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Regarding

ALLEGED BOTSWANA VOTE RIGGING

INTRODUCTION

Forensics for Justice is a registered not for profit organisation with NPC No. 2015/25962/08, carrying out public interest work for the betterment of the people of Africa. Our main focus is to expose corruption (see www.forensicsforjustice.org). We have also exposed corruption in other parts of Africa, e.g. Liberia, Zambia, Mozambique and Kenya.

Paul O'Sullivan, Founder of Forensics for Justice, received an anonymous tip-off that the 2019 Botswana elections were going to be rigged to favour Botswana Democratic Party **'BDP'**.

Paul O'Sullivan contacted Advocate Duma Boko leader of the Umbrella for Democratic Change **'UDC'** after which they both met.

Paul O'Sullivan informed Advocate Boko about the information received but could not reveal the source of the information as the whistle-blower was anonymous. The information itself was too vague to properly investigate, as there were no specifics.

On **2019-10-23**, the General Elections were held in Botswana. Despite the fact that all predictions pointed to a hung parliament or a coalition, the incumbent party, the BDP, had a resounding victory, winning 38 of the 57 seats.

After the elections, Forensics for Justice were contacted by a group of whistle-blowers who were afraid to blow the whistle in Botswana as they consider the Police and Intelligence Services to be captured.

It also became clear to Advocate Boko that the elections had been rigged and he also contacted Paul O'Sullivan and asked if there was anything that Forensics for Justice could do to investigate and get to the bottom of this.

Forensics for Justice reviewed the matter and took a decision to investigate the allegations of Fraud and Corruption in the rigging of the Botswana 2019 General Elections.

RELEVANT PERSONS/ENTITIES

Preamble

- BDP** Botswana Democratic Party
- Masisi** Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of Botswana Democratic Party, elected President of Botswana. Telephone no. +267 [REDACTED]
- Balopi** Mpho Balopi, Secretary General Botswana Democratic Party. Balopi wants to become Vice President and had an interest in Masisi becoming President, so that he could become vice President and ultimately President in terms of succession. Telephone no. +267 [REDACTED]
- Magosi** Brigadier Peter Fana Magosi, Head of Botswana's Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services. Telephone no. +267 [REDACTED]
- Serema** Dr. Comma Serema, Head of BDP Strategy. Telephone no. +267 [REDACTED]
- Kentse** Kagelelo Banks Kentse, Head of BDP Communication and International Affairs. Telephone no. +267 [REDACTED]
- Dada** Abdul Satar Dada, the Treasurer General of the BDP
- Native Groups** Native Groups/Native Impressions, one of the largest advertising and branding Companies in Botswana, owned by Balopi.

THE INVESTIGATION

Forensics for Justice interviewed some of the the whistle-blowers at a secret location for several days. The witnesses were interview independently of each other and we obtained the following evidence, mentioned in sworn statements, the headlines of which are:-

1. A Sworn Statement, dated **29 November 2019** from Dikabelo Selaledi '**Selaledi**', who assisted Balopi in registering voters in 2018 and 2019 for the October 2019 general election, sets out, *inter alia*, as follows:
 - 1.1. Was promised a position as a 'Nominated Councillor' by Masisi
 - 1.2. Was 'lent' a lap-top computer by an I.T. manager of the I.E.C complete with password etc.
 - 1.3. Loaded about 10,000 duplicate voters and created the same number of duplicate cards.
 - 1.4. Had his children filling in the cards because the task was too much for him.
 - 1.5. Handed the completed, but unsigned, duplicate cards to Team Leaders to manage the duplicate voting.
 - 1.6. Was given P50,000 in successive e-wallets by Balopi, to encash and pay the I.T. manager of the I.E.C.
 - 1.7. Talks about thousands of Chinese phones to be used to prove people voted for BDP when casting their second votes. The Chinese phones were said to be imported and supplied by Balopi.

- 1.8. Names other Team Leaders or organisers he says he knows were involved in vote-rigging and the areas they operated in.
 - 1.9. Talks about vast sums paid to Churches and soccer teams.
 - 1.10. Handed over 35 new, but never used voter cards, with no signature on.
 - 1.11. Says he burnt about a thousand or more used and unused voter cards.
 - 1.12. Handed over a Blue Book containing pages of names that were supplied to Seleledi at various meetings. Says there are four other books, all full.
2. A Sworn Statement, dated **4 December 2019** from Moemedi Dennis Baikalafi '**Baikalafi**', who was appointed as a member of the Botswana Democratic Party, Communication Team operating out of the Gaborone office, sets out, *inter alia*, as follows:
- 2.1. Baikalafi worked in the BDP Communications Office
 - 2.2. Was present at a meeting with Masisi, Balopi, Magosi and Serema when Masisi said the elections must be won 'by all means'
 - 2.3. Said that dummy companies were set up by Magosi.
 - 2.4. Intelligence funds were channelled through dummy companies and Balopi's company.
 - 2.5. IEC Officials 'recruited' to help BDP 'win' the elections.
 - 2.6. Bribed IEC Officials between P2,000 to P5,000 each.

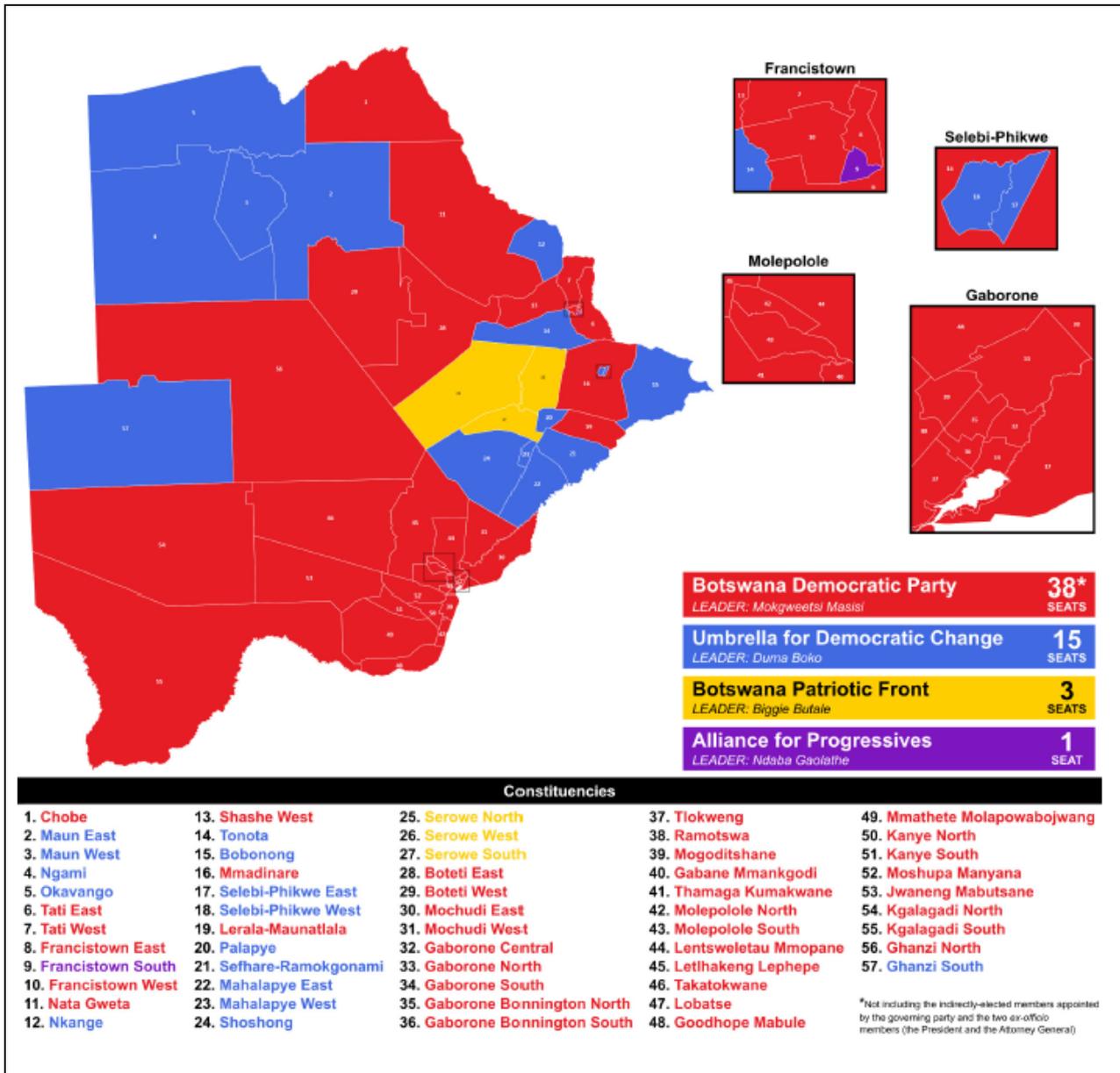
- 2.7. Process to create duplicate voter's cards in different constituencies for the same voters was described in detail.
- 2.8. Discusses 'mobilisation' or 'trafficking' of duplicate voters.
- 2.9. Masisi, Balopi and Magosi went on a countrywide 'tour' to facilitate the vote rigging.
- 2.10. Team Leaders were paid cash by BDP plus cellphones and airtime.
- 2.11. Team Leaders kept duplicate cards in their possession, until voting.
- 2.12. Queue 'marshals' were recruited to hold places for 50 or more voters at a time, so that trafficked voters could vote and go back to where they came from.
- 2.13. Discusses accommodation, houses, tents and food as well as bus companies to traffic the voters.
- 2.14. Mentions large sums of cash drawn from Balopi's bank accounts and the Intelligence slush funds.
- 2.15. Discusses constituency WhatsApp groups, used to coordinate the trafficking of voters for duplicate voting.
- 2.16. Gives copies of e-payments, and hands over 40 pages of names of duplicate voters.
- 2.17. Supplies his cellphone with the password for forensic downloading.
- 2.18. Last but not least – mentions the **absence** of Electoral Pens for the first time in memory, these pens would prevent double voting.

3. An Affidavit, dated **26 November 2019** from Emmanuel Seretse Mohalodi '**Mohalodi**', obtained via a 3rd party, sets out, *inter alia*, as follows:
 - 3.1. Was a BDP Team Leader
 - 3.2. Corroborates Baikalafi's evidence.
 - 3.3. Corroborates Selaledi's evidence.
 - 3.4. Says the vote-rigging operations were supervised by Balopi and the BDP Chairman Mr Tsogwane.
 - 3.5. Mentions P15,000,000 cash from the Intelligence slush fund to carry out the vote-rigging exercise.
 - 3.6. Says Intelligence Services helped coordinate on a regional level.
 - 3.7. Says central region was coordinated by 'Trouser', an Intelligence Officer.
 - 3.8. Lists at least 20 locations where vote-rigging took place to his knowledge.
 - 3.9. Talks about where voters were trafficked from and to.
 - 3.10. Talks about vote-rigging assistance from I.E.C.
 - 3.11. Names some of the I.E.C people involved in facilitating vote rigging.

THE ELECTION RESULTS – PREDICTED AND ACTUAL

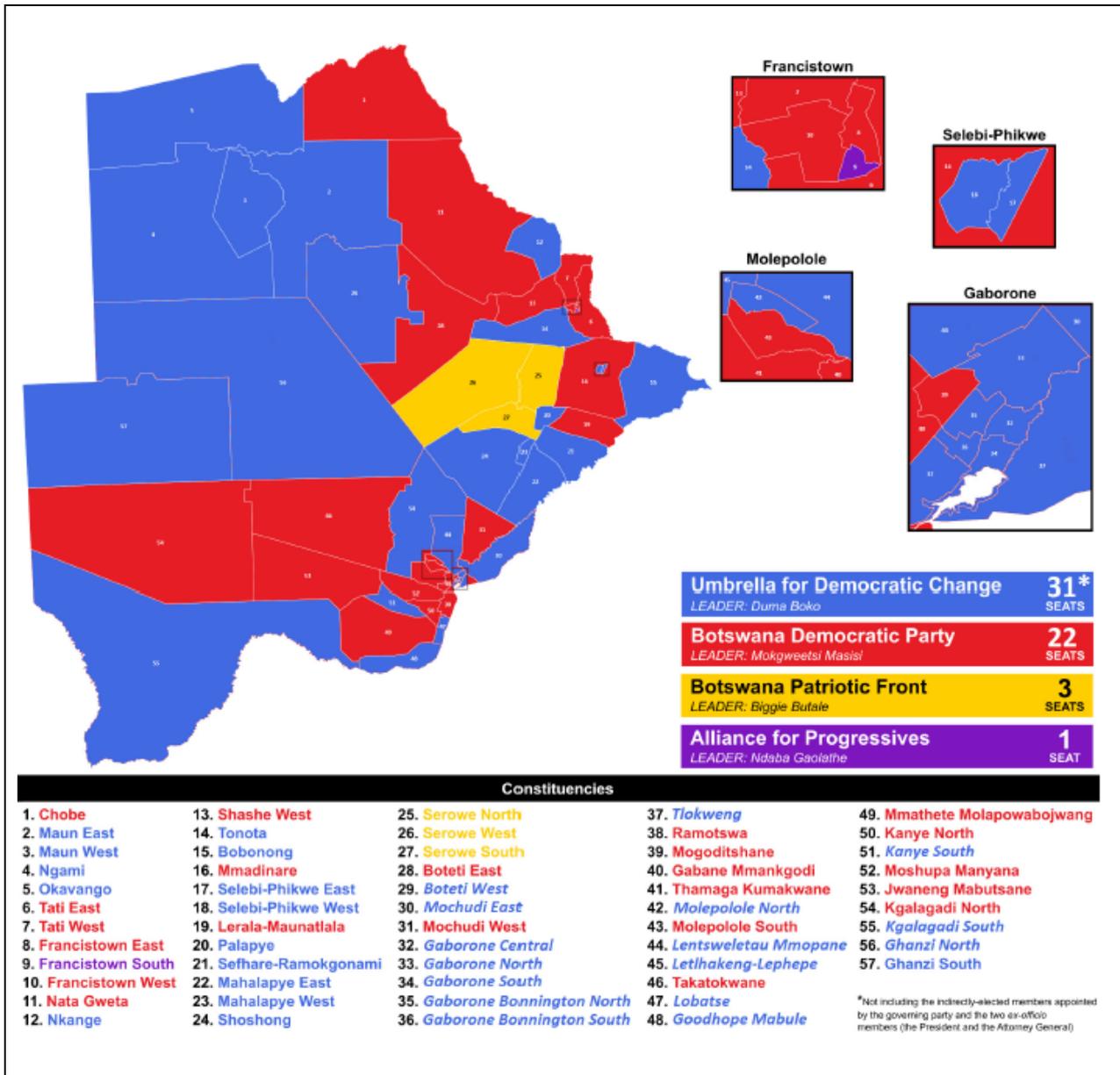
We have analysed the actual election result, compared to the predicted election results. This analysis, corroborates what the whistle-blowers have said.

The Actual Results – the results of Fraud and Corruption:

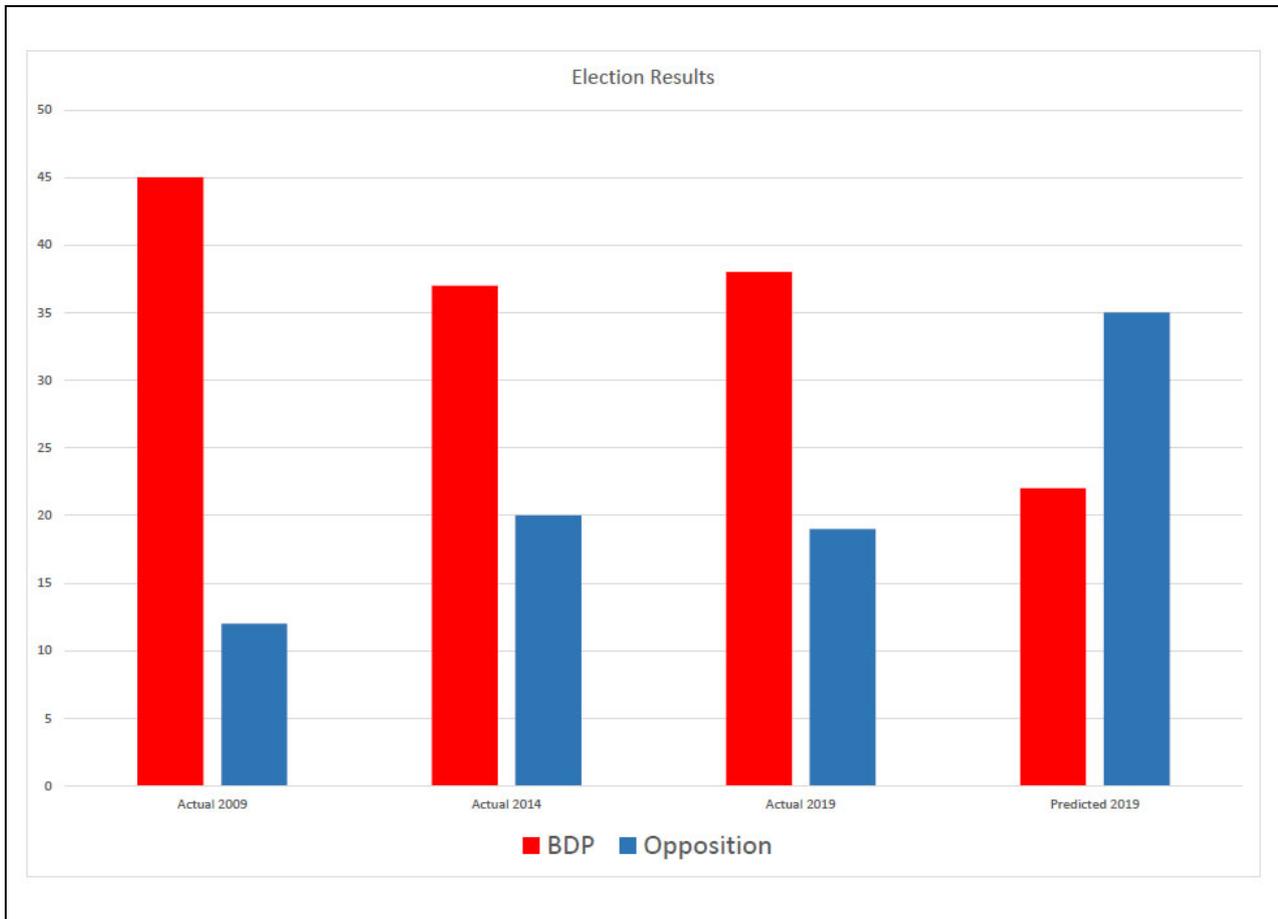


The Predicted Results – Showing the seats that have been challenged:

The below is a pictorial representation of what was the expected outcome of the elections:



Bar Chart showing Actual Results for the last Three Elections and Predicted for 2019



There is no logical explanation, other than vote-rigging, for the sudden improvement in the position of the BDP, and the sudden deterioration of the opposition parties.

FINDINGS

The Botswana General Election of 2019, was fraudulently rigged to favour the BDP, by the leadership of the BDP, assisted by the Directorate for Intelligence and Security Services. There can be no reason, other than fraud, why the intelligence services, were involved in the election.

The following offences are indicated:-

1. Fraud
2. Corruption
3. Money-Laundering

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A proper independent audit of the election needs to be performed.
2. The audit should be properly overseen by an independent body.
3. If our findings are confirmed by the audit, the results should be nullified and criminal charges preferred against the leadership of the BDP, who were engaged in election rigging.
4. A new election needs to take place with proper oversight and the full use of Electoral Pens at ALL stations.
5. Those found to be involved in vote rigging should face criminal sanction and be banned from future involvement in any electoral process.

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