

BANK OF BOTSWANA

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Public Notice

The Bank of Botswana hereby informs members of the public that criminal elements continue to attempt to forge P100 and P50 banknotes and use them in commercial transactions. To help distinguish genuine banknotes from counterfeits, the public is reminded that the latest series of the P100 banknote has enhanced security features including the following:-

- (i) additional intaglio printing with raised up effect or rough feel that extend to the top and bottom edges of the banknote;
- (ii) a silver coloured dual-image hologram, which appears at the bottom edge of the note, featuring the number "100" and a zebra as two switching images, and with smaller images of diamonds in the background;
- (iii) the value "100", which appears as an additional bright watermark near the familiar zebra watermark;
- (iv) an additional watermark consisting of diagonal lines, which appears at each corner of the banknote; and
- (v) a wide windowed starchrome security thread at the back of the note, which changes colour from red to green, according to the viewing angle, and when held up to the light, it can be seen as a continuous strip reading "BOB 100".

The public is requested to be vigilant especially when dealing with old and worn-out banknotes, and should carefully examine the specified security features. Any suspicious banknotes discovered should be immediately reported to the nearest Police station or Bank of Botswana offices in Gaborone or Francistown.

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