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# THE TRAINING THAT SHOOK THE ROOM

There was no room for cold boardroom silence at Cresta Mahalapye recently as Broadway Toyota Mahalapye employees gathered for a powerful and eye-opening emotional intelligence and employee/employer relations training session that left many admitting: “We wish we had learnt this years ago.”

In what turned into more than just an ordinary corporate workshop, staff members engaged in heated discussions, heartfelt confessions and interactive group sessions aimed at strengthening the often-overlooked bond between employer and employee.

The training, which blended classroom learning with practical group activities, challenged workers to rethink how they communicate, resolve conflict and support one another in the workplace. Employees were divided into discussion groups where they tackled understanding of the employee and employer relationship, exposing the hidden tensions and communication breakdowns that often damage productivity.

But it was the emotional intelligence segment that truly struck a nerve. Participants openly reflected on how poor communication, gossip and lack of empathy can poison workplace relationships, while strong emotional intelligence can build trust, unity and performance.

At the end of the training, one after another, employees rose to applaud Broadway Toyota Mahalapye management for investing in a programme many described as “life-changing”. Some admitted the lessons could have transformed both their professional and personal lives had they learnt them earlier.

Workers were encouraged not to suffer in silence when dealing with personal struggles, but instead to seek help through trusted workplace support systems. The importance of confidentiality was stressed, warning employees against exposing colleagues who open up about sensitive personal matters.

The room fell silent when Joseph Rocky Tamari took centre stage and delivered a passionate warning against workplace gossip and betrayal. Tamari lashed out at people who fail to keep colleagues’ secrets, saying careless talk is one of the biggest destroyers of trust and relationships in the workplace.

“Some people speak out because they are looking for help, not because they want their business spread around,” he said, urging employees to respect confidentiality and protect those who seek support.

The training ended with a strong call for workers to put the lessons into practice and become ambassadors of respect, empathy and professionalism within Broadway Toyota Mahalapye. For many who attended, it was not just another workshop — it was a wake-up call.

## THE LAST RIDE OF A STATESMAN

### The nation's convoy of respect escorts Dr. F.G Mogae home



As the final hymn faded into the stillness of Phomolong Cemetery, Botswana bowed in dignified farewell to Dr Festus Gontebanye Mogae — a statesman of rare calm, disciplined leadership, and unwavering devotion to country, who helped steer the nation through some of its most defining trials and triumphs.

Dr Mogae, who passed on 08 May 2026, was laid to rest on 16 May at Phomolong Cemetery in Phakalane, north of Gaborone, in a farewell befitting a leader whose steady hand guided Botswana through turbulent and transformative years.

Flags flew at half-mast as mourners from all walks of life gathered to honour not just the office he held, but the quiet dignity, humanity and strength he embodied.

Born on 21 August 1939 in Serowe's Botlalaote Ward, he rose from humble beginnings as the eldest child of Rre Dithabano and Mme Dithunya Mogae to become one of Africa's most respected leaders. Educated at Khama Memorial School, Serowe

Higher Primary and Moeng College, his academic brilliance earned him a bursary to study in the United Kingdom.

At University College, Oxford, he earned his BA (Hons) in 1968, followed by a Master's in Development Economics from the University of Sussex in 1970. Even abroad, his thoughts remained anchored in Botswana, shaping ideas of nationhood long before public office.

His public service career reflected precision, intellect and patriotism — from the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, to the IMF and Bank of Botswana, where he earned a reputation as a disciplined economist and visionary planner. He rose to Vice President before becoming President in April 1998, later securing a popular mandate in the 1999 general election.



It was during the HIV/AIDS crisis, however, that his leadership became truly defining. In a time of fear, he chose courage — launching a bold, globally recognised response that positioned Botswana as a leader in antiretroviral treatment and public health intervention, saving countless lives and restoring hope.

His presidency also delivered sustained **(continued on page 3)**



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(from page 2) development, fiscal discipline and social progress, expanding access to education, healthcare and opportunity, while strengthening Botswana's democratic standing. His belief in inclusivity, gender empowerment and local enterprise reflected a leader committed to shared progress.

On the global stage, Mogae became a respected voice for good governance and cooperation, contributing to initiatives such as the African Union, the Kimberley Process, and the International Criminal Court framework. Even after office, he remained a trusted mediator and elder statesman.

In 2008, he received the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership, with global tributes — including from Kofi Annan — recognising his stewardship through one of Botswana's most testing eras.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughters Nametso, Chedza and Boikaego, and granddaughter Sindisiwa.

As flags lower across the nation, Botswana remembers Dr Festus Gontebanye Mogae — not only for the leadership he gave, but for the quiet conviction with which he changed a nation's path.

May his soul rest in eternal peace. Robala Motalaote.



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## 2026: TEACHERS' DAY POSTPONED

Teachers' Day now sitting with 'extra homework' it never asked for.



Teachers told to wait a little longer for their day in the sun.

Botswana's Teachers' Day will no longer be celebrated on 1 June 2026, after government announced a postponement of the national event.

The calendar page that started it all, quietly flipped to October. The celebration has now been shifted to 9 October 2026, with authorities saying the move is intended to align the occasion with World Teachers' Day.

In a statement, the government said the decision followed consultations between the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, and teacher unions including BTU, BOSETU, BOPRITU and BOPRITA.

Officials also pointed to financial constraints, saying the current budget could not fully support June celebrations. The delay, they said, will give government and unions time to mobilise resources for a more "properly supported" celebration later in the year.

Both sides have, however, pledged commitment to making the October event more meaningful — a Teachers' Day still very much on the timetable, just not on time.



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