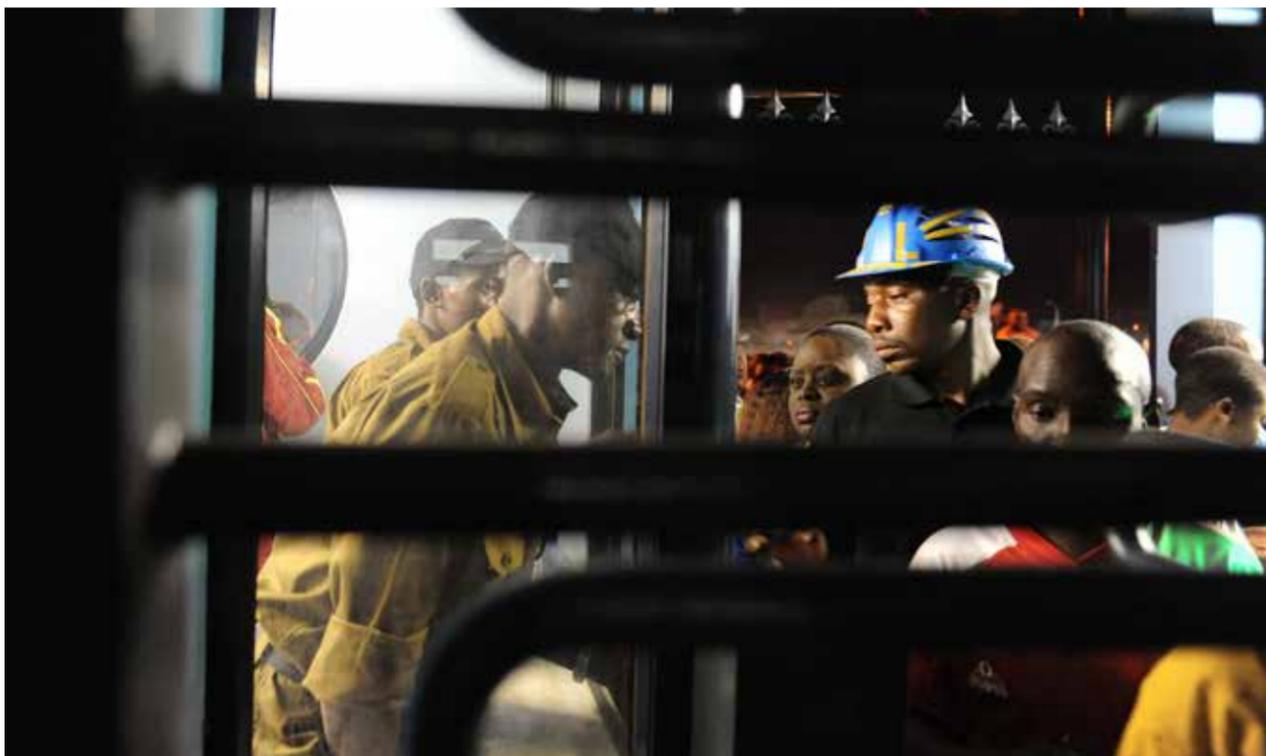
BAA last week announced that they have taken a resolution to resume with their 2020 calendar of activities starting from 8 August 2020, pending approval from Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC). Just like other sporting activities, the BAA earlier this year halted their calendar of activities in order to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, after thorough consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the association has decided to resume with their competitions that will feature local athletes only.

With that, when asked why they decided to resume with their competitions when fears of the COVID-19 are still apparent, Theetso said; "We decided to start early because we want our athletes to be in good shape when the qualification period resumes, that can enable them to qualify as early as possible. Our athletes usually qualify around March and April so we do not want that to happen this year because we have realized that it burdens and pressurizes them; some end up panicking something which results in their failure to qualify."

Due to the COVID-19, the Tokyo Olympics were postponed to next year, something which also forced the IOC and IAAF to suspend the athletics qualification period between 5th April until 30 November 2020. It now will resume from 1 December 2020 up to 29 June 2021. Four athletes have already qualified for the Olympics, they include Nijel Amos (men's 800m) as well women 400m athletes in Galefele Moroko, Amantle Montsho and Christine Botlogetswe.

Meanwhile, Theetso told this publication that they are yet to decide on Onkabetse Nkobolo and Baboloki Thebe's case. This is after the two athletes earlier this year went against protocol by sneaking out of training camp on which they were at the end involved in a car accident. Reports suggest that the two were returning from a party in the wee hours of the morning when the driver (Thebe) lost control of the car which then overturned.

"We met as the BAA leadership this past weekend but we did not have time to discuss their case as we had other burning issues," he said. "But we promise that we will conclude it very soon."



Rollers, Kavazovic Agree Personal Terms

BONGANI MALUNGA

Township Rollers and Nikola Kavazovic have reportedly agreed terms in a deal that will see the Serbian coach returning to Popa in the near future. Last month both parties met in Block 10 to discuss a possible reunion, as revealed by Gazette Sport, by then Kavazovic's tenure at Jwaneng Galaxy was coming to an end with him free to negotiate a deal with other clubs.

Kavazovic is set to travel back

to Serbia but he will report to Rollers to finalize the deal once the dates of the 2020/2021 season have been confirmed. A source close to the coach revealed that although the deal has been agreed in principle Rollers are not in a position to finalize the deal as they do not know when the 2020/2021 season will start.

Last month Rollers president Jagdish Shah revealed that they have received countless applications but stated that they would only make a decision once they

have a clear picture of when exactly the new season would start.

This publication also revealed that observers felt that Rollers' advertisement for the coaching position looked "tailor made" for Kavazovic as the advert listed qualifications beyond many local coaches' credentials, the advert also listed the need for a video analyst (Kavazovic is the only coach in Botswana football with a video assistant). The Serbian tactician recently parted ways with Galaxy after his short term deal expired.



Motlhabankwe Mulls Complete Retirement from Football

- Wants an administration post at any team before he can turn into a coach
- Says he is not happy about how local footballers are treated
- 'My highest salary during my football career was P20 000'-he says

TLOTLO KEBINAKGABO

Former Zebras wingback Tshepo 'Talk Talk' Motlhabankwe does not have any plans of returning to the playing field as a player when local football action returns, *Gazette Sport* can reveal.

This publication made the discovery in the course of a telephonic interview with Motlhabankwe who noted that he has finally decided to hang up his boots after almost 20 years of playing football. It is however, not the first time that the player announced that he has retired from playing football as he did while so at Township Rollers at the end of the 2018/19 football season only for him to resurface at Gilport Lions at the beginning of the 2019/2020 season.

"Gilport requested me to help their players settle in the premier league, remember they were just promoted when I joined them and they were using a young squad," said the 39 year old Motlhabankwe when asked why he decided to make a u-

turn from retirement last year. "So I was roped in to guide the young boys and I was also given an option to study a coaching or administration course, something which I could not refuse. I however, ended up leaving them for Gunners after I realized that things were not working out."

He joined Extension Gunners which is his boyhood club in January this year on which he noted that he was also given a similar role as at Gilport. "And I was also brought to help the team survive relegation, it was a six months contract which has since elapsed," he said. "Now I can say that I have retired. I do not have time to play as I am busy with other aspects of life that is why I want an administrative post at any team which would like to hire me." He says he has been interested in learning how to run a football club, before he can actually venture into coaching.

'TALK TALK' VENTS OUTS LOCAL PLAYER'S FRUSTRATIONS

Having been a member of the national senior team for about 10 years, Motlhabankwe says his main aim is to help build young players and aid them to make wise football moves. This is the football legend that is not happy on how local footballers are treated. "It is really hurting to see how these other teams are treating players," he said. "You

would find that some teams are using players without paying them for months, there are a few teams that actually take care of players in Botswana and we all know them."

Motlhabankwe is of the view that the maltreatment of athletes is all over Botswana sport. "Local sport stars are usually not given respect that they deserve," he said. "I am one of the guys who represented Botswana at AFCON 2012 but I do not think our country realizes that we are not recognised and that is not good. One would wonder why it is so as it is usually said the sport career is short something which I think should give the relevant authorities every reason to take care of athletes."

BUT WHERE DID HE GET HIS BIGGEST PAYCHECK DURING HIS FOOTBALLING CAREER?

Meanwhile, when asked which team paid him the most during his football career, Motlhabankwe answered Rollers. "I was given about P20 000, on top of that amount I was also given bonuses as well as allowances," he noted. "And the good thing about Rollers is that they give you what is agreed on the contract unlike at others teams."

HIS FOOTBALLING CAREER

The Digawana born star began his soccer career in 2000 at Southern Pirates (Kanye) before he joined Gunners for the first time in 2001. He went on to play for Mochudi Centre Chiefs at the beginning of the 2007/8 season where he went on to win three league titles. After leaving Chiefs, 'Talk Talk' joined BMF FC in January where he enjoyed a short stint as he went on to play for Rollers six months later, he won four league titles at Rollers. He left Rollers last year May on which he announced that he had retired from football only for him to join Gilport at the beginning of the 2019/20 season where he played for six months as he rejoined Gunners in January this year. He is calling it a day from football at the club.

He played for the national team for about 10 years and was one those players that represented the country at its maiden AFCON tournament in 2012.

Return Date Set For Botswana's PSL Contingent

BONGANI MALUNGA

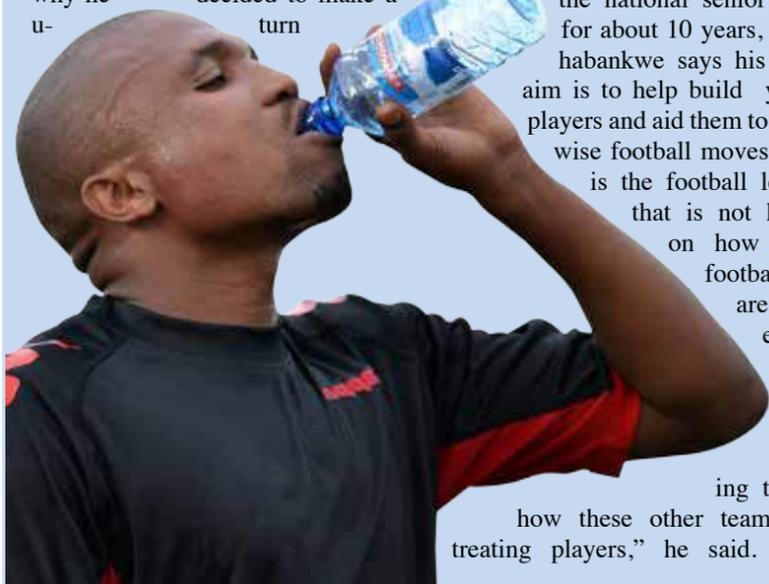
Botswana's South African based contingent of Lesanya Ramoraka, Mogakolodi Ngele and Thatayaone Dithlokwe will resume action this weekend. According to information sourced from South Africa the remaining PSL games will take place in Gauteng, the clubs will use 14 different training venues as well as 11 stadiums.

The PSL has decided to stage the remaining games in Gauteng as they consider the region COVID-19 compliant in terms of safety, their decision to stage the league in one area is similar to the NBA's decision to host the remainder of the basketball season in Orlando, Florida. An area whereby players' movements and interactions will be closely monitored is highly recommended for leagues eager to finish the season during the problematic COVID-19 period.

When the league resumes Botswana's PSL trio will be eager to finish the season on a high for different reasons, Dithlokwe's Supersport United will be aiming to consolidate their third spot on the log, Ngele's Black Leopards will be aiming to avoid relegation while Ramoraka's Highlands Park are aiming to qualify for next season's MTN 8.

Dithlokwe's Supersport will take on Bloemfontein Celtic, Ramoraka's Highlands Park will take on title chasing Mamelodi Sundowns while Ngele's Leopards will take on Maritzburg United. Ngele's club is currently rock bottom of the league with six games to go, they are also scheduled to face Golden Arrows, Supersport, Amazulu, Bidvest Wits and an emotional last game for Ngele against former club Sundowns on the last game of the season whereby their league safety could still be on the line.

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Gaolaolwe, Morake's Salaries Frozen By TS Galaxy

- Players have been in Botswana since the lockdown, now ordered to return to South Africa
- June salaries to be credited once they return

BONGANI MALUNGA

TS Galaxy owner Tim Sukazi has reportedly withheld June wages of Botswana duo Mosha Gaolaolwe and Ezekiel Morake following the players' decision to travel to Botswana when the season was halted in March. This publication has been reliably informed that the club's owner has informed the players that they will only receive their June salaries once they report back to camp.

A source informed Gazette Sport that TS Galaxy began training a few weeks ago and the club was not happy that the Botswana duo returned to Botswana while knowing that travel restrictions would be hard to overcome during the COVID-19 pandemic. The

club recently ordered the players to return to South Africa as the 2019/2020 season is set to resume from July 18.

The Botswana Football Association and the Botswana National Sports Council have been forced to intervene in the matter to enable the players to return to South Africa, the players have been granted permits but they still need to get the final word from the BNSC.

According to both players' agent Bakang Moipone, "the BFA already wrote a letter to the BNSC seeking permission for the players to return to South Africa. The BNSC has to certify the letter, once they authorize everything the players will then travel back to South Africa."

Once the players return to South Africa they will be

tested for COVID-19 and put under a mandatory 14 day quarantine. "There will always be an element of fear when players return to SA because of the escalating number of COVID-19 cases but these players are professional, they want to honour their contracts and return to the field soon. They are looking forward to playing again and linking up with their team mates," Moipone concluded.

Meanwhile, TS Galaxy has finally abandoned plans of purchasing Bloemfontein Celtic's ABSA Premiership status. The move would have seen Gaolaolwe and Morake ply their trade in the top tier of South African football but the latest development will see their club remain in the First Division.

