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Ensures that we collaborate effectively, leveraging diverse strengths to achieve common goals.

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In all our endeavors, we continually seek improvement to better serve and protect our citizens.

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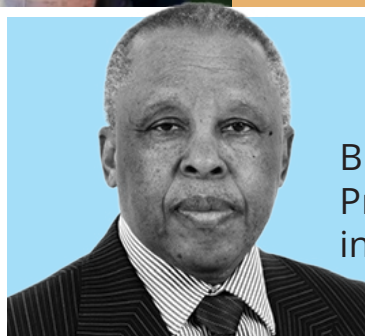
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Guardians of Order: Police Last Salute to Dr. F.G Mogae

Botswana Police Service professionalism at the heart of Botswana's farewell to a statesman of rare distinction.

As we release the first edition of the Botswana Police Digital Magazine, it is fitting that we dedicate this editorial to the memory of the former President of the Republic of Botswana, Dr. Festus Gontebanye Mogae (1939-2026). Dr. Mogae took his last breathe on 8th May 2026 and laid to rest on 16th May 2026 at Phomolong Cemetery in Phakalane, Gaborone. His life was a beacon of integrity, his presidency a model of service and his passing a reminder of the fragility of time.

The Botswana Police Service, in fulfilling its solemn duty during his send-off, demonstrated the discipline and professionalism that he valued. As we reflect on his legacy, we are reminded that leadership is not about power, but about service, and in that, Dr. Mogae stood among the finest.

From the formal announcement of his passing to his final resting place, the Botswana Police Service carried out its duty with precision and dignity, ensuring that the ceremonial protocols were observed with respect, while also providing the reassurance of safety to all in attendance. Officers worked tirelessly to ensure that every aspect of the proceedings reflected the honour due to a leader of Dr. Mogae's stature.

Crowd and procession management, security coordination and ceremonial duties were executed seamlessly, allowing citizens and dignitaries alike to mourn in peace. The Police presence was not only about maintaining order, it was about safeguarding the sanctity of a national moment. Their professionalism ensured that the farewell was conducted with the respect and solemnity befitting a statesman. This dedication reflects the values Dr. Mogae himself championed – discipline, respect and unwavering commitment to the nation. In honouring him, the Botswana Police Service reaffirmed its role as a pillar of Botswana's democracy.

As Botswana moves forward, Dr. Mogae's example remains a guiding light to many. His vision for a prosperous, unified and compassionate nation continues to inspire and his memory will endure in the institutions he strengthened and the peace he served.

May his soul rest in eternal peace and may his legacy continue to inspire Botswana and the world.

Superintendent Selebatso Mooketsi
Editor, Police Magazine



LET THE VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER LEAD US

The tagline, “Let the Voice of the Customer Lead Us,” reflects the Botswana Police Service’s commitment to serving the public with professionalism, accountability and compassion. It emphasizes the importance of listening to the concerns, expectations and experiences of members of the community in order to improve policing services and strengthen public trust.

The tagline also highlights the BPS’ dedication to community partnership, ensuring that the needs and safety of the people remain at the centre of all policing efforts.



Children watching the documentary at its launch

Botswana Strengthens Child-Friendly Policing Initiative

By: Sgt. Bantshwanetse Keboiretsewe

Photos by Cst Tshepang Boemo

On 04 March 2026, the Minister for State President, Defence and Security Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa officially launched the Child Friendly Policing documentary in Gaborone. The intention of this documentary was to raise awareness about child friendly policing services in the country including the handling cases that involve minors as well as best practises in delivery justice for children.

This documentary also highlights the work of Botswana Police Service (BPS) Child-Friendly Centers and reaffirming the Government's commitment to strengthening child protection systems in the country. It was produced through partnership between BPS and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Launching the documentary, the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, said the strength of a nation is measured not only by economic growth, but also by how it protects its most vulnerable citizens such as children.

"If our children are unsafe, then our progress as a country remains incomplete," he emphasised.

Minister Mohwasa noted that adopting a trauma-informed approach does not weaken the justice system; rather, it strengthens it.

"When children feel safe, they are more likely to speak openly and truthfully," he explained. "This improves investigations and strengthens accountability."

The Minister also reiterated the Government's commitment

to a human-rights-centred approach to public service, noting that security and human rights must work hand in hand.

He further acknowledged the support of development partners, including the Governments of Japan and the United Kingdom, as well as UNICEF, in strengthening institutional capacity and reinforcing the shared commitment to the rights and welfare of children.

Earlier in the programme, Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe described the documentary as a landmark moment in Botswana's journey toward institutionalising child-centred justice.

The Commissioner noted that the Botswana Police Service has established eight Child-Friendly Service Centres across the country, specialised spaces designed to transform how child victims and witnesses interact with law enforcement.

She explained that, unlike traditional police facilities, these centres are intentionally designed to reduce fear and trauma. Equipped with specialised interview rooms and audio-visual recording systems, they enable investigators to conduct professional interviews in a calm environment that protects children from repeated questioning.

"These centres are not ordinary police facilities," Commissioner Marathe said. "They are spaces designed to prevent re-victimisation and ensure that children are treated with dignity throughout the justice process."



L to R Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, His Excellency Giles Enticknap, Ambassador, British High Commissioner, Commissioner Dinah Marathe, Commissioner of Police and Ms Mmamiki Kamanakao, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education

The Commissioner added that, in practice, this means a child often needs to recount their experience only once, while the recorded evidence can be used throughout the investigative and legal process.

She further noted that the impact of these initiatives is already becoming visible.

"In 2025, approximately 50 percent of child-related cases resulted in arrests, alongside an increase in successful prosecutions supported by stronger investigations and closer collaboration with prosecutors," she said.

The Commissioner said the milestone would not have been possible without the enduring partnership between the BPS and UNICEF. She indicated that through a Joint Rolling Workplan signed with UNICEF in May 2022, several police officers have received specialised training in child-sensitive interviewing and trauma-informed policing to effectively respond to cases of violence against children.

"We remain committed to expanding Child-Friendly Service Centres to all 17 policing districts, prioritising high-need areas as resources allow," she said. "Our goal is to ensure that access to justice for children is not determined by geography."

For his part, UNICEF Botswana Representative Dr. Kimanzi Muthengi described the launch as a significant milestone



in creating a safer and more supportive environment for children in Botswana.

He said the documentary highlights the critical role of law enforcement in ensuring justice and protection for children, serving both as a showcase of best practices and a call to action.

"Every child deserves to be treated with dignity, respect and care," he said, commending police officers featured in the documentary for demonstrating compassion and professionalism after receiving specialised training in child-sensitive approaches.

Dr. Muthengi stressed that the responsibility for child protection cannot rest with government institutions alone. He urged stakeholders to scale up best practices and strengthen both prevention and response systems to ensure that every child in Botswana has access to justice that is fair, compassionate and tailored to their needs.

The event also featured panel discussion bringing together key voices in child protection and justice reform. Participants in the panel discussion included, Former National Children's Consultative Forum Chairperson Aumakwe Aaron, Director of Gender and Child Protection Branch Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police Goitseone Ngono, Assistant Registrar Jobbie Moilatshimo, and British High Commissioner to Botswana His Excellency Giles Enticknap.

The panelists highlighted the role of education and awareness in juveniles' crime, protecting children from all forms of abuse and improved coordination among institutions involved in the dispensing justice for minor children.



(Lto R) Ms Wenyan Yang, UN Resident Coordinator and Dr Kimanzi Muthengi, UNICEF representative



Guardian of A Global Stage

From the first whistle to the final baton exchange, the Botswana Police Service stood tall with honour, discipline and unmatched dedication at the spectacular Debswana World Athletics Relays, where 40 nations converged in the heart of Gaborone. Through tireless commitment, professionalism and warm hospitality, the men and women in blue ensured a safe, secure and welcoming atmosphere that allowed the spirit of athletics to shine brightly before the world.

Photos: Cst Tshepang Boemo and Cst Gofaone Kobe





BPS Says Amen to a Safer Community

By: Constable Justin Gaogakwe
Photos by S/I Kabelo Barogeng



Commissioner Dinah Marathe addressing BLM congregation

The introduction of Police Sunday church service by Botswana Police Service (BPS), has brought hope in bridging the between the police and faith-based institutions. The initiative is intended to bring police services closer to the community by interacting with the society in places of worship.

Furthermore the programme reinforces the notion that the police are not enemies, but part of the community they serve, promote moral values, and encourage collaborative efforts in addressing social ills. It also seeks to among others, mobilise police officers through prayers and spiritual support, provide them with a dedicated platform for their spiritual upliftment.

When the Police Sunday was Launched in October last year, it was reported that the initiative is intended to lift the wearing spirits and bring them closer to God and by extension, to the people. As things stand now, the officers have embraced Police Sunday programme and hit the ground running as shown by the scores of officers who participated in the just ended Police Sunday church service which was held on 29/04/2026.

On that day, police offices across all Police divisions, districts and stations visited a church of their choice in their localities to seek divine intervention.



Members of the BPS worshipping with BLM congregants

One such gathering was held in Gaborone at Bible Life Ministries (BLM), where Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe was in attendance alongside scores of other officers.

When addressing Bible Life Ministries congregants Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe expressed her appreciation for the Church's enduring partnership with the police, emphasizing that true and lasting peace can only be sustained through moral and spiritual grounding.

"Sustainable peace and security cannot be achieved by law enforcement alone. It requires a morally grounded society, one shaped by spiritual values — and this is where the Church becomes an indispensable partner," she said. Commissioner Marathe highlighted that the mandate of the Botswana Police Service aligns closely with the spiritual mission of nurturing righteousness and compassion.

"The Church shapes the conscience, while the Police uphold order; together, we build a just and peaceful society," she noted.

Commissioner Marathe reaffirmed the Service's commitment to community-oriented policing. She underscored initiatives such as cluster policing, farmers' committees, business safety groups, and youth engagement programmes targeting both school-going and out-of-school youth.

"We police by consent, and your voice matters to us. The fight against crime requires unity of purpose between communities, law enforcement agencies, and institutions of faith," she emphasised.

Reflecting on prevailing social challenges, Commissioner Marathe cited the rise in gender-based violence, youth crime, substance abuse, and moral decline, urging society to confront these issues collectively. She called for a whole-of-society approach, anchored in strong families, mentorship, moral education, and faith-based guidance: "We must model, shape, reform, and restore our communities, most especially our young people, through spiritual and moral strength.

Marathe also reminded congregants that police officers themselves are part of the community and equally face the same human and social challenges. Police Saturday/Sunday, she explained, serves as a time of mutual reflection and spiritual renewal. Commissioner Marathe concluded by



Bible Life Ministries, Senior Pastor Apostle Professor Enoch Sitima

reiterating the Police Service's dedication to forging enduring partnerships with faith communities, working hand in hand to with churches to foster a more compassionate, just, and God-fearing nation.

For his part, Bible Life Ministries, Senior Pastor Apostle Professor Enoch Sitima expressed gratitude for the Commissioner's initiative. He noted that such leadership transcends administrative excellence, signalling a genuine commitment to the holistic wellbeing of police officers.

The core of Apostle Sitima's message entered on the immense weight of responsibility carried by those in uniform. He reminded the officers that they are the primary arbiters of justice in the modern society, often operating in high-pressure environments where the line between right and wrong can be blurred by circumstances.



BLM Praise and Worship Team leading in worship

Between the Badge and the Bib: Fattima Dino's Inspiring Netball Journey

By: Constable Olorato Gadibolae

Constable Fattima Dino, who is stationed at Gaborone West Police Station, continues to demonstrate that discipline, commitment, and passion can successfully define both a policing career and life as an elite athlete.

While proudly serving in the Botswana Police Service (BPS), Constable Dino has also established herself as one of Botswana's accomplished national netball defenders, balancing the demands of policing with representing the country on the international stage.

Constable Dino highlighted that her journey in netball began at a young age after being inspired by her sisters, who also played the sport.

"My netball journey started when I was around 11 years old," she said. "I was inspired by my sisters, who were also netball players, and watching them made me fall in love with the sport."

She added that growing up around the game nurtured her competitive spirit and inspired her to pursue netball seriously. Over the years, her passion developed into a successful sporting career marked by determination, leadership, and national pride.

As a defender, Constable Dino explained that she is known for her aggressive and vocal style of play, adding that she enjoys applying pressure and disrupting attackers before they settle into the game.

"I love getting into the attacker's head early," she said. "I play tight one-on-one, use my footwork to cut off their lead, and time my hands to force errors or tips."

She noted that communication is key in defence and said her commanding presence on court together with her strong coordination with teammates have become defining aspects of her game.



Protector and National Icon: Constable Fattima Dino

Among the highlights of her netball career, Constable Dino pointed out that representing Botswana during the 2017 World Netball Youth Cup hosted in Gaborone under the #ReaBaTsaya campaign remains one of her proudest moments. She served as vice captain of the national team during the tournament.

She further stated that the tournament remains one of Botswana's proud sporting moments after the national side secured a memorable victory against Jamaica on home soil. "We made history by beating Jamaica on home soil," she said proudly.

Constable Dino added that her outstanding performances during the tournament earned her two Player of the Match awards against Papua New Guinea and Samoa, achievements which boosted her confidence and strengthened her belief in her abilities.

She recently added another major achievement to her sporting journey after competing in Malaysia's highly competitive Netball Super League (NSL). Constable Dino explained that the experience exposed her to a higher level of professionalism, tactical discipline, and intensity.

"The league is very competitive and every team has international players, so you are tested every week," she said. Beyond competition, she highlighted that the opportunity allowed her to interact with athletes from different cultures and adapt to new systems of play.

"I had to earn my place and adapt fast, but I loved it," she said. "It made me hungrier to keep improving and represent my country at a higher level."

According to Constable Dino, international netball differs significantly from local competition due to its speed and the quick decision-making required on court.

"The game is faster, and you have to make quicker decisions," she said. "It really pushes you out of your comfort zone."

Despite the demanding nature of international sport, Constable Dino emphasised that she remains equally committed to her policing responsibilities. She explained that both careers are centred on service and discipline.

"Both roles are about service," she explained. "As a police officer, I protect and serve my community. As a netball player, I represent Botswana and inspire the next generation."

She noted that balancing the two careers requires discipline, sacrifice, and effective time management, adding that early mornings, late nights, and prioritising recovery have become part of her routine.

Constable Dino further credited her role in the Botswana Police Service with strengthening her focus, accountability, and mental toughness the qualities she carries onto the netball court.

"Being a police officer has strengthened my discipline, focus, and mental toughness," she said. "It has taught me to stay calm under pressure."

She stated that her greatest motivation is making her family proud while inspiring young people to pursue their dreams wholeheartedly.

"I want to make my family proud and inspire young athletes to believe that it is possible to succeed in more than one path," she said.

Constable Dino advised aspiring athletes to remain disciplined, manage time wisely, and stay committed to their goals.

"Hard work and consistency will always pay off," she said.

Looking ahead, Constable Dino revealed that she hopes to continue growing as a player, compete at even higher international levels, and continue representing Botswana with pride while progressing in her policing career.



BPS Sends off President Mogae in Honour

With discipline, compassion and unwavering dedication, the Botswana Police Service stood tall in service to the nation during the solemn send-off of former President of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Dr Festus Gontebanye Mogae (1939 - 2026). From maintaining order to offering comfort through their professionalism and presence, officers carried out their duties with honour, reflecting the true spirit of patriotism and national unity. In a moment of grief for Botswana, the men and women in blue remained a symbol of strength, respect and commitment, serving the nation with excellence as the country paid tribute to the Statesman

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