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### Masitara fights corruption

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**Gaborone West North Member of Parliament (MP) Robert Masitara informed the public that there are many corruption acts happening in this country that Batswana do not know about.**

He said this on Saturday during Honouring The Fallen Heroes and Heroines event hosted by Gaborone City Council (GCC) in collaboration with Gaborone Ward Development Committees (GWDC) at Extension 14 Cemetery in Gaborone.

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Masitara, who is also a member of the Global Organisation for Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) and member of Global Task Force (GTF) on Anti-Money Laundering, told the gathering that his mission as an MP and public servant is to fight corruption as he has realised that there are many corruption activities happening in the country that Batswana do not know about.

He told the gathering that Air Botswana has spent millions of Pulas buying an aircraft that it is not good for the country's condition. He said that the aircraft is now a decoration at the airport, as it cannot be used in the country, which results in misuse of the country's finances. Furthermore, the MP said that the airport is not built in good conditions saying that there is water underground. He told the gathering that he does not know how someone authorised that the airport could be built under those bad conditions as it is too risky to build an airport on top of water.

He also informed the gathering that Botswana Meat Commission had been ripping off the country as millions of Pulas have been transferred to an anonymous account abroad. He said that, as he is GOPAC member he would fight until the end to see that all the money that has been taken out of this country will be returned.

He said that those millions of pulas could be used to curb unemployment and poverty cases, as there is high unemployment rate in Botswana. He promised the gathering that GOPAC and GTF would make sure that justice prevailed in Botswana.


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1 GBP = Pula	13.5685	1 Pula = GBP	0.0737
1 EUR = Pula	11.4155	1 Pula = EUR	0.0876
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