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## Dada rolls out the red carpet for Broadway Motors

**+ FUEL:** BERA to discontinue ULP 93 across Botswana

### + 2025 Highlights:

- 2.8 GD-6 Land Cruiser goes manual
- Toyota to launch a Fortuner GR-S



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## Broadway Motors shines as Dada rolls out the red carpet for excellence

12 December 2024

Broadway Toyota Mahalapye and Shell Ultra City hosted a dazzling 2024 Excellence Awards ceremony to celebrate and honour the dedication and hard work of their employees. The event, filled with glitz and glamour, recognised those who have gone above and beyond in contributing to the company's growth and operations.

The Finance Manager, Chandima Hewage, delivered a heartfelt keynote address, expressing his gratitude to all attendees and commending the winners and nominees alike. **"You represent the best of what we strive for every day,"** he said. **"Your hard work is truly appreciated."**

The ceremony kicked off with special honorary awards presented by Kgosi Tshipe Tshipe, acknowledging long-serving employees who have dedicated over 20 years to Broadway Toyota Mahalapye. Nazir Mia, the Dealer Principal; Lefoko Motsopa, Service Manager; and Collen Bareki, Driver, were celebrated for their unwavering loyalty and commitment.

The first awards of the night recognised outstanding administrative staff. From administrative support to technical

expertise, the night recognised excellence across all departments. Metsiapula Ntsayakgosi clinched the Best Administrative Employee Award, with Sethebolo Anthony Sekgee taking the Most Improved in the same category. Technicians also had their moment of glory, with Kabo Nelson Oitsile earning the title of Best Technician, showcasing unmatched skills in problem-solving and technical excellence.

The spotlight then turned to the cashiers. The Best Cashier Award went to an emotional and overjoyed Tshwanelo Lesaba, who triumphed over Maitseo Nokwane, Goitseone Tautona, and Nellie Smith. Nellie Smith, however, did not leave empty-handed, clinching the Most Improved Cashier Award for her consistent exemplary service.

Sales excellence was also celebrated in style. The Best Salesperson Award went to Mawethu Radiporo, who was praised for his exceptional sales skills. The Most Improved Salesperson Award went to Moleleki Tshotlego, much to the delight and surprise of attendees.

The energy reached its peak when awards for customer service and sales were announced. Customer service stars shone brightly, with Shell Ultra City's Kabelo Koifo and Mosimanegape Mokgetse jointly winning the Best Customer Service Award. Kamogelo Phodiso took the Most Improved Customer Service Award after demonstrating

remarkable growth, outshining nominees Tswelopele Koodiretse, Goitsemodimo Mosalagae, and Ngwao Thomas.

The awards also extended to Broadway Toyota Mahalapye, where Ruth Lota scooped the Best Customer Service Award, while the Most Improved Customer Service accolade went to Thebolo Koosaletse, recognised for his unwavering commitment to service quality.

The night wouldn't be complete without honouring supportive employees. Elizabeth Kererilwe and Joseph Mbaha shared the Best Supportive Employee Award, while Gabriel Moale, who was absent, took home the Most Improved Supportive Employee Award, accepted on his behalf by his supervisor Witness Phuthego.

The grand finale was the Best Supervisor Award, a highly contested category that resulted in dual winners. Justice Lolo and Kgomotso Ndlovu were recognised for inspiring and guiding their teams to exceptional achievements. Abby Masautha took the Most Improved Supervisor Award, capping off a night of celebration, recognition, and joy for the Broadway Motors family.

The Excellence Awards truly reflected the heart and soul of the Broadway Motors group, shining a light on the dedication, teamwork, and unwavering commitment of its employees who continue to propel the company forward.

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The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) has announced a significant shift in the country's fuel landscape, stating that the sale and use of unleaded petrol 93 (ULP 93) will be discontinued effective 1st February 2025.

This decision comes amidst growing concerns over the declining refining capacity in the Republic of South Africa (RSA), the primary source of petroleum products for Botswana.

For years, Botswana has relied heavily on South African refineries, which have seen a marked decline due to aging infrastructure and the high costs associated with upgrading facilities to produce cleaner fuels. Currently, the NATREF Refinery is the sole producer of ULP 93 in the region, and with RSA's plan to phase out this fuel grade by 2026, BERA is taking proactive

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measures to ensure a smooth transition for consumers.

While there may be sporadic imports of ULP 93 from other regions, logistical challenges—primarily linked to South African Revenue Services regulations—have complicated the re-export of these products. This context has prompted neighbouring countries like Namibia, Mozambique, and Eswatini to also discontinue ULP 93.

In light of these developments, BERA assures the public that the discontinuation of ULP 93 will not negatively impact motorists. All petrol engines are compatible with unleaded petrol 95 (ULP 95), which is more widely available both regionally and internationally. Furthermore, ULP 95 is considered a superior fuel compared to the older ULP 93 grade.

As part of its commitment to ensuring a reliable fuel supply, BERA will continue to monitor market conditions and technological advancements that may lead to the introduction of new fuel grades and the retirement of outdated ones. The Authority also pledges to keep the public informed about any relevant changes in the fuel supply landscape.

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## Toyota to launch Fortuner GR-S

Toyota is raising the bar with the introduction of the all-new Fortuner GR-S, set to launch in the first quarter of 2025. Building on the Fortuner's legendary reputation as one of South Africa's top-selling SUVs, this performance-focused variant promises a blend of power, style, and versatility, making it a true standout on and off the road.

The Fortuner GR-S brings enhanced sport-inspired design, aggressive styling, and performance upgrades to offer a bolder, more dynamic drive. It's not just about looks—the GR-S is engineered to tackle any terrain with ease.

The launch will coincide with the return of the much-anticipated Fortuner Challenge, now in its ninth edition. Participants will face intense physical, mental, and off-road tests for a chance to win a brand-new Fortuner GR-S. If you think you have what it takes to "Become a Challenger," visit Toyota Fortuner Challenge and sign up before entries close on 24 January 2025.

The action kicks off with the "Back Your Hero" campaign, where fans can win incredible prizes from Fortuner Challenge partners, including Quartz Engine Oil, Garmin, Salomon, and Thule. Get ready for a challenge like no other!



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## Toyota expands 2.8 GD-6 range with a manual transmission



Toyota has added a new five-speed manual transmission to its iconic Land Cruiser 70 Series lineup, offering driving enthusiasts and workhorse users alike a more hands-on approach to tackling the toughest terrain. The manual gearbox is now available with the 2.8 GD four-cylinder turbo-diesel engine across the Single Cab and Station Wagon variants, providing a fresh alternative to the six-speed automatic.

The introduction of a manual option marks a significant moment for the Land Cruiser 70 Series, particularly following the discontinuation of the beloved LC76 SW 4.5 V8 Diesel Manual. Glenn Crompton, Vice President of Marketing & Technical Services at Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM), acknowledged the importance of this move, stating, "When we phased out the LC76 SW V8 Diesel Manual, we anticipated that some customers would miss having a manual option. This new transmission ensures we can cater to those preferences while continuing to offer variety in our lineup."

Powering the manual variants is a 2.8-litre engine delivering 150kW between 3200-3400rpm and an impressive 450Nm of torque from 2400-3000rpm. The gearbox itself has been engineered to maximise the Land Cruiser's renowned performance, featuring shorter first, second, and third gears for improved low-speed capability, while a longer fifth gear optimises fuel efficiency and reduces engine noise on the highway. Toyota has also included a new flywheel compatible with a 12-inch clutch for superior resistance to clutch slip, and triple synchronisation on first gear ensures smoother shifts.

Designed with durability in mind, the manual powertrain incorporates a rear-end dust seal to protect the release bearing from debris—a crucial feature for vehicles operating in harsh

environments. The manual variants also maintain the same gross combination mass and towing capacity as their automatic counterparts, ensuring no compromises on capability.

Inside, the cabin remains largely unchanged, save for the removal of the front console box to accommodate the manual shifter. Equipment levels are consistent across the range, though downhill assist control is not included on manual models.

Toyota's earlier introduction of the 2.8-litre four-cylinder automatic powertrain to the Land Cruiser 70 Series was met with widespread approval, and the new manual option only broadens its appeal. As Crompton puts it, "The strength, capability, and off-road performance of the automatic powertrain have been very well received. The new manual option will only add to that appeal."

Backed by a 3-year/100,000km warranty and an optional 100,000km service plan, the Land Cruiser 70 Series continues to solidify its status as a durable, dependable workhorse. For those who value the control and engagement of a manual gearbox, this latest addition is a testament to Toyota's commitment to meeting the needs of its loyal customer base.

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### Switching off the engines for the festive season

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As we prepare to close for the festive season, we want to take a moment to thank you for making Broadway Toyota Mahalapye your first choice this year. We know you had countless options, yet you trusted us with your journey—and for that, we're truly grateful.

Your trust in us has driven our passion for excellence this year, and we promise to go the extra mile to double the quality of service you've come to expect. We promise to deliver the exceptional service, quality, and care you deserve.

Thank you for being part of the Broadway family. Here's to safe travels, joyful Christmas celebrations, and a brilliant New Year ahead.

Warm wishes,  
The Broadway Toyota Mahalapye Team



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