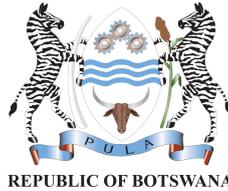


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UPDATE ON LAND STATUS IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA

The government wishes to provide an update to the public regarding the status of NG28 Concession commonly referred to as Presidential Lodge in the Okavango Delta.

There are currently no plans whatsoever to construct a lodge for the Presidency anywhere in the Okavango Delta, or for that matter, anywhere in Botswana. Therefore, any plea to request the government to abandon the construction of a Presidential lodge in the Okavango Delta is misplaced.

It is common knowledge that the previous administration had an intention of developing a lodge for the President. A position that the current administration as an opposition was opposed to.

However, government does maintain a strategic interest in the land as explained in the response referred to Parliament on 14th August 2025, by the Hon. Minister for State President, Defence and Security. This represents a deliberate effort to attract high value investment into NG28 concession. The government is merely facilitating investment into the area consistent with Botswana's established concession model of high value, low volumes in the Okavango Delta.

As explained in Parliament in August 2025, discussions are ongoing with interested private sector parties regarding the potential development of the area. The position of the current government is to have a facility that will have the capacity to host high-level national and international guests.

The government remains committed to transparency, fiscal discipline, environmental protection, and responsible land administration. Any future development will be guided by public interest, conservation obligations, and national development priorities.

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