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MANDATE

The mandate of BPS is to ensure the safety and security of the peoples of Botswana. The organisation is established by an Act of Parliament under Section 6 of the Police Act, Cap. 21:01. The Act outlines the mandate of the BPS as follows,

“The Service shall be employed throughout Botswana to protect life and property, prevent and detect crime, repress internal disturbances, maintain security and public tranquility, apprehend offenders, bring offenders to justice, duly enforce all written laws with which it is directly charged, and generally maintain the peace.”



VISION

‘A law enforcement Agency of Repute’

The BPS will be an upright organisation that upholds its mandate according to the dictates of the Country's Statutes and all international policing conventions.

MISSION

The BPS exists for residents of Botswana and to provide to them a service that is consistent with International Policing Standards. The Mission understands that a Total Policing Service must be offered with the consent of the Customer and with the Customer.

‘To provide a Professional Policing Service, in partnership with the Community’

- **Professional Policing:** Expert Service that is consistent with international policing standards.
- **Partnership with the community:** Policing by consent, for them by them



VALUES



BOTHO

Courteous
Responsive
Respectful

EXCELLENCE

Accountable
Knowledgeable
Responsive
Accurate
Customer Focused

INTEGRITY

Ethical
Transparent
Confidential
Honest
Impartial

TEAMWORK

Espirit De Corps
Pull together
Collective Responsibility

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The Silent Sacrifice of Our Fallen Officers

On 7th March 2025, Botswana Police Service (BPS) made history by joining INTERPOL's global call to honour and remember police officers who paid the ultimate price in service to public safety. For the first time, Botswana formally observed the International Day of Remembrance for Fallen Police Officers, joining the international policing community in collective tribute and solemn reflection.

The Special Support Group Parade Ground in Gaborone was the place to witness the event, underscoring the profound importance of honouring our fallen officers. These were men and women of exceptional bravery—individuals who gave their lives to keep our streets safe, our communities secure, and our nation stable. Their courage, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to duty—traits that have left an indelible mark not only on the service, but on the fabric of our society.

The Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe issued a heartfelt appeal to the citizenry, to reject violence against police officers and to uphold a spirit of patriotism and mutual respect. She re-affirmed the organisation's commitment to training and equipping officers with the tools they need to protect themselves professionally and effectively in the face of threats from violent criminals.

When an officer falls, the loss is not only borne by the Police Service, but by the nation as a whole. It is the collective heartbeat of a grieving country that bows its head in remembrance.

We, BPS family, stand in solidarity with the families, colleagues, and communities affected by these losses. We pay tribute to the fallen heroes of our Police Service—those who laid down their lives in the line of duty. To call them heroes is not a ceremonial gesture; it is a statement of truth. They followed a calling many would shy away from. They were fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, friends and mentors, and their legacy continues to inspire us.

To our fallen heroes:

We remember you. We honour you. We carry forward the values you stood for—courage, duty, and an unyielding commitment to justice.

Rest easy, heroes. We have got the torch from here.

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**Let The
Voice of the
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Lead Us**

BPS HOLDS A CONFERENCE ON CRIME PREVENTION

Story by **Sgt Bantshwanetse Keboiretsewe**
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Cst Gofaone Kobe

On the 19th and 20th of March 2025, there was arguably no better place to be than the Gaborone International Conference Centre (GICC) where delegates of diverse backgrounds gathered for the National Crime Prevention Conference. This was no ordinary meeting, it was a melting pot of ideas aimed at seeking solutions to community based crime.

Sounds of laughter mingled harmoniously with police sirens as the delegates made their way to the Conference Centre. The air buzzed with anticipation and determination as the attendees filled the conference hall. The purpose of the event was to gather together law enforcement, Local Government, Dikgosi, members of local crime prevention structures, special populations like the youth, business community, representatives from Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and academia. The goal was to evolve crime prevention strategies to become relevant to today's law enforcement environment.

The event was officiated by the First Citizen, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana.

In his keynote address, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko called on participants to have open discussions that would generate appropriate resolutions to close the gaps in crime prevention, address challenges and improve the existing strategies.

He emphasised the urgent need for collective responsibility of the citizenry, community leaders, security professionals and all the other esteemed partners including those from regional



Advocate Duma Gideon Boko
 President of Republic of Botswana

and international realms to unite against crime threats. The President further noted that rapid technological advancement and evolving social dynamics have transformed crime into complex challenges that transcend traditional boundaries, demanding for a multi-sectoral approach.

The President acknowledged the relevance of the theme for the event, 'Forging Collaborative Pathways Towards Safer Communities; noting that the Conference has gathered a pool of various and determined stakeholders forming a united front against crime.

"This gathering therefore, serves as evidence to our willpower to forge pathways that ensures every citizen can live without fear, thrive in their potential and contribute to the rich tapestry of our nation's future."

Furthermore, he underscored the importance of human rights which sustainable security must be founded on, stating that there is an intrinsic link between security and human rights, asserting that a secure environment is characterised by among others the presence of justice, dignity and respect for all individuals.



When giving a vote of thanks, the Minister for State President, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa reiterated the importance of meaningful contributions to the discussion. "Your active involvement is essential for us to collectively move forward and implement the resolution adopted."

Minister Mohwasa further implored participants to carry the momentum they will get from the deliberations to their respective communities. He encouraged them to continue working together towards safer communities.

Earlier on in her welcome remarks, the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe, expressed gratitude to the government's commitment towards resourcing BPS in the delivery of its mandate. The Commissioner said BPS would continue to discharge their duties with the required agility, vitality and boldness to improve service delivery.

"This forum therefore provides a comprehensive platform for strengthening police partnerships, at both local and regional levels. To this end, we are confident to deliver an engaging and interesting session."

Throughout the conference, participants were challenged to review traditional approaches to crime, embrace a holistic view that recognises the importance of social services, education, and community involvement in the fight against crime.



**Hon Moeti Caesar Mohwasa
Minister for State President**



**Commissioner Dinah Marathe
Commissioner of Police**



Conference attendants



Invited dignitaries and Senior Management Team



President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko interacting with Conference participants

Fallen Officers

Story and Photos by
Cst Tshepang Boemo

It was a sombre day across the country as Botswana Police Service (BPS) observed and honoured the INTERPOL International Day of Remembrance for Fallen Police Officers. A memorial service was held at the Special Support Group (SSG) grounds on the 7th March 2025, not only to mourn those who lost their lives in line of duty but to also reflect and celebrate their resilience, love and an unyielding commitment to the ideals that define true patriotism.

The Guard of Honour was mounted at the ceremony to pay tribute to the fallen officers. Buglers stepped forward, their horns gleaming and with a deep breath, played the 'Last Post,' a song that is associated with military funerals to mark the final journey home for fallen officers. (Buglers are people who play the bugle, a musical instrument associated with military ceremonies).

The notes rose into the sky, lonely and proud, weaving through the crowd like a prayer whispered on the wind. After a moment of silence was observed, in a single motion, rifles rose, hands saluted, blanks were fired three times into the air. Meanwhile, BPS flags flew at half-mast, this marked a tribute to our fallen officers.

BPS as a member of INTERPOL since 1980, was observing the day for the first time. The primary objectives for the day are to honour police officers who died in the execution of their duties, provide a forum for remembrance by families, colleagues, community and the nation, strengthen international police organisations' solidarity and corporation, raise public awareness as



well as draw attention to the dangers faced by law enforcement personnel and promote welfare and protection.

Speaking at the event, Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe said it was important to honour departed officers as brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep the streets safe. She said though knowing the risks, they were never hesitant but enforced the law with honour, courage and selflessness. Commissioner

Marathe said fallen officers should be cherished for their invaluable contributions towards community safety, organisational transformation and national development.

"May the souls of our departed colleagues, our heroes and heroines, who lost their lives in line of duty find eternal peace in the Lord. We shall forever remember them and cherish their unwavering commitment and sacrifice towards national safety and security."



Commissioner honouring the fallen officers

Honoured



BPS flag flying at half mast as a sign of respect for the fallen officers

The Commissioner noted that BPS will continue to train and equip officers to adequately and professionally protect themselves against violent criminals. She further challenged Batswana at large to denounce any violent acts targeted at the police and continue volunteering criminal information including security threats, so that offenders are apprehended and prosecuted.

The Commissioner revealed that BPS was considering building a monument

in honour of departed colleagues which will be accessible to the public. She also said the event will be commemorated annually.

At the end the, Police Band played solemn music as the Commissioner laid a wreath on a stand. The act was more than a gesture, it was a vow that even in death, BPS honoured the sacrifices made by its fallen officers.





THE UPGRADED LEKGWAPHENG POLICE STATION OFFICIALLY OPENS

Story by **Cst Mpho Phologolo**
Photos by **Cst Tshepang Boemo**



Hon. Moeti Caesar Mohwasa
Minister for State President



Commissioner Dinah Marathe
Commissioner of Police

In response to the growing demands for improved public safety and security in Molepolole and periphery, Botswana Police Service (BPS) management took a decision to face-lift Lekgwapheng Police Post to give it the status of a fully-fledged police station.

The Post was constructed by the dedicated Lekgwapheng ward community through the spirit of volunteerism, self-reliance and desire to see policing services brought closer. It was also a response to the escalating crime rates in the area. The groundwork for the construction of the Police Post within the Kgotla premises began in February 2010. The Post started

operating in 2012 with 10 officers led by a Sergeant as the Post Commander.

The refurbished facility will ease the burden on the main Molepolole Police Station which continues to experience an increase in crime statistics. The development will also improve police response times, and ensure that residents have greater access to essential security services.

In addition to Lekgwapheng ward, the Station also covers Mafenyatlala Mall, Thebephatshwa Airbase, Borakalalo and Ntoedibe wards in Molepolole with catchment areas including Monwane, Kotolaname and Moshaweng villages.





Hon. Minister Mohwasa (centre) cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening of the station

concern on the escalating cases, adding that the scourge was in contrast with the culture and founding principles of democracy. He said GBV continues to haunt and threaten national peace and it affects everybody. He called on members of the public to fully subscribe to human rights principles, whether actual or implied in order to eliminate GBV from communities. "I wish to emphasise the fact that GBV is not a government or police problem alone, collectively let's acknowledge GBV as a national concern which we should all shun," he said.

When giving project overview, the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe said BPS will continue to invest in community policing strategy as it has proved to be effective in crime prevention. She informed the audience that prevalent crimes affecting the area included house breakings, murder, threats to kill, rape, defilement, stock theft, assaults and theft, which is consistent with urban crime. "The current public security situation in Molepolole remains worrisome, a development that has prompted the upgrading of Lekgwapheng Police Post."

Commissioner Marathe said the upgraded Station will offer expanded services, including Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Traffic and Gender and Child Protection Branches to enhance service delivery. In addition, she said a caravan has been incorporated into the facility to address the problem of shortage of office space.

Commissioner Marathe also noted that the number of officers has been increased to 59 under the leadership of a Superintendent as the Station Commander. "These improvements will ensure a more responsive and effective policing service that prioritises the safety and security of residents."



The revamped station was officially opened by Minister for State President, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa on the 21st February 2025 at a ceremony attended by among others, Kgosi Kgari III and other dikgosi, senior government officials, Police officers and crime prevention activists.

In his opening remarks, the Minister underscored that Government will

continue to prioritise public safety and security as one of the key deliverables that drive national peace, stability and socio-economic development agenda.

Minister Mohwasa said Government is committed to supporting BPS with the necessary resources to fight crime in the country. "Government, commits to creating a conducive environment that will facilitate the delivery of safer communities, through continuous allocation of resources including manpower, infrastructure, training, innovation and technological support." The Minister noted that sufficient investment in law enforcement will go a long way in bringing policing services closer to the people and improving their response time and crime detection.

On issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV), Minister Mohwasa expressed





Ms Kaone Boko
First Lady of the Republic of Botswana

FIRST LADY'S VISIT MAUN POLICE CHILD FRIENDLY CENTRE

Story by **Cst Lethata Morogolwane**
Photos by **Cst Tshepang Boemo**

Botswana Police Service (BPS) Child-Friendly Centre in Maun, a beacon of hope for vulnerable children, got a special visit from, the First Lady of the Republic of Botswana, Ms Kaone Boko who arrived bearing gifts.

She was met with the crisp salute by police officers standing in formation to welcome her. Their morale reflected the significance of the occasion and appreciation for a leader who had come to champion the safety and well-being of children.

Guided by the Deputy Director, Gender and Child Protection Branch, Assistant Commissioner of Police Gontlafetse Segolodi, the First Lady toured the facility, taking in the dedicated spaces designed to provide comfort and security for children who came into contact with the law.

After the tour of the Centre, she was led to a tent pitched within the premises, where dignitaries, police officers and community leaders eagerly awaited her address with anticipation. This was more than a visit, it was a call for action by

"Facilities like the Child Friendly Centre were important in transforming child policing in the country adding that the facility also provided comfort and hope to distressed children."

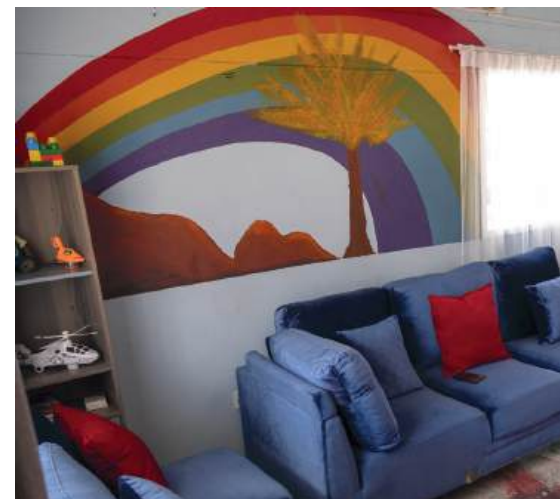


Attendants at the event

the society to stand together and protect its future generation. Her presence at the facility was more than ceremonial, it was a powerful statement of support for the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and other social ills affecting children.

The First Lady took to the podium and greeted the audience with a heartfelt, 'good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.' In her address, Ms Boko commended BPS for its unwavering dedication to protecting vulnerable children. She said facilities like the Child-Friendly-Centre were important in transforming child policing in the country adding that the facility also provided comfort and hope to distressed children.

She emphasised that with the right resources, BPS would remain strong



Some of the donations



Maun Police Child Friendly Centre officers



**ACP Gontlafetse Segolodi
Deputy Director, Gender and Child Protection Branch**

and well-equipped to tackle the challenges faced by children in the country. "Our children deserve a safe environment, not just today, but for generations to come."

The First Lady also expressed her satisfaction with Botswana's ongoing commitment to international child protection frameworks, such as the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). She pledged her office's commitment to continued supporting initiatives aimed at protecting children through educational programmes and donations.

As a gesture of her unwavering support, the First Lady donated two bunk beds, tablets, story books, colouring books, soccer balls and

various other children items. Her contributions symbolised a beacon of hope for children in need and called all stakeholders to continue working towards a safer and more protective environment for children.

Receiving the donation on behalf of BPS, Assistant Commissioner Segolodi, expressed deep gratitude for the donation.

"On behalf of the Botswana Police Service, I extend our sincerest appreciation to the First Lady. These donations would go a long way in creating a welcoming and nurturing space for children at the Center."

He said the generosity re-affirms the collaborative efforts by the highest office and other stakeholders in safeguarding children's lives and dreams.

Assistant Commissioner Segolodi informed the gathering that BPS has so far established eight Child-Friendly Centres across the country. These centres, he explained, were manned by officers trained in psychology, early childhood development, and law to ensure that children's cases are handled with the highest level of sensitivity and professionalism.

The First Lady was briefed on the innovative measures in place at the Maun Child-Friendly Centre, including a Virtual Court System that allowed minors to testify in a safe and familiar environment, whilst shielding them from the trauma of traditional courtroom settings.



Maun Police Child Friendly Centre

Massive Rest Molepolole Police Sta

Story by **Cst Onkabetse Makwati**
Photos by **Insp Edwin O. Ramotho**
and **Cst Gofaone Kobe**

Minister for State President, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, Kgosi Kgari III of Bakwena, Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe and two of her deputies, Mr Busang Lesola and Mr Katlholo Mosimanegape, were among the scores who, embarked on a community service day, to restore the appearance of Molepolole Police Station and the District Headquarters.

The main reason behind the undertaking was to improve the look and feel of the facilities. Tasks for the day included painting of offices, tiling, fixing of electric bulbs and sockets, fixing of broken doors, cutting and trimming of trees and building a shelter for customers.

Briefing the Media on the sideline of



Hon. Moeti Caesar Mohwasa
Minister for State President



Kgosi Kgari III
Bakwena

the Service Day, Minister Mohwasa, acknowledged that government was committed to providing the Police with resources including office accommodation to enable them to fulfil their mandate.

The Minister said for police officers to do their job efficiently they needed proper facilities for quality service delivery. "The Police deserve

a good working environment in order for them to better serve the public."

Mohwasa called on the business community to join the government by providing financial support for maintenance of Police Stations especially during this era where government is financially challenged.

"I call on the business community to join the government by providing financial support for maintenance of police stations especially during this era where government is financially challenged"



Old Molepolole Police Station



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Commissioner Dinah Marathe
Commissioner of Police

Activities were concluded with the Commissioner of Police applauding all those who made the Community Service Day successful. Furthermore, she appreciated the business community, for embracing the Adopt a Police Station collaboration between them and BPS.

"Some business community have already adopted Police Stations and

are busy refurbishing them and we are hoping for their completion soon."

She added that the intention was to roll out the community service day initiative to other parts of the country.

Kgosi Kgari III of Bakwena, expressed gratitude for the refurbishment of the station noting that this would improve employees confidence. "Crime is proliferating in Molepolole, and as a growing village it needs more resources."

He concluded by encouraging Bakwena to work hand in hand with the police in fighting crime and encouraged them to form clusters as they were important in the fight against crime.



"Some business community have already adopted Police Stations and are busy refurbishing them and we are hoping for their completion soon"



Refurbished Molepolole Police Station



BPS STRENGTHENS STR

Story by **S/I Kefilwe Bafana** and **Cst Olorato Gadibolae**
 Photos by **Insp Edwin O. Ramotho** and **S/I Kefilwe Bafana**



Mr Cornelius Ramatlhakwane, Chief Executive Officer, Botswana Post (center), Chief Operations Officer, Mr Pako Plaatjie (second from right), Chief Commercial Officer, Mr Walter Mosweu (second from left), General Manager, Buisness Development and Products, Mr Kagiso Mokgosi (left) Stakeholder Relationship Manager, Ms Gofaone Binoh Merafhe (right) during a courtesy call

The Botswana Police Service (BPS) continued to reinforce its commitment to fostering collaboration with key stakeholders in security, justice, and social welfare amongst others. Through a series of high-level meetings, the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe has been engaging with strategic partners to enhance service delivery and strengthen institutional cooperation.

In a recent courtesy call, Commissioner Marathe met with the Chief Justice, His Lordship Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe, to reaffirm the long-standing collaboration between the Police and the Judiciary.

The Commissioner commended the Chief Justice on his appointment and emphasised the crucial role of law enforcement as first responders in the justice system.

She reiterated the Police Service's dedication to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that justice is served



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

efficiently and fairly. The Commissioner said BPS remained committed to fulfilling its obligation to the justice system.

In turn, His Lordship, acknowledged the significance of police work in the criminal justice process and stressed the need for continued cooperation to maintain the integrity of legal proceedings. He stressed that effective cooperation was essential for ensuring efficient and fair legal processes in the country.

Further strengthening security collaborations, Commissioner Marathe hosted Botswana Post Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Cornelius Ramatlhakwane, to discuss the security measures that benefited customers and explored new areas for collaboration to enhance service delivery. With Botswana Post handling sensitive transactions and valuable goods, she said ensuring robust security measures remained a shared priority for both institutions. The

discussions also explored leveraging technology and data-sharing initiatives to enhance security measures, curb financial crimes, and improve response times to security threats affecting Botswana Post facilities and services.

By working closely with stakeholders across various sectors, the Botswana Police Service aimed to improve

operational efficiency, enhance public safety, and contribute to a secure and just society. Commissioner Marathe reaffirmed that strengthening these collaborations was key to ensuring long-term security solutions and fostering public trust in law enforcement efforts.



Commissioner of Police and CEO of Botswana Post warmly shaking hands following a successful courtesy call and meet and greet session, marking a moment of mutual respect and collaboration



BPS Celebrates Women's Day

Story by **Insp Oduetse Moadi** and **S/I Kefilwe Bafana**

Photos by **Insp Edwin O. Ramotho** and **Cst Gofaone Kobe**

March 8th 2025, marked this year's commemoration of the International Women's Day, the day that is globally devoted to celebrating achievements of women and seeking gender equality. Prior to this day Botswana Police Service through its various police establishments held different sessions as a build up towards the National event. These occasions served as platforms for female officers to come together, share experiences, and discuss challenges they face both at work and in their social lives.

At one of the events held at the Special Support Group (SSG) organised by Women Police Network, the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe acknowledged the progress made within the BPS where women now represented 35% of the workforce, with 21% in senior management roles. She emphasised that police women continued to contribute significantly to the safety and security of the nation, excelling in areas traditionally dominated by men, such as forensic investigation and aviation.

Commissioner Marathe called on women officers to work hard and compete for leadership positions within the BPS, emphasising that empowerment was a continuous process. She further urged both men and women officers to work together to achieve true gender equality, noting that the journey towards progression requires dedication, legal protection, and societal change.

The Commissioner also acknowledged the Government's commitment to gender equality through legislations such as the Domestic Violence Act (2008) and the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act (2014), aimed at protecting women and girls from abuse.

However, she regretted that Gender Based Violence (GBV) remained a persistent concern, calling for enhanced public education, law enforcement, and survivor support systems. Furthermore, she called for accelerated action to build a safer and more inclusive Botswana, where all women and girls can contribute to the nation's growth with dignity, equality, and freedom from violence.

In his motivational speech, Dr Kgomoetso Jongman from the University of Botswana highlighted the importance of self-awareness, professional development, and agility in building a progressive and inclusive law enforcement sector.

Dr Jongman highlighted the role of interpersonal relationships, stating that individuals must first cultivate self-love, respect, and kindness before expecting the same from others. He noted that the way people treat themselves influenced how they were treated by others.

On professionalism and work ethics, Dr Jongman urged women police officers to strive for excellence, remain dedicated, and put their best

foot forward and enhance personal growth as well as improve efficiency in their work. He called for agility and adaptability, encouraging women police officers to be proactive in addressing challenges.

Another speaker, Dr Kelebogile Motlapele, a Police Medical Doctor based at SSG, noted the need to advance gender equality, noting that while progress has been made, it was time to move beyond ineffective practices. She called for a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination, particularly in areas affecting women's health.

Dr Motlapele further noted that certain health conditions impact women's performance both at home and in the workplace, emphasising the need for support and understanding by colleagues.

She emphasised the need for better awareness, early diagnosis, and comprehensive management strategies.

"By breaking the stigma and advocating for better healthcare, we can help millions of women reclaim their quality



Dr Kelebogile Motlapele
Police Medical Doctor



Commissioner Dinah Marathe



Phase IV events attendants

of life. Endometriosis is more common than we think, it's time to start the conversation and ensure that those suffering receive the support and care they deserve."

The Commissioner was also invited to yet another commemoration organised by Gaborone West Customary Court in partnership with Captive Eye Organisation as a chief walker. In her keynote address, at the event, Commissioner Marathe highlighted Botswana's alignment with the global agenda in prioritizing several key areas such as the discrimination and violation of girl's rights, violence against women, women and poverty and women's health.

In her address, she expressed concern about the persistent challenge of Gender Based Violence (GBV) which threatened both the security and development of communities.

The Commissioner attributed this issue to the existence of discrimination and gender imbalance in the society. She called for a collective effort from all sectors to reflect on ensuring that women are represented and empowered across all spheres of life.

She said this year's theme "For all Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment," resonated with the President's vision for Botswana – a nation where every woman and girl can thrive, free of discrimination and violence. She stressed that achieving this vision required strengthening existing policies and institutions while addressing the deep-rooted social norms perpetuating inequality.

In her welcome remarks, Phase IV Deputy Customary Court President, Kgosi Keleneilwe Ramosiane also called on parents to raise their children equally, regardless of gender saying this will mould them to be responsible citizens who understand that all individuals are capable.



Kgosi Keleneilwe Ramosiane
Phase IV Deputy Customary
Court President



Dr. Kgomoiso Jongman
from the University of Botswana

"Women now represent 35% of the workforce, with 21% in senior management roles."



Ingile Motlapele
Medical Doctor



SSG events attendants



INAUGURAL ATT

Story by **Insp Obusitse Puleng**
Photos by **Insp Edwin Ramotho,**
Cst Gofaone Kobe and Cst Mpaphi
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Scores of enthusiastic runners participated at the inaugural Commissioner's Run, that was held at the Diamond Dome in Gaborone this March.

The Run, which was aimed at raising public awareness on critical issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV), Road Safety and Drug Abuse also confirmed a commitment towards adopting a balanced and healthy approach in handling such issues.

The Run was categorised into three distances of 5, 10 and 21 kilometres. It attracted the young and old who lined the Airport road waiting for the Commissioner to press the button to kick-start the Run.

In her address to the participants, the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe said the event was not only to promote physical fitness but also to contemplate on issues such as Gender Based Violence (GBV), Road Safety and Drug Abuse that were prevalent in the society.

"It takes someone who is mentally and physically fit to take action and accountability of his or her actions. Physical and mental fitness is key to building a resilient, healthy, responsive and accountable community."



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She highlighted that the word 'run' in the Commissioner's Run was chosen instead of 'walk' to demonstrate urgency and agility as well as attract great participation.

Commissioner Marathe appreciated all for their efforts in taking part in the Run saying it showed that they were equally concerned about the social ills affecting the nation.

"Your attendance is testimony to the importance you attach to the Police-Community collaboration in promoting safer communities. This collaboration proves to be an effective tool against criminal and other social ills confronting the nation."

Commissioner of Police said the community plays a crucial role in preventing and responding to GBV and child-related cases as in some instances they were caused by socio-economic and cultural factors.

"It is worth noting that law enforcement measures alone, without community involvement, cannot mitigate and resolve the current array of problems."

The Commissioner lamented the increase in road traffic accidents which she said adversely affected the socio-economic developments

of the country. She said some drivers disregarded road traffic rules by speeding, drinking and driving, leading to accidents that seriously impact on the lives of many. She also raised a concern about drug abuse, which mostly affected the youth and encouraged Batswana to stand up against societal ills.

Commissioner Marathe acknowledged the co-organiser, Fearless Fitness Club and other stakeholders who turned up for the event saying it showed their commitment towards building a crime free nation. The Commissioner said she was hopeful that the event would be rolled out to other areas to continue spreading the message.

Giving a vote of thanks, the Director of Men and Boys for Gender Equality, Mr Desmond Lunga emphasised the need for all to rally behind BPS in its endeavour to fight GBV, road safety and drug abuse which has proved to be national concerns. He thanked the Police Commissioner for leading the Run and for her commitment towards achieving a crime-free Botswana.

The Commissioner's Run was held under the theme: **"Reimagining a GBV-free and Accident-Free Botswana: It is possible. It starts with me. I am part of the Solution."**

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Remembering Our Departed Officers

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed, says the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!"



Assistant Superintendent
Ernest Kelebonye
Died: 14-Apr-24
Last Station: No. 13 District



Constable Tebogo Mogatsaseno
Died: 15-Apr-24
Last Station: Forensic Science Services



Constable Boetelo Botsogile
Died: 04-May-24
Last Station: Gerald Estate Police



Constable Lentswe Mothuso
Died: 19-May-24
Last Station: Botshabelo Police



Sergeant Jonas Rakgwasi
Died: 06-Jun-24
Last Station: SSG, Gaborone



Constable Gobonamang Khutsafalo
Died: 13-Jun-24
Last Station: Palapye Central Police



Constable Joseph Motshwari
Died: 29-Jun-24
Last Station: Francistown Police



Sergeant Issac Mazebedi
Died: 30-Jun-24
Last Station: Middlepits Police



Constable Oramile Maphane
Died: 17-Mar-24
Last Station: Maun Police



Assistant Superintendent
Mmamosadinyana Swereki
Died: 05-Aug-24
Last Station: Tutume Police



Constable Kabo Radifalana
Died: 05-Sep-24
Last Station: SSG, Gaborone



Superintendent Agreement Kenosi
Died: 11-Sep-24
Last Station: TTB HQ, Gaborone

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Rest In Peace



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