

BANK OF BOTSWANA

Counterfeit Bank Notes in Circulation

The public is hereby alerted of the existence of counterfeit P200, P100 and P50 notes in circulation. The counterfeits are scan copies of genuine bank notes bearing the following serial numbers:

Denomination	Serial Numbers
P200	AB 7474262, AB 7690838, AC 0386560, AC 0856945 and AC 2719107
P100	AC 0652031 and AC 8811318
P50	AB 8511071

In all cases, the holographic stripes and the windowed security threads appear as dark patches on the front and back of the counterfeits. Furthermore, the counterfeits are made of ordinary commercial paper, and therefore, have a smooth surface when compared to genuine bank notes.

A genuine P200, P100 and P50 has, each a holographic stripe appearing as a wide silver coloured stripe on the front of the bank note. The holographic stripe on each of the three notes has an image of the Botswana coat of arms. On the P200, the stripe also has switching images of a zebra's head and the numeral "200", while that on the P100 has switching images of a diamond and the numeral "100" and that on P50 has switching images of a Fish Eagle and the numeral "50". The switching images on the holographic stripe should not all appear at the same time, but should switch from one to the other when the bank note is

tilted from side to side. Furthermore, a genuine P200, P100 and P50 has each a windowed security thread, which changes colour from red to green, according to the viewing angle. When held up to the light, the threads can be seen as a continuous line reading “BoB 200”, “BoB 100” and “BoB 50 on the P200, P100 and P50 respectively.

The public is especially urged to be vigilant and exercise caution during the coming festive season when accepting bank notes from any source. Any suspicious bank notes discovered should be immediately reported to the nearest Police station or Bank of Botswana offices in Gaborone or Francistown.

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