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## About Broadway Shift Magazine

Broadway Shift Magazine is the official publication of Broadway Motors, dedicated to sharing updates about our dealership, including community initiatives, in-house developments, Shell Ultra City Mahalapye and all things Toyota. Based in Mahalapye, Broadway Toyota is a citizen-owned dealership authorised to sell, service, and provide genuine parts for Toyota vehicles in Botswana. We take pride in being part of the Toyota family and in serving our customers with excellence.

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## Banks re-open wallets for vehicle financing



Beyond the shine of the vehicles, the team also placed emphasis on safety, raising awareness about the ongoing Takata airbag recall campaign, urging motorists to check if their vehicles are affected.

The response from Debswana employees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing excitement and renewed determination to finally own a vehicle. For many, a Toyota represents more than just transport — it is seen as a reliable partner for both work and family life.

There is a renewed hope in the air, sweeping through mining towns, for employees of diamond mining industry following the resumption of vehicle financing schemes, with banks once again opening their wallets for vehicle buyers. And Broadway Toyota Mahalapye was right at the heart of it.

The recent Broadway Toyota Mahalapye activation, at Orapa Freedom Square, attracted scores of curious and eager employees — from those nearing retirement after years in the open pit, to others who had almost missed their chance to own their dream Toyota. Broadway Toyota displayed vehicles, including pre-owned units and demo cars, giving potential buyers a glimpse into what the Toyota brand currently offers.

Broadway Toyota Mahalapye looks forward to building on the relationships formed during the event, with a commitment to helping customers secure vehicles that suit their needs and daily demands.

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## GOVT DELAYS CHILD GRANT BUT KEEPS PROMISE ALIVE



**The child grant roll-out has been delayed as Government fine-tunes systems, missing its April 1 launch.**

The Botswana government has pushed back the roll-out of its child grant programme, which was initially scheduled to begin on 1 April 2026.

In a statement, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs said the delay is due to ongoing administrative processes and system readiness efforts aimed at ensuring the scheme is implemented efficiently, transparently and without disruption.

Despite the setback, authorities have assured the public that payments will be backdated to cover April and May 2026.

Parents have also been urged to continue registering eligible children aged 12 months and below to ensure they are included in the programme as soon as it goes live.



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## ROCKY'S SEDIBA SA MADI TAKES GOLD



In a night where heaven seemed to kiss the earth, the 6th Gospel Music Awards transformed the Ba Isago University Convention Centre in Gaborone into a sanctuary of praise, power, and pure glory. The atmosphere shimmered with glory, the air thick with praise—as though the congregation stood in the very presence of the Lord.

And standing tall in the presence of it all was Joseph Rocky, whose soul-stirring single *Sediba sa Madi* rose above the rest to claim Best Gospel Single. Rocky's victory did not fall from the sky—it was prayed for, worked for, and believed into existence. Day and night, he rallied his supporters, and they answered with unwavering faith, voting in numbers that spoke louder than words.

Overcome with emotion, he leapt to his feet when his name was called, gratitude pouring out as he honoured those who walked this journey with him—most notably his producer, Simba of Simz Records. "I still can't believe it," he shared, humbled by the fierce competition from gospel heavyweights many had already crowned winners in their own minds.

Back home, his colleagues at Broadway Toyota Mahalapye erupted in celebration, the award-winning anthem echoing through the day—turning even first-time listeners into believers.

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The night also crowned other vessels of grace: Evangelist Letso Mphela (Best Collaboration), Matheke Leteane (Best Traditional Gospel & Best Male Artist), and Shirleys (Best Newcomer & Best Female Artist). In Zion glory, Tshepo Zion took top honours.

Behind the curtain of sound and spirit, Botsoma Botsoma was named Best Producer, while Psalmist Kevin secured Best Gospel Packaged Album.

## Khawa pushed back as FMD threat looms large

The desert won't dance this May as Foot and Mouth Disease fears force a shock postponement of the Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival. The wait for the dunes just got longer. The desert will have to wait.

The popular Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival — a spectacle of sand, culture and roaring engines — has been put on hold. Event managers Incepta Communications, acting on behalf of the Botswana Tourism Organisation, confirmed that the 2026 edition will no longer go ahead as planned. Originally set to light up the Kgalagadi dunes from 15–17 May 2026, organisers say the festival has now been pushed to a later date — with a new timeline only expected next year.

At the heart of the decision is growing concern over the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease, a threat that continues to weigh heavily on communities and the agricultural sector. Organisers said the move is in step with government efforts to contain the outbreak, while also acknowledging other constraints that would make it difficult to deliver the festival at its usual standard.

Rather than risk the safety of communities or dilute the spirit of the event, the call was made to pull the brakes. For years, the Khawa Dune Challenge has been more than just a festival — it's been a celebration of Botswana's cultural heartbeat, blending horse racing, cultural showcases and adrenaline-fuelled motorsport into one unforgettable desert experience.

Now, the silence of the dunes tells a different story — at least for now.

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## TEAM BOTSWANA

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Collage of athletes in Botswana uniforms, including a runner in a 'BOTSWANA TDK' jersey and a runner in a 'BOTSWANA TDK YERNATSHIPU TORONTO' jersey.

## Trollope Botswana tournament kicks off with fire



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The dust rose, the tackles flew, and the talking never stopped — Mookane had its moment in the football sun as Trollope International Botswana rolled out the first edition of its annual tournament

Six sides rolled into the Mookane Primary School battleground, each dreaming of silverware but only one leaving with the bragging rights. Hosts Trollope Botswana opened proceedings against Parts Sales Botswana. A 2–2 stalemate dragged the tie into penalties, where Trollope blinked first — and Parts Sales said thank you very much.

Broadway Toyota Mahalapye then stepped onto the pitch with purpose, squeezing past Remmogo Social Club 1–0 in a match that won't make the highlight reel but certainly did the job. Elsewhere, Mahalapye Hospital edged Eliminators from Dibete via penalties — clinical when it mattered, unlike their opponents who clearly left their shooting boots at home.

Then came the semi-finals — and the heat turned up. Broadway Toyota squared up against the hosts in a fiery affair that had the referee sending one Broadway player for an early shower. A red card changed the complexion, tempers flared, benches barked — but Broadway, down to ten men, dug deep and marched on.

In the other semi, Parts Sales Botswana proved they don't just sell — they deliver. Mahalapye Hospital were given a weekend to forget as Parts Sales edged them out on penalties once again. Ice-cold. Ruthless.

The final? Tension. Nerves. And the cruel lottery of penalties. Broadway Toyota Mahalapye pushed, probed, and pressed — but when it came down to the spot, Parts Sales Botswana kept their nerve while Broadway faltered. Game over. Trophy gone.

Parts Sales walked away as champions, lifting the floating cup — much to the visible frustration of a Broadway Toyota Mahalapye side already plotting revenge. Safe to say, that cup has made enemies in Mahalapye.

As for the tournament itself? A solid debut, no doubt. But let's not pretend everything was Premier League standard. The pitch — freshly “worked on” — played like a ploughed field, complete with front-loader tracks that had the ball bouncing like it had a mind of its own. First tournament nerves, perhaps — but next time, a bit less tractor, a bit more football, please. Because if this is the start, Mookane might just have a proper football spectacle on its hands.