



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

PRESS RELEASE

DISMISSAL OF MAGISTRATES MR. AUSTIN SIBANDA AND MR. THABO MALAMBANE

1. (a) The Public is informed that His Excellency the President acting on the advice of the Judicial Service Commission and in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 104 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Botswana has summarily dismissed the Senior Magistrate for the Mahalapye Magistrate Court Mr. Austin Sibanda from office as a Magistrate.

(b) Mr. Sibanda was dismissed from office on 26 March 2014 for gross misconduct constituted by his refusal to obey a lawful order from the Chief Justice directing him to proceed on transfer from Mahalapye Magistrate Court to the Gaborone Village Magistrate Court.

2. (a) The Public is further informed that His Excellency the President acting on the advice of the Judicial Service Commission and in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 104 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Botswana has summarily dismissed the Principal

Magistrate for the Ghanzi Magistrate Court Mr. Thabo Malambane from office as a Magistrate.

- (b) Mr. Malambane was dismissed from office on 2 April 2014 for gross misconduct constituted by his refusal to obey a lawful order from the Acting Chief Justice directing him to discharge his judicial functions at his station of duty.
- 3. The said Magistrates have ceased to be judicial officers and proper arrangements will be made regarding the management of all cases which were before them prior to or at the time of their dismissal.

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ACTING REGISTRAR & MASTER

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