

BANK OF BOTSWANA

PRESS RELEASE

Dye Stained Notes in Circulation

The Bank of Botswana wishes to inform the public that a small number of dye-stained notes of various denominations has recently been found in circulation. The dye on these notes is red or pink in colour. The Botswana Police Service suspect that these notes are linked to recent robberies in and around Gaborone, when large amounts of money were stolen from security companies providing "cash-in-transit" services. In most cases, money being transported is kept in secure containers known as "smoke boxes". If the money is stolen, the "smoke boxes" explode and all the money inside a box is covered in a red or pink dye. The Police and Bank of Botswana, therefore, view all such dye-stained notes as proceeds of crime. Members of the public are advised not to accept, possess or circulate any dye-stained notes. Instead, the public is advised to report to their nearest Police Station, any person or persons suspected to be in possession or circulating these notes.

The Bank is working closely with the Police to identify those responsible for circulating these notes.

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