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N2trn Mambilla power project: We're starting from scratch - Minister

By Hamza Idris, Abiodun Alade, Simon Echewofun Sunday & Jude- Leonard Okafor

Minister of Power Engr. Sale Mamman said yesterday that survey work for the 3050 megawatts

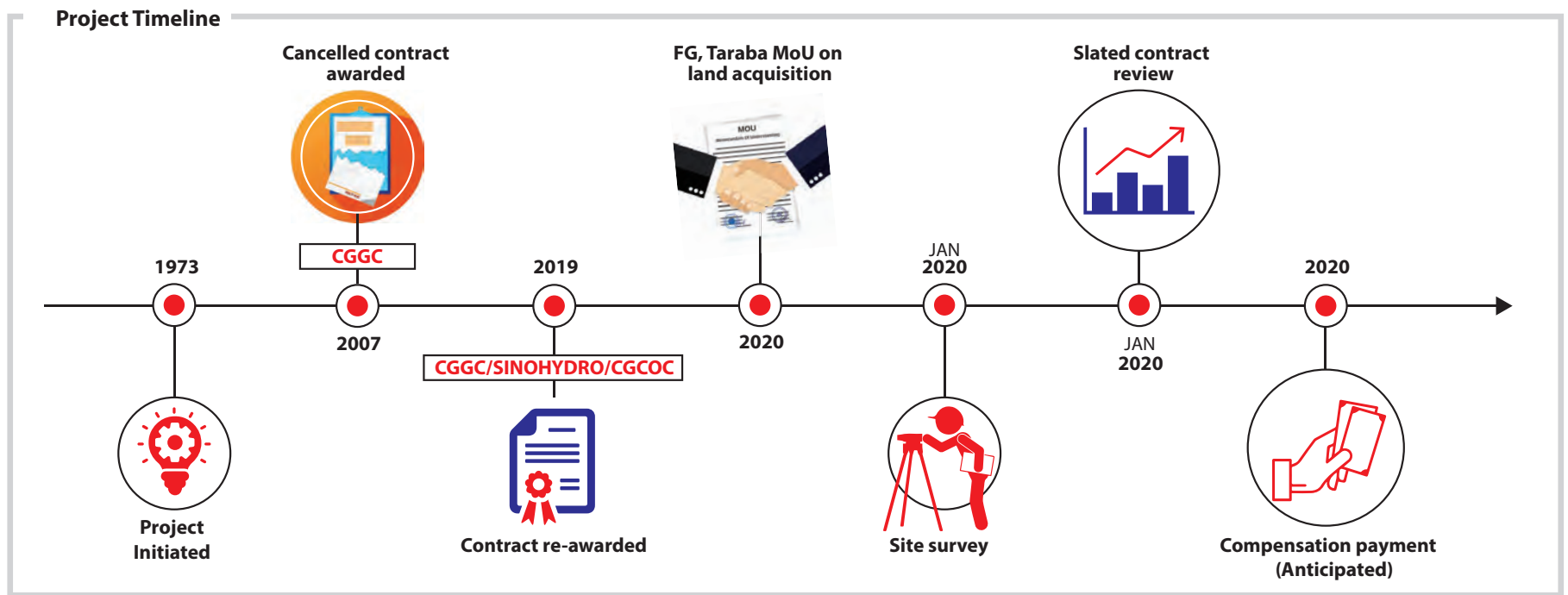
(MW) Mambilla hydropower project will be completed in the next two months, while payment of compensation to people affected in the communities will follow immediately. Mamman, who said they

were starting the project almost from the scratch, added that until recently, there was nothing on ground at the site of the \$5.7 billion (about N2 trillion) project in Taraba State. He deplored "many

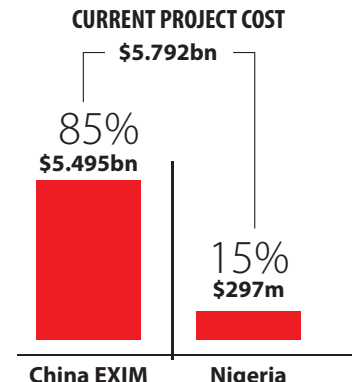
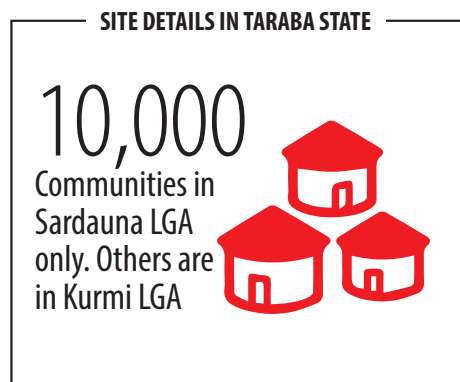
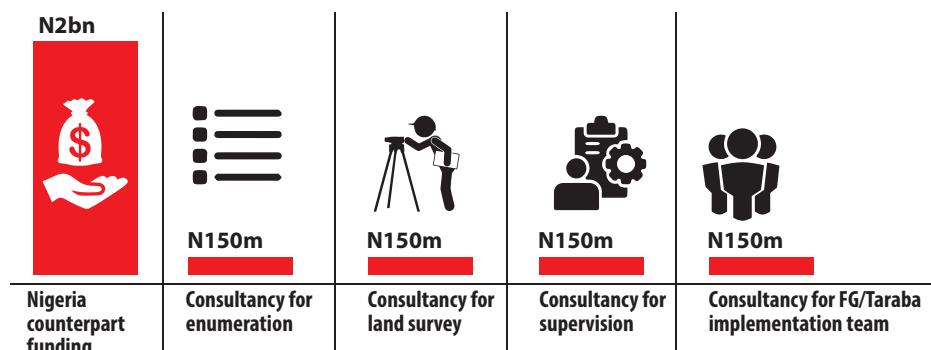
factors" that allegedly halted the commencement of the project, adding however that President Muhammadu Buhari has approved funds for payment of compensation, a key factor that will guarantee the commencement of the

project. Engr. Mamman made the disclosure yesterday in an exclusive interview with *Daily Trust*. He said he was surprised

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(Kenya)

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In every life, we have some trouble, but when you worry you make it double.

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B/Haram kills 3 soldiers, 8 civilians in Monguno

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

Boko Haram insurgents reportedly killed three soldiers and wounded eight others at Monguno, Borno State on Tuesday.

The terrorists' car, filled with explosives, was said to have rammed into the troops' convoy.

This happened barely 10 days after the pulling out of Chadian troops who

were helping their Nigerian counterparts in fighting the ISWAP fighters on the fringes of the Lake Chad in the northern part of Borno State.

A military source yesterday said the troops engaged the insurgents in a gunfire at Monguno Roundabout.

It was learnt that the terrorists also burnt over 300 tents and killed eight people and injured others

at a mega internally displaced persons' camp in Monguno, 100km away from Maiduguri.

Over 1,000 people, including women and children, have been displaced by the attackers who reportedly carted away medicines at a separate location housing different non-governmental organisations.

In a related development, Boko Haram insurgents

were said to have slaughtered three motorists and hijacked two buses along the Maiduguri-Damaturu Road yesterday.

The incident, according to sources, occurred 15 kilometres away from Njimtilo, an outskirt of Maiduguri.

Musa Yakinu, a vigilante member, told our correspondent that the bodies of the victims were recovered at a roadside.



■ Security operatives under the newly established Western Nigeria Security Network (AMOTEKUN), during the official launch by some state governors of the South-West at the Oyo State Governor's Office in Ibadan yesterday

IPPIS: FG, ASUU refuse to shift grounds

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Federal Government and the Academic Staff Union of Universities have refused to shift their grounds on the implementation of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System.

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday received the ASUU leadership led by Prof. Biodun Ogunyemi at the State House, Abuja.

At the meeting, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, asked the ASUU to comply with IPPIS in national interest, adding that his office was already in the process of streamlining all issues of human resources in government.

But the ASUU president reiterated the union's position the "IPPIS violates the laws of the federation, violates university statutes, and violates agreements between the Federal Government and ASUU."

Ogunyemi, who said the IPPIS would be a "disruptive intrusion", urged the government to welcome ASUU's ongoing innovation of "a robust system of human resource management and compensation, called the University Transparency and Accountability Solution, which will

We'll reposition varsities to produce quality graduates – Buhari

address peculiarities of universities and end inappropriate recruitments."

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Zainab Ahmed, appealed to the ASUU to encourage its remaining 40,926 members to comply with the established process by enrolling in the IPPIS.

She said out of the 137,016 academic and non-academic staff members of the universities, 96,090 had been enrolled in the IPPIS.

The minister, who said a desk had been opened in the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation for registration of university staff, assured that the peculiarities of the tertiary institutions would be accommodated.

She said many anomalies were discovered in the university structures that had contributed to the increased cost burden, including staff working and earning pay in more than one university, contract staff on payroll of the government, tax reductions on PAYEE and multiple employments.

Ahmed said some universities had rushed to recruit more staff before the IPPIS registration commenced, which was then detected.

President Buhari, according to a statement by his spokesman Femi Adesina, said the government would give more attention to improving personnel and infrastructure of universities to produce quality graduates, assuring that education will, henceforth, be a top priority in development goals of the country.

The president said effective and efficient operations of universities would go a long way in improving the economy, especially with focus on science and technology.

He urged ASUU members to assist the Federal Government in realising the target of improved education and credible certificates by complying with ongoing verification and validation of human resources in the universities, which will guarantee optimum output.

Buhari said constitutional provisions should be carefully studied and adhered to for more harmonious relationships and standards that would promote efficiency.

He directed the Ministry of Education to put in more efforts in ensuring that Nigerian universities were properly funded, with adequate infrastructure and staffing.

NCAC DG, Runsewe, jailed for alleged court contempt

By Clement A. Oloyede

An FCT High Court yesterday convicted and sentenced the Director General, National Council for Arts and Culture, Otunba Olusegun Runsewe, to jail for alleged contempt of court order.

Justice Jude Okeke ordered that Runsewe be kept in the facility of the Nigerian Correctional Service in Kuje "until he purges himself of the contempt order of court".

The judge further ordered that the Inspector-General of Police should give effect to the order committing Runsewe to custody.

He held that the order would serve as deterrent to others who abuse office and disobey court orders with disdain, describing the act of the NCAC DG as highly contemptuous.

The judge gave the order in a motion from a suit filed by Ummakalif Ltd against the DG NCAC, the FCT Minister, the Federal Capital Development Authority, and the Minister for Culture and Tourism, over the sealing of the Arts and Crafts village in Abuja.

The motion of the claimant sought for an order of court committing Runsewe to prison for contempt of the order of court made on the December 15, 2017, which had insisted that status quo be maintained.

The claimant's counsel, Oguche Agbonika, told the court in the contempt proceeding that in flagrant disobedience to the court's order, Runsewe directed his staff to put a banner that the area (some portions of Arts and Craft Village), which is the subject matter of the suit, be closed due to repair works. He said the NCAC DG further directed his staff to remove and demolish the roofs of buildings belonging to the claimant.

While Runsewe informed the court that he had "honestly" made the mistake of removing the roofs of buildings of the claimant, the court noted that there was no evidence that the roofs were replaced.

"Due to the unrepentant conduct of the party cited, this court in exercise of its inherent powers, sentences the Director General of National Council for Arts and Culture, Otunba Olusegun Runsewe to prison, that is to say, Kuje correctional centre until he purges himself of the contempt order of court made on 15th December 2017, by replacing the roofs to their previous state" Justice Okeke held.

The court adjourned the substantive suit to March 16 for hearing.

Zulum appoints 27 advisers

From Ibrahim Sawab, Maiduguri

Borno State Governor Babagana Zulum has appointed 27 special advisers.

In a statement yesterday on behalf of the Secretary to the State Government, Permanent Secretary, Administration, Hassan Mustapha Aminami, named the appointees as Sheikh Muhammad Mustapha, Ali Audu Damasak, Mustapha Bulu, Hussaini Gambo, Bukar Busami Ardoram, Tukur Mshelia, Chief Kesta Ogoalili, Mohammed Ibrahim Kwajajfa and Tijjani Goni Modu.

Others are Inna Galadima, Zahra Bukar, Mustapha Ali Sandabe, Gadau Ali Ngurno, Mohammed Maulud, Bole Modu Kachalla, Abdulrahman Abdulkarim, Bashir Maidugu, Bukar Modu Konduga, Umoreh Saleh Gaya, Ali Zangeri, Tukur Ibrahim, Tijjani Lawan Kukawa, Abba Sadiq Gubio, Malam Gana Badu, Yusuf Alao, Adamu Usman Chibok and Ahmed Asheikh Zarma.

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Gunmen kill 12 persons in Plateau village

From Lami Sadiq & Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Plateau State Police Command on Thursday confirmed an attack on Kulben village in Kombun District of Mangu Local Government Area that claimed 12 lives, leaving one person injured.

The command said the attack occurred around 10:30pm on Wednesday by gunmen suspected to be herdsmen.

Spokesman of the command, DSP Tyope Terna, at a press conference yesterday, said the Commissioner of Police, Isaac Akinmoyede has directed

the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tafida Aliyu Saleh, to lead detectives to restore normalcy in the area.

He said one Klengchin Yusuf and 11 others lost their lives while one person that was critically wounded is receiving treatment at the Mangu General Hospital.

Meanwhile, the Plateau State Governor, Simon Bako Lalong, yesterday said seven persons have been arrested in connection with the killings and commended security agencies for restoring normalcy to the area.

Lalong, in a statement signed by his

Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr. Makut Simon Macham, described the attack as another attempt to puncture the peace that has gradually returned to the state and warned that his administration will not sit back and watch any group or individual cause chaos in the state and return it to the dark days of insecurity.

While commiserating with victims and families of those killed, Lalong assured that thorough investigation would be carried out to get to the bottom of the matter as anyone found wanting will face the full wrath of the law.

"We have toiled to ensure that peace returns to Plateau State and we will not allow anyone to make nonsense of our efforts. We are determined to deal decisively and firmly with anybody found culpable in attacking or inciting people to carry out attacks against one another," he stated.

He called for calm and advised against reprisals, stressing that government was dealing with the situation.

Attempts to reach Operation Safe Haven Media and Information Officer, Major Shittu Ibrahim, for comment on the development were unsuccessful.

4 students abducted in Kaduna seminary

From Andrew Agbese, Kaduna

Gunmen on Wednesday night attacked a seminary in Kakau along the Kaduna-Abuja expressway and went away with four of the seminary's students.

Registrar of the Good Shepherd Catholic Major Seminary, Rev Fr (Dr) Joel Usman, said the gunmen came to the premises of the seminary around 10:30pm on Wednesday and operated for 30 minutes.

"After head count of students with security agents, four seminarians have been declared missing. Kindly say a prayer for their release," he added.

The spokesman of the police in Kaduna, DSP Yakubu Sabo, did not pick his call when our correspondent tried to reach him.

Thrift collector docked over theft of contributors' deposit

A 37-year-old thrift collector, Sunday Ogbonna, who allegedly stole N226,000 from contributors, on Thursday appeared before an Ebute Meta chief magistrate court in Lagos State. The police arraigned Ogbonna on a six-count charge bordering on theft, false pretences and breach of the peace. He, however, pleaded not guilty to all the counts.

According to the police, Ogbonna lured Angela Sunday, Chidinma Boniface, Ojukwu Okeke, Ifeanyi Chukwu into daily contributions in Otumara Community, Ilaje, Lagos but stole the deposits.

The prosecutor, Sgt. Augustine Chukwu, told the court that Ogbonna refused to pay the four complainants their money when due.

The magistrate, Mr T. J. Agbonna, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N100,000 with one surety and adjourned the case until February 4, for substantive hearing. (NAN)



■ Suspected armed robbers being paraded at the Lagos State Police Command in Ikeja, Lagos on Wednesday

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

2 bandits killed as police rescue victim

From Habibu Umar Aminu, Katsina

Two men suspected to be part of a group of notorious bandits terrorising Danmusa LGA of Katsina State have been killed by the police during a rescue operation of a kidnapped victim.

The victim, Lantana Haruna of Madawa village was kidnapped 18 days ago

at Tashar Mai Alewa village, Danmusa LGA of the state.

The spokesman of the police command in the state, Gambo Isah, said "a joint rescue operation conducted by Operation Puff Adder in collaboration with repentant bandits at Danmusa LGA of Katsina State succeeded in rescuing one Lantana Haruna."

"After a fierce gun duel with her captors in their hideout at Jigawar Sawai forest, the team succeeded not only in rescuing the victim but in killing two of the notorious bandits terrorising the area," he said

The suspects that were killed in the encounter were identified as Gambo Balejo and Ali Dan Maishago.

Doctor, 2 others remanded over patient's death

A chief magistrate court in Iyaganku, Ibadan on Thursday ordered that a medical doctor, Emmanuel Olorunfemi and two others, who allegedly caused the death of a female patient, be remanded in Agodi Correctional Centre, pending legal advice.

The chief magistrate, Emmanuel Idowu, did not take the plea of Olorunfemi,

Oloruntoba Akinwumi and Oluwayemisi Ibiwande because the court lacked jurisdiction over the matter.

Idowu ordered the police to return the case file to the Oyo State Directorate of Public Prosecution and adjourned the matter to March 9, for mention.

The police are charging Olorunfemi 51, who works at the Passionate Medical

Centre, Mokola, Ibadan, Akinwumi and Ibiwande with conspiracy and culpable homicide.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Sgt. Olusegun Adegboye, alleged that Dr Olorunfemi, Akinwumi and Ibiwande allegedly conspired and caused the death of a 28-year-old patient, Opeyemi Ojo, by carrying out surgery. (NAN)

20 guards arrested over construction of illegal oil wells

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Twenty security officials securing the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) pipelines have been arrested for their alleged involvement in the construction of over 310 illegal oil wells for the purpose of syphoning petroleum products.

It was learnt that the guards arrested, including officials of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), are among those posted to secure NNPC pipelines that runs from Atlas Cove to Ejigbo and Mosimi depots both in Lagos and Ogun states.

They are detained at the Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS), BEECROFT, Apapa, where they are being interrogated.

The illegal oil wells were said to be discovered by soldiers participating in the ongoing joint military operation code name "Operation KURONBE" at Atlas Cove. It was learnt that some of the illegal oil wells were dug right inside the security post of those drafted to police the area.

Some of the oil wells were also discovered to have been located in front of the security post, necessitating the suspicion of alleged connivance on the part of the security operatives.

Commander Thomas Otuji, Command Information Officer, Western Naval Command, who also doubles as the operation media coordinator in a statement said during the raid, devices which include fabricated pipes and multiple hoses connected to the NNPC pipelines to illegally siphon petrol were discovered over 300 points along the pipelines and were subsequently dismantled.

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when he met nothing on ground at the project site, noting that not even the land for the construction had been acquired.

Mamman was among

the ministers appointed by Buhari in August 2019. Few months after the president won a second term saw him unbundling some ministries including that of power, works and housing.

Asked to comment on

the status of the Mambilla hydropower project, Mamman said, "When I assumed office, I told everybody what happened. All these years talking about Mambilla, nothing had been done. I was surprised that I did not see anything on the ground.

"We have not even acquired the land from the state government. Even to enter an agreement with the state government on the acquisition of the land had not been done. It is only this Buhari government that is trying to do

something about it now.

"With my coming, we have made a move and the president is giving me all the support. I have gone far and it is like we are about to kick off any time from now," Mamman explained.

Mambilla project site survey ongoing

The minister said President Buhari has approved fund for the survey. "We got the land and we have entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Taraba State government.

"We have just finished remitting the money for the survey and immediately they finish, we will go for the remuneration and we will start paying compensation," he said.

On the project's

commencement timeline, Mamman said the surveyors had asked for at most two months to complete their work.

"After that, those who will pay compensation will take about a month to clear the payment. After that, the companies will start rolling in to clear the site, construct the roads and start bringing in equipment for the project to begin," he stated.

He said all these were

achieved with his assumption of office. "These are the pointers that the project has already become a reality. This year, I assure you that we will make progress because there was nothing like that when I came.

"I assure you that all the issues about the project will be cleared. We have agreed with the governor of Taraba and he has given us the site for us to commence work," the minister said.

No court injunction stopping the Mambilla project

The minister who confirmed that there is arbitration over the project because of a contractor, who was excluded, explained however that there is no court injunction stopping the project from commencing.

Daily Trust reports that in November 2017, the federal government under the former minister, Babatunde Fashola, signed a fresh Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) joint venture contract with Sinohydro Corporation of China and CGCO.

It, however, excluded a local partner, Sunrise Power

and Transmission Company Limited (SPTCL) and the owners sued government over the issue.

Clarifying the progress yesterday, Engr. Mamman said: "Yes, I agree that there is arbitration but we have entered into an agreement with the Chinese EXIM bank by giving them a Comfort Letter, but nothing is stopping us from starting Mambilla.

"I want to assure you that there is no court injunction that says we should not start the project until the court cases are over. We have explained this position to

the Chinese EXIM bank and they have understood our view and they can bring in their resources and start the project. The government will take responsibility for the outcome of the court resolution," he said.

On resolving the issue with Sunrise Power, Mamman added, "We are almost there with the issue. We have sat with them and very soon, you will hear the position of the government or Sunrise Power about this. The Chinese EXIM bank has given us their assurance and they said they are ready to start."

FG reviews Mambilla hydropower project cost

On whether the money earmarked for the project will produce the expected 3050 megawatts, the minister recalled that the Export-Import Bank of China will provide 85 per cent while the federal government will provide 15 per cent.

The minister, however,

said the project cost which was \$5.7bn in 2017 has been subjected to another review to ascertain the cost, adding that the 3050MW capacity quoted in the agreement was a projection.

"It is a projection and by implication, that \$5.7bn is not going to be a real figure

and I asked Mr President to give me an approval for that. We have gone to the Chinese and the consultant for a review which we have now come up with. So the government will have to sign an MOU again with the Chinese EXIM Bank," Mamman said.

Tales around Mambilla

The Mambilla project is said to be originally set to produce 2600MW when it was conceived and had been on the drawing board for about 40 years. It had seen controversies since 2003 and was at the point of being flagged off in 2014 before it again fell into another legal hurdle.

The Federal Executive

Council (FEC) on August 30, 2017, approved the award of the contract to Messrs China Gezhouba Corporation (CGC), Sinohydro Corporation Limited and CGOC Group Limited. Fashola signed the \$5.72bn contract with the firms in November 2017. It was expected to be completed in about 60 months.

The minister assured that President Buhari will make significant progress on the Mambilla project before the end of his tenure in 2023.

"The president has said it and we are on it. We have entered an agreement with Siemens and they are coming to do some expansion," he noted.

Where Fashola stopped in the power sector

The former minister, Babatunde Fashola, in December 2018 said government had started funding early works of resettlement and survey for the project.

On the court case involving Sunrise Power, he had said in a televised

response that the President Buhari administration does not want middlemen or '10 percenters' for the project, describing Sunrise's claims as baseless.

"We had provision for our counterpart funding in the 2018 budget and we also did so in the 2019 budget. Our

contribution to start the early works, planning the surveys, resettlement is going on. The president has approved that part of that money should come from the Infrastructure Development Fund funded by the Nigerian Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA)."



■ Minister of Power, Engr. Saleh Mamman

Why electricity distribution remains problematic

Mamman said while there is enough generation capacity and transmission capacity has improved, the problem remains with the distribution section.

"Distribution is where the problem lay because of the commercial and technical losses. The target is by this year, we are going to achieve 7,000 megawatts, and by 2023, we will get 11,000 megawatts.

"By the time Siemens finishes the expansion, the capacity will improve. For the generation, the installed capacity, for now, is 14,000 megawatts but the operational capacity is 4,500 megawatts and yet we are only distributing 3,700 megawatts and from that, the DisCos can only pay for 1,100 megawatts, so you can see the difference."

Supporting DisCos to provide electricity not sustainable

Minister Mamman said the ongoing expansion and reform will enable DisCos to become viable, noting that interventions being provided by the federal government were not sustainable.

"In 2018, the federal

government gave N700bn just to close the gap between the GenCos and DisCos because GenCos will have to pay for gas. This is unsustainable and last year we collected N600bn to see a gap and start filling it," the minister also said.

Tariff increase not in the hands of government

On the planned increase in electricity tariff, the minister said the DisCos and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) entered agreements during the privatization.

"It's no longer in the hands of government because 60 per cent is in the hands of the private sector but we regulate the sector. We just have to ensure it is standardised like other countries. We are inviting investors to come but if we don't do that (get real tariff), they will not come but

I believe we cannot go out of the standard," he said.

The minister assured that improvements are underway for electricity consumers. "On the part of government, we are trying to improve through the expansion and I said by the end of the year, we will get 7,000 megawatts.

"By the time we get that, we may get 18-hour power supply daily and by the time it is 11,000 megawatts, everybody will have sufficient power," Engr. Mamman assured.

South West govs allay fears, as Amotekun security outfit takes off

From **Abdullateef Aliyu & Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan**

As the Western Nigeria security outfit codenamed "Operation Amotekun" took off yesterday, the governors of the six South-West states have assuaged misgivings in the polity, saying the initiative is not an agenda to break up from Nigeria.

Besides, they emphasized that the security outfit is not a duplicate or replacement for the Nigeria Police Force, neither was it a Regional Police.

The governors also declared their commitment to the unity of Nigeria, saying the security outfit would complement the existing conventional security agencies.

They spoke at the launch of the Western Nigeria Security Network (WNSN) in Ibadan, the Oyo state capital.

It would be recalled that the governors of the six states in the south west comprising Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, Osun, Ekiti and Ondo came up with the initiative six months ago following the spate of

kidnappings and armed banditry in the region.

However, the initiative came to fruition yesterday as the Governors under the aegis of the Western Nigeria Governors' Forum (WNGF) converged on Ibadan for the launch of Operation Amotekun.

The host Oyo state governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde; the convener and Chairman of WNGF, Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo state, and Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State were physically present.

Governors Gboyega Oyetola of Osun state and Dapo Abiodun of Ogun were represented by their deputies Mr. Benedict Olugboye Alabi and Alhaja Naimot Salako-Oyedele respectively, while the Lagos Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu was neither present nor represented.

Prominent traditional rulers led by the Ooni of Ife, Oba Enitan Ogunwusi were present while the President of World Yoruba Forum, Prof. Banji Akintoye led other Yoruba self-determination

groups to the event.

Amidst the growing misgivings in the polity over the launch, the Ondo state Governor clarified that Operation Amotekun is not an alternative to the police force but will complement the conventional security outfits.

Akeredolu who disclosed that each of the six states had procured over 20 vehicles with Oyo providing over 30 said the operational framework of the initiative is being handled by the Development Agenda for Western Nigeria (DAWN) Commission.

He said the commission had taken note of the grey areas raised by the Nigerian Police Force, explaining that activities of Amotekun would be revealed to the police to ensure they conform to acceptable standards.

"There is no state that I will say is immune to the negative impact of insecurity, or negative impact of this menace that is permeating the society today.

"Until recently, it has become very embarrassing when you have reports of

security breaches as they occurred on a daily basis. Most of us have been very worried about it, particularly when they say so, so and so happened in Osun State, another one in Ondo State and sometime in Ekiti State. Some of us are worried because we believe that its negative impact on us has been enormous.

"All we want to do is to complement all these efforts. It is not our intentions to erect any antagonistic structure, whose operation will be at cross purposes to the existing template of defence; that is not what we are here for."

On his part, Fayemi, who is also the Chairman of Nigeria Governors Forum, said the western security initiative became imperative as the region was "daily assaulted" by spate of kidnappings, banditry and kidnapping.

He clarified that the western security initiative was not an agenda to "undermine the integrity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria," adding it was a confidence building strategy pending the time the

Nigerian Police would come up with community policing strategy.

He said it was in the course of the insecurity that the region lost the daughter of a prominent Afenifere leader, Pa Reuben Fashoranti, Mrs. Funke Olakunrin in July last year.

"Amotekun is not a duplicate or replacement of the Nigeria Police Force," he said.

Ooni of Ife lauded the governors for setting aside political differences to work in the interest of the region, saying the traditional institutions are fully in support of the initiative.

He said after conferring with prominent traditional rulers in the land, he tabled the matter before President Muhammadu Buhari who graciously approved the initiative.

Also speaking Yoruba leader, Banji Akintoye emphasized that there is no agenda to break up the Federal Republic of Nigeria, saying the governors were not brought up to break up the nation.

DPR seals 7 LPG stations in Rivers

From **Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt**

Worried by the recent gas explosion which claimed several lives in Kaduna, the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) has sealed seven Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) stations, and shut down 10 filling stations that operate illegally and under-dispensed petroleum products in the state.

Speaking to journalists shortly after sealing the illegal LPG outlets, the Port Harcourt DPR Zonal Operations Controller, Bassey Nkanga, said

the DPR has commenced a total clampdown on illegal operators and dealers of cooking gas across the state.

He said the LPG illegal dealers have been engaged in recent past on the need to adopt legal means and apply safety precautions in their activities but that they have not heeded to the appeals.

He further explained that the department has engaged the LPG plant owners not to sell gas to retailers that do not possess valid licence to avoid ugly incidents such as the recent explosion in Kaduna.

SERAP to EFCC: Release Sen Shehu Sani

From **Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos**

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) on Thursday asked the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to immediately release Senator Shehu Sani from detention.

In a statement on Thursday by Yinka Olomjobi, SERAP accused the anti-graft agency of violating both the national and international law for detaining the Senator.

"The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) should immediately release activist, Senator Shehu Sani detained on allegations of extortion or charge him with a recognizable criminal offence.

"By prolonging his detention without charge or trial, Mr Sani is being treated

like a convicted criminal, in violation of national and international law.

According to Mr Olomjobi, "The right to personal liberty is one of the most central human rights as it is connected to the essentialist rudiments of an individual's physical freedom.

"The right therefore protects the individual against the excesses of the government and its agents.

"This right is juxtaposed with other human rights and can be formally traced back to the English Magna Carta of 1215.

Mr Sani, who represented Kaduna Central in the 8th Assembly, was arrested on the 31 of December 2019, for alleged extortion of \$20,000 (N7.2m), from the owner of ASD Motors, Sani Dauda.



■ Governor Aminu Bello Masari of Katsina State (left) signs the state's 2020 Appropriation Bill into Law, in Katsina yesterday. With him are the State House of Assembly Speaker, Tasi'u Musa Maigari Zango, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee of the House, Aliyu Sabiu Muduru and other members

Traditional council summons Akume over alleged insult on Tor Tiv

From **Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi**

The Tiv Area Traditional Council (TATC) has summoned the Minister of Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Affairs, Senator George Akume to appear before it over his alleged uncomplimentary and derogatory remarks against the person and office of the Tor Tiv, Professor James Ayatse.

In a communique issued on Thursday at the end of an emergency meeting held in Gboko signed by Tor Kwande, Chief Ambrose Iyortyer and the Secretary, Mr. Shinyi Tyozua, the TATC resolved that the Minister be summoned in writing to come and explain the weighty allegations against the Tor Tiv who is the custodian of the Tiv tradition.

"On the issue of the uncomplimentary and

derogatory remarks against the Tor Tiv, the meeting noted the weighty nature of the allegation. It was therefore resolved that the Honourable Minister of Special Duties and Inter-governmental Affairs, Senator George Akume, who is a Tiv son, should be urgently formally invited in writing to appear before the Council and defend himself on the allegation," the communique reads in part.

FG issues new directive to NBC on hate speech, others

By Latifat Opoala

The Minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed, has directed the National Broadcasting Commission to immediately implement measures aimed at repositioning the broadcast industry.

Mohammed said the repositioning should include sanitizing the broadcast industry, creating jobs, promoting local content, boosting the advert industry and bringing it up to par with the best practices from around the world.

The minister, in a statement yesterday, said the directive

was issued after considering the report of the committee he set up to work out the modality for implementing the recommendations approved by President Muhammadu Buhari to reposition the broadcast industry.

“Following my satisfaction with the report which was very professional and detailed, I wish to direct the commission to take the necessary measures to effect the implementation of the various provisions therein. This directive covers the provision for the regulation of the web and online TV/radio; regulation of international broadcasters beaming signals

into Nigeria; hate speech; human resource and staff welfare; funding for the reforms implementation; monitoring; independence of the regulator and ease of issuing licenses as well as competition and monopoly issues,” he said.

He also asked the regulatory agency to compel broadcasters to utilize the content and services of Nigerian independent producers in fulfilment of the regulatory requirements for 70% local content, rather than the current abuse of the rules which allow many loopholes for the production of such content in jurisdictions outside Nigeria.

Katsina acquires 670 hectares of land for textile project

By Maureen Onochie

The Katsina State Government has secured 670 hectares of land for the Funtua garment and textile cluster project.

Deputy Governor Mannir Yakubu said in Abuja yesterday when he visited the Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Maryam Yelwaji Katagum.

The deputy governor, who

said modalities had been laid for increased cotton production in the state, sought local patronage of the product.

In his remarks, the minister described the textile cluster project as a priority to the federal government.

Meanwhile, the deputy governor was yesterday at the national headquarter of Small and Medium Enterprises

Development Agency on an advocacy visit on the development of SMEs in the state.

He called on SMEDAN Director-General, Umar Dikko Radda, to include Katsina in its entrepreneurship development projects.

Radda pledged to conduct more entrepreneurship training for people in Katsina state.

Gunmen kill PDP chairman in Delta

Victor Sorokwu, Asaba

Gunmen Wednesday night killed the chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party for Ward 4 (Olomu Ward 1) in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State, Mr. Paul Onomuakpokpo.

The incident occurred along the Ogoni Road near the

palace of Ohworode of Olomu Kingdom.

The gunmen were said to have ambushed the deceased around 7pm and shot at his Toyota Camry (Spider).

When contacted, the spokesman of the state police command, Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident and said investigation was ongoing.

Preach peaceful co-existence, Ogun gov tells clergymen

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun yesterday asked spiritual leaders in Nigeria to always preach messages that would strengthen peaceful co-existence and enhance national development.

He spoke in Abeokuta at the turbaning ceremony of Shiekh

Iskeel Muhammed Awwal as the Wakeelul Muslimeen of Yorubaland, Edo and Delta States. He said though the state was made up of people with diverse political, ethnic and religious backgrounds, they had continued to co-exist, assuring that his administration would continue to encourage such development.

Gombe gov mourns as ex-PDP chairman dies

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

A former chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party in Gombe State, Adamu Yaro Gombe, died Wednesday evening at the age of 75.

His remains were laid to rest in Gombe after a funeral prayer at the Gombe Emir's Palace, attended by his family members, friends and political associates.

He is survived by two wives and 24 children.

The deceased had defected to the All Progressives Congress in December 2018 with over 10, 000 loyalists. Meanwhile, Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya has condoled family of the deceased and expressed sadness over his demise.

The governor, in a statement issued by his spokesman, Ismaila Uba Misilli, described the deceased as a strong political figure, community leader and philanthropist, “who impacted positively on the lives of many.”

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El-Zakzaky's fate lies with the court – Kaduna govt

From Andrew Agbese, Kaduna

The Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner of Justice, Aisha Dikko, has said the fate of the leader of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN), Malam Ibrahim El Zakzaky lies with the court.

The commissioner in a statement issued on Thursday said the Kaduna State Government has no intention of withdrawing the charges but would rather leave it to the

court to decide the case.

Further explaining why the state government cannot release the IMN leader, Dikko insisted that both El-Zakzaky and his wife Zeenat are facing an eight-count charge, including culpable homicide punishable with death, and recalled that the court had earlier refused the accused persons' application for bail following their arraignment in August 2018.

She said, "At its last sitting on 5th December 2019, the Court

adjourned hearing in the matter to 6th February 2020, and ordered the transfer of the couple from DSS facilities to the Kaduna Correctional Centre for the duration of trial.

"It is the High Court that will decide the case, and the rule of law demands respect for the prerogatives of the court and the ongoing legal process."

The Attorney-General warned against any attempt to augment the media frenzy that stampeded some officials to whisk the El-Zakzaky's to

New Delhi without waiting for the court to determine the specific conditions for the medical leave granted to the couple.

She said, "Like any other person facing criminal trial, Malam Ibrahim El-Zakzaky and Malama Zeenat Ibrahim have been accorded due process and are being represented by their lawyer" and insisted that "there is no court order pending against the Kaduna State Government on the matter."

The Attorney General recalled a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to look into the Zaria clashes, was constituted on 29th January 2016, adding that it noted that "members of the IMN owe absolute loyalty to Ibrahim El-Zakzaky."

"He therefore bears responsibility for all the acts of lawlessness committed by the organization and should therefore be held responsible, fully investigated and prosecuted".

1 dead, four injured in Anambra auto crash

Titus Eleweke Awka

One person lost his life and four others sustained serious injuries in a fatal road accident that occurred in Ogbunka, Orumba South local government area of Anambra state.

The crash involved two vehicles, an Acura SUV with Lagos State registration number AKD-23-FB and a commercial bus also with Lagos State registration number FST-857-XN.

An eye witness told Daily Trust that the vehicles had head-on collision leading to the death of a passenger in the bus while four others sustained varying

degrees of injuries.

Confirming the accident, the image maker of Anambra State Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Command Mr Edwin Okadigbo, said that the driver of the Acura SUV was found drunk at the time of the accident.

"One person died and the body was deposited at Niger Hospital mortuary, Umunze, while four others sustained various degrees of injury and were taken to the same hospital.

"Preliminary investigation reveals drunkenness on the part of the SUV driver that resulted to loss of control.



■ From left: Group Managing Director, African Industries Group (AIG), Mr. Alok Gupta; Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo; and CEO of the \$600m steel plant, Partha Ghosh, during the minister's tour of the plant at Jere in Kaduna State

Sokoto: 8 died in fire outbreaks in 2019

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

Eight lives were lost and properties worth N4.5 billion destroyed in 572 fire incidents recorded last year in Sokoto, the State Fire Service has confirmed.

The service however said 927 lives of fire victims were saved and N4.7 billion worth of valuables recovered in the 2019 incidents.

State Fire Prevention Officer, Malam Nuhu Lawal, who disclosed this yesterday in Sokoto harped on the need for residents to be cautious and ensure safety measures against

inferno.

He said several of the fire occurrences were due to electrical spark and negligence and assured that the State Fire Service has functional fire-fighting vehicles, water truck back-ups, and operational fire stations equipped with modern fire-fighting tools within Sokoto metropolis.

He disclosed that the state government bought additional 10 new vehicles, refurbished the existing ones and constructed eight fire stations as well as recruited 50 additional fire men.

Masari signs 2020 budget

From Habibu Umar Aminu, Katsina

Katsina state governor Aminu Masari has signed into law the state's 2020 appropriation bill with assurance of completion of all ongoing works across the state.

Daily Trust reports that Masari had in November last year

proposed the sum of N249 billion for the 2020 fiscal year which was pruned down to N244 billion.

Speaking shortly after signing the budget, the governor said with the limited resources available, the government aims to register positive impact on the lives of the people.

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Edo State governor, Godwin Obaseki, has instructed the State Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs to commence criminal prosecution of council chairmen who were sacked over corruption allegations.

The governor said this in Benin yesterday at the swearing-in of the chairman for Esan West local government, Mrs. Ruth Osahon.

He said his administration would not turn a blind eye to corrupt practices at the local council level, saying "We have seen a trend where a few local council chairmen have not lived up to expectation. As a government that is people-focused and have made a promise to the people, we will not be afraid to take the right decisions where necessary."

He urged the new chairman to cooperate with relevant authorities as they carry out investigation into the records of the

sacked chairman of the council, Patrick Aguinede.

He said it is disheartening that the council with so much economic activity was among councils owing backlog of workers' salaries.

Obaseki charged Mrs. Osahon to ensure payment of backlog of salary arrears owed the council workers

within 12 months.

It would be recalled that four local government chairmen, namely, Musa Yakubu (Etsako West), Momoh Aremiyau (Etsako East), Patrick Aguinede (Esan West), Eghe Ogbemudia (Egor), were sacked by the state government over allegations of corruption and abuse of office.



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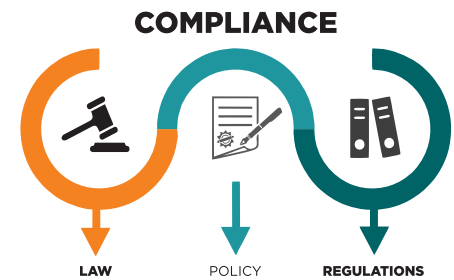
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The MSME sector is the backbone of major developed economies as well as important contributors to employment, economic and export growth. In Nigeria, MSMEs contribute 48% of national GDP, account for 96% of the private sector and 84% of national employment.

Despite the significant contribution of MSMEs to the Nigerian economy, challenges persist that hinder the growth and development of the sector. According to World bank estimates (ProShare.com), as of 2012, only 5 percent of SMEs have a loan, despite the fact that 80 percent of them seek financing. Furthermore, financing constraints seems to depend on the size of the firm. An estimated 59 percent of small firms report difficulties in accessing finance compared to 35 percent of medium firms and 11 percent of large SME firms. The major reasons for this level of exclusion can be summarized into concerns regarding their internal controls and concerns around their ethics and anti-corruption compliance.

The Convention on Business Integrity in collaboration with Action Aid and Lagos Chamber of Commerce unveiled a unique solution to these problems in form of a portal that prepares MSMEs to meet COSO 2013 standards on internal controls and to establish certifiable anti-bribery, anti-corruption standards (ABAC).

The event expounds the benefits and provides access to the portal to users, whilst listening to the position of banks and other key stakeholders on how to leverage this for MSME growth and survival.

SALIENT ISSUES RAISED

- Regulatory Compliance should incorporate some reward for Compliance such as an accessible pool of funds as this will produce more results.
- Tax issues are a challenge to MSMEs and tax authorities seem to be out to close down businesses and not aid them to survive.
- The narrative around Regulatory Compliance focuses more on what is required of SMEs and less on what MSMEs stand to gain from Complying.
- Based on the classification, businesses in Nigeria fall mainly under Micro Scale businesses not Small Scale businesses and access to Finance is a major challenge facing this group.
- MSMEs contribute about 50% to the Nations GDP but the challenges of MSMEs are numerous and focus should be on solutions and not the challenges.
- It is important to allow the credit Bureaus work as this will enable funders easily view credit history of the MSMEs and consider them for funding.
- Financial Education is also necessary as there are investment benefits available that may only be accessed through financial literacy
- It is important to let people benefit from ethical behavior as this is the concern of MSMEs.
- Doing business ethically is tough and it would be good to give benefits to SMEs doing business ethically as people currently see complying as non-rewarding.
- When it came to matter of ethics Nigerians are better than foreigners and the issue was that ethics and standards were not backed up with good leadership.
- Another challenge MSMEs face is the inability to attract and retain quality talent as they do not have Capacity and the result is a situation where they end up with under qualified staff that majorly practice unethical business standards.
- Capital is a finite resource and must be put into good use as funders are strict with pre requisite standards necessary for accessing funds.
- It is important to have an enabling environment for business even before the issue of access to financing as it was impossible to pay back loans if the business environment is not conducive.
- Issues like Lack of market access is very paramount as goods are being produced but no market access and no acceptance for the Products. There has been a lot of talk on the issue and more action is now required.
- Access Bank helps take the MSMEs through the Regulatory requirements and this was necessary to enable them access loans. They focus on educating the MSME above other pre requisites and information is proxy for other requirements.
- Lending officers at Access Bank have been taught to ask the right questions which is targeted at educating the MSMEs and getting them ready to access the exact funding they need.
- Access bank is more concerned with assisting MSMEs to build financial statements as well as give them access to information that will position them to receive adequate funding. Information to them at Access Bank is proxy to collateral and financial information is the single most important variable in any organisation.
- The aggregated platform was necessary as it would not only make service cheaper but would also provide for higher quality of service, the aggregated platform will also help MSMEs operate better as the aggregator will stand for them as a group.
- Issues of policy changes are dis incentivizing MSMEs from regulatory compliance and CBI will next year look at Issues that are dis incentivizing MSMEs from complying with ethical standards.
- MSMEs need a portal that will prepare them for complying with standards such as the CGRS and the Governance Toolkit through E- Learning.
- The Ethics QED portal would provide the guidance as well as connect MSMEs with service providers and MSMEs were not compelled to use the portal but it was available for anyone interested.
- There are about 41m MSMEs and over 90% of them are Micro enterprises and over 90% of the micro enterprises are informal with only about 10% of them having any form of registration at all.
- The SME.NG platform deals with access to market and inclusion which enables them to reach the bottom of the pyramid focusing only on women.
- SME.NG also has a Pre - investment readiness portion financed by a grant which assists MSMEs to be better positioned to meet regulatory standards and improve their chances of accessing loans.

- Getting funding is a journey and MSMEs must focus on going through the processes successfully thereby improving their readiness to receive the funds.
- Information is key and there is a need for MSMEs to be properly educated on what standards are expected from them.
- MSMEs will welcome service providers provided the cost was reasonable.
- The Ethics QED is very important as it would allow the MSMEs to be able to speak with one voice and address important issues.
- Despite the opportunity for access to market available for registering with NAFDAC, most MSMEs do not want to work with the organisation because they feel their certifications are not international.
- The choice of which consultants to use in documentation with NAFDAC was entirely up to the applicants to make.
- The certification procedure is tough and involves a lot of writing and documentation so applicants prefer to use consultants.
- People engage consultants for regulatory documentations because they do not have capacity and most times the consultants do not know what is expected. .
- All interested in offering services can register freely on the platform and approach Access bank to consider providing funding for the group.
- The cost of Risk per individual was more than that for a group and the platform will reduce the cost of risk and ensure that the funding is approved. The platform can also help those who do not have some requirements like collateral.
- The platform would be like a market place for MSMEs and it will be updated regularly.
- Ethics was about doing the right things and doing the things well and there was no need to bother about the name ethics or standards.
- The competencies of entrepreneurship were very important and without it one cannot do businesses and funders were looking out for this and it must be done well.
- The focus is about scaling up businesses and standards were necessary for growth so MSMEs must be ready to do all that was required to ensure they meet up to standards.
- Business ideas were being replicated and there is little or no innovation or differentiation in products.

SUGGESTIONS

- Incentives should be available to make people comply especially for organisations striving to do business ethically.
- There is need for advocacy which will make people see the benefits of practicing ethical standards in Business.
- It is better to use the word Standards as against Ethics as the former was more friendly.
- It is necessary to digitize financial transactions and MSMEs are advised to leverage on it as this could speed up access to loans.
- Digitization would assist in the aggregation and MSMEs are encouraged to incorporate digitalization in their processes.
- It is important to deal with capacity before lending and this is what SME.NG is promoting especially for women.
- It is still advisable to digitize the platform for aggregating the MSMEs.
- There is need for advocacy and engaging the use of technology to drive the businesses as well as capacity building.
- The issue of lack of support service and information is a huge challenge, MSMEs are advised to leverage on friends and family for these services.
- It is very important to find a way to remove control of the foreign IT payment bases to ensure some of the outflows from the proceeds of this technology are retained in Nigeria thereby including local content technology.
- MSMEs are advised to take the first step and get properly positioned for funding; they could sign up to organisations like the (Business Management Organisation) BMO and be part of an eco-system.
- Focus should be on E Learning as well as to digitalizing learning and get the necessary support as depending on personal support systems may not be adequate.
- People should be rewarded for complying with standards especially in the communities and the 100 mile rule that would allow funders look for MSMEs close to them and consider them for funding should be encouraged.
- Trainings should be localized in partnership with the E learning and support services should be designed to get to the communities to facilitate small businesses. MSMEs should leverage on the opportunity given by NAFDAC as they have the basic standards which are accepted by over 180 countries. NAFDAC will work with CBI going forward in order to streamline ethical businesses in Nigeria.
- NAFDAC should consider an approved list of consultants who are familiar with documentation required for documentation and make the certification process less cumbersome.
- MSMEs members could be arranged in clusters to enable them benefit from the services better.
- There should be a periodic check on the requirements by each regulator to ensure that the requirements on the websites of regulators are up to date.
- The challenge of Regulatory Compliance is a systemic one and a collective action is necessary to solve the problem holistically and quickly.
- Addressing the problem of logistics around conveying produce to markets and clustering of farmers was a necessary consideration as this will enable them get better funding.
- The problem of Agriculture was all through the value chain and it would be better to find a collective solution as a cluster group to access ways in which the business could be de risked.
- MSMEs are advised to always strive to acquire ethical standards and compete favorably and they must be ready to meet standards.
- The COSO 2103 framework was very important and should be adopted by MSMEs.
- Capacity building should be encouraged for MSMEs.



OPINION

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By Inwalomhe Donald

Safety of inmates in correctional centres

The electrocution of five awaiting trial inmates at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre in Lagos is an unfortunate tragedy that should be condemned. It demonstrates the need to review the condition of inmates in our correctional centres. Many inmates of the correctional centre suffered varying degrees of injury in the incident that was triggered by a power surge which caused an explosion at the facility.

The Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola, has given an assurance that there would be a coroner's inquest to determine the cause of the incident at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre. He also disclosed that government would also set up a panel to probe the circumstances behind the incident. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior is working on wide range of reforms that those awaiting trial should be moved to other centres with more humane facilities, there is also need for a thorough reformation of the judicial system in the country. I say this because justice can hardly prevail in a system that allows trials to last for decades. The correctional centres authorities owe a duty of care to all the inmates. The government will make the correctional centres safe and habitable for all inmates.

Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior is working on wide range of reforms of correctional facilities from city to city and the security measures in place to ensure public safety after the incidence in Kogi and Lagos correctional centres. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior is coming with a comprehensive listing of the major institutions, community correctional centres and parole offices managed by the Correctional Service of Nigeria. Also, Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior is reviewing more facilities run by our non-governmental partners. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior takes environmental responsibilities seriously. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior is making efforts to clean up contaminated sites, and all the ways correctional service works to co-exist with our natural surroundings. Fire-fighting equipment will soon be provided in all the correctional centres and all the cells rehabilitated. The Minister of Interior and the leadership of the correctional centres will nip in the bud such incidents in future.

The primary concern of Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior concerning correctional facilities is the safety and security of staff, inmates and the facility itself. Notwithstanding what society may feel about inmates generally, people who are either awaiting trial or sentencing or serving out a sentence deserve to be safe in their institution. Disciplinary procedures and punishment contributing to safety, security and order in correctional centres. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of

Interior places emphasis on the safety and health of inmates. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior understands the constitution and international prescripts pertaining to the health of inmates

One of the primary concerns of Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior is investing on the staff and deal with overcrowding correctional centres to combat rising violence and rival gang feuds. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior knows that overcrowding and a lack of staff is creating a very volatile situation at all the correctional facilities around Nigeria. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior wants to see his ministry investing in inmates, more staff and more resources to deal with these very concerning issues. Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior understands that "Correctional officers have some of the toughest jobs in Nigeria. But no one should have to fear for their safety when they go to work. Correctional officers need much more support and resources before this situation becomes worse than it already is.

The Minister of Interior Rauf Aregbesola, recently disclosed that there are 75,000 inmates currently in the country's correctional facilities. The minister said that the Federal Government was working on de-congesting correctional centres across Nigeria by reducing the number of awaiting trial inmates. He said that the new law signed by President Muhammadu Buhari had not only changed prisons to correctional facilities, but also empowered correctional officers not to admit offenders awaiting trial, if the capacity of the facility could not accommodate them. What are we doing about people who are awaiting trial, the new law provides for correctional officers in the facilities to reject any person that is brought from the court, who is awaiting trial. "So with this new law, it is clear that going forward we will not have what we have now in our facilities." He said that in response to the need to decongest prisons, the government had constituted a decongestion committee.

Aregbesola said the committee had been working with the Attorney-General of the Federation to decongest correctional facilities in the country. "In no distant future, we will reduce the issue of awaiting trial considerably; as we are also working with the governors on that. Because close to 90 per cent of the awaiting trial inmates are violators of state laws and so are essentially the responsibility of the various state governments. "So we equally need to carry them along in devising strategies to decongest the facilities and I want to assure us all that in six months time, this will be put behind us," he added.

The minister said that

government was determined to reduce pressure on its facilities, to improve care of inmates, particularly in reformation, rehabilitation, and re-adjustment to normal life when they completed their terms. President Muhammadu Buhari recently signed into law the 11-year-old Nigerian Correctional Service Bill. Nigerian prisons had been heavily criticised for their overcrowded state and poor conditions. With the newly-signed law, Rauf Aregbesola as minister of interior will decongest correctional facilities which reflect and satisfy the yearning of the concerned stakeholders for correctional centres decongestion and reformation of correctional centre inmates. Aregbesola has put in place policies that will enhance decongestion of correctional centres across Nigeria. He will address existing gaps in Correctional centres decongestion and diligently implement the advised decongestion project.

Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior wants 'to achieve as close to 100 per cent engagement of inmates in employment, life skills, education and programs to address their offending behaviour. There appears to be a large misunderstanding to determine what is safe and what is unsafe in a potentially high risk and violent environment. Violence inside a prison can take place anywhere. No work should have a risk associated with it as "usual" or "accepted" to go with the job.

We are constantly reminded that our prisoners can and do have history of violent behaviors and must never forgo or forget they may turn violent on a moment's notice due to well-planned, spontaneous actions or provoked situations. Critical incidents can turn into lethal situations in seconds and security is necessary to deter such ideas or occurrences daily.

Rauf Aregbesola, Minister of Interior, is designing basic multi-dimensional strategies to ensure better safety practices in our correctional centres to give inmates the confidence to feel safe and allows them to make adjustments in their presence to continue to feel safe throughout the day. Each correctional centre in the State offers a unique function within the correctional system – and is committed to keeping inmates, staff and the community safe. Over recent years infrastructure changes have not been implemented to enhance prison security, access control, and to ensure safety measures are updated and reviewed in response to evolving criminal activities.

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Avoiding distractions in power ministry

By Opeyemi Adisa

Since news broke about some happenings at the Rural Electrification Agency (REA), my friends and I have been receiving calls. The REA under the Ministry of Power, happens to be one agency we have repeatedly discussed in our circle as an agency that requires some form of freshness and direction particularly from the procurement point of view.

But the developments unfolding at the REA are at best distractions to the Minister of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman, who has an herculean task to satisfy Nigerians with adequate electricity.

As someone who must have had dealings with most procurement departments in most of the Federal Ministries and agencies in Abuja, I want to bare my mind on some of the developments at the REA from the position of strength. This is because a group known as the Human Rights Writers' Association of Nigeria, have joined the fray of intimidators and blackmailers in distracting the minister from doing his job without fear of favour.

As a man from Ilorin, Kwara State, I have had cause to interact with most Directors of Procurement within the last two decades, and think I can categorically say that the Minister of Power is on the right track in effecting necessary redeployments in any of the departments or agencies under him for the purpose of optimal performance and service delivery. The name of one Bulus Maiyaki have been repeatedly mentioned in the reports making the rounds as one deployment to the department of procurement done in bad faith with nepotistic tendencies.

My checks however reveal that this same Bulus Maiyaki, has been a Deputy Director, procurement in the REA for 7 years and dully qualified and experienced to man the department as a Director. In terms of experience in procurement matters, he has traversed other notable agencies and had served as General Manager Procurement at the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), where he served on secondment. Further checks from colleagues who had dealings with him reveal he performed creditably well and reputed to be one of the best GM Procurement at the NHIS.

The excuse that he had a case with the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), should not be an issue since there is no record anywhere inducting him for any wrongdoing. In fact, virtually 50% of the directors at the REA are regular visitors at the ICPC for routine checks and performance of oversight functions by the Commission. Does this then mean that they

have been indicted or have cases to answer? To the best of my knowledge, almost all Directors of Finance, Accounts and Procurement have regular interface with the ICPC for normal routine checks and balances which is normal government procedures and not in any way unusual.

As a fact, in procurement circles, it is not out of place that as a procurement official, he may have interfaced with the ICPC for the purpose of routine clarification in government business. His predecessors had had cause to be in ICPC on several occasions for the same routine purposes and since a court of law have not found him guilty, what then is the issue?

The minister should be wary of mischief makers under his nose who are bent on distracting him. He should stick to his reorganisation plans to clean up the mess at REA. He should ignore the sponsored satanic write-ups by doing the right thing because posterity shall judge him.

Every minister of the federal republic, by mandate has the right to push for reorganisation in departments and agencies under his watch for optimal performance because at the end of the day, the blame stops at his table.

In government business, there is nothing wrong or strange about redeployments provided it is done in good faith, and persons appointed are qualified, competent, experienced and have capacity to do the job.

In this case, from my findings, Mr Bulus Maiyaki fits in, and only being given a bad name to destroy him. There are several agencies and ministries today in Nigeria with directors or key heads of agencies from a section of the country, but no one is raising eyebrow because those manning those positions have the capacity, ability, experience and technical know-how to do the job. This must be the yardstick not sentiments. I believe those rooting for the position of Director Procurement at the REA are not better than Bulus Maiyaki.

I understand that the group fighting the appointment of Mr Bulus Maiyaki, and bent on his removal are doing so for selfish reasons because they want to put a stooge who will be doing their biddings to siphon public funds since they know he will not play ball with them or bend to their dirty unprofessional procurement practices.

It is practices like going to contractors to force them into buying wrong solar street light panels from their dubious dealers against ethics of procurement that has led to most of the contractors who were awarded solar street lights panel for 2019, not to be mobilised to site.

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CARTOON by AKILA JIBRIN



Re: Gov nabs soldiers, police extorting travelers

Thanks God Almighty for exposing the so-called security roadblock personnels in the Northeast, especially in Borno and Yobe.

How I wish his excellency will take a trip to the fish markets. To transport dry fish from Baga to Maiduguri, you must get a hired military convoy or better buy it from the military officers in charge. Smoked fish which the Lake Chad Basin areas used to supply Nigeria with over 70% is now a scarce commodity even in Borno state capital not only because of Boko Haram, but currently due to the high extortion from the armed forces operating in the state.

Everything and everyone is now a war booty, hence the 'victorious' soldiers are now an occupation force in an enemy territory.

Security in a normal society is police work, but not in our dear country, Nigerian. Right from the start (1966), the military topgear reduced the Nigerian Police Force to nothing by calling them idle civilians.

The Nigeria police has always been poorly financed, paid, looked after and not motivated at all. The rank and file are made to be beggars and extortionists for the higher authorities. It became the choice if last resort to an applicant; usually for those who failed to secure admission to higher institutions and colleges.

When a well-organised body like the army starts something it is difficult to curb it. The military exercises absolute power in the war theatre and absolute power brings in absolute corruption, especially in our golden field of corruption (Nigeria).

We should not be surprised of extortion by our uniformed officers and men, afterall who turned corruption, and looting as a made in Nigeria product? The erstwhile Nigerian military government; the only country in the world where the richest billionaires are retired generals and their associates.

I hope PMB will believe Prof. Zullum of Borno State is telling the truth so that an expedited action will follow.

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My advice to youths

Some people easily get impressed upon hearing about some other persons' achievements without minding how they got there. In life you must struggle hard to be independent.

When I was in secondary school I did some jobs, mostly during holidays and weekends. I also taught in private school when I completed my first degree before I was posted for the NYSC and similarly while I was in India I worked with a company at Noida during both my MSc and some part of my PhD periods. In fact, I used the money (salary) I earned to buy tickets for myself, wife and my only daughter at that time.

You see we need not to be too lazy. There are a lot of things one can do during

the weekends and holidays to support himself. Even the daughters of Obama when he was US President were going to work while they resided in the White House.

Recently, during an official assignment (Students Industrial Training Experience Scheme) I met a young man (a 200 level Biochemistry student of our department) at Aku village, Karu LGA, Nasarawa State. After the formal interaction I asked him this question, 'what influenced you to leave so many places in the Northwest to come to this place for your industrial attachment? The young man said "Sir, after closing from work and at weekends, I go to a shop to get some clothes that I go round the village to sell and the profit is mine."

He added, "I do generate at times N15,000 in a week". He also told me "it was through this I pay my university registration fees every year". He added "I have brothers that are rich but I don't depend on them for my registration fees and other things". Thereafter, a lot of things kept on coming to my mind, why is it that many young people are too lazy to do things like this? Many of the lazy boys are waiting for their poor parents, uncles or brothers to pay for their registration fees.

I think it is our society that is making them lazy. We always try to pay our relatives' registration fees. We should instead, show them a small job for them to do to take care of minor things they want to do for themselves. Though I was awarded scholarship

for both MSc and PhD degrees but I struggled for it. However, I paid for my first degree registration fees from year 1 to 4. I go to farm to work even after my PhD degree; my friends can attest this. Gentleman or lady, you must not rely solely on your degree certificate but look for something to do before you get a job; be humble.

There are so many things you can do even at home to earn some money. Many are having PhD degree certificates without job. Our youth should strive hard to become financially independent. If you complete your degree programme and you can't find a job, please go and do some business or learn how to do something that will keep you busy and give you some income for your basic needs.

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Re-emergence of Boko Haram

Few days into 2020, we have been witnessing the upsurge of violent attacks by the Boko Haram terrorists. They seem to be very daring and fierce in their attacks, villages which they did not attack before are now their target of attack, most especially those surrounding Maiduguri. They even dare the military into a face to face fight. One may ask, where are they getting their supplies and how is their number not decreasing despite the killings of many of them. Could it be that, these terror group are coming from outside of Nigeria? Can one equally say that France is really behind them? What do they want, what will they gain by killing innocent peasant farmers? What is the interest of France the killings if they are really involved? We are of the opinion that before the attacks escalate and spread to the other parts of the country, government should declare state of emergency and fight this group to extinction. The North East has the opportunity to produce the COAS, COAirS, the National Security Adviser and above all the president is a retired general. Please we suggest that something drastic be done to prevent the spread of these attacks

as we experienced in the pre-2015 era. Afterall what is the total strength of the terrorist compared to what the Nigerian army has. Please go allout and flush them. Don't mind the international community's outcry, they are not the ones suffering they are really conspirators.
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Pension: Zamfara former gov's should make refund

Now that the obnoxious law has been repealed, there is need to recover all funds those public officers enjoyed, and anyone that failed to refund should be prosecuted. The funds could be channelled to other areas where the public will benefit.

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President Buhari should relocate to Maiduguri

We have said it at various fora that the terrorists are becoming very daring in their attacks since the beginning of 2020. The president should personally take charge of the operation and declare state of emergency on

insurgency in the North East. He should take command at the epicentre and give command as a military general and infantry tactician. All the reports we are receiving are doctored. The people of Borno where his grand parents came from are in dire need of his service. All the military commanders should follow him and let them be there for at least six months to clear this mess once and for all. He should not forget when the elections were shifted due to the activities of the terrorists saying "what is Boko Haram" with a wave of hand. Now is he is the president by Allah's grace a second time. We are all waiting for him not to allow us to be exterminated. *Sikenan!!!*
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I strongly support Pastor Tunde Bakare

Buhari should pick who succeeds him. What he (Bakare) said is quite true, Nigerians should not allow thieves and perverts to rule this country come 2023. Are we supposed to allow corrupt, self-centred and wicked people to take over the corridors of power and destroy all what you (Buhari) build over night? BABA should assist US in this direction (ie to choose credible leaders).

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Kirikasamma's ban on night courtship

The Kirikasamma Local Government Council (LGC) in Jigawa State on Monday December 30, 2019 enacted a bye-law banning members of the opposite sex from meeting at night. The Chairman of the Council, Salisu Garba Kubayo said the measure became necessary owing to the rampant cases of adultery which most times resulted into unwanted pregnancies in the area. He said the law was enacted with a deliberate intention to restore moral values in Kirikasamma communities.

The Council Chairman explained that the law persons of opposite are not to be seen together beyond 10pm; adding that anyone found contravening the law would be arraigned for prosecution. He further disclosed that the law banning night meetings of opposite sexes had been ratified by the Council. According to the new law, members of the opposite sex found violating the law shall, henceforth, be liable to a jail term of six months or a fine of fifty thousand naira (N50,000.00) only.

Speaking on the matter, the local government information officer, Sanusi Doro, said the council chairman, Salisu Kubayo, signed the law after ten councillors of the LGC unanimously agreed to it during a council meeting. Doro said true lovers can only meet for discussions during the daytime. The signing of the law was done in a ceremony widely attended by residents of the area including the Chief Imam of the community.

Commenting on the enactment of the law on behalf of other councillors, Sa'idu Marma, said the law became paramount following growing complaints from parents about incidences of out of wedlock pregnancies allegedly due to night meetings between the opposite sexes. Marma added that, as leaders, they would be held responsible for the successes as well as failures of the LGC. He said fornication and unwanted pregnancies among girls have constituted major challenges to parents in the area. In his remarks at the event, the Chief Imam of Kirikasamma local government, Ali Liman, lamented the alien tradition of boys and girls frequently partying at various locations in the area. He said this has resulted in many immoral activities between young adults, men and women. Liman who commended the council chairman said the new law would help in addressing social vices that have become a menace in the area.

For once, the Kirikasamma law that restricts night meetings between male and female brings to fore the parliamentary responsibility and singular power of a local government to find solutions to some social and other forms of peculiar challenges confronting its communities. The rare enactment of bye-laws by most 774 LGCs in the country suggests that majority of those elected to represent their people at the local government level as councilors or chairmen are either not aware of their legislative duties or do not have the requisite competence to carry out such duties. It is, perhaps, due to either of these that elected members of LGCs in Nigeria wrongly believe that all the problems facing local communities under their jurisdiction can only be resolved by the state or federal government.

Beyond the implementation of the ban by the Kirikasamma LGC on night courtship is the need for parents to live up to their obligations as fathers and mothers in the provision of moral training and guidance for their children and wards. If most parents were dutifully alive to their individual and collective responsibilities, the situation in Kirikasamma LGC would not have degenerated to a level that warranted members of the Kirikasamma LGC to enact this bye-law. Young girls who lack adequate parental control, monitoring and guidance easily become vulnerable to the unsuspecting tricks of boys. Similarly, girls are effortlessly lured by boys when parents fail to provide them with their basic natural needs.

To make councillors and local government chairmen more efficient in the discharge of their legislative functions, we recommend an upward review of the least qualification required to contest for these two local government positions from school certificate to NCE and/or National Diploma. We urge parents to create enough time and attach greater importance to monitoring their children's activities.

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By Victor Afam Ogene

Since 2015 when he was elected governor, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, Governor of Sokoto state, a revolutionary of exceptional amplitude, has been on a silent, but remarkable battle against poverty, injustice and underdevelopment in the state; transforming lives and the landscape of the seat of the Caliphate. These achievements are mainly unreported or underreported.

However, observers, political opponents and other stakeholders have been wondering how despite the lean resources of the state from federal allocations and the pervading harsh economic predicament in the country, the state has managed to successfully implement the millennium sustainable goals, thereby instituting development and progress.

This, of course, is the unmistakable testimonial of the diligence, hard work, dedication, foresight and assiduity of Tambuwal who is proactively replicating the dynamism, enterprise and invectiveness he brought to bear on the House of Representatives while he served as the Speaker of the reverential 7th Assembly.

This testimonial, received a more excellent applause when early last year, his mandate for a second term was renewed by his people, to enable him consolidate on all major achievements and the solid foundation he laid during the first tenure for greater socio-economic development, particularly on the policies that have direct impact to the need and aspirations of his people.

Indeed, one would reason that for a state where the legislature is controlled by the opposition, there would be constant altercations and that governance would be a tug-of-war as is the experience in other states. But this is not so for Sokoto where all the stakeholders have chosen statesmanship and patriotism over and above partisan considerations.

This unbroken executive-legislative cord is seen by many as a major turning point in the history of governance in the state. In fact, the serenity and cooperation he is enjoying attest to Governor Tambuwal's purpose-driven, all-inclusive leadership in which justice, equity and unity are the fundamental objectives of the government.

Given this atmosphere of concord, one of the most glaring achievements of the governor has been on education. Always mindful of the immutable words of late global icon, Nelson Mandela, to the effect that education is the most powerful weapon to change the world, Governor Tambuwal has invested lavishly on education.

It is recalled that in 2015 when he took over the reins of leadership in the state, educational statistics and culture in Sokoto ranked it as one of the poorest in the country, having fallen short of global benchmarks. He soon got down to work, having promised during electioneering that he would make education a priority.

A promise keeper, Tambuwal

Tambuwal's purpose-driven, all-inclusive leadership

lived his words and declared an emergency on education. Aging, dilapidated schools were renovated while new model schools were built. New teachers were recruited and the old ones re-motivated and their conditions of service improved.

Today, the education sector in the state has been so revamped that it has become a model for other states. It is worthy to note that out of the N202.4 Billion budget for the 2020 fiscal year, education got 24 per cent of the entire budget with N47.8 billion, followed by Health with N21.9 billion representing 11 per cent and Agriculture with N12.4 billion representing 6.14 per cent.

While assenting to the 2020 budget, the governor assured the people of Sokoto State of his commitment to policies and programmes that would have relevance to their needs and aspirations and that the policy thrust of the budget was to ensure sustainable economic development through substantial investment in critical sectors.

One of such is the setting aside of N4 billion as grants - not loan - for 1,000 persons in each of the state's 22 LGAs.

At N20,000 for each beneficiary to shore up their small scale businesses, men and women benefit in equal measure, at 500 persons each.

So far, 2,000 men and women have gotten the grant in Gudu and Isa LGAs.

Notably, the Tambuwal leadership model is beginning to attract the attention of the very critical Nigerian media and social commentators.

Indeed, one sector in which Governor Tambuwal is focusing attention - devoid of the usual media blitz - is the rapid industrialisation of Sokoto state.

Desirous to change the civil service status of the state, he has over the last four years been engrossed in attracting several job-providing and wealth creation businesses to the state. With many of this hitherto silent initiatives beginning to bear fruits, many visitors to the seat of the Caliphate are now left in awe, wondering how, with meager federal allocations, he has been able to positively turn around the fortunes of the state.

One of such high profile visitors were the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE), who were in Sokoto for the 15th All Nigeria Editors Conference, between Wednesday, November 27 to Sunday, December 1, 2019.

On a facility tour of the state during the visitors, the Editors could not help but marvel at the ingenuity of Governor Tambuwal in opening up Sokoto for business, at a time when existing outfits in some other states were closing shop largely due to administrative indifference.

Other similar initiatives include the partnership with Pan African Enterprise, a British company, to establish a Tannery and Shoe factory in Sokoto; the Goronyo Sugar Factory, for which the first and second seed multiplication farms have been completed and machinery currently been awaited from

India; and several local investors who continue to receive support from Governor Tambuwal.

Essentially the grand design, besides seeking to reflate the local economy, is to ultimately create more and more jobs, thereby creating wealth for both individuals, corporate concerns and the state.

Tambuwal's magic touch has also had to bear on housing, energy and power (State IPP), roads, health, rural and community development, agriculture, water resources and mining.

At no time in the history of the state have doctors enjoyed recognition and a relationship that has brought out the professionalism in them than the Tambuwal administration. In fact, many of them have been engaged and sponsored for medical studies in foreign universities under the Higher Education Scheme Programme. This initiative has impacted on the Sokoto State Strategic Health Plan for which began in 2016.

Hundreds of civil servants have benefitted from home renovation through loans guaranteed by the government and expended through the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN). Also, over 2000 housing units have been completed and given out to the citizens.

Pensioners in the state have also enjoyed the best of times as their retirement benefits are paid promptly.

Available statistics indicate that a million jobs have been created by the administration in the last four years, especially in the civil service, agricultural sector, mining sector and the health sector.

Huge agriculture incentives including loans have been extended to farmers who have enjoyed thousands of tonnes of fertilizer bought at subsidized rates by the government and sold to them.

Apparently, this laudable track record of integrity, transparent and creative leadership, that is dedicated to the common good of the people, underscores the conferment of Platinum Award on Governor Tambuwal, as one who has "distinguished himself in public service and nation building", by the African Newspapers of Nigeria Plc, publishers of the Tribune, last month, as part of its 70th anniversary.

Many have proclaimed that these testimonials are further endorsement of the character, impeccable leadership credentials, experience and capacity of the amiable governor for a higher national assignment.

And if as it is widely believed that 'the voice of the people is the voice of God', then this political alchemist who turns 54 on Friday, January 10, sure has his destiny intertwined with that of the Nigerian nation.

Happy birthday, Mutawallen Sokoto and deputy chairman, Nigerian Governors Forum, Aminu Waziri Tambuwal.

Hon. Ogene, was former deputy chairman, Media & Public Affairs, House of Representatives, Abuja

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	POUND STERLING	EURO	YUAN/RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	306	376.1	334.4	42.9	81.5	0.48
Central NGN	306.5	376.8	335.0	43	81.7	0.49
Selling NGN	306.7	376.3	335.5	43.1	81.8	0.50

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COMMODITIES PRICE	
CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$70.74/b
GOLD	\$1,485
GAS	\$2.296

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BUYING		
Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
N357	N400	N468
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Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE

AZMAN AIR
MONDAY-FRIDAY:
Kano-Lagos 7:30 a.m., 3:45pm Abuja-Lagos 1:20 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00pm Lagos-Abuja 9:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Abuja-Kano 2:30 p.m.
Kano-Abuja-Maiduguri 8:15 a.m.
Abuja-Maiduguri 9:30 a.m.
Maiduguri-Abuja-Lagos 11:20 a.m.
Abuja-Yola 11:30 a.m. Yola-Abuja-Kano 1 p.m.
SATURDAY: Kano-Abuja 8.00am
Abuja-Lagos 9:30 a.m.; Lagos-Kano 6 p.m.

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Harmattan: Foreign airlines divert Lagos-bound flights to Accra, Cotonou

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

There is no immediate end in sight to the massive flights disruptions triggered by inclement weather conditions across the country as some foreign airlines diverted their Lagos-bound flights to neighbouring countries.

The Nigerian Air Traffic Controllers' Association (NATCA) yesterday confirmed the diversion of British Airways and Air France flights to Accra and Cotonou respectively, on Tuesday.

But when contacted yesterday, the Regional Manager, West Africa of British Airways (BA), Mr Kola Olayinka said the diversion was "weather related and about the instrument landing system available at MM Airport."

He however said the BA flight "landed and departed okay last (Wednesday) night."

Similarly, passengers on the domestic routes have continued to experience disruptions in travel plans since the commencement of the harmattan season accompanied by haze and fog which blurred visibility for aircraft landing and take-off in the last few days.

President of NATCA, Abayomi Agoro in a statement lamented the turn of event, urging the appropriate agencies to upgrade navigational aids especially at the MMIA

which is the busiest airport in the country.

Daily Trust reports that the weather challenge was being experienced despite the recent installation of Category Three Instrument Landing System (ILS) in Lagos and the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

With CAT3 ILS, a precision approach facility aircraft would be able to land at zero visibility provided they have the corresponding equipment and facilities to match the ILS system on ground.

The Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), the government agency in charge of providing navigational aids at the airports had in December last year commenced the trial run of the newly installed Category III ILS at Runway 18 Right, Murtala Mohammed International Airport (MMIA) Lagos.

The exercise according to the agency indicated that the equipment is fully operational on test basis, even as all the ILS components - Localizer, Glide Slope and Distance Measuring Equipment are propagating signals optimally.

The Managing Director of NAMA, Capt. Fola Akinkuotu said according to the timelines, CAT III ILS would be available at both Lagos and Abuja airports by the third week of December 2019.

"In a couple of weeks,



■ Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika

we will bring a calibration aircraft to fly in and certify that the equipment is good to go," Akinkuotu was quoted as saying.

Akinkuotu said deployment of the improving landing system was in response to the demands and clamour by airlines for better navigational facilities in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, NAMA said the flight diversion on January 6, 2020 by BA and other foreign operators are avoidable based on the existing facilities at the MMIA, Lagos.

The General Manager Public Affairs of NAMA, Khalid Emele said in a statement yesterday that BA had been operating into Lagos daily using

the ILS CATII on Runway 18 Left with the same prevailing weather conditions.

Agoro in the statement said: "The Nigerian Air Traffic Controllers' Association (NATCA) notes with displeasure the unwholesome event unfolding at the Murtala International Airport amongst which was the diversion of British Airways and Air France flights to Accra and Cotonou respectively.

"The sad event was occasioned by poor visibility and haze but more worryingly accentuated by the degraded state of navigational and landing facilities due to lack of calibration. We are

equally concerned with the untold hardship the situation has visited on our members working in Lagos Terminal Approach position whose statutory responsibility is to ensure a round the clock safety in taking off and landing."

The Ministry of Aviation, on August 29, 2019 took delivery of \$8.5 million King Air 350i calibration airplane procured to aid workability of navigational aids and boost aviation safety.

This equipment was expected to be put into use to ensure that the navigational or communication equipment like the Instrument Landing System (ILS), Very-high Omni-directional radio Range (VOR) are calibrated every six months to ensure they work accurately and precisely.

It was learnt that while the equipment had been procured, they were not calibrated to be put into use.

According to NATCA President, while the association recognized "government's huge investment" in the upgrade of aviation infrastructure in the sector, "NATCA is nevertheless concerned about the perennial state of degradation of the essential facilities and working tools with attendant increased stress and workload which in practical terms translate to serious safety

implications for the flying public."

NATCA therefore urged the relevant authorities to take immediate steps to restore the full serviceability of the navigational and landing aids to ensure an effective end to the uncalled hitches recently experienced and prevent the re-occurrence of same.

"This is not the time to apportion blames but it must be emphasized that the time has come for all hands to be on deck to ensure seamless safety regime and prompt navigational services.

May we also use this medium to assure the flying public of our competence and preparedness to work with airlines and aviation stakeholders to ensure safety in our airspace," the statement added.

But the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) yesterday reiterated its call on members of the flying public to be patient and bear with the airlines.

In a tweet on its handle @NigerianCAA, the regulatory authority said: "Harmattan occurs between November and mid-March. Cancellation and diversion of flights cost airlines millions each year. In Nigeria, the Aviation Oversight Agency, (NCAA) has already sensitized Stakeholders / Air Travellers about what to expect thereby seeking their understanding."

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA - KADUNA TRAIN SERVICE (AKTS) TIME TABLE

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NEWS

Customs generates N1.3tr, exceeds target by N404bn

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) said it generated N1.341 trillion as revenue for the year 2019, exceeding the target of N937 billion by N404bn revenue.

The 2019 revenue generation milestone also exceeds the N1.202tr generated in 2018 by at least N139.2bn, the customs said in a statement issued by the Public Relations Officer, Deputy Comptroller Joseph Attah, on Thursday.

Commenting on the feat, the Comptroller-General of Customs, Col, Hameed Ibrahim Ali (rtd) described it as the result of resolute pursuit of what is right rather than being populist by compromising national interest on the altar of individual or group interests.

He said the NCS' revenue generation

profile has continued to be on the rise annually as the ongoing reforms in the service insist on strategic policies.

Ali said the policies include the strategic deployment of officers strictly using the standard operating procedure, strict enforcement of extant guidelines by the tariff and trade department, and the automation of the customs process thereby eliminating vices associated with the manual process.

The others are robust stakeholder sensitization resulting in more informed/voluntary compliance and increased disposition of officers and men to put national interest above selves.

Meanwhile, Ali said the partial border closure which has forced cargoes that could have been smuggled through the porous borders to come through the sea and airports has raised revenue collection from ports.

"Before the commencement of the border drill on 20th August 2019, revenue generation was between N4bn and N5bn but now NCS generates between N5bn to N7bn daily.

"The partial border closure is a decisive action against the challenging issue of trans-border crime and criminalities, fueled by the noncompliance to ECOWAS Protocol on transit of goods by neighbouring countries," he noted in the statement.

NCS said it hopes the ongoing discussions with the countries will yield permanent solution to the challenges of border insecurity.

Is said it seized 30,906 assorted items with a duty paid value of N62.1bn during the period. Some of the items are arms, ammunitions, illicit drugs, used clothing, vegetable oil, frozen poultry and foreign rice.

Consumers predict rise in inflation in 2020 – CBN

By Chris Agabi

Consumer Expectations Survey (CES) Report of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in the last quarter 2019 show consumers anticipate inflation will further rise in 2020 from its current 11.85 percent.

The CES fourth quarter 2019 report conducted by the Statistics Department of the CBN was posted on the website of the bank yesterday.

The highlights of the Q4 2019 Consumer Expectations Survey (CES) shows that consumers anticipate "the naira to remain unchanged, inflation rate to rise, and borrowing rate to fall in the next 12 months."

The report on the major drivers of the expected upward movement in prices are food & other household needs, savings, purchase of appliances/consumer durables, education and purchase of houses, and purchase of car/motor vehicle.

The report however noted that the overall outlook was positive in the

current quarter, as consumers were optimistic in their outlook. Consumers also had a positive outlook for the first quarter 2020 and the next 12 months.

The report suggested that majority of consumers believe that the next 12 months would not be an ideal time to purchase big-ticket items like motor vehicles and house & lot.

"Overall buying intention index in the next twelve months stood at 36.5 index points, indicating that most consumers do not intend to buy big ticket items in the next 12 months. The buying intention indices for consumer durables, motor vehicles and house & lot were below 50 points, indicating that respondents have no plans to make these purchases in the next twelve months" it explained.

On unemployment rate, the report indicated that "the unemployment index for the next 12 months remained positive at 21.0 points in Q4 2019, indicating that consumers generally expect the unemployment rate to rise in the next one year."

Kaduna Electric seeks judiciary's support to tackle energy theft

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Managing Director of Kaduna Electric, Engr. Garba Haruna, is seeking the support of the judicial arm of government in the fight against all forms of energy theft and vandalism.

He said stringent sentencing by judges and magistrates will help in sending a strong signal to perpetrators that such acts carry severe consequences and will no longer be tolerated.

Engr. Garba disclosed this when he led a delegation of the management of the company on a courtesy visit to the Chief Judge of Kaduna State, Justice Mohammed Lawal, in his office in Kaduna on Wednesday.

A statement from the spokesman, Abdulazeez Abdullahi, said the company will soon organise a workshop for judicial officers comprising judges, magistrates and prosecutors to enlighten them about various issues in the power sector.

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Mr Soji Apampa, CEO of CBI giving His Opening Remark

Mrs Funmi Oyeufusi director organisational effectiveness Action Aid Nigeria representing the country director of Action Aid Nigeria Mrs Ene Obi during her opening remark

Mr Soji Apampa, CEO of CBI with the cross section of participants during the event

Picture of panellist from right – left with Dr Peter Bankole of the enterprises of development service of Pan Africa university giving his contribution at the event, Mrs Ayodele Olojede group head emerging businesses access bank of Nigeria, Mrs Tosin Ojo investment manager with sme.ng, and Mr Solomon Aderoju DSE, AICA, FPMF, FCID, MES Finance and chairman Lagos chapter of national association of SME's

Cross section of participants at the event

Mr Soji Apampa, CEO of CBI with the press

L-R: Mr. Solomon ADEROJU, Chairman, NASME Lagos; Mrs Oluwatosin OJO, Investment Manager, SME.ng; Mr. Soji APAMPA, CEO, Convention on Business Integrity (CBI); Mrs Ayodele Oloyede, Head, Emerging Businesses, Access Bank, Dr. Peter BANKOLE, Director, EDC, Pan Atlantic University, Mrs Funmi OYEFUSI, Director, Organisational Effectiveness, Action Aid & a Representative from Action Aid.

Mr Soji Apampa showing the participants the COSO 2013 framework

Mr. Maduka Okafor, IT Manager, Integrity Organization Ltd. (Gte.) explaining the value proposition of the platform is to enable MSMEs understand ethical and anticorruption standards, while serving as a marketplace of service providers.

Mr Kehinde Sogunle former commissioner of ogun state, and former director for budget making his contribution during the event.



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A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE REPORT ON THE REGULATORY CONVERSATION 5 HELD AT THE INCUBATOR, LEKKI, LAGOS ON TUESDAY THE 10TH OF DECEMBER, 2019. THEME: NATIONAL INTEGRITY BAROMETER: A ROADMAP FOR 2020.

PREAMBLE

The Convention on Business Integrity/The Integrity Organisation in collaboration with ActionAid, Nigerian Economic Summit Group, Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industry, BusinessDay Newspapers and ProShare, organized the fifth in the series of our Regulatory Conversations (RC5.0), themed: National Integrity Barometer: A Roadmap for 2020.

The fifth regulatory conversation RC 5.0 addressed the various Private-led integrity interventions in the systems and Institutions in the Nation as well as provided the platform to discuss the effectiveness of the interventions. It also provided the unique opportunity for the stakeholders to discuss on what should be a sustainable roadmap for 2020.

Some of those issues include the following:

Ineffective and/or inefficient government service delivery – We have responded by entering into partnerships to address the challenges. For instance, we represent the global Maritime-Anti-Corruption Network in Nigeria, which works to improve vessel and cargo clearance and reduce corruption at Nigerian seaports and terminals. We seek to expand this to airports and other key institutions. We need you to identify the most relevant with us.

Pressure at the interface of business with regulatory agencies such as CBN, FIRS, NAFDAC and so on has left many businesses feeling they are unable to withstand the urge to pay bribes, particularly to get out of sticky situations. We have responded by running a series of public-private dialogues under the banner of "Regulatory Conversations" in order to advocate for a philosophy of regulation across Nigeria. In the meantime, are there regulatory agencies that must be engaged to reduce corruption risk for your organisation? Come and make your input into the priorities we are setting for engagement with regulators in 2020.

Establishing the bona fides of our businesses; including that we are ethical and free of corruption. We have engaged with listed companies through the Corporate Governance Rating System (CGRS) which we run in collaboration with the NSE to ensure well run companies can raise the finance they need for their growth and survival. We are working with companies in the supply and value chains of the larger ones to define standards, training and certification that set MSMEs apart from the morass of ill-defined businesses. We have introduced training and certification for them based on the COSO 2013 standard and we are working with business intermediaries through a project termed Professionals Against Corruption which has started by supporting reforms in Nigeria's Justice System driven by the Justice Reform Project (JRP).

Equipping business with an integrity barometer; we seek a tool that will provide an indicator for transparency, consistency and predictability of how much extra cost and time business would have to factor into any dealings with a specific government service delivery agency providing a proxy for measuring corruption risks businesses are exposed to.

Finally, CEO confidential briefings; where we x-ray more deeply the political economy behind key issues as they unfold.

The target audience includes a diverse group spanning Government, Corporate Organisations (especially listed companies on the NSE), MSMEs, Professionals and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

In attendance were: Mrs. Toki Mabogunje Director CBI and President of the LCCI, Special Adviser to the DG NAFDAC Mr. William Efiok, IG Representative ACP Lenox Taylor, Rep Of ICPC Chairman Adenike Lawal, Lagos Liaison Coordinator of NDLEA Mr. Wale Ige, Rep of SEC Abimbola Babalola, Nwachukwu Victor Rep ES Investment Promotion Council, Dr. Abdullahi Lawal Ports Health Rep., Ibrahim Umar Representative of NIMASA, Tolulope Agunloye Representative of BUDGIT, Mr. Ussen from Policy Alert Kia, Mrs. Yemisi Ransome Kuti from Tripple NGO.

SALIENT ISSUES RAISED

- Building integrity improves the lives of citizens in a country which makes participation in business in the International community much more improved.
- Lack of integrity will affect a lot of things including profitability, trust in the market and a lot of other things.
- People cannot define integrity because they do not know what integrity really means.
- Increasing integrity reduces the corruption risk index.
- The RCs is a programme, which will produce citizens with a high integrity index and form the basis of a better Nigeria in the future.
- Increasing integrity will lead to a decrease in corruption index.

GEOGRAPHY

- Cities where cost of living is high are more susceptible to corruption as there is pressure to live like the other people and impress peers.
- The Structure/ Systems, youths, schools, family, are the likely areas for corruption to occur and these areas need to be focused more on in 2020.
- The governance process in States encourages corrupt practices.

TRANSACTION TYPE

- Transactions that require compliance are prone to corruption as there is always a possibility to compromise on the requirements for compliance.
- Service delivery is an area prone to corruption as service providers would readily compromise in delivering their services especially for additional benefits.

ENTITY SIZE

- MSMEs are more prone to corruption in little portions very frequently because larger companies have Corporate Governance Structures in place that would not easily

support corrupt practices when compared to the MSMEs, who do not really maintain a Corporate Governance Structure and could easily foster corruption and corrupt practices.

- When corruption occurs in the big corporations even though in large volumes, the frequency is very low hence the need to focus more on MSMEs in 2020.
- Employees that are not properly regulated are prone to corrupt practices especially in large entities with over 200 staff size

SECTOR

- MSMEs are the bedrock of all other businesses, what happens there results in a mirror of happens in bigger businesses

MDAs

- The Nigerian police is more prone to corruption because they are not paid well.
- The Nigerian Immigration is also prone to corruption with their poor service delivery especially for international passport processing.
- The Petroleum Ministry is prone to corrupt practices all through the line, from drilling, refineries, subsidy, DPR etc.

GOVERNMENT

- All three tiers are prone to corruption but the LGAs are more prone, because the State Governors micro manage them.
- The Federal Government is prone to corruption since they dictate the pace in governance and whatever comes from the top automatically applies to the bottom.
- Poor electoral processes brings bad leaders into power

BUSINESS

- Big enterprises are prone to corruption, because they find it difficult to put in controls.
- If big businesses adopt ethical ways of operations, they can easily influence the smaller businesses that look onto them for support.
- The MSMEs are the starting point of major business as all businesses start up small and grow.

SOCIETY

- The family is a major determinant of the integrity level of the Nation, as family values will determine what the family members eventually do.
- The Systemic inefficiencies in various service delivery process is an area in which integrity should be focused on in the year 2020.
- The major issues have to do with MSMEs, Local Governments, Compliance, Youth, and Family as a unit, the Nigeria police and the Nigeria Immigrations Service.
- The NDLEA has internal mechanisms in place to check the conduct of officers
- Prevention is the best way of fight corruption and everybody is involved in the fight.

RECOMENDATIONS

- All should be encouraged as the result of the fight against corruption even though long term, would soon start bringing results.
- Governance processes should be automated, as this will reduce the incidences of corrupt practices.
- Control and proper corporate governance practices should be adapted to curb occurrence of corruption in large entities
- To reduce corruption Police officers should be paid well, recruitment process must be transparent, training and retraining is also important not just on in Police duties but also in Ethical values.
- Local Government autonomy should be encouraged and citizens should be made aware of the responsibility the Local Governments have towards them so as to properly engage them.
- The Federal Government should focus on MSMEs and create an enabling environment for them to thrive in.
- There is a need to sanitize the electoral process and introduce electronic voting, transparency in allocation of resources, setting up KPIs for processes as this will go a long way to reduce occurrences of corrupt practices.
- Focus should be on MSMEs as this will eliminate the occurrences of corruption in businesses eventually.
- Faith Based organisation should include integrity in prosperity messages and CSOs should be transparent and ensure they are ethical in their practices before engaging Government or holding Government accountable.
- Nigerians should team up to build a better Nigeria especially for the generation coming.
- Nigerians need to do better as MSMEs in order to meet with regulations and do business well.
- Reward and punishment is to be encouraged as well as sanctions especially for officers of the law.
- The use of polygraph tests to identify inconsistencies or lack of character in evaluating officers should be encouraged.
- Good family values should be sustained and encouraged as this will result in increasing members desire to abstain from corrupt practices.
- Continuous evaluation of officers as a way to curb occurrence of corrupt practice should be encouraged.
- Partnership and collaboration should be encouraged amongst CSOs especially in training the Police and other Officers of the law.
- Great ideas should always be citizen centered and grass roots driven for it to make adequate impact.
- The people who have to live with the issues discussed should be involved in sessions like the Regulatory Conversations.
- Regulations must involve the public and Collective Effort is necessary for realization of the change.
- Plans must be in place to make sure that the people that matter are involved in driving the National Integrity barometer.
- Those who were present at the event should eventually pass the message across to those not present the idea was to prioritize the constituencies and a lot more need to be involved but it needed to start from somewhere.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL MEMBERS OF THE **NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OWNERS (NARTO)** AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)/DELEGATES CONFERENCE** OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2020 IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE:

**THURSDAY 30TH AND
FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY, 2020**

TIME:

10.00 AM

VENUE:

**LADI KWALI CONFERENCE CENTRE, SHERATON HOTELS AND TOWERS,
LADI KWALI WAY, WUSE, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY (FCT), ABUJA**

THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE BUSINESS OF ROAD TRANSPORTATION IN NIGERIA AND CONDUCT ELECTIONS OF NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS.

PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS SHALL BE BY ACCREDITED DELEGATES ONLY.

SIGNED:

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NEWS



■ From left: Group Chief Operating Officer, BUA Cement, Finn Arnoldsen; Group Chief Operating Officer, BUA Group, Chimaobi Madukwe; Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), Oscar Onyema; Managing Director, BUA Cement, Engr. Yusuf Binji; Group Executive Director, BUA Group, Kabiru Rabi; Company Secretary, BUA Cement, Ahmed Aliyu; and Group Head, Corporate Communications, BUA Group, Otega Ogra, during the Closing Gong Ceremony, at the Listing of the BUA Cement on the Floor of the Exchange in Lagos yesterday

BUA listing adds N1.8tr to NSE capitalisation

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) yesterday listed the 33.864 billion ordinary shares of 50 kobo each BUA Cement Plc at N35 per share, thereby adding N1.18 trillion to the capitalization of the exchange.

With the listing, the company has now become the third largest company on the NSE after Dangote Cement and MTN.

Speaking on the listing, the Chief Executive Officer of NSE, Mr. Oscar Onyema said it is exciting for the exchange to record such a major listing at the beginning of the year, noting that it is another opportunity for investors to have access to a company with good

track record.

According to him, the company has plans to move to the Premium Board of the NSE in very short period of time.

The Managing Director/CEO of BUA Cement Plc, Yusuf Binji said it was a major fulfillment for the group to have its shares listed after a merger of two companies that control significant markets in Southern and Northern parts of the country.

According to Binji, the listing of BUA followed the merger of Cement Company of Northern Nigeria (CCNN) Plc and Obu Cement Company Limited.

He explained that while CCNN was the listed company before now, its merger with Obu Cement,

both members of the BUA Group, gave birth to BUA Cement Plc, an enlarged firm, with a total installed capacity of 8.0 metric tonnes per annum (mtpa).

He said with the listing, the shareholders should expect better returns because the company will be one of the top best dividend paying companies, adding that its installed capacity would be increased to 11 million tonnes per annum (mtpa).

Binji said in addition to meeting the demand from customers in core regions in the country, the enlarged company would be positioned to distribute its products in new geographical markets, creating the potential for additional shareholder value creation.

SGF reverses NBET MD's suspension as ministry submits report

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Managing Director of Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading Plc (NBET) Marilyn Amobi earlier suspended due to many complaints against her has been recalled.

This is just as the Ministry of Power is said to have submitted the report of a committee raised to probe the many complaints against her.

The directive for recall was conveyed in a memo issued by the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF).

Minister of Power Engr. Sale Mamman on 24 December 2019 directed that Amobi stepped down while raising a five-man committee to investigate the myriad of complaints against the MD.

It said the action was with the view to restoring sanity in the management of the company.

"Consequently, she is to handover to the most senior director in the organisation," a statement had noted.

A day after, the General Manager, General Counsel and Company Secretary of NBET, Dr. Nnaemeka Ewelukwa took charge of the agencies' operations.

With the reversal, the MD would resume at her duty post.

However, Engr. Mamman, in an exclusive interview with *Daily Trust* on Thursday, said the 5-man committee had concluded its investigation of the complaints against the MD and had submitted its report to the appropriate authorities.

NBET was incorporated on July 29, 2010 and serves as a special purpose vehicle to buy electricity from the Generation Companies (GenCos) and sell to the Distribution Companies (DisCos).

It is a power sector agency licensed by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC). However, due to its financial intervention role, the chairperson of the board has been the Minister of Finance.







THEME:



National Integrity Barometer: A Roadmap for 2020.

REGULATORY CONVERSATIONS 5.0



Mr Apampa showing highlight of the session at the Regulatory Conversation National Integrity Barometer (A Road Map to 2020) event



Mrs Toki Mabogunje President Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industries during her open remark at the event.



Mr Apampa during his opening remark



Cross section of participants during the group sessions



Mr Apampa holding the transaction type



Cross section of participants at the event.



Cross section of participants during the group sessions



Stakeholders



Cross section of participants during the group sessions



Mr. Apampa with the participants during the group sessions



Cross section of participants



Cross section of stakeholders

ENERGY

Cooking gas: FG to impose hefty fines, prosecute erring marketers

By Daniel Aduabo

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources Chief Timipre Sylva has directed the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) to collaborate with other relevant agencies to establish a nationwide surveillance team to identify and eradicate illegal and unlicensed gas sales operators, as well as impose hefty

fines and prosecute erring marketers.

The minister gave the directive while expressing sadness over the gas explosion along Kachia Road, Sabon Tasha, in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, last week Saturday.

Chief Sylva said investigation into the incident revealed that the explosion occurred while an unlicensed

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) sales attendant was decanting LPG (cooking gas) into smaller cylinders.

While condoling the families of the bereaved and wishing the injured speedy recovery, the minister also assured Nigerians that their safety whilst using LPG or in any other endeavour is of utmost importance to government.

'\$600m steel plant will create jobs for 3,000 Nigerians'

By Victoria Onehi

The \$600m steel plant in Kaduna State will provide jobs for over 3,000 Nigerians, the Group Managing Director, African Industries Group, Alok Gupta, said yesterday.

Speaking while conducting the Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment, Adeniyi Adebayo, round the complex at Jere in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Gupta said the plant would also encourage other mining industries to explore similar projects in the future.

Gupta, who noted that his company had 18 manufacturing plants in Nigeria, said the project would bring in significant savings in foreign exchange by import substitution and add to foreign exchange reserves "when

our mining project starts to export Direct Reduced Iron to other West African countries. There will be significant economic and industrial development in the area by means of creation of several allied industries and social infrastructure.

"The surplus power we generate will further assist in developing other industries and residences and will help in urbanization of the local area.

"Such a project has a higher gestation period requiring full support from the Government. At this site of African Natural Resources and Mines Ltd, we'll be mining iron ore to produce DRI which will be further used to make steel and help reduce imports into Nigeria.

"We expect to commission the Phase I of the project by end of December 2020."

In his remarks, the

minister said the new \$600m steel plant would lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty.

"As you're all aware, the wish and desire of President Muhammadu Buhari is to lift 100 million people out of poverty over the next 10 years and these are the kinds of things that'll assist in that regard. When people get employment, they get paid salaries and they're able to help their dependants. This project will go a long way in that regard.

"We, as a government, are desirous and willing to assist all serious industrialists. All the people that are serious about investing in Nigeria, we're here for them. We'll within the laws of Nigeria do everything possible to assist to make sure that they're able to bring everything on track," he said.

Agencies seek support for 1000 barrels/day modular refinery

By Daniel Aduabo

Stakeholders in the oil and gas industry are soliciting support for the collaboration between the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) on the possibility of acquisition of a marginal field for the pilot 1000 barrels per day refinery.

This was among the resolutions adopted from the 15 memoranda submitted at the 4th National Council on Hydrocarbons (NCH) held recently in Abuja.

Other resolutions included the need to support the science ministry to coordinate the modular refinery pilot scheme in collaboration with the ministry of petroleum, DPR,

NNPC, governments of oil producing states and other relevant stakeholders.

The council, chaired by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva, had as its theme 'Strategies for Enhancing the Global Competitiveness of Nigeria's Hydrocarbons Value Chain'.

The session was attended by state Commissioners for Petroleum Resources, member of the National Assembly, heads of federal and states departments/agencies, representatives of security services and tertiary institutions, among others.

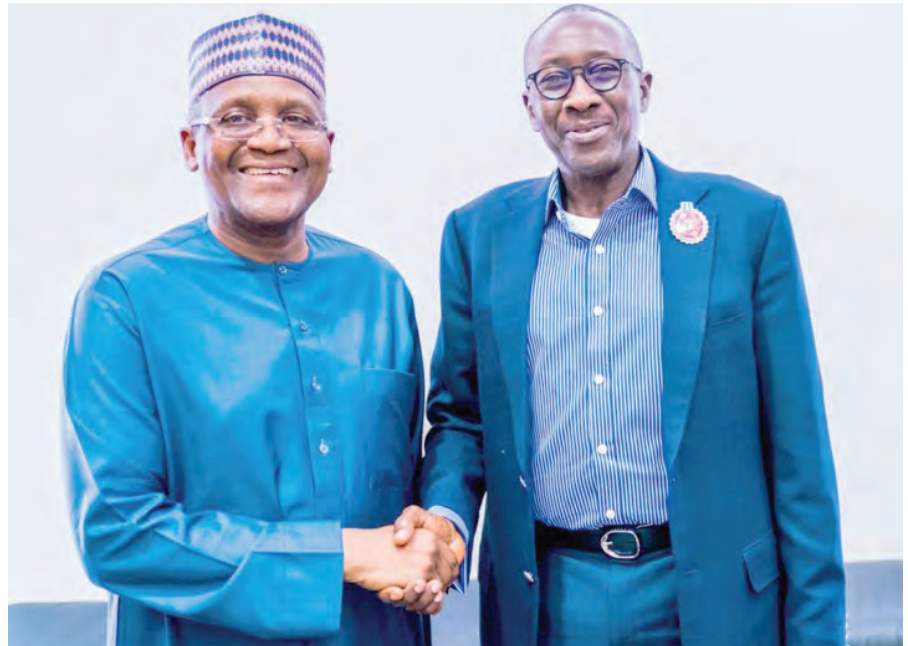
According to a communique after the council's session, the participants recommended that

multinational oil and gas prospecting companies carry out a reshoot of all their previously acquired 2D and 3D fields which are mature and have attained their oil peaks in the Niger Delta region.

They also recommended that 4D seismic survey be the minimum threshold for new fields development in Nigeria to minimize the number of initial development wells, optimize phased development wells and permit early field intervention and upgrades to the depletion and reservoir management strategies.

Also considered was the need to recommend early conclusion of the on-going refineries revamp to ensure commercial production of LPG (cooking gas).

CORPORATE IMAGES



■ The President of Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote pays an official visit to the National Security Adviser, Major General Babagana Monguno (RTD) at State House, Abuja.



■ Publisher of the Valuechain magazine, Malam Musa Bashir Usman (left) presents an award to Group Managing Director of the NNPC, Mallam Mele Kolo Kyari in Abuja recently.



■ From left: Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), Oscar N. Onyema; presents a replica of the Closing Gong to U.S. Consul General to Nigeria, Claire Pierangelo, during the U.S. Consulate's courtesy visit to The Exchange, Lagos on Wednesday.

Photo: NSE



■ Board Chairman NIGCOMSAT Ltd, Arc Yusuf Kazaure (middle); Dr. Abimbola Alale, MD/CEO NIGCOMSAT Ltd and (right) and Engr. Danjuma Ndhighidah, General Manager Satellite Control, during an on the spot visit of the Board Chairman to NIGCOMSAT head office in Abuja, yesterday.



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HIS EXCELLENCY
RT. HON **AMINU WAZIRI
TAMBUWAL, CFR**
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF SOKOTO STATE

I wish to on behalf of myself and the good people of Sokoto state join millions of well wishers in felicitating with His Excellency, Rt. Hon Aminu Waziri Tambuwal (CFR) Mutawallen Sokoto, Executive Governor, Sokoto State as he turns 54 today.

On this important day, we feel happy that the ideals of good governance, honesty and integrity which he has espoused and promoted have not gone unnoticed.

Your remarkable passion for excellence, people and oriented policies is not just bringing out the best in us, but also makes working under you a rewarding and fulfilling experience which we deeply appreciate.

There is no better time to appreciate and congratulate you than now. Congratulations Your Excellency, may today your life be filled with joy, good health and blessings.



HIS EXCELLENCY
ALH. MANIR MUHAMMAD DAN'IYA
(SARDAUNAN KWARE)
DEPUTY GOVERNOR, SOKOTO STATE

PENSION >>

Pension Watch>>>

with Salisu Na'inna Dambatta



Worldwide issues in the pension sector

A variety of issues are facing the pension and retirement sector worldwide, and Nigeria is no exception.

Some of the issues were discussed here very briefly. Discussing them in some detail but from different perspectives is important given the serious effects they have on the pension industry and the wellbeing of pensioners.

One of the issues in Nigeria is the loud demand for consequential increment on monthly pension for those on the DB system on the back of the N30,000 minimum wage by the leadership of the National Union of Pensioners (NUP). It is unnecessary for now as negotiations on the minimum wage are still ongoing between many state governments and labour. When the negotiations are over and the outcomes firmed, NUP leaders can table their demand.

The NUP hinged the demand on Section 173 (3) of the constitution which says, "Pension shall be reviewed every five years or together with any federal civil service reviews, whichever is earlier."

The matter of the stoppage of huge life pensions and other perks for many former state Governors, their deputies and state Assembly Speakers by the Courts, has captured the imagination of the nation. But what the Courts decided could be academic because state assemblies can neglect to repeal the laws that legitimised the huge payouts.

Another example of such issues is contained in the report of a committee appointed by the Bauchi State Government to verify the workers' Bank Verification Numbers (BVN), which says it has detected 596 deceased workers on the salary and pension payroll of the government.

Chairman of the committee, Senator Adamu Gumba said: "in this exercise, we (have) discovered that 596 deceased officers are on the government payroll. However, we have immediately recommended to the state government that their names should be removed from the state's pension and salary payroll."

It is sad that the management of the personnel systems in the public and possibly private sectors of the economy have

sufficient deadness of the mind to use the names of ghost workers and the dead for fraudulent financial gain. PTAD said in May 2019 that the Nigeria Police pensioners list had 4,000 fakes.

Given the apparent pervasiveness of that technique of theft and the reported saving of N700 billion for the Federal government from misappropriation by applying technology and public financial management reforms, it is hereby suggested that all the 36 state governments and the FCT administration should immediately conduct painstaking audit of their salary and pension payrolls with the aim of getting rid of inserted ghost workers and pensioners.

The outcome of such audits should lead to the prosecution of those found to be defrauding the governments through ghost workers and retirees.

The discovery of 596 deceased persons who were still on the salary and pension payrolls in Bauchi state pales into insignificance relative to the 24,000 detected by the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD). Both are by far less than the 120,000 deceased persons receiving pensions at age 120, or those who died 30 years ago, in Greece, one of the Third World countries in Western Europe.

The Daily Mail of the United Kingdom reported that Greek pension authorities blamed lack of computers to check the ages of people receiving the money. Families of the deceased pensioners continued to receive the pensions more than 30 years after the actual pensioners have died.

The pension crisis in France, which was triggered by the government's determination to reform the pension system, is continuing. Despite the discomfort and irritation it caused for the French, it is far from being resolved. Chile is reeling from and struggling to sort out its long-running pension crisis. Chile's pension is contributory, but its inadequacy led to the crisis.

Dozens of other countries around the world are in pension crises of different dimensions and severity without practical solutions.

Defunct NITEL/MTEL pensioners receive N842.8m arrears

About 11,331 pensioners have been paid N842.8 million by the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD) in December 2019.

A statement by the Executive Secretary of PTAD, Dr Chioma Ejikeme, said the payment was part of the commitment of the federal government to reduce inherited pension liabilities, assuring pensioners that their welfare remained a priority of the President Muhammadu Buhari administration.

She said PTAD had made its mandate clear before the commencement of the exercise. The NITEL/MTEL verification exercise, which started in February 2018, was for the purpose of verifying and enrolling eligible pensioners for the purpose of payment of monthly pension. This, she said is in line with the provisions of

the Pension Reform Act (2014).

"This was what the Directorate did in the cases of Delta Steel Company (DSC), Nigeria Reinsurance, Federal Housing Authority (FHA), NICON Insurance and Nigerian Defense Academy (NDA) civilians.

"The pensioners who have served the country meritoriously in their various capacities deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. This is why PTAD staff and management will continue to work towards ensuring that the pensioners receive their pension entitlements as and when due," Ejikeme said, as reported in the media.

PTAD assured pensioners that the management will be guided by passion, transparency, accountability and drive which are the core values of the directorate.



Ghana's Social Security increases pensions by 11% in 2020

Pensioners in Ghana will now enjoy an increase in pensions by at least 11% in 2020.

This is coming after the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) announced an increase in pensions by at least 11% for the year.

The Director-General of SSNIT, Dr John Ofori-Tenkorang said this as part of the review in pension indexation.

According to SSNIT, "The approved overall indexation rate of 11% for 2020 is higher than the forecasted inflation rate of 8.0% for 2020. The overall indexation amount was redistributed at a Fixed Rate of 6.6% and a Flat Amount of GH¢ 37.38 for all Pensioners on the SSNIT Pension Payroll as of 31st December 2019."

SSNIT added that 70% of

pensioners will receive 11% or more as an increase in their pensions. Meanwhile, 98% of the pensioners will see an increase that will be equal to or above the targeted inflation rate for 2020.

This implies that the lowest-earning pensioners will get an effective increase of 19.06%. This is referred to as redistribution.

Redistribution is a mechanism used to cushion members on low pensions in line with the solidarity principle of social security. Pensioners who receive low pensions is because they got low basic salaries on which contributions were paid.

This means that pensioners on the SSNIT Pension Payroll as of December 31, 2019, receiving the minimum

pension of GH¢300 (\$52) will have their pensions increased to GH¢357.18 (\$62).

The minimum pension for all new Pensioners for 2020 will be GH¢300.00.

By this new indexation rate, the current pensions paid will be increased by GH¢ 243 million for the year 2020.

According to SSNIT, there were about 216,000 pensioners on the payroll in 2019 but this is expected to increase to 240,000 in 2020.

SSNIT used the percentage change in the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2019, forecast of the 2020 National Annual Price Inflation, ability of the Fund to pay and the long term sustainability of the Scheme to determine the 2020 indexation rate. [Pulse]

Unions protest in France over pension reform

Protesters took to the streets in several French cities on Thursday as unions sought to keep up the tempo of their opposition to President Emmanuel Macron's pension reform plans.

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower shut for the day and the city's metro system remained severely disrupted, more than a month into a strike in the public transport sector against Macron's plans.

The Education Ministry said that just under 18 per cent of the country's teachers were also out on strike, while state railway company SNCF said 40 per cent of TGV high-speed trains would be cancelled.

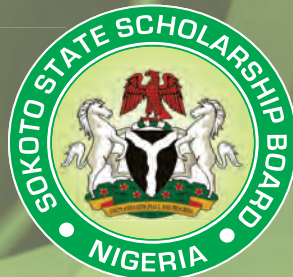
Hardline unions are demanding that

Macron withdraw the reforms, which would see 42 existing professional pension plans amalgamated into a single national pension scheme.

Railway and Paris public transport workers would be among the big losers, with their right to retire at age 52 or 57 being gradually phased out.

Moderate trade unions are meanwhile demanding the government compromise on plans to increase the standard age for retirement on a full pension from 62 to 64, ahead of new talks scheduled for Friday.

Lawyers have also joined the protests, aggrieved at the plan to abolish their pension scheme, which runs a surplus. (dpa/NAN)



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OUR DOYEN OF EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IS **54**

I wish to on behalf of myself, staff of the State Scholarship Board, Parents and all benefiting students congratulates the peoples Governor, His Excellency, Rt Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal CFR (Matawallen Sokoto) as he marks yet another millestone in his life today.

Your Excellency Sir, we are proud to affirm that your leadership prowess laced with your peoples oriented policies have continued to endear you to many.

Your moral pedigrees will forever stand you out in the nation's political history as a leader with unwavering quest for good governance as shown in your numerous developmental projects so far executed in our dear State.

We are proud to identity with you as a visionary leader. Once more, happy birthday and may Almighty Allah guide and lead you in the service of our dear State and fatherland.

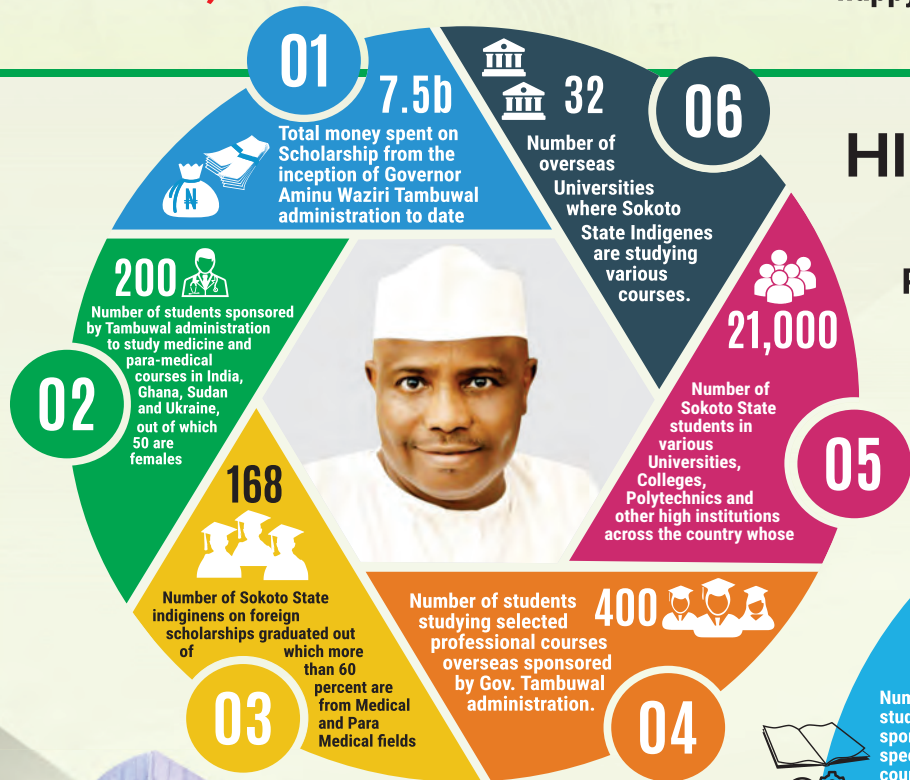
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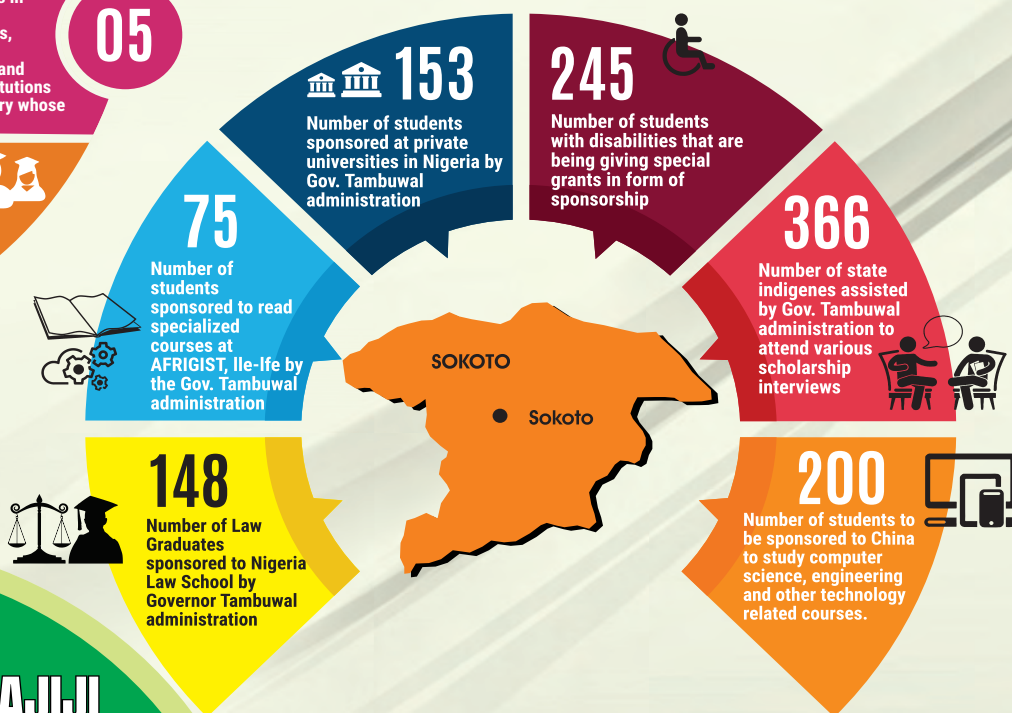
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HIGHLIGHT OF TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS

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From the Inception of **GOV. AMINU WAZIRI TAMBUWAL'S** Administration To Date



Signed:

HON. ALTINE SHEHU KAJIJI

Executive Chairman

Sokoto State Scholarship Board



MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SOKOTO STATE

CONGRATULATIONS

As Our Governor Turns



His Excellency,
Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal CFR,
(Mutawallen Sokoto)
Executive Governor, Sokoto State

I wish to on behalf of the entire workforce of the Sokoto State Ministry of Health and myself, congratulate His Excellency, The Governor of Sokoto State, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal CFR, (Mutawallen Sokoto), as he turns 54 today.

We, at the Ministry of Health are proud of your numerous achievements and the repositioning of the state health sector through robust policies and programs, purposeful engagement and collaboration with National and International partners and indeed, provision of Medical facilities and incentives that have boosted staff morale and dedication to service. Policies and programs such as:

- **Sokoto State Contributory Healthcare Scheme,**
- **Free Medical Care for Accident Victims,**
- **Lafiya Leka Gidan Kowa Programme**
- **Free Pre-natal and Post-natal Care for Pregnant Women and Children Under the Age of Five (5)**

Which have culminated in turning the health sector around leading to a resounding success.

We are happy and proud to be associated with you on this special day in your life. Indeed, you are an embodiment of humility, courage, justice, nationalism and resilience which are a hallmark of your triumph and success in life.

We pray to Almighty God to give you more wisdom and courage to take Sokoto State to a greater height.

Wishing you Happy Birthday and many more Happy returns of the day.



Signed

Dr. Mohammad Ali Inname MB;BS, M.Sc
Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Health Sokoto State



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WE REJOICE WITH
MUTAWALLEN
SOKOTO

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Happy
Birthday

HIS EXCELLENCY, RT. HON

AMINU WAZIRI TAMBUWAL, CFR
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF SOKOTO STATE



HON. SAIDU UMAR
(MALLAM UBANDOMAN SOKOTO)
SECRETARY TO THE
SOKOTO STATE GOVERNOR (SSG)

On behalf of myself, my family, the member of the Sokoto State Executive Council, Civil Servants and the good people of Sokoto State, I join all well wishers both at home and abroad to rejoice with His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal CFR, (Mutawallen Sokoto), Executive Governor, Sokoto State on his 54th Birthday Anniversary Today.

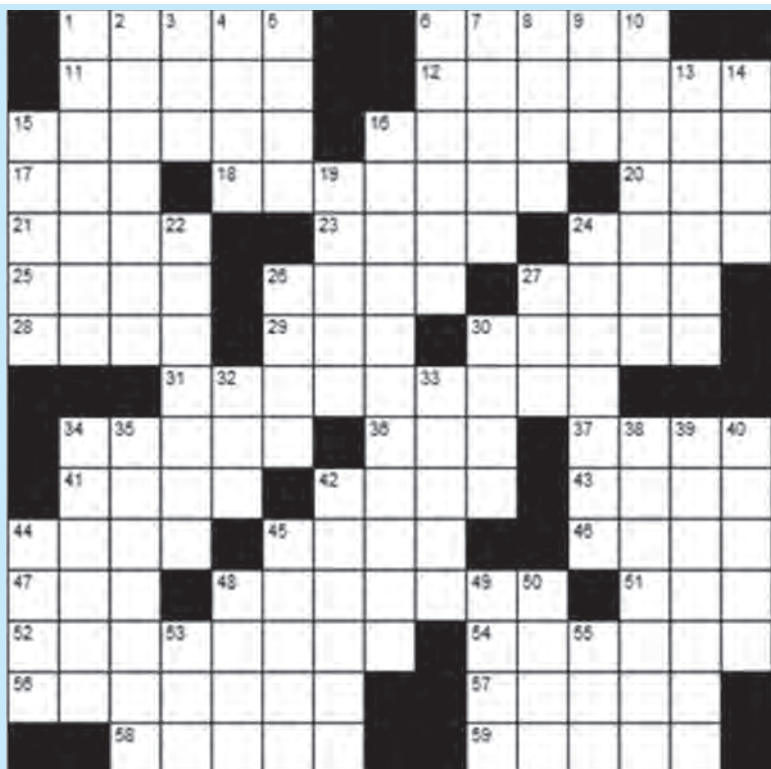
I believe these years were well spent in the service of humanity. Indeed, they are years devoted and sacrificed to the development of the common man in Sokoto and Nigeria at large. Today marks another milestone in your numerous accomplishments in life; it is my hope that this will spur you to do more for the good of humanity.

His Excellency's leadership as the Sokoto State Governor has brought progress and enormous reforms that are already having direct bearing on the lives of all the people of the State. I make bold to say that he stands unique as a leader providing pace-setting agenda in the area of education, agriculture, health, social welfare, security and many more.

We therefore, pray that the Almighty Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala in His infinite mercy and wisdom will continue to bestow upon you all that you need to continue to do what you have been doing so well and for the great people of Sokoto State. Ameen Thumma Ameen.

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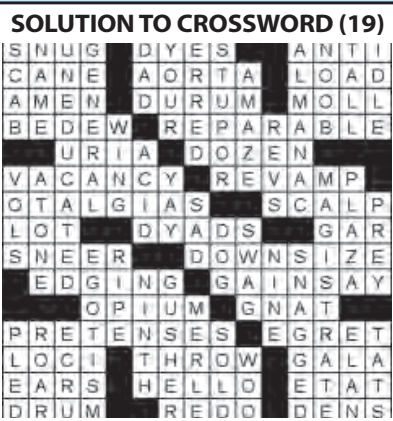


ACROSS

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- 6. Roman cloaks
- 11. Claw
- 12. Voter
- 15. Relinquish
- 16. Tranquilizer
- 17. Arrive (abbrev.)
- 18. Cleaning device
- 20. Nourished
- 21. Teller of untruths
- 23. Always
- 24. Hairdo
- 25. Bristle
- 26. Tall woody plant
- 27. Senile
- 28. Biblical garden
- 29. Ancient unit of measure
- 30. Rhinoceros
- 31. A sweetened delicacy
- 34. Killed
- 36. Center of a storm
- 37. Circle fragments
- 41. Agreement
- 42. Extend credit
- 43. Container weight
- 44. Instant
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- 46. Pitcher
- 47. Big fuss

DOWN

- 48. Slide
- 51. Witch
- 52. He communicates via thoughts
- 54. Overnight bag
- 56. Ancient Roman galley
- 57. Avoid
- 58. More recent
- 59. Stitched
- 7. Not younger
- 8. Equipment
- 9. Play a role
- 10. Rigidify
- 13. Exaggerate
- 14. Start over
- 15. Not true
- 16. 17th
- 19. Creepy
- 22. Plunder
- 24. Excite
- 26. Not now
- 27. "Eureka!"
- 30. Marsh plant
- 32. Drollness
- 33. Tropical Asian starlings
- 34. Arachnid
- 35. Ointment ingredient
- 38. Untanned hide
- 39. Wrinkled
- 40. Twilled fabric
- 42. Hang around
- 44. Light bulb unit
- 45. Hold responsible
- 48. Gush
- 49. Nights before
- 50. Rant
- 53. Before, poetically
- 55. Legislation



SUDOKU >>

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 19

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SNAPSHOT >>

On The Edge: Nail-biting moment toddler walks along 5th floor ledge of apartment



This is the terrifying moment a toddler risked certain death by walking along the fifth floor ledge of an apartment (circled). Video shows the girl walking on the corner of the family's holiday flat in Playa Paraíso, in Adeje, Tenerife while her mum was reportedly in the shower. After climbing out of a window and walking along the ledge, the child reaches a railing around a balcony and sits down on it. But rather than climbing over the balcony to safety, the toddler starts to go back the way she came. The child jumps as she appears to lose her footing and races back along the ridge, before stopping at the window where the footage ends. The child's family were reportedly holidaymakers from Finland but it is not known if they have flown back home.

Photo: Facebook

SIGN LANGUAGE >>



Look, how can traffic MURGE into one lane? It can only MERGE, sir! Photo location: Surrey, UK. Spotted by Steve Hobbs

— Source: telegraph.co.uk

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Bolori II community youth volunteers to teach in schools

From Ibrahim Sawab, Maiduguri

A group of youths at Bolori II community in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC), Borno state have embarked on voluntary teaching at primary and secondary schools located within and neighbouring communities.

Kanem Trust reports that the group, Bolori II Youth Development Association (BYDA) was formed two years ago and has been organising special classes for adults without formal education.

With about 50 young graduate-volunteers under scheme the group is covering their host community and other neighbouring communities.

"In the last two years the youths of Bolori II under the umbrella of BYDA initiated voluntary teaching programme which engages over 50 graduates to teach adults in their community with the aim of reducing the illiteracy level among them.

"The program has received widespread support, admiration and praise from well meaning people within and outside the community," a volunteer told Kanem Trust in Maiduguri.

He added: "In March 2017 the then Executive Governor of Borno state, Kashim Shettima had requested this voluntary teaching programme to be extended to primary and secondary schools of the same



Members of the volunteer group at a sensitisation session

community by approving the payment of monthly stipends to these volunteer teachers.

"With this effort of state government and that of volunteer teachers, the image of public schools in Bolori II has completely changed to the extent that parents are withdrawing their children from private schools to public schools, which is one of our targets.

"Despite present predicament, the volunteer teachers were able to charge

themselves certain fee monthly for the execution of some projects like procurement of public address system, hoisting of national flags in various schools, tree planting campaign in some schools and organising series of sensitization campaign in order to address poor enrollment of children into schools.

"In terms of educational achievement they were able to revive some of the things that have become things

of the past in most schools within this short period such as: organising daily morning assembly which helps the students to learn how to speak in public, forming various clubs and programs such as quiz and debate, MSS/Drama and organising speech and prize giving."

The volunteer called on his fellow youths especially educated ones to contribute positively to the development of the state and Nigeria as a whole.

Borno deaf students appeal for special school

From Ibrahim Sawab, Maiduguri

Deaf students in Borno state have appealed for a befitting schooling environment that will enable them acquire education and learn skills with ease.

About 20 representatives of the Borno indigenous deaf students made the plea for the special school during a courtesy visit to the state Ministry of Higher Education in Maiduguri.

Welcoming the visiting deaf students, the commissioner, Prof. Hussaini Ali Marte, said he would work on their request for a special school for the deaf.

He noted that the school of the blind is currently under rehabilitation, saying that construction of the deaf school within the blind school would be possible as the governor has also a plan to give special education full attention.

"The physically challenged persons are also primarily targets of Professor Babagana Zulum, since they are now receiving N30,000 monthly so as to support them in various skills entrepreneurship," Prof. Marte said.

Kanem Trust learnt the Borno deaf students travel to neighbouring states of Bauchi and Gombe and far Plateau for their studies due to lack of a school in the state even as their population keeps increasing.

Yobe vaccinates 5 million livestock

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

More than five million livestock in Yobe State are to receive free vaccination between November last year to the end of January.

Under the programme the government is targeting 1.5 million heads of cattle, 2.5 million sheep and goats and 3,000 dogs.

Speaking at the flag off ceremony Governor Mai Mala Buni said the provision of free drugs and vaccines to animals has become a tradition in the state due to its large number of livestock.

The governor said animal diseases and malnutrition have equally continued to impede livestock development not only in Yobe but the

country in general.

He said choosing this period of the year to vaccinate livestock against diseases has been deliberate as pastoralists move around the entire West African region in search of pasture and water.

"This is the time which spread of Trans Boundary Animal Disease (TADS) to other places is becoming rampant. It is also intended to meet the demand of International Epizootics Organization (IEO) as a step towards promoting international participation in livestock marketing and trade," he added.

Adamu Lamido a cattle owner said he always utilized this opportunity as it comes only once in a year.

He said that they always

lose hundreds of livestock to animal diseases before the emergence of the state's annual vaccination.

Lamido said he mobilized over 20 herders from around his village not to travel until they get their cattle vaccinated.

Another beneficiary, Aliyu Mode said as a Fulani man the health of livestock was as significance as that of human being.

He said Yobe was one of the few states that supported pastoralists with free vaccines.

Mode commended the government and urged all pastoralists to take their livestock to the nearest vaccination center.

The Programme Manager, Dr Mustapha Abba Geidam, said the purpose of the

vaccination was to safeguard the health of the livestock, boost their immunity and prevent them against diseases.

He said harmattan was the safe period for the drugs as it will stay fresh because of the low temperature.

He said the vaccination would take place in various centers across the 17 local government areas of the state.

Similarly, the President of the Senate, Dr Ahmed Lawan, had launched a programme to vaccinate one million animals in the six local government areas that make up his constituency.

"This year, we will be vaccinating one million livestock in this senatorial district," Lawan told the gathering at the flagging off of

the exercise.

Lawan said about 500,000 livestock were vaccinated across the senatorial district during a similar exercise last year.

"I believe that this is one thing we owe our herdsmen. They are Nigerians like all of us. They voted for us, they live with us and they also contribute very well to the economy of this country."

Mallam Isa a beneficiary in Karasuwa local government told Kanem Trust that the veterinary doctors met him while rearing his cattle in the desert and vaccinated over 30 of them.

Isa advised the veterinary doctors to enlighten the villagers before the exercise commences.

Lawmaker supports constituent's with cash

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

The member representing Mamudo constituency in Yobe State House of Assembly, Alhaji Auwal Isa, has presented cash assistance to students, widows, elderly and youths.

Auwal Isa Bello Danchuwa is also the Deputy Speaker of the Yobe State House of Assembly.

Isa said the annual presentation, through the Gamji Foundation, was in fulfillment of his personal commitment to give back to society and carry everyone along in his life and success.

The lawmaker said that 350

people were chosen to benefit from the gesture.

"It is going to be continuous. Each undergraduate will receive N20,000 HND students N20,000 Diploma and NCE students N15,000 while widows, elderly and youths will get N10,000," he added.

He noted that as a lawmaker he has embarked on lobbying for projects to his electorate, which included the construction of the Potiskum-Danchuwa and Danchuwa-Garin Bingel roads.

"When I came on board I met only few boreholes but now we have dozens of functional boreholes in our constituency."

According to him he has

purchased JAMB forms for those willing to further their education.

He directed the youths, who are willing to further their education, to consult the committee he set up for guidance.

He further announced that he would soon launch an empowerment programme for petty traders in order to boost their economy.

"People living with eye problem too would soon enjoy free eye treatment."

He advised the constituents to live in harmony with one another and support all government policies and programmes so as to benefit more.



■ A SEMA officials handing over the items to Sa'idu's parents

NEDC to invest in teachers training

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu.

The North East Development Commission coordination office Yobe State is set to complement state government effort on education.

Dr. Ali Abbas, NEDC Focal Person and Coordinator in the state gave the assurance on Wednesday at a session with Desk Officers of various Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs) in Damaturu.

Abbas said that part of the findings by a technical committee set up to revitalize education in the state was that so many teachers are not qualified.

He said the commission

would, therefore, support the establishment of an institute to train teachers in the state.

He assured that his office would use Yobe's share of the N6 billion Education Fund recently approved by the federal government for six states in the north east, to support education infrastructure, capacity building and scholarship to indigent youths and women.

Abbas said the commission would also partner with state and federal governments in peace building, stabilisation and social cohesion and livelihood support.

He noted that even before the advent of the activities

of Boko Haram, the North East region had the lowest human development indices compared to other regions in the country.

"The NEDC has the mandate to implement and coordinate humanitarian, peace, security and stability, early recovery and socio-economic development activities in the North-East.

"To succeed in its mandate, the commission requires strategic partnerships and synergy with all the stakeholders in the region."

He urged all stakeholders, especially desk officers from the various ministries to cooperate with the commission to achieve its mandate.

SEMA donates food items to parent of Saidu

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu.

The Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has donated food and other items to parents of Saidu a four-year-old boy without anus.

The Executive Secretary of SEMA Dr Mohammed Goje said he has been following the case of Saidu closely in the Daily Trust newspaper.

Goje said he was glad that some good Samaritans have already rendered their support including the cost of surgery.

Saidu will undergo surgery on the January 13 following an offer by a good Samaritan who promised to take care of the surgery.

The story of Saidu featured in *Kanem Trust* titled "Anguish of four year old boy without anus" published four weeks ago.

Mohammed Babi, Saidu's confirmed the receipt of the items which included a bag of rice, a bag of maize, a gallon of oil, tomato paste, blanket, mattresses and mosquito net.

Babi thanked SEMA for the support and pray to Almighty Allah reward them.

With diploma in Marketing, Fanna finds peace in knitting

From Uthman Abubakar, Maiduguri

When she strutted out of Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri, in 2013, with a National Diploma (ND) in Marketing, Fanna had nothing at all to market except her total lack of livelihood skill.

As she grappled with the realities of life throughout the following six years, the Diploma certificate looked scornfully at her, and she looked depressingly at it.

After six years of joblessness, Fanna found herself last March (2019) on the list of 2700 youths of the Northeast EU/German Government youth economic empowerment project. Sixty percent of the beneficiaries are females in the region. It is scheduled to end in October, 2020.

The project, codenamed NGA100043, is called Youth Economic Empowerment Project for Resilience and Peace Building in the Context of North-East.

Implemented in Borno



■ Women participants in a knitting class

and Adamawa states by Plan International, an international NGO, and Herwa Community Development Initiative, a local NGO as implementing partners, the project is funded by the European Union (EU), which contributes two million Euros, and the German Government, 229,167 Euros.

The beneficiaries were taught livelihood skills under three broad areas -

apprenticeship, vocation and entrepreneurship.

The beneficiaries of apprenticeship and vocational training were taught aluminum works, barbing saloon, bricklaying, carpentry, computer operation and repairs, hair dressing, knitting, leather/shoe/bag making, local perfume, local spaghetti, soap/detergent making, tailoring and welding/

fabrication.

They were also taught electrical installation, solar installation, confectioneries and computer networking.

Beneficiaries of entrepreneurship training were taught petty foodstuff trading, livestock/poultry keeping and vegetable farming.

Out of the 2700 beneficiaries in the Northeast, 1375 are in Borno State. These comprise 522 for the apprenticeship, 600 for the vocational, and 250 for the entrepreneurship skills.

They were drawn from Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC), Jere, Mafa, Monguno and Gwoza LGAs.

"I have always been interested in knitting," Fanna Babagana said, stressing, "even when I get employed as a marketer anywhere, I will not stop knitting."

"I will save to do a lot of things, like purchasing my wedding items."

Veronica Francis is acquiring hair dressing skills to go back to Gamboru-

Ngala to revive the trade in the Nigeria/Cameroon border local government area when peace and security are restored there, 10 years after it was stopped by Boko Haram.

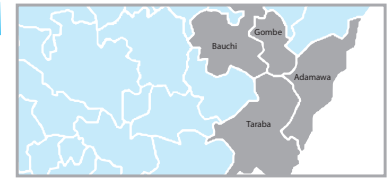
"I will reduce the price of dressing hair at the beginning to attract customers and win their confidence. In due course, I may raise but I hope to attract customers from communities in the neighboring Cameroon," the widow said.

Babakura Bukar, who holds an ND in marketing from Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri, stayed unemployed for seven years. He was a thriving petty trader before Boko Haram frustrated him out of business in 2012.

Acquiring skills in aluminum works, Babakura said: "I developed interest in it when I discovered that aluminum doors and windows are trending now and there are bright prospects because people build everyday, and they will not stop building."

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After 14 years, Gombe moves to vaccinate cattle - Miyetti Allah

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

The Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) said the Gombe State Government has concluded arrangements to vaccinate cattle in the state.

The Secretary of MACBAN in the state, Alhaji Aminu Suleiman Wuro-Bokki, who disclosed this to North East Trust yesterday, said the vaccination was coming 14 years after the last exercise was conducted in the state.

He said that the state Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry has informed them that funds have been released to procure the vaccines for the immunization of cattle across the 11 local government areas of the state.

“Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry have informed us that fund was released to them for the procurement of the vaccines. The last time such exercise was conducted in Gombe was sometime in 2006,” he said.

Aminu Wuro-Bokki added that they would soon mobilize herdsmen and outline the timetable for the vaccination across the state.

According to him, since the outbreak of Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) in



■ Aminu Sulaiman Wuro-Bokki, MACBAN Secretary, Gombe State

neighbouring Bauchi state, where it was reported to have claimed hundreds of cows, the MACBAN has taken measures that so far prevented the disease from spreading to the state.

He said: “Our effort to quarantine cattle from crossing into Gombe from Bauchi state where the disease was recorded, has yielded

positive result, as I am talking to you no single cow has contacted the disease from this state.

The secretary has also applauded the state government for making moves to preserve local, national and international cattle routes that passed through the state, which he said will curtail clashes between farmers and



■ Muhammad Magaji Gettado, Gombe State Commissioner of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

herdsmen.

Wuro-Bokki also appealed to the state government to conduct census to ascertain the number of cattle and herdsmen in the state to help for proper planning and interventions programme by the government and other development partners.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner for

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Muhammad Magaji Gettado, confirmed to our correspondent that arrangement has reached an advance stage for the conduct of the exercise.

He said Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya was expected to flag off the vaccination exercise very soon.

NDE to train 480 youths on apprenticeship scheme in Taraba

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

The National Directorate of Employment (NDE) is to commence the training of 480 youths on basic apprenticeship scheme in Taraba state.

The state coordinator of the Directorate, Alhaji Aderemi Adebisi disclosed this during an interview with North-East Trust in Jalingo.

He said 30 youths would be trained in each of the 16 local government areas of the state and recruitment for the trainees has already been concluded.

According to the coordinator the training is part the Directorate's efforts

to meet with the increasing challenges of unemployment among youths in the country.

“At the end of the training graduate trainees will be fully proficient to compete favorably in the business world,” he said.

The coordinator stated that the target groups included unskilled men and women who may be primary or secondary school leavers as well as school dropouts.

Mr Adebisi warned training facilitators against recycling persons into the current programme in order to allow those that had not benefitted from the Directorate's training programme in the past.

Aisha Buhari distributes food items to less privileged in Gombe

From Haruna Gimba Yaya & Rabilu Abubakar, Gombe

The First Lady, Aisha Muhammadu Buhari has distributed food items to the less privileged in Gombe state, including, orphans, widows, people with disabilities as well as associations.

Aisha Buhari, who distributed the food items through the wife of the state governor, Hajiya Asma'u Inuwa Yahaya, said the distribution was done based on the needs of the vulnerable groups.

She said the human spirited initiatives being pursued by Aisha Buhari through her pet project, 'Future Assured' were in tune with state administration's programmes target at empowering youths,

women and other vulnerable groups.

Asma'u Yahaya said the state government would ensure close and sustained partnership with the federal government and other non-governmental organisations in developing initiatives that have direct bearing on the lives of the citizenry.

She appealed to the representatives of the benefitting individuals and groups to be fair and do justice in distributing the items.

She disclosed that a monitoring team has been set up to ensure a fair distribution process with a view to reaching out to the targeted beneficiaries.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, Chairman of the

People Living with Disabilities in the state, Umar Ali Goro, thanked the first lady for the kind gesture to the less privileged and vulnerable groups.

Our correspondents reports that some of the beneficiary groups include Federation of Muslim Women Association in Nigeria (FOMWAN), Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Nigerian Correctional Service (NCorS), Women groups, Widows groups and people living with disabilities among others.

Hajiya Asma'u later visited the Gombe orphanage and presented the food items. She also presented same at the Tula Custodial Centre in Kaltungo Local Government Area of the state.

Our charges among lowest in Nigeria - Medical Director

From Kabiru R. Anwar, Yola

The Medical Director, Federal Medical Center (FMC) ,Yola, Professor Awwal Abubakar, has said that the cost of services and drugs at the hospital is among the lowest in Nigeria.

He also said the management has set up a special fund which had sponsored treatment of hundreds of poor people.

In an exclusive interview with *North East Trust*, the chief executive said like in other hospitals, the centre also ran a revolving fund to sustain the drug supply.

The management, he said, had introduced the Paupers Fund to provide free treatment to poor patients who could not afford to pay for services including major surgery, which had won the hospital the Health Care Excellence Award in 2018.

"Hospitals generally run revolving funds. You buy consumables and mark them up. You mark them up because the money is supposed to revolve. You are marking up a bit to continue with these supplies and to the best of our knowledge our prices are among the lowest in the country.

"And in consideration of indigent patients who may not afford hospital charges, we introduced Paupers Fund which is robust. In 2018, we won the Nigerian Health Care Excellence Award in Lagos.

"These charges have been there for three to four years without upward review except for the admission charges.

"Most hospitals are responsible for diesel, buying petrol for vehicles and for maintaining buildings and equipment. Some of the equipment need millions of naira for maintenance," he said.

Some patients interviewed by *North East Trust* agreed that the charges at the hospital are moderate but appealed to the government to consider providing free drugs especially to the indigent.

"We know that some of the services are cheaper here compared to some federal hospitals in other states but what we want is free medical care in all government hospitals because some Nigerians cannot afford even N5,000," said Haruna Iliya.

Another patient, Hauwa Kwade called on government and wealthy individuals to contribute to the Paupers Fund to enable more people to benefit.

"Some patients benefit from free treatment under the fund but there is need for more and more people to benefit. So our state government, local councils and business men should contribute," she said.

The Chairman of the Paupers Fund, Abdullahi Sulaiman said the fund, which sponsored the treatment of hundreds of indigent patients has so far realized N25 million as donations.

More Taraba farmers now engage in dry season farming

By Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

There is a surge in the number of farmers now engaged in dry season farming in Taraba State.

An investigation by *North East Trust* revealed that more than 100,000 farmers are now into dry season farming across seven local government areas of the state.

The local government areas are Karm-Lamido, Lau, Arddo-Kola, Ibbi, Gassol, Donga, Jalingo, Wukari, Yorro and Bali.

Our correspondent reports that they number jumped as many of them picked interest in rice farming taking advantage of the Central Bank of Nigeria's Anchor Borrowers' Programme.

Under the programme benefitting farmers receive farm inputs such as improved seeds, fertilizer, water pumps and pesticides as loan.

Confirming the development the state's Chairman of the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN), Malam Tanko Bobbo Andame, said the association had registered 30,000 members to benefit from the programme.

He told *North East Trust* that Taraba state was now one of the leading rice producing states in the country.

He said 16,000 farmers were provided with farm inputs under the Anchor Borrowers Programme for the 2020 dry season farming activities.

Mallam Tanko Andame stated that with the incentives given to rice farmers in the state, more farmers would key into rice farming during both wet and dry seasons.

He said with the availability of vast fertile land and all year round running rivers, the state has the capacity to produce half of the nation's demand for rice.



■ Farmers collecting farm inputs during distribution of the items by Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN) in Jalingo

Bauchi ministry introduces device to monitor teachers attendance

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

The Bauchi state Ministry of Education has introduced handheld fingerprint device to check public school teachers in and out of their duty posts.

This is also being used to qualify them to be paid their monthly salaries.

The Commissioner for Education, Dr. Aliyu Usman Tilde, who disclosed this yesterday in Bauchi, said the ministry introduced the device to address the menace of ghost workers, absenteeism and indolence in schools.

He said through the device he could monitor the number of lessons that every teacher teaches in a week, month and in a year.

"I think we are the first to deploy such device in Nigeria."

Tilde said that there would be cut off mark for attendance



■ Dr. Aliyu Usman Tilde

and any teacher below the mark would not receive his salary for the month.

"We are going to put a benchmark that will show that you were there. They are expected to go to work 23 days in a month. We may put minimum of 17,18 or 19 days in a month and anything short of that the person

won't be paid."

The Commissioner explained those with genuine cases that would force them to be absent from work must follow due process in reporting their cases.

"We now have the device in all the 219 secondary schools. We have had a case of a teacher who only attended his school seven times in 11 years. When I came in I requested for attendance register of various schools and the statistics there was not encouraging at all, 53.5 percent of teachers do not go their work place at all."

He said since the introduction of the system teachers have been reporting to work before 8 a.m.

Tilde said the system would be one of the determinants for any teacher to be considered for promotion.

"This will be first index, though there might challenges in this but this will

be first measure because if you don't go to work how can you perform? The first thing is, whether the teacher was at his duty post and how many lessons was he able to do."

He said it has become difficult to monitor the performance of teachers in the state due to their large number and most of them are in the rural areas.

"People are now less honest than before and given their large number, many of them can hide. A lot of them are in the rural areas where it is difficult to reach them. You find out that by the time you take up their attendance book everyone is present and resumed work before 8:am even if he or she wasn't there," he said.

"With this, I have been able to monitor in my office when my teachers resume, deliver lesson and go out of school," the commissioner added.

Bauchi discovers skill acquisition materials abandoned 38 years ago

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

Bauchi State Governor Senator Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed has discovered skills acquisition materials abandoned since the administration of the first civilian governor of the state Alhaji AbubakarTatari Ali, 38 years ago.

Late Tatari ruled the state between 1979 and 1983 after which nine military and three

civilian governors ruled the state before the coming of the present administration.

The Commissioner, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation Alhaji Usman Mohammed Saleh disclosed this while speaking with newsmen yesterday in Bauchi.

He said the materials were kept in the six emirates in the state.

Usman said the equipment,

if put into use, would create job opportunities to hundreds of unemployed youths.

He said the equipment were found to be in good condition and government intended to build a skill acquisition center in each of the emirates to put them into use.

He said government has earmarked N1 billion in the 2020 budget to address the

problem of unemployment, especially amongst youths and women.

Usman said N200 million will be given to the Association of Motorcycles and Tricycles Riders to purchase motorcycles and tricycles and distribute to its members on loan.

Another N60 million would be given to those running cash wash and vulcanisers to buy modern equipment.

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Delta govt clears canals to forestall flooding in Isoko South LGA

From Victor Sorokwu, Asaba

In a bid to check incessant flooding of some areas in Uzere, Isoko South Local Government Area, the Delta State Ministry of Environment has deployed swamp buggies for mechanical desiltation of natural waterways.

The Commissioner for Environment, Mr Christian Onogba, who inspected the ongoing mechanical desiltation of some canal in Uzere, expressed satisfaction with the level of work so far done.

He reaffirmed the commitment of the government to arrest the devastating effects of flooding in communities across the state.

He said that the project was informed by the need to create natural waterways to ensure free flow of water.

"The canal overflows its bank into the Uzere community and other neighbouring villages due to blockage of waterways, particularly during the rainy seasons."

The commissioner stated that the opening of natural waterways and canals would

arrest flooding as the water that overruns the villages would now flow into the river without any hindrance.

He said following the clearance of the waterway the river would now provide a pool for fish breeding and farming for the people and warned against indiscriminate dumping of waste to avoid blockage.

A youth leader in Uzere

Community, Mr Simon Otateme, commended the government for undertaking the clearance as it would bring relief to years of suffering from the effects of flooding in the community.

Some of the canals that were desilted are: Teckon Farm Canal, Oturo Canal and Uzere-Asaba Ase Road Canal in Isoko South Local Government Area among others.



■ Governor Ifeanyi Okowa of Delta State

2 persons shot over town union leadership tussle in Delta

From Victor Sorokwu, Asaba

At least two persons were reported to have sustained severe injuries from gunshot in Afiesere community of Ughelli North local government area of Delta state following leadership tussle in the town union's executive.

Niger Delta Trust gathered that violence broke out over an alleged attempt by a splinter group to topple the incumbent executive of the town's union presided over Mr. Victor Otumemine.

The splinter group, led by Mr. Francis Onobruchere and Mr. Sunny Akponana, our correspondent further learnt, had in the early hours of Sunday rode in a van round Afiesere community, announcing that the Otumemine-led executive's tenure had expired and a new executive had come on board.

A community source said while this was on a group of

youths from the community emerged in violent resistance against the splinter group.

The group insisted that the tenure of the existing executive will expire in August 2020 and described the splinter group's agitation as being sponsored to cause crisis in the community.

It was while this was going on that gunshots by yet-to-be identified persons hit an indigene, Mr. Anthony Apiloko and a commercial motorcyclist.

The Public Relations Officer of the union, Mr. Precious Orichadere, confirmed the incident and blamed members of the splinter group for the shooting.

"Having shot the two persons and being afraid of reprisal attack, the group and its leaders escaped leaving their vehicles behind.

He said already the President of the union has directed the injured persons be taken to a hospital while the

incident has been reported to the police in Agbarha-Otor.

However, one of the leaders of the splinter group, Mr. Francis Onobruchere, denied the allegations of plot to overthrow the incumbent executive and being responsible for the shootings.

He alleged that the Victor Otumemine-led executive became restive when they were asked to produce the union's constitution, open a bank account and give account of their stewardship.

Onobruchere said there were allegations of five missing transformers and certain monies belonging to the community against the incumbent executive.

Meanwhile, the State Police Public Relation Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya could not confirm the incident when contacted, saying the Agbarha-Otor Divisional Police has not briefed headquarters on the matter.

DPR seals 7 LPG, 10 filling stations in Rivers

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

Worried by the recent gas explosion, which claimed many lives including that of the Nigerian Atomic Energy Boss in Kaduna, the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR has commenced clamping down of illegal Liquefied Petrol Gas outlets in Port Harcourt.

The department has sealed seven Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), stations operating illegally and causing risk to residents in the state.

The department also shut down 10 filling stations that under dispense or operate without valid licence.

Speaking to Journalists shortly after sealing off illegal LPG outlets, the Port Harcourt Zonal Office Operations Controller of DPR, Bassey Nkanga, said that the office has commenced total clamp down on illegal operators and dealers of cooking gas across the state.

He said that the department

had in the past engaged the illegal dealers of LPG on the need to comply with the law and apply necessary safety precautions in their activities but the appeal fell on deaf ears.

He said that the zone has mobilised all its staff to uproot all illegal operators of LPG in the state.

He said that the department was not giving anything to chance given the recent gas explosion that claimed many lives in Kaduna.

He said that the department has engaged LPG plant owners not to sell gas to any gas retailer that does not have valid licence.

"We have tried to engage the LPG plant owners that they should not give or sell gas to any gas retailer that does not have licence. We are working on them already and we are fishing them out."

"We don't want the incident that are occurring elsewhere to happen here. We try to tell them that they should come out and familiarize with us and legalise their activities."

NDBDA management, staff bicker over N1.5bn farm project

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

The Managing Director of Niger Delta Basin Development Authority (NDBDA), Engr Tonye David West and the staff of the authority are bickering over an alleged N1.5 billion meant for Songhai farm.

The two are at a dagger drawn over the actual amount of money allocated for the establishment of Songhai farm in its three catchment states - Rivers, Delta and Bayelsa.

The staff members of the Authority in collaboration with the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), had picketed the Aba/Port Harcourt road office of NDBDA office over an allegation of embezzlement of N1.5 billion being the total sum of three payments of N500,000,000 each for the establishment of the farm project.

The protesters had expressed sadness over what they described as the poor attitude of the management of the basin over the establishment of the farms in the three states.

The protesters armed with placards that bore several inscriptions had barricaded the entrance gate

of the authority and barred management staff from gaining access the premises.

The Chairperson of the NLC, NDBDA branch, Comrade (Mrs) Ifiemi Goodness, said the staff embarked on the protest because the alleged misconduct of the management as it concern Songhai Farm.

"Songhai farm was approved for this basin since 2017, but unfortunately, the project is nowhere to be found even when the federal government has fully paid for it."

"Other River Basins already have their Songhai farms running, but we don't have it even when it has been paid and is still being paid for annually," she stated.

The Managing Director, Engr Tonye David West, said that the Authority did not receive such amount of money.

He said that for the past four years he has been in office the Authority has not receive more than N200m for the Songhai farm.

"They are ignorant of the workings of NDBDA. Since I assumed office four years ago we have not receive more than N200m for the Songhai farm project. The project has not been funded with more than N200m."



TARABA STATE GOVERNMENT

THANK YOU ALL!

ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020, the Supreme Court finally dismissed the petition against my election in the March 9, 2019 governorship polls in Taraba State. That judgement brought to an end the unnecessary litigation brought against the mandate that you, the good people of Taraba State, gave me through that historic election.

With the case finally dismissed by the highest court in the land, I wish to thank all Tarabans for voting massively for me as well as all lovers of democracy worldwide for standing solidly behind me throughout all the stages of the court process.

I assure you all of the commitment of my administration to continue with the rapid social and infrastructural development of our dear state.

THANK YOU ALL

Signed

His Excellency,
Arc. Darius Dickson Ishaku
Executive Governor, Taraba State



NORTH-CENTRALTRUST



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Motorists, commuters task Kogi, FG on Ajaokuta-Itobe-Okene highway

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

Motorists, commuters and residents along ever busy Itobe-Ajaokuta-Okene have appealed to the federal government to take urgent action on its deplorable condition by re-awarding the contract to a more credible firm.

The Ajaokuta-Itobe-Okene road, which links North/South to the Eastern parts of the country, has been in deplorable condition for a long time.

The portion of the road, which has become a nightmare for many road users over the years, spans from the Geregu Power Plant in Ajaokuta down to the Niger Bridge end of the road.

The federal government in 2015, awarded the contract for the rehabilitation of the entire stretch of the road.

The road project, with contract number 06260, was awarded to SCOA Nigeria Plc, and was to be completed in

18 months.

The contract was to cover the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the dual carriageway, from Geregu Power Plant end of the Lokoja-Ajaokuta road, down to the Niger Bridge end at Itobe.

It was also meant to cover the stretch of road from Ajaokuta-Adogo-Okene, which had equally remained in a deplorable condition for several years.

However, five years after the contract was awarded, nothing much has been done on the road with its condition further deteriorating by the day making motorists and commuters to groan.

The state of the road caught media attention recently when an amateur video alleging that the Niger bridge was on the verge of collapse went viral.

Federal Ministry of Works officials told newsmen that the contract for the highway was on the verge of being revoked due to underperformance by the firm handling it, adding



■ A bad section of the road

that the project would be re-awarded to a more competent company.

Many motorists and commuters applauded the move, saying Scoa Motors has shown that it lacked competence and the required know how to handle a project of that magnitude.

A resident of Geregu, Mr Itokpa Sule said, "this road has been in this deplorable condition for over 20 years.

In times past, we have heard that budgetary allocations were made for the road, but we never saw any work done.

"Lucky enough, about five years ago, we saw that project for the road rehabilitation was awarded to SCOA company. We were very excited about it. They started the work but unfortunately, they didn't go far before they abandoned it. Where they even began from, they couldn't complete.

"They were to do the road from Niger Bridge to Okene but they didn't go far before the work slowed down," he lamented, adding he was happy with the plan to re-award the contract to another firm.

Another resident, Malam Abdullahi Usman urged the state government to temporarily intervene by grading the road to make it easily accessible to motorists, while awaiting federal government's action on the matter.

A motorist, Chukwudi Anthony said the situation was pathetic during the wet season with rain water forming ponds everywhere.

"The road will be smooth from Abuja until you get to this area; you have to struggle to get through and sometimes our vehicles get stuck and developed fault in the process. So we are appealing to the federal government to consider the strategic nature of this road by fixing it," he noted.

Development plan key in addressing urbanization challenges in Suleja

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

The Emir of Suleja, Alhaji Awal Ibrahim has said that the effort of the Niger state government to formulate an Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for Minna and Suleja cities will help in addressing the challenges of urbanisation in the two cities especially Suleja.

He stated this when he received a delegation from the United Nations Habitat on Formulation of IDP for Niger state and the Niger state Urban Support Programme (SUP) on a courtesy visit.

The team was led by Mr Michael Kinyanjui, Regional Metropolitan Officer, UN-Habitat and Prof. Mustapha Zubairu, Coordinator, SUP.

The emir described Suleja as fast growing city that was becoming populated as a result of its proximity to the federal capital, hence the need to have a policy that will guide the urbanisation process of the city for sustainability.

"Suleja has witnessed increase in population because of its closeness to

the federal capital, there is need to identify the resources that lies within the city and its environ so that it will be harnessed to accommodate the population," he said.

The emir called on the government to ensure the success of the project and pledged the emirate's support toward the successful implementation of the project.

Earlier, Kinyanjui, disclosed that the UN-Habitat is supporting Niger state government to formulate an IDP for Minna and Suleja cities on how best they can manage urbanisation with their resources.

He said the IDP is to assist in addressing challenges related to organisation challenges such as infrastructure, waste management, income generation activities, unemployment among women and youths in the both cities.

Similarly, Ms Rossana Poblet, Consultant for IDP Formulation in Niger, said the concept of IDP was to link the urban areas with rural areas to bring about development of the state.

Federal lawmaker empowers over 500 in Kogi

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

No fewer than 500 persons in Ankpa-Omala and Olamaboro federal constituency of Kogi State have been empowered by the member representing Ankpa/Olamaboro/Omala constituency in the House of Representatives, Ibrahim Abdullahi Halims.

The benefiting constituents were handed empowerment tools such as sewing machines, hairdressing

tools, vulcanizing machines, motorcycles, event decorating tools amongst others valued at N120 million.

The federal lawmaker, who is also the Chairman House Committee on Steel Development, told the constituents that the gesture was in consonance with his campaign promises of giving back the dividends of democracy for the benefit of the electorate.

"Indeed, the best way to empower the youths, women

and the less privileged in the society is giving them clues on how to fend for themselves," he noted.

He said that his vision to uplift those down the ladder would not wane promising to continue to do his best.

"This is going to be an annual event for as long as I am in the national assembly. The program will accommodate new beneficiaries, no deserving constituent will be left out," he said.

Kogi West political leaders visit Tawari, donate relief materials

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

Political leaders from Kogi West Senatorial District yesterday visited Tawari to commiserate with the people over the recent invasion by armed men which led to loss of lives.

The leaders also donated relief materials to survivors to cushion the hardship that they may experience as a result of the crisis.

The team led by All Progressives Congress (APC) leader from the area, Elder Benjamin Olowodola, were

first received by the Aguma of Tawari, Alhaji Yusuf Tawari in his palace which was also torched during the mayhem.

The Aguma recounted the experience and how he narrowly escaped what he described as the most devastating attack of his life.

He said he escaped death by the whiskers as the assailants burnt his residence while family members were asleep.

He wondered why anyone could contemplate attacking a peaceful, law abiding and homogenous community which have cohabited with

neighbours over several centuries.

A former Kogi West senatorial candidate, Omoluabi Bode Adeyemi said they were in the community to commiserate with the people and also contribute their quota in the rebuilding of the ruins left behind by the attackers.

Responding, the Administrator of Kogi LGA Barr Mohammed Sanni who received the delegation thanked them for identifying with the people in their time of needs.

BENUE/PLATEAU TRUST



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Traditional heads declare war on open defecation in Benue

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

More traditional heads in many rural communities in Benue State are making efforts to end open defecation in their domains.

The new move came after the Tse Igba community in Mbayom council ward of Gwer Local Government Area of the state recently attained Open Defecation Free (ODF) status through sheer determination to change the negative behavior.

Benue/Plateau Trust reports Igyorov community, under Gboko Area Traditional Council, has launched a fresh campaign to end open defecation with the full backing of the traditional rulers in the area.

The District Head, Tyoor Orshi Ugese, at the launch of the campaign, warned his subjects against indulging in open defecation or face sanctions.

Tyoor Ugese, along with his other counterparts who passed the message to their subjects, said the council was



■ Tyoor Orshi Ugese

embarking on a sensitisation campaign to on the need for every household to have and use toilets.

The royal father also disclosed his determination to succeed in the campaign by using the Benue State

Vigilante Group (BSVG) in his domain to ensure enforcement.

Our correspondent recalled that, the General Manager of Benue Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (BERWASSA), Mrs. Torkwase Ikyator, had recently stated that, about 2.9 million people living in the state still defecate in the open."

To this end, her office launched a "Clean Benue" campaign in order to encourage residents to build and cultivate the culture of using toilets.

Also, in her New Year Day message to the people of the state, Mrs. Ikyator, said only three out of the 23 LGAs in the state had been certified open defecation free.

The local government areas are: Logo, Tarka and Gwer East.

An environmental expert, Victor Asobo, has said open defecation pollutes the environment and causes health problems.

Asobo called for the involvement of traditional rulers in the campaign to end the menace in the state.

Muslim students admonished on drug use, gangsterism

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Muslim students in primary and secondary schools in Jos have been sensitized on the dangers of illicit drugs as well as joining criminal gangs, popularly referred to as sara-suka.

Aytam Global Charity Care Foundation (AGCCF), a Non Governmental Organisation, through its Chairman, Muhammad Shuaibu, admonished the students at a symposium organised for primary and secondary school students at Al-Bayan Islamic School.

He said the aim of the programme was to sensitise young minds.

Shuaibu described as unfortunate that children between the ages of 11 and 15 years are found committing all sorts of atrocities mostly under drug influence.

"We want to bring to your attention the dangers of illicit drugs and advise you not to use it for whatever reason or engage in thuggery of any form. It is unfortunate that today you see children of 11 to 15 years found committing all sorts of atrocities which if care is not taken, will consume us. We have to sit up to ensure healthy society."

In his remark, Dr Umar Ibrahim, a lecturer with the Federal College of Education, Zuba in Niger State and a guest speaker at the event, cautioned the students against socialising with bad friends, saying young people get influenced negatively through peer groups.

Dr Ibrahim called on parents to monitor the movements of their children to ensure they do not fall prey of bad gangs.

Flash point communities pledge peaceful coexistence in Jos North

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

Residents of flash point communities in Jos North local government area of Plateau State have pledged to live peacefully and work together towards checkmating all incidences that would likely degenerate into bloodshed and destruction of properties.

Representatives of Rikkos, Angwan Rukuba, Angwan Rimi, Tina Junction, Atata and Dutse Uku communities, among others, spoke at a peace meeting organized by the African Initiative for Peace Building, Advocacy and

Advancement (AfriPeace) at Dutse Uku.

Several speakers from Christian and Muslim communities urged the state government and Non-Governmental Organizations to ensure that the affected communities abolish barriers so that members of both faiths can mingle and live together without any fear.

Speaking, Chairman of Afizere Youth Movement and representative of Atata village/Jos-Jarawa community, Ajik Dauda Atang stressed that members of the communities were willing to live together and have put

in place good strategies to ensure lasting peace.

Idris Kamis Manganle from Dutse Uku said the recurring crisis was a result of activities of criminal youths from both sides of the divides who engage in the use of illicit drugs and other substance only to launch attacks on innocent member of the communities when they have internal squabbles.

The participants then urged the organizers to reach out to the government and groups to help rebuild their homes destroyed during the years of crises.

In his remarks, the convener

and Executive Director of AfriPeace, Chris Kwaja said despite the reoccurring skirmishes, he was happy that people still have the desire to live together in peace and harmony.

Kwaja urged the people to focus on the various things that unite them instead of their differences in religion and ethnicity which he said must be used to pursue peaceful coexistence.

He called on them to unite against all the divisive tendencies, especially from politicians who use religion/ethnicity to cause trouble among them.

JNI wants Jos North LG to fix new cemetery

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Plateau State Chapter of Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) has called on Jos North Local Government Council to fix the access road and the topography of the new burial ground recently acquired by the Plateau

State Government and handed over to the Muslim Ummah in 2019.

Benue/Plateau reports that in the last few years, the Muslim community had requested for a new site to bury their dead since they were barred from using the grave yard at Rusaw, behind

Jos University Village hostel by ex-governor Jonah Jang in 2008.

Other cemeteries such as the ones at Zaria road and Naraguta community had been filled up which forced the community to begin burial recycling due to lack of alternatives.

The JNI spokesperson, Sani Mudi while speaking with our correspondent said while the community appreciated the effort of the state government in acquiring and handing over the land, the access road to the main burial needed rehabilitation while the

topography of the main burial ground was sloppy and needed to be graded.

He appealed to the council chairman, Bala Muhammed to come to the aid of the community by fixing the new burial ground located at Babale, a village at the outskirts of Jos.



GOVERNMENT OF ENUGU STATE OF NIGERIA

Lion Building, Independence Layout, Enugu



His Excellency,
Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Governor, Sokoto State

On behalf of the Government and good people of Enugu State,
I heartily congratulate my colleague and brother Governor of Sokoto State,
His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, as you celebrate your

54th Birthday.

We wish you many happy returns.

Congratulations!

Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi

Governor, Enugu State

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**YABA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

P.M.B 2011, YABA, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

www.yabatech.edu.ng**VACANCY FOR THE POST OF POLYTECHNIC LIBRARIAN**

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Polytechnic Librarian in Yaba College of Technology, simply referred to as the "College". The position will become vacant in June 2020.

1. DUTIES

The Polytechnic Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the Polytechnic Library and the co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

The prospective applicant must hold:

- A good Bachelor's Degree with Masters in Library Studies/Library Science (MLS) from a recognized institution of higher learning with (15) years cognate experience and registration with professional library body. OR Ph.D. in Library and Information Science with at least 12 years post qualification cognate experience with evidence of registration with professional library body.
- Present evidence of Physical and Medical Fitness (from a Government Hospital)
- Be proficient in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) packages like Library Softwares.
- Present evidence of Community Service
- Possess evidence of sound human relations, professional competence, industrial integrity, efficient management of human and material resources; and
- Candidate should not be above 60 years of age at the time of assumption of office.
- He/she must have occupied the position of Chief Librarian / Deputy Polytechnic Librarian for a period of not less than five (5) years in a higher institution of learning.

3. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The Polytechnic Librarian

- shall hold office for a single tenure of five years from the effective date of his/her appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment
- Whatever the situation, the Polytechnic Librarian shall retire compulsorily at the age of 65 years

4. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates are requested to submit (20) copies of their applications and Curriculum vitae in the following format;

- Full names with surname underlined;
- Date of birth;
- State of Origin/Local Government;
- Nationality and how acquired;
- Marital Status;
- Number and Ages of Children
- Current Postal Address including Telephone Number and E-mail Address;
- Educational Institutions Attended with dates
- Academic/professional Qualifications Obtained with Dates
- Membership of Professional Bodies/Associations;
- Previous Employer(s) and post(s) Held with Dates;
- Present Employment, Including Status and Salary;
- A statement of strategies for Improving the College Library.
- Names and address of three (3) referees (Employer, Senior Public Servant not below Grade Level 15 and Personal) who are to forward Confidential Reports on them directly to The Registrar and Secretary to Council, Yaba College of Technology, P.M.B. 2011, Yaba, Lagos.

5. REFEREE'S REPORT

Referee's reports should reach the Registrar & Secretary to Council on or before 6 (six) weeks from the date of advertisement.

6. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF CLAIM(S)

Interested applicants must support all their claims of Credentials, Age, Promotions, Appointment etc. with documentary evidence; and Must be ready to support all their claims with documentary evidence and bring the originals of all such credentials if invited for interview.

7. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Applications in sealed envelopes marked "Post of Polytechnic Librarian" should be forwarded and reach the address below within six (6) weeks from the date of this publications:

**REGISTRAR & SECRETARY TO COUNCIL
YABA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
P.M.B. 2011, YABA,
LAGOS**

8. OTHER CONDITIONS

Note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further information and/or interview.

The college will not enter into any correspondence with any candidates on its decision as to the eligibility or otherwise of any candidates or as to its eventual/final decision on any application or interview.

Signed

Dr. S.O. Momodu

Registrar/Secretary to Council

**NIGERIA UNION OF PENSIONERS (NUP)**

FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS BRANCH (FCSPB)

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

MOTTO: "REST IS SWEET AFTER LABOUR"

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ELECTION**

This is to notify the General Public that Pensioners who retired under the administration of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), under the Defined Benefits Scheme (DES) under the auspices of the Federal Civil Service Pensioners Branch of the NUP is organizing elections into the State Executive Committee of the Branch in the North Central Geopolitical Zone and Cross River State, under the Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP).

NORTH CENTRAL GEOPOLITICAL ZONE:

- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), Opposite Nitel Office, Minna, Niger State;
- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), No. 11 Commissioners Lodge, Behind Civil Service Clinic, Ilorin, Kwara State;
- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), Behind Helping Hand Hospital, Off Zone 8 Road, Lokoja, Kogi State;
- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), Layin Yan Kaji, Lafia, Nasarawa State;
- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), Dadin Kowa, Near Hospital Lane, Jos, Plateau State; and
- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), No. 35 Modern Market Road, Makurdi, Benue State.

CROSS RIVERS STATE (SOUTH SOUTH GEOPOLITICAL ZONE):

- Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), Calabar.

NOMINATION FORMS:

Collection of Nomination Forms commences with effect from the date of the publication of this Notice. Closing date for the submission of Forms is 28th February 2020.

The venues of the election is the various States Council Secretariats of the Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP).

Positions to be contested for are:

- Chairman;
- Vice Chairman;
- Treasurer;
- Auditor;
- Trustee I; and
- Trustee II.

Signed

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CLOSING DATE:	16 JANUARY 2020

For details on the job description and application process, please visit

<http://www.ng.undp.org/content/nigeria/en/home/operations/jobs.html>

and submit applications.

For further details on UN benefits and entitlements, please visit <http://icsc.un.org>

The UN is committed to achieving a workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture. Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups and persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. Qualified women are highly encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



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**HIS EXCELLENCY
RT. HON AMINU WAZIRI
TAMBUWAL, CFR
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF SOKOTO STATE**

As our Governor turns 54 years today, I wish to on behalf of myself and the entire staff and management of the Ministry of Finance, Sokoto state, we heartily congratulate His Excellency, Rt. Hon Aminu Waziri Tambuwal (CFR) Mutawallen Sokoto, Executive Governor, Sokoto State on his 54th birthday anniversary.

We celebrate you for your untiring service to humanity as well as your commitment to the progress of our dear state and indeed our country. You are indeed a leader per excellence whose character always precedes: a culmination of humility and fierce resolve and a nationalist of no mean repute. As a visionary leader, you always inspire others to lead, innovate, grow, develop and explore.

While wishing you more strength and good health, I pray that the Almighty Allah should continue to keep you alive to enable Nigerians tap from your wealth of experience and equally give you the courage and wisdom to continue with the task of moving the state forward.

Once more, Congratulations on this unique occasion of your 54th Anniversary.



HON. ABDUSSAMAD DASUKI
HON. COMMISSIONER
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, SOKOTO STATE



Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still – *Chinese proverb*

Friday, January 10, 2020

08078068532 simoneche@dailytrust.com ...young at heart

JCI orients youths on national identity

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Junior Chamber International (JCI) Nigeria says it is raising national identity consciousness in the youths through its 2020 projects tagged, "Impact through diversity."

The national president, Onyinyechukwu Mbeledogu, while reeling out the projects, said the idea of raising national identity consciousness would curb misbehaviour among the youth.

She said the project would tap from the wealth of strength

of the youth in different parts of the country and promote inclusiveness through the use of hashtag #IamNaija.

"We will be trending with the hashtag #IamNaija' to raise the national identity consciousness in every Nigerian where you can introduce yourself first as a Nigerian, knowing that the man next door is not your enemy but by the virtue that we are all Nigerians irrespective of where we all come from," she said.

Onyinye also said skills acquisition and empowerment; protection of the environment

by planting a million trees as part of the Go Green Project and education on how to recycle waste will be the fulcrum of the organization's projects for the year.

"We are getting 1000 persons to get requisite skills they can use to create jobs. We are also getting our school leavers to get those that they need to become employable because the truth is we don't have enough jobs out there, so they need to be able to stand out, so we will be giving them those skill opportunities through the employability workshop," she added.

'How clinical mentoring widened my horizon'

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Nazira Muhammed, 28, is a nurse and maternity officer in charge of the Gbachiya Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) in Darazo LGA of Bauchi State.

Nazira is among the selected health workers trained on Clinical Mentoring in the 323-ward main PHCs in the state, to improve healthcare services.

The European Union (EU) healthcare intervention in the state is being implemented by the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF) and they engage clinical mentors to train nurses, Community Health Extension Workers among others on disease prevention and treatment.

Speaking with *Daily Trust*, Nazira who is one of the trained nurses, said the training has widened her horizon about healthcare services.

"The coaching has improved our skills on neonatal resuscitation, integrated management of newborn and children illness, postnatal care for babies and management of malnutrition," she said.

"I have learnt a lot of skills that enhance my capacity to conduct many services, the

training has improved my knowledge and active management of labour with the aid of pantograph," Nazira said.

She also said the training has succeeded in eliminating the superiority clashes between doctors and other paramedics in hospitals because some doctors arrogate superiority over nurses and other health workers.

She further explained that with the mentoring there is now effective communication and good relationship among the health providers in PHCs and the general hospitals.

"One of the greatest achievements of the clinical mentoring to my life is how the exercise rediscovered my value in healthcare delivery because it has widened my horizon about healthcare," she said.

The gains are not only for her but for patients too. "Less privileged mothers and children now have free access to medical doctors in hard-to-reach PHCs who visit and attend to patients.

It has bridged the gap of financial barriers hindering pregnant women in remote communities from attending antenatal care, delivering in the hospital or fully immunizing their children against preventable diseases," Nazira added.

FG trains 200 physically-challenged youths

By Vincent A. Yusuf

The Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development has conducted a two-week entrepreneurship and vocational training for 200 physically-challenged youths and women in Ekiti State.

The physically-challenged youths were trained in various skills and supported with cash grants to set up their businesses.

The programme officer in the ministry, Mohammed Kabiru Adamu, urged the participants to utilize the fund provided to create further wealth and change their fortunes.

Another representative of the ministry, Mr. Omilani Oludare, challenged the participants not to see their conditions as limitations.

He advised them to take advantage of the numerous intervention empowerment programmes of the ministry to get engaged.

The facilitator of the programme, Hon Adekola Segun

Alexander, said politicians in the state have in the past neglected the physically-challenged who needed the interventions and supports in favour of the able-bodied youths - a situation that necessitated the programme.

The managing consultant of Amzik Integrated Nigeria Limited, who implemented the programme, Dr Ahmed Zik-Rullahi, challenged the participant to utilize the knowledge gained and the financial empowerment

provided judiciously.

He thanked the facilitator, and encouraged other politicians and well-meaning Nigerians to do same.

The capacity building areas included the general concept of entrepreneurship in Nigeria, factors affecting entrepreneurship, creativity and business opportunity identification and fund management and financial planning for small and medium scale businesses among others.



Practice, modern gadgets best tools for Photography – Fatima



Fatima Muhammad, is a 24-year-old medical doctor and a professional photographer. In this encounter, the indigene of Katsina State who bagged her bachelor of medicine and surgery degree from China Medical University, spoke about her photography stint and medicine profession.

By Latifat Opoola (@LatifatOpoola)

How do you combine photography and medicine?

It takes a lot of hard work, tenacity, dedication and the desire to put a smile on the faces of others. I am into aerial and landscape photography. It is called "FAM Photography by 3.29x".

How did you learn photography?

It was mostly self-taught. Furthermore, I enrolled in some professional photography courses in Shenzhen, China. And I underwent a couple of online courses.

What does it take to be in this venture?

I officially started in January 2019. I was approached by an advertising agency in Lagos, asking for prices for some of the pictures I took. So we negotiated and it was a fair deal considering the fact that photography to me was just for pleasure before the offer. And that was how the name FAM Photography by 3.29x was birthed.

It takes a lot of consistent practice and keeping up with modern gadgets and rigorous intellection in order to get enticing concepts. In addition to that, one needs a certain level of confidence and enthusiasm in order to be the best one can be.

How did you source for your starting capital?

I would like to appreciate the support of my parents. Photography was just a

hobby and then my parents supported me by purchasing a drone and a camera and other photography equipment in order to perfect my art.

Has it been lucrative?

Well, photography is a lucrative business worldwide and we closed our books as at first week of December with a little over a million.

How do you attract customers?

Customers are attracted to my craft because they are naturally appealing and every time I try to give it the best. My target customers are corporate organisations, tourists, individuals, hotels, real estates and so on. But generally, I am open to everyone.

Are you currently employing anyone?

Basically I use ad hoc staff but by next week I will be done employing two full time staff.

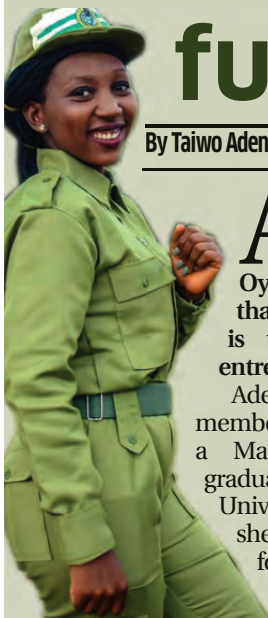
What is your advice to young graduates?

I will encourage job seeking youths to learn marketable skills. More so, I will advise someone starting an independent business in photography to learn the art of photography properly. Understand the rudiments of photography, be consistent with practice and be dedicated.

It has encouraged me to be more creative and tenacious. Photography itself is a constantly evolving field. Therefore one has to be up to date with the trend in technology, hardware, concepts and so on.

Online business is the future says entrepreneur

By Taiwo Adeniyi



A young entrepreneur, Adeola Aderonke Oyedele, has said that online business is the future of the entrepreneurial world.

Adeola, a serving corps member in Rivers State and a Mass Communication graduate of Kwara State University, Malet, said she keyed into that foresight and floated an online trading

platform, Arosky Collectibles.

She said with the business, she hopes to be an employer of labour and importer and exporter of goods.

"I am poised to succeed because I am committed, dedicated and passionate about what I do. I have been running this business for some time and I am sure I am on the path to success.

"Most importantly I put smiles on people's faces by delivering to their doorsteps, their desired goods and items. My customers smile offers great satisfaction," she said.

Adeola, while encouraging the youth, said they should always think out of the box and stop looking up to

governments, relatives and friends for jobs that hardly there.

With her clothing brand, she ensures that people meet up with their appointments in the desired clothes, shoes or accessories; present lovely gifts to loved ones and get their desired items.

"Online business is the future because the world is evolving so there is need for the youths to keep up," she said, adding that the youth should embrace technology and innovation in pursuing a brighter future. "Only youths that can master or use internet, science and technology will be leaders of tomorrow," she said.

UNIBEN hosts MTN's Pulse Invasion show

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

MTN Nigeria has concluded the 2019 'Pulse Campus Invasion' with a five-day fun and excitement at the University of Benin (UniBen) in Edo State.

The invasion kicked off with games, quizzes and other thrilling activities at the university's sales village.

The students were also treated to motivational speeches by some of Nigeria's accomplished entrepreneurs, including award-winning photographer and publisher, *Style Mania* Magazine, Kelechi Amadi-Obi; life coach and managing consultant, EdgeEcution, Steve Harris and mental health awareness advocate and graphologist, Oladipupo Macjob.

The speakers shared thought-provoking insights into their careers and the necessities for success in life and business.

Commenting on the initiative, the chief marketing officer of MTN, Rahul De said, "We have found a way to reach millions of young Nigerians in their language with the Pulse offering as well as with the Pulse Invasion series.

"Understanding that we have contributed to hundreds of students acknowledging the value of their talents and understanding the importance of dedication while finding ingenious ways to transform their passion into profit is humbling for us as a company," he explained.

Kannywood director Giggs to sponsor treatment of teenager

Kannywood Director, Hassan Giggs has pledged to sponsor the treatment of 17-year-old Sani Lawal who is suffering from eye defect.

Giggs, a director in the Hausa-language film industry of Northern Nigeria, made this known in Daura, Katsina State on Thursday when he met the boy, saying he was touched by the young man's medical condition.

He told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that he saw the photograph of the patient on Instagram, where his medical condition was revealed, and decided to assist the young chap.

He said he would sponsor the medical treatment



of Lawal at the popular International Makkah Eye Clinic in Kano, irrespective

of the financial implication stressing, "I am ready to take Lawal to any available eye centre anywhere in the world to get treatment."

He added that the young man would be taken to the eye clinic in Kano for evaluation and professional advice to know the next line of action.

"He should be in Kano by next week Sunday for immediate commencement of treatment and all his needs like feeding, clothing and every other complementary support would be taken care of.

"I want to see Lawal back in school because he has finished primary six and will like to go further.

"My colleagues and I in the film industry would also want to continue to shoulder the responsibilities of Lawal until graduation from the university," he said.

Malam Lawal Isah, father of the patient, expressed gratitude to Giggs and his colleagues for indicating interest to help his eldest son.

Sani Lawal lost his sight last year when he finished primary six and his parents could not sponsor his treatment due to financial incapacity.

Meanwhile, Giggs donated N40,000 to the parents of the young man to enable them to address pressing issues. (NAN)

Athletes at Tokyo 2020 to sleep on cardboard beds

Athletes competing at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games will sleep on bed frames made from recyclable cardboard.

The bed frames will go with mattresses formed of polyethylene materials that will be reused for plastic products after the games.

The environmentally-conscious sleeping arrangements were put on display for the media for the first time on Thursday at a mock apartment in the Tokyo 2020 headquarters.

However, construction of residential sections of the Olympic and Paralympic village were completed in December.

In all, 18,000 beds will be required at the village, nestled in Tokyo Bay and in sight of the iconic Rainbow Bridge, during the Olympics that begin on July 24.

Only 8,000 will be needed for the Paralympics.

At 2.10 metres long, the beds should be suitable for all but the very tallest athletes, and

the manufacturer, Airweave, is confident they can bear a weight of around 200 kilograms.

This is more than any athlete weighed at the 2016 Games in Rio. Construction of some communal areas of the Olympic village, like the main dining hall and the village plaza, is still underway.

After the Games, its apartment units will be sold privately, with prices starting from a little over 50 million yen (457,500 US dollars).

The organisers are making a concerted effort to reduce

carbon emissions generated by the Games, according to Junichi Fujino, an environmental researcher on the city's task force. All medals will be made from metal extracted from recycled consumer electronics, including about 6.2 million used mobile phones.

The Olympic torch is made from aluminium waste, and the podiums from recycled household and marine plastic waste.

Electricity for the Games will also come from renewable sources. (Reuters/NAN)



Firm builds youth empathy with story exchange

By Bamas Victoria
@BamasVictoria

Narrative 4, a non-profit which seeks to build empathy among young people, and bridge ideological divides, holds its first story exchange in Nigeria.

The exchange will be on the Nigerian civil war of 1967-1970.

"No anecdote about Nigeria is complete without a reference to the sentiments and divides that plague this uniquely diverse country of over 190m people," a statement from the organisers stated.

The event which is scheduled to hold next Thursday in Abuja is tagged "Handshake Across the Niger Story Exchange".

"Nigeria is home to generations for whom ethnic identities function

as an 'otherness'. Perhaps the most visible of these divisions is what is referred to as a mutual disdain and distrust between major parts of the South Eastern and Northern Nigeria. Causation for this is well known - the Civil War of 1967-1970."

The statement also noted that the division isn't just due to the fact that a war was fought but for the reluctance of the entire country to have conversations about this war, and the sentiments that built up before and post war, as being responsible for the inability of the nation to move on from the divisions.

The programme will also feature music, spoken word poetry and a keynote speech on empathy as the basis for building unity in the country.



The question is not who is going to let me; it is who is going to stop me! - Ayn Rand



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR

ENGINEERING SUPERVISION AND SITE MANAGEMENT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TRANSMISSION SCADA SYSTEM : NIGERIA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PROJECT (NETAP)

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Nigeria Electricity Transmission Project (NETAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include

- **Project Management and Supervision,**
- **Technical Control of Designs,**
- **Coordination of FAT and receipt of the equipment in factory and supplies to site,**
- **Coordinate the pre-commissioning Tests and Commissioning upon Works Completion,**
- **Transfer of Know-How (On the Job Training).**
- **Provide assistance as needed to the procurement of the EPC contractor.**

The approximate duration period for the assignment is thirty-six (36) months.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://tcnpmu.ng/engineering-supervision-and-site-management-for-the-rehabilitation-of-transmission-scada-system/>

The Transmission Company of Nigeria-Project Management Unit (TCN-PMU) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The Consultant shall have at least 15 years' experience of similar projects with wide skills in project management, supervisory work, integration of SCADA/Telecoms equipment from different vendors and implementation of SCADA/EMS control centre projects;
2. The Firm's general experience and overall competence, including relevance of firm's area of core business to the assignment envisaged;
3. Firm's good reputation, strong institutional capacity and capability in terms of technical, managerial, expertise, quality management system, number of

technical staff;

4. The extent of specific experience in assignments of similar nature and complexity in SCADA/EMS (Hardware & Software), Telecom System, RTU, Adaption Works, 48 V DC System and supervision of substations up to 330/132kV voltage level, including review of design, supervision of EPC contractor's quality, schedule, environmental, safety and health compliance, verification of equipment quality, certification of variation orders etc.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "**Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers**" **July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018** ("**Procurement Regulations**"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by email) by **5th February, 2020**

Project Manager (World Bank funded Projects)

Transmission Company of Nigeria – Project Management Unit (TCN-PMU)

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HOME FRONT

'How we cope with nagging husbands'

By Taiwo Adeniyi & Hussaina Lawal Danmusa

Though women are always known as the ones to nag, but men, too, do nag. People are familiar with women due to the societal perception of the womenfolk.

"My husband nags, but I ignore him. At first, I thought apologising would make him calm down or stop repeatedly talking about the same situation. But no, he nags even when the issue may not warrant it," said Fatima Sagir.

Fatima is one of several women that have to contend with a nagging husband.

"Although the term nagging is typically applied to women, it is something that men do as well. A man who nags is often referred to as demanding or domineering and masculine and nagging may sound a bit different as well.

"A nagging wife might whine or plead, whereas a husband may yell and demand. So, while women are considered irritating when they nag, men are often looked upon as tyrannical, controlling or having anger issues," Lorin Harott an online counsellor, said.

"So I learnt to start ignoring him. Whenever he nags, I just leave the living room or bedroom or wherever the situation maybe. Sometimes I leave the house for him and tell him if he does not stop talking about the issue I am not coming back. Basically I learned to leave him alone because I do not have the energy," Sagir said.

While Sagir ignores or walks away, another housewife that pleaded anonymity said such situations at times escalate into a 'fight.'

"Whenever he nags, I don't keep quiet, we talk and shout

until one of us gets tired. Sometimes he cools down whenever he realizes that I am getting angry and anything might happen. The way he nags upsets me and so sometimes we turn the house upside down before one of us cools down," she said.

A civil servant in Abuja who also pleaded anonymity said the husband nags 'almost about every issue especially when he had a bad day in the office.' She said he picks offense at almost 'everything', with the children the victims due to their innocence.

"Whenever it occurs, I always ensure the children are put to bed earlier and I limit what I say to him until he cools down; anything that would make him laugh rather than allow

it turn into a quarrel. There are times I have to beg him to eat as he might refuse to eat because I did not put the food on the table on time, forgetting that I also work and we return home almost the same time," she said, adding at times effort to talk him out of a tiff went unsuccessful.

Harott described nagging as a communication breakdown, "At its best this communication breakdown will need a reset. Couples will have to take some time to step back and re-evaluate how they communicate and start making the effort at working together again. If it goes on too long, this breakdown can lead to hurtful statements and resentment. Then things can be harder and take much longer to get over."



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When minors are kept in adult prison

By Olayemi John-Mensah

Fikayo Soyombo in his undercover investigation into the Nigeria custodial centres revealed that a minor was kept in a cell along with adults.

"Do not disturb; the leader is in a very bad mood," a faint voice arrests my thoughts. "Let's come back to see him later," adds another—that of a boy who, by his mien and slender build, couldn't possibly be more than 15. What's a minor doing in detention? I motion them over.

"With Austin is Loris, the minor whose arrest and detention were masterminded by her sister. Loris had electronically withdrawn the sum of N23,500 from his sister's account, without her knowledge, to pay for the General Certificate of Examination (GCE) of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC). Since the exam actually costs N13,950, it is either Loris stole more than he needed or he registered at a special centre.

"The boy claims his sister

declined his initial requests for the funds when he asked. Asked how he pulled off the funds' transfer, unnoticed, he replies: "I know where she keeps her ATM; I also know the password," Soyombo captured his encounter with the minor who, he said, was about 15 years old.

His encounter exposed the rot in the country's judicial system contrary to Article 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The article says, 'Every child who is accused of breaking the law must be treated in a way that respects their rights. They must be given a prison sentence for the most serious crimes.' There are several children like Loris who are still in police cells and custodial centres that their rights as minors are not protected.

Most of them are exposed to the same situation and conditions as adults, "regardless of their age, in Nigeria, a criminal is a criminal. The age is not important and what you see in police stations is applicable everywhere. What



about jungle justice, people do not consider minors, once there is an alarm, false or true, people start hurling stones and beating. If the victim was lucky, someone will intervene and rescue him but most people are unlucky. They get lynched and mostly these cases are unreported," Adeola Afolayan, an Abuja resident said.

Prof Isabella Okagbue of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos had in a

study titled, 'Children in Conflict With the Law: The Nigerian Experience', said a study of several juvenile cases concluded that the rights of young offenders are not adequately preserved and protected.

"The reasons range from outdated legislation to poorly trained and insufficient personnel, inadequate facilities and lack of resource," Prof Okagbue said.

Mariam A. Abdurraheem-

Mustapha, a legal scholar from the University of Ilorin, in a research on Child Justice Administration in the Nigerian Child Rights Act, said: "A child is viewed as a vulnerable and dependent being and, thus, deserving of special care. This perception gives rise to the creation of different legal frameworks involving children who are in conflict with the law or children in need of care and protection or who fall within the purview of status/minor offences."

"The Child Rights Act is a federal act which seeks to incorporate contemporary principles, philosophy and standards of child justice administration into the Nigerian legal system. It is also considered a comprehensive, uniform law on the protection of children's rights nationwide.

"However, it has been observed that in some states in Nigeria, there are differences in the treatment of cases involving children. This hampers the uniformity of the CRA at the national level," she said.



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CITY NEWS

'I'm yet to speak with my kidnapped wife, daughter'

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The husband and father of Mrs Ammada Anyinu and Bmazhiyi Anyinu, who were abducted by kidnappers seven days ago, has said he has not spoken with both of them ever since.

Mr Shekwolo Anyinu, who spoke with our reporter yesterday, said his wife and daughter's abductors have not made contact with him or any other member of his family.

City News had reported

that the man's wife and her daughter, a 400 level undergraduate student of Microbiology at the Federal University of Technology (FUT) Minna, Niger State, were abducted in Nuku village in Abaji Area Council of the FCT last Friday night.

Anyinu, who was shot by the kidnappers on his right hand, said he was worried that neither his wife's phone nor that of his daughter was connecting since their abduction.

"My major worry is that my wife is an asthma patient and I don't know what may be her condition now, while my daughter who is expected to resume school is also being held captive by the kidnappers. The silence from their abductors is unnerving," he said.

He also expressed worry that the kidnappers have repeatedly targeted him and his family, haven abducted him in July last year.

"In fact, it was on July 10,

2019 that the kidnappers attacked my house and abducted me and my family had to go and source for N1.4 million to pay ransom before I was set free," he said.

He added that they invaded his house last week and riddled the entire building with bullets which hit him on the arm.

Mr. Shekwolo, therefore appealed to the kidnappers to sympathize with the health condition of his wife and set her and his daughter free,

while also calling on security agents to expedite efforts in ensuring that his family members are set free.

When contacted, the spokesman of the FCT police command, DSP Anjuguri Manzah, said the command was making efforts to ensure that the victims are rescued alive.

"But the main issue is that we can't reveal the strategies we are adopting because it will jeopardize the police efforts," he said.

600 rice farmers to commence dry season farming in FCT

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Chairman of the FCT chapter of the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN), Alhaji Abubakar Dahiru Zuba, has disclosed that about 600 rice farmers have been mobilised to commence dry season farming across the territory.

Zuba, while speaking during an interview with our reporter yesterday in Abuja, said the 600 rice farmers would be cultivating five hectares of land each, which, he said, could produce 300,000 tonnes of rice after harvest.

He said the association has already concluded arrangements to give out farm inputs such as fertilizers, sprayers, herbicides and chemicals to each of the farmers to enable them apply it on their farms after clearing.

"In fact, as I speak, we have started mobilizing some of the rice farmers for the dry season farming, and even me as I am talking laborers are on my farm clearing the farm," he said.

According to him, the association has procured improved seedling (Para 44) for cultivation, stressing that it gives higher yields and is delectable in terms of consumption.

The RIFAN chairman, however, said the major challenge facing the association was farmers defaulting in paying back their loans.



■ An Egbura masquerade entertains spectators during the recent Igabazhi cultural Carnival in Abaji, FCT

Photo: Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Police nab 14 suspects for extortion, assault on revenue collectors

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The FCT police command has arrested 14 suspected touts who posed as revenue collectors to extort tax payers and assault genuine revenue collectors in Abuja.

A statement by the command spokesman, DSP Anjuguri Manzah, said the syndicate was arrested assaulting and inflicting injuries on government officials who were discharging their lawful duties.

He said the suspects were

arrested on Wednesday at about 2:30pm following a distress call that hoodlums numbering about sixteen assaulted and inflicted varying degrees of injuries on some officials of the FCTA Department of Outdoor Advertisement and Signage (DOAS) while on duty at Wuye.

He said the prompt response of police operatives from the Wuye division prevented the touts from inflicting fatal injuries on the government officials and

some journalists.

He gave the names of the suspects as Okoli Chinedu, Ogbonna Divine, Abiodun Oluwole, Nelson Effiong, Bassey Sylvester, Okeowu Aoji, Angel Eze, Austine Chigozie, Andrew Onyenwe. Others included, Monday James Omoogun, Sikiru Ibrahim, Issa Lukman, Nwani Ekene and Gabriel Abinemoh.

He said based on preliminary police investigation, the suspects led by one Terry Okan and

Samuel Ele Asiebe (both at large) were recruited from different parts of the country to carry out the criminal act.

Manzah said one Toyota Haice bus used in conveying the suspects to the scene has been recovered as exhibit, adding that the command was making concerted efforts to arrest leaders of the syndicate, Terry Okan and Samuel Ele Asiebe, who are now at large.

He said the arrested suspects will be arraigned in court.

Court sentences 3 friends to 6 months imprisonment

A Karu Grade I Area Court, Abuja, on Thursday sentenced three friends to six months imprisonment each for stealing a cell phone worth N85,000.

The judge, Abdullahi Jibrin, sentenced Ebuka Mbani, Abdul Ahmed and Mohammed Abubakar

following their guilty plea for joint act and theft.

Jibrin, however, gave the convicts an option to pay a fine of N10,000 each. He ordered them to pay N20,000 in compensation to the complainant. The judge warned the three friends to desist from committing

crimes.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Ayotunde Adeyanju, told the court that one Basset Ekong of Durumi, Abuja reported the matter at the Durumi Police Station on Dec. 10, 2019.

Adeyanju said that the complainant alleged that the three friends jointly

conspired and stole his cell phone, valued at N85,000, power bank and N10,000 cash.

The prosecutor said that the phone was recovered from the convicts. The offence, he said, contravened the provisions of sections 79 and 287 of the Penal Code.



CITY NEWS

Man, 46, docked for alleged N1.8m fraud

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A 46-year-old man, Oluayemi Olusegun, has been docked before an Ado-Ekiti chief magistrate court for allegedly defrauding a bank of N1.8 million. Police prosecutor, Inspector Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court yesterday that Olusegun committed the

offence sometime in January 2019 in Ilupeju-Ekiti, Oye local government, Ekiti State.

According to Akinwale, the defendant borrowed money from Albatross Ventures, a microfinance bank, through the complainant, Miss Mercy Adebayo, who was described as the manager of the bank.

The prosecutor said the

accused person disappeared after collecting the money and it took the concerted efforts of police detectives to fish him out.

The prosecutor asked the court for adjournment to enable him study the case file and present his witnesses.

Olusegun pleaded not guilty to the charge against him. His counsel, Mr Busuyi Ayorinde,

urged the court to grant his client bail, with a promise he would not jump bail.

The chief magistrate, Mr Adesoji Adegboye, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N500,000, with two sureties, one of who must be a civil servant, in like sum. Adegboye adjourned the case till February 3, 2020 for hearing.

'We use voodoo to trick victims into parting with their money'

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The police in Lagos have arrested six suspected fraudsters alleged to be specialists in hypnotizing their victims before dispossessing them of their valuables.

The suspects, all female, who were said to have their operational bases at FESTAC, along the Murtala Muhammed International Airport Road and in Ikoyi, were nabbed by detectives from the Lagos State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) following series of complaints from members of the public.

The identities of the suspects were given as Damilola Lawal, 29; Folashade Makinde, 49; Joke Babayemi, 37; Precious Sunday, 20; Victoria Emmanuel, 42; and Gift Adams.

The police disclosed that the suspects were operating within the three areas by sending their members to give fake testimonies of how they were healed by prophetesses, who happened to be their colleagues. It was learnt that the younger members of the gang were referred to as 'Catchers', while the older ones were known as 'Prosecutors'.

Sunday told journalists at the Command Headquarters, Ikeja, Lagos where she was paraded on Wednesday with other members of the gang that she would pretend ill before a crowd of people at a fake crusade organized by the gang.

She said, "I will later testify to the crowd that I have been healed by the prayers and prophecies of the Prosecutor. At times we would tell worshippers how their destinies had been negatively affected by witches we would say were members of their respective families. We would then ask them to buy a bottle of anointing oil for N5000 and should come for more prayers." The suspected fraudster further revealed that at times, their leaders would use voodoo to hypnotize gullible followers and before the victim realized what was happening, the gang would have collected all his or her life savings.

Alleged membership of unlawful society lands musician in court

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

A musician, Chimaobi Elele, was yesterday docked before a Yaba chief magistrate court in Lagos for alleged membership of an unlawful society and breach of the peace. Elele is facing a three-count charge of conspiracy, breach of peace and belonging to an unlawful society. The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Modupe Olaluwoye, told the court that the defendant committed the offences with some others still at large at 5.43pm on December 24, 2019 at the Ajegunle-Apapa area of Lagos.

Olaluwoye said that the defendant, who allegedly belonged to an unlawful cult group known as 'Aiye', and his accomplices fought and broke bottles, disturbed the peace of the neighbourhood and chased some church members holding a crusade. The prosecutor said that a church member called the police and the defendant was apprehended, while the others escaped.

The chief magistrate, Mrs Oluwatoyin Oghere, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N50,000, with two sureties in like sum. Oghere adjourned the case till April 17, 2020 for mention.

Court sentences artisan for alleged attempt to steal

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

A 23-year-old artisan in Osogbo, Osun State, Rasheed Akanmu, was sentenced to three months imprisonment yesterday by a magistrate court for intent to steal.

The police prosecutor, Mr Abiodun Fagboyinbo, told the court that Akanmu entered the house of Akinsipe Emmanuel at Zone 9, Oke Arugbo, Osogbo on January 5, 2020 in an attempt to steal the property of the owner of the house.

Fagboyinbo explained that the accused person jumped the fence to gain access into the premises.



Commercial cyclists wait for passengers at Iyana-Ipaja in Lagos yesterday

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

Border closure: Ogun legislator laments hiked prices, alleged extortion

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A member representing the Ipokia Constituency in the Ogun State House of Assembly, Sikiratu Ajibola, has lamented increased prices of goods at Idiroko and other border communities following the border closure and ban on fuel supply to towns within 20 kilometres radius.

Ajibola alleged extortion of the residents by those she termed "bad eggs" among operatives of the Joint Task Force in charge of the border drill.

The legislator told journalists in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, that the task force operatives confiscated some locally made goods that some residents of her constituency had bought and were transporting to Idiroko and

other communities.

Ajibola, who was elected on the platform of the Allied Peoples' Movement (APM), said "unnecessary checks" by the operatives had created traffic logjam on the narrow bridge on the Yewa River, Ajilete.

According to her, the bridge may collapse any moment due to how the operatives detain trucks carrying heavy goods on it when there should be free flow of vehicular movement.

The lawmaker said, "Out of the numerous border communities in Nigeria only residents of the Ipokia local government and its environs are treated with disdain.

"During the yuletide, citizens travelling to celebrate Christmas and the New Year with their families were exploited by the bad eggs of the

Joint Task Force and consumer goods, which included perishable ones like fish, were seized. I want to add that seized trucks parked on the narrow Sango to Idiroko border road are posing a dangerous threat to the lives of commuters."

She pleaded with Governor Dapo Abiodun to wade into the matter with a view to alleviating the suffering of the communities.

The spokesperson of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Ogun Area Command I, Abdullahi Maiwada, told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the lawmaker should intimate the command with specific issues of alleged extortion.

Maiwada said the command would investigate the allegations and mete out sanctions to officers found culpable.

Judge's absence stalls N2.9bn fraud case

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

The absence of the trial judge, Justice Mohammed Liman, yesterday stalled the trial of a Lagos-based businessman, Kenneth Ndubuisi Amadi, and his company, Idid Nigeria Limited.

When the matter came up, prosecutors

from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) and the Federal Ministry of Justice, Abuja, led by Mr A. K. Alilu, a Chief State counsel, as well as a lawyer for the defendant from Emeka Etiaba Chambers were present in court.

The case was consequently adjourned till January 29, 2020 for arraignment of

the accused persons.

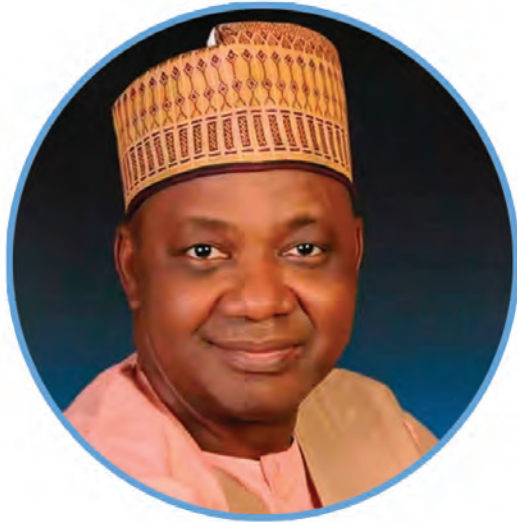
The court had on November 28, 2019 fixed the arraignment for Wednesday 8, January 2020.

Amadi and Idid Nigeria Limited were alleged to have obtained the money by false pretence from a petroleum company.

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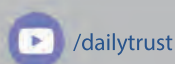
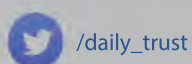
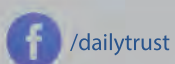
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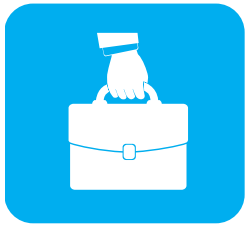


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■ Oliver Alawuba as CEO of UBA Africa

UBA names new CEO, others

By Latifat Opoola

United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc has announced the appointment of Oliver Alawuba as CEO of UBA Africa, overseeing the bank's 20 African countries' operations, ex-Nigeria.

He succeeds Victor Osadolor, who retires from the group board, after nine years of service working at UBA.

Mr. Alawuba, who has about three decades of banking industry experience, was once the

CEO of UBA Ghana and rose to become Regional CEO, UBA Africa before returning to Nigeria to run UBA's East Bank. Under his leadership, UBA's Nigerian East Bank division became the fastest growing regional bank in the group.

The board also appointed Senegalese national, Abdoul-Aziz Dia, as Executive Director for Treasury and International Banking, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

Aziz, who is bringing a wealth of multi-geographical experience to the group, will

be responsible for UBA's global network of operations in New York, London and Paris, together with Group Treasury, where UBA offers a sophisticated suite of products to multinationals, international institutions and African clients.

Chukwuma Nweke, currently the Executive Director Operations, was also confirmed by the board as the Group Executive Director, Retail and Payments, and Chiugo Ndubisi as Group Executive Director and the Group Chief Operating Officer.

Leadway Assurance appoints CEO

By Chris Agabi

Leadway Assurance Company Limited has appointed Mr. Tunde Hassan-Odukale as managing director/CEO.

Hassan-Odukale takes over from Oye Hassan-Odukale who just retired after three decades at the company. Oye Hassan-Odukale saw the nurturing of the company into the big insurance company it is by gross premium income and balance sheet size.

His appointment takes effect from January 1, 2020. Tunde Hassan-Odukale has been a key member of Leadway's executive and leadership team since 1999, previously serving as the company's Executive Director, Financial Services and Systems.

Announcing Tunde's appointment, Leadway's outgoing CEO, Oye Hassan-Odukale, stated that "In his 30 years of leadership experience at Leadway, Tunde has been the driving force behind the tremendous growth we have seen in the areas of Life Assurance, Investments, Finance and Technology. This makes him a natural successor to steer Leadway to its next phase in history."

He commended the professional team at Leadway, emphasizing his confidence

that "Tunde will build on the company's legacy with their unflinching and committed support."

Reflecting on his appointment, Tunde said: "I am honoured, yet humbled to lead this company at a time like this. We have a customer-centric culture and an engaging approach that has enabled us to grow strongly through the years.

"Building on this legacy is a challenge that I accept together with our professional team. We are where we are because our clients, brokers and direct customers trust our ability to support them in a friendly, empathetic and reliable manner. This is humbling and our ambition to continue to deliver remains fierce.

"I am passionately committed to consolidate on existing achievements by placing our clients at the absolute centre of everything we do."

Tunde, 55, is a graduate of the University of London and City University, London. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Pure Mathematics and is an alumnus of the Lagos, London, Harvard and Stanford Business schools. He sits on the board of directors of various blue-chip companies, which include First Bank of Nigeria Limited.

Unity Bank gets new company secretary

By Latifat Opoola

Unity Bank Plc has announced the appointment of Adejumobi Alaba Williams as its new company secretary with effect from January 1, 2020. Williams replaces Mohammed Shehu, the bank's former secretary.

The appointment was disclosed in a statement issued to the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) and signed by the bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Tomi Somefun.

According to the statement, Williams as the Directorate Head, Company Secretary and Legal Services, would



■ Adejumobi Alaba Williams

now guide the board of Unity Bank Plc in ensuring strict compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements.

She holds a bachelor of laws, LL.B (Hons) from Lagos

State University LASU and was called to the bar in 1990. She also has a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA).

Williams joined the bank in 2006 and has held several management positions ranging from Head of Legal Services, Debt Recovery, Human Resources and Group Head Legal Services.

Prior to joining Unity Bank, Williams worked as Company Secretary/Legal Adviser of Societe Bancaire Nigeria Limited (Merchant Bankers) and Legal officer at EIB International Bank.

Bolt appoints new country director

By Latifat Opoola

Bolt has appointed Femi Akin-Laguda as the Country Manager for its operations in Nigeria, and is expected to drive the company's operations and expansion moves across the country.

Bolt's regional manager for West Africa, Uche Okafor, said the company was confident in Akin-Laguda's capacity to perform as he had highly performed in his previous

roles.

He said Bolt will continue to find innovative ways to make its platform thrive whilst empowering its people to champion new roles and frontiers.

"We are also committed to rewarding excellence and diligence.

This is the reason we are elated to appoint Femi as his performance on previous roles have been stellar," he said.

While commenting on his appointment, Akin-Laguda described the appointment as an opportunity for him to explore new opportunities and experience a new chapter in the vast industry.

Before his appointment, Akin-Laguda worked as a city manager for Bolt Lagos where he engineered the introduction of an identity verification portal - a safety feature for drivers and riders in the country.

Press corps laud new Niger Delta Permanent secretary

By Olayemi John-Mensah

The Niger Delta Press Corps has received the new permanent secretary of the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs (MNDA), Mr Olusade Adesola, on his redeployment to the Ministry.

The group, which congratulated him, stated that his redeployment is a round peg in around hole issue, adding that the wealth of experience he is bringing to the

ministry will be of great value having worked in the Ministry of Youth and Sports where he was mostly responsible to the public for every of their action.

"Mr Adesola is the best thing that could ever happen to the Niger Delta because his statement on assumption of office shows his sign of intent and that he is ready to work with everybody in achieving the objective of creating a conducive working environment

for the ministry," it said.

Adesola on assumption, immediately insisted that the bidding process for contract must be transparent while instructing the director of procurement to put all information on the website.

He also went further to charge the head of human resources to make room for regular meeting among the management staff, in other to know the challenges faced by each department.



■ Mr Olusade Adesola

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- All relevant documents for the CEOI can be accessed on DEC's website: www.dexcentre.org or (hard copies) at the organization's head office at No. 5 Kaduna Road, Bauchi, Bauchi state. For groups/organizations that wish to complete the form in hard copy only, please download the form "Organizational Profile version 13.12.19". Others who may wish to complete the form electronically may download the form "Organizational Profile version e_13.12.19".
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- Indicate the category (e.g. "Category B") on the top right-hand corner of envelope.

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FELICITY: I, formerly known as FELICITY OLOCHUKWU UDEKWE now wish to be known and addressed as **FELICITY OLOCHUKWU AREKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SADIYA: I, formerly known as SADIYA ISAH with D.O.B 20/06/1990 now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS SADIYA MU'AZU** with D.O.B 20/06/1986. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM MANDE with D.O.B 07/03/1960 now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MANDE ZOGIRMA** with D.O.B 10/10/1960. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

FARUKU: I, formerly known as FARUKU MOHAMMED DIGGI with D.O.B 05/11/1989 now wish to be known and addressed as **FARUKU MUHAMMAD DIGGI** with D.O.B 04/11/1990. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MUHAMMED: I, formerly known as AHMED MUSA MERA now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ABBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SISTERS' CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

Board Trustees:

- Hafsat Sabir Sadiq
- Hussaina Adam Hudu
- Hafsat Babajo
- Nusaiba Rabiu Danshareef
- Zainab Baba
- Amina Muhammad Aliyu
- Aisha Mujahida Mukhtar

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.
To help in providing educational facilities, learning materials, assistance, and skill acquisition for the betterment of vulnerables.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS registration SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION AT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI – IRONSI ST. P.M.B 198 MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KANO STATE PROBATE DIVISION KANO KANO STATE.

WHEREAS the person whose names is set out in the first column here under died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column. AND WHEREAS the person(s) whose names and address(es) is/are set out in the second column hereunder claim relationship to the said deceased and has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Kano State for the grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the personal Properties of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION will be filed to the said applicant unless a NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the Probate Registry of High Court of Justice Kano within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this Legal Notice.

DECEASED APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT

HABIBU HAFIZU, late of Tudun Wuzirchi Qtrs. Kano. Died on 11st Dec. 2019 at M.A.W.S.Hosp. Kano.

ABUBAKAR DANJUMA, late of Tudun Wada Qtrs. Kano. Died on 25th May 2018 at Home.

DAHIRU HASSAN, late of No.18 Dausayi Qtrs. Kano. Died 15th Aug. 2019 at Home.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020
PROBATE REGISTRY HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KANO STATE.
SGD: JAMILU SHEHU SULEIMAN PROBATE REGISTRAR

LAJNATUL HISBAH ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

This is to inform the general public that the above named organization has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC) for registration under part C of the companies and Allied Matters act no.1990.

TRUSTEES ARE:

HAMISU ABUBAKAR IMAM	CHAIRMAN
SALMAN AHMAD	VICE CHAIRMAN
KABIRU ALHAKAM SANI	SECRETARY
ABUBAKAR ALHASSAN	MEMBER
UMAR MUHAMMAD HELMAWO	MEMBER
HASSAN ADAMU	MEMBER
MUHAMMAD USAMA	MEMBER
MUSA YUNUS TAHIR	MEMBER
HARUNA IBRAHIM	MEMBER
ABDULLAH YUSUF	MEMBER
ABUBAKAR ALIYU	MEMBER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE
TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY OF GLORIOUS QUR'AN, HADITH, COMPARATIVE STUDIES AND ARABIC LANGUAGE AND TO INTEGRATE THE SPIRIT OF PEACE, GOOD GOVERNANCE, CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND FOSTER UNITY AND COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS AND YOUTH CITIZENS OF NIGERIA

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar – General corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed :
Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE AMAZING SEED FOUNDATION

The above-named Foundation has applied for registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2004.

The Trustees are:

- BABATUNDE SAMUEL SEIDU- Chairman
- MARIA TITILAYO ADEBAYO
- OLUWAFUNMILAYO QUEEN GODWIN - Secretary

The Aims and Objectives are:

- To render humanitarian and welfare services to the underprivileged in society
- To provide educational assistance and materials for indigent students.
- To provide vocational empowerment schemes

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar – General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed
FADEKE AJAO
1st Floor, 23A Marina (Mamman Kontagora House), Lagos

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Certificate of Occupancy Plot No. piece of land, File No. LKN/AG/RC/81/81 & second one File No. LKN/AG/RC/81/82, situated at Kode in Dawakin Kudu Local Government Kano. Bearing the name of ALHAJI AUWALU BALARABE, of No.3 Kwairanga Road, Kano.

All effort made to trace the said original Certificate of Occupancy proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

Bank Details

Pay into any of our Accounts:
Account Name: **MEDIA TRUST LTD.**

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Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc Account No: 0000913253 Sort Code: 221081552	Bank: First Bank Plc Account No: 2002911690 Sort Code: 011084060	Bank: UBA Plc Account No: 1007117397 Sort Code: 033080013	Bank: GTBank Plc Account No: 0024570856 Sort Code: 058083231
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LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Document of Plot No. 209 covered by C of O No. LKN/RES/88/896 (Letter of Grant), situated at Darmanawa Qtrs. in Tarauni Local Government Kano. Bearing the name of BINTA AHMAD MUHAMMAD, of Garin Ali Town, Wudil LGA, Kano. Belonging to KABIRU BELLO of No.700 Yar Akwa 'B' Quarters, Tarauni LGA Kano State that the original letter of grant got lost in my possession, and all effort made to trace the same proved abortive.

Requirement for Change of Name
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit



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Enquiries:
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08035039527 (SOKOTO)
0703 8283 572 (PORT HARCOURT)
0806 047 3379 (MAIDUGURI)
0806 681 2566 (LAGOS)
0803 594 5475 (KANO)
0806 347 9316 (KADUNA)
0803 374 5735 (JOS)
e-mail: dailytrustadvt@gmail.com

Costing:
Change of Name - N3,000
Loss of Documents - N9,450
Registration of Trustees - N15,500
Product & Services (B&W) (Colour)

1 x 1 col	N5,000	N8,000
2 x 1 col	N9,000	N15,000
2 x 2 col	N18,000	N27,000
3 x 2 col	N 28,000	N 42,000

CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly known as **BABAFEMI EZEKIEL IBIDAPO** now wish to be known and addressed as **BABAFEMI EZEKIEL BANKOLE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **FATIMA IBRAHIM ANGO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS FATIMA IBRAHIM ANGO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **NAJA/ATU RABIU** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAJA/ATU RABI'U ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **MUDASSIRU HABIBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **NURADDEEN ABU YARO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **MARYAM MANNIR** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ABDULLAHI AMMANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **ZAKIRU MOHAMMED SULEMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MAHMUD SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **RAIMAT OMOBOLA TAJUDEEN** now wish to be known and addressed as **RAIMAT OMOBOLA SHEHU BILYAMINU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as **MRS. ETUK ALICE UKO KINGSTON** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. AKPAN ALICE EDEM**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **OGUNTUGBIYELE YOMI SINA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUWATUGBIYELE OLUWASINA MAYOMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **HAUWA USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA USMAN WA'U** DOB23/11/1983 NOT 3/10/1983. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **MANSUR ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MANSUR ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **SHUAIBU ABDULLAHI CHARANCHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHUAIBU MAGAJI CHARANCHI**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **UMAR LAHAL GUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR LAHAL**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **NURA UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA UMAR IBRAHIM**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **MARYAM AMINU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM BELLO HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

CONFIRMATION OF NAME :
That **OKATAHI ABDULRAZAK ADINOYI** and **OKATAHI ABDULRAZAK** refer to one and same person, now wish to be known and addressed as **OKATAHI ABDULRAZAK**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

OSENI: I formerly known and addressed as **SHEDU OMOMOH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ARIYO OSENI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

LINDA: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS AIGBOMOBE LINDA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AFOEDE IKPEMOSI LINDA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

NUHU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AUWALU NUHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWALU NUHU NABABA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ADAMU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AISHA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA ADAMU ANISHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS ABOSEDE ANUOLUWAPOSIMI FAKANMBI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ABOSEDE ANUOLUWAPOSIMI OGUNDIRAN**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ALEBIOSU IBRAHIM O.**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HARRISON JACOB OLUWAFEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **TEKOE BABATUNDE SOLOMON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNBIYI BABATUNDE SOLOMON**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

OMOTI: I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULMALIKI MARIAM OMOTI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MUHAMMED MARIAM OMOTI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

PATIENCE: I formerly known and addressed as **ISOUGHIE PATIENCE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUWAFEMI .B. PATIENCE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ESTHER: I formerly known and addressed as **MRS KADIRI MALIATU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS HAMZAT MALIATU ESTHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

ISMAIL: I, formerly known as **SAMA'ILA ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISMAIL ADAMU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the General public should please take note.

DINNAH: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **DINNAH NGUYILAN ORTUSA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & ADDRESSED AS **DINNAH NGUYILAN JUKU**. ALL FORMAL DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. THE CONCERNED AUTHORITY & THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLS TAKE NOTE.

GREGORY: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MBANONGUN GBAKERA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & ADDRESSED AS **GREGORY SHAA TI**. ALL FORMAL DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. KONSHISHA L, G, A & THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLS TAKE.

ADESINA: I, formerly known and addressed as **BADEJO OLUWATOSIN BOLUWATIFE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADESINA OLUWATOSIN BOLUWATIFE**. All former documents remain valid. The General Public should please take note.

OLAOLUWA: I, formerly known as **OLAOLUWA WURAOLA BOLAJI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLAOLUWA WURAOLA VICTOR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as **FATIMA M ABDULLAHI**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AJAYI: I formerly known as **AJAYI BUNMI VICTORIA**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **LEONARD BUNMI AJAYI**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MALA: I formerly known as **AHMED JIBRILLA MALA**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMADU JIBRILLA MALA**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NWABUZOR: I, formerly known as **OTA NNEOMA JOSEPH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWABUZOR NNEOMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

YUSUFU: I formerly known as **YUSUFU MOHAMMAD SARKIN- FADA**. now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUFU SARKIN-FADA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

YALWA: I formerly known as **YALWA ILIYASU**. now wish to be known and addressed as **YALWA GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MUSA: I, formerly known as **MUSA AHMADU ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA AHMADU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

NWOYE: I, formerly known as **IKEMEFUNA CATHERINE IJEOMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWOYE CATHERINE IJEOMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

NURA: I, formerly known as **NURA MOHAMMED MALANKARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA MOHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

IKWUEGBU: I am known and addressed as **FAITH ONYINYE IKWUEGBU**, which is my correct name. But it was wrongly written as **FAITHS ONYINTEN IKWUEGBU**, in some of my documents. My correct date of birth is August 17, 1995, not August 19, 1995. All former documents remain valid any authority concerned and general public take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as **ENUPE USMAN ABBO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN ABUBAKAR ENUPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

AWOYEYO: I formally known as **ADENIKE RISIKAT AFOLABI**, now wish to be known as **MRS AWOYEYO, ADENIKE RISIKAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MURTALA: I am formally known and address as **MURTALA RUBIU USAMATU** and now wish to be call and address as **MURTALA RABIU** date birth 01-07-1982 not 02-09-1982 all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should take note

MALAMA: I am formally known and address as **INNO MANDE** and now wish to be call and address as **MALAMA FATIMA** all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should take note

AIGBOGUN: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **AIGBOGUN OSARATI SUCCESS** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **AIGBOGUN OSARATI ENDURANCE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

OKEOWO: I, formerly known and addressed as **ASOTIE LYDIA EBHODAGHE** now wish to be known and addressed as **OKEOWO LYDIA EBHODAGHE**. All former documents remain valid. The General Public should please take note.

AHMAD: I am formally known and address as **AHMAD MUSA** and now wish to be call and address as **AHMAD MUSA SANKALAWA** all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should take note

ABDULLAHI: I am formally known and address as **SAMAILA ABUBAKAR** and now wish to be call and address as **SAMAILA ABUBAKAR GUSAU** all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should take note

MUHAMMED: I am formally known and address as **MAKANA INNUWA** and now wish to be call and address as **MUHAMMED MAKANA** all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should take note

I formerly known as **DAYYABU ADAMU** now Wish to be known And addressed as **DAYYABU ADAMU NASARAWA**. all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I Formerly Known As **HAMZA AUDI** Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **HAMZA AUDI MUSA** My D.O.B Is 24/04/1989 All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

I Formerly Known As **SAMINU GUSAU MIKA'ILU** Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **MIKA'ILU SAMINU** All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

I Formerly Known As **BASHAR ATIKU SARDAUNA** Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **BASHAR ATIKU** My D.O.B 14/12/1979 All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

I Formerly known as **ALIYU ABDUSSALAM TURAKI** now wish to be known And addressed as **ALIYU ABDUSSALAM**. all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known as **NAFISATU MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAFISATU DAHIRU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

BASHAR: I Formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI**. Now Wish to be known and addressed as **BASHAR ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

I formerly known as **HADIZA ABUBAKAR KURFI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ABUBAKAR BUNGUDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I Formerly known as **HAIJIYA JUMMAI** now wish to be known And addressed as **ASMAU HUSSAINI**. all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I Formerly known as **LIMAN NURA KUCHERI** now wish to be known And addressed as **NURA MUHAMMAD HASSAN**. all former documents remain valid general public should take note.

I Formerly known as **HURAIIRA IBRAHIM SULAIMAN** but now wish to be known And addressed as **HURAIIRA SULAIMAN TSAFE**. valid members of the general public and authority concern should take note

I Formerly known as **ABU DANGALADIMA** now wish to be known And addressed as **ABU NAMALAMA**. all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I Formerly known as **BABANGIDA SANI** now Wish to be known And addressed as **BABANGIDA SANI SARKI**. all Former documents remain valid general public should take note

I Formerly Known As **LAWALI ABDULLAHI NABO** Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **LAWALI ABDULLAHI**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

I Formerly Known As **IBRAHIM LIMAN** Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **IBRAHIM USMAN** All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

I Formerly Known As **NURADERN MOHAMMED BODINGA** Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **NURADEEN MOHAMMED B**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

AHMED: I formerly called **AHMED UMAR** now wish to be known and called **AHMED UMAR DANGANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note. First bank plc and the general public to take note.

I formerly called **OLUWABUNMI JUMOKE OLASEBIKAN** now wish to be called **OLUWABUNMI JUMOKE GAB-UMODEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

AFOLAYAN: I, formerly known as **OMOTOSO OLUWATOSIN TITI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AFOLAYAN OLUWATOSIN TITI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH: I, SANUSI AHMADI, Wish to inform the general public that my savings account date of birth is 19th May 1982, while in my Current account and BVN 19TH May 1985 was mistakenly captured. I now want to be captured as 19th May 1989. All relevant documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UMARU: I formerly known and addressed as **UMAR SHUAIBU** now wish to be known and address as **UMARU MALLAM GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and First Bank Nig Ltd should take note, please.

USMAN: I, formerly known as **USMAN JUNGUDO BAPPAH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN JUNGUDO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ANGELA: I, formerly known as **MISS ANGELINA KYOLAH ANTHONY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ANGELA KYOLAH DANLADI**. All documents remain valid. authority concerned and the general public to take note.

AHMAD: I, formerly known as **OLOWOKERE AHMED OLABISI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLOWOKERE AHMED OLABISI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

PAULINA: I, formerly known as **MISS PAULINA OSAKADE OTUNSHA**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS PAULINA MAIANGWA OTUNSHA**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

ADEWUNMI: I, formerly known as **BLESSING UDO JACKSON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEWUNMI BLESSING UDO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SAFIYA: I formerly known as **SAFIYA SANI ABDURRAZAO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAFIYA SANI JIBRIN**. All former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public to take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I, formerly known as **BASMA SULEIMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BASMA SULEIMAN MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public should please take note.

DANIEL: I, formerly known as **YOFA DANIEL AMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YOFA DANIEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZAINAB: I formerly known as **ABDULKAREEM ZAINAB** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULKAREEM ZAINAB AYOMIDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

OBIDIGBO: I, formerly known as **IKECHUKWU CHARLES OBIDIGBO** with date of birth **06-02-1976**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IKECHUKWU OBIDIGBO** with date of birth **06-02-1982**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as **MUSA SAMAILA DAUDA** now wish to be known as **SHETTIMA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note.

ELIZABETH: I formerly known as **ELIZABETH IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ELIZABETH IBRAHIM SHEDNAYI**. All former document remain valid. General public and the bank should please take note.

DANIEL: I formerly known as **AKPOLILE DANIEL** now wish to be known as **AKPOLIE DANIEL**. All former document remain valid. General public should please take note.

HASSAN: I formerly known and addressed as **AUDU .A HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU HASSAN KIDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

GOTAN: I formerly known as **DAJAN GOTAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARY GOTAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BLESSING: I formerly known as **MISS. KABURUK,BLESSING ZATAAT**,now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. SHOK,BLESSING ZATAAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

I formerly known as Aisha sadauki now wish to be called and addressed as Hauwa Idris. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

ABDU I formerly known as **ABDU LAWAN** now wish to be called as **ABDU LAWAN KAWU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public should please take note.

CHIDERA: I formerly known as **CHIDERA OMYEBUCHI VICTOR** Now wish to be called as **ONYEBUCHI VICTOR CHIDERA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public should please take note.

HAMIDAN formerly known as **MURTALA HAMIDAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **LAWAN ALSAN**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I **ABDURRASHIMU** formerly known as **A.ABDURRASHIMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAHUZA BULAMA** All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I, **ABUBAKAR** formerly known as **AUWAL ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL ALI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I **ABDULLAHI** formerly known as **ABDULLAHI AHMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **TAHIR ABDULLAHI AHMED**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I MUHAMMAD: formerly known as **BASHIR AMINU MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **BASHIR AMINU GWARZO**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I BERNARD formerly known as **CHINEYE CHUKWUELO** Now wish to be called and addressed as **CHINEYE CHUKWUELO BERNARD** All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

NDIDI formerly known as **BERNARD CHRISTIANA AMAKA ,EBEH NDIDIAMKA** CHRISTIANA now wish to be called and addressed as **CRISTIANA NDIDI RBEH** All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

APAM: I formerly known as **AKIE JOSEPHINE** now wish to be called as **AKIE JOSEPHINE APAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **GARBA USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **GARBA USMAN RIMI**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

ABDUSSALAM, I formerly known as **ABDULSALAM GAMBO YAYANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDUSSALAM GAMBO**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as **IBRAHIM SHAHADA** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMED SHAHADA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SHU'AIBU, I formerly known as **SHU'AIBU MU'AZU B-BAFFAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHU'AIBU MU'AZU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ADAMU SAKANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAKARIYAU ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

HAMZA, I formerly known as **YAKUBU HANSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMZA YAKUBU MUHAMMAD**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI DOB FROM 20-2-1990 TO 20-3-1996**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BAPPAH, I formerly known as **BAPPAH ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **BAPPAH AUDU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD IMAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD INUWA JABO**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR LAWAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR LAWAN GARBA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NWEKE, I formerly known as **NWEKE INNOCENT** now wish to be known and addressed as **NWEKE NNAEMEKA INNOCENT**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

UMMU, I formerly known as **MARYAM IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMMU BASHIR TAL**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YAHAYA, I formerly known as **YAHAYA ABDULAFEEZ OLAYINKA** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA ABDULAFEEZ OLAMILEKAN**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ALIYU, I formerly known as **ALIYU MUKHTARI ISAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU MUKHTAR**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **SULAIMAN ABDULLAHI USMAN** now wish to be known and address as **SULAIMAN USMAN ADAM**. My corrected date of birth is **6/6/1999**. All my former documents remain valid and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as **MOHAMMED HAJJA FANDI** now wish to be known and address as **MODU HAJJA FANDI**. My corrected date of birth is **04/01/1980**. All my former documents remain valid and general public should please take note

I formerly known as Kabir Ismail Abdulmutalib now wish to be known and address as Abdulmutalib Kabir Mohammed. All my former documents remain valid and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as **AHAMD RABU** now wish to be known and address as **MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA HOTORO**. All my former documents remain valid and general public should please take note

I formerly known as Abubakar tasiu Alhassan now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR TASIU**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **ZAYYANU KABIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAYYANU KABIRU LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note **DATE OF BIRTH** is **20_SEPT 1996**.

CHINONSO, I formerly known as **NWARIME CHINONSO INNOCENT** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHINONSO CHUKWUDI NWARIME**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ISAH, I formerly known as **ISAH ABUBAKAR UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAH ABUBAKAR**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA ABDULLAHI MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MUSTAPHA MANGAL** and my date of birth is **15T January 1987**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as **FATIMA IBRAHIM HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA IBRAHIM ALI**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MARYAM, I formerly known as **MARYAM ISA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM YUSIF LAWAL**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as **UMMU SALAMA MUHAMMAD UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD UMAR**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as **AHMED UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR ABUBAKAR**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ZAHARAU, I formerly known as **ZAHARAU ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAHARAU ALIYU SHEHU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

EMMANUEL, I formerly known as **ADAABI EKERE NWUDE** now wish to be known and addressed as **NWUDE-EMMANUEL PRINCESS ADACHUKWU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as **FATIMA SALIHU MUKHTAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA SALISU MUKHTAR**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ZUBAIRU, I formerly known as **ZUBAIRU ABDULHAMID KARMAMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZUBAIRU ABDULHAMID**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as **IBRAHIM AHMAD YAHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM YAHAYA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as **ADAMA HAMMAN ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMMANADAMA ABUBAKAR**. All my former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK** and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as **IBRAHIM DANLADI** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM A. DANLADI**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IMAMU, I formerly known as **IMAMU JAFAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **IMAMU JAAFAR**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YUSHAU, I formerly known as **YUSHAU HAMIDU UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSHAU ABDULHAMID**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SUNUSI, I formerly known as **NAFIU ALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUNUSI SHEHU**. All my former documents remain valid. **KAROTA MGT** and general public should please take note.

ENGINEER OBADIAH: I,formerly known as **OBADIAH KURAH INUWA**,now wish to be known and called **ENGR.OBADIAH KURAH INUWA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

GAGA: I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL WISDOM**, now wish to be known and called **GAGA TERSOO EMMANUEL**.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

EZEKIEL: I, formerly known as **JACOB CHUKWU CHUKWU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EZEKIEL JACOB CHUKWU**.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

LOVINA: I, formerly known as **JANNIFER NEWLAND**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. LOVINA DENNIS**.All former documents remain valid.Keystone Bank and general public to please take note.

MOSES: I formerly known as **EDACHE MOSES** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOSES ODOMA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

GLORIA: I, formerly known as **GLORIA ANYANWU CHIZOROM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GLORIA NWAOHU CHIZOROM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MARYAM: I FORMERLY MISS **MARYAM SHEHU NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS MRS MARYAM SHEHU DALHATU**. FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. NYSC AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

USAMA: I, formerly known as **DARUL SALAF**,now wish to be known and called **USAMA SANI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AHMAD: I, formerly known as **AHMAD AMINU**, now wish to be known and called **AHMAD AMINU ANCHAU**.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I am known and called as follows **- AHMED ABDULAZEEZ and AHMED AZEEZ**. Now wish to be known and called as **AHMED ABDULAZEEZ**. My date of birth is **6/6/1968** now **6/6/1986**. Former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I was formerly known as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD** and now wish to be known as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD FILLO**.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ZAYYA: I was formerly known as **JAMILU ALIYU**, And 2nd may, **1983** now wish to be known as **ZAYYA BAKI** and 6th July, **1990**.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MARVIES: I Formerly known as **CHARLES SAMAILA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **MARVIES SAMAILA** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

ROSELYN: I,formerly known as **ROSELYN SALAMI**,now wish to be known and addressed as **ROSELYN SALAMI ISAAC**.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ABDULKARIM: I formerly known as **RAHAMA HUSSAINI,RAHAMA ABDULKARIM HUSSAINI** now wish to be called as **ABDULKARIM RAHAMA HUSSAINI** all former document remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **ALIYU BADI'A** now wish to be called and address as **ALI BADAYA**, All former documents remain valid, FUDMA, Authority concern and general public should please take note

YAU: I formerly known as **ZAKARI YAU MAHAMMED** now wish to be called as **YAU MAHAMMED** all former document remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

OJONUBA: I, was formerly known and addressed as **OJONUBA BONIFACE ANONE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OJONUBA BONIFACE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OLUWASEYI: I, was formerly known and addressed as **TOLORUNLOJU TIANA OLUWASEYI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BOND-AYEGBUSI TIANA OLUWASEYI**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

YOUNNE: I, was formerly known and addressed as **YOUNNE OSADIAYE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YOUNNE IYAMU**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

JOHNSON: I, was formerly known and addressed as **MOSES ODII**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JOHNSON FRANK CHUKWUKA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OBIDIKE: I, was formerly known and addressed as **EKWUGHA NONYE JULIET**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OBIDIKE NONYE JULIET**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

IDRIS: I, was formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI IDRIS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRIS USTAZ**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

NNANNE: I, was formerly known and addressed as **UDEH OBUNNEME**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NNANNE OBUNNEME CHRISTIAN**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CHIKANSO: I, was formerly known and addressed as **CHIKANSO CHIEDOZIE EZITONYE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHIKANSO CHIEDOZIE AROYEWUN**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME DUE TO MARRIAGE Mrs. OBADINA: I, was formerly known and addressed as Miss. **AKEDOLU ERIBUNMI FOLAKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. **OBADINA ERIBUNMI FOLAKE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME EGBUJOR: I, was formerly known and addressed as **EGBUJOR UCHENDU EBELE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EGBUJOR EBELE LINDA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ADEGBEHIN: I, was formerly known and addressed as **ADIMA PATIENCE UYIN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEGBEHIN PATIENCE UYIN**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AINA: I, was formerly known and addressed as **AWOYEMI OPEYEMI ISMAIL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AINA ISMAEL OLAJIDE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ADEJUMOBI: I, was formerly known and addressed as **AJIMUDA OMOBOLANLE DEBORAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEJUMOBI OMOBOLANLE DEBORAH**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

EMMANUEL: I, was formerly known and addressed as **AKALAZU CHIOMA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL CHIOMA STELLA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

IZEKOR: I, was formerly known and addressed as **AZIENGBE FAITH OMOZEE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IZEKOR FAITH OMOZEE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ZEKEA: I, was formerly known and addressed as **AMUKAPEMU, JOY OBIAGELI ANTHONIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NZEKA, JOY OBIAGELI ANTHONIA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME DUE TO MARRIAGE Mrs. **OMOTAYO**: I, was formerly known and addressed as Miss. **ABAM LOVEINA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. **OMOTAYO LOVEINA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME DUE TO DIVORCE **RAHEEM: I,** was formerly known and addressed as Mrs. **MOREY MARY ALIMAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as Miss. **RAHEEM MARY ALIMAT**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AKAJIOFOR: I, was formerly known and addressed as **AKAJIOFOR CHRISTIAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKAJIOFOR CHRISTIAN CHIBUKEM**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

BAKARE: I formerly known as **Ishola Monsurat Bisola**. Now wish to know and addressed as **Bakare Monsurat Bisola**. All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

FAGBEMI: I, was formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SEPIA BUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FAGBEMI BUNMI SEPIA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AKINTIBU: I, was formerly known and addressed as **ADEYEMO OLAOLUWA EMMANUEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINTIBU OLAOLUWA EMMANUEL**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OKWUELUM: I, was formerly known and addressed as **OGUNLEYE ELIZABETH ABIMBOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKWUELUM ELIZABETH OLUYE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

SALAM: I, was formerly known and addressed as **YUSUF MORIAM OLASUMBO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAM MORIAM OLASUMBO**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

RAFAH: I, was formerly known and addressed as **RAFAH OPEYEMI BELLO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **RAFAH OPEYEMI YUSUF**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MODINAT: I, was formerly known and addressed as **MODINAT ABIMBOLA JIMOH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MODINAT ABIMBOLA LAWAL**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

RAHMON: I, was formerly known and addressed as **RAHMON ABOLORE DAUDA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **RAHMON ABOLORE MUSA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

RUTH : I, was formerly known and addressed as INYAMAH-OLUEBUBECHUKWU RUTH . Now wish to be known and addressed as INYAMAH-AZUBUIKE OLUEBUBECHUKWU RUTH . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

EZENDO: I, formerly known and addressed as PATRICK IDOKO EZENDO . Now wish to be known and addressed as EZENDO IDOKO PATRICK. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

DAHIRU: I formerly known as MUSA GALI, now wish to be known and addressed as DAHIRU YAKUBU YA'U. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 11/11/1996. General public should please take note

SALISU: I formerly known as SALISU USMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MALLAM SALISU USMAN. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

MALAH: I formerly known as BABAGANA ALI now wish to be known and addressed as BABAGANA MALAH. All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

YAMAIRA: I formerly known as YAFANNA KASHIM, now wish to be known and addressed as YAMAIRA M. KASHIM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

EGBAI : I, was formerly known and addressed as NWAJEI RITA IFEOMA . Now wish to be known and addressed as EGBAI RITA IFEOMA . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ADEBAYO : I, formerly known and addressed as AJONGOLO TITILAYO DEBORAH, now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBAYO TITILAYO DEBORAH OLUWATOYIN. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public/Authorities Concerned should take note.

JEREMI: I Formerly known as JEREMIAH IBEZIMAKO AGUOFIA, now wish to be known and addressed as JEREMI IBEZIMEAKO AGUOFIA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ZAKARIYA: I formerly known as MOHAMMED ALHAJI GANA, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAKARIYA MUHAMMAD AMIN. All former documents remain valid. With Old DOB 01/12/1994 TO New DOB 17/05/1999 General public should please take note

I, IDI MALLAM ALI, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names IDI ALI and IDI MALLAM ALI are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as IDI MALLAM ALI. All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as IBRAHIM MOHAMMED DODO now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ALHAJI MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

YAKUBU : I, was formerly known and addressed as YAKUBU MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA . Now wish to be known and addressed as YAKUBU MUHAMMED . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ALLI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUSANYA FUNMILOLA MARY . Now wish to be known and addressed as ALLI FUNMILOLA MARY. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD USMAN MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED USMAN MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 2/2/2002, general public should please take note

YAKAKA: I formerly known as YA KAKA ALKALI UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as YA KAKA ALKALI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I, HADIZA MOHAMMED, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names HADIZA MAMMAN MUHAMMADU and HADIZA MOHAMMED are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as HADIZA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

ALHAJI: I formally known as LAWAN NGURU MUHAMMED GASSI ALHAJI now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI NGURU LAWAN GASI. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

SARAH : I, was formerly known and addressed as SARAH EVELYN JACOB . Now wish to be known and addressed as SARAH DAWAL GOKUM . that I was born on 28th day of August, 1985 not 28th day of November, 1972. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

POPOOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss JUMAH TOYEBAH BUKUNOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs POPOOLA TOYEBAH BUKUNOLA. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as USMAN IBRAHIM BILLY, now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ALI: I Formerly known as MAINA ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as MAINA ALI KABU. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

LAWAN : I formerly known and addressed as BABANGIDA USMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD A. LAWAN, Date of Birth,13/02/1997, All former Documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

ADAMU: I formally known as YAKUBU ADAMU IZGE now wish to be known and addressed as YAKUBU ADAMU KAIGAMA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

SIMEON: I, formerly known and addressed as SIMEON SEGRA SOVI . Now wish to be known and addressed as SIMEON TOSIN SOVI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

OLAODE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLATUNJI ABOLANLE RASHEEDAT . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OLAODE ABOLANLE RASHEEDAT. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

AISHATU: I formerly known as AISHA HABU, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHATU HABU HONG. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

HARIRA: I Formerly known as Harira Abdullahi Maikano Now wish to be known and addressed as Harira Mohammed Abdullahi All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ALIYU : I formerly known and addressed as ALIYU DANDAR MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as MAHMOOD DANDAR ALIYU, All former Documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

ANAS: I formally known as LAMARAN MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as ANAS SANI KUSA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ADIBE: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS AWE FOLASHADE ADEMIDUN . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADIBE FOLASHADE ADEMIDUN. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

EMMANUEL: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEDEJI ABDUL ADEFISAYO . Now wish to be known and addressed as EMMANUEL IBUKUN ADEFISAYO ADEDEJI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

ISAH: I Formerly known as ALIYU RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as ISAH ALIYU RABIU. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR: I Formerly known as Abubakar Sadiq Abdulkadir Now wish to be known and addressed as Abubakar Abdulkadir All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

YAGANA: I, formerly known and address as YAGANA ALKALI BABAKURA.Now wish to be known and addressed as YAGANA ALKALI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

This is to inform the general public the name JAMILA UMAR, JAMILA BABA UMAR & JAMILA UMAR ABUBAKAR refers to one and the same person now wish to be known and addressed as JAMILA BABA UMAR. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

HARUNA: I, formerly known and addressed as AYUBA ARUNA GANIYU Now wish to be known and addressed as HARUNA SANI. That my date of birth was wrongly written as 10th day of February, 1978 instead of 20th day of February, 1990. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

JOHNSON: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINBOBOLA OLUWABUNMI HERITAGE . Now wish to be known and addressed as JOHNSON OLUWABUNMI HERITAGE. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

NURA: I Formerly known as TANKO NURADEN, now wish to be known and addressed as NURA ADO TANKO. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 04-04-1989. General public should please take note

REBECCA: I formerly known as LABILWA REBECCA LAWAN Now wish to be known and addressed as LABILWA REBECCA All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

MARYAM: I formerly known as MARYAM JIBRIN, now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM AMADU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SAIDU: I formally known as SAIDU MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as SAIDU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

OYELEKE : That my name was wrongly written as ADEKEMI OLUFEMI OYELEKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OYELEKE FUNMIBI ADEKEMI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

KADRI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss BADRU ADEJUMOKE KHADIJAT . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs KADRI ADEJUMOKE KHADIJAT. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA ABDUT. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

BUBA: I formerly known as MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR KAWU Now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR BUBA All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

AISHA: I, formerly known and address as AISHATU GREMA. Now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA GREMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

IBRAHIM: I formally known as IBRAHIM KARUBE now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ALHAJI KARUBE. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ADEKUNLE-OLOWOSALE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLOWOSALE RASHIDAT KEHINDE . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEKUNLE-OLOWOSALE RASHIDAT KEHINDE. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

ODIVWRI: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs AKAKASI FAITH . Now wish to be known and addressed as Miss ODIVWRI FAITH ELOHO. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

HAFSAT: I formerly known as HAFSAT YUGUDA, now wish to be known and addressed as HAFSAT YUGUDA MUSA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

SALIHU: I Formerly known as Salihu Ibrahim Muhammad Now wish to be known and addressed as Salihu Ibrahim All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

. ALHAJI: I, formerly known and address as ALI ABATCHA. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI ALI ABATCHA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MIKAILU: I formally known as MIKAILU MUHAMMAD ABACUS now wish to be known and addressed as MIKAILU MUHAMMAD All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OLUKOYA: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUKOYA IRETIOLA HANNELORE . Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUKOYA IRETIOLA HANNELORE JONES. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

DADI Formerly known as SUWAIBA MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU DADI MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

HASSAN: I Formerly known as ABUBAKAR HASSAN MAMMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR HASSAN ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

HANNATU: I Formerly known as HANATU MUJAL, now wish to be known and addressed as HANATU MUTALI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ALI: I, formerly known and address as ALHAJI FUGU BURA GANA. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI FUGU BURA ALI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

ABU: I formally known as ABU IDRIS UMARU now wish to be known and addressed as ABU UMAR MELI All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

OJEAKHENA: That my name was wrongly written as OJEAKHENA VICTORIA instead of OJEAKHENA VICTORIA OLORUNWA. Henceforth, I now wish to be known and addressed as OJEAKHENA VICTORIA OLORUNWA. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

EVELYN :Formerly known as EZE EVELYN NMACHUKWU now wish to be known and addressed as CHUKWU EVELYN NMACHUKWU. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

SALISU: I formerly known as SALISU SULEIMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as SALISU SULEIMAN SADIQ. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

YIPA: I Formerly known as YIBA WATILA, now wish to be known and addressed as YIPA WATILA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

JIBRIN: I, formerly known and address as ABDULLAHI JIBRIN. Now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA SALEH. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

HABIBA: I formally known as HABIBA ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as HABIBA ADAMU All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

AINABE: I, formerly known and addressed as BAMIDELE FUNMILOLA ITUNU . Now wish to be known and addressed as AINABE FUNMILOLA ITUNU. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

OGBOLE I, Formerly known as OGBOLE ABDULLAHI AKASA now wish to be known and addressed as OGBOLE ABDULLAHI AKOSHI. All former documents remain valid, public to take note.

ZARA: I Formerly known as FATIMA ZARA MALA MUSTAPHA, now wish to be known and addressed as ZARA MALA MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. With D.O.B. 24.9.1987, general public should please take note

Muhammad: I Formerly known As ABUBAKAR MODU , Now I wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ALI ADAMU. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

IYABO: I, formerly known as OLADOSU OMOWUMI now wish to be known and addressed as OLADOSU OMOWUMI IYABO. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

HABIB: I formerly known as HABIB MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as HABIB MUHAMMAD AJI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

EKERIN: I, formerly known and addressed as EGBEJOBI GANIYAT BOLANLE . Now wish to be known and addressed as EKERIN GANIYAT OMOBOLANLE. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

I Formerly known as AGNES ANTHONY OYIDU. Now wish to be known as AGNES JOSIAH JOHN BOKAH .All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

KADIMA: I Formerly known as KADIMA COMFORT CLARKSON, now wish to be known and addressed as KADIMA CLARKSON. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

BUKAR: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD BUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD BUKAR AIDAMI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

BELLO: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM BELLO now wish to be known and addressed as TITUS BELLO. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

LIMAN: I formerly known and address as Abba Bashir, now wish to be known and address as Abba Bashir Liman. And my correct date of birth is 1989. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note please.

ODEYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNDAISI TEMITOPE ABIGAIL . Now wish to be known and addressed as ODEYEMI TEMITOPE ABIGAIL. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

FANNA: I formerly known as FANNA UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as FANNA UMAR MU'AZU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

YECHA: I Formerly known as YA BINTU ABBA KAU, now wish to be known and addressed as YECHA ABDULLA. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 08107145810, general public should please take note

UMAR: I formerly known and addressed as UMAR SALIHU now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR SALISU. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

TELA: I, formerly known as TELA ABDULLAHI TELA now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED TELA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR BULAMA now wish to be known as IBRAHIM MOHAMMED. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

HALEEMAH: I, formerly known and addressed as ADISA HALEEMAH OLUWATOSIN . Now wish to be known and addressed as HALEEMAH ADISA SHOETAN. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

BA KAKA: I Formerly known as GARBA MAINA, now wish to be known and addressed as BA KAKA KALLI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

MOHAMMED: I Formerly known as MOHAMMED BULAMA, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED GREMA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I, AISHA MOHAMMED LIBERTY, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names AISHA MOHAMMED LIBERTY and AISHA MOHAMMED are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MOHAMMED LIBERTY. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM ISMAIL now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ISMAIL ELNAFAT. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MUSTAPHA : I formerly known as MUSTAPHA BABA UMATE now wish to be known as MUSTAPHA BABA. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

UCHE: I, formerly known and addressed as UCHE DONCHASY UZOMA . Now wish to be known and addressed as UCHE FAVOUR UZOMA. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

ALI: I Formerly known as ALI GAMBO AND MOHAMMED ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as ALI ABATCHA GAMBO. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, UBA BANK PLC And General public should please take note

ALI: I Formerly known as MUSA MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ALI BUKAR. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

MALA: I formerly known as BABAGANA ALI now wish to be known and addressed as BABAGANA MALA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

INUSA: I formerly known as SARKI INUSA now wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN INUSA All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

KONTO : I formerly known as KONTO ADAM ABDULAZIZ now wish to be known as KONTO MOHAMMED ABDULAZIZ. All former document remain valid and general public should take note.

ADO: I, formerly known and addressed as ADO AMADU . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADO MADU. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

YAKUBU: I Formerly known as YAKUBU JOHN ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known and addressed as DESMOND YAKUBU KOLEZA . All former documents remain valid. RAMAT POLYTECHNIC MAIDUGURI AND General public should please take note

YAKURA: That I am formally known as YAKURA MUSTAPHA GADDOYE date of birth 20/01/1995 now wish to be called and address as YAKURA MALLAM GUZA with date of birth 01/01/1999 general public to take note

I, AHMED BUKAR BAKURA, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names AHMED BUKAR BAKURA, AHMED BABA KURA and AHMED BAKURA are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as AHMED BUKAR BAKURA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

SAH: I formerly known as NASIRU ISA AND DALTA ISA now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN ISAH All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

FALMATA : I formerly known as FALMATA ALI now wish to be known as FALMATA BULAMA. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

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LAWAN : I formerly known as **BAB BABA** now wish to be known as **LAWAN GUJJA BURAIMA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

MUNTARI : I Formerly known as **MUKTAR ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUNTARI ABDULLAHI LAWAL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

AKABUEZE : I, formerly known as **MIRACLE EBUBE FRANCIS**. Now wish to be known as **AKABUEZE MIRACLE EBUBE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

STEPHEN - I, ROBERTS, STEPHEN NWEYE wish to confirm that **ROBERTS, VSN NWEYE** is same person as **VICTOR STEPHEN NWANAZHINIM ROBERTS**. Because of the **BNV** exercise in Nigeria I wish to change my name to **ROBERTS, STEPHEN NWEYE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MBAZUIGWE : I, formerly known as **MISS. CHINAKA OLUCHI SANDRA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. MBAZUIGWE OLUCHI SANDRA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UWANA: That i was formerly known called and addressed as **BARNABAS OKON SUNDAY**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **BARNABAS UWANA SUNDAY**. All former documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public should please take note.

SALAM : I formerly known as **ABDULWAHAB TUNDE SALAM** now wish to be known as **SALAM TUNDE BABALOLA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

IDRIS : I formerly known as **LAWAL IDRIS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL IDRIS DUNU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MAFE : I, formerly known as **MADUJEKE CHIDINMA GRACE**. Now wish to be known as **MAFE CHIDINMA GRACE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADESINA : I, formerly known as **FAMUREWA KEHINDE CATHERINE**. Now wish to be known as **ADESINA KEHINDE CATHERINE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EPHRAIM. : I, formerly known as **MISS. SUNDAY NORMA-JEAN LAMORDE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EPHRAIM NORMA-JEAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EDIRIN: That i was formerly known called and addressed **UNACHUKWU ADA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **UNACHUKWU ADAORA EDIRIN**. All former documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public should please take note.

HASSAN : I formerly known as **BUKAR HASSAN**, now wish to be known as **HASSAN ABUBAKAR ALI**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

TASIU : I Formerly known as **TASI'U TASEE ELDER MAMMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **TASI'U MAMMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

CONFIRMATION OF NAME: **I, CHINDA PRINCE**, wish to confirm that **AMAH RAPHAEL EBENEZER** and **CHINDA PRINCE**. That my correct name is **CHINDA PRINCE**. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GODWIN : I, formerly known as **GODWIN OGHENERHIVWE ONOKI**. Now wish to be known as **GODWIN SOLOMON ONOKI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

PRINCE : I, formerly known as **EMENIKE PRINCE EBERE**. Now wish to be known as **PRINCE MADUFOR EBERE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CHIM : I, formerly known as **CHIM NYEKPEYE**. Now wish to be known as **CHIM NYEKPEYE CYRIL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ABBA : I formerly known as **SHEHU UMAR ABBA ASHEIK** now wish to be known as **ABBA SHEIK SHEHU**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

IBRAHIM : I formally known as **SALISU ABDULWAHAB NAMICILLE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ABDULWAHAB** and my correct date of birth is **10/05/1990** not **03/01/1998**. General public should please take note

ABDULGAFAR : I, formerly known as **MISS. ADENIRAN FAUSATU AYONI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. ABDULGAFAR FAUSATU ADENIRAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GIFT : I, formerly known as **MISS. JOHN GIFT IYOWUNA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. GIFT IPALIBO TOBIN-WEST**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. La Sien Bottling Company and the general public should please take note.

OPARA : I, formerly known as **MISS. AMOBI OGECHI BLESSING**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OPARA OGECHI BLESSING**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME/DOB: That during the registration of my **BNV**, my name was wrongly written as **FAITH VICTOR STEPHEN** instead of **FAITH VICTOR ASUQUO**, with correct Date of Birth as 16th Day of June, 1997 and not 16th Day of June, 1998. All authority and the general public should please take note.

MAMUDA : I formerly known as **JOHN PAUL** now wish to be known as **MAMUDA YAKUBU**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

MUTARI : I Formerly known as **LURWANU MUTARI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LURWANA MUTARI** and my date of birth is 25th December, 1994 not 1st January, 1992. General public should please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME: **I, WORGU MODLYN CHIBUOSO**. Wish to correct that my name was wrongly written as **WORGU JUDITH FRANK** instead of **WORGU MODLYN CHIBUOSO**. That my correct name is **WORGU MODLYN CHIBUOSO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ONWUCHEKWA-MARTINS : I, formerly known as **MISS. AKPARAH NNENNA QUEENETH**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. ONWUCHEKWA-MARTINS NNENNA QUEENETH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ANTHONIA : I, formerly known as **ANTHONIA ISIOMA ONWUELO**. Now wish to be known as **ANTHONIA ISIOMA IKECHUKWU OBODOAGU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, UNAH RAPHAEL OGGONNAYA, That during the filing of my **(BNV)** with Access Bank Plc. I use the name **RAPHAEL JAMES OGBONNA** which I want to change to **UNAH RAPHAEL OGGONNAYA** as same on my National Identify Card. That i now wish to be known called and addressed as **UNAH RAPHAEL OGGONNAYA**. All former documents remains valid. General public should please take note.

MALA : I formerly known as **BALA UMAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MALA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

KULMA : I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MODU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED KULMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

OBIOMA : I, formerly known as **MISS. EJIKE BLESSING OBIOMA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OBIOMA BLESSING OGBODO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AMARACHI : I, formerly known as **AMARACHI BLESSING OKPOKO**. Now wish to be known as **AMARACHI BLESSING NNOLIM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DESTINY: That i was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. JAMES INUGELEK-IKANMGBO J**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. DESTINY INUGELEK-IKANMGBO**. All former documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public should please take note.

GUMNWE : I, formerly known as **MISS. BEAGE TOMBARI LEESI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. GUMNWE TOMBARI LEESI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

LADI : I formerly known as **LAD SULEI**, now wish to be known as **LADI MARKUS**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MANSUR : I formerly known as **MANSUR BALA BELLO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MANSUR SODANGI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

AMADI : I, formerly known as **MISS. AJOKU MARYANN EKWUTOS**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. AMADI MARYANN EKWUTOS**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

WOGBO : I, formerly known as **MISS. Ogonu CONFIDENCE NDIDI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. WOGBO CHITURU CONFIDENCE NDIDI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EBEDEN: That i was formerly known called and addressed as **SUCCESS JOSHUA EMMANUEL**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ETEKAMBA MOSES EBEDEN**. All former documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public should please take note.

ANNY : I, formerly known as **ANNY AHURUCHI WOLUCHEM**. Now wish to be known as **ANNY AHURUCHI WUCHE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MALLAM : I formerly known as **MODU KAWUIRI** now wish to be known as **MALLAM TUJJANI KAWUIRI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

KASIM : I formerly known as **BABA MUSTAPHA**, now wish to be known and addressed **MUSTAPHA ABBA KASIM**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

CHINELO : I, formerly known as **NWOSU CHINELO CYNTHIA**. Now wish to be known as **CHINELO EJKEME-AJIE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

FLORENCE : I, formerly known as **MISS. FLORENCE CHINENYENWA CHIKEZIE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. FLORENCE CHINENYENWA ANUGWOLU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, KPOBARA RUTH, That when i enrolled for my **BNV**, my name was erroneously written as **KPOBARI RUTH** instead of **KPOBARA RUTH**. That my correct name is **KPOBARA RUTH**. All former documents remains valid. General public should please take note.

LUKA : I, formerly known as **MISS. WREFOUR CHABLATIMUN DUNAH**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. LUKA CHABLATIMUN DUNAH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UMAR : I formerly known as **UMAR SHAIBU KASIM** now wish to be known as **UMAR SHUAIBU KASIM**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

ANNA : I formerly known as **ANNA THOMAS AFAN**, now wish to be known and addressed **ANNA BWALAMI JERRY**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

NKIRU : I, formerly known as **NKIRU PERPETUA MBELEDEOGU**. Now wish to be known as **NKIRU PERPETUA AGBAEZE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

TAMUNOTONYE : I, formerly known as **WILLIAMS FAVOUR CHIDERA**. Now wish to be known as **TAMUNOTONYE FAVOUR TAMUNOMIEBI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UZOBUIFE: That i was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. ANIEKAN SUNDAY EKWERE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. ANIEKAN INNOCENT UZOBUIFE**. All former documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public should please take note.

DIBIA : I, formerly known as **ISIOMA NONYEM ESENWA**. Now wish to be known as **DIBIA NONYEM NWAKA MARIA**. That my correct date of birth is 12th April, 1987. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD : I formerly known as **ANAS ABAS KANO** now wish to be known as **MUHAMMAD GONI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

GABCHIYARAM : I Formerly known as **GABCHIYARAM MAKINTA/GABCHIYARAM MALLAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GABCHIYARAM M. MAKINTA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SANYA-SALAMI : I, formerly known as **ODESILE BUKOLA RACHAEL**. Now wish to be known as **SANYA-SALAMI OLUBUKOLA RACHAEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: **I, formerly known as OCHIA GLORY**. Now wish to add **NKECHIYERE** to my name to be known as **OCHIA GLORY NKECHIYERE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

RIKWO: That i was formerly known called and addressed as **GODSPOWER ONEKE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ONEKE GODSPOWER RIKWO**. All former documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public should please take note.

UTOJIOGU : I, formerly known as **MISS. OBI MIRIAN CHINYERE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. UTOJIOGU CHIDINMA MIRIAM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ISYAKU : I formerly known as **BABALIYA ISA** now wish to be known as **ISYAKU ISA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

I, OGUNWANDE MODUPE CHRISTAINA wish to confirm that **OGUNWANDE FUNMILOLA CHRISTAINA** as on my Bank Details and my **BNV** and **OGUNWANDE MODUPE CHRISTAINA** is one and same person. That my correct name is **OGUNWANDE MODUPE CHRISTAINA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Certificate of Occupancy Plot piece of land File No. LKN/RES/91/538, situated at Farawa in Kumbotso Local Government Kano. Bearing the name of **ABDULKADIR SUNUSI DANTATA**, of No. 174 Sarari Quarters P.O.Box 2291 Kano. All effort made to trace the said original Certificate of Occupancy proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

CHANGE OF NAME
Kano State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) wishes to announce that the State Government has approved the renaming of TIGA ROAD in Bompai G.R.A. to **MOHAMMED ALI FADLALLAH ROAD**. Therefore, the honorary Consulate of Lebanon and members of the general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public that the Original LETTER OF GRANT No. Plot 728 JGLN/RES/2010/1244/9 situated at DESINA in DUTSE L.G.A JIGAWA STATE Belongs to **AHMED SADIQ MEDU** got missed. All efforts to traced the said Documents remain abortive JIGAWA STATE MINISTRY OF LAND URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, AUTHORITIES CONCERN and general public to note.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that **Mr ENENCHE JOSHUA who worked with SPA Ajibade and Co, of Suite A 312 Garki mall plot 1580 Damaturu Crescent Garki II FCT Abuja died on the 19th August 2018 and to introduce his brother Mr Enenche John of behind Dunamis Church ugbokolo Benue State as His Next of Kin.**

Signed:
Vincent Ojonugwa Joseph (AUDA-NEPAD Nigeria)
For the Family

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
I, Ibrahim Tukur Bakori of No.3B Mallam Isa Hassan Road new extension U/Dosa Kaduna wish to inform the general public of the Loss of my Original Certificate of Occupancy No.11219 which was issued in the name of Alhaji Ahmed A. Mora by Kaduna State Government on the 1st October 1982 and same got lost on the 20th November, 2019 along U/Rimi to U/Dosa Kaduna. All effort made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned addressed. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public that the Original Document of Title of House No. A-4- Danladi Nasidi Housing estate with Ref. No. KSHC/EST/DNHE/A-4. Belonging to **ALHAJI HARUNA MUHAMMAD**, has been missing. All effort made to trace the said original Document proved abortive. Anybody who has objection of the issuance of Certified True Copy Should report to the Kano State Housing Corporation within 21 days.

Bank Details
Requirement for Change of Name
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc Account No: 0000913253 Sort Code: 221081552	Bank: First Bank Plc Account No: 2002911690 Sort Code: 011084060	Bank: UBA Plc Account No: 1007117397 Sort Code: 033080013	Bank: GTBank Plc Account No: 0024570856 Sort Code: 058083231
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AROUND THE WORLD

DR CONGO

Inmates starve to death in Makala Prison

At least 17 prisoners have died over the past week in the Democratic Republic of Congo's biggest prison, a charity says.

Aid workers say the deaths were caused by a lack of food and medicine, as well as poor hygiene.

Makala Prison in the capital, Kinshasa, has received no food supplies in the last two months, state officials say.

"It's terrible! People are dying almost every day," a prison official who did not want to be named told the BBC.

Food shortages mean that more than 8,000 prisoners who live there rely on their families to bring in meals.

The facility is also severely overcrowded, with more than five times the number of inmates it was built for.

Conditions are so poor that non-governmental groups estimate at least 100 prisoners are gravely ill and close to death.

Only 6% of the prisoners are actually serving sentences - the rest are stuck in DR Congo's legal system where cases can drag on for years.

S/AFRICA

Foreign nationals get 12 hours to vacate S/Africa's Province

Nigerians and other foreign nationals resident South Africa's Keimoes and Upington areas of Northern Cape Province were on Thursday morning given 12 hours to vacate by the indigenes.

The President of Nigeria Union in South Africa, Mr Adetola Olubajo, made the disclosure in a statement made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Thursday in Lagos.

Olubajo said the development was as a result of an ugly incident that took place on Wednesday, Jan. 8, between a Police Officer and a Nigerian.

He said that the Nigerian man, an Abakaliki indigene of Ebonyi, allegedly stabbed to death the Police Officer, Constable Nico Visagie, during a disagreement at 5

a.m.

Olubajo said that the details of the disagreement was still not very clear as the major witness was also stabbed multiple times and was still in critical condition at the hospital.

"After the horrific incident, the community members of Keimoes and environs went on rampage burning and destroying properties belonging to foreign nationals, Nigerians in particular.

"These attacks spread to Upington and Nigerians and other foreign nationals were also expelled from Upington.

"Prompt Police intervention this morning brought about calm but the situation is still tensed. Some locals were arrested by the police for public disturbance and malicious damage to properties.

BULGARIA

Environment minister detained over water crisis

Bulgaria's Minister of Environment and Water Neno Dimov was detained on Thursday after prosecutors questioned him in relation to a probe over chronic water shortages in the western town of Pernik.

Dimov, who has not been charged, told reporters he was cooperating before getting into a police van. He had been questioned by Special Prosecutor's Office staff and Interior Ministry officers at his office.

Pernik, a town with population of more than 70,000, has been subject to severe and continuing water restrictions for about two months, a matter that has been under investigation by several institutions.

Prime Minister Boyko

Borissov said Dimov's job was a matter for discussion with the ruling coalition partners. In the third Borissov government, formed in May 2017, Dimov was nominated to the post by the minority partner in the coalition, the nationalist United Patriots.

The Prosecutor's Office said in a statement that Chief Prosecutor Ivan Geshev visited Pernik on Thursday to co-ordinate actions in the investigation connected to pre-trial proceedings regarding the water crisis in the town, which lies about 25 km (16 miles) west of the capital Sofia.

"Evidence is being collected of crimes committed by officials that led to water supply problems in Pernik," the office said in a statement.

UNITED STATES

US believes Iran accidentally shot down Ukraine plane - Reports

A Ukraine airliner that crashed in Iran, killing all 176 people on board, was most likely brought down accidentally by Iranian air defences, US officials reportedly said on Thursday, a conclusion Iran dismissed as "impossible".

The Ukrainian International airliner bound for the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv,

crashed minutes after takeoff from the Imam Khomeini International Airport in Tehran on Wednesday amid escalating tensions between the United States and Iran.

One US official told Reuters News Agency that US satellites had detected the launch of two missiles shortly before the plane crashed, followed by evidence of an explosion.

Two officials said Washington believed the downing of the plane was accidental.

The Pentagon declined to comment. Iran reportedly dismissed the reports as "illogical rumours".

"It is impossible that a missile hit the Ukrainian plane," Iran's head of civil aviation was quoted by Iran's INSA news agency as saying.



■ A demonstration in Paris yesterday on the 36th day of a nationwide multi-sector strike against French government's pensions overhaul

Photo: Alain Jocard/ AFP

UK

Parliament approves Boris Johnson's Brexit deal

The United Kingdom now has one foot out of the European Union's door after Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Brexit Bill was endorsed by the House of Commons on Thursday.

Succeeding where his beleaguered predecessor, Theresa May, had repeatedly failed, the Conservative Party leader saw his EU-agreed framework for leaving the

European body backed by 330 members of parliament with 231 opposed, paving the way for the country's official departure on January 31.

Speaking before the vote, Labour's Paul Blomfield, opposition shadow minister for exiting the EU, lamented the bill's inevitable passage, and particularly the Conservative government's

refusal on Wednesday to restore child refugee protection rights into the Brexit agreement.

In what he described as a "heartless move", Blomfield said guarantees over the rights of unaccompanied child refugees to be reunited with family residing in the UK would not be included in the legislation.

S/ARABIA

UN monitors say Houthis not behind Saudi Aramco attacks - Report

A report by United Nations sanctions monitors has said Yemen's Houthi rebels did not carry out an attack in September that set ablaze two major Saudi oil facilities, Reuters news agency reported.

The United States, European countries and Saudi Arabia accused Iran of being behind the attack on Saudi Aramco oil plants in Abqaiq and Khurais that was claimed by the Houthis. Iran has denied any involvement.

According to the report seen by Reuters on Wednesday, the independent UN experts to the Security Council Yemen sanctions committee said: "That despite their claims to the contrary, the Houthi forces did not launch the attacks on Abqaiq and Khurais on 14 September 2019."

Riyadh, which is backing Yemen's internationally recognised government in its fight against the Houthis, has long accused Iran of supplying the rebels with weapons.

Tehran says it supports the rebels diplomatically and politically but has repeatedly denied providing them with any military aid.

The reported findings by the UN monitors come amid escalating tensions in the region after the US assassinated top Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani in Iraq last week and Tehran retaliated on Wednesday by firing missiles at Iraqi bases housing US troops.



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The religion with Allah is Islam Q3:19

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'And her room was burgled'

She is one of the ardent readers and followers of this column. She is always desirous to discover and rediscover latent meanings in the last testament; meanings that can only be known when the Quran is read with clean hearts, clear sight and strong conviction.

She read one of the recent sermons in this column on the inimitable powers of the Quran and consequently, she sent a text message to me: "I recite Ayat al-Qursiyy every day. But during the last six months, our house has been burgled twice. The thieves tried the best they could but could not gain entry either through the door or the windows. Eventually, they entered the house through the ceiling. It was only my room they burgled. They turned it upside down. Why me?"

I could not but empathise with my sister for the loss she bore. I empathized not in the third but in the first person. To empathize in the first person is to reminisce similar situations in the past when you played host to agents of darkness; when your homestead was desecrated, when the home became unhomely. But the issue our sister raised were more fundamental. It had to do exactly with how the Almighty goes about answering the supplications of His servants. It had to do with the larger question of whether there are certain prayers and supplications that the Almighty does not and would not accept.

Kindly make a note of this- that to be dutiful to the Almighty, be it at the spiritual or social levels, does not mean to be insulated against earthly trials and tribulations. Were this to be the case, Prophets of the Almighty would not have suffered denials, trials and sufferings. Prophets of the Almighty would not have been victims of attacks, they would not have been killed and murdered. They would have lived a life of luxuries and comforts. In fact, the contrary appeared to be the case- the nearer they were to the celestial, the more challenges they faced in the terrestrial; the stronger their faith in His powers, the harder their portions were in earthly ordeals and afflictions. This has always been the Sunnah of the Almighty. In fact, men and women of discernment, men and women who are well-imbued with the knowledge of His ways, would argue that to go through earthly trials and successfully too, without seeking recourse to powers and authorities beside the Almighty, is the touchstone of eternal salvation.

Thus I wrote back to our Sister. I premised my riposte on the analogy offered by Imam al-Ghazali when he was once asked similar questions by his followers- how is it that the believer is sometimes found in difficult situations? Why is it that Muslims are sometimes found committing crimes and engaging in infractions? Imam al-Ghazali responded saying imagine there are two houses in a city. The first is stuffed with gold and other jewellery while the second is empty. Imam al-Ghazali then asked his questioners: 'which of the two houses would attract thieves and men of the underworld'? Response to the question was evident in the latter. It is the house that has value that runs the risk of loss, it is the bucket that is full of water that could spill some of its content.

In other words, I made it known to my sister, as I am doing presently to you, that whenever a believer suffers affliction, she should be careful not to gloss over the latent meaning and wisdom in the event. This is because nothing happens in this world except that it is in line with a carefully wrought divine decree. One of His attributes is al-Hakim- the One imbued with wisdom. The Almighty does not commit errors; He makes no mistakes.

Supplications from the believer, therefore, are subject to one of the following conditions or possibilities. One, immediate acceptance; two, delay in acceptance for a better time and by which the supplicant would be rewarded for his or her patience; and third, rejection of the supplication since He knows that which is best for us. Thus no supplication escapes His attention.

QUR'AN: "Look! Your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, and then mounted He the Throne. He covers the night with the day, which is in haste to follow it, and has made the sun and the moon and the stars subservient by His command. His verily is all creation and commandment blessed be Allah, the Lord of the Worlds!" (Surah Al-A'raf, Qur'an 7:54)

HADITH: "As narrated from Abu Hurayra and Abu Sa' id al-Khudri: Prophet Muhammad said, "If a fly falls into one of your containers (of food or drink), immerse it completely (falyaghmis-hu kullahu) before removing it, for under one of its wings there is venom and under another there is its antidote. (Bukhari).

Millions protest anti-Muslim laws in India

Millions of people have taken to the streets in India in massive protests to denounce Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies that pose immediate threats to Muslims and their citizenship rights. On Dec. 11, he orchestrated passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act, a discriminatory amendment to India's existing citizenship laws.

Critics said this law, combined with the creation of a National Register of Citizens proposed on Nov. 20, could be used to disenfranchise, incarcerate or deport large numbers

of Muslim citizens. Effectively, they would make millions of poor Muslims in India stateless.

Since the CAA was passed, Indians have defied government bans and restrictions on assembly to demonstrate in many cities, leading to clashes with police that have left 27 protesters dead.

Demonstrations have continued into 2020. More than 200,000 people assembled in the city of Kochi in the state of Kerala on New Year's Day. An encampment perseveres on a highway outside of Delhi, the country's capital.

Organizers say over 200,000 protesters marched in the "Million March" in Hyderabad, the country's "technology hub," on Jan. 4. Other protests took place that day in southern cities in Karnataka, including Bengaluru, the state's capital.

Women have helped organize the protests since they began, and they have been on the front lines. Braving the cold, hundreds of Muslim women of all ages have maintained an outdoor occupation in Delhi's Shaheen Bagh neighbourhood since Dec. 15.



■ Group photograph of Women wing of Al-Habibiyyah during the 17th anniversary of Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society (AIS) in Abuja.

Al-Habibiyyah 17th anniversary, speakers harp on economic empowerment

By Abbas Jimoh

The Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society (AIS) has urged Nigerians to develop the culture of self-reliance rather than depending on government "for everything."

The Executive Director and National Chief Imam of the organisation, Sheikh Fuad Adeyemi gave the advice at the opening of 17th anniversary of the organisation's founding themed, "empower to be empowered".

The cleric noted that it was unwise to sit back and complain that the government did not provide jobs for the people.

"We complain of poverty and the government promised a better life for the people. But we cannot

sit down and wait before we get to where we supposed to be. So, in that case, we decided that let us sit together and see how we can empower ourselves to become better citizens," he said.

He said the organisation engaged Bank of Industry and Jaiz Bank Plc to connect people with government easily after it discovered lots of disconnect between them.

The pioneer chairman of the organisation, Ambassador Ridhwan Mustapha, said the various organisations present at the programme explored ways of empowering the people because poverty was a major issue in Nigeria and other African countries.

He said there was need for religious leaders to be proactive in

the fight against corruption, which he blamed for the prevalence of poverty in the society.

Also, Sheikh Muhammad Khalid, Chief Imam, Apo Legislative Quarters Mosque, Abuja, called for massive youth empowerment and functional education system to curb the spate of insecurity in the country.

The Imam, who decried the alarming rate of insecurity in the country, called on religious organisations to join the federal government in finding a lasting solution to the problem.

He stressed the importance of creating the enabling environment for gainful employment and social amenities as part of a long-term solution to the problem.

Foundation urges Muslims to fund mosques

By Latifat Opoala

An Islamic group, Rafeeqee Foundation, has called on Muslims to provide more financial supports to mosques to enable them to fulfil their purposes and mandates.

The foundation's founder, Modinat Lawal-Famuditimi, in

a statement, decried that many Central mosques in Nigeria were cash-starved and could barely carry out their obligations to fully run as a place of worship.

She lamented that it was tough for some mosques to attend to the needs of the community.

"The work of empowering

Central Mosques in Nigeria as a whole falls on every Muslims home and abroad" she added.

She said that the foundation, in 2019, partnered several mosques in Nigeria to feed over 1,000 poor and vulnerable Muslims, as part of its efforts to bring succour to the less privileged.










NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP. ▶ **N15,164TR (2.92%) ↑** ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ **29,395.57POINTS (2.92%) ↑** MARKET TURNOVER ▶ **693.1MN SHARES**

Thursday, January 9, 2020

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
 247.01 -0.07%	 399.64 -0.39%	 591.41 -0.21%	 133.88 -0.31%	 1,243.71 7.98%

NSE GENERAL INDEX

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	389,220.22	10.95	-5.60	475	23,524,991
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	285,565.17	8.35	-5.65	497	39,725,267
ZENITH BANK PLC	690,722.86	22.00	0.92	836	80,783,404
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	274,598.99	7.65	-0.65	562	41,619,342
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	2,361,123.51	116.00	5.94	359	10,297,756
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	2,982,088.80	175.00	6.71	303	4,844,703
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	248,060.05	15.40	3.70	242	13,693,669
OIL AND GAS					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	346,888.07	589.50	-	73	211,567
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)					
SKYE SHELTER FUND PLC	1,710.00	85.50	-	0	0
UNION HOMES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)	10,175.81	40.70	-	0	0
UPDC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	9,739.18	3.65	-9.88	16	182,148
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
NIGERIA ENERGY SECTOR FUND	411.91	552.20	-	0	0
VALUEALLIANCE VALUE FUND	3,312.39	103.20	-	0	0
AGRICULTURE					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	440.00	0.20	-	1	100
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	57,234.60	60.00	-	112	2,248,358
PRESCO PLC	57,050.00	57.05	9.71	52	1,519,140
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	1,620.00	0.54	8.00	19	951,527
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	217.92	0.56	-	2	4,042
S C O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	44,306.31	1.09	-2.75	138	82,817,436
U A C N PLC	26,940.12	9.35	3.31	77	1,742,817
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	521.24	3.51	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	28,842.00	21.85	-	57	913,376
ROADS NIG. PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UAON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	2,598.40	1.00	-	12	323,392
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	7,751.20	0.99	10.00	4	297,278
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	242.22	0.89	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG. PLC	65,821.00	30.05	-	51	258,331
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	79,081.93	9.20	-	34	5,723,303
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	448,226.36	56.05	-	39	101,120
FOOD PRODUCTS					
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	180,000.00	15.00	0.67	117	4,253,919
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	94,308.73	23.00	-1.71	88	13,579,985
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	8,485.31	1.07	-2.73	27	647,905
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	766.26	4.30	-	1	1,000
NASCION ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	39,874.05	15.05	-	22	221,549
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-9.88	2	190,764
FOOD PRODUCTS-DIVERSIFIED					
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	19,815.03	10.55	-	23	141,122
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,165,125.42	1,469.90	-	33	32,918
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFODAM NIG. PLC	6,004.05	4.80	-	30	441,532
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS					
P Z CUSONS NIGERIA PLC	23,227.29	5.85	-	56	364,286
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	109,155.10	19.00	-3.06	113	3,020,662
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	141,291.54	7.70	-3.75	202	6,300,608
FIDELITY BANK PLC	65,483.04	2.26	-4.64	161	22,917,283
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	957,984.88	32.55	4.16	274	18,832,170
JAIZ BANK PLC	20,624.97	0.70	1.43	35	1,723,872
STERLING BANK PLC	57,580.84	2.00	-0.50	34	1,420,875
WION BANK NIG. PLC	179,092.63	6.15	-3.15	93	1,822,556
UNITY BANK PLC	8,416.32	0.72	-10.00	18	947,982
WEMA BANK PLC	29,702.34	0.77	-2.53	50	3,742,005
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
AICO INSURANCE PLC	5,336.26	0.77	-1.28	24	1,237,573
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	21,525.00	2.05	-	8	120,026
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,414.60	0.42	7.69	1	100,000
CONTINENTAL REINSURANCE PLC	22,820.04	2.20	-	0	0
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	9,279.59	0.63	-8.70	20	940,565
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	1	20,000
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,123.80	0.29	3.57	27	3,272,786
LAW UNION AND ROCK INS. PLC	2,277.06	0.53	3.92	3	256,438
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	3,840.00	0.48	-	0	0
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	2,234.55	0.20	-	14	1,000,000
NEM INSURANCE PLC	12,778.82	2.42	-	11	259,000
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,947.90	0.20	-4.76	13	1,699,540
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	2,960.40	0.55	-	0	0
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,333.75	0.20	-	2	195,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,500.18	0.22	10.00	1	2,400,000
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNLI ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	0.20	-	3	2,002,993
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	4	2,050,105
VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-	3	11,605
WAPIC INSURANCE PLC	5,085.44	0.38	8.57	68	190,104,287
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	2,698.23	1.18	2.61	11	714,700
ABBAY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	4,200.00	1.00	-	2	3,505
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,796.93	1.39	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	9,400.00	4.70	2.17	45	801,436
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,997.09	5.95	-	17	131,255
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	540.00	0.36	-	0	0
FCMB GROUP PLC	39,605.42	2.00	-3.85	186	38,481,684
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,697.97	0.33	-	8	83,917
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	446,461.11	42.50	-	22	117,846
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	16,260.00	2.71	0.37	119	13,765,640
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOCORP PLC	2,243.70	4.50	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	781.69	0.22	-	2	240,005
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	1	100
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	5,633.17	2.70	-3.57	24	688,500
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	6,338.15	5.30	0.94	73	3,032,203
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	3,743.76	2.17	8.50	16	235,932
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	1,063.53	0.56	-	12	235,051
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	888.00	0.25	4.17	16	10,454,337
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	1,323.81	0.45	-	1	1,000

COMMODITIES PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
CRUDE OIL (BRENT)				
	\$71.76	-	-	-
NATURAL GAS				
	\$2.61	-	-	-
COPPER				
	\$2.81	-	-	-
GOLD				
	\$1,284.1	-	-	-
SILVER				
	\$14.650	-	-	-
SUGAR				
	\$12.21	-	-	-
COCOA				
	\$2,314	-	-	-
LIVE CATTLE				
	\$114,000	-	-	-
COTTON				
	\$75.46	-	-	-
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0
NER (NIGERIA) PLC	437.40	4.05	-	0
TRIPLE EEE AND COMPANY PLC.	287.07	0.58	-	5
IT SERVICES				
CHAMS PLC	1,690.58	0.36	-2.70	15
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	10,962.00	2.61	-	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES				
AIKTEL AFRICA PLC	1,123,311.48	298.90	-	0
INDUSTRIAL GOODS				
BETA GLASS PLC	1,956.31	6.75	-	14
BERGER PAINTS PLC	1,302,084.41	38.45	-	39
BUA CEMENT PLC	16,765.00	23.95	-	34
CAP PLC	265.62	0.50	-7.41	1
MEYER PLC	1,769.32	2.23	-	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	2,256.91	2.09	-	0
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,518.69	1.43	-	15
CUTIX PLC	53.80	0.38	-	0
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS				
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS	26,898.49	53.80	-	0
BETA GLASS PLC	388.02	9.10	-	0
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS				
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND. PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	0
B.O.C. GASES PLC	2,289.35	5.50	-	3
NATURAL RESOURCES				
ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION IND. PLC	1,781.64	8.10	-	0
MULTIVERSE MINING AND EXPLORATION PLC	852.39	0.20	-	0
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS				
THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-	0
ENERGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES				
JAPPAUL OIL & MARITIME SERVICES PLC	1,315.17	0.21	5.00	15
DANDO OIL	48,233.88	3.88	-0.51	79
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS				
11 PLC	53,332.04	147.90	-	20
CONDIL PLC	14,468.90	20.85	-	36
ETERNA PLC	4,694.92	3.60	-	7
FORTE OIL PLC	22,011.93	16.90	-	71
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,663.23	15.30	-	1
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	36,328.84	107.00	-	26
ADVERTISING				
AFROMEDIA PLC	1,509.28	0.34	-	0
AIRLINES				
MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS				
R T BRISCOE PLC	235.27	0.20	-	4
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY				
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	2,623.26	4.45	-	0
TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	431.34	0.92	-	0
HOSPITALITY				
TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	1
HOTELS/LODGING				
KAPITAL HOTEL PLC	4,259.15	2.75	-	1
IKEDA HOTEL PLC	2,328.25	1.12	-	6
TOURIST COMPANY				



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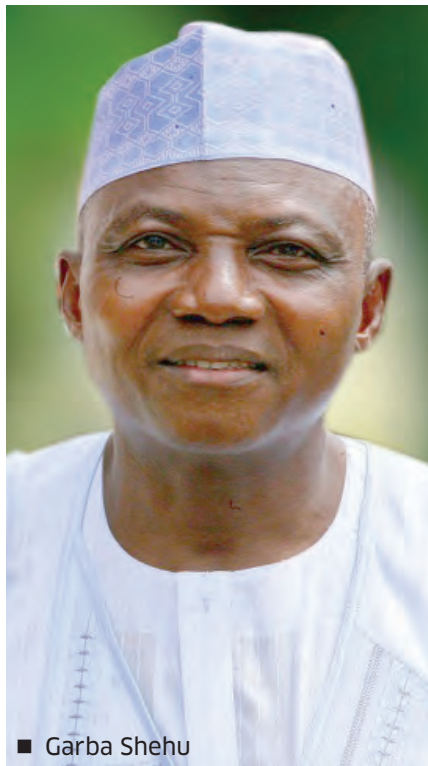
PoliQuote

"The president will not pick a successor, we know him, he is not somebody like that. Will he be interested in the process? Yes, he will. He will ensure that there is a free, fair and credible election; that nobody will come to use money and resources to bamboozle his way into the leadership of the country. It will not happen" - **Femi Adesina**

Inside Abiodun's seven months in Ogun

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PDP biggest obstacle to good governance – Presidency



■ Garba Shehu

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Presidency yesterday said that the leading opposition party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), represented the single biggest obstacle to good governance and change that the country needs and the people are yearning for.

The presidential media aide, Garba Shehu, was reacting to the statement issued by the PDP spokesman, Kola Ologbondiyan, in which he asked President Muhammadu Buhari to withdraw his alleged 2023 third term ambition and use the remaining years of his administration to deliver good governance to Nigerians.

The PDP statement issued on Wednesday also added that the "continued allusion" to a successor by the Buhari Presidency allegedly showed that the President and the APC had no agenda for the nation for the next three years.

However, the Presidency in a statement advised the PDP to focus

on its "grim future", stressing that self-respect and sound political judgement demanded that the party took an introspective look at itself after two successive defeats in national elections.

The statement read, "As the People's Democratic Party, the country's main opposition party grapples with deeply troubling questions about its terminal decline and future in national politics, Nigerians must be surprised reading a statement issued by them, assuming the role of Spokesmen for President Buhari.

What business do they have talking about alleged love lost between President Buhari and the APC? What do they know? Who sent them?

"Both self-respect and sound political judgement demand that the Party takes an introspective look at itself after two successive defeats in national elections, asking what went wrong and how to fix its battered image.

"They need to go back to the people,

in towns and villages, to know what the people want and what the country needs. Instead of doing that, they are taking roles for themselves that are not mandated by law, morality or political gamesmanship.

"What business do they have issuing a statement on the love or the lack of it between the President and his party? This is not why they lost elections. The party needs a reboot that aligns with current national mood and aspirations, to focus on their grim future after two successive defeats. It is the issue they need to focus on if they are to be taken as a serious opposition party again.

"A tough task awaits anyone leading a party with nothing to offer to contemporary Nigerians but corruption, misgovernance and division.

"As for the APC, the geographical expansion of the party is nothing short of a testimony to the rosy future that lies ahead. The party has come to stay, and the President and the country will ensure that this is achieved."

INEC: APC won't participate in Niger rerun poll – INEC

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Niger State has disclosed that the APC will not participate in the rerun election for Agwara state constituency.

The 12 political parties that will participate in the election fixed for January 25 include ACD, ADC, AGA, DA, GPN, KP, PPN, PT, SDR, PDP, APGA and AD.

The Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Professor Samuel Egwu,

spoke on the issue in Minna during a general stakeholders' meeting held at INEC office.

Prof. Egwu said the APC would not be participate in the election because the party was challenged in court after the last general elections.

He said the commission would not deploy any adhoc staff apart from its internal staff.

"We are well prepared for the rerun election. The election requires a lot of preparation which is why we call this meeting

to rub minds with stakeholders.

"We have 36, 411 registered voters with 59 polling units, 65 voters points, 279 INEC staff. Collation officers are likely to be deployed from federal institutions and not INEC staff," he added.

The REC said the commission was still expecting formal communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the vacant seat in the lower chamber of National Assembly due to the death of the occupant.

Put your house in order before 2023, Ex-minister advises APC

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

A former Minister of Communication, Barr. Adebayo Shittu, has urged the All Progressives Congress (APC) to put its house in order and get an acceptable presidential candidate for the next election, saying President Muhammadu Buhari will not seek a third term.

Barr. Shittu spoke yesterday in Osogbo while featuring on a programme organised by Association of Veteran Journalists, Osun State chapter.

The programme, which was tagged "the Frontliners", held at the press center of the Osun State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ).

The minister, who said the rumor that President Buhari would seek a third term in office was idiotic, insisted that the President is not the kind of person that would make such attempt.

He said Buhari remained an incorruptible leader and that the issue of tenure is a constitutional matter which the president cannot change on his own.

He said Buhari remained "the magnet" that can give the APC victory in the next presidential election, adding that the party must get it right so that the president would endorse and support the candidate of the party. Shittu, who was a gubernatorial

aspirant on the platform of the APC in Oyo State in the last election, said the party lost to the PDP because of the poor attitude of the immediate past governor Abiola Ajimobi.

He said Ajimobi denied him the ticket of the party because he was wanted to curb his influence by all means in view of his closeness to President Buhari.

He lauded the incumbent governor of Oyo State, Mr Seyi Makinde, for abolishing the school fees imposed on the primary school pupils in the state which made it difficult for the children of poor to go to school during the tenure of Ajimobi.



■ Barr. Adebayo Shittu

Exclusion: CPN takes INEC to Supreme Court

By Abbas Jimoh

The Allied Congress Party of Nigeria (ACPN) says it has dragged the INEC to the Supreme Court over what it called its "unlawful" exclusion from the November 16, 2019 governorship elections in Kogi and Bayelsa states.

The National Chairman of the party, Alhaji Ganiyu Galadima, told newsmen yesterday in Abuja that his party fully complied with the election timetable issued by the electoral umpire by

conducting its governorship primaries in Lokoja and Yenagoa respectfully on September 5, 2019 in the presence of the representatives of the INEC.

Alhaji Galadima said the party met all requirements but was "unlawfully" excluded from the ballot.

Both the Federal High Court and the Court of Appeal had earlier dismissed the ACPN's case but its national chairman said the party was not pleased with the judgements of the lower Courts.

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Inside Abiodun's seven months in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Governor Dapo Abiodun took over reins of power as the fifth democratically elected governor in Ogun State on May 29, 2019, amid high expectations. In this report, *Daily Trust* takes a look at how far the governor has gone, barely seven months down the line.

For keen watchers, 2019 electoral process in Ogun State was, perhaps, most sophisticated in this history of the state. Political actors crossed the line of decency and embraced violence, all in an attempt to occupy the Oke Mosan seat of power. In the end, Governor Dapo Abiodun won and the rest is history.

Abiodun himself admitted in his inaugural speech, that 2019 political environment was toxic and full of uncertainty. However, the citizens of the state have put the controversy behind them and yearned for a qualitative leadership as promised by his leadership.

In the speech titled "Building Our Future Together: A Task For All," Abiodun said his government was poised to "give Ogun State focused and qualitative governance and to create the enabling environment for a public private sector partnership, which is fundamental to the creation of an enduring economic development and individual prosperity of the people of Ogun."

He specifically assured that his "government will be our government, not their government." He equally promised his co - contestants and opposition parties to run "all inclusive government."

Daily Trust recalls that Abiodun's first office assignment, 24 hours after assumption of office, was inspection of some key offices like Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs and the Civil Service Commission. Same day, he held a closed - door meeting with the heads of security agencies in the state as well as the body of permanent secretaries.

And the next day, the governor met with members of the then eighth State House of Assembly led by their Speaker, Suraj Adekunbi. Few hours after the meeting, the lawmakers were locked in an emergency sitting where

they hurriedly passed bill, reversing immediate past Governor Ibikunle Amosun's last minutes appointment of 75 traditional rulers and civil servants as well as promotion of permanent secretaries.

Amosun's last minutes appointments and contracts had received huge criticism from stakeholders and it equally constituted a thorn in the flesh of Abiodun's government. A number of committees were set up by the governor to look into those appointments and some controversial issues like the upgrading of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic (MAPOLY) into university status. Through his intervention, academic activities hitherto suspended at MAPOLY has been restored and the institution now enjoys its bustling.

However, the governor's first major bashing came due to delay in appointments. For instance, he did not announce a single appointment more than a week after he took oath of office. It took Abiodun six months to release names of his 18 - man commissioner - designates who are awaiting inauguration.

Some stakeholders also knocked him over his alleged slow approach to governance. A Chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Segun Sowunmi, who reviewed Abiodun's government, challenged him on the need "to inject some speed to governance in his own interest, in the interest of our dear state and her good people."

But some APC chieftains closed to the power told *Daily Trust* that the governor "is not in a hurry to take any decision."

Former Governor Gbenga Daniel agreed with them when he said the governor possessed required temperament to govern a sophisticated state like Ogun.

"People should not forget that Dr Dapo Abiodun is not a baby. Apart from the fact that he is quite an experienced politician, he is also a business man and he is very cool and collected.

"I don't have any doubt in my mind, he is painstaking and he doesn't rush to do anything. When you want to govern over Ogun State, you must be somebody with that kind of temperament and so far, I'm quite

impressed," Daniel said recently shortly after he met Abiodun behind closed doors.

Also, Abiodun's mantra of "inclusive government" was questioned after he released the list of commissioners. Some party stakeholders and a group of women who felt marginalised, protested against the appointments.

However, how has the governor fared in areas of the campaign promises? Some areas that have enjoyed patronage under Abiodun's seven months are education, job creation, security, health and road infrastructure.

He had vowed that Ogun State under him would not become "a Banana Republic." In September, the government donated 100 patrol vans and 200 bikes to aid security agencies in the fight against criminality in the state.

In his new year broadcast, Abiodun used the opportunity to roll out his achievements in the last seven months of his administration, saying he had restructured education sector, improved on healthcare delivery and promoted workers' welfare.

He hinted that negotiation for the implementation of new minimum wage was in the final stage and would be completed soonest.

"In the last seven months, we have been able to restructure the education sector to a functional level. Critical issues relating to Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology; Moshood Abiola Polytechnic; Tai Solarin College of Education, have all been resolved.

"We have also embarked on the rehabilitation of our Public Primary and Tertiary facilities across the State. We recently promoted over 10,000 teaching and non- teaching Staff for the year 2016 and 2017, and have restored the payment of running costs in our schools. We have commenced the evaluation of suitable ICT tools in the school administration and management of curriculum," he said.

Foregoing forward, Abiodun asked people of the state to work harder with stronger discipline as

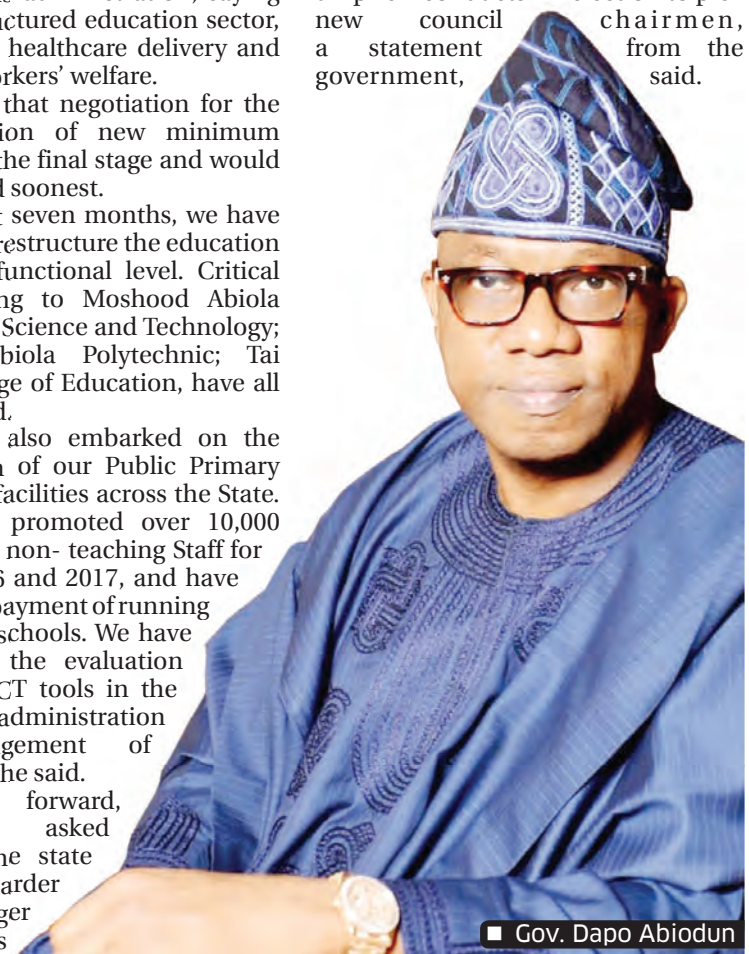
"there are hard choices" to be made in the new year.

These choices, Abiodun explained would give the state a solid foundation for a better tomorrow.

"My fellow citizens of Ogun State, Year 2020 brings us stronger hope. We are committed to ensuring that individual prosperity of our citizens is clearly manifested and the status of our dear State is enhanced in the comity of States.

"We are determined to leave Ogun State much better than we met it. We must remind ourselves that there are hard choices that we will have to make. These choices will give us the opportunity of a solid foundation today for a better tomorrow," he said.

Just on Friday, Abiodun appointed the Transition Committee members for the 20 Local Government Areas. They are to fill vacuum created when tenure of the elected officials expired last year. The transition committees would be in place until the state umpire conducts election to pick new council chairmen, a statement from the government, said.



Gov. Dapo Abiodun

Abia APC needs peace to achieve success – Chieftain

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

The leader of the Abia State Caucus of the APC, Chief Sam Nkire, has called on all aggrieved persons in the party to sheathe their swords and work for the success of party in the state come 2023.

Chief Nkire made the call at a reconciliation meeting held in Aba to reconcile two senatorial candidates, Sir Marc Wabara and Dr Nyerere Anyim who had been at daggers drawn since the last election.

According to the Abia

State APC Caucus Leader, although the Supreme Court had delivered judgment and concluded the matter, it failed to deliver peace to the APC family until this fateful day. Chief Nkire disclosed that a peace and reconciliation committee would soon be set up to ensure that all cleavages of disunity among members become things of the past.

The caucus Leader further appealed to all attack dogs of the various factions or aggrieved personalities to 'cease fire' and toe the path of peace.

Learn from Shekarau's leadership style, Ganduje advised

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Dutse

The Chairman of Jigawa State chapter of Sardaunan Kano Vanguard, Comrade Nurah Muhammed, has advised Governor Abdullahi Ganduje to learn from the leadership style of his predecessor, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau.

Muhammed, in an interview with *Daily Trust* in Dutse, said Shekarau ran a successful government that had a harmonious relationship with the traditional institutions throughout his tenure in office.

He said the north would be drifting into another disaster if the feud between Kano state

government and the traditional institution was allowed to linger, stating that the existing political impasse amongst political class is already taking its toll in the state.

Muhammed said the political feud between Ganduje and his immediate predecessor, Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso would not only affect governance but also the economy of the state.

He said the collapse of the trading activities in Kano meant that the entire economy of the north would be in crisis as the State remains the commercial nerve center of the region.

Judiciary is more independent under Buhari – Pwul

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

Garba Pwul (SAN) has said that the judiciary has flourished better under President Muhammadu Buhari than in previous administrations.

Pwul, who spoke yesterday in Jos, the Plateau State capital, while interacting with newsmen, said the current administration has tremendous respect for the judiciary.

He said the administration is always willing to abide by its decisions.

He commended President Buhari for giving courts free hand to discharge their responsibilities.

Lalong visits attacked village, sues for peace

From Lami Sadiq &
Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong on Thursday visited Kunben village in Kombun district of Mangu Local Government Area where gunmen on Wednesday night killed 12 people.

The Plateau State Police Command had said the attack occurred around 10:30pm by gunmen suspected to be herdsmen.

However, the governor who was accompanied by his deputy, Prof. Sonni Tyoden, Operation Safe Haven Commander, Major General Augustine Agundu and

other service chiefs appealed for calm and forgiveness while assuring the people that security agencies were working to unravel those behind the crime.

The statement by the Governor's Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr. Makut Simon Macham, Lalong

described the attack as the work of evil criminals which has the tendency to interrupt the New Year, and assured that perpetrators of the violence will be made to face the full weight of the law.

The statement quoted the District Head of Kombun, Audu Tetmut as saying the community

has remained in shock since the attack and cannot understand the motive behind it.

The representative of the Fulani community in the area, Ya'u Yusuf was also quoted condemning the attack and urged everyone to cooperate with security agencies to apprehend those behind it.

EKSU reinstates 363 sacked workers

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Governing Council of Ekiti State University, EKSU, has reinstated 363 members of staff who were recently sacked by the university.

The governing council at its Special Meeting on Tuesday approved the reinstatement of the 363 members of staff.

The Head, Directorate of Information and Corporate Affairs, EKSU, Mr. Bode Olofinmuagun said that the Staff Audit recently carried out had exposed the fact that many of the disengaged staff were over-aged, while some had fake certificates, and others had falsified their ages.

He elaborated that some of the staff were illegally recruited, and many others were ghost workers who never showed up for the exercise.

He noted that the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Professor Edward Olanipekun, said this was a vindication of the fact that the exercise was not to witch-hunt any member of staff but carried out to reposition the University for better service delivery so that EKSU can become a University of reference nationally, and the global Intellectual market.

Varsity holds special Jumaat service for convocation

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Fountain University Osogbo, Osun State will hold a special Jumaat service today at the newly completed Central mosque on the campus to mark the university's 9th convocation ceremony.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Amidu Sanni who disclosed this during a media briefing heralding the event said the Deputy Chief Missioner of NASFAT, Sheikh 'Abd al-Lateef Bello will lead the prayers.

He said a total of 307 students graduated and that 29 among them made First Class, 115 finished with Second Class Upper while 147 Second Class Lower, and 16 fell into Third Class, with 5 postgraduate students at Masters' Level among the graduands.



■ Prof. Sunday Ichado (left) with members of the European/American University, present a 'Certificate of Award' to the wife of Kwara State governor, Dr. Olufolake Abdulrazaq, during the conferment of a doctorate degree on her by the university in Abuja yesterday

Ile Arugbo: Court fixes hearing for January 15

From Romoke W. Ahmad

A Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin and presided over by Justice A. A. Adebara, has fixed January 15 for hearing on Motion of Notice on a suit filed by Asa Investments Limited on the

disputed land on which the late Second Republic Senate Leader, Dr Abubakar Olusola Saraki's Ile Arugbo (Old People's Home) was built.

Kwara state governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, Kwara State House of Assembly, Kwara state

Attorney General, Director General, Kwara Bureau of Lands and the Inspector General of Police are the defendants in the suit.

The court also upon a motion Ex-Parte and the supporting affidavit dated and filed on January 2, 2020

and after listening to the claimant's (Asa Investments Limited) counsel, Mr A.A. Ibrahim, restrained the defendants and anyone acting on their behalf from further demolishing or further destroying the alleged property of the claimant.

Tawari attack: Joint operation commences in Kogi

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

A joint task force made up of key security agencies has commenced fullscale operation in Tawari and environs in Kogi Local Government Area, Kogi State over the recent attack which led to loss of lives and property.

The joint operation comprises the Police, Army, Navy, Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), the Department of State Security Service (DSS) and other security outfits, including the local vigilantes.

Daily Trust learnt that the task force is expected to identify and secure the flashpoints as well as deal with emerging threat across the areas.

Our correspondent reports that security chiefs in the state also arrived Tawari ahead of

the planned operation on Wednesday.

Receiving the security chiefs, the Administrator of Kogi LGA, Barr. Muhammed Tanko Musa said the commitment of the security personnel since the attack has given the people hope, urging them to assist in flushing out armed bandits from the area and bringing the perpetrators of the last mayhem to book.

Also speaking, the Aguma of Tawari, Alhaji Idris Yusuf Alhassan, lauded security agencies for responding to the security challenges in the area, while appealing to them to maintain permanent presence to forestall further crisis.

The Tawari attack which left over 20 persons dead, was one of the most recent in series of security challenges that have gripped the state.

Kaduna gas explosion: DPR to collaborate with Civil Defence

From Mohammed I. Yaba, Kaduna

Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) will collaborate with Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to tackle illegal gas plants in Kaduna State.

The decision was taken on Thursday when the Northwest Zonal Operations Controller of DPR, Mr Isah Tafida paid a visit on the State Commandant of NSCDC, Babangida Abdullahi Dutsinma.

A statement issued by the State Command's Public Relations officer, ASC Orndiir Terzungwe said the visit was in response to the unfortunate incident at Sabon-Tasha, Chikun Local Government Area which claimed many lives and properties.

Tafida remarked that the situation has assumed a worrisome dimension which necessitates closer working

relationship to avert further disasters.

"The current situation requires a closer working relationship between the DPR and NSCDC in order to contend excesses of unlicensed operators," he said.

At the moment, the Zonal Controller said the office has registered only 38 licensing gas plants in Kaduna and frowned at the menace of illegal proliferation of gas refilling points, which must be checked.

He explained that DPR is embarking on high sensitization of utilization of LPG to enlighten the public on how to use gas and where to get it, saying that the Federal government encourages utilisation of cooking gas to reduce over dependence of firewood considering the devastating effects of desertification.



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■ Eimantas
Puras

Lithuanian scouts discover 20 footballers in Ilorin

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Following a week long scouting programme in Ilorin, Lithuanian football scouts have discovered over 20 players according to the director of Football, FK Kauno Zalgiris of Lithuania, Eimantas Puras,

Speaking during a press conference, Puras disclosed that the programme tagged Kwara Street Soccer and scouting competition, was its first in Africa in partnership with

Sportiqo Africa.

He further revealed that they have seen players who can easily play in the Lithuania league.

"We are surprised by the talents we have seen, we can't give the accurate number of players now because the programme is still ongoing.

"Some of the guys we have seen will still stay in Nigeria while others can go straight into our league in Lithuania, so, we can even say this is what we have seen finally" Puras said.

Puras was impressed with the quality of facilities and the Performance of the Kwara football academy's organisation, noting that the Partnership with Sportiqo Africa would go a long way in assisting upcoming players towards achieving their goals of becoming future Stars.

The Chief Executive Officer of Sportiqo Africa, the facilitator of the scouting programme, Emmanuel Okeke, asked Kwarans to support the present administration in the State because they have huge passion for sports development.

Nigeria's cyclists depart for 2020 CAC Track Championship

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Ten Nigerian cyclists are prepared to represent the country at the the Confederation of African Cycling Championship billed to hold in Cairo, Egypt according to the President of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, Giadomenico Massari.

Speaking with journalists at the Velodrome inside the MKO Abiola National Stadium, the cyclists who have been in camp ahead of the tournament with the coaching crew will jet out to Cairo on Tuesday, 14th January, 2020.

In the eight events in which Nigeria has comparative advantage and will participate in, four male and six female athletes are set to make the country proud.

Speaking with journalists at the Velodrome inside Moshood Abiola Stadium, Abuja, the President of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, Giadomenico Massari, is confident that Nigeria will rule Africa in Cycling when the championship take the center stage in Cairo next week.

"At the moment we are finalizing preparation for the Africa track championship that we have started on December 10, five of the athletes (3female and 2male) that will be competing already attended



■ Cyclists competing during the maiden edition of Africa Cup-Track organized by Cycling Federation of Nigeria (CFN), in Abuja last year

a rigorous training in South Africa from 11to 28 December ensure adequate preparation ahead of the games," he said.

"We have a good chance of winning medals because we trained in South Africa who is the best in the continental, our female athletes are also ranked among the best in the track, so we can confident that will

conquer Africa".

"Going by our performance in South Africa during the First edition of the African Track Cycling Tournament where we won 51 medals, Nigeria also qualified for the World Championship which will be held in Germany.

"Though, Nigeria just started cycling but we will do

well on Cairo. We are into gear to make we achieve this," he concluded.

On his own, Coach Emmanuel Onasanya said that team Nigeria is going to have the best outing in Cairo because federation have provides all needed equipment to compete better.

According to him, Team

Nigeria is going to participate in the eight events out of ten which includes; Sprint; Individual Pursuit; Team Pursuit; Kerin; Madison; Ominion; 500 meters for female and 1 kilo for male; Point race and Scratch race.

The championship commences from 16th to 19th January, 2020.

NNL postpones league resumption indefinitely

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Nigeria's second-tier football league, Nigeria National League has declared that the league will not resume today as earlier scheduled.

This was made known in a statement signed by the media officer, Amar Ignis, the league

which supposed to resume today, Friday 10th, 2020 as earlier scheduled will not start until further notice.

It will be recalled that the League went on a two weeks Christmas break as demanded by club owners and granted by the League management.

This was to enable

stakeholders spend the festive periods with their family members and loved ones as well rest from the rigours of playing football.

The two weeks break was embarked upon on Sunday 22nd of December, 2019.

"The NNL which regrets the postponement, informs

that the latest decision is necessitated by the current discussions between the NNL management and relevant authorities of the parent body, the Nigeria Football Federation, the NFF on crucial and critical issues raised by NNL Club Owners, Proprietors and Managers Meeting held

in Abuja, which has been communicated to the NNL.

"The Nigeria National League will revert to the clubs and stakeholders when the League will now resume as soon as an understanding is reached in the ongoing parley with the authorities," the statement said.



■ Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) Match between MFM and Nasarawa United at Agege Stadium on New Year day.

We are prepared for tasks ahead – Nasarawa Utd coach

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Nasarawa United's Assistant Coach, Samson Keshi Marwa, has said the club takes solace from the 1-0 defeat to Rivers United while declaring the teams' preparedness for the tasks ahead.

Speaking after the game, Marwa stated that the game against Rivers United was

either a win or draw for them. "We came here actually to pick point(s), either win or draw.

"But you saw for yourselves that there were some clear calls but were waved away.

"I am not the kind of coach that lay emphasis on match officials' mistakes; they are human beings like us. But, at least, you saw it yourselves that we ought to earn point(s)

from this game today", he said.

Speaking further on Nasarawa United's next game, Keshi added, "Yeah, we were supposed to play Enugu Rangers, but that has been shifted by the LMC, and we are now set to play Dakkada FC in Uyo, on Wednesday, next week, and we are planning to pick point(s) there.

"The way we played today (Wednesday), we want to

use the same method to play against Dakkada FC, too," he said.

Nasarawa United moved from their previous 18th position on the league log to 17th with ten points, despite losing 0-1 to Rivers United on Wednesday in the Match Day 13 clash of the Nigeria Professional Football League at the Yakubu Gowon Stadium, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State.

Ashley Young rejects Man United contract extension

Ashley Young has rejected Manchester United's one-year extension offer as he wants to join Inter Milan.

Manchester United are desperate for Ashley Young to stay on at Old Trafford for another year, reports The Sun.

United are keen to avoid the embarrassment of seeing their captain agreeing to a mid-season deal to walk

away in the summer on a free transfer.

It is understood Young's decision to leave Old Trafford is based on playing time, with the defender feeling he is at the stage of his career where he wants to play regular football.

The final decision on his future will be left to United, but Young hopes - after eight-and-a-half seasons in Manchester - he will be allowed to

pursue another challenge elsewhere.

Conte remains a big fan of United's captain and wanted to sign him in the summer of 2017 when he was in charge of Chelsea. It is understood Conte is willing to offer Young an 18-month contract with the Italian side.

Young moved to Old Trafford from Aston Villa in 2011 and has made 261 appearances for the club.

Australia, Russia storm into ATP Cup semifinals

A dynamic Nick Kyrgios and dogged Alex de Minaur powered Australia into the ATP Cup semifinals Thursday with an epic 2-1 win against the Tim Henman-led Britain, and they were joined by Russia who overpowered Argentina.

The home team clinched the tie after an 18-16 third-set tiebreaker in the doubles to set up a potential blockbuster last-four clash against Rafael Nadal's Davis Cup-winning Spain who face Belgium on Friday (today).

Russia, spearheaded by world No 5 Daniil Medvedev won both their singles to sweep past Argentina.

Their reward is a semifinal against either Novak Djokovic's Serbia, or Canada.

Kyrgios crushed Cameron Norrie in the opening singles 6-2, 6-2 before Dan Evans came through a memorable showdown against De Minaur 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 7-6 (7/2) to set up the decisive, winner-takes-all doubles.

Australian captain Lleyton Hewitt took a huge gamble by dropping regular

doubles pair John Peers and Chris Guccione in favour of Kyrgios and de Minaur, and it looked a poor decision when they lost the first set 6-3.

But, spurred by Kyrgios' booming serve, they took the next 6-3 before a nailbiting tiebreaker that lasted more than half-an-hour.

Jamie Murray and Joe Salisbury had four match points, which were all saved, with Australia finally converting on their fifth match point, sparking jubilant scenes.

"That was incredible tennis. All three matches today everyone gave 100 percent and left it all out on the court," said Hewitt.

"Really proud of the boys, the way they were able to turn it around... it could have gone either way."

In the second quarterfinal, Karen Khachanov continued his hot run of form and got the ball rolling for Russia by beating an out-of-sorts Guido Pella 6-2, 7-6 (7/4).

The world number 17 has won all

four of his matches this season and was in control throughout against the Argentinian, who appeared on the verge on tears in the opening set.

Medvedev, also unbeaten, quickly took charge of his showdown with world number 13 Diego Schwartzman, but lost focus in the second and was slapped with a point penalty for twice smashing his racquet into the umpires chair during an argument with the official.

He regrouped to race through the third set for a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win.



■ Nick Kyrgios

Ndidi sidelined till February with knee injury

Leicester City's defensive midfielder Wilfred Ndidi will be sidelined until February after sustaining a knee injury which requires surgery, manager Brendan Rodgers has said.

Ndidi has been crucial to Leicester's fortunes this season and the influential Nigerian leads the Premier League in both tackles and interceptions.

"Wilf took a knock in training yesterday, which unfortunately means he might need a slight operation," Rodgers said when explaining why he missed Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Aston Villa in the first leg of their League Cup semifinal.

"It was just unfortunate, he nicked his meniscus just changing direction. You're looking at around three or four weeks (out), so he'll probably miss most of January and early February, and then he will be back by then."

Rodgers deployed Youri Tielemans in Ndidi's position before bringing on Hamza Choudhury in the second half and the latter made the crucial interception that allowed Kelechi Iheanacho to grab an equaliser.

"Hamza Choudhury made a huge difference," Rodgers added. "It's my fault that I didn't start him tonight. We could see that we needed him and he gave us our identity back."

Leicester, second in the standings, resume their league campaign on Saturday when they host Southampton - a team they beat 9-0 in the reverse fixture in October.

Bale not leaving Madrid, says agent

Gareth Bale will not be leaving Real Madrid in January and is "unlikely" to leave this summer, according to his agent Jonathan Barnett.

Bale's contract at the Bernabeu runs until 2022 and despite being close to a move to China at the start of the season, he is now set to stay at Real.

The Wales winger has been linked with a return to his former club Tottenham.

Barnett says Bale is "going nowhere," this month despite previously saying he "was not ecstatic" at Real Madrid.

The 30-year-old was close to leaving for China last summer, while he has endured a difficult season with Madrid's supporters booing him after posing with a flag that read: "Wales, golf, Madrid, in that order."

He joined Real from Tottenham in 2013 for a then world-record fee and has won the Champions League four times since moving to Spain.

Real are currently in Saudi Arabia competing for the Spanish Super Cup and will play Atletico Madrid in the final after beating Valencia 3-1 on Wednesday.

Bale missed the Valencia win with a chest infection and has been ruled out of Sunday's final.

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Tottenham striker Kane out until April



■ Harry Kane

Tottenham striker Harry Kane has been ruled out until April after the club said he needs surgery on a hamstring injury.

Kane, 26, suffered the injury during Tottenham's defeat at Southampton on New Year's Day.

No timescale was originally given on the England captain's return but Spurs now say specialists have advised surgery is required.

He will return to training in April, two months before Euro 2020 begins.

"Following ongoing assessment by our medical staff over the past week, we can confirm that Harry Kane will undergo surgery to repair a ruptured tendon in his left hamstring," a Spurs statement said.

Kane has scored 27 goals in 31 appearances for club and country this season.

Mo Farah claims ignorance over Salazar's dubious ways



■ Mo Farah

Mo Farah says he would have been "the first one out" had he known his former coach Alberto Salazar faced a ban from athletics for doping violations.

Salazar, 61, received a four-year ban following a US Anti-Doping Agency (Usada) investigation in November.

"Had I had known the news, what Salazar did, it's taken four years, had I known that sooner I would have been the first one out," Farah, 36, said.

"That's the bit that's kind of annoying, I wish I'd known quicker.

"I haven't been part of Salazar for the last two years and I believe me and my coach Gary Lough are going to go out there and do the best that we can."

Farah left the Nike Oregon Project headed up by Salazar in 2017, the same year in which the coach was charged by Usada.

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Review of "A Small Silence" by Jumoke Verissimo

I enjoyed reading Jumoke Verissimo's debut novel – "A Small Silence" and I am surprised with myself. I should not have enjoyed it, but I did. The author sets out to profile what could be the motivations and thought processes of a radical professor deeply engaged in the struggle against militarism and the repressive Nigerian State of the 1990s. My readers should allow me the small arrogance of being suspicious about non-radicals psycho-analysing our lives of radicalism, (having been of the same tradition myself), because obviously, and we have a consensus on this, the others can never understand what we tried to do. Of course, we ourselves have never really told our story so they have no empirical framework to cast our narrative(s). When I grow up, I will learn the art of creative writing and attempt to provide a "correct" political narrative of Nigerian radicalism but that's for another day.

The second reason I thought I would not enjoy the novel is that the story is formatted in darkness, which I dislike. It is not just the complete darkness the broken comrade professor decided to live in after his release following ten years of incarceration and torture. It is also the darkness of the two protagonists talking to each other in a dark room and the introspection of each trying to read the sign posts of the other who they can barely see. Repeatedly, the reader is invited to reflect on the limitations of communication without visual clues. It was also the darkness of most of the other characters in the novel; their broken lives, the very high levels of domestic violence, State violence including the wicked demolition of the Maroko slum without notice, the brutality of prison incarceration and the struggle to exist amidst intense poverty.

How can these dark spaces be the setting for exploring the life of an activist and human rights crusader who is a change agent seeking to destroy military authoritarianism and replace it with the light and progress associated with democracy? I pose this question because the other side of the dialectic, the opulent, degenerate life of the ruling class based on looting the national wealth and creating the material basis for the poverty of the suffering masses is not explored. I had to suffer reading through accounts of how the toiling masses suffered without

being consoled by insults hurled at the degenerate ruling classes who are the source of the suffering.

I had listened to the book chat with the author at the Ake 2019 Book Festival in Lagos where she explained that her motivation for writing the novel was that everybody around her loves and respects the radical but no one appears to like the idea of being like their heroes – WHY, she asked? In the novel itself, she hints at all the other comrades of prof who had committed class suicide

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and joined the regime – remember General Babangida's incorporation of tons of professors in his regime.

"A Small Silence" is compelling reading because there is no attempt to tell the political story of radicalism – that would have failed woefully. It's a story, or rather, many stories about the human condition in the 1990s and 2000s in Nigeria and how peoples' minds were moulded, the emotions they went through, their responses and the survival of the fittest. If there is pedagogy in the novel, it's presenting the three alternatives available to the people – survival, death and madness. The difficulty is that it is not about picking one of them but about how two or three of them always appear to combine in each character.

The main character is a student at

Lagos State University called Desire, originally named UNDESIRABLE by her father but renamed by a loving mother. Her story is a ray of light about the possibility of survival and progress in spite of a background of deep poverty and structural violence. From the beginning, she loved books and learning and was ready to do anything to have access to the source of knowledge and maybe different ways of painting emotions available in books. The emotional element is powerful and the story is told in relation to her need, or is it obsession, to understand the life and struggle of Prof although it is the responsibility of the reader to work out their own understanding of the content of the said emotion. The story telling always makes you surprised by what Desire thinks and does and at so many instances you cannot keep the book down as you wonder what her next shocking move would be.

Jumoke Verissimo is a poet and her writing skills makes reading the novel both easy and enjoyable. As our writing standards collapse in Nigeria, its gratifying to see young Nigerians who can write great prose. As the author is a poet, the prose is often written in verse providing quality communication and reflection. It's a way of recalling the passage from Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" who made the passage from prose to verse without realising it, or is it the other way around.

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There is deep sociological knowledge expressed in the novel – Nigerian social life is about broken families which have become sites where love transforms to deep hatred with ease. It's difficult to find a "normal" family in the novel and the author invites us to look around ourselves and observe the type of agency associated with broken family life. What has happened to the normal family? Alternatively, what does normality mean in our society today? At the end, the reader is pushed to ask the question if we are not normal, are we all mad? Is it possible for us to retain our sanity amidst the life of trauma, betrayal, violence, broken families and hatred that we live? How can we be sane when almost all stories of tenderness and love end up becoming narratives of hate? Yes, maybe we are all mad. Alternatively, maybe we are all just Nigerians. Take your pick after reading the book, which I recommend highly.