

SWORN STATEMENT

I, the undersigned **MOEMEDI DENNIS BAIKALAFI** a Botswana National with ID number [REDACTED] and date of birth [REDACTED] and cellphone no. +[REDACTED], state under oath as follows:

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I am an adult male and was appointed as a member Botswana Democratic Party, Communication Team operating out of the Gaborone office.

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The purpose of this Sworn Statement is to set out my involvement and first-hand knowledge of how the Botswana 2019 Elections were rigged to favour Masisi. This statement replaces the statement I made on 1 November 2019. Unless the context indicates otherwise what is stated herein is my own personal knowledge and is true.

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In or about or around **June 2018** I attended a meeting at BDP Head Office in Gaborone where the following persons were present:-

- 3.1 President of Botswana Democratic Party, Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi
'Masisi'
- 3.2 Secretary General of Botswana Democratic Party, Mpho Balopi *'Balopi'*
- 3.3 Head of Botswana's Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services,
Brigadier Peter Fana Magosi *'Magosi'*
- 3.4 Head of Strategy of Botswana Democratic Party, Dr Comma Serema *'Serema'*

In this meeting the Masisi said he was very concerned that he would lose the elections and tasked Balopi, Magosi, Serema and myself to come up with a strategy that would ensure Masisi's election as President of Botswana in the 2019 elections. It was clear that the instruction from Masisi was 'win by any means'.

THE "STRATEGY PLAN"

PHASE 1: Source Funds to bribe IEC Registration Officials

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The Treasurer General of the BDP, Abdul Satar Dada '*Dada*', Masisi, Balopi and Magosi agreed that they would set up an operation to place IEC Registration Officials on their payroll to rig voter's registration cards.

In order to pay the Officials, they needed to funnel money in a way that they could not be detected and the below plan was carried out:-

- 4.1 Magosi registered various "Dummy Companies";
- 4.2 Magosi caused money to be transferred to the "Dummy Companies" from the Intelligence and Security Services 'Slush Fund';
- 4.3 Balopi, Secretary General of the BDP, owns one of the largest advertising and branding Companies in Botswana called Native Groups/Native Impressions '*Native Groups*';
- 4.4 The "Dummy Companies", then transferred money to Native Groups for "advertising" Masisi's election campaign;
- 4.5 Cash was also drawn sometimes drawn directly from the intelligence slush fund.

PHASE 2: Recruitment of IEC Registration Officials

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Balopi went out to recruit willing Registration Officials to rig voters registration cards and negotiate "incentives" with the Officials in return for their "services". The "incentives" were in the region of between P2,000.00 and P5,000.00. The amount depended on how well the Registration Official negotiated their "price" with Balopi.

PHASE 3: Voter Registration Cards Rigging by IEC Registration Officials

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Every Voter Registration Official was issued their own voter registration books and were allowed to take the books home with them, so they could 'work at home'. I do not believe it was allowed to take books home with them.

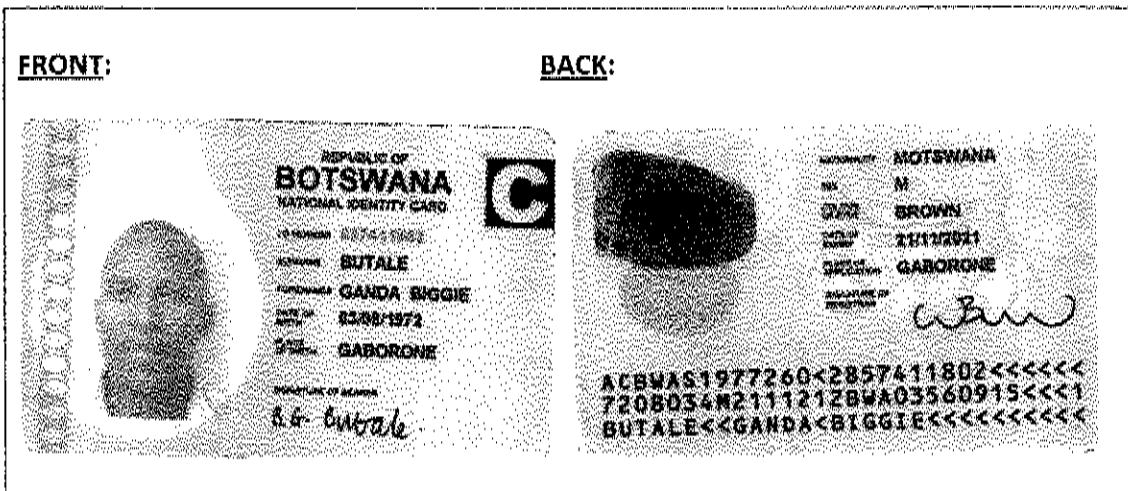
When the Registration Officials, filled in the Form A correctly, he/she would sometimes intentionally fill in a second form using the same information as the first but omit either a letter in the name or a number in the ID number.

This caused a second "individual" to be registered on the voters roll and two pink Voter Registration Cards were issued to the same individual but on the system it was recorded as two separate individuals.

VOTERS REGISTRATION RECORD CARD – FORM A

6.1

In order to register to vote the individual had to present their ID card, see sample below:



6.2

The voter's Name, ID number, date of birth and address was captured on a single A4 page where by "marking" (shading with a HB Pencil) their information off on a "multiple-choice like" page:

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This completed (shaded) form would then be scanned into a computer and the shaded boxes would be interpreted as corresponding letters or numbers. In this way the name, address, ID No., registration date and polling station would be captured on the Voter's Roll, along with the code of the Registration Officer.

VOTERS REGISTRATION CARD – FORM B 'PINK CARD'

6.3

A Pink voter's registration card would then be written up by the Registration Officer and handed to the voter. This pink card looks like this:

FRONT:

NATIONAL IDENTITY NUMBER:

8 5 7 4 1 1 8 0 2

IMPORTANT
Keep this card in a safe place.
You must produce it when you claim your vote on Polling Day.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD
KARATA YA MOTLHOPIII

TLHOKOMELA
Befoka karata e sentle.
O tshwanetse go e supa ka tsatsi la tlhopho.

Form B
VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD
BOTSWANA ELECTIONS
ELECTORAL ACT (Cap. 92:09)
(Section 19 (3) (c))
(Please complete this section in ballpoint pen)

Republic of Botswana

1. Other Names: SANDA BIGGIE

2. Surname: BUTALE

3. Sex: Male Female (tick appropriate box)

4. Address: P.O. BOX 700, MASUNGA

5. Polling Station: MASUNGA P.SCHOOL

Applicant's Signature: S.A. BUBWU


Date: 30-09-2018 **Registration Officer:** E

BACK

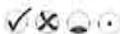
Instructions on how to complete this form

1. Use only an HB pencil.
2. Colour the circle completely.
3. Erase faulty marks thoroughly.

CORRECT MARK



INCORRECT MARKS



6.4

This card would then be folded in the middle and inserted into a plastic wallet, which then looks like this:

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This voter registration card would then be issued to the voter, who must sign it in the presence of the voter Registration Officer. In order to commit fraud, we are advised that thousands of voters would be issued with two voter's registration cards each. This coincided with an announcement from the IEC that for the first time in 50 years the use of Electoral Ink Pens, containing a semi-permanent phosphoric ink. I also heard about, but had no direct knowledge of someone would fix the I.T system to make the duplicate voting possible.

PHASE 4: Mobilisation/ Human Trafficking of Voters to different constituencies

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"Team Leaders" in various constituencies, specifically recruited to defraud the electoral process, were appointed to ensure individuals were registered to vote in two different constituencies in an urban area or be moved to another constituency that needed more votes in a rural area. This became what was called "the Mobilisation".

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In order to facilitate this process the election was Gazetted for a Wednesday, with the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday being declared public holidays. This was the first time in history that 3 public holidays were gazetted for a general election. This was done so that busses normally used on working days, could be used for 'Voter Trafficking' on the days before and after the election. I will mention later about the bus companies.

7.2

On **2019-10-19** to **2019-10-21**, Masisi, Balopi, Magosi (the leadership) and others went on a "tour" around the country and informed the Team Leaders as how to mobilise their 'voters'. The busses arrived shortly after the Team Leaders were informed as the leadership travelled to each area.

7.3

Balopi paid the Team Leaders a monthly stipend of **P2000** for two months being September 2019 and October 2019 and gave them airtime scratch cards to keep in contact. Some of the national level coordinators were also given cellphones.

7.4

The Team Leaders held all the duplicate voters cards in their possession as well as their legitimate issued Voter's Registration Cards, they would then get the voters on the busses and travel to the relevant constituency to vote. The 'voters' would then be issued with their second card, sign it and vote.

7.5

On **2019-10-22** the voters that were coming from afar, were transported to accommodation close to the voting stations they were to cast their second votes. **2019-10-22** was made a 'half work day'. In this way some voters would do the Legitimate vote first, whilst others would do the illegitimate vote first. It was all depending on logistics.

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At the voting stations there were line marshals that were holding space in the queue stating that they were awaiting 50 or more individuals in front of them so that when the voters arrived they could get off the bus, vote quickly and leave again. Voting began at 06:30 in the early morning, but the queues started forming much earlier, so the 'Line Marshalls' would be in place from 03:00, to ensure the trafficked voters would vote and be able to go back to where they came from to do their legitimate vote.

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A photo of Line Marshalls at Glen Valley, Gaborone North, Polling Station, was provided to us by one of the whistle-blowers:



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ACCOMODATION

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Houses were "donated" rather than rented for accommodation and tents and mattresses were purchased and set up.

About 70 tents were set up in Mogoditshane and tents were also set up in Gaborone and Phakalane and block 6 near a Kindergarten.

FOOD

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Food was purchased from 'Choppies' as well as alcohol and given to the voters. No receipts were kept for the alcohol purchases. Everything was paid in cash.

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Once the voters were done at the voting stations, they were transported to locations where lunch had been prepared for them by caterers.

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Both Voter's Registration Cards were then taken off them and their name was ticked off on a list, so that a record was kept of who voted.

9.3

I have handed over to Forensics for Justice, 40 pages of lists of people who voted twice. This is a sample and there are c. 960 pages under the control of the Secretary General of the BDP. I did try to get those lists but could not do so.

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Executive Catering: one of the catering companies hired to feed the trafficked voters



INCENTIVES/BRIBES

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The mobilised voters were only paid their “incentives” after they voted, and had handed in their duplicate Voter’s Registration Card. This would ensure we cleaned up as we went along.

THE BUS COMPANIES: The below companies were used to ‘traffic’ voters and paid by Balopi

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Seabelo Express:

Mokoka Transport:

 <p>SEABELO GROUP Excellence in Service Delivery</p> <p>Physical Address Seabelo House Plot No. 12985, Kamunong'a East Sibotane 2018, Reddish Hill Gaborone, Botswana</p> <p>Postal Address P. O. Box 1027 Gaborone Botswana</p> <p>Telephone +267 145 2070</p> <p>Email kenneth@seabelo.co.bw</p>	  <p>Mokoka's Transport Contact: +267 71227797 / 71302502 / 3105195 Email: admin@mokokastransport.co.bw</p> <p>FIND US Plot 604 2222 Gaborone, Botswana mmokokastransport</p> <p>Call +267 319 5195</p>
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AT & T Monnakgotla owned by Talita Monnakgotla (Member of Parliament BDP)

Grembo Transport owned by Gregory Kelaotswe (BDP member)

CASH

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Large amounts of cash were regularly withdrawn from Balopi’s accounts with Stanbic Bank **and** the intelligence slush fund and the cash was used to bribe the Registration Officers Team Leaders and Trafficked Voters. Although I have no direct knowledge of it, I also believe cash was used to pay many others, such as churches.

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After the election results were issued and Masisi was declared the winner, certain serious irregularities started emerging.

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One of these pertained to a truck with **Registration No. B305AWA**. This truck was found at the business premises of the Treasurer General of the BDP, Abdul Satar Dada. A court action was launched and the truck was seized by the Police it was found to contain boxes of votes that had been illegally removed from Gantsi constituency. The Gantsi seat was won by the BDP. Abdul Dada was known for years to be bank-rolling the BDP in return for massive tax 'favours'. I have no knowledge of this, but it is best described as an open secret.

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The Whatsapp group "BDP Gabs Region" was one of many Whatsapp groups set up by Head of Communications for the BDP, Mr Bagelelo Kentse. A group was set up for each constituency.

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The day after the election the following Whatsapp was received on a "BDP Gabs Region" group:

Heish Lotty we have just made a blunder, i dnt know why DC had to keep those boxes for so long at his office, please check with SG if he has sorted out Boxes tsa ga Molale pleae. This issue ga ya re ema sentle.

DC = District Commissioner

Lotty = Lotty Mayapeza, BDP Chairman of Gaborone Region.

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I also attach some pages showing payments by e-wallet to me. I would go to Stanbic Bank and key in the number from the e-payment. My phone would receive a PIN number. I would punch in the 6-digit PIN and cash would be dispensed. The sending number '+267 [REDACTED]' is one of the numbers that Balopi used for such purposes. He also used other numbers. I am handing my cellphone over to Forensics for Justice for analysis.

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Finally, I want to mention that Mr Moji of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services, has been contacting me saying he wants me to go to their headquarters. I fear that something is planned for me and do not think it is good. I do not have the telephone number he called me from.

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Prior to me signing this statement, I have carefully read through it and am satisfied that the facts are correctly and accurately recorded. The following questions were put to me in person by the commissioner of oaths and I entered the answers thereto in my own handwriting:

'Do you know and understand the contents of this statement?'

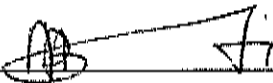
YES

'Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?'

NO

'Do you consider the prescribed oath binding on your conscience?'

YES



MOEMEDI DENNIS BAIKALAFI

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this statement which was sworn to before me and the deponent's signature was placed thereon in my presence at **SANDTON** on this **FOURTH** day of **DECEMBER 2019**.



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