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A. The Week that Was

Welcome to another edition of your weekly window into the Presidency.

His Excellency the President, Lt. Gen. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, leaves early tomorrow morning for Windhoek, where he will take part in this year’s Jubilee

State and Government. The Summit is expected to include the reading of a Communiqué.

The Summit is scheduled to consider a number of Legal Instruments including a Draft Protocols, Agreements and Annexes in such areas as Trade and Services, Taxation, Anti-Money Laundering and amendments to the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

### President launches Housing Appeal for the Needy

Shelter is a prerequisite for any individual to live a dignified life. Yet there remains an urgent need for destitute housing in our country. While the provision of housing and other social services is and shall remain a priority of Government, in the spirit of Ipelegeng (self-help) there are others in the community who can, and indeed have, been lending a helping hand.

While in Molepolole last Saturday, His Excellency was thus pleased to receive a pledge from the A.S. Dada Foundation for the provision six houses for the destitute, as part of the group's wider ongoing philanthropic efforts. Later in the day, also in Molepolole, the President was witness to an additional example of such social responsibility, when he participated in the handover of a fully furnished three bedroom house to a needy family by the local construction company Caitec Botswana.

To encourage and build upon such acts generosity, His Excellency is now appealing to all Batswana in their individual and collective capacities, as groups and as companies, to contribute further towards construction of houses for the needy. In keeping with the national long-term vision the goal of this initiative is to ensure that all Batswana, wherever they may live, have proper shelter by 2016.

Government for its part will continue to play its role but would like to encourage others to partner with it for this cause. For those wishing to pledge such assistance they should contact any one of the members of the Housing for the Needy Appeal committee, which has been set up for this purpose namely:

Col. Duke Masilo (267-3950844)	Senior Private Secretary to H.E. the President;
Mr. Satar Dada (267-3952904)	A.S. Dada Foundation; and
Mr. Paul Paledi (267-3914391)	Paledi Morrison Partnership

Consistent with the principles of accountability and transparency, every month the committee will publish a register of those who have pledged to build such houses in order to inform the public on progress made to achieve our desired goal [C3].

The week that was

International as well as domestic engagements were prominent on His Excellency's diary during the past week. His Monday morning included an inter-ministerial

ubilee Summit, as well as a quarterly progress  
and Communication.

The President also met with Shoshong MP, the Hon. Phillip Makgalemele, who informed him of his return to the ranks of the ruling party, reversing the MP's earlier decision to cross the floor.

In the afternoon His Excellency welcomed Zambian President, H.E. Rupiah Banda, who had arrived for a two day State Visit. In the evening the two leaders met and dined together at State House. The next day they travelled to the Central District where they were joined by other dignitaries, including H.H. the Vice President, Lt. General Mompoti Merafhe, for the grand opening of the new Serowe Institute of Health Services.

In his remarks as the event's Guest of Honour, President Banda was effusive in his praise of Botswana's record of providing infrastructure for the development of its citizens. The Zambian President later laid a wreath on the grave of the late first President, Sir Seretse Khama, who is remembered for his regional leadership.

Besides Cabinet, Wednesday's schedule was notable for the evening broadcast of an extended interview with His Excellency on BTV and Radio Botswana, which covered a wide range of domestic and regional issues.

On Thursday the President addressed a series of Kgotla meetings with residents of Kotolaname, Kubung, Gakgatla and Mmankodi, all in the Kweneng South Constituency.

His Excellency began Friday with a briefing by H.H. the Vice President, along with the Assistant Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration, the Hon. Mokgweetsi Masisi, on progress towards Government's ongoing commitment to eradicate poverty and diversify the economy.

Thereafter His Excellency hosted and addressed a reception for resident and non-resident Heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to Botswana.

In the afternoon, the President chaired a meeting of the BDP Central Committee in preparation for this weekend's Leadership Pitso, which he addressed on Saturday morning [B2]. The mood of the Party meeting was buoyed by news that another M.P., the Hon. Patrick Masimole, had also decided to return to the ruling party after announcing that he would cross the floor.

On Saturday evening, H.H. the Vice President was the keynote speaker at a fundraiser the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind [B3].

Also during the week, the Permanent Secretary to the President, Mr. Eric Molale, issued a press statement firmly dismissing a newspaper report that the Attorney General might be soon replaced. Among other things, the statement expressed

ailed to verify its report before spreading constitutional, which by its own admission was based on nothing more than an alleged rumour [C1].

- Dr. Jeff Ramsay, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Media (15/8/10)

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## B. STATEMENTS

B1) 13/8/10: SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT, LT. GEN. SERETSE KHAMA IAN KHAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION, GABORONE

[Salutations]...Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning

1. It is a personal pleasure for me to be with you, our international friends and partners. In particular, let me thank the non-resident envoys who have been able to join us today.
2. This is the first such diplomatic occasion that I have hosted, but I can assure you it shall not be my last as this event is an opportunity to acknowledge the goodwill and support my country continues to receive from the international community.
3. This occasion also allows us all to take stock of the shared events that have shaped our common destiny over the past twelve months. As advances in communications technology and market integration shrink the boundaries that exist between us, the concept of the "global village" has evolved from what was once an idealistic metaphor to an increasingly apt description of our interdependent reality.
4. Nowadays, we are all increasingly united by both positive and negative events. The ecstasy of the recent World Cup is thus balanced against the agony of the terrible earthquakes and floods that have affected other countries. While we watch the dreadful toll of natural disasters around the world, we are also united by such things as our appreciation of the wonders of nature. A little while ago, I was impressed to learn that, through the internet, people across the globe were observing the daily wildlife activities of a certain spot in the Okavango.
5. Let me take this opportunity to especially congratulate the Government and the people of South Africa for their hosting of this year's FIFA World Cup. Let me further pay tribute to the teams from the four corners of the globe who kept us enthralled with their sportsmanship.

vantage of this event to share with you some of taking place in this country. Like most of your

nations, Botswana is now emerging from the effects of the global recession, which for us was especially negative due to its severe impact on our minerals sector, more especially our chief revenue earner – diamonds. Here, I am pleased to confirm that our economy is now showing signs of recovery.

7. Given the need to stimulate and sustain economic growth by expanding the non-mining sector, Government took a deliberate decision to allow key infrastructure projects to go ahead during the recession. We further intervened to minimise retrenchments, while providing monthly employment on public works for those most in need. While these strategies have been largely successful they required us to engage in deficit spending, which has been financed through preferential borrowing and a draw down on our foreign reserves.

8. In this respect let me thank the many of you here who assisted us in obtaining low interest loans, as well as other forms of support during this trying time, notwithstanding the fact that your own countries were also in economic distress.

9. While coping with the effects of the economic downturn, my Government has remained committed to realising our overarching goal of transforming Botswana into a higher income economy, which is capable of providing for the wellbeing of all our citizens. Here our challenge is to continue to promote growth in the non-minerals sector.

10. To achieve this we have committed ourselves to the “Botswana Excellence Strategy for Economic Diversification and Sustainable Growth”. A key component of the strategy is the identification of specific economic growth areas, which can serve as opportunity magnets for external investment. We have thus grouped major development projects into six Hubs. These are:

- A Diamond Hub to facilitate beneficiation and support services, while promoting Botswana as one of the world’s major diamond trading centres;
- A Transport Hub to expand and promote synergy in the air, road and rail sectors. Ongoing and planned initiatives falling under this Hub thus include the Kazungula Bridge, the Dry Port at Walvis Bay, expanded railway links and the refurbishment of our major airports, in line with the pursuit of an Open Skies policy to attract international carriers;
- An Agricultural Hub to serve as a catalyst for the greater commercialisation and diversification of the sector, as well as to improve food security;
- A Health Hub to identify projects that will make Botswana a centre of excellence in the provision of healthcare services through the outsourcing of selected services to improve efficiency, while leveraging private sector capacity and establishing clinical centres of excellence to cater to foreign as well as local patients;

wana to have a competitive edge both regionally  
of education, training and academic research;

and

- An Innovation Hub, which will serve as a commercial nexus for applied research by catering for ICT and Research and Development companies.

11. Your Excellencies, I take this opportunity to urge your fellow countrymen to take a closer look at how they can take advantage and profit from these and other avenues of investment, such as Botswana's lucrative tourism sector. In this respect existing and potential foreign investors can be assured of this Government's steadfast commitment to an open society with an open economy in which all who can make a positive contribution are encouraged to do so.

12. While moving forward with our economic strategy, we are also redoubling our efforts to overcome our most pressing social challenges, which include the eradication of poverty, and achieving the social indices of our Millennium Development Goals. This, of course, includes overcoming the daunting challenge of HIV/AIDS. In this area we remain especially grateful for the generous outside assistance we continue to receive.

13. Our country's leading position in the most recent Global Peace Index is a reflection of this nation's underlying political stability, which is rooted not so much in the transitory allegiances of individual politicians as in the democratic values of the people they are elected to serve. In this respect we shall forever uphold our status as a Government of, by and for the people.

14. As both a member and the host of SADC, Botswana remains committed to regional integration and development as well as the promotion of peace and security. In the process we shall continue to collaborate with our region in promoting our common interests.

15. It is because, not despite of, our commitment to SADC institutions and precedents that we follow with interest developments in neighbouring states. Furthermore, as a country that binds itself to SADC values and aspirations, we condemn unconstitutional means of assuming power. We, therefore, support the suspension of the current regime in Madagascar and look forward to the day when its people will once more have the opportunity to determine their own destiny through the ballot.

16. We also continue to observe, the unfolding of events in Zimbabwe, since the signing of the Global Political Agreement. It is our hope that the ongoing engagement on constitutional reforms will open the door to a new chapter in that country's future.

whole to achieve economic development, it needs respect for human rights. We therefore value the continued support that the international community provides to the African Union institutions that are working to establish regional standards for good governance.

18. In conclusion, I wish to once more express my profound gratitude and appreciation, to your respective Governments and Organisations for the valuable support and assistance which they have and continue to generously extend to Botswana. PULA!!!

B2) 14/8/10: REMARKS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT, LT. GEN. SERETSE KHAMA IAN KHAMA AT THE BOTSWANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERSHIP FORUM/PITSO, GABORONE: "DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND CONSOLIDATING OUR GAINS TOWARDS 2014'

1. We gather today to take time to introspect, to reflect, to look back at our success and achievements and the challenges in our party. This is not the time for recriminations, finger pointing, posturing and political bashing of colleagues. As I have said we must rise above things that divide us or that put us in collision with each other. This takes resolve and determination and calls on all of us to draw from the positive side of our character and the goodwill within us.

2. We must do all these against the backdrop of opposition politics of Botswana, the intent of unity by opposition parties and their intention to dislodge the BDP from Government. To combat the opposition, we need to engage our collective thoughts in a cohesive manner. It its over 45 years history, the BDP has never lacked creativity. It is that creativity that has sustained us; it is that creativity that I call upon from all of us in unison to take head-on as we face challenges of our time. Today I call upon all of you democrats to stake our resilience, our resolve and our determination to serve the party and the nation in our hearts and minds. We need this so we build on the strength and goodwill of our people for now and for posterity.

3. Fellow Democrats, I preface my speech, with these words so that as you listen to me, you should know where I am coming from. I want to make it abundantly clear that this Pitso is going to be different than any we have held in the past, in its format and how we intend to execute its outcomes. First while, it is critical that, we must vent our concerns, we must be very honest with our contributions. Deliberations, contributions, criticisms are welcome. However, these must not be an end in themselves, they must pave way for solutions to challenges we face in taking the party to victory in 2014 and beyond. Let me now come to one of the reasons why we are all gathered here today. Firstly, as you all know, the party has different structures which are defined by the constitution. These structures have defined roles, among others they are to grow and defend the party. We have structures only in name. This has been confirmed by other reports and more telling the structures were there not to serve the party. We must address these concerns. The party is why we are all here. Why are these people, manning different structures abdicating their responsibilities? We need answers. From my point of view, to do nothing

revive them.

st of our structures are in intensive care. Do you we will discuss and I hope recommend how to

4. Secondly, some of the issues that continue to bedevil us are the factions. These have reached unhealthy levels, despite our repeated resolutions at different forums noting that we need to stop them. It is clear that some amongst us are getting value out of these factions, what they benefit I do not know, by continuing to keep them alive to the point of institutionalizing them, we are actually destroying our party. The party elective committees in particular, the Central Committee positions, polarized us. The campaign for these positions was vicious to say the least and there was a lot of misinformation. In particular as the party leader I was accused of many things and my name was used in vain across the factional divide. We did not go to elections as a united party, de-campaigning each other, even supporting the opposition in some cases. This information has been brought forward by fellow democrats during the Elections and Post election review by the party which confirmed these views. This is not acceptable at all. We cannot afford to have Judases amongst us. Here we need your input on how to contain them.

5. Thirdly, we also are seeing lack of collective spirit within the party and a rise of individualism. Where we must see ourselves, as brought together, by a shared vision, purpose, with a mission to serve Batswana, some think they come first before the party.

6. Bulela Ditswe is also raised as a major issue, which has caused a rift in the party. I hold a different view. Bulela Ditswe as a system, while it needs improvement, did not cause mekoko. It is democrats, and how we handle Bulela Ditswe that causes Mekoko. Our failure to accept defeat and our intolerance to defeat and our putting our interest above party interest. This requires a change in our mind sets to do things in a transparent way, above factional divide and putting the party first. And then there is the issue of fundraising. We can only be active and visible if we have funds. We need new ideas on how to improve our fundraising and visibility all over the country.

7. I have spoken about the issues we are to discuss so that as you make your contributions you have a comprehensive menu before you. We must not concentrate on what should have been, but what we must do to revive our party, to have fun in being a democrat in our party and restore the faith of Batswana so that, we offer them more than any political party in this country.

8. As we plan for a 2014 victory, let's not lose focus and remember we have a contract with Batswana and we must deliver on our promises. If we do, we shall find favour with all Batswana.

9. We have a team which will facilitate this Pitso. I urge you to give them support. It is my fervent wish that we shall together find solutions to our challenges and help the party prepare for a victory in 2014. TSHOLETSA!!! TSHOLETSA!!! TSHOLETSA!!!

5 BY HIS HONOUR, LT. GEN. MOMPATI S.  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA AT A  
FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR MOCHUDI RESOURCE CENTRE FOR THE BLIND

Director of Ceremonies,

My Colleague and good friend, Minister of Defence, Justice and Security and Patron of the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind, Hon. Dikgakgamatso Seretse, The Chairperson and Board of Governors of the Centre, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. I must admit that when I received an invitation from your Patron, Honourable Minister Seretse, to officiate at this auspicious occasion, I was elated, even though, I had an equally demanding programme during the day. Just for the record, I had to attend the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) retreat earlier today. And I must say it has been a long day!

2. I am fully aware that most of you here this evening have equally been engaged in various activities during the course of the day. It is for this reason, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, that my remarks will be relatively short so that I can finish talking before you finish listening!

3. Put succinctly, distinguished guests, I am greatly honoured to be here this evening to contribute towards this noble cause. At a time when some organizations solely embark on fundraising activities to interact with the communities they serve, it is also important to remember that there are others, which have more challenges that need our support.

4. I am referring to organizations like the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind, which, in short, are in need of our assistance than ever before. Their major and immediate effort should be directed towards raising an amount of P 13 million for the envisaged fully fledged rehabilitation centre, as espoused by the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind.

5. Most attention has, in the past, been given to activities such as sponsored walks and raffles, as means of fundraising. These tend, after all, to be more interesting, and of course, confined to social interactions. But in the process, they fall short of achieving the desired objectives. Therefore, these numerous sponsored walks and raffles will have to be augmented if our organizations are ever to have enough resources to deal with the administrative and financial constraints.

6. As Government, we are appreciative of efforts being made by organizations like the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind in providing services to Batswana, which will go a long way in contributing to the socio-economic development of this country. To this end, our Ministry of Health and that of Education and Skills Development have been supportive to the Centre, providing funds on an annual basis.

7. During the 2010/2011 Financial year, the Ministry of Health assisted the Centre with an amount of One Million Three Hundred and Twenty Seven Thousand, Seven

327, 748.00), while the Ministry of Education and  
amount of One Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand  
and Seventy Pula (P 166, 070.00).

8. You will be pleased to know, distinguished guests, that Government has demonstrated its commitment to the welfare of the child by the adoption of the Children's Act of 2009, which includes a Bill of Child's Rights. As you are aware, the Bill of Child's Rights guarantees children, amongst others, the Right to life, Right to protection, Right to health and education. We therefore encourage you to continue providing all the necessary support to Government's efforts to assist the vulnerable groups, including children with disabilities.

9. Distinguished guests, I am also informed that the Office of the Coordinator of People with Disabilities has so far secured employment opportunities for more than 30 people with disabilities. This is in spite of the fact that the Office is said to be grappling with challenges related to access to education, information, physical structures, medical and equipment for rehabilitation.

10. Government recognizes the important role played by all citizens in the overall development of this country. In this regard, we have every reason to be optimistic about the key role this Centre will play in our collaborative efforts of transforming Botswana into a knowledge-based economy.

11. Distinguished guests, I am informed that the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind is providing rehabilitation services to a team of 55 visually impaired children from all over the country. I note with satisfaction, the theme for this fundraising dinner, which reads: "Making Vision 2016 Inclusive of People with Disabilities". This theme aptly captures the essence of our nation's determination to assist and support our families and friends with disabilities, in line with one of the pillars of Vision 2016 of "A Compassionate, Just and Caring Nation". I have also noted some of the challenges faced by the Centre such as limited funds, shortage of staff and other resources.

12. Let me once again, distinguished guests, appeal to the private sector and the general public to extend a helping hand, which will, in no small measure, address the growing needs of the Centre. It is without doubt that your act of generosity will greatly make a difference in so many lives and provide for future posterity. On this note, I wish to officially launch the Fundraising activities of the Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind.

I thank you. PULA!

B4) 12/8/10: SPEECH BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE JUSTICE AND SECURITY  
HON. DIKGAKGAKMATSO N. SERETSE AT THE FAREWELL PARTY OF THREE SENIOR  
STAFF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY

[Salutations]...Ladies and Gentlemen

I feel feelings of happiness and sadness. Happy that  
ment to national service by three distinguished  
public servants. Sad that we are losing such service and experience as a Ministry  
and the Public Service at large.

2. It is un-common to bid farewell to this number of Permanent Secretary level  
officers all in one event. As Ministers, we are accustomed to the occasional  
retirement of one Permanent Secretary, as, by their nature, Permanent Secretaries  
tend to have a more permanent tenure of office than some of us – Ministers.

3. In a Ministry such as ours, in which there are 14 Permanent  
Secretaries/Permanent Secretary level officers (given the multiplicity of diverse  
functions), a Minister will, with much frequency, enjoy moments such as this one,  
quite to the envy of others. Just with as much frequency, a Minister will have to  
endure moments of regret as he/she witnesses the departure of those who have  
served well under the various departments of the Ministry.

4. This evening, I, together with all of you who have honoured our invitation, are  
bidding farewell to Leatile Isabella Dambe, Daphne Motlagomang Matlakala, and  
Tendekani Egano Malebeswa. In that order, the three (3) officers have vacated the  
high offices of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Secretary for Legislative Drafting  
and Deputy Attorney General (International and Commercial Division).

5. They command extensive experience, knowledge and practice in the field of  
law. Amongst them, they have a cumulative experience of 82 years (Mr. Malebeswa  
at 22, Ms Matlakala at 30, and Ms Dambe at 30).

6. The breadth of their combined experience, the longevity of their service, and  
the leadership roles they have played, bespeaks their high levels of dedication, good  
performance and leadership capabilities. In as much as they should be enormously  
proud of themselves for their contribution and achievements in the development of  
this country, more proud should be the nation they have so diligently served.

7. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is saddening that the departure of these exemplary  
experts comes at a time when the Attorney General's Chambers is experiencing a  
haemorrhage of expertise. However, our sadness will be mitigated by the fact that  
they are not lost to the nation as I believe they will continue to contribute to the  
Justice System in the country.

8. I would like to conclude by saying that tonight, through the departure of our  
colleagues, we celebrate achievement and well deserved accolades; we bring back  
and relish memories of times spent together on and off work; we thank dearly your  
families who had to put up with your endless absences from home. We also take  
comfort in the knowledge that you have left clear and distinct footprints for the  
guidance of those who remain and those who will come.

9. It is thus my pleasure, to wish all three (3) of you well in your new endeavours,  
which in the case of Mma Dambe is the bench; for Mr. Malebeswa it is private

er you choose to do after enough weeks of the  
ravitas, you will succeed. But most of all, I pray  
that the good Lord protect and preserve you all. I thank you

## B5) 11/8/10: KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY DURING THE SECURITY ASSOCIATION OF BOTSWANA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OASIS MOTEL

1. It gives me great pleasure to have been given this opportunity to give a keynote address to this august gathering marking the Annual General Meeting of the Security Association of Botswana.

2. May I begin by stating that provision of private security services by members of the Security Association of Botswana (SAB) remains an important undertaking to the broader efforts of maintaining security at all levels of our country. Private security companies do safeguard and protect private interests such as property, equipment, materials, information, personnel and other assets as would be required by the client. The same requirements are expected to be delivered by Public State Security Agencies though now at a National level as opposed to private or individual level.

3. It is therefore important that in discussing their broad role in the security of the State it becomes appropriate that we firstly explore what we mean by private security company while we juxtapose that with public security institutions. We will then discuss how the two sectors could or do complement each other in their general and/or specific efforts towards the maintenance of State Security.

4. By private security companies we would refer to privately owned and run entities primarily for purposes of providing a service and generating profits. Such bodies provide services to a variety of clients such as corporate bodies, individuals and even government. By and large, the overriding and key motivation in this particular industry would be income generation. Public Security institutions refer to State Security agencies which work towards the protection of the citizenry, their rights, lives and property. In this context, the Police are responsible for the enforcement of all written laws. The military is responsible for the protection of national sovereignty and responding to threats thereof. The Intelligence sector is responsible for the detection, identification, investigation and analysis of threats to National Security. The three sectors work in concert and mutually support each other to ensure the realization of the desired levels of National Security.

5. Whilst that is the case it is obviously not always possible for the public agencies to cover all the areas. States are confronted with a multiplicity of threats and continuously challenged by State apparatus and resource constraints stretched by the need to adequately deal with the ever evolving threat environment, particularly the twin threats of terrorism and organized crime. In the same vein, the State has to continuously provide amenities such as social services for its citizenry amid limited and shrinking human and monetary resources. Many a times Governments find themselves in situations where there are compelled to cut costs and downsize their manpower establishments which means fewer and fewer public security officers are

challenges and leaves gaps in the National Security Act. The number of ungoverned spaces in the national threat environment. It becomes obvious therefore that your members have a significant role to play in the maintenance and provision of security. The quantum increase in the number of security companies in the country is a testimony to the ever increasing demand for security services which, for reasons highlighted above, public institutions are unable to provide. Your efforts should be geared towards the augmenting of public law enforcement efforts.

6. In an effort to fully appreciate how private security companies can support public institutions we will then turn attention to the expected functions of your members. It is my view that security companies would be guided by the broader principles of prevention, deterrence, detection, observation, investigation and reporting. This is done through, among others, site patrols to ensure that elements detrimental to security are impeded, maintain a watch over premises as well as general securing of such facilities. In retail shops, they are to detect and prevent offences generally defined as loss prevention. You are expected, as often engaged, to provide security during major and special events. This is crucial since it requires that you are able to appreciate the threat environment as such sessions present opportunities for those who may wish to cause harm to our National Security. Still within your remit is the provision of in-house security for corporate entities mainly by taking efforts to prevent crime against employees and company property through the enforcement of company laws. One other key function is the conduct of investigations and/or assisting public law enforcers to do the same. These require that you undertake key duties in the area of access control at the entrances of premises to be secured and undertaking of patrols of the same. Access control and patrols remain critical as the first line of defence in the execution of your duties.

7. Given the brief analysis of your duties, it is important that we appreciate that we have a huge challenge before us. We are required to undertake measures to ensure that we successfully deliver on our expectations. This requires the realization that in the ever changing threat environment and security industry we need to realize that partnerships between private and public institutions are important. We need to find ways and means of engaging each other and strengthen partnerships. We are confronted by the same threat environment and any cracks between the two sectors could be fully exploited by unscrupulous elements.

8. Look at the underlying and existing policy instruments particularly those dealing with issues of compliance and standardization. We have to interrogate ourselves and see if we fully adhere to those requirements. What is it that we are currently doing that is detrimental to the industry and the security of our own people, where can we improve? There are policy requirements that we need to adhere to in the execution of our duties and the running of our companies. Non-compliance with laid down regulations could adversely affect our industry.

- Recognize the value of training of our personnel. The industry is people centred and therefore issues of training, wages and career opportunities remain critical. There is a need to ensure that training is standardized across all companies

creening and comprehensive background checks on all prospective employees. This has to be mandatory and carried out as a pre-requisite for employment.

- Ensure that only suitable officers are selected for employment. We cannot afford to cut corners.

9. Having said this, I would like to conclude by underscoring that as the SAB, you are challenged to ensure that particular attention is paid to the areas of recruitment, screening, compliance with laid down rules and regulations, provision of adequate and appropriate management support.

10. Failure to do this would lead to loss of confidence on the industry, compromised credibility and questioned integrity. It will also create opportunities for those that we seek to counter their activities much to the detriment of our National Security. I am particularly raising these issues because in conducting a quick scan of the operating private security companies in Botswana, several important and challenging issues do emerge.

11. First, some members do not follow proper employment procedures. Some companies do employ people of dubious characters and often with criminal records. This is notwithstanding the need to have in your employ individuals of impeccable records and character. The employment of such characters is unacceptable as some of them are bound to access sensitive information by virtue of their employment and are expected to protect such information and other vital installations.

12. Second, the employment of persons without proper identity documents is also a concern. This makes it difficult to trace such persons when the need arises and also you may find that you have actually employed dangerous and wanted criminals. Such people have in the past, found to have passed information to unauthorized individuals and given access into protected areas to dubious characters including terrorists.

13. Related to this, there have also been reports of people that were employed without being required to prove their citizenship while in some cases refugees and illegal immigrants have been employed. These are serious breaches of security and do not help in the provision of effective security service as expected of you.

14. Indications are that some of the breaches are encouraged and/or motivated by your desire to pay your employees low wages. The payment of low wages in itself leads to demoralized staff and people who may want to augment their meagre salaries by engaging in dubious activities. Late payment of salaries or in some cases failure to pay wages also de-motivates your employees. There are also indications that security companies do not provide adequate training to their personnel while some do not have proper uniforms and equipment.

view of the challenges confronting your industry. I  
to address some of these issues in order to  
improve on your key mandate. You will have realized that it is not helpful to your  
business interests, the security of the state and positive public perceptions of your  
service if you continue to conduct business in this manner.

### C. NOTICES & FORWARDING

#### C1) 11/8/10: RESPONSE TO THE REPORT IN MMEGI OF FRIDAY 06 AUGUST ON RUMOURED REPLACEMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The following Press Statement has been signed and released by the Permanent  
Secretary to the President, Mr. Eric Molale, in response to a front page report that  
appeared in last Friday's (6/8/10) edition of the Mmegi newspaper speculating on an  
alleged rumour that the Attorney General might be replaced-

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The Office of the President would like to inform the public that the report by Mmegi  
alleging that the Attorney General, Dr, Athaliah Molokomme, is to be replaced by Mr.  
Parks Tafa is false and unfounded.

We wish to express our concern at the fact that the reporter concerned did not take  
the trouble to contact the Office of the President, who is the appointing authority for  
this high constitutional office, for verification of the so called rumour.

This office hereby cautions all concerned against the spreading of false rumours and  
on such matters of public importance, and which are likely to mislead the public.  
Finally, we wish to advise the public that there is no vacancy in the office of Attorney  
General, as it is currently occupied by Dr. Athaliah Molokomme.

#### C2) 11/8/10: Botswana retains eighth place position in Mining Survey

Botswana once more retained its top-10 position in the Fraser Institute's 2010  
Midyear Survey of Mining Companies, which was released today in Toronto.

According to the influential survey Botswana's retains it eighth place ranking in the  
world and first position in the developing world as an attractive investment location  
among major mining jurisdictions. The country's overall score has also improved,  
climbing to 79.3 up from the previous survey's 77.8.

The top 10 jurisdictions besides Botswana were the Canadian Provinces of Alberta,  
Quebec, Yukon, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland-Labrador, the US States of  
Alaska and Nevada, along with Chile and Finland.

In its focus on Africa the report took note of the continent's great potential but  
uneven performance and prospects, quoting one anonymous executive's observation  
that:

most significant undeveloped resources, has one of the most attractive jurisdictions with respect to exploration and development—Botswana—and one of the worse—DRC.”

The scores for major African mining jurisdictions were: Botswana (79.3), Ghana (54.4), Tanzania (52.9), Namibia (50.4), Zambia (47.1), South Africa (39.6), DRC (29.6), and Zimbabwe (14.2).

The biggest change from the previous survey among jurisdictions once considered mining-friendly was Australia, which saw a dramatic decrease in the rankings of all of its provinces, an outcome which was attributed to negative reaction to its government's proposed Resources Super Profits Tax (RSPT). Although the tax was cancelled after the survey was conducted, the Institute notes that Australian miners still face significant tax increases:

The Institute's 2010 Mid-Year Update is based on feedback received from executives representing 429 mineral exploration and development companies focusing on the investment climate of 51 leading mining jurisdictions around the world.

This year's update is said to be especially significant in that it was conducted following the global recovery in commodity prices and the introduction of new regulatory hurdles and taxation in many jurisdictions.

The Fraser Institute is an independent Canadian public policy research and educational organization with ties to a global network of 75 think tanks. Its stated mission is to measure, study, and communicate the impact of competitive markets and government intervention on the welfare of individuals. To protect its independence, the Institute does not accept grants from governments or contracts for research.

### C3) 11/8/10: PRESIDENT'S HOUSING APPEAL FOR THE NEEDY

The general public is hereby informed that HE the President has set up the President's Housing Appeal for the Needy whose objective is to provide shelter to the needy members of our society. This comes as recognition that shelter is a basic human need, without which an individual cannot live in dignity.

In this regard the Appeal calls on all who are able i.e., individuals, groups of individuals and companies to help build houses for the needy. The intention is to have housed all needy Batswana by 2016. Government will for its part continue to play its role but would like to encourage others to partner with it for this cause. Those wishing to pledge such assistance should please contact any one of the following members of the Committee:

Col. Duke Masilo	3950844	Office of the President
Mr. Satar Dada	3952904	A.S. Dada Foundations
Mr. Paul Paledi	3914391	Paledi Morrison Partnership

er of pledges every month in order to inform the public of progress made. Currently, pledges stand as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of Houses</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
Choppies Group	11	5 Ongoing + 6 mobilising
A.S. Dada Foundation	6	Mobilising
Mr. Mohammed Dada	5	On going
Mr. Willy Kathurima Associates	5	On going
Mr. Rafiq Sandar	3	on going
Buy n' Build	3	On going
Mr. Salim Sheik	1	Ongoing
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	

D. ALSO IN THE NEWS: ADDRESS BY YUSUF DADA, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MOTOR CENTRE BOTSWANA ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMMISSIONING AND HAND OVER OF THE BOSWELAKOKO CLINIC BY THE A.S. DADA FOUNDATION ON SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2010 AT MOLEPOLOLE.

Please find below a copy of the statement made by Mr. Yusuf Dada on behalf of the A.S. Dada Foundation at last Saturday's handover of a clinic by the Foundation to Government in Molepolole. The Clinic was received on behalf of Government by H.E. the President, whose statement has been previously forwarded -

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[Salutations]...Ladies and Gentlemen dumelang bagaetsho.

1. I would like to preface my observations and remarks on this happy occasion by welcoming and thanking all of you who are here today for your valued attendance. This occasion represents the formal commissioning and hand over of the Boswelakoko Clinic here in Molepolole by the A.S. Dada Foundation to the Government of the Republic of Botswana. We are exceptionally delighted, and indeed highly honoured, by the presence of His Excellency Lieutenant – General Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of the Republic of Botswana, who has been able to make time from a hectic and demanding schedule – which includes competing and possibly even more compelling national priorities – to be with us today. On behalf of the Board and Trustees of the A.S. Dada Foundation, I would like to state that we are truly honoured by the acknowledgement and recognition of our modest efforts which your collective and esteemed presence represents.

2. Director of Ceremonies, when the beloved and illustrious forefathers of this country accepted independence from the United Kingdom in 1966, they immediately recognized the daunting tasks that faced us, as well as the enormity of the challenges of transforming what was undoubtedly an underdeveloped country into a self - sustaining and viable nation – state. They recognized, at that early stage, that even with all the assistance and goodwill which could possibly be derived from former colonial powers, external donors and other benefactors, the development of

be attainable without our own – or local –  
ly the concept of Ipelegeng (self reliance) was  
embraced as a national principle that long ago.

3. This lofty and noble principle of Ipelegeng, compels and enjoins us as a nation and a people to be continually looking to see what we, both collectively and individually, can possibly do to uplift and improve our lives by means of our own efforts and resources, and not to be continually looking to Government for everything. When the late President J.F Kennedy, said "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country?", he was essentially endorsing the very same spirit and values which underpin our national principle of Ipelegeng. Although we have made formidable gains as a country, since our attainment of Independence, the national principle of Ipelegeng is as important and as relevant now as it was then; and, may perhaps be even more crucial and timely now, in view of the formidable economic challenges with which we are faced as a nation.

4. As the A.S. Dada Foundation, it was abundantly clear to us that our Government – for all its capabilities – and even in the best of economic circumstances, would not be able to single-handedly carry the burden of providing each and every infrastructural development or every social service, and that certain measures of assistance would be required from private agencies and individual actors. Thus, the first clinic we built was in Kanye in memory of my great uncle, Mr Joosub Dada in 1994. Our second project was the Bontleng Clinic in Gaborone, which it was my pleasure to commission on 29th April 2008. On that occasion, I stated then that we had committed ourselves to the construction of two additional clinics, of which this Boswelakoko Clinic is one. I am therefore delighted to be here today delivering upon, and fulfilling, a commitment or promise which was made two years ago. I am even happier to be able to inform you, Sir, that the second additional clinic to which we committed (which is the fourth in our series of clinics) is already complete, and shall be handed over to His Honour Lieutenant- General M.S. Merafhe, Vice President, on a date which is yet to be agreed.

5. Your Excellency, I would like to make it abundantly clear that none of our efforts are in competition with the formidable achievements of the Government of Botswana, nor is anything that we have done so far premised on any perceived failure by Government to deliver. All that we have done is complementary to the achievements and efforts of the Government of Botswana. Every Government, particularly one which has been as industrious as our own, is deserving of every assistance that can possibly be obtained. And our Government, which has an admirable track record of achievement, especially deserves in these difficult times because we all know that Governments ambitions and goals have been greatly slowed down, or inhibited, by our depressed economic circumstances. The Setswana proverb "Kgetsi ya tsie ya tshwaraganelwa" could not be more true.

6. Director of Ceremonies, our endeavours this far have largely been directed to the construction of clinics, and have largely been driven by our view that whatever adversities or challenges of life – be it money, work or personal problems – none of

ome without good health. But there is another compatriots are yet to open their eyes to. Good health is not necessarily a product of good therapeutic health facilities. Good health is also, and perhaps even more so, the product or results of a healthy life style, and the pursuit of activities – particularly diet and exercise – which promote wellness and go a long way in preventing the onset of numerous debilitating diseases and complications which afflict so many of our compatriots today. As a Group of Companies, we have been very supportive of various sporting codes, i.e. volleyball, lawn tennis, netball, to mention just a few, which support has taken the form of sponsorships and prize money. But the support and sponsorship of competitive sports benefits only a few, i.e. the competitors. We have to go further and devise ways and means of promoting health and wellness across the board, so that the benefits of wellness, including physical fitness, are spread more widely and are not confined to the select few who are active in competitive sport. Given Your Excellency's renowned passion for fitness, you might well be the right person for us to talk to!

7. Your Excellency, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize your own very long- standing concern and interest in the circumstances and plight of the less fortunate in our country. Through our national public media, we constantly see Your Excellency's frequent outreaches to our most down – trodden compatriots, in some of the remotest parts of our country, and this has gone a long way in raising our own levels of awareness of the magnitude of the challenge of poverty eradication. Out of the same spirit which has driven our humanitarian efforts to date, we are today committing to the erection of not less than six (6) two bed roomed destitute houses for the poor, this is over and above our commitment already made to communities and Red Cross.

8. But, in recognition of the fact that Your Excellency is uniquely placed to advise on where our efforts should be directed or targeted, the location of these destitute houses and the intended beneficiaries shall be identified by Your Excellency. We are making this pledge to complement Your Excellency's own tireless and demonstrated commitment to alleviating the hardship and suffering of our least fortunate and most vulnerable members of our society. Yours, Sir, cannot be permitted to be a solo effort, but requires the assistance and support of all men and women of both goodwill and conscience. It is also true that giving, and support for charitable causes, has its own immense rewards and satisfactions, especially in one's own community. There is nothing more satisfying and fulfilling than making a difference in the improvement of the quality of the lives of people around you. Indeed, one of the pillars of our national vision 2016 is the creation of a Compassionate and Caring Nation, and we are most grateful for being afforded this additional opportunity to make a contribution to the attainment of this goal.

9. Your Excellency, it is therefore with immense joy and satisfaction that I now hand over to your good self, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Botswana, this Boswelakoko Clinic.

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