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<b>ABUJA</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 34 MAX 24 MIN	<b>KANO</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 39 MAX 21 MIN
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<b>KADUNA</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 35 MAX 23 MIN	<b>MAIDUGURI</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 42 MAX 24 MIN
<b>ENUGU</b> CLOUDY 34 MAX 24 MIN	<b>P/HARCOURT</b> THUNDERSTORM 26 MAX 18 MIN
<b>JOS</b> THUNDERSTORM 31 MAX 19 MIN	
<b>LAGOS</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 32 MAX 26 MIN	

(Temperature in centigrade)

### Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)

 Wash your hands frequently with soap and water	 Maintain social distancing	 Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
 Practice respiratory hygiene	 If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early	 Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

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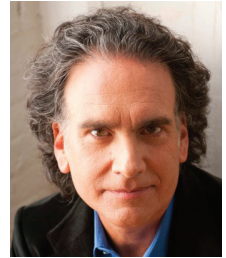
## AFRICAN SAYINGS >>

Confiding a secret to an unworthy person is like carrying grain in a bag with a hole  
**(African Proverb)**

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

It didn't matter how big our house was; it mattered that there was love in it



- Peter Buffett

## PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



■ A group of immigrants from Honduras and Guatemala arriving illegally from Mexico disembark from an inflatable boat onto the US side of the Rio Grande river before seeking asylum by turning themselves in to border patrol agents at the border city of Roma yesterday

Photo: AFP

## PRAYERS TIMES

CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:18	12:39	3:48	6:43	7:48
ENUGU	5:20	12:37	3:46	6:38	7:43
KADUNA	5:17	12:38	3:47	6:41	7:46
KANO	5:12	12:33	3:42	6:37	7:42
KATSINA	5:14	12:39	3:48	6:45	7:50
LAGOS	5:35	12:55	4:04	6:56	8:01
MAIDUGURI	4:55	12:16	3:25	6:19	7:24
P/HARCOURT	5:31	12:47	3:56	6:43	7:48
SOKOTO	5:25	12:47	3:56	6:49	7:56

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	LINKASSURE	MEYER	PRESTIGE	NEM	GUINNESS
OPEN	0.66	0.45	0.45	2.30	33.90
CLOSE	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.20	2.30
CHANGE	10.00	9.76	9.76	9.52	7.28
LOSERS	DAARCOMM	WEMABANK	UPL	UAC-PROP	JAPAUFGOLD
OPEN	0.21	0.57	1.07	0.77	0.41
CLOSE	-0.02	-0.05	-0.09	-0.06	-0.03
CHANGE	-8.70	-8.06	-7.76	-7.23	-6.82

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# IN-DEPTH

FEATURE

## An abundance of soups

### Why Tivs serve one bowl of pounded yam with at least four plates of soups

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

On licence plates and jingles, Benue State announces itself with some hubris as the “food basket of the nation,” and prides itself on its 120 agricultural produces and a nearly 90 per cent farming population spread across 23 local government areas.

Crop or livestock farm, every family has one, no matter how small. There is so much food in Benue that a first-time visitor would attest to the different mouth-watering delicacies served in various restaurants or eateries.

But, a surprising reality awaits those who transverse the Tiv speaking areas where it is common to be served with at least four varieties of soups for a bowl of hot pounded yam garnished with assorted meats.

The practice is not only observed in the local restaurants but even in homes of typical indigenes of the land. The delicacies are usually the delight of the people who make their choices of soups, stick to one or consume all of them at the same time.

The soups range between pocho, okro, ogbono, egusi, or vegetable among other soups indigenous to the Tiv people.

Caroline Penda, who operates a roadside bukka under a tree near the Government House in Makurdi, said she sometimes serves her customers with more than four plates of soups for one bowl of pounded yam or other ‘swallows.’

Penda said, “I don’t charge customers for the extra plates of soup. The customers come here and demand different soups; some of them like different types of soup while others want at least two different soups.

“The customers mostly prefer traditional soups so I serve them with what they want to eat. We sell our food very cheap and for a bowl of pounded yam, there could be five other soups in small quantities to accompany the dish. It’s only vegetable soup that attracts additional charge here.”

In the nine Tiv speaking local government areas of the state, our correspondent gathered that the practice is the same—at least four plates of soup for one plate of pounded yam, fufu

In Benue, it is unthinkable to eat one bowl of soup with no less than four plates of different soup. Our correspondent looks into this unusual eating etiquette among the Tiv people.



■ In Tiv land, this is the way to eat pounded yam with at least three bowls of different soups at once

or any swallow of their choice.

The fufu is a smooth mixture of fermented cassava or pounded yam and flour – smoothly ground dried yam, cassava or corn cooked in hot.

At Fransisca Nyinya’s place under a large tree in a makeshift tent in Makurdi, customers are spotted munching their meals of several soups with pounded yam or fufu dishes.

Nyinya explained that “people like different kinds of soups and that’s why I prepare them in various pots. I have locust bean (nune), ewedu, beniseed, okro, egusi and dried okro soups among others.

“I don’t charge for the various soups. A plate of pounded yam is N200 here; the customers then pick their meat of choice, whose prices range between N100 and N500, then the dish is paired with four or more soups for their delight.”

One of the customers, Tondo Francis, said he was born into the culture of savouring a bowl of pounded yam with four or more soups.

“Today, I just finished eating three plates of soups with my two wraps of pounded yam. Other places where people stick to one soup is because they don’t have plenty of food.

(either Pocho only or with fish), Egusi (Cheghe) in bitter leaf and pumpkin (ugwu), beniseed with fish, beniseed with chicken, adenger with egusi and Fulum with egusi.”

She further disclosed that her 12 workers operate three different spots in Makurdi and make supplies to outdoor customers based on their orders.

“Multiple soups usually attracts more customers and that’s why we continue to render the service here. I’m a local woman who learnt the art of cooking from my mum. I cooked for my husband who attested that I have great culinary skills and that’s why I have engaged in cooking over the years as a business,” Aule explained.

On her part, Emmanuella Nguvese Emberga who runs Ellamore Cuisine said that she had been serving more than four soups per plate of food to her customers since entering the business in 1999.

“We don’t sell soup; only the meat. The multiple soups help us in selling our food because people come for the variety of soups. It would be difficult to retain our customers with only one type of soup,” Emberga said.

A consumer who relished the different soups paired with pounded yam, Denen Achussah, who is a journalist resident in Makurdi was spotted at Awatortun’s kitchen savouring his lunch.

“I love local soups. Ashwe (the peppered leaves), igande atuur, dry fish with pocho, furum with egusi and adenger with egusi and dry fish,” he said.

He added that what attracts him most to the stylish serving of food at such restaurants was the affordability and good taste.

Similarly, Titus Aniho, said, “I like different soups to go with my meal of pounded yam. It’s

variety that makes up the spice of life. And it is better to eat that way.

“I was born into the culture and will continue to embrace it. I will even promote it among people who don’t know about it.”

While another lover of local delicacies, Iveren Kwarkar, a Media Director with the Association of Tiv Actors (ATA), spotted at Ellamore Cuisine, enjoying her pounded yam paired with three or more soups, simply said the meal was just satisfying in the unique way it was served.

“It allows you the opportunity to select from the lot that is provided. If you don’t like one or one does not taste to your satisfaction, you can switch to another,” Kwarkar said.

For the Principal Special Assistant (PSA) to the Benue State Governor on Culture and Tourism, Tahav Agerzua, expressed optimism that the state government would do everything to preserve and promote the culture for the betterment of the Tiv peoples’ culture.

“It’s part of Tiv culture to serve pounded yam with several soups, especially to a visitor. One of the soups is usually meat while the others could be seasonal vegetables or what the host may consider the best cuisine of the family.

“Most plans for festivals are now on hold as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which scuttled so many festivals last December. But when the challenge is overcome a food festival is imperative.

“However, Benue participated at the traditional cuisine of the National Festival of Arts and Culture in Jos last November and took fourth position indicating readiness and experience for a food festival,” Agerzua said.



■ Nyinya and her workers preparing a feast of pounded yam and a variety of soups

# Security agents to wear body cameras in Lagos

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu on Wednesday approved a mass training for the state's law enforcement personnel on the use of body worn cameras ahead of the deployment of the digital tools for security operations across the state.

The three-day training, which will commence in May, is aimed at enhancing security and safety in the state.

It will be facilitated by the state's Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI), headed by Prince Oyekan Falade.

After the training, all state-funded law enforcement officers will be commissioned

to wear body cameras for their operations. With body-worn cameras, the law enforcement officers will be better equipped to protect lives and properties, thereby, making Lagos safer.

According to Governor Sanwo-Olu, the move would improve transparency and accountability in the activities of law enforcement agencies, and put the state government in a better position to respond to security challenges in real time.

Provision of adequate security, the governor said, is a key pillar of his administration's agenda, stressing that the initiative reflected his government's resolution to ensure Lagos remained secure for residents and investors.

The cameras, he said, will

help the state government check abuse of power and excesses by security personnel, while also improving the safety and accountability of officers, who will use the devices for evidence sharing and intelligence gathering.

After demonstrating the operation of the camera on the governor, the head of Lagos State Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI), Prince Oyekan Falade, disclosed that 7,000 officers will be trained including: the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS), Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps (LNSC) and the Lagos Environmental Sanitation Corps (LAGESC).



Officers of the Lagos State's Law Enforcement outfits with the body cameras during the launch of the device for the Law Enforcement outfits by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu in Lagos yesterday  
Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

# FEC approves N30.77bn contracts

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Federal Executive Council yesterday approved various ranges of contracts worth over N30.77bn for infrastructure projects across five ministries.

The Minister of Power, Mamman Saleh, said his ministry presented two memoranda which cumulated to N10,730,393,742.

"One, it approved the payment of the claims and the variation of onshore and offshore cost of the existing contract for the construction of 1x1 50 MBA three 31, 32, 33 KV sub-stations at Damaturu and 1x330 KV land by extension at Gombi in favour of Mssr Kadlak International Limited for \$1,621,423.88 cents plus N102,905,606.7.

"The other one is the approval of the contract for the design, manufacturing and supply of four fabricated sub-stations of 2x100 MBA 132 33 KV power transformers with complete accessories for deployment to Damaturu, Potiskum, Biu, and Maiduguri for the Transmission Company of Nigeria in favour of Mssr Kidon T Good Electric Company Limited and Incomtel Engineering Limited for \$24,387,850.22 cents plus N1,475,204,584.34. Altogether, it is N10,730,393,742.82", he said.

The Minister of Aviation, Hadi Sirika, said Council, approved N10,594,057,618.20 inclusive of VAT 7.5% for the provision of airport management solution for the international airports of Abuja and that of Lagos and Kano, Port Harcourt and Enugu. It's awarded the contract in favour of Messrs Arlington Securities Nigeria

Limited, for the completion period of 12 months.

The Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi, said five memoranda, which touched on both the rail and maritime sectors of the ministry's purview, got contracts cumulating to a total of N7.038bn.

He said also approved was contract for the design, manufacture testing and commissioning of two power cars to be used on the narrow gauge by the Nigerian Railway Corporation, in favour of CRC Niginc Pozen Limited for N1.662bn.

He said the FEC also approved the award of contract for the removal of wrecks along the Badagry Creek from Tincan Island to Navy Town Lagos State, in favour of Messrs Humba Marines Works Nigeria Limited for N3,587,955,266.40 and it's supposed to be completed within 25 months. This contract will benefit the National Maritime Administration and Safety Agency", he said.

FCT Minister, Mohammed Bello, said the council approved the provision of engineering infrastructure to a section of Asokoro District known as Abubakar Koko Street for Datum Construction Nigeria Limited at a contract amount of N686,796,482.14 "and it has a completion period of six months.

"The second contract approved is the contract for the construction of a 14.7 kilometer dedicated power line from the existing newly completed Kukwaba 132/33kv transmission station in Kukwaba District of Abuja for N1,398,901,681.27," he said.

# Don't go on strike, FG begs resident doctors

By Idowu Isamotu

The Federal Government yesterday appealed to the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) to consider the plight of the 80 percent of the citizenry in need of healthcare, should they withdraw their services.

The Minister of Labour and Employment, Chris Ngige, said the country was in a bad place health wise because of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the health sector.

At a conciliatory meeting with the leadership of NARD in Abuja, Ngige said majority of the welfare issues under contention were almost resolved even before the letter of complaint and notification of a planned strike action was delivered at the ministry.

Ngige, before the meeting went into a closed-door session, said the government had started discussions on hazard health allowance for health workers in

the country.

"We are here because we have started solving your issues. We put up proposals with given timelines on how to deal with them. We will look at those proposals with you, fix adequate timelines so that the people on government side will be implementing and marking them as they execute them.

"I've held informal meetings with the finance ministry and they told me they have started solving some of the problems. The two committees in the National Assembly have also tried to get you and your employers on same page.

"We've to intervene to ensure industrial peace in the health industry. We're also in a very bad period health wise the world over, and Nigeria is not an exception. So, we've to think about the generality of Nigerians.

"Because right now, 80 per cent of Nigerians are our patients because of the COVID-19

pandemic. So, we've to look at the issues that way and see how we can get the best out of this situation," he said.

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Abdullahi Mashi, also appealed to the doctors to reconsider embarking on the strike.

Mashi urged the doctors to reconsider their decision as most of the issues on ground were almost resolved.

"Most of the issues are almost solved, the only thing remaining is to get the commitment of NARD to suspend the strike action. All efforts are being put in place," Mashi added.

NARD President Dr Uyilawa Okhuaihesuyi said his association looked forward to seeing all issues and grievances resolved at the meeting.

As of the time of filing this report, the resident doctors were in another close-door session with the lawmakers.

# FG begins issuance of 10-year-validity passports in London, Atlanta

The Nigeria Immigration Service says it will soon start the issuance of its enhanced 10 years validity passports in London and Atlanta, U.S.

The Controller-General of the Service, Muhammad Babandede, disclosed this at a briefing with newsmen in Abuja on Wednesday.

Babandede said that the new enhanced passport would solve a lot of issues related to passport renewal by Nigerians in diaspora.

He said one of the challenges facing the agency was the non-availability of passport booklets, adding that

efforts were ongoing to address the problems.

He said the service was working at deploying more machines and personnel to Nigeria Foreign missions abroad to clear the backlogs of passports for those who had registered.

"The new enhanced passport is intended to solve many problems especially the number of times Nigerians need to come and renew their passports.

"The idea is to also link the identity of Nigerians to their National Identification Number, which means we're reducing identity theft in the country," he said. (NAN)

# Military yet to submit estimates for arms – FG

By Muideen Olaniyi & Idowu Isamotu

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Hajiya Zainab Ahmed, says the non-submission of the military hardware estimates by the defence ministry is responsible for the delay in the submission of supplementary budget for procurement of military equipment and COVID-19 vaccines to the National Assembly.

Hajiya Zainab said this yesterday while fielding questions from State House reporters after the weekly Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting presided over by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo.

The minister, while reacting to a question on the plan to send a supplementary budget to the National Assembly, said her ministry had met with the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Lucky Irabor and the three service chiefs on the urgent need to have the estimates for the military hardware to be purchased.

She said the security chiefs had not furnished her office with the details but voiced hope that the estimate will be submitted soon.

DailyTrust reports that soldiers in the frontline are complaining of lack of fighting equipment, a development they attributed to their inability to tame terrorism, banditry and kidnapping.

President Muhammadu Buhari had during his meeting with the leadership of the National Assembly on Monday hinted that he would submit a supplementary budget proposal for funds to buy arms and COVID-19 vaccines.

This is because there was no provision made for the purchase in the 2021 Finance Bill adopted in December 2020.

Senate President Ahmad Lawan told reporters after their meeting with Buhari that both the executive and legislature believed that a supplementary budget should be provided to address the challenges posed by COVID-19 and insecurity.

“And that is why we are expecting our Tucsons to be here soon. We are expecting some APCs from Jordan. We are expecting some APCs from China. And we believe that we have not had enough, we still need to approve more resources for the purchase of weapons for our armed forces, because this is the number one priority of

government or any government really, to secure the people, and of course later the welfare.”

## What the minister said on arms purchase

According to Hajiya Zainab, “For the military hardware, we have met with the service chiefs and the chief of defence staff. They are supposed to aggregate their request for review amongst themselves and then pass it to Mr President; then it will be sent to us. So, we are waiting for the information of the aggregate requirements.”

She announced that the supplementary budgetary estimate for COVID-19 vaccines prepared by her ministry and that of health was ready.

She, however, said that the amount initially voted for the building of primary healthcare centres had been put on hold for now.

According to her, “Sometime in January, the president, based on the request by the ministry of health gave an approval in principle for the ministry of health to work with the ministry of finance, budget and national planning to prepare and take to the National Assembly, a supplementary budget for COVID-19 vaccination.

“The submission that was

made to Mr President at that time was in the sum of N399 billion, but included in this N399 billion was a N103 billion for the building of primary healthcare centres. So, we have worked with and met several times with the ministry, we have agreed to back out from this building of primary health care centres... That can wait till later. So, there is still a provision of N396 billion for COVID-19 vaccinations for 2021 and 2022”.

The minister, who said the country was expecting not less than 43 million COVID-19 doses from donors, explained that the health ministry officials had been directed to provide the total number of vaccine donation being expected to guide the government in its plans to buy more vaccines for the citizenry.

She said: “There have been some delays because we expected the ministry to confirm the vaccines donation that Nigeria is expecting. We are expecting a total of not less than 43 million doses of vaccines. So, they are supposed to find out when those ones will come. Because, if we are going to get back the donated vaccines, and at the speed of the current rollout, we have to slow down on what we are buying ourselves.

“So, the ministry is working with partners that are donating these vaccines. So, we see the timelines of the donations and see the gap that the government needs to fill in 2021.

“But we have already provided to the ministry funds to enable them roll out the four million vaccines that have been brought already into the country and the vaccination process is ongoing.

“For us, it is still work in progress. We hope in the next couple of days, we will have clarity on the schedule of vaccines expected from donors, and then, we will now be able to firm up what government has to provide for in 2021. And therefore, the 2022 component, we will provide it during the 2022 appropriations.”

## Military, defence ministry silent

When contacted yesterday night to comment on the inability of the military to submit the estimate for the arms they need, the Acting Director, Directorate of Defence Media Operations (DDMO), Brig.-Gen. Bernards Onyeuko directed one of our correspondents to the Director of Defence Information (DDI), Brig.-Gen. Clement Nwachukwu.

He said it was not within his purview to speak on the matter.

Efforts to reach Brig. Gen. Nwachukwu were unsuccessful as calls to his mobile phone were not answered nor did he reply to a text message sent as at when this report was filed.

Similarly, the spokesman, Ministry of Defence, Mohammad Abdulkadir, when contacted on phone simply said “Thank you”.

## Expert react

Speaking on the development, a security expert, Vincent Onyekwelu, said the military might not need the supplementary budget being proposed, hence their silence to the request.

“When the 2021 budget was signed, was there no budget for the Nigerian military? We need to analyse the current 2021 budget. How much was given to the military? So, let's first breakdown the budget for 2021 before they can ask for supplementary.

“You know, they are new service chiefs, if they came and there was no money in their locker, and they need new money, they would have to investigate how much was given to them as from January, February this year and possibly highlight areas where these monies were budgeted for.

“We can now have an idea of why they haven't asked for supplementary proposals.”



■ A cross-section of female soldiers during the inauguration of Gender Policy for Armed Forces of Nigeria in Abuja yesterday

Photo: NAN

## Aisha Buhari warns against subjecting military women to psychological oppression

By Idowu Isamotu

First Lady Aisha Muhammadu Buhari yesterday warned against gender stereotypes against women in uniform, describing such a practice “psychological oppression” that could lead to potential threat to their advancement in the military.

She gave the warning in Abuja while formally unveiling the Gender Policy for the Armed Forces of Nigeria (GPAFN) to promote gender mainstreaming in the nation's armed forces.

Mrs Buhari, represented by the Senior

Special Assistant to the President on Women Affairs and Administration, Dr Hajo Sani, said the security issues bedeviling the country still abound because Nigerians were yet to redefine the military to explore the potentials of women for operational effectiveness.

According to her, there are a good number of reported cases where women were prevented from participating in combat duties, excluding pregnancy or maternity.

“Women are often restricted to careers within the supportive aspect of the military such as finance, human

resource, personnel, logistics, medical services, welfare etc. I enjoin the military women to continuously take note of this and vehement exception to such psychological oppression with the formulation of this policy.

“The security issues bedeviling our Country Nigeria still abound probably because we are yet to redefine the Armed Forces of Nigeria to explore the potentials of women for operational effectiveness. Women possess the traits of patience, perseverance and passion. Because of the emotional buildup of women, we possess the tendency to

transmit the same spirit to any task,” she said.

Earlier, the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Lucky Irabor, said the complexity and dynamism of the spectrum of security challenges facing the world required that all useful approaches and means be employed to combat the menace emanating therefrom.

Irabor said it was the realisation that gender disparity contributed in no small measure to the suffering of women and girls in any environment that birthed the UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325.

## Bandits kill eight in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Armed bandits have killed eight and injured four others in separate attacks across three local government areas in Kaduna State, *Daily Trust* reports.

The local governments are Chikun, Giwa and Kajuru, according to a report made available to the Kaduna State Government by security agencies.

"The attacks were carried out at Kan Hawa Zankoro, near Ungwan Yako in Chikun Local Government Area where bandits shot at a vehicle, which somersaulted, leading to the death of six persons, and leaving four others injured.

The state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Homes Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who confirmed the attacks in a statement issued on Wednesday, said:

"those who lost their lives in the crash are Aisha Bello, Uwaliya Alhaji Shehu, Ramatu Sani, Muhammad Shehu, Aminu Ibrahim and Ibrahim Abdu.

"The injured are Zainab Alhaji Usman, Surayya Bello, Khalifa Sani and Ushe Sani.

"Aruwan added that in another incident, armed bandits attacked locals at Iburu in Kajuru LGA, killing one Amos Yari.

"Also, armed bandits invaded Hayin Kanwa village, Fatika district, Giwa LGA, and shot dead one Alhaji Sule, a business man in the area, after he resisted their attempts to kidnap him."

He said Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with sadness, and prayed for the repose of the souls of those slain, while sending condolences to their families.

He also wished the injured speedy recovery.

## Gunmen attack Soludo, kill 3 security aides

From Titus Eleweke, Awka

Unidentified gunmen on Wednesday night attacked a former Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Prof. Charles Soludo, killing three of his security aides.

The gunmen disrupted an interactive session between Isuofia youths and Soludo at the town's civic centre.

Soludo has indicated interest in the November 6 governorship election in Anambra State.

*Daily Trust* gathered that three policemen were reportedly shot dead during the attack, while several supporters ran away.

The National Secretary of All Soludo Support Groups and the Convener of Youths Earnestly Seek Soludo (YEES), Dr Nelson Obinna Omenugha, who confirmed the attack in a telephone chat,

said: "Yes, there is a serious stampede now in Afuzo area of Isuofia which is in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State."

According to him, three of Soludo's security details were shot dead.

He also said the state Commissioner for Public Utilities, Engineer Emeka Ezenwanne, was taken away by the gunmen.

He consoled with the families of the deceased and asked God to grant their souls eternal rest.

Soludo, who is from Isuofia and a leading aspirant in the November 6 governorship election in the state, is said to be safe.

As at press time, his whereabouts remains unknown.

Attempt to speak with the state police spokesman, DSP Ikenganya Tochukwu, proved abortive, as he did not pick calls put across to him.

## 3 fire servicemen, several others injured in Kaduna fire

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

There was pandemonium when three fire servicemen and several other residents sustained injuries following a fire outbreak in Kaduna State.

*Daily Trust* gathered that the incident occurred around 7am at Bushara area along Nnamdi Azikwe Expressway on Tuesday at a nearby tanker garage.

It was learnt that the fire lasted for three hours before it was finally put out by the state fire service officials.

Details of the fire outbreak remain sketchy as few tankers were completely burnt including few shops close to the garage.

Our reporter who visited the scene

on Wednesday reported that people were seen in groups discussing the disaster.

An okada operator who didn't mention his name told *Daily Trust* that many people sustained injuries while trying to remove their vehicles from the garage.

The State Fire Service Public Relations Officer, Nathaniel Gaya, who confirmed the incident, said three of their men were among the injured.

According to him, the three officials were rushed to a hospital.

He said the cause of the fire remained unknown but disclosed that the injured personnel were recuperating at the hospital.

## Badaru, Bagudu, Barkiya donate N60m to victims of Katsina market fire

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Jigawa State governor, Muhammad Badaru Abubakar, and his Kebbi State counterpart, Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, on Wednesday visited Governor Aminu Masari to commiserate with him and the people of Katsina State over the fire incident that engulfed sections of the Katsina central market.

The two governors announced the donation of N20m each as their contribution to cushion the effect of the fire and help the victims pick up again.

They asked Almighty Allah to replenish whatever was lost during the inferno and prevent future occurrence.

Also, the Senator representing Katsina Central Senatorial Zone, Kabir Abdullahi Barkiya, donated N20m to the victims of

Katsina Central market fire disaster.

Barkiya made the donation Wednesday when he visited the affected market to sympathise with the traders over the disaster.

The senator urged the victims to take the sad incident as fate, adding that no amount of money will compensate their losses, while praying Allah to come to their aid and compensate them.

In his remarks, Governor Masari expressed his appreciation to all those who have shown concern over the incident, saying people were already making financial donations even without a formal setting up of an appeal fund to assist the affected traders.

Masari said as at Tuesday, over N170m donations had been made by different donors.

## Police inspector, 2 others shot dead in Delta bank robbery

From Eugene Agha Lagos

A police Inspector and two others were shot dead on Tuesday when dare devil armed robbers raided Issele-Uku branch of the United Bank for Africa (UBA) in Delta State.

The robbers attacked the bank with bullets and dynamites before launching another assault on a police station in the community.

They drove away in two vehicles with undisclosed sum of money.

A member of the gang of robbers was said to have been killed during the shootout with policemen.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Delta State Police Command, DSP Edefe Bright, who confirmed the incident, said the gang's operational vehicle and one AK47 rifle were recovered by the police team.

Bright said the incident took place at about 4pm on Tuesday.

He said dynamites were used by the hoodlums to destroy the security doors of the banking hall, after which they made away with undisclosed

amount of money.

"The Police Station was simultaneously attacked and riddled with bullets. The Commissioner of Police Delta State CP Ari Muhammed Ali quickly mobilized patrol teams from the State Police Headquarters Asaba to Issele-Uku, led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Operations, Olaleye Faleye, and engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel.

"The hoodlums escaped in two vehicles but were chased and consequently, they abandoned their vehicles and escaped into the bush. However, an Inspector of Police, Aniona Security Watch vigilante member and a civilian died while one of the hoodlums was killed and their vehicles recovered. Also recovered is one AK47 rifle breech No. 9558 with empty magazine painted with Police colour.

"The command is appealing to members of the public with useful information that will aid the arrest of these hoodlums to please avail such information to the commissioner of police," he added.

## Umahi declares dusk to dawn curfew in Effium community

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakiliki

Ebonyi State Governor, David Umahi, on Wednesday ordered dusk to dawn curfew in Effium community in Ohaukwu Local Government Area to avert further killings and destruction of properties in the area.

The state government also approved that addition 600 soldiers be drafted to the area to restore peace in Effium community.

The Commissioner for Information and State Orientation, Barr. Uchenna

Orji, made this known to journalists on Wednesday.

Orji said that the decision was reached at the end of this week's State Executive Council meeting.

This came barely 48 hours after the governor visited the area to appeal to the two warring clans (Ezza and Effium).

*Daily Trust* gathered that despite the peace initiative and the signing of peace pact by stakeholders of both clans, killings and destruction of properties still persist in the area.

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# EYE ON BORNO

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Two days in Monguno...

## Zulum shares N325m, food to 100,000 households

**B**orno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, was in Monguno for two days, where he supervised the distribution of N325 million and variety of food to over 100,000 households displaced by Boko Haram and denied access to farmlands, businesses and other means of livelihood.

Monguno is the most populated part of Northern Borno within Nigeria's portion of the Lake Chad

region, which has faced the most severe attacks from Boko Haram in recent years.

Displaced households from local government areas: Kukawa, Marte, Ngnazi and Guzamala currently stay at government-controlled camps in Monguno town.

The governor's sustained strategy of ensuring food and cash support reaches displaced persons is aimed at denying Boko

Haram opportunities to entice affected persons through social and economic incentives which the insurgents had used where their victims were frustrated with lack of food and means of livelihood, coupled with losing their homes and loved ones.

Zulum departed Maiduguri to Monguno by road on Monday and left on Wednesday.

While there, the governor

supervised the distribution of cash and food items the following day.

Thousands of bags of food grains, sugar and wrappers were distributed to 65,000 male heads of households and 35,000 female heads of households.

Each head of household received three bags of rice, maize grain and beans; while each of the female beneficiaries was additionally given a wrapper and N5,000.

### ... Approves site for Federal Polytechnic

Aside supervising food and cash distribution to displaced households, Zulum assessed and approved a site for the location of Federal Polytechnic in Monguno, which the Federal Government recently approved.

The governor had, in January this year, visited the Minister of Education with a promise to provide land and any other support required from the Borno State Government.



■ Photos from Governor Babagana Umara Zulum's two-day humanitarian activities in Monguno town of northern Borno...taken on Monday.

## CP probes killing of six persons in Enugu

From Tony Adibe, Enugu

The Commissioner of Police in Enugu State, Mr Mohammed Ndatu Aliyu, has ordered an investigation to unearth the remote and immediate cause of the violence which claimed the lives of six persons at Adani, Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State.

The State Police Public Relations Officer

(PPRO), Daniel Ndukwe, who spoke with our correspondent, said the incident occurred at about 11pm on Monday.

"Actually, there were acts of violence by hoodlums and there were casualties. The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mohammed Aliyu, had visited the scene of the incident and advised the natives to remain calm and law abiding while the police will carry out a

thorough investigation to know the root cause of the problem. The Commissioner of Police has, therefore, ordered an investigation that will leave no stone unturned in unravelling the real circumstances that led to the incident," said Ndukwe.

The PPRO was, however, silent on the actual figure of casualties, but promised to issue an official statement on the matter later.

## 60 cultists risk 21-year jail term in Lagos

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Sixty suspected members of different secret cult gangs arrested over their alleged involvement in murder and robbery related offences were on Wednesday sued at the Yaba Chief Magistrate Court, Lagos

The police slammed 13-count-charge against the 60 accused persons.

They have all been remanded in Kirikiri Correctional Centre.

The accused were yesterday brought before Magistrate Adeola Asedayo in line with the new Lagos State Anti-Cultism Law, 2021 and criminal Law of the state 2015 which prescribed a 21-year jail term when convicted.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, said the accused were arrested at various points and communities in the

metropolis.

Adejobi said the police prosecutors filed 13 count charge against the 60 accused for various offences including conspiracy, murder, cultism, unlawful possession of firearms and breach of public peace under the new Lagos State Anti-Cultism Law, 2021 and Criminal Laws of the Lagos State, 2015.

"The new Lagos State Anti-Cultism Law provides that, on conviction, cult members risk jail term of 21 years, while their parents risk 2 years imprisonment or fine of N500,000.

"The Commissioner of Police had coordinated some raids and operations around the state, especially in Ikorodu Division of Lagos State to go after cultists and hoodlums who have been

terrorising the entire state and bring them to book.

"The police boss confirmed that the new law is a blessing and catalyst to eradicating cultism across the length and breadth of the state as the law caters for many loopholes in the previous laws pertaining to cult related matters in the state. He further appreciated the government and good people of Lagos State for making the law a reality and success which is now applicable in the state.

"Odumosu therefore charged the Divisional Police Officers and other operational units to be on their toes and make sure the state is rid of cultism and other social vices as the command enjoys the enabling mechanism to operate and discharge its duties as expected," he added.

## WAEC gets new chairman

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The Governing Board of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has elected Professor Ato Essuman from Ghana as the chairman of the sub-regional organisation.

Professor Essuman emerged the 20th chairman from the 69th Annual Meeting of the Governing Board, succeeding Mr. Baboucarr Bouy from The Gambia, who was elected in March 2018. Essuman's tenure is for a period of three years from March 2021 to

March 2024 in line with the Council's Convention.

The Head of the Ghana Delegation, Professor Kwasi Opoku-Amankwa, was elected Vice-Chairman of Council for the period of one-year from March 2021 to March 2022.

According to a statement issued by WAEC Head of Public Affairs in Ghana, Mr. Abiodun Aduloju, the 69th meeting, which held online from March 22 - 26, 2021, was declared open by the President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of the

Republic of Ghana, Nana Akufo-Addo.

Council meets once each year and the meeting is hosted in rotation by the five member countries including: The Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

The 68th Meeting, which was originally scheduled for March 23 to 27, 2020 in Monrovia, Liberia, but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was successfully held online from March 1 to 4, 2021.

The 70th Meeting will be hosted by Nigeria in March 2022.

## All NAF formations will have infrastructure uplift - Amao

From Tony Adibe, Enugu

The Chief of Air Staff (CAS), Air Marshal Isiaka Amao, has restated the determination to ensure the provision of massive and quality infrastructure in all Nigerian Air Force (NAF) formations in the country.

Air Marshal Amao spoke on Wednesday while addressing officers and airmen of the NAF Ground Training Command (GTC) Enugu, during a familiarization tour of the command.

He said the challenges and welfare of the officers and airmen

would be given adequate attention and priority to further boost their morale throughout his period of stay in office.

He advised officers and airmen to always work in synergy with other security agencies in order to achieve faster and better results.



■ Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama (left) and the Chairman, Economic and Financial crimes commission (EFCC), Abdurashed Bawa when the latter paid the minister a visit at his office in Abuja on Tuesday



■ Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State (3rd right) and other officials of the state government during the presentation of car gifts to 13 teachers at the Year 2020 Teachers Merit Award on Tuesday



■ Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Capt. Rabi Yuadudu (middle) receives a congratulatory letter on his appointment as member Governing Board of the Airport Council International (ACI)-world by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transportation (CILT) at the FAAN headquarters in Abuja recently



■ Director General, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi (middle) receives an award from the Northern Women Assembly (Jam'iyar Matan Arewa) when its executives visited the agency's headquarters in Abuja recently

# FG recovers N49.7bn of N5.2trn debt

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Zainab Ahmed, yesterday said the Federal Government had succeeded in recovering N49.7bn of its N5.2trn debt.

She said this while briefing State House reporters after the cabinet meeting presided over by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo. She said the Federal Executive Council approved N316.5m for the second phase of Project Lighthouse, aimed at debt recovery.

She said: "Project Lighthouse is a data engine that collects, integrates and analyses data from revenue generating agencies in order to create insightful information for improved decision making."

"Messrs Carter House Consulting, a Nigerian

technology company, who has worked with the ministry for three years, won the first phase of the contract in May 2019 and the second phase that is approved today is in the sum of N316.5m.

"One major area that we have witnessed remarkable progress is in terms of recovery of debts owed to government. Generally, revenue loopholes have been aided by poor information sharing enforcement.

"So, this Project Lighthouse shows us that many companies and individuals who owe government agencies have refused to honour their obligations yet are still being engaged and transacted with, and even being paid on government payment platforms like Treasury Single Account.

"In 2019, the ministry issued a directive to all

ministries, departments and agencies to aggregate and send to the ministry a list of all debtors and their outstanding amounts that are owed to government agencies. This we have put together in one central fund that we call Project Lighthouse.

"Since that time, we have been able to aggregate N5.2 trillion worth of debts that are being owed government by third parties and as at today, we have been able to recover N49.7bn of this amount through the efforts of works we have been carrying out through Project Lighthouse and we are still compiling.

"Project Lighthouse has brought together data from the FIRS, the Nigerian Customs Service, the Corporate Affairs Commission, as well as data from BVN in one central pool."

# Why we must produce our own COVID-19 vaccines - Lawan

By Balarabe Alkassim & Abdullateef Salau

Senate President Ahmad Lawan yesterday said Nigeria must commit human and material resources to produce her own vaccines to achieve herd immunity in the shortest possible time.

He said this at the presentation of a report on a study conducted by an international non-governmental organisation, Westminster Foundation for Democracy at the House of Representatives. The report, titled 'Legislative Responses to COVID-19 in Nigeria', was presented to the "Young Parliamentarians Forum (YPF) of the 9th National Assembly".

According to him, vaccine production has become a necessity as every country strives for local production to protect its population.

"Otherwise, Nigeria may not

achieve the herd immunity in the next four or five years with our over 200 million population. And this is not a fact based on any scientific research. I don't want to be misquoted.

"With over 200 million, so far, we've only vaccinated about four million. I don't know how we can get 70 percent of our people vaccinated and that will translate into about 150 million or even more, to vaccinate them in the next two or three years."

The speaker of the House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabiamila,

represented by the YPF Chairman of the 9th National Assembly, Kabiru Tukura, said the report would contribute to the efforts of the National Assembly on various legislative responses to deal with health emergencies like COVID 19 and other pandemics that might emerge in the future.

# National Assembly Service Commission seeks more funds

By Faruk Shuaibu

Chairman, National Assembly Service Commission, Ahmed Kadi Amshi, says inadequate funding is hindering the development of manpower resources that will make National Assembly work effectively.

Amshi, while receiving members of the Senate

Committee on Establishment and Public Service on a working visit yesterday, said change of conditions of service had prevented the commission from financing personnel costs.

"The last time we had a meeting with the union, they threatened to close down the National Assembly if their demands were not met. Some

of the demands are genuine and we promised they would be looked into, but the money to fund it is the problem," he said.

While appealing to the committee to help in ensuring that the commission moved to its permanent headquarters, he said 220 staff were employed by the commission, but the management of

National Assembly refused to admit them.

"That is a great injustice that must be corrected, still they gave the excuse that there was no budgetary allocation to accommodate them. Unfortunately, some background recruitment still happened; while those with genuine employment letters were rejected."

Amshi said 187 staff of the National Assembly were retired last year due to the stagnation caused for other staff to get promoted.

Responding, the committee's chairman, Senator Ibrahim Shekarau, commended Amshi for not joining "the bandwagon" to sweep the issues he met under the carpet.



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# NAFDAC identifies cause of Kano 'strange illness'

The National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control yesterday presented a preliminary result of clinical test it conducted of the substances that caused the recent strange illness in the state.

Prof. Mojisola Adeyeye, NAFDAC Director-General, presented the findings to Governor Abdullahi Ganduje, in Kano.

A statement by the spokesman of the governor, Abba Anwar, said Adeyeye told Ganduje that some of the five substances tested were poisonous.

She also said two of the five substances were not registered and were brought into the country illegally.

"Some of those substances are poisonous. When one takes them, he or she would find it very difficult to breath normally.

That is close to death."

Adeyeye said that the agency was investigating the matter with all seriousness and had placed the operation of two companies on hold.

"There are six directorates on the issue, engaged in trying to define coherent and scientific explanation to it. The substances have Citric Acid.

"We also went to two companies that have the registered substances with

them, though their substances are registered, but we still put them on hold to avoid certain things, until after our examination," she added.

She said when the final result was out, the agency present it to the state government.

In his remarks, Ganduje said: "We appreciate your effort in working hand in hand with us in taming this strange illness in the state.

"For now, the source of those

substances are known to the authorities: while we arrested many consignments, we're still combing our markets thoroughly," he said.

Ganduje said he was happy that the process of examining the substances was hastened by NAFDAC.

He said his government was building a drug market at the new Dangwauro Modern market, to sanitise the drug procurement system. (NAN)

## Insecurity: Makinde, Alaafin, Olubadan want FG to back state police

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Oyo State governor, Engr Seyi Makinde; the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Olayiwola Adeyemi; and the Olubadan of Ibadanland, Oba Saliu Adetunji, on Wednesday advised the Federal Government to back the establishment of state police to tackle insecurity.

The leaders spoke at a meeting organised by the Oyo State government with traditional rulers across the 33 local government areas of the state, held at the House of Chiefs, Parliament Building, Secretariat, Agodi, Ibadan.

Also at the meeting were a former governor of Oyo State, Senator Rashidi Ladoja; deputy governor of the state, Alhaji Rauf Olaniyan; Speaker of Oyo State House of Assembly, Adebo Ogundoyin; Garrison Commander 2 Division of the Nigerian Army, Ibadan, Brig-Gen Adesoji Ogunsugba; Commissioner of Police in the state, Mrs. Ngozi Onadeko; as well as Soun of Ogbomoso, Oba Jimoh Oyewumi Ajagunbade III, represented by Oba Oyetunji Ojo; and other traditional rulers.

They identified defects in the operation of the constitution of Nigeria as the bane of insecurity threatening the corporate existence of the nation, and warned that without the approval of state

police by the Federal Government, the country would only be running in a circle and no appreciable progress would be made in the fight against security challenges.

According to them, the operation of the constitution of Nigeria ought to reflect a true federal nature of the country, adding that in reality, Nigeria is operating a unitary system, which has made it difficult for the country to overcome its festering security issues. They were optimistic that the governors would be rightly positioned to decisively tackle peculiar insecurity cases in their respective states, if the Federal Government approved creation of state police.

The Garrison Commander of the 2 Division of Nigerian Army and the Commissioner of Police in the state, said security agencies have been working and would continue to work to ensure security of lives and property. They, however, called on the public to give them credible information to work with.

Governor Makinde, in his address, described security as one of the four pillars of the Roadmap for Accelerated Development in Oyo State 2019 to 2023, adding that other pillars that his administration stands on are health, education, and expansion of economy.

## I fired environment commissioner for not knowing his limit – Wike

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State has explained why he sacked the Commissioner for Environment, Dr. Igbikis Tamuno.

Dr Tamuno was relieved of his duty on Tuesday.

Speaking at the signing of contracts for the Trans-Kalabari Road project

phase one, and the Saakpenwa-Bori -Kono Road project phase two at Government House, on Wednesday, Wike said he sacked the commissioner because he engaged in acts that amounted to sabotage.

He said the commissioner wrote to Julius Berger to stop construction work without his approval.

## Lagos indigenes reject visitation panel for LASU

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A group of Lagos indigenes under the aegis of Omo Eko Pataki has called on the state governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, to appoint a "Lagosian" as the Vice-Chancellor of the state University (LASU).

The group spoke against the backdrop of the visitation panel set up by Sanwo-Olu following the controversy trailing the appointment of a substantive VC.

It would be recalled that the governor had in January terminated the process

of the appointment of a substantive VC following a series of petitions on the process and appointed an acting Vice-Chancellor.

The panel raised by Sanwo-Olu comprising former vice chancellors, seasoned administrators, technocrats and top public servants is headed by the Pro-Chancellor of the Ekiti State University and former Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Bamitale Omole.

It was charged to look at issues stalling the appointment of a substantive VC.

But the Lagos indigenes,

who spoke through Major General Tajudeen Olanrewaju (Rtrd), former GOC Third Armoured Division and a trustee of m Eko Pataki, said the panel was "needless, time wasting and diversionary."

According to him, the impasse over the new VC appointment was "self-inflict."

Hesaid, "The well-known norm in the appointment of all state universities' Vice Chancellor is to give the deserving, well qualified indigene the opportunity to lead the state institution after all necessary screening processes must

have taken place.

"The Governing Board of LASU had shortlisted well distinguished and internationally recognized four professors and forwarded same to the governor since early February. What then is this rigmarole?"

"Why this deliberate attempt to sideline a native Lagosian to lead an institution created by the legendary Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jakande for the sole purpose to create opportunities for our professionals to rise in their various fields of academic endeavours?"



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## N4.16bn judgment debts disbursement: Senate c'ttee indicts Solicitor-General Office

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate Public Accounts Committee yesterday slammed the Office of the Solicitor-General of the Federation for allegedly disbursing N4.16bn judgment debts without due process.

The Auditor-General for the Federation, in a report, had queried the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary of Justice Ministry for disbursing the fund without a committee saddled with the responsibility of managing the fund.

An ad-hoc committee was set up on the order of National Assembly to administer the disbursement of the fund following the public outcry of non-payment of judgment debts by the Federal Government.

The report said in the 2016 budget, N460m was voted for judgment debts and another N10bn in 2017, and that the record from Ministry of Justice showed that N5.3bn was released within those two years by the Federal Government and N4.16bn disbursed to over 50 beneficiaries with no detailed explanation on how the balance of N1.17bn was spent.

In her response to the query, the representative of the Solicitor General, who is also the Director of Finance in the ministry, Modupe Bakare, said: "The ministry quite appreciates your concern over disbursement of public funds in order to ensure transparency and accountability.

However, it might interest you to note that there is no any standard process laid down by the financial authority which the ministry contravenes in disbursing the funds in question.

"It is noteworthy to mention that the ministry has not deviated from the mandate of the committee in making the payment. There is no pending litigation against the judgment debts before making the final payment."

The committee's chairman, Senator Matthew Urhohide,

said there was no verification as to the authenticity of the disbursement of the N4.1bn and the balance of N1.17bn.

"There's need to verify it," he said, adding that the Permanent Secretary of the ministry must be sanctioned for that payment.

## British government worried over insecurity in Nigeria

The British High Commissioner to Nigeria, Catriona Laing, says her country is extremely concerned about Nigeria's deteriorating security situation.

She said this yesterday on the sidelines of a reception held to welcome home the 2019/2020 UK Chevening Scholarship beneficiaries.

She said: "We're extremely concerned about the deteriorating security situation.

"I mean, Nigeria is facing a lot of problems everywhere - in the Northeast, terrorism; in the Northwest, banditry, kidnapping; in the Middle Belt, the farmers-herders conflict; in the South, the Niger Delta conflict everywhere.

"And the secession movements in the Southeast. So, Nigeria is really struggling."

Laing, however, assured that the British Government was prepared to help Nigeria win the war against insecurity.

She said her country had been helping the Nigerian military in the areas of training,

campaign planning, and how to counter IEDs.

"Well, we're here to support and help. We have the military team here, who came here after the Chibok girls were kidnapped actually.

"We're still here, training the Nigerian military, helping them to do campaign planning, how to counter IEDs," she said.



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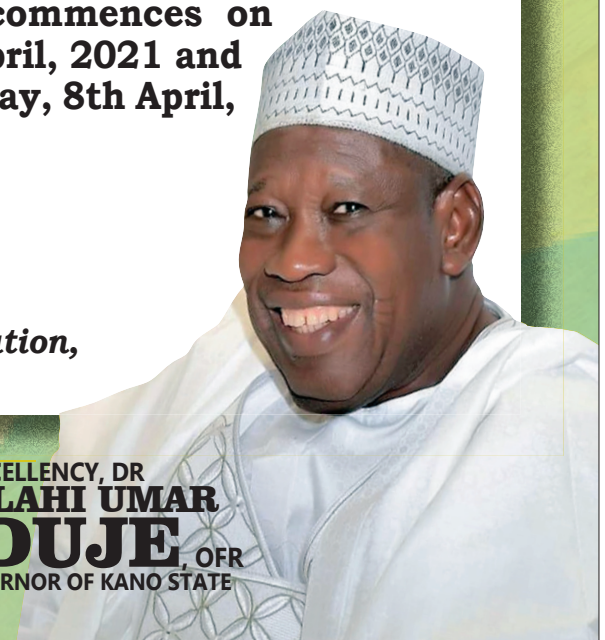
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## 'The African Woman' (for the 'Real' African Man)

Never talk about African women as if they were individuals. Remember: they are a monolithic group. There is the African Woman of which there are two subgroups: the Bad African Woman (BAW) and the Good African Woman (GAW). It really is as simple as that. Members of each group are easy to spot:

The Bad African Woman is a feminist which means that she hates men and spends her days pretending to be happy and her nights crying in loneliness because she has put career before marriage. Note: it doesn't matter whether she's married or not, that's beside the point. For her, always use adjectives like 'bitter', 'frustrated', 'sad'. She wants to corrupt your wives and your daughters and your sisters by telling them that they matter, that they deserve good things like respect and equality. Anybody who tells you otherwise is either lying to you or doesn't know any better. Don't listen to them. You are a Real African Man (RAM), you know these things.

The Good African Woman knows that her place is somewhere between domestic help with benefits and a mere child. Useful words to describe her are 'angelic', 'wife-material', 'true'. She's the TRUE African woman. She is always happy. Even when she looks sad on the outside, you know that her inside is happy. You marry her. Then you work her like a horse. She cooks, she cleans, she sings no matter how tired she is. She is long-suffering. She values you. You both know that without you, she cannot be. If you're that husband who likes to eat fresh *egusi* every day, she makes it for you no matter how inconveniencing it is. You can't eat food made by anyone but your wife? She drags herself to the kitchen to cook it no matter how exhausted she is. She's grateful for this. Everybody knows that once you eat food made by anyone else, including yourself, your eyes will stray. Or a colossal asteroid will crash into the earth and cause a catastrophic destruction. The GAW is a child for you to mould. You decide her friends. How is she to live in this big, bad world without your guidance? If she works, she knows to hand her salary over to you as soon as she receives it, and then you give her an allowance as you see fit. If she needs the allowance raised, she must justify it, preferably in writing. There are sample letters on Twitter (written by GAW wives and generously shared by Real African Men like you).

You may hear the BAW spouting words like 'toxic masculinity' or 'patriarchy' or 'misogyny' or 'oppression' or 'sexism.' Or saying such nonsense like how culture isn't static. Tell her she has forgotten her values and where

she comes from. Ask her why she wants to be "like a white woman. We are not Europeans. We are Africans!" Because she is obstinate and doesn't know her place, she won't let you have the last word. She may bring up the 1929 Aba Women's Protest or Funmi Ransome Kuti or Queen Amina or Queen Karibasa or Queen Idia or Mekatilili wa Menza, or the Agoji warriors or her grandmother who raised 10 children and put them all through school by herself as proof that her values are not imported, that being strong and fighting for equality is not un-African. She may tell you that you are the one creating a revisionist history of the subservient, docile African woman to suit you, that the idea of the African woman as weak and passive is a legacy of colonialism. Don't be surprised if she drags up some ancestor of hers who went to the farm in the morning and gave birth at home in the evening to a healthy child while her Victorian counterparts were busy fainting into couches because the ideal European woman of that era was supposed to be frail. This is how you must respond: Laugh. Make a condescending remark. Or two. Tell her no man will marry her with that attitude. If she's already married, pity her husband. Some men really get no break in life.

This is really important: if you meet a BAW behaving badly (aren't they always?) say, talking back at you, remind her that you 'keep' one of her at home. It doesn't matter who she is or who you are, if you are a man you deserve her respect. You know this. The GAW knows this. The BAW needs to be taught this. Throw it in her face if she doesn't. You can threaten to beat it into her. That's what those hands are for. Sometimes, your hands need to do the talking for you. Don't they say that actions speak louder than words?

Are you a RAM still looking for more information on how to treat the African Woman (good or bad)? Or how to tell the good one from the bad one? I have curated a supplementary reading list for you below:

Femi Fani Kayode's 'How to Keep a Lady' (Google it). It includes gems such as "They are like little children...they are like race horses: they must be mastered, tamed, trained, exercised and regularly serviced. They are like race cars: their engine must be revved at least twice a day."

Reno Omokri's 'Nuggets' (check his Twitter). His nuggets include "Finance her (your wife's) life and she will call you my Lord [sic]" and the warning that "FEMINISM is ANTI CHRIST and of devilish origin [sic]."

TL of various Real African Men (RAM) like you. Pity about the unfortunate acronym.

Signed: GAW

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## Sunday Igboho's impracticable Oduduwa republic

Fortuitously I was in Lagos when the news came through that Sunday Adeyemi aka Sunday Igboho had announced the secession of the South West region from Nigeria and christened it the Republic of Oduduwa in honour of the mythical progenitor of the Yoruba people of the South West.

My friend and host Olalekan, who was outraged by the news snorted "Wo Gadu, ignore that Ibadan boy *jare!*" he said of Igboho. When I reminded him that Igboho was actually from Oke-Ogun not Ibadan that seemed to outrage him the more; "I don't bl\*\*dy care whether he is Ibadan or Oke-Ogun", he blurted out rather vehemently. "Sebi he has tribal marks on his face?", he asked rhetorically. "What I mean is that illiterate has no mandate of the entire Yoruba people to do what he did. Certainly not for us Lagosians and for that matter the people of Ogun State. For a matter of this magnitude and sensitivity we Yorubas do not lack personalities that can speak on our behalf when we get to that stage. It cannot be the likes of Igboho that will lead us into this kind of dangerous trap," he lectured.

Festooned with amulets and charms of various kinds, Sunday Igboho cuts the image of a nineteenth century Yoruba Generalissimo. I can say he looks a combination of Basorun Latoosa of Ibadan, Ogedengbe of Ijesa and Fabunmi of Ekiti, all of them famed warriors and principal characters of the internecine wars that gripped Yorubaland for 16 brutal years in the second half of the nineteenth century until it was stopped by the British in 1866.

In deciding to take the action he did, Igboho probably thinks he is a reincarnation of them because each one saw himself then as defending his people from oppressors. Sure enough Igboho justified his rather quixotic stance as defending the Yoruba of the South West from what he and his ilk consider the invasion and siege from Fulani herdsmen.

But the Kiriji wars of the nineteenth century Yorubaland have long faded in the consciousness of generations of Yorubas now although some of the scars still remain. Yorubas are an important integral part of Nigeria and have contributed and still are contributing a lot to the evolution of the country. To detach them from this position which they have laboured to build over the years in the manner that Igboho sought to do will take some doing.

Allowing for some rather vocal minority of people who may support Igboho's action, the overwhelming majority of Yorubas in the South West will rather react like my friend Olalekan did. And it will be principally because a Yoruba bid for secession from Nigeria if it came to that will be so impracticable that it will not be worth the effort.

To start with while on the surface, Yorubas appear to have a sense of unity, in reality they are so balkanized into fiercely autonomous groups and dialects that on their own the Yorubas will only dissolve back to the status quo ante the coming of the British.

It will be inconceivable for Lagos and Ogun State, as my friend Lekan said, to join the putative Oduduwa republic.

The Egba Yorubas, who were worsted during the Yoruba wars of the nineteenth century and fled to found the city of Abeokuta as sanctuary, and the Ijebus of the same state still harbour deep seated ambivalence to the Oyos and Osuns. The Ilorins and Igbominas of Kwara as well as the Okuns of Kogi situated in the Northern region will think twice about being part of an Oduduwa republic that will almost certainly treat them as second class citizens. The Ondos and their nearest kin the Ekitis remembering the legend of Ogedengbe and Fabunmi and their marginalised experience during the defunct Western region will be sure to give the idea of an Oduduwa republic a bum rush which to them will signal a return to the hated status quo.

It, therefore, came as no surprise that Sunday Igboho's declaration of secession was promptly condemned by Yorubas from these areas.

Arakunrin Akeredolu, the Governor of Ondo State, the Alake of Egbaland Oba Gbadebo, the Awujale of Ijebu Oba Sikiru Adetona, the Oluwo of Iwo, Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti, Governor Makinde of Oyo and a host of leading Yorubas in the country did not need any prompting to give the idea of an Oduduwa republic out of Nigeria a robust ticking off. Apart from abhorring the personality who made the declaration, leaders of the Yoruba South West know too well more than anyone else the impracticability and negative consequences to the Yorubas of allowing the matter of an Oduduwa republic to get out of hand.

But does that mean that Yorubas of the South West cannot continue their well-known and commendable track record of agitation for better outcomes in the country? The answer certainly can only be a resounding no.

Nigeria needs the Yorubas to continue to lead the way in fighting for justice and progress. They have been pioneers and pacesetters in many areas of our national life. I daresay that on the basis of their robust contribution to virtually all aspects of Nigeria's development, Yorubas qualify to be called the soul of the country without which it is but a shell.

Discerning Yorubas who are in the overwhelming majority know that pulling out of a Nigeria in which they have invested so much in helping to shape will be foolhardy, impracticable and ultimately self-defeating.

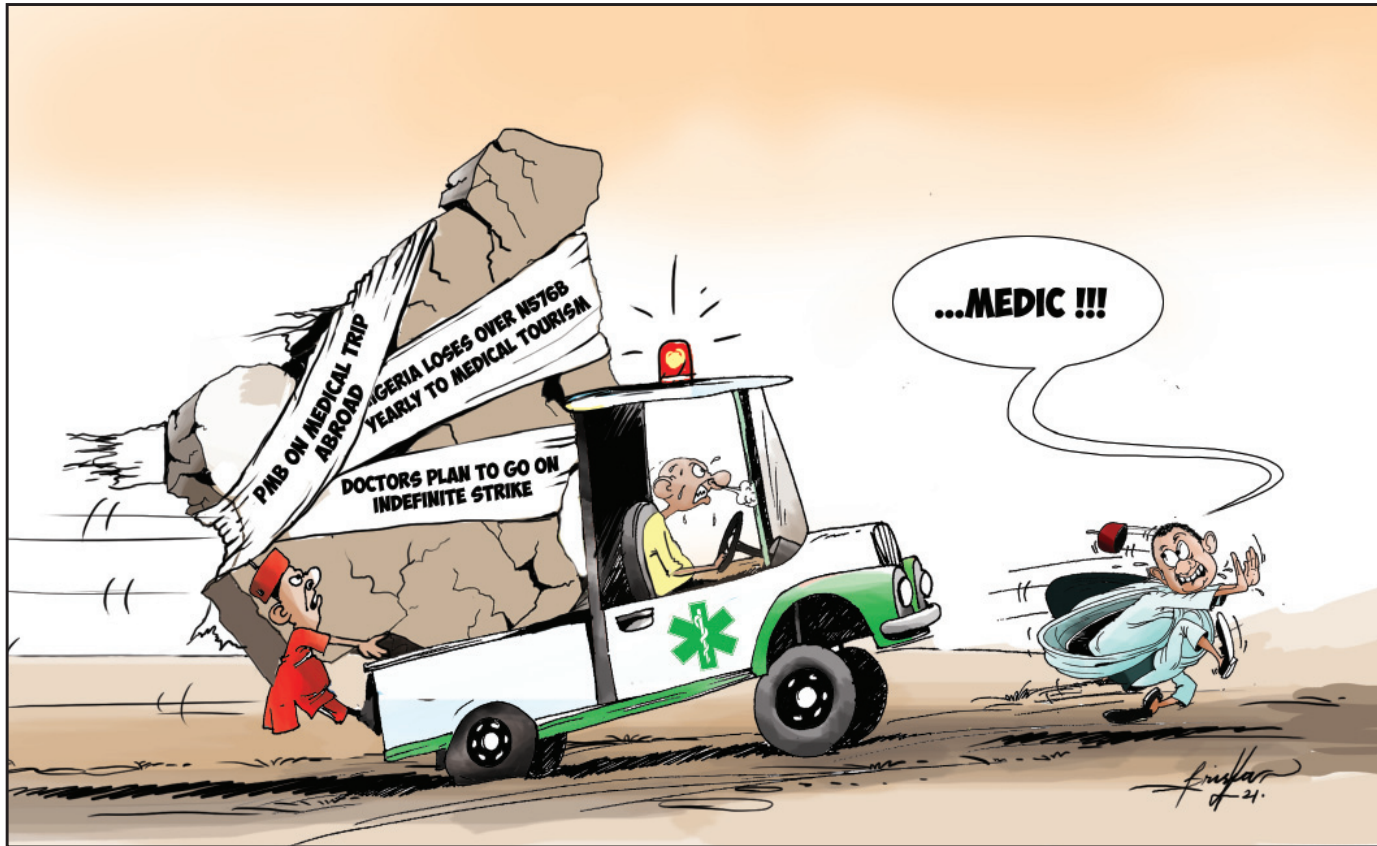
For whatever it is worth Sunday Igboho by his action in a way brought attention to the issue of criminal elements among the Fulani herdsmen threatening the lives and livelihoods of communities in the South West which some personalities from the area have found inconvenient to speak out to the authorities. By his ways he has challenged the lethargy and complacency and seeming acts of commission and omission by authorities who ought to check this menace which has encouraged the criminals to carry on with impunity.

Having done all that which has awaken personalities from the South West from their slumber, it is time to pull away from the brink for the sake of Yorubas and Nigeria.

## Letter to the Editor

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## Frequent power outage and unregulated billing in Kaura Namoda

Kaura Namoda, the second largest city in Zamfara, has continued to remain in darkness and economic deprivation due to incessant power outages over the years.

It is worthy to state that we are helpless, uncared for and badly treated as law-abiding citizens.

The Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company (KAEDCO) is operating as an oracle considering the way they handle customers with impunity, more especially our community, with neither respect to their operations guidelines nor to their customers. They keep us in perpetual darkness and charge us mercilessly, because we have no option due to the monopoly in electricity distribution in our area.

KAEDCO supplies power to Kaura Namoda community once in a while mostly for one to three hours (usually at the end of the month) with the sole aim of getting their customers settle their electricity bills.

As a business hub, Kaura Namoda is now in a sorry state in terms of power supply which has crippled our

economy and is blocking chances of entrepreneurship thereby increasing the level of unemployment amongst youths and making them hopeless.

However, to be fair, we need to acknowledge the efforts of some KAEDCO staff who are always doing their best to manage the obsolete equipment in Kaura Namoda Power Station and other substations (e.g step down transformers) mostly using their personal tools and mobility.

The company has left customers and some of its staff to shoulder the responsibility of faults such as fallen electricity poles, faulty transformers, fuses, armoured cables, among others from their resources.

We are billed monthly (mostly estimated) regardless of whether the power is supplied or not. The least any customer is charged is N4,000 even though he may not enjoy up to five hours of electricity in a month.

There was a time, early this year, when we were jubilating of improved power supply but that was short-lived. At present Kaura Namoda's 33KVA power

sub-station is faulty thereby putting the community in darkness while the staff operate in more hazardous conditions.

One may wish to ask, who is responsible for regulating the activities of the power distribution companies (DisCos) in Nigeria? The answer here is, National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC). The next question is: Do they perform their duties as stipulated by law in Zamfara State? Well, we are yet to see their impact or ascertain if they even exist.

NERC is saddled with the responsibility of protecting the interests of consumers, issuing licenses to operators/investors, set and review electricity tariffs among other duties. However for those of us in Kaura Namoda, we will boldly say they have failed in executing their primary duties.

In view of the above, we are calling on the relevant and concerned authorities to come to our aid and salvage us from these traumatic conditions, so that we can have a sense of belonging as Nigerians.

*Abdulrazak Bello Kaura is the Publicity Secretary, Kaura Namoda Focus Forum*

## Averting water related health crisis in the FCT

Water is life, but throughout the history of Abuja, there was never a time the city faced a water crisis such as is being experienced by residents, especially in Kubwa, Airport Road and Gwagwalada for the past two weeks.

There appears no treatment with alum, a vital ingredient, as well as other chemicals, in the water presently being supplied to residents. The residents of Gwako village destroyed the newly repaired facility in

their village, which led to the Kubwa water shortage.

There is also a burnt compressor, the equipment that supplies water from the main dam to the Treatment Plant 1. This is coming on the heels of the just repaired Treatment Plants 2 and 3 built by BiWater, and the authorities may not even be aware of. There is lack of enlightenment on the part of the FCT Water Board management.

The general fear now is the outbreak of water related diseases, especially now with

the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be disastrous, and an indication of failure of the government.

The Board of Directors of the FCT Water Board has recommended to the FCT Minister, Mal. Musa Bello, that the former GM Engr. Aliyu Usman Abubakar Kumo, who is competent enough, be retained as substantive GM. The board is led by no other person as chairman than the erstwhile GM of the Water Board, former President of the Nigeria Society of

Engineers (NSE) and also past President of Council for Regulation of Engineers (COREN), Engr. Kassim Ali. He should know.

Engr. Kumo left office as Ag. General Manager, FCT Water Board following his retirement in October 2020.

The FCT minister should therefore, act quickly on the recommendation of the Kassim Ali-led Board of Directors by bringing back Engr. Kumo to take charge of the FCT Water Board.

*Stephen Omeregie wrote from Bwari, Abuja*

## Is Lagos Anti-Cultism Bill a sham?

Earlier this year, the Lagos State House of Assembly (LSHA) passed the Anti-Cultism Bill.

Interestingly, the bill, among its other salient issues, stipulates a 15-year jail term for anyone found guilty of abetting cultists and residents, who willfully allow their property(ies) to be used as meeting points by cultists.

Then, only some weeks later, Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu assented to the bill, which also stipulates a 21-year jail term for convicted cultists in the state.

All these happened within the space of February and March, 2021.

But the 'incredulous' was only yet to happen. Just within 48 hours after Sanwo-Olu assented to the anti-cultism bill, it was reported that a bloody clash between rival cult groups erupted somewhere in Ikosi-Ketu. It involved the Eiye and Aiye confraternities.

Though 15 suspects were apprehended by the police and paraded at the State Police Command headquarters, spokesperson for the police in the state, CSP Olumuyiwa Adejobi, said the attack was connected to disputes concerning revenue generation at the Ketu fruits market.

Such a development does not bode well for a government committed to restoring normalcy in the state and ensuring civil rights and social justice.

The Ikosi-Ketu incident should have been a perfect opportunity to put the law to test, by unleashing the full wrath of the law on offenders. They should have been arraigned in court and prosecuted, before even saying Jack.

There have been a series of reported cases of police arresting cultists and hoodlums since the Ikosi-Ketu incident; one of the most disturbing areas is Ikorodu.

According to media reports, over 500 persons have been arrested by the police between July 2020 and March, 2021, on offences related to cultism and robbery.

Recent findings have also revealed that 1,592 hoodlums have been arrested and linked with the crimes of rape, gangsterism and assault.

While there were 127 reported cases of domestic violence, 82 vehicles were impounded for driving against traffic.

A recent police report also confirmed that the majority of the robbery cases were from the Ikorodu area of the state, even as the police also recovered no fewer than 35 firearms.

With these long lists of arrests, I still wonder why the courts are not preoccupied with prosecuting and sentencing these 'beasts' to the dungeons, for the rest of their lives.

It is time the Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration begins to do the needful as Lagos State is gradually becoming the hub of cultism in Nigeria, a time bomb waiting to explode. If the unknown happens, I don't think the Lagos State government will survive the 'apocalypse'.

*Segun Michael Adeyemi wrote from Lagos*

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## State assemblies must be autonomous

About a week ago, parliamentary staff of state houses of assembly under the auspices of the Parliamentary Staff Association (PASAN) embarked on protests over delayed implementation of fiscal autonomy for state assemblies. The workers' grouse is that instead of allowing their respective legislative houses to directly receive their statutory allocations from the federation account, state governors hijack and divert same to ends that may fall outside the legitimate needs of the legislature - which often include the welfare concerns of the legislative staff.

The action saw the offices of several state assemblies across the country locked up for business by agitated parliamentary staff, a development that disrupted official business including the processing of the 2021 budget in affected states.

It needs to be recalled that the advocacy by PASAN for fiscal autonomy for the legislature remains a cardinal provision of the constitution which upholds the principle of separation of powers among the three arms of government. This relief had been secured by the National Assembly earlier, while the state assemblies are yet to enjoy same, courtesy of their respective governors acting in blatant breach of the constitution. The situation became so thorny that in May 2020, President Muhammadu Buhari signed Executive Order 10, which granted fiscal autonomy for state legislatures and the judiciary across the 36 states of the federation. To ensure the implementation of the provision, the president mandated the Accountant General of the Federation to deduct at source and direct appropriately, the amounts due to states that fail to grant autonomy to the legislatures and judiciary.

That the situation remained unresolved despite of the clear-cut constitutional provisions for fiscal autonomy for state assemblies, and the 10 months old Presidential Executive Order 10, points to a more insidious enterprise by the state governors which has the wider implications of vitiating the sanctity of the country's constitution. Hence the position of the governors with respect to denying and delaying the fiscal autonomy of state assemblies needs to be addressed by the country as a threat to its democracy.

The action by PASAN comes into perspective as a venture in desperation occasioned by the crass failure of the political class, namely the senators and members of the House of Representatives as well as State Houses of Assembly, to do the needful, given that the defence of the provisions of the constitution falls squarely under their brief.

It is needless to remind them that at the inception of their respective tenures in office, these members of the political class undertook as part of their oaths of office a commitment to defend the constitution at all times. Hence allowing state governors to habitually breach this very critical provision of the constitution, constitutes an abdication of responsibility. The workers' strike action should actually serve as a wake-up call for the political class.

For the purpose of clarification, while the legislators may be paying lip service to the breach of fiscal autonomy for state assemblies by governors, the implications for the wider society remain legion. Firstly, by the breach of the principle of fiscal autonomy for state assemblies, the governors actually corner the resources allocated to the legislature in their states for capricious ends, while compromising the effectiveness of the respective legislative chambers and denying the taxpayers the dividends of good governance. Through the illegal control of the finances of the legislatures, the governors dictate the latter's operations as suit their fancies. And given the proclivities of the seemingly 'all powerful' governors, the likelihood of their actions imposing anti-people influences on their respective state legislatures, cannot be ruled out.

Beyond the foregoing, the Nigerian Governors Forum should see itself as working in line with the expectations of the Nigerian public and the provisions of the constitution to stop this reprehensible practice, especially now that its chairman, Dr Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State, enjoys the reputation of a strong advocate of functional constitutional democracy.



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## The Centenary of Barewa College: Reminiscences - Past, present and future

— Continued from yesterday

By General Yakubu Gowon

On the Centenary of Barewa College, it is also very important to re-examine National Question or Questions, that asks, what is the future of the peoples of the former 19 northern states within a United Nigerian Federation in the light of what is going on now: the security problems - Boko Haram, banditry and herdsmen-farmers imbroglio and the political agitation and concerns of various ethnic groups - 517. The Ethnic Nationalities are requesting for fundamental changes in the question of re-structuring and the way Nigeria is governed and ruled. All sorts and various permutations and combinations have been proposed and talked about for sometime now, and many restructuring had taken place in Nigeria - nationally or regionally/state wise since Lugard's restructuring in the 1914 Amalgamation of North and South Nigeria; the various regional and states legislative restructuring through to regional and states elections in 1954 and 59; to Nigeria's national elections and independence in 1960. In 1963, there was restructuring that created the Mid-West as the 4th Region of Nigeria's federation and a change from Parliamentary to a Republican (US) type Constitution followed three years later by the 1966 coup that ushered in military government - Federal/Regional - Unitary and later briefly changed to a Federation of Group of Provinces, later restored back to Federation of four (4) Regions. Finally as a result of threat to a breakup of the country, the country was structured into 12 states and subsequently to 19 states and ultimately to 36 states and FCT. Therefore, restructuring is not a new thing, and it seems major restructuring comes round every 50 years. Of particular interest and note is the 2005 Political Reforms Conference and the 2014 Constitutional Review Conference and others being put forward by various interest groups.

The diverse people of the former Northern Nigeria who were previously put together by geography, history and dialectics of big power imperialism are now facing their future as 19 self-governing independent states along with other 17 states within the Federal Republic of Nigeria. They are now both tested and passing through unprecedented internal security crisis of all sorts, they have also become the poverty capital of the world according to the World Bank, which reported that 87 per cent of poverty incidence is in the 19 northern states of Nigeria.

As a group of people from the 19 Northern States, trying hard to find solutions to our serious internal security crisis, we also have poverty and other socio-

economic issues demanding our attention. While we are on these existential matters, the drumbeats of restructuring are sounding loud and disturbing our peace of mind. The diverse people of the 19 Northern States must decide on what type of restructuring best serve their interest. The future we are facing depends on this matter. As things are now, restructuring definitely means different things to different people, living in different regions or geopolitical zones of the country. We must, therefore, decide whatever type of restructuring we want, not as one entity as former Northern region, but as people of 19 independent/self-government states brought together by geography, history, economy, culture, market, biodiversity, good neighbourliness with shared values and interests.

This means that we must make among other things realistic political and economic choices as well as existential choices. It is said, politics is the art of the possible, so as things are, the only homogenous geographical zones in Nigeria are four political zones: the South-East Zone, South-South Zone, North-East Zone and North-Central Zone are ethically so diverse that their people would certainly not sacrifice their current/present self-governing status symbolised by their state government for anything else. Therefore, the question of Nigeria becoming between six to eight regions federation as canvassed by some groups causes a serious problem and may be difficult to achieve in a truly democratic circumstance and processes.

I understand that at a recent restructuring debate organised and published by a Media House, it clearly shows that the retention of the 36 states and 774 LGAs structure for the Nigerian federation was preferred by the vast majority of participants at the debate. This proposal is being recommended by BOBA to the 19 Northern states, but is open to discussion with other groups. Also recommended is the devolution of some powers of the federal government in the Exclusive List of the 1999 Constitution as amended, to the States/LGAs. A new Revenue Allocation Formula is also being recommended in favour of the States/LGAs to reflect this additional responsibility. Again, for the sake of justice and fairness, and political stability of the federal states, the possibility and necessity for a rotational presidency is also recommended for acceptance by the 19 Northern states and that the rotation will be among the existing six geopolitical zones and two (2) vice presidents, one each from the same zone as the president and to be provided for in the coming constitutional amendments. Also, rotation of the position of the governor among the three Senatorial Districts of every state be considered and provided for in the constitution. This would reduce further requests for creating more states and cries of

marginalisation.

As the local governments are the tier of government closest to the people, they must be provided for in our constitution as presently done. The 36 states are known by their members of LGAs. Also, electoral constituencies for States Houses of Assembly, House of Representatives and Senatorial districts are all determined by the number, size and population of LGAs. Therefore, LGAs must be given proper identity, independence and stability of their existence as statutory bodies. However, I believe that there should be a restricted supervisory role by the State Governor, this should be carefully discussed at appropriate levels and nationally agreed on. However, it is better to have a uniform Local Government Administration system, as now obtains. For LGAs to be effective, it must have full autonomy and uniform standards of operation. Any contemplation to scrap LGAs should be voided at all cost.

BOBA noted and is aware that, all federal systems in the world, in every country, it is the people who evolve the structure and institutions in their country to suit, or according to their different and peculiar ways. Therefore, every or all federal countries design their structures and institutions to suit their peculiar, historical, political, social and economic development needs and circumstances. So there is simply no one standard federal or type that fits all, and is universally applied or acceptable. USA, UK, France, Germany, India and all are known as democracies and are accepted as such - democratic countries despite the differences in their systems. Therefore, in Nigeria, it is time we reflect and put on our thinking cap and do what is good for all the people of Nigeria - our beloved country.

Nigeria, our rapidly and fast developing country of more than two hundred million (200,000,000) people, in spite of all our present difficulties and challenges, has a great future and also high position, respect and influence in the whole world. We enjoy the largest market in Africa and this is a great advantage if wisely managed. And as things are now, no ethnic group is better off outside Nigeria than inside Nigeria. And also in this uncertain world, there is safety in numbers, check with the Chinese and Indians. Therefore, let us all renew our resolve to keep Nigeria one and united for the sake of future generations of Nigerians and all black people of the world. I believe we of BOBA - BOBANS - YAN BAREWA should and other great and patriotic Nigerians should work to keep Nigeria one and united.

Concluded

An abridged version of a lecture delivered by General Gowon, Chairman, Board of Trustees of Barewa Old Boys Association on the occasion of the Centenary celebration of the college on March 21, 2021

# BUSINESS

**CBN EXCHANGE RATES**

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	379	514.22	464.57	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	379.5	514.90	465.07	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	380	515.58	465.69	58.73	101.29	0.71

**COMMODITIES PRICE (March 28, 2021)**

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$56.36
GOLD	\$1,848.88
SILVER	\$25.43
NATURAL GAS	\$2.70

**BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES**

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N460	N560	N620
SELLING	N470	N573	N630

By Faruk Shuaibu

**The Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) has said it will soon begin to access computers and electronic storages belonging to taxable individuals through its Automated Tax Administration Solution. According to an advertorial yesterday signed by the Executive Chairman of FIRS, Muhammad Nami, the agency said the new directive is in line with Section 25(4) of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Establishment Act 2007 as amended by**

## FIRS to access computers, PoS of taxable persons, firms

section 51 of Finance Act 2019.

The new action is expected to start by May 1, 2021 being 30 days from yesterday.

It also said the Service will connect at relevant point of sales (POS) or invoicing platforms of all taxable individuals and firms who are required to grant FIRS access to all computers, electronic devices or cloud computing facilities wherein records, data or information are stored or otherwise residing (Section 26, FIRS Act).

FIRS then urged persons of interest to grant FIRS access to such platforms and failure of which would attract penalties as prescribed in Section 26(3) of the FIRS Establishment Act.

When contacted for clarification, the Director, Communication and Liaison at FIRS, Abdullahi Ismaila Ahmad, asked our reporter to get back to him later.

*Daily Trust* did a check on the provisions of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Establishment Act 2007 as

amended by section 51 of Finance Act 2019 revealed that the finance act referred to is 2020 and not 2019.

However, the provision of section 26 (3) FIRS Act 2007 corroborates the amended section 25 of the Finance Act 2020 that provides the sanction for a defaulter. "A person who contravenes the provisions of this section is, in respect of each offence, liable on conviction to a fine equivalent to 100 per cent of the amount of the tax liability."

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

Amidst rising cost of electricity and complaints of the estimated billing system, the Federal Government has said it is targeting the installation of 36 million meters at least by the second quarter of this year.

*Daily Trust* assesses a recent tour of the Minister of State for Power, Engr. Goddy Jedy-Agba to the meter testing facility of the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency (NEMSA) in Enugu.

According to data on metering and electricity consumers obtained from the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) last Friday, there are 11,841,819 (11.8m) registered electricity consumers across the 11 Distribution Companies (DisCos) as of December 2020.

Out of this figure, 4,425,628 (4.4m) customers have gotten meters while 7,416,191 (7.4m) meters are still needed for the consumers.

However, the DisCos have said several millions of meters are needed to replace faulty and obsolete ones. A standard meter has a life span of 10 to 15 years before it can be replaced.

However, *Daily Trust* learnt that a lot of meters across the states are already in this moribund condition and would need to be replaced.

Corroborating this, NERC in an order NERC/246/202 issued on March 2, 2021, notes that "over seven million customers are currently unmetered as indicated by customer enumeration data. It is also estimated that an additional three million meters are currently obsolete and due for replacement."

To meet this demand for

## FG plans to install 36m meters as power users groan over tariff



meters, Jedy-Agba said it is expected that over 36m electricity meters would be installed across the country before the end of the second quarter of 2021.

In a statement from his office, the minister of state said this is to enable the federal government restore confidence and trust in the power sector as consumers of electricity would no longer be extorted through an estimated billing system that is disputed for not matching consumption.

Towards this drive, the Federal Ministry of Power also recently held the first workshop on metering in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) towards developing a model that will accelerate the meter installation process for all electricity consumers across the 11 DisCos.

Jedy-Agba had last week inspected the new NEMSA meter testing facility in Enugu where he said the level of work

and installation of state-of-the-art equipment will ensure the processing of durability and certified fit for use, all imported electricity meters.

According to him, the power sector reforms of the present administration have to deal with new methods of boosting electricity. He said that will translate to statistical economic growth and development of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), as the power grid has been at the highest level so far within the last one month.

Jedy-Agba also noted that the federal government directive that 36 million electricity consumers in Nigeria must be metered before the end of Q2 in 2021 is a strategic plan for the power sector.

Commenting, the Chief Electrical Officer of the Federation and Managing Director of NEMSA, Engr. Peter Ewesor, said the agency was ready to ensure that all imported electricity meters are tested at the point of entry

to certify its technical fitness before installation.

Ewesor said the agency is already conducting Type Test for the meter brands and Routine test for all the meter units already imported to ensure that meters being installed by DisCos are fit for customers to get value for electricity paid for.

It has testing centres in Lagos, Kaduna, Benin and working for more facilities in Bauchi and Kano to provide flexibility for the handling of meter testing.

Meanwhile, according to data obtained from the ministry, the Federal Government under the National Mass Metering Programme (NMMP) is ensuring that at least one million of the total meters being installed by the DisCos are given free to customers this year.

The programme kick-started in October 2020, with little breakthrough. However, ministry officials said there is remarkable progress as over 80 percent of meters have been supplied to the DisCos by meter manufacturers, enabled by a funding scheme from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The metering process is being accelerated to stem the tide of complaints, NERC said. The power sector regulator, on its website, said it had received submission of comments on the review of the Meter Asset Provider (MAP) Regulations which was extended until March 24.

The Commission said it was working to streamline the MAP Regulations created in 2018 and the NMMP of 2020 to accelerate a clear metering policy.

## Kano gets N800m Domino's Pizza, Cold Stone outlets

From Habibu Umar Aminu, Kano

Eat 'n Go Limited, the master franchise of Domino's Pizzas, Cold Stone Creamery and Pinkberry in Nigeria, has established an N800 million outlet in Kano in a bid to expand its businesses across the country.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony in Kano yesterday, the Group's Chief Executive Officer of the company, Patrick McMichael, said the company is poised to continue to bring international brands to Nigeria as well as maintain standardisation in its operations. He said the company has so far reached 12 states and a lot of research is put into its expansion projects which helped its operation, noting that it takes an average of N200m to establish an outlet in a state.

He said despite a global downturn last year, the company still carried out its N50m educational support to 1,200 children that got enrolled in schools, saying they will enhance that by doing more through the foundation that supports the return to school programme.

*Daily Trust* reports that the first two Domino's Pizza and Cold Stone stores in sub-Saharan Africa were opened in Lagos, Nigeria, in August and September 2012.

Domino's Pizza is a \$6 billion fast food giant and Cold Stone Creamery, a \$1.5bn rising company.

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

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## NEWS

## Tough time for travellers over high air fares

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

## ● Lagos - Abuja from N60,000

**A**t a time demands for air travel usually increase, travellers have faced constraints over spike in air fares amidst paucity of flights in the domestic travel market.

*Daily Trust* can report that air fares have gone astronomically high in the last 48 hours even as there are no available flights for anyone who wants to travel today (Thursday) especially on the busiest Lagos-Abuja routes.

Checks show that most flights have been fully booked on various routes like Lagos-Abuja; Lagos-Port Harcourt; Lagos-Enugu, Lagos-Kano, among others.

For those who booked over the weekend, they succeeded in securing some seats after many tries even at an exorbitant price.

From last week, it was gathered that prices of tickets have gone up due to the volume of online bookings ahead of the Easter festivity.

For instance, as at last week, Lagos-Abuja flight which

used to be less than N30,000 has gone up to between N54,000 and N60,000. The route is the busiest in the domestic travel market.

*Daily Trust* reports that other hinterlands that are not as busy as Lagos-Abuja or Abuja-Kano are even more expensive.

As at the time of filing this report, Aero Contractors' Lagos-Abuja flight for Thursday had a seat left charging N90,312 per passenger.

The private terminal of the Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA2) in Lagos yesterday was bubbling passengers, one of them, Mr Ikechukwu Isaac said he booked ahead of time but still paid over N50,000 for Lagos-Abuja flight.

He said, "I think this is as a result of the festive season and I also observed that there are few flights available."

A travel expert, Mr Olumide Ohunayo, said, "Make no mistake, there are high seasons in transportation and this

is applicable to all means of transportation. During this period, the capacity that is always available during the normal season becomes constrained."

A spokesperson with Dana Air, Kingsley Ezenwa said the rush is expected due to the festivity, and that more flights have been deployed especially on Lagos and Abuja routes.

Air Peace announced similar action on Tuesday, but the temporary suspension of Azman Air on some routes worsened the situation.

However, Azman on its Twitter handle yesterday posted its expectation from the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).

"As we get to the final stages of resolving our findings with NCAA, Azman Air will not rest on its past laurels but will continue to invest quality effort to improving its Safety Processes thereby setting a standard in Nigeria Aviation. Expect Good News."

## FMN adding value with backward integration – GMD

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Flour Mills of Nigeria (FMN) said it is adding value to the Nigerian wheat industry through backward integration.

The company presented its maiden Facts behind the Sustainability Report at the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) via a webinar recently, in line with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

The report titled, 'Feeding the Nation and Enriching lives through Sustainable Operations,' detailed the company's progress in each of its focus areas such as commitment to adding value to society through various programmes and initiatives within its operations and operating areas nationwide.

The Group Managing Director/CEO of FMN, Omoboyede Olusanya said: "FMN had over the years optimized the use of natural resources in its production process. Already, an increasing amount of our essential raw materials are sourced locally, by partnering with farmers in our rural communities. We are continually working with smallholder

farmers, and farmer groups in the areas of seeds development, capacity development and knowledge transfer.

As a result of this, Olusanya said FMN has invested more than N150 billion in the past 10 years to execute the core business strategy of aiding the agricultural sector.

The company showed commitment to managing significant economic impacts by going into partnership with the Wheat Farmers Association of Nigeria (WFAN).

Through this synergy, it joined others in the industry to off-take locally produced wheat in the country and provide agronomy support to the wheat farmers.

The Group Chief Executive Officer of NSE, Mr Oscar Onyema at the presentation said: "The GRI Sustainability Reporting can serve as a learning process for an organization to better understand and manage its impacts on the people and planet while also managing risk, leveraging new opportunities and identifying key actions for contributing towards creating a sustainable future."

## Nestle, others to support 5,000 grain farmers

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Nestlé Plc said it plans to launch the Grain Value Chains project that will support 5,000 grain farmers in the value chain for sourcing of maize, soybeans, millet and sorghums for the company's operations in Nigeria.

According to a statement, the company said the seven-month project is a partnership

with IDH Nigeria, the Sustainable Trade Initiative, and TechnoServe, an international non-profit organization.

Nestlé said it will help the 5,000 smallholder farmers to earn better livelihoods and increase the sales of the six aggregator Small and Medium scale Enterprises (SMEs) by at least 10 per cent.

Nestlé Nigeria Managing Director

and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Wassim Elhusseini, said the project will help 5,000 families apply more sustainable farming practices to improve their household income while protecting the environment for the generations to come.

IDH Nigeria Country Director, Cyril Ugwu described the partnership as crucial as it not only contributes to improved local sourcing

of commodities by a reputable brand as Nestlé, it also contributes to food security and the economic wellbeing of a teeming number of farmers in the region.

TechnoServe's Deputy Country Director and Director of Programmes in Nigeria, Ayokanmi Ayuba affirmed that building more inclusive supply chains is a win-win for farmers and the private sector.

## CAP posts N8.7bn revenue

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Chemical and Allied Products Plc (CAP), a paints and decorative producer posted N8.7 billion as revenue for the 2020 financial year.

This is according to its audited results with revenue increasing by 3.6 percent from N8.4bn in 2019.

It said the growth was chiefly driven by strong volume growth despite the disruptions in April, May and October (lockdown and EndSARS).

However, it said the gross profit was affected by currency devaluation and supply chain disruptions from COVID-19 which led to a 5.8% decline but the gross margins remained strong at 42.8% while finance income was impacted by low interest rate environment.

The company's Profit Before Tax (PBT) and total profit declined by 29.1% and 29.8% respectively on account of the combined effects of lost sales during lockdown, devaluation and supply chain disruptions.

The management will then propose a dividend recommendation of 210 kobo per share, at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Commenting on the performance, the Managing Director, David Wright said: "We are encouraged by the growth in revenue.

"We announced the proposed merger between CAP and Portland Paints and Products Nigeria Plc in the fourth quarter of 2020. We have made significant progress and expect to conclude the merger in the second quarter of 2021, subject to receiving final regulatory approvals."

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Signed

**Mrs. Gloria Jeremiah Peter**  
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## NEWS

# BUA Cement records N209bn revenue, N72bn profit

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

**B**UA Cement said it has recorded N209.4 billion revenue for the 2020 financial year while its profit after tax rose by 19.4 percent, from N60.6bn in 2019 to N72.3bn.

According to its full year audited financial result seen yesterday, the company recorded a 19.3% revenue increase from N175.5bn in 2019 while its return on equity rose by 1.5%

points to 19.6% from 18% in 2019.

The Managing Director/CEO of BUA Cement, Yusuf Binji, highlighted the preparedness and positive impact of the activation of the company's Business Continuity Plan had on performance.

He added that it was even more noteworthy that significant milestones were attained despite the harsh economic conditions brought

about by the pandemic.

"Our performance for the year 2020 witnessed a 13.3% rise in cement dispatched to 5.1 million metric tonnes, which resulted in a 19.3% rise in revenues to N209.4bn; along with an 18% rise in EBITDA to N96.8bn from N82bn as at FY2019."

He also said the firm aspires to become the leading cement manufacturer with significant eco-friendly footprints.

"We are delighted

to have achieved a significant number of these set targets

including construction of the Kalamaina line-3,

where we remain on the course to commission the plant in 2021".

## Why FG installed 7 new transformers in Osun – Mamman

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Minister of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman has appealed to residents of Ipetu Ijesa Kingdom in Osun State, to protect the seven newly commissioned transformers from being vandalised while ensuring they do not bypass their electricity meters.

Engr. Mamman made the appeal when he received Oba Samson Adeleke Agunbiade Oke of Ipetu-Ijesa Kingdom in his office at the Power House in Abuja.

According to a statement by the ministry's Deputy Director Press and Public Relations Unit, Mr Austin Asoluka, the minister urged the monarch to educate his subjects on the effective maintenance of the transformers while issuing the warning.

The ministry had recently engaged Messrs Odiagtech Engineering Services Limited to install and commission six units of 500KVA distribution transformers and one 200KVA transformer.

There was also the rehabilitation and clearing of vegetation of the 50km Ijesa 33 kilovolts (kV) power feeder line, the upgrade of two power lines with 800 ampere feeder pillars in the area.

Responding, Oba Oke said he was in Abuja to express the gratitude of his subject to the minister for the recent provision of the seven transformers by the federal government which have boosted electricity supply in Ijesa.

Meanwhile, the ministry said Mr Williams Alo has assumed duty as the Permanent Secretary.

Mr Alo, who addressed the management officials of the ministry, assured that he will operate an open-door policy that would move the ministry to a greater height.

He also charged the officials on accountability, saying he has zero tolerance for corruption and indolence.

The erstwhile scribe of the ministry, Mr Christian Chinyeaka Ohaa retired in February, creating a vacuum at the ministry.

## NITT begins research on bio-fuel, electric vehicles

By Chris Agabi

The Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) Zaria, Kaduna State, said it has launched a research into alternative fuels like biofuel and hydrogen fuel.

The Director-General of NITT, Dr. Bayero Salih-Farah, disclosed this at a facility tour of projects at the institute to mark his one year in office.

He also said NITT has recorded success in converting tricycle (keke) into a hybrid version that works both on electricity and diesel.

Salih-Farah said: "We hope to launch it as soon as work is completed on it."

He said a team of engineers has been deployed to work on a model of electric vehicle it has designed along with key automobile industry players.

"We acquired 84

hectares of land from the Kaduna State Government to establish the Institute's Jatropha farm for biofuel production and secured another 40 hectares of land from Sabin Gari LGA in Zaria towards building the Institute's Drivers Development and Training Centre."

The newly completed infrastructure includes the e-library, transport data bank centre, blocks of classrooms and offices, a medical facility, welding and fabrication laboratories, automobile painting and spraying, driving school, guest house, and hostels.

The NITT head said he was keen on upgrading and repositioning the institute to become a focal centre in West Africa.

To boost capacity, the institute head said 16 of the staff have been sponsored to study in various areas of transport and logistics.



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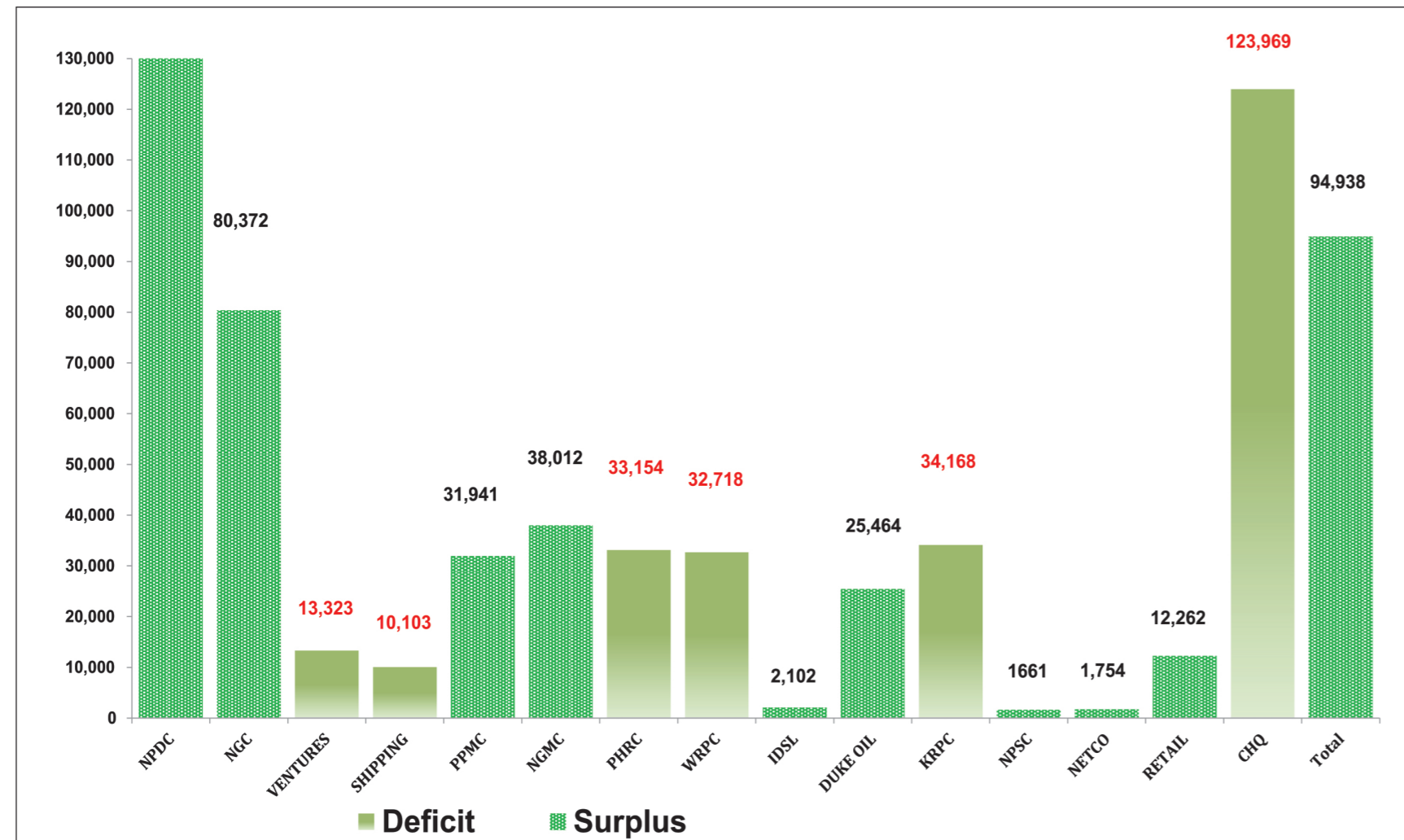


## NNPC Group Financial Performance by Entity

SBU/CSU	MONTHLY BUDGET (=N= MILLION)			PTD (=N= MILLION)			2020 BUDGET			2020 ACTUAL					
	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/ (Deficit)	NOVEMBER, 2020			DECEMBER, 2020			Revenue	Expense	Surplus/ (Deficit)			
				Revenue	Expense	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/ (Deficit)						
NPDC	187,866	96,814	91,052	70,271	62,751	7,519	103,404	79,322	24,082	2,254,390	1,161,768	1,092,622	879,185	730,380	148,805
IDSL	3,455	2,310	1,145	2,835	1,221	1,614	472	2,857	-2,385	41,466	27,725	13,741	18,778	16,676	2,102
NETCO	3,434	2,995	440	1,435	922	513	1,409	1,079	330	41,213	35,934	5,279	18,426	16,672	1,754
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>194,756</b>	<b>102,119</b>	<b>92,637</b>	<b>74,541</b>	<b>64,895</b>	<b>9,646</b>	<b>105,285</b>	<b>83,258</b>	<b>22,027</b>	<b>2,337,069</b>	<b>1,225,428</b>	<b>1,111,641</b>	<b>916,388</b>	<b>763,727</b>	<b>152,661</b>
NGC	11,016	1,947	9,070	10,583	1,470	9,113	11,755	6,114	5,642	132,197	23,361	108,836	108,367	27,994	80,372
NGMC	21,919	16,166	5,753	19,428	16,584	2,844	21,199	14,341	6,858	263,025	193,992	69,033	214,203	176,192	38,012
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>32,935</b>	<b>18,113</b>	<b>14,822</b>	<b>30,011</b>	<b>18,054</b>	<b>11,957</b>	<b>32,954</b>	<b>20,455</b>	<b>12,499</b>	<b>395,222</b>	<b>217,353</b>	<b>177,869</b>	<b>322,570</b>	<b>204,186</b>	<b>118,384</b>
KRPC	9	2,008	-1,999	419	1,887	-1,468	115	2,187	-2,073	110	24,094	-23,984	7,708	41,876	-34,168
PHRC	13	2,515	-2,503	8	2,102	-2,094	33	1,663	-1,630	150	30,181	-30,031	105	33,259	-33,154
WRPC	77	1,628	-1,551	38	2,472	-2,433	32	4,609	-4,577	926	19,540	-18,614	401	33,119	-32,718
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>6,151</b>	<b>-6,052</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>-5,995</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>8,460</b>	<b>-8,280</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>73,815</b>	<b>-72,629</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>108,254</b>	<b>-100,040</b>
RETAIL	29,064	27,709	1,355	22,146	20,708	1,438	22,145	22,040	105	348,770	332,508	16,262	192,405	180,143	12,262
PPMC	279,313	275,120	4,193	222,860	221,817	1,043	286,309	284,300	2,009	3,351,752	3,301,434	50,318	1,846,733	1,814,792	31,941
NPSC	5,559	5,596	-37	3,530	3,422	108	3,692	2,203	1,489	66,704	67,152	-448	52,831	51,170	1,661
SHIPPING	10,165	9,858	307	10,750	11,257	-507	12,384	11,913	471	121,984	118,297	3,687	132,750	142,854	-10,103
DUKE OIL	73,094	72,467	627	58,712	54,001	4,711	80,184	77,389	2,795	877,134	869,609	7,525	1,135,234	1,109,770	25,464
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>397,195</b>	<b>390,750</b>	<b>6,445</b>	<b>317,998</b>	<b>311,205</b>	<b>6,793</b>	<b>404,713</b>	<b>397,845</b>	<b>6,869</b>	<b>4,766,343</b>	<b>4,689,000</b>	<b>77,343</b>	<b>3,359,952</b>	<b>3,298,728</b>	<b>61,224</b>
CHQ	823	19,713	-18,890	68	7,065	-6,996	3,478	9,840	-6,362	9,878	236,557	-226,679	4,120	128,089	-123,969
VENTURES	587	3,073	-2,486	0	1,974	-1,974	43	2,610	-2,566	7,041	36,878	-29,837	486	13,810	-13,323
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>22,786</b>	<b>-21,376</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>-8,970</b>	<b>3,521</b>	<b>12,450</b>	<b>-8,929</b>	<b>16,919</b>	<b>273,435</b>	<b>-256,517</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>141,898</b>	<b>-137,292</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>626,395</b>	<b>539,919</b>	<b>86,476</b>	<b>423,083</b>	<b>409,653</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>546,654</b>	<b>522,467</b>	<b>24,187</b>	<b>7,516,739</b>	<b>6,479,031</b>	<b>1,037,709</b>	<b>4,611,731</b>	<b>4,516,793</b>	<b>94,938</b>

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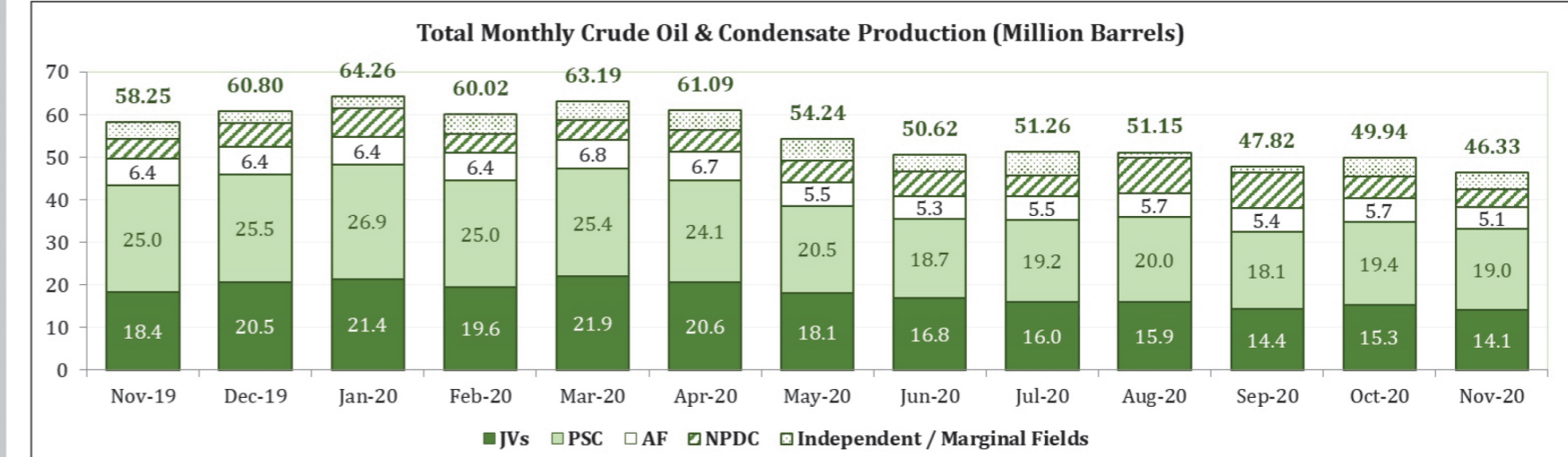
# NNPC MONTHLY OIL & GAS REPORT: DECEMBER, 2020



## National Crude Oil & Condensate Production (Fiscalised) by Business Arrangement

Month	JVs	PSC	AF	NPDC	Independent / Marginal Fields	Total	Average Daily Production
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
Nov-19	18,402,011	24,970,450	6,387,164	4,638,276	3,851,588	58,249,489	1,941,650
Dec-19	20,501,440	25,507,750	6,420,300	5,509,484	2,863,809	60,802,783	1,961,380
Jan-20	21,407,353	26,943,371	6,388,285	6,827,648	2,693,737	64,260,394	2,072,916
Feb-20	19,563,126	24,994,553	6,445,960	4,512,437	4,504,573	60,020,649	2,069,678
Mar-20	21,901,436	25,404,808	6,765,485	4,594,710	4,523,944	63,190,383	2,038,399
Apr-20	20,575,026	24,091,959	6,681,456	4,957,641	4,780,105	61,086,187	2,036,206
May-20	18,106,980	20,513,448	5,526,253	5,093,266	5,003,806	54,243,753	1,749,798
Jun-20	16,805,111	18,688,133	5,336,469	5,728,836	4,063,552	50,622,101	1,687,403
Jul-20	16,020,162	19,207,680	5,536,653	4,914,838	5,576,863	51,256,196	1,653,426
Aug-20	15,891,021	19,994,146	5,733,972	8,231,966	1,295,659	51,146,764	1,649,896
Sep-20	14,378,542	18,140,639	5,418,210	8,546,145	1,336,629	47,820,165	1,594,006
Oct-20	15,348,392	19,362,368	5,701,588	4,960,669	4,571,663	49,944,680	1,611,119
Nov-20	14,084,195	19,035,963	5,099,414	4,305,987	3,803,015	46,328,574	1,544,286
<b>PTD</b>	<b>232,984,795</b>	<b>286,855,267</b>	<b>77,441,209</b>	<b>72,821,904</b>	<b>48,868,943</b>	<b>718,972,118</b>	<b>1,815,586</b>

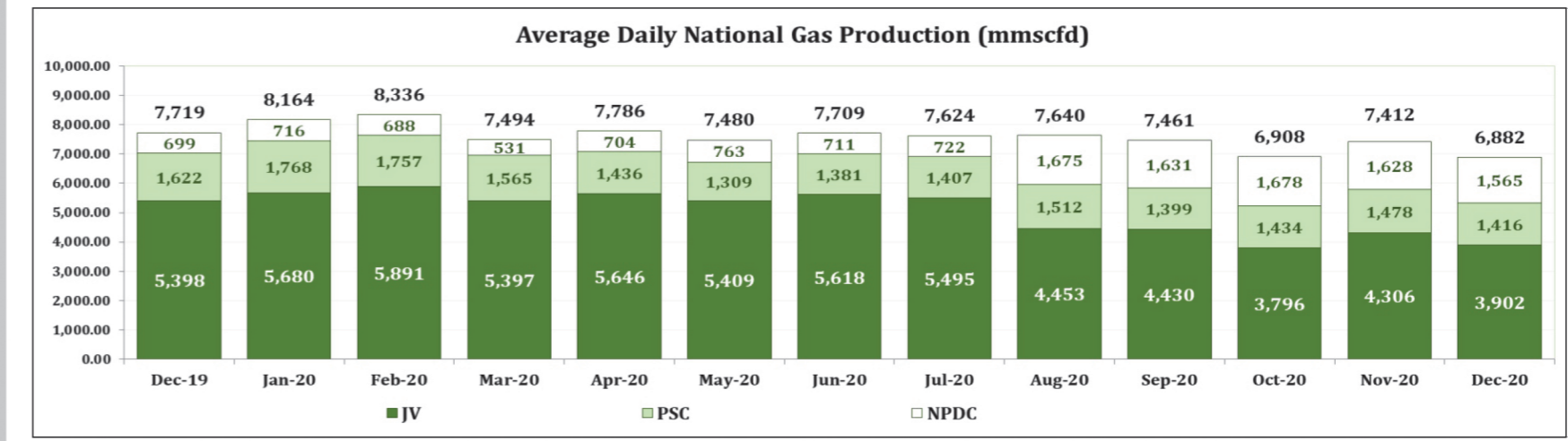
Note: November '20 Crude Production comprises Crude only of 36,748,157 barrels (1.22 mbd), Pure Condensate of 7,026,451 barrels & Spiked Condensate of 2,553,966 barrels.



FISCAL ARRANGEMENT

PRODUCTION

PERIOD	National Gas Production			TOTAL
	JV	PSC	NPDC	
Dec-19	5,397.90	1,621.80	699.29	7,718.99
Jan-20	5,680.18	1,768.26	715.79	8,164.23
Feb-20	5,890.92	1,756.60	688.40	8,335.92
Mar-20	5,397.33	1,564.98	531.34	7,493.65
Apr-20	5,645.78	1,436.08	704.31	7,786.17
May-20	5,408.88	1,308.79	762.70	7,480.36
Jun-20	5,617.82	1,380.62	710.94	7,709.38
Jul-20	5,495.21	1,406.78	721.99	7,623.98
Aug-20	4,452.90	1,511.63	1,675.46	7,639.99
Sep-20	4,430.20	1,399.11	1,631.49	7,460.80
Oct-20	3,796.28	1,434.45	1,677.61	6,908.34
Nov-20	4,305.54	1,477.98	1,628.00	7,411.52
Dec-20	3,901.57	1,415.65	1,564.61	6,881.83
<b>Average</b>	<b>5,032.35</b>	<b>1,498.67</b>	<b>1,054.76</b>	<b>7,585.78</b>



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## DAILY TRUST COMMODITY INDEX

Commodity	Kano (Dawanau mkt)	Bakori Mkt, Katsina	Dutse (Abuja)	Idah, Kaduna	Wadata market Markurdi, Benue
Maize (100kg)	N21,000	N20,000	N24,000	N22,500	100kg of Maize - N23,500
Beans (100kg)	N42,000	N42,000	N42,000	N41,500	100kg of small Beans - N32,000
Sorghum (100kg)	N21,500	N22,000	N23,000	N22,500	100kg of Soghurm - N27,500
Rice (100kg)	N48,500	N46,000	N50,000	N46,500	100kg of Local rice - N50,000
Millet (100kg)	N21,500	N22,000	N23,500	N22,500	100kg of Millet - N28,000
Wheat (100kg)	N28,000	—	—	—	—
Tomatoes (B/basket)	N2,000	N2,000	N3500	N3000	Big Basket of tomatoes - N3,500

## Quote

"There are many cow diseases that can cause discomfort for human beings and many are being slaughtered in different parts of the country without verification on their health status."

**-Alhaji Mohammed Atiku, a herdsman and former Speaker, Kaima Local Government Legislative Council in Kwara State.**

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# As rabbit demand increases, farmer explains how youths can key in

By Vincent A. Yusuf

Rabbit farming is not common in Nigeria but the demand for rabbit meat is growing in the country - same as it is in Europe and Asia.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), an estimated 1.2 billion rabbits are slaughtered annually for meat. The South African National Agricultural Marketing Council, in June 2020, revealed that 1.48 million tons of rabbit meat were produced in 2017.

China was the leading producer, accounting for 62.9% of the global production, followed by North Korea (10.4%), Spain (3.9%) and Egypt (3.8%), among others.

"By the end of 2019, Hungary, China, France and Spain were the major contributors to the global trade balance of rabbit meat by value. Germany, Belgium and Italy are the leading importers commanding 21%, 19.2% and 9.3% share of global imports, respectively," according to statistics.

Here in Nigeria, a farm, Wise Trust Int'l Ltd, is changing the narrative amidst huge and rising demand for rabbit meat and breeding stock in the country.

Driven by a passion for white meat, the farmer, Pastor Tayo Ayinla, said his first motivation for the rabbit business was basically the health benefit because people of his age medically have to cut down on consumption of red meat and move towards white meat, adding that the motivation further led to the discovery of its economic benefits.

The pastor has, perhaps, the biggest rabbit farm in the Federal Capital Territory. He has 17 different species of rabbits on the farm, which he started just a year ago in Karshi, in Abuja Municipal Area Council.

He raises them in cages, locally constructed hutches and in free-range.

This reporter, who was in Karshi, visited the farm where the pastor shared his knowledge of rabbit farming so that others can key into it. He also has



■ Pastor Tayo Ayinla



■ Some of the free-range rabbitry in the farm

rabbits on another farm in Kwara State.

### How rabbits multiply

He said if a farmer has about 60 to 70 doe (the female rabbit is called a doe and the male buck) with an average of five births per rabbit, he will have a very good number per year. "For instance, on this farm, we have seen a doe give birth to 10, 11 rabbits but I want to be more conservative. So let's say five rabbits as an average; then one rabbit can give a farmer between 25 to 30 rabbits in a year because with good management they can reproduce four to six times a year.

"So if he gets five in a year that's 25, multiplied by the 60 that we are talking about that

is 1,600 rabbits in a year. Of course, you can even get more than that."

### Demand for rabbit meat

The demand for rabbit meat is growing and according to Pastor Ayinla, at no time has the demand been fully met.

He told this reporter that he had received an order for 10 tons of rabbit meat from the Southwest but "It is very difficult to get even one ton," he said.

"At times, you have a person requesting 2,500 rabbits for breeding but hardly will he get up to 500. There was a time we got a request for 2,500 rabbits for breeding stock in the whole of the North (the client organisation has a Northern

representative in Abuja here), but in the whole of the North, we only supplied a little above 200 out of the order placed for 2,500.

"So rabbitry is an upcoming ATM money dispenser. Very soon it is going to be a money dispensing business," he said.

### The rabbit value chain

The farmer explained the rabbit value chain thus: "Most of us don't know the benefits we have in rabbit rearing. Number one, there's a lot of value in rabbit farming. As a farmer you can make money from selling the rabbits breeding stock to another farmer; you can sell rabbit meat to those that want it; You can also get income through the sale of their poo or from the conversion of their poo into gas for cooking, or generation of electricity and what is left of that process can be used as fertiliser.

"Most people use the rabbit wastes directly as fertiliser but that is not as effective as when you passed the poo through some processes. Also, the urine can be used as a pesticide in the production of vegetables."

### Cost of starting a rabbit farm

With just N25,000 to N30,000 a farmer can start rabbit farming. The good thing is that anybody can do it; an old person can do it because the management is very easy. You don't need a particular place to do rabbit farming because they're neat animals, they don't smell. You can actually do it in your house even for a person with a two-bedroom flat. For instance, you can convert one of the rooms. They don't smell.

The farmers can always come and buy from us; we will assist them to set up their farms. And like I just said, in our own little way, we started about a year ago.

### Rabbit feeds

The good thing about rabbits is that their feeding is not demanding; they eat just about anything. For instance, the way we handle ours here, we usually go to people selling cabbage and collect the outer cover of the cabbage; it's good for them. Also at the watermelon sellers, people usually eat the red part

only and throw away the cover. The cover is medicinal for them. Also, we go to the market where they sell carrots to pick the leaves.

Virtually what rabbits eat is almost free, and it becomes much easier when the rain starts then we can get plenty of fresh leaves for them.

### A word for the youths

"My advice to the youth is that they should understand that the government can't meet all our needs. The reason we are having some of the problems is that so many people want government jobs and if you now look at government budget, a situation whereby 70 to 80 per cent of government income is used for recurrent expenditure, we can't expect any magic from the government.

"First and foremost, you need to look inward: what can I do for myself. Until you're able to do something for yourself you can't do anything for the country. You should also understand that there are a lot of opportunities as far as this country is concerned.

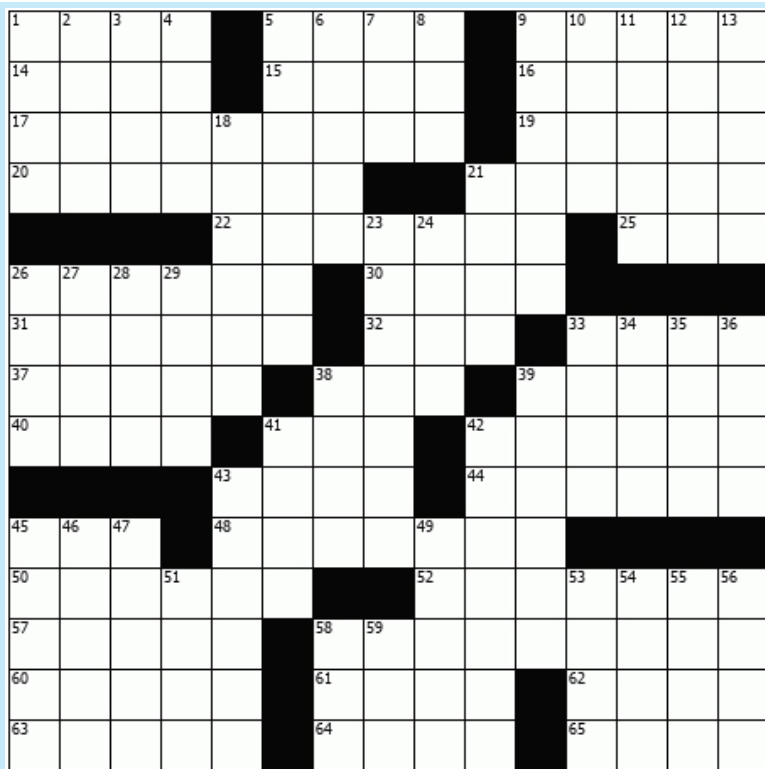
"Some people will tell you that they want to do so and so but there's no market so the question is: how can you be in a country with over 200 million people and you're saying there's no market? It is either you don't understand how to market what you're doing or you don't understand how to do business.

"Like in rabbit, if you see how our rabbits are, the business will attract you, they're looking so robust. So people say I have never seen a rabbit as big as this. It's the way we have been able to manage them in terms of what we feed them and the environment that we have created for them. So people should begin to look inwards."



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EASY CROSSWORD >>

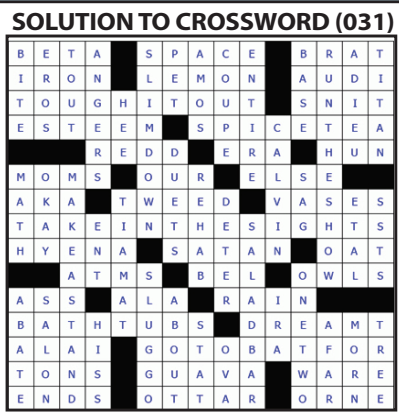


Across

- 1. Old VHS rival
- 5. "The final frontier"
- 10. Unruly child
- 14. Certain golf club
- 15. Clunker
- 16. Autobahn cruiser
- 17. STOMACH
- 19. Fit of bad temper
- 20. Regard highly
- 21. Medicinal brew
- 23. Funny Foxx
- 25. Time of note
- 26. Follower of Attila
- 27. Suburban chauffeurs
- 30. Lord's Prayer opener
- 32. "When all \_\_\_ fails, read the directions"
- 34. Alias indicator
- 35. Woolen fabric
- 37. Bouquet receivers?
- 40. EYE
- 43. Cowardly carnivore
- 44. Chief of the fallen angels
- 45. Feedbag morsel
- 46. They're good for a quick buck
- 48. \_\_\_ Paese cheese
- 49. A type of clover
- 50. Sure-footed animal
- 52. What's put before the carte?
- 54. Type of check
- 56. Thirties gin mixers?
- 59. Had aspirations
- 63. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
- 64. BACK
- 66. Large amounts
- 67. Globular yellow fruit
- 68. Hard or soft add-on
- 69. Outer limits
- 70. Rose oil variation
- 71. "Deeplaven" author Sarah \_\_\_ Jewett
- 7. "Famous" cookie maker
- 8. Detroit body style
- 9. Intact
- 10. Kind of metal
- 11. HEAD
- 12. It's usually bid
- 13. Largest moon of Saturn
- 18. Half a laugh
- 22. Hobbes' partner
- 24. Twosomes
- 27. Calculating course
- 28. Not exactly a world-beater
- 29. FACE
- 31. Post-op regimen
- 33. Sink in the middle
- 35. Semitic deity
- 36. Dissuade
- 38. Inclusive abbr.
- 39. Grounded commercial fleet
- 41. Tolkien tree being
- 42. Buffet staple
- 47. Nancy's buddy
- 49. "\_\_\_, buckle my shoe..."
- 50. Wane
- 51. Art gallery
- 53. Up's partner
- 55. Part of a portfolio
- 57. Greet the villain
- 58. OR command
- 60. From where some worship
- 61. Forenoon
- 62. Leaves home?
- 65. Reproductive cells

Down

- 1. Take the bait
- 2. Greek god of love
- 3. Make much of
- 4. Gets in one's hair
- 5. One way to tighten one's belt
- 6. Stroke gently



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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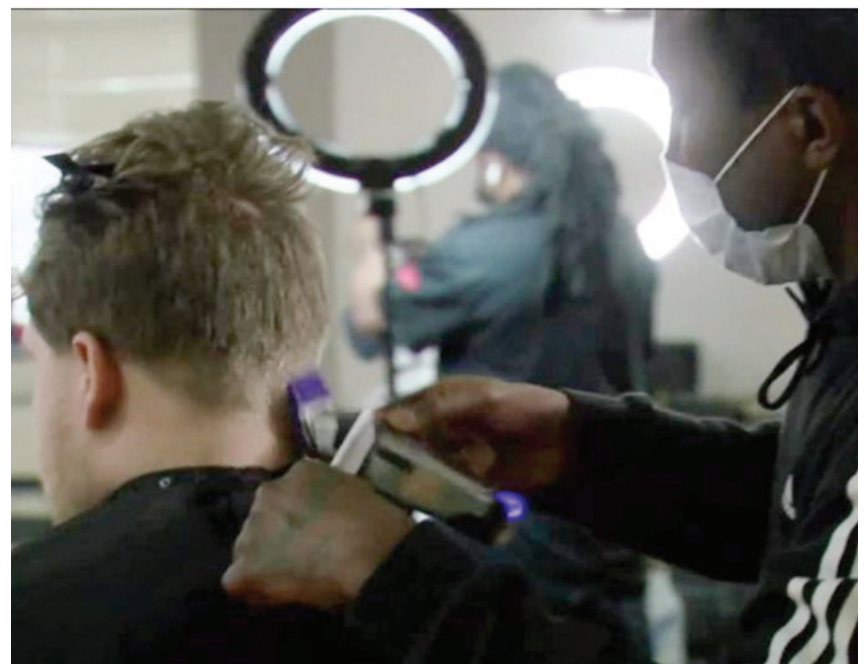
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SNAPSHOT >>

Barbershop offering trims, COVID-19 vaccinations



A barbershop in Wisconsin, US, is offering its customers something more than just a regular trim - it's hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Gee's Clippers in Milwaukee held its first vaccine clinic Saturday, and more vaccines are planned to be administered on the next three Saturdays. Gaulien "Gee" Smith, the shop's owner, teamed up with Hayat Pharmacy to make vaccinations available to his customers. "Come right to Gee's Clippers, get a haircut and get a vaccine," Smith told WDJT-TV. "A lot of clients have a better relationship with their barber than they do their physician. So what better place to have a vaccine administered than a barbershop?" Dimmy Sokhal, a pharmacist with Hayat Pharmacy, said the barbershop is an ideal location for a vaccination clinic. "People are familiar with the area. They have a beautiful room in the back for the wellness checks and everything, so we thought it would be great to have a clinic out here," he said. Customer Ryan Wroten said he only came to Gee's for a trim on Saturday, but he left having received his first dose of the vaccine. "I just decided to do it today," Wroten told WTMJ-TV. Smith said he is hoping his efforts will also help build confidence in the vaccine in the community. "I can understand why individuals feel a way about getting the vaccine for various reasons: from back in the days when vaccines came out when they used African Americans as guinea pigs and things of that nature, or even some talk about how quick the vaccine came out," he said.

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
BUSINESS RESILIENCE ASSISTANCE FOR VALUE-ADDED  
ENTERPRISES (BRAVE) WOMEN NIGERIA PROJECT**

**Background**

Women Entrepreneurship Finance Initiative (We-Fi) is a multi-donor fund consisting of the G20 countries (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") currently being administered by the World Bank under the Business Resilience Assistance for Value-Added Enterprises (BRAVE) Women Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") designated Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDBG) as one of the Implementing Partners (IPs) to support in the implementation of projects approved by the Fund. The BRAVE Women Program is a 5-year multi-donor fund implemented in Yemen, Nigeria and Burkina Faso.

On 1st April 2020, the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDBG) signed the Framework Agreement with the Federal Republic of Nigeria (represented by Federal Ministry of Finance) regarding the support in the implementation of the BRAVE Women Nigeria Program. In 2019, prior to signing the agreement, IsDBG officially appointed Bank of Industry (BoI) as the Local Execution Agency (LEA) of the, BRAVE Women Nigeria Project to be implemented in Edo, Kano and Gombe States.

BRAVE Women Nigeria Project focuses on developing and increasing the economic opportunities for female entrepreneurs through skills training aimed at business viability (i.e. profitability) in targeted country-specific value chains. It will enhance the bankability, entrepreneurial and market development skills of female owned/led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that are critical to sustainable local growth and job creation. Furthermore, it will promote pro-poor growth by targeting the value chain in the market segments and sectors where the majority of the poor earn their living, and tackle gender disparities in economic opportunities by targeting women entrepreneurs.

**Consultancies**

In order to effectively implement activities of the project, particularly around the components on Capacity Building and the Set-Up of a Project Management Unit (PMU) and Business Resilience Capacity Building, the Project is seeking to procure consultancy services for the following:

s/n	Consultancies	URL
1.	Provision of Mobile/Field Officers Services on the BRAVE Women Nigeria Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/3foESSw">https://bit.ly/3foESSw</a>
2.	Consultancy to Develop a Business Continuity Management Curriculum and Conduct a Training of Trainers on the BRAVE Women Nigeria Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/3df2beM">https://bit.ly/3df2beM</a>
3.	Consultancy to Provide Business Development Support on the BRAVE Women Nigeria Program.	<a href="https://bit.ly/3ryr8Xu">https://bit.ly/3ryr8Xu</a>

All consultants will work under the overall direction of the Project Manager and provide technical assistance to ensure that the BRAVE Women Nigeria Project's mission, goals and operations are achieved on time, on budget and within scope.

**Method of Application**

Interested and qualified candidates can apply as follows:

1. Visit the online locations provided above for the full details on the consultancies
2. Submit three (3) hardcopies and an electronic copy in a sealed envelope to the following address:

**Project Manager  
BRAVE Women Nigeria Program  
BOI House  
Central Business District  
Abuja**

Email: [oagbiti-douglas@boi.ng](mailto:oagbiti-douglas@boi.ng), [projectbrave@boi.ng](mailto:projectbrave@boi.ng)  
Phone Number- 01-2715070-1 (ext 1082)

**Closing Date**

Applications close two (2) weeks after initial publication date, that is, Tuesday, 13 April 2021.



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**NOTICE OF 39TH ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Association will hold on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10:00am at NAF Conference Centre and Suites, Plot 496, Ahmadu Bello Way, Kado, Abuja, FCT.

**A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AGENDA**

1. Procession **10:00am**
2. To adopt the Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting.
3. To receive the Report of the Council and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2020.
4. To be informed of the Council Members for the 2021.
5. To authorize the Council to appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
6. To ratify the change of the designation of the Registrar/Chief Executive to Chief Executive Officer.
7. Other General Business.
8. Closing of AGM.

**B. INVESTITURE OF NEW PRESIDENT 2:00pm.**

**By order of Council**

*Signed:*  
**Chief Executive Officer**



# EDUCATION

## Concerns over upgrading of tertiary institutions to universities

By Chidimma C. Okeke

**T**he National Universities Commission (NUC) recently approved the upgrading of three higher institutions in Delta State to universities due to high demand for degree programmes.

One of the upgraded institutions, the College of Health Education, Agbor, is now the University of Delta, Agbor.

Governor Ifeanyi Okowa said the state assembly passed an executive bill to upgrade the institutions to full-fledged universities.

He said the decision was as a result of high demand for degree programmes in the state and low subscription to Polytechnics as well as the failure of the existing universities to admit the number of secondary school graduates seeking admission.

Delta is not the only state that has upgraded existing institutions into universities, a few other states in the country have done so; converting polytechnic or colleges of education to universities.

A few years back, the federal government also issued a letter of recognition to the government of Ogun State to upgrade Moshood Abiola Polytechnic to Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta.

Experts say this trend of upgrading polytechnics and colleges of education into universities is becoming worrisome considering the function the two cadres play in producing middle-level manpower.

Polytechnic education provides technical and vocational education and training, technology transfer and skills development to enhance the socio-economic development of the country while Colleges of Education are tasked in the area of producing professionally trained teachers for vocational and technical secondary schools to meet the nation's requirements for technological take-off as provided in the National Policy on Education.

However, according to educationists, the upgrading of these institutions into universities is not unrelated to low patronage by students.

This, according to them, spells doom for the country in terms of producing skilled manpower.

A polytechnic graduate, Philomina Emmanuel, said what is happening is unfortunate because no one can say any tertiary institution is less important than the other.

"I graduated from a polytechnic before going to the university via direct entry. I stood out because I have the practical knowledge of my course and feel more experienced whenever we have assignments to carry out," she said.

She however said considering the way polytechnic graduates are treated, she was not surprised that people now prefer universities, "after all, who will like to be relegated to the background after suffering in a difficult education system in Nigeria."

For the President of Higher National Diploma Holders Association of Nigeria,



■ Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu

Sebastian Onyemaobi, "Nigeria as a country, we don't focus. The philosophy of polytechnics is to produce practical oriented graduates who will go to the workplace and hit the ground running, but we have a country that doesn't appreciate that philosophy."

He said China in 2018 converted over 600 universities to polytechnics and that is why most of the engineers from China are polytechnic graduates - that is where they train manpower for workplace expertise.

Onyemaobi said because of the issue of contest, class and certificate-based approach, most people feel going to the university is the best.

"I attended polytechnic. When I went for NYSC we were about 12 posted to a particular place. I was the only one that wrote a proposal that they accepted and they retained me because that was what I was trained to do."

He said: "Nigeria does not have the concept of performance management, all they value is what certificate he has so it won't be surprising that anyone converts polytechnic or college of education to university because they don't know their value."

A lecturer with Kaduna Polytechnic, Alhassan Kauranmata, said that is simply another manifestation of the dilemma in Nigeria as far as the educational system is concerned.

"We don't seem to know exactly what we want from our educational system, the whole idea of establishing a polytechnic s was to create middle-level manpower and the emphasis as far as polytechnic education is concerned is on skills, the practical aspect, while the university emphasised the theoretical aspect."

He further said: "The university degree appears to be more lucrative if you consider the dichotomy and conflict we are having on disparity between degrees and HNDs, which is one of the reasons people are clamouring

for university education."

The lecturer said government should come out clearly on university education providing the theoretical basis and polytechnics the practical aspects both of which are essential because "theory alone will not take us anywhere; we need the practical aspects also."

"Unfortunately, now we are converting polytechnics and COEs to universities just like we did with the teacher training institutions. We woke up one day and did away with them. What is the implication of that on our education? We lack qualified teachers now."

According to him, that is the same situation they are creating now, "doing away with the polytechnics and colleges, sending everybody to universities, converting everybody to a theory person and in the end, we are going to have a crisis with the practical aspects which is as essential as the theoretical aspects."

For Oluwabunmi Anani, a teacher in Adamawa, polytechnics and colleges of education play vital roles in the tertiary education system, and of course the development of society.

"In light of the above, therefore, why are these veritable institutions being converted into universities? she asked

She said it boiled down to the issue of people's collective orientation as 90 per cent of the population has no appreciation for the value derivable from polytechnics and colleges of education.

"We do not talk about them with our students and children. We inundate their ears with 'university, university, university. Hence, their first and preferred choice is always the university."

She further said society tends to look down on graduates of polytechnics and colleges of education. They are not given any regard unless they are exceptionally good.

"To worsen matters, jobs are more within the reach of university graduates than their poly counterparts. Worse still, there's a disparity in their remuneration! In fact, in some really good schools, graduates of colleges of education are flushed out or not employed at all," she added.

While noting that if the conversion continued it wouldn't augur well for Nigeria in the long run, she said overtly declaring these institutions irrelevant is mocking the future of technological advancement for our society.

"Every institution of learning has its place and purpose. Let us equip them to produce the standard and value we need. Let us appreciate them as part of the learned society. Let them also harp and justify their relevance through a more aggressive output in excellence and creativity," Anani said.

Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof Abubakar Rasheed, said more universities are needed not just to accommodate millions of Nigerian seeking admission but because of the concern about the integrity of the degrees.

## Nigeria's education over-regulated, says ex-rector

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

An educationist and former Rector of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Waheed Kadiri, has lamented what he described as "over-regulation" of the Nigerian education system.

Kadiri, who was president of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP), faulted the federal government and policymakers on the regulation, saying if care is not taken it would further deepen decay in the education system.

He spoke in Abeokuta, Ogun State, during a media roundtable organised by "Friends of Waheed Kadiri" as part of activities marking his 70th birthday.

The former rector also bemoaned the politicisation of education and lack of professionalism among lecturers in various tertiary institutions across the nation.

He wondered why lecturers in different tertiary institutions still teach "outdated subjects" in the 21st century, adding that most of the subjects being taught in schools are no longer relevant in the technology-driven age.

Kadiri called on the federal government to review the teaching syllabus at the higher level of education in the country to change the "poor" narrative of the educational sector.

"Government has politicised education. We have over-regulated the educational system. The National Universities Commission (NUC) determines everything in the university system and this won't help the matter. Professional programmes should be regulated by professional bodies and not NUC."

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil." – C.S. Lewis



# CITY NEWS

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## Assault: Police probe CCT boss as lawyers plan suit

By John Chuks Azu

The Commissioner of Police, FCT Command, Bala Ciroma, has ordered an investigation into the alleged assault on a security guard by the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT), Justice Danladi Umar.

Some operatives of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) on Wednesday obtained a statement from the security guard, Clement Sagwak, according to his lawyer, Samuel Ihensekhien Esq. Ihensekhien also said

some lawyers and civil society organisations have vowed to jointly prosecute a civil suit against Umar.

Umar was seen in a video, which has gone viral on Monday, assaulting the security guard following argument over parking space at the Banex Shopping Plaza, Wuse 2, Abuja.

Ihensekhien says some human rights lawyers, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, and an executive member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) have all indicated interest to file petitions on Monday April 5, and to commence a civil suit against Umar over the incident.

Ihensekhien also informed Daily Trust that Justice Umar reported the matter at the Maitama Area Command but when the DPO saw the viral video, he sought to see the security guard.

But he said he advised the guard against honouring the invitation, and since there were moves to take the matter up with the CP.

"We intend to write all the relevant agencies, the embassies, Attorney General of the Federation, the human rights commission, and subsequently, we want to make sure there is a

watertight defence team for the boy," he said.

The CCT had in a statement on Tuesday signed by its Head of Press and Public Relations, Ibraheem Al-Hassan, denied any wrongdoing at the plaza.

Al-Hassan said the security guard rudely prevented the jurist from parking at a vacant space opposite a shop he wanted to make purchase from, and in the altercation that followed, some persons he described as "miscreants" and "Biafran boys" prevented him from driving out of the premises and damaged his car.

### QUICK READ

Kaduna

#### Woman bags 6 months imprisonment for stealing phone

A Shari'a Court II sitting at Magajin Gari, Kaduna, on Wednesday, sentenced a 22-year-old woman, Farida Aliyu, to six months in correctional facility for stealing a phone worth N55,000.

The judge, Malam Murtala Nasir, made the pronouncement after the accused pleaded guilty to the offence bordering on theft.

He however, gave her an option of N60,000 fine and ordered her to pay N80,000 compensation.

He also sentenced the convict to one month imprisonment for ignoring the order to appear before the court on March 3, after she was granted bail.

Nasir also gave her an option of N10,000 fine.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Insp Aliyu Ibrahim, said that the nominal complainant, Aliyu Ahmad, had reported a case of theft to Sabon Gari police division on January 18. (NAN)

Kano

#### Court remands 26-year-old man over alleged forgery

A Chief Magistrates' Court in Kano on Wednesday remanded one Umar Bello in a correctional centre until May 3 when he would be sentenced.

The Chief Magistrate, Mustapha Sa'ad-Datti, gave the order when Bello pleaded guilty to a case of forgery.

The defendant is a staff of the state-owned University of Science and Technology, Kano.

The Prosecutor, Mr Asma'u Ado, told the court that authorities of the university reported the case against Bello at Wudil Police Division on March 23.

Ado alleged that on that date the defendant forged a registration form for one Abubakar Dahiru and collected the sum of N72,000 from him.

He also alleged that the defendant forged a hostel registration form for one Usman Kabiru and collected the sum of N36,000 from Kabiru.

The prosecutor said that the offence contravened Section 363 of the Penal Code. (NAN)

## RTEAN raise alarm over flood of fake tyres in Nigeria

By Adam Umar

The national leadership of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN), have expressed worry over the persistent flooding of fake tyres into Nigerian markets.

President of the association, Alhaji Musa Muhammed Maitakobi, who spoke while inaugurating the executive chapters of RTEAN from three states of the federation, comprising Anambra, Edo, and Gombe, said fake tyres contribute to road crashes.

He called on the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON) and other stakeholders responsible for regulating quality of tyres to join hands with the group in tackling the menace.

Maitakobi while charging the new leaders to lead by example in handling the affairs of the association, also warned them on engaging in embezzlement, or any activity capable of threatening the peaceful coexistence of the group, and the country by extension.

He specifically advised all RTEAN members to avoid night journeys going by the condition of many roads and also insecurity, just as he had charged them to abide by all traffic rules and regulations at all the times.



Members of the APC revalidation/registration committee led by the chairman of the party in FCT, Alhaji Abdulmalik Usman (2nd right); Chairman of the Committee, Alhaji Umar Sanda (3rd right), and Secretary, Abaji Area Council, Alhaji Kamal Shuaibu (left) during inspection of the revalidation/registration exercise in the area yesterday

Photo: Abubakar Sadiq Isah

## Completion of Apo-Karshi Road not feasible now, FCT minister makes u-turn

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Malam Mohammed Bello, has made a u-turn on the timeline earlier given for the completion of Apo-Karshi Road, saying it will not be feasible for now.

Bello had on February 17 assured that the 13.25 kilometer road would be completed before the start of the rainy season.

The Minister who was responding to a question on what was delaying the completion of the road from State House reporters after the weekly Federal Executive Council meeting presided over by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo said information available to him now is different from the one he had at the time he made the promise.

He said: I made that

statement here a few weeks ago based on information available to me at that time. But, it is very obvious now based on the reality on ground and the challenges being faced by the contractor including funding which we are trying to resolve, it is likely that we would not be able to meet the target I earlier set for making sure that that road gets opened before the rainy season. But, you can be rest assured

that it is a road that is so important to all of us in the city, and we will keep on pushing on to see that it is done."

Bello had said the road which was first awarded in 2011 to Kakatar Engineering Limited, a company owned by Azibaola Robert, under former President Goodluck Jonathan administration, will be completed and open for public use before this year's rainy season.

## Ogun seeks parents' support to end FGM

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Government has sought the support of parents for elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in communities across the state.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Mrs. Funmi Efuwape, made the call in Ijebu-Ode, during a day sensitisation programme organised by the ministry in collaboration with Ijebu-Ode Local Government, to commemorate

year 2021 International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation.

Efuwape, represented by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Women Affairs and Social Development, Hon. Adijat Adeleye, said the state is working towards putting an end to FGM by year 2030, hence members of the public and relevant stakeholders must cooperate to achieve the target.

"FGM comprises of all procedures that involve altering

and injuring the female genital for non-medical reasons and is recognised internationally as a violation of human rights, the health and integrity of girls and women," she stated.

The Commissioner noted that girls who undergo FGM face short term complications such as severe pain, shock, excessive bleeding, infection and difficulty in passing urine, as well as long term consequences for their sexual and reproductive health, including mental health, among others.



# CRIME

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## After collecting N5m ransom, kidnappers of cleric, 11 others dump 4 corpses

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

**A** Kano cleric, Sheikh Abdullahi Shehu Mai Annabi, who was kidnapped alongside 12 other people on their way to Zamfara State to attend Maulud in Anka town is still being held, *Daily Trust* gathered.

The son of the cleric, Isyaku Abdullahi Shehu, said the cleric with 12 other members of his team, including his brothers and students, all from Rimin Kebe area of Ungogo Local Government Area of Kano were kidnapped about three weeks ago around Sheme town of Katsina State by gunmen

who demanded a ransom of N10 million from the family.

He said they initially demanded N15 million but after negotiation, the kidnappers agreed to collect N10 million.

"We have already gathered and submitted N5 million to the kidnappers. But when we got to the place they directed us to go and pick our people, they only brought four dead bodies of them.

"When we asked them why they killed them, they said we must give the agreed N10 million for them to release our father and the other nine people, or else they will also tell us where to go and pick their corpses.

"We couldn't even carry the corpses because they had already

decomposed. We had to bury them there," he said.

He said their father, who has three wives and 17 children, is around 78 years and that they don't have anything else to give to the kidnappers after the N5 million, which was gathered amongst them had already been given to the kidnappers.

He added that they didn't know the appropriate security office to contact for the issue because they were kidnapped in Kastina and got the four corpses in Kuyallo town of Kaduna State.

"We never thought we will find ourselves in this kind of situation. We just heard this from here and there but it happened to us. Presently we are all exhausted and

we don't know what to do to raise the remaining N5 million to rescue our father and the remaining people.

"We call on the government and people to please help us in rescuing them. We don't have anything and we don't have anybody. Please and please we need your help," he appealed in tears.

On the Maulud the people were scheduled to attend, the cleric's son said the event was postponed because their father is the leader and has been the guest speaker at the event for many years.

He added that the organisers of the Maulud promised to come to Kano on the matter but were yet to come.

## Internet Fraud: 'Yahoo boy' convicted, gets N3m fine

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court, Ikeja, Lagos, has convicted and sentenced an internet fraudster, Sodiq Adewale, to a year imprisonment, for being in possession of forged documents, which he used to defraud his victims to the tune of \$87,300 USD.

The convict was re-arraigned before the court on one count amended charge of the offence by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The prosecutor, Mrs. Fadekemi Giwa, told the court that the convict, who was previously arraigned before the court had approached the commission for a plea bargain agreement.

She told the court that following the convict's decision, the charge against him was amended and a plea bargain agreement was signed by the convict, his counsel and herself, the prosecutor.

Justice Dada ordered that the amended charge be read to the convict for his plea to be taken and he pleaded guilty.

His counsel, Ademola Adefolaju, pleaded with the court to be lenient in sentencing his client, taking into consideration that he is a first-time offender and he did not waste the precious time of the court.

He also urged the court to give his client the option of a fine in lieu of custodian sentence.

## 2 men bag 4 months imprisonment for stealing from employer

A Kano Magistrates' Court on Wednesday sentenced two men, Solomon Godwin, 19, and Ali Salisu, 50, to four months imprisonment each for stealing pharmaceuticals worth N45,100.

The convicts, who reside in Brigade Quarters Kano, pleaded guilty to criminal conspiracy and theft.

Magistrate Farouk Ibrahim gave them an option to pay a fine of N8,000 each.

Earlier, the prosecution counsel, Mr Elias Ekainu told the court that the complainant, Mary Oboh of Marleashere Pharmaceutical Company in Sabon Gari Quarters Kano reported the matter at the Sabon Gari Police Division on Feb.22.

He alleged that Godwin being a staff at the company and Salisu, the security of the criminally conspired and stole 17 sachets of painkillers worth N45,100.

Ekainu said that the offence contravened the provisions of sections 97 and 287 of the Penal Code. (NAN)



■ EFCC Presents Self-acclaimed Pastor based in Lagos, Ayodeji Ibrahim Oluokun before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Special Offences Court for \$1.6m Dud Cheque for trial in Ikeja, Lagos

Photo: EFCC

## Man, 20, arrested for 'killing' wife in Niger

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

A twenty-year-old man has been arrested by the Niger State Police Command over culpable homicide in Kadaura village, Yakila Gunna district of Rafi Local Government Area of the state.

The man who was identified as Lawali Danladi was arrested by operatives of Kagara police division.

The state police public relations officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, said the suspect was arrested after he allegedly

killed his wife, one Zulai Lawal of the same address, over a misunderstanding in which he beat up the victim to a state of coma leading to her death on the spot.

"During interrogation, the suspect confessed to have beaten the victim due to a mere argument and she fell unconscious. She was rushed to General Hospital Wushishi where she was confirmed dead.

"Investigation has commenced and the suspect will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed,"

the police spokesman said.

In another development, a bandit was reportedly shot while one AK47 was recovered.

Abiodun said it happened when the police acted on credible intelligence that a group of armed bandits on motorcycles were sighted heading towards Pangu-Gari in Rafi LGA.

"A team of PMF personnel of Operation Puff-Adder 11 were mobilised to the location where they engaged the bandits in a fierce gun battle at Tashan-Barau village, along Tegna/

Minna road, as a result, one of the bandits who was later identified as Mohammed Garba of Ungwan Sani, Sabon Mariga area of Rafi LGA was fatally shot, one AK47 rifle and an unregistered Bajaj motorcycle recovered," he said.

The command, therefore, assured members of the public that it shall continue the onslaught against banditry in the state and called on the Nigerlites to always give useful information to security agencies towards ensuring the protection of life and property.

## Police confirm murder of officer, attacks on facilities in A/Ibom

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has confirmed the death of a police officer and attacks on the divisional police station in Essien Udim Local Government Area by suspected hoodlums.

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Odiko Macdon, said the affected personnel were

maintaining peace on 30th March 2021 when they were attacked.

He said the attack led to the demise of CSP Ben Ajide who was the Commander of the Command's Quick Intervention Unit and two others, while four others are still missing.

In a press release made available to newsmen on Wednesday in Uyo, the Commissioner of Police, Amiengheme Andrew, said the

command was deeply saddened by the unprovoked attack on security personnel.

He condoled with families of the deceased and described the attacks as unacceptable, saying though the causes were unknown, investigations were ongoing.

"In recent times, in Essien Udim Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State, security personnel, particularly, the Nigeria

Police, Akwa Ibom Command have come under persistent unprovoked attacks, leading to deaths and destruction of property, a trend which is totally absurd and unacceptable.

"Whereas the remote and immediate causes of these unprovoked attacks are unknown, a discreet investigation is on to unravel same and seek lasting solution.

"The Commissioner of Police, Amiengheme Andrew is deeply saddened by the unprovoked attack on security personnel who were out maintaining the peace yesterday, 30th March 2021 which led to the demise of CSP Ben Ajide who was the Commander of the Command's Quick Intervention Unit and two others, while four others are missing," he said.



# OBITUARY

*Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un*



**I**t is with heavy hearts that the Board, Management and staff of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), announce the demise of **Alhaji Muhammed Musa Kafarati**, which occurred on Thursday, March 18, 2021, during a brief illness.

Alhaji Muhammed Musa Kafarati was a Non-Executive Director on the Board of the Central Bank of Nigeria from June 27, 2013 to June 26, 2017.

Alhaji Muhammed Musa Kafarati is survived by two wives, children and grand children.

He has since been buried according to the Islamic rites.

May almighty Allah grant him eternal and give his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

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**UGOCHI: I,** formerly known as **GABRIEL-SILAS UGOCHI JOYOUS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GABRIEL UGOCHI JOY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JOANNA: I,** formerly known as **MISS JOANNA MARTINS-NWORISA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS JOANNA UZUNMA KELLY-OCHIAGHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUSA: I,** formerly known and addressed as **DANTANI M-ISAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ALHASSAN: I** formerly known and called **ALHASSAN Y. AUGUSTINE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHASSAN AUGUSTINE YANZABE**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

**OGAH: I** Formerly known and address as **JANET EHI ITODO**. Now wish to be known and address as **JANET EHI OGAH DANLADI**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

**PEACE: I** formerly known as **DIMLONG SEYLIN PEACE**, now wish to be known as **DIMLONG PEACE SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

**FAVOUR: I'** formerly known as **EMMANUEL FAVOUR GIFT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ROBSON FAVOUR EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Relevant authority and general public and authorities concern should please take note.

**I,** formerly known and called **HAMADU AISHETU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LADAN AISHA AMADU**. All former documents remain valid. Relevant authority and general public should please take note.

**UMAR: I,** formerly known and addressed as **BASIRA ATTAHIRU** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASIRA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. Ecobank and the general public to take note.

**ABUBAKAR: I** formerly known and called **UMAR IBRAHIM IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM** with **DATE OF BIRTH 08/07/1982**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

**IBRAHIM: I** was formerly known and as **IBRAHIM AUWAL**, That I now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWAL IBRAHIM** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

**PEACE: I** formerly known as **BINBONG PEACE DIRDAK**, now wish to be known as **MRS. PEACE DIRDAK PHILIP**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**PROMISE: I** formerly known as **PROMISE ANDREW NEGEDU** now wish to be known and address as **ISRAEL ANDREW NEGEDU**. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SHAKIRAT: I,** formerly known as **NEE MAHMOOD AMEEN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMEEN SHAKIRAT MAHMOOD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IDRIS: I,** formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF IDRIS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**MASUD: I** formerly known and called **MASU ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MASUD ABUBAKAR**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

**I,** formerly known as **ANTHONY MA AJI** now wish to be known and addresses as **ANTHONY MA AJI BUBA** and **DOB 15/ 03/ 1995** all my documents remain valid and authority concerned general public should take note

**SELBYEN: I** am one and the same person as **LILLIAN, JOSIAH GOMMAM** on first Bank, **JOSIAH, SELBYEN GOMMAM** on Credentials and **GOMMAM SELBYEN** on BVN and National Identity Card, wish to be known as **JOSIAH SELBYEN GOMMAM**, that my date of birth was wrongly captured as **18th Dec, 1989** instead of **2nd Jan, 1989**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**ABIGAIL: I,** formerly known as **MISS JOHN ABIGAIL OJONOKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADEYEMI ABIGAIL OJONOKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SEEMBER: I,** formerly known as **PRISCILLA SEEMBER ORSEER**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KWAGHKAR SEEMBER PRISCILLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MOHAMMED: I,** formerly known and addressed as **ZARA BUBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZARA MOHAMMED BUBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**SANI: I** formerly known and called **UBANDOMA HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI HASSAN**. **DATE OF BIRTH IS 23/06/1970**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

**I,** formerly known as **SAHIBA DANLAMI** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAMATU MOHAMMED** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

**GIFT: I** formerly known as **OGORMENA ALEXANDER GIFT**, now wish to be known as **OGOCHUKWU GIFT OWETE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note

**IDEH: I,** formerly known as **ROBI EDWARD NWIDEH, EDWARD ROBI NWIDEH** and **EDWARD ROBI IDEH** now wish to be known and addressed as **EDWARD EKPERE IDEH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**AMINA: I** formerly known and addressed as **AMINA WAZIRI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA ALHAJI JAJI**. All former documents remain valid. BANKS, Authorities concerned and members of the public take note.

**BILLE: I** formerly known as **HABU IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM BILLE** date of birth **10/7/1986** . All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

**IBRAHIM: I** formally know and address as **AMINU SANI**, now wish to be call and address as **IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR** all former documents remain valid and general public should take note authority concernd.

**I,** formerly known as **MUHAMMAD YAYANI ABUBAKAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI YAYANI ABUBAKAR** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

**RUTH: I** formerly known as **RUTH NENENG JOSEPH**, now wish to be known as **RUTH WUBUNA DENKANG**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

**ETIDO: I'** formerly known as **FAITH MOSUGU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HELEN ETIDO MOSUGU**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**DAUDA: I** formerly known as **DAUDA JAKWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DAUDA GARBA JAKWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ISAH: I** formerly known as **KAMALUDDEN IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **KAMALUDDEN IBRAHIM ISAH** All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

**SHEHU: I** formerly known and called **SHEHU GIJBET**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEHU GIJBET CHAWAI**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

**I** Formerly known as **ABDULMALIK HARUNA ALIYU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULMALIK HARUNA** with **DOB 08/08/1992** All my documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**CHRISTABEL: I** formerly known as **CHRISTABEL CHIZARAM JOHN**, now wish to be known as **CHRISTABEL CHIZARAM IGBOKWE**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**VALERIE: I'** formerly known as **OLUWAFUNMILAYO AREGBESOLA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **OLUFUNMI VALERIE AREGBESOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**PANKYES: I,** formerly known as **MISS EMMANUEL NANBOT SHIKDET**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS PANKYES NANBOT SAWEN**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

**ABUBAKAR: I** formerly known as **BASIRU ABBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASIRU ABUBAKAR** date of birth **1/1/1991** All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

**MODIFICATION OF NAME: I** formerly known as **ADAMA CHRISTY ONYEMOWO**, now wish to be known as **ADOVY ONYEMOWO CHRISTY**. All former document remain valid, Authority concerned and general public Please take note

**I** Formerly known as **ISA KWAJI IBRAHIM** Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ISA** with **DOB 01/01/1984** All my documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**FALALU: I** formerly known as **ABDU FALALU HAMZA**, now wish to be known as **HAMZA FALALU BELI**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**AHMAD: I'** formerly known as **AHMAD KHADJA MUSA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMAD KHADIJAH DIKWA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**ABIDJAN: I,** formerly known as **ONIYE AJIBOLA MUSLIMAT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIDJAN MUSLIMAT ONIYE**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

**AUDU: I** formerly known as **AHMED AUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED AUDI** All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

**ODENIGBO: I** formerly known as **Mrs IGWE CHIOMA PAULIN**, now wish to be known as **Miss ODENIGBO CHIOMA PAULIN**. All former document remain valid, Authority concerned and general public Please take note

**I** Formerly known as **LAMI AUDUBELLO** Now wish to be known and addressed as **LAMI BELLO** with **DOB 05/01/1973** All my documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**FATIMA: I** formerly known as **ABUBAKAR FATEEMAH ABDUL**, now wish to be known as **ABUBAKAR FATIMA ABDUL**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**ADAMS: I'** formerly known as **ADAMU SULEIMAN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **SULEIMAN ADAMS**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**OKO: I,** formerly known as **BLESSING IDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OKO BLESSING**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

**ADAMS: I,** formerly known and addressed as **DANJUMA DANG** now wish to be known and addressed as **AARON ADAMS DANJUMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**GAADI: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS TERZUNGEW KEIGHTOR ENOCH** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **GAADI KEIGHTOR ENOCH**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**I** formerly known and addressed as **1.SALISU IBRAHIM 2. SALE IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known, Called and addresses as **SALE IBRAHIM**, All former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

**CHIAMAKA: I** formerly known as **MADUAKOR CHIAMAKA CYNTHIA JULIET**, now wish to be known as **UDEZE CHIAMAKA CYNTHIA JULIET**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**MABEL: I,** formerly known as **IKWULONO MABEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **IKWULONO REBECCA MABEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KWAZA: I,** formerly known and addressed as **GBAGYO FRANCIS** now wish to be known and addressed as **GBAGYO KWAZA FRANCIS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**OKLUDO: I** formerly known as **ADAKOLE ELIZABETH**, now wish to be known as **OKLUDO ENE ELIZABETH**. The actual date of birth is **20th MAY/1987** and not **15th DECEMBER/1987**. All former document remain valid, Authority concerned and general public Please take note

**SAMUEL: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED U' ABOKWAGH WANDOO** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **SAMUEL WANDOO**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**I** formerly known as **SAHABI GADO** now wishes to be known and addressed as **SAHABI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note

**ISA: I** formerly known as **ISA PIUS DANAAN**, now wish to be known as **ISA SALE DANAAN**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

**SHEHU: I,** formerly known as **SHEHU AHMAD DABO** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEHU USMAN ABDULKADIR**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**AKOSUA: I,** formerly known and addressed as **RACHEL ADI GEORGE AKPAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **RACHEL AKOSUA GEORGE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**MUHAMMED: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS KEIRU MUHAMMED BARAKEKE** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **MUHAMMED KABIR**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**GBATSE: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED UNOM JOSEPH** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **GBATSE VAATYUGH AJOM**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**I** formerly known as **ABBAS ALIYU SALIHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABBAS MUHAMMAD NA INNA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**MAGDALINE: I** formerly known as **JANG DORATHY PAM**, now wish to be known as **DUNG, MAGDALINE DAVOU**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and the general public should take note.

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Pay into any of our Accounts:  
**Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD,**  
• Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

**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**

**Requirement for Change of Name**  
**Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit**

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KATE: I formerly known as BRUSHWOOD KATE UNDOTIMI on BVN, now wish to be known as BRUSHWOOD KATE LAIKPO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

BINTA, I formerly known as BINTA AUWAL IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as MRS BINTA AUWAL IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I Formerly known as ABDULRASHID ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULRASHID ADO. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

BASHIR: I formerly known as BASHIR YUSUF now wish to be called as BASHIR MUHAMMAD YUSUF all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

OGUNWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNWALE MICHAEL OLUWADARE . Now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNWALE MICHAEL TEMITAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLANIYAN: I, formerly known and addressed as OLANIYAN OPEYEMI IDOWU . Now wish to be known and addressed as OLANIYAN OPEYEMI RAHEEM. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BELLO: I formerly known as KABIRU MUIYIBATU, now wish to be known as BELLO MUYIBAT. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

HAUWA, I formerly known as HAUWA SHEHU IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWA SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I Formerly known as SULAIMAN ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as SULEMAN ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

RUKAYYA: I, formerly known as RUKAYYA ABUBAKAR SADIQ, now wish to be known and addressed as RUKAYYA ABUBAKAR USMAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SULAIMAN: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINSANYA SULIA ABIODUN . Now wish to be known and addressed as SULAIMAN SULIA ABIODUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AZEZ: I, formerly known and addressed as NAFISAT IDOWU NAFISAT LATEEF . Now wish to be known and addressed as AZEEZ NAFISAT IDOWU. That my correct date of birth is 13th day of March, 1989 not 1st day of January, 1985. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

TAHIR: I formerly known as MOHAMMED HARUNA, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED TAHIR HARUNA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ALASSAN AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ALHASSAN AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I Formerly known as SAMAILA INUA now wish to be called and addressed as SAMAILA INUWA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

YAKUBU: I, formerly known as MUHAMMED YAKUBU, now wish to be known and called YAKUBU MUHAMMED. CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH: 2ND OCTOBER 1987 NOT 1ST JANUARY 1987. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME That on my BVN, My name appear as IJEOMA SARAH while CHIKA was omitted. That I wish to add CHIKA to complete my name. That my correct name is IJEOMA CHIKA SARAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALAO: I, formerly known and addressed as OPEYEMI OYEWUMI . Now wish to be known and addressed as ALAO JANET OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA HARUNA, now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA SULIEMAN. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

NDAJIYA, I formerly known as MICHAEL FAVOUR AYEKAME now wish to be called and addressed as NDAJIYA FAVOUR AYEKAME. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as RABI SALISU BAYERO now wish to be known and called as RABI INUWA HAKIMI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

SENIINRIN: I, formerly known and addressed as TROGUN IBIDOLA OMOLARA . Now wish to be known and addressed as SENIINRIN IBIDOLA OMOLARA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLAWUYI: I, formerly known and addressed as ONABANJO DAVID TOLUWALASE . Now wish to be known and addressed as OLAWUYI BUKOLA FLORENCE. That I was born on 19th day of November, 1977 not 13th day of June, 2004. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABIDEEN: I, formerly known and addressed as ABIDEEN ABDULROHEEM .A. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABIDEEN ABDULROHEEM AJANI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HUSSAINA: I formerly known as HUSSAINA BUKAR D.O.B 01-01-1994. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

SADIYA, I formerly known as SADIYA IDRIS ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as SADIYA IDRIS GARKO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as ABDULHAMEED SULAIMAN now wish to be known and called as AMINU GARBA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

DAUDU: I, formerly known and addressed as DAUDA FAVOUR DESTINY . Now wish to be known and addressed as DAUDU FAVOUR OSAS. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OYELEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNPITAN OLAYINKA ADEBOMI . Now wish to be known and addressed as OYELEYE OLAYINKA ADEBOMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as SAMUEL JOHN OZHE now wish to be known as AGWALE VINCENT OZHE. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

ABDULKADIR: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR ABDULKADIR, now wish to be known as ALHAJI BUKAR ABDULKADIR. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

IDRIS, I formerly known as IDRIS ALKASSIM SALISU now wish to be called and addressed as IDRIS ALKASSIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as NAJIB AMINU LUKORO. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

MICHIA: I, formerly known and addressed as MCHIA AONDOWASE TERDUES . Now wish to be known and addressed as MICHIA AONDOWASE TERDUE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEKANBI: I, formerly known and addressed as AZEEZ MARIAM ADESEUN . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEKANBI MARIAM ADESEUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DOGARA: I formerly known as MARYAM DOGARA now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM UMAR DOGARA. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

AUDU: I formerly known as MU'AZU MAIGARI now wish to be called and addressed as AUDU BULAMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LAWAL, I formerly known as LAWAN MUHAMMAD LAWAN now wish to be called and addressed as LAWAL MOHAMMED LAWAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as JOHN MOSES OSAZE now wish to be known and called as ENYONSE MOSES JOHN. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

SOLOMON: I, formerly known and addressed as SOLOMON ENMAN . Now wish to be known and addressed as SOLOMON ENMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note

MABEL: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss MABEL CHIZOBAB NDUKWKE . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs MABEL CHIZOBAB OYASOR. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DAUDA: I, formerly known as SHADRACH DAUDA now wish to be known and addressed as SHADRACH DAUDA. All former documents remain valid. And my correct DOB is 01-06-2002 not 28-01-1998. General public should take note.

UWANA, I formerly known as BRIGHT GEORGE FRANCIS, now wish to be called and addressed as UWANA FRANCIS GEORGE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINA, I formerly known as AMINA SADI HARUNA 07-01-1995 now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA MUHAMMAD ZAKARI 28-01-1996. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

VICTORIA: I, formerly known as HADIZA FAROUK, now wish to be known and addressed as VICTORIA PHILLIPS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ONEDIBE: I, formerly known and addressed as IKEN OGECHI NKOLIKA . Now wish to be known and addressed as ONEDIBE OGECHI NKOLIKA. That my date of birth was wrongly written on my BVN as 17th day of February, 1985 instead of 17th day of February, 1988. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

QUADRI: I, formerly known and addressed as AJETUNMOBI AFOLAKE MARY . Now wish to be known and addressed as QUADRI AFOLAKE MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as ADAMU AHMAD now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU AHMAD GWARAM. All former documents remain valid . General Public Should please take note.

HUSSAINI, I formerly known as MUSBAHU YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAINI ALI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA : I formerly known as FATIMA UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA MUHAMMAD SANI. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

SAFIYA: I, formerly known as SAFIYA HUSAINI MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as SAFIYA HUSAINI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MUSTAPHA: I, formerly known and addressed as BUSARI KAFAYAT MOPETOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA KAFAYAT MOPETOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SALAMI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLATUNJI ABOSEDE REBECCA . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs SALAMI ABOSEDE REBECCA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMAKA I formerly known as HAPPINESS ALUGBO . Now wish to be called and addressed as HAPPINESS AMAKA ALUGBO. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

Change of name, I formerly known as HALIMA INUSA now wish to be called and addressed as KALTMU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA : I formerly known as FAVOUR ADEBAYO TAIYE now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA ADEBAYO ZAKARIYYA. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

UMAR: I, formerly known as UMAR ZAKARI, now wish to be known and called UMAR MUHAMMAD. Old D.O.B 01/01/1992 new D.O.B 03/03/1996. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

VICTOR: I, formerly known and addressed as VICTOR TAIWO IDEMUDIA . Now wish to be known and addressed as VICTOR ANYARU EGHOMWANRE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEKEREMI: I, formerly known and addressed as ANIFOWOSE ISIAKA . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEKEREMI OLABANJI ISIAKA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as ADAMU GAMBO, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU GAMBO ARDO. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

Change of name, I formerly known as ADO SANUSI now wish to be called and addressed as SA'IDU SUNUSI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HAFSATU, I formerly known as HAFSATU IBRAHIM DAUDA now wish to be called and addressed as HAFSATU IBRAHIM USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

EKPERE: I, formerly known as IKE VITUS EKPERE, now wish to be known and called EKPERE VITUS IKE. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OKOHA: I, formerly known and addressed as OKHA IFEANYI JOHN . Now wish to be known and addressed as OKHA IFEANYI JOHN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNDEYI: I, formerly known and addressed as AFONJA OLAKUNLE . Now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNDEYI HAKEEM OLUWASEGUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, JOSEPH GHAI do solemnly declare that the names JOSEPH GHAI and JOSEPH GHAI DANPAN are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called JOSEPH GHAI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

VERIFICATION OF NAME, I formerly known as USMAN ALHASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN ALHASSAN USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as ILIYASU SALE ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ADO YABAWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as ISAH MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD NASIR all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note

ADEBIMPE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AJAO AMINAT ADEOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEBIMPE AJAO AMINAT ADEOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

That my name was wrongly arranged as OLUMLUYIWA SAMSON OJELADE instead of OJELADE OLUMLUYIWA SAMSON. Now wish to be known and addressed as OJELADE OLUMLUYIWA SAMSON. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BALA I formerly known as MAI AUDAUGA BALA Date of Birth 01-06-1977. Now wish to be known and addressed as BALA AHMED date of birth 31-01-1977. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AYENI: I formerly known as AYENI INUKAN OPEYEMI now wish to be called and addressed as KABEER SUMAYYA AYENI . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note.

NAZIR, I formerly known as NAZIR KABIR now wish to be called and addressed as NAZIR KABIR MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known and addressed as HAMMAN MUHAMMAD YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED YUSUF YAR'ADUA all former documents remain valid the general public should please take note

UZONDU: I, formerly known and addressed as NKWOKA HELLEN ANURIKA . Now wish to be known and addressed as UZONDU HELLEN ANURIKA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EHIMUAH: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEDAYO BUKOLA EHIMUAH. Now wish to be known and addressed as EHIMUAH ADEDAYO AJOKI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATSUMA I, formerly known as FATIMA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as FATSUMA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MUHAMMAD I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

TIJJANI, I formerly known as TIJJANI ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as TIJJANI ALIYU ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as USMAN SUMAILA, now wish to be known and called USMAN ZUBAIR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

DANIEL: I, formerly known and addressed as NWACHUKWU MARY . Now wish to be known and addressed as DANIEL CHIOMA MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALIYU: I, formerly known and addressed as Mr. ALIYU NURUDEEN MOHAMMAD. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mr. ALIYU NURUDEEN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATIMA : I formerly known as FATIMA EL-MUSTAPHA WAKIL now wish to be known as FATIMA DALA BUKAR. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

I ABDULLAHI I formerly known as MAIMUNA UMAR ABDULLAHI now wish to be called as MAIMUNA ABDULRAHMAN . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public should please

ISA, I formerly known as ISA WADA SALE now wish to be called and addressed as ISA WADA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I, formerly known as KABIRU IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and called MUHAMMAD MUBARAK. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ONI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AJETUNMOBI AYODEJI OLUWABUNMI . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ONI AYODEJI OLUWABUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEYEMI KHADIJA OMOLOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEYEMI KHADIJAT OMOLOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ZARA : I formerly known as ZARA ABDULKADIR now wish to be known as ZARA BUKAR. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

SHU'AIBU: I formerly known as SHU'AIBU MAGAJI now wish to be called and addressed as DANO MAGAJI . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SURAJO, I formerly known as SURAJO UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as SURAJO UMAR MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. ACCESS BANK and members of the general public should please take note.

JAMILU: I, formerly known as JAMILU SULAIMAN SANI, now wish to be known and called JAMILU SULEIMAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

UDOFA: I, formerly known and addressed as UDOFIA MICHAEL SUNDAY . Now wish to be known and addressed as UDOFA MICHAEL SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IKECHUKWU : I formerly known and addressed as UZOARU SALOMI IFENYINWA and UZO SALOMI IFENYINWA. Now wish to be known and addressed as IKECHUKWU IFENYINWA SALOMI. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

WAZIRI : I formerly known as WAZIRI LAWAN USMAN now wish to be known as WAZIRI LAWAN. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

HABU, I formerly known as HABU A YAKUBU now wish to be called and addressed as HABU ALHAJI YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ADO, I formerly known as ADO YUNUSA now wish to be called and addressed as ADO INUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NNAJI: I formerly known as NNAJI EDWIN, now wish to be known as NNAJI EDWIN JIDEOPOR. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concern, Stabic IBTC Bank and General public to take note.

CHINWENDU: I, formerly known and addressed as CHIKA PATIENCE LAWRENCE . Now wish to be known and addressed as CHINWENDU CHIKA PATIENCE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MICHAEL : I formerly known and addressed as LOMBA SYLVANUS JAME .Now wish to be known and addressed as LOMBA JAMES MICHAEL. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

PAULINA : I formerly known as PAULINA MAIWA now wish to be known as PAULINA YAKUBU. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

SULEIMAN, I formerly known as SULEIMAN BELLO now wish to be called and addressed as SULEIMAN BELLO SULEIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RABIU, I formerly known as RABIU ABDULHAMID now wish to be called and addressed as RABIU ABDULHAMID USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BALOGUN: I formerly known as BALOGUN ABOLAJI EMMANUEL now wish to be called and addressed as BALOGUN EMMANUEL all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note

KAWONISE: I, formerly known and addressed as DAWODU MOTUNRAYO OHOLAYO . Now wish to be known and addressed as KAWONISE MOTUNRAYO OHOLAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALADE: I, formerly known and addressed as RIDWAN OLANIYAN ALADE . Now wish to be known and addressed as ALADE OLAYINKA JUNIOR. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJIMAL: I, formerly known as AZAHARA WORLDWIDE SOLUTION now wish to be known and addressed as AJMAL INTER BIZ NETWORK, UFLASH TABLE WATER. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

HAUWA, I formerly known as HAUWA AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWA ABDULLAHI DANLADI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NASIRU, I formerly known as NASIRU RUFAI IDRIS now wish to be called and addressed as NASIRU KABARA RUFAI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SALAWU: I formerly known as HABEEB FATIMAZAHARA now wish to be called as SALAWU FATIMAMAT all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

OLUFUNKE: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUFUNKE COMFORT ALAWODE . Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUFUNKE COMFORT OLUWADE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLUGBEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUGBEMI DEBORAH EBUNOLUWA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUGBEMI DEBORAH EBUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GARKUWA: I formerly known as MUSA RAMBO, now wish to be known addressed as MUSA GARKUWA, all former document remain valid. Authority concerned and General Public should please take note.

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**SALAWANA:** I formerly known as **HASSAN JUNDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JUNDU SALAWANA HASSAN**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**FALMATA I** formerly known as **FATIMA YAHAYA**, now wish to be known as addressed as **FALMATA YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

**MASAUDDU I** formerly known and addressed as **MASAUDDU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **MASAUDDU ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

**MARYAM I** formerly known as **MARY PWAJOK CHOI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ISA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 07/04/1991** general public should take note

**NDUBUISI:** That i was formerly known as **MISS. OHANONU CHINYEAKA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. NDUBUISI CHINYEAKA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**RAKIYA - I,** formerly known as **MISS. RAKIYA ABUH**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. RAKIYA YAKUBU IMORU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I, SULEIMAN HAMZA ISA** sincerely declare that the names; **SULEIMAN HAMZA ISA** and **SULEIMAN ISAH HAMZA** are referred to me as **I** used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **SULEIMAN HAMZA ISA**. All former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and public note.

**ALIYU I** formerly known as **ALIYU ABDU**, now wish to be known as addressed as **ALIYU SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. **DOB 27/12/1994** General public should please take note

**NURA I** formerly known and addressed as **NURA AHMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **NURA BELLO ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

**MRS. MORO - I,** formerly known as **MISS. WECHIE HOPE EBERECHI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. MORO, HOPE EBERECHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public take note.

**ONAWOSE:** That i was formerly known as **MISS. ABENG ONUNG**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. ROSE KINGSLEY ONAWOSE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OPARA - I,** formerly known as **MISS. NDUKWU CHIDIMMA JOVITA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OPARA CHIDIMMA JOVITA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**GORBE: I** formerly known as **BELINDA ISHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BELINDA GORBE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**BEBU: I** formerly known as **BEBU BEBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **BEBU BORNICE**. All former documents remain valid . General Public Should please take note.

**SAMAILA** formally known as **SAMAILA NA MALAM, SAMAILA NA MALAM, ISMAILA NA MALAM, ISMAILA NA MALAM, ISMAILA NA MALAM, ISMAILA NA MALAM** now wish to be known and dressed as **ISMAILA NAMALAM** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME:** that my name was erroneously written on my **BNV** as **EMMANUEL PRINCE JOHNSON** instead of **JOHNSON EMMANUEL EFFIONG**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JOHNSON EMMANUEL EFFIONG**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OGBONDA - I,** formerly known as **IBINE JOEL ONENESS**. Now wish to be known as **OGBONDA ONENESS IBINE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**OGALA - I,** formerly known as **MISS. EGBE MARGARET TARE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OGALA MARGARET TARE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I, HASSAN IBRAHIM KAWA** sincerely declare that the names; **HASSAN IBRAHIM KAWA** and **HASSAN IBRAHIM** are referred to me as **I** used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **HASSAN IBRAHIM KAWA**. All former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and public note.

**BILKISU I** formerly known as **BILKISU HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **BILKISU ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**KAIGAMA I** formerly known and addressed as **AHMED KAIGAMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **KAIGAMA AMED** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**NIGHTINGALE: I,** formerly known, called and addressed as **PRECIOUS. RICHARD**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **NIGHTINGALE. RICHARD**. That all documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public should please take note.

**RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: I,** **NDUKWE OKECHUKWU UDU**, wish to state that on my name was wrongly arranged on my **BNV** as **UDU OKECHUKWU NDUKWE** instead of **NDUKWE OKECHUKWU UDU**. That the correct arrangement of my name is **NDUKWE OKECHUKWU UDU**. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**ATUZIE - I,** formerly known as **OKENE WISDOM AKPENUCHI**. Now wish to be known as **ATUZIE WISDOM AKPENUCHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public take note.

**SURAJO: I** formerly known as **UMMARU ALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SURAJO DARDISU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**ALHAJI : I** formerly known as **ALHAJI MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA** now wish to be known as **ALHAJI ISA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid . General public should take note.

**BANGURA I** formerly known and addressed as **BAKURA ZAKARI YAU** now wish to be known and addressed as **BANGURA ALHAJI ZAKARIYA** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**RAYMOND: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS CHIBIYE ONYEWU FESTUS, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ONYEWU CHIBIYE RAYMOND. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS BEARING MY FORMER NAMES REMAIN VALID GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.**

**IME - I,** formerly known as **HOSSY EKWEME UDO UNWANA**. Now wish to be known as **IME HOSANNA UDO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MRS. EZEKWO - I,** formerly known as **MISS. ARIKAIBE HAPPINESS CHINYERE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EZEKWO HAPPINESS CHINYERE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public take note.

**SHUAIBU I** formerly known and addressed as **SHUAIBU HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHUAIBU HASSAN HASSAN** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note

**SHAMILU** formally known as **SHAMILU MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and dressed as **SHAMWILLU MUHAMMAD** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**ISMAIL: I** Formerly known as **Samaila Sambo Mohammed DOB 15-3-1983** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Ismail Muhammad DOB 22-02-1987** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

**MRS. MOSES: I,** formerly known as **MISS PHE PHILOMINA BARILUNANEE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. MOSES OTTOH PHILOMINA BARILUNANEE**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

**INYANG - I,** formerly known as **BASIL CLEMENT INYANG**. Now wish to be known as **INYANG AJOM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MR. AMADI - I,** formerly known as **BARR. DON CHIDI AKAEGBU**. Now wish to be known as **MR. AMADI KINGSLEY**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public take note.

**SULEIMAN I** formerly known and addressed as **SULEIMAN IBRAHIM AND SULEIMAN IBRAHIM GASHUA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN IBRAHIM GASHUA** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**JENNIFER** formally known as **JENNIFER ONYINYECHUKWU PHILIPS** now wish to be known and dressed as **JENNIFER OGHENERO PHILIPS** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**FALMATA. I** formerly known as **YAGANA USMAN**. now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA MA'AJI UMAR**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

**GEORGE: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS OLUCHUKWU VERA ONWUEGBUCHUNAM, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS OLUCHUKWU VERA GEORGE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.**

**ORUAMA - I,** formerly known as **CAPTAIN DASEIYE**. Now wish to be known as **ORUAMA DASEIYE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME -** That **PAULINUS UDIKE** as in my **BNV** and **PAULINUS NWANKWO** as in my Voter's Card refer to one and the same person. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public take note.

**ADAMU I** formerly known and addressed as **ALHAJI ADAMU MAIZANE USAINI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU MAIZANE** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**BABBO** formally known as **BABBO MAINASARA** now wish to be known and dressed as **HAUWAU HASSAN** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**ADAMU, I** Formerly known and Address as **MUBARAK JUBRIL** now wish to be call and Address as **ADAMU ALHAJI ABDULLAHI**. All former Document remained valid Authority Concern and general public Should take note.

**JAJA:** That i was formerly known as **MISS. EFETIAYOBOR BRENDA EIJO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. JAJA BRENDA DANISON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**BRIGGS - I,** formerly known as **GEORGE DABOIKIABO**. Now wish to be known as **BRIGGS GEORGE MINABO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I,** formerly known as **SHUAIB JABIR** now wish to be known and addressed as **JABIR SHUAIB ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUHAMMAD: I** formerly known as **RUFAT MUHAMMED MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD SANI RUFAT**. All former documents remain valid . General Public Should please take note.

**FATIMA I** formerly known as **Fatima Umar** now wish to be called as **Fatima Abubakar**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

**FALI, I** Formerly known and Address as **FALI DANGAL**, now wish to be call and Address as **FALI KOREDE DANGAL**. All former Document remained valid. With **DOB 22/05/1965 TO 22/03/1965**, Authority Concern and general public Should take note.

**EGERUE:** That was formerly known as **MISS. EBEBE SHARON IEOMA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. EGERUE SHARON IEOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CHRISTABELL - I,** formerly known as **MISS. OGWUNDU CHRISTABELL NGOZI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. CHRISTABELL ITON-AWAJI BENSON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I,** formerly known as **UZAIRU ARMAYAU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UZAIFA ARMAYAU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALI: I,** formerly known as **ABDULLAH HAMIDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAH HAMIDU ALI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**SULAIMAN: I** formerly known as **ADAMU AUDUDAWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NASIRU SULAIMAN**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**USMAN: I** formerly known as **USMAN MOHAMMED MA'AM** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN MOHAMMED MA'AMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**JUSTUS:** That i was formerly known and addressed as **WOKEKORO EASEBORN**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **JUSTUS EASEBORN KING**. All document bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME: I, FRIDAY ARCHIBONG SUNDAY**, wish to confirm that the names **UDO SUNDAY FRIDAY, FRIDAY ARCHIBONG SUNDAY** and **FRIDAY SUNDAY**, refers to one and the same person **FRIDAY ARCHIBONG SUNDAY**. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I,** formerly known as **BASHAR MUKHTAR ARGINGU** with **D.O.B 08-07-1995** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHAR MUKHTAR** with **D.O.B 02-06-1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUHAMMAD I** formerly known as **AHMED JIDDA SAFI**, now wish to be known as addressed as **MUHAMMAD JIDDA SAFI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

That I was formally known as **SULEIMAN MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and address as **SULEIMAN MOHAMMED KAMPANY** general public to take note

**ZARAYE: I** formerly known as **BA'A ZARAYE BULAMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZARAYE GURMA MUSTAPHA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**PROSPER:** That i was formerly known called and addressed as **OKOEMU ENDURANCE AZIEGBEMHIN**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **EBHODAGHE PROSPER**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EBERE - I,** formerly known as **MISS. EBERE SARAH OKPARAUBA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EBERE SARAH IKELUKA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I,** formerly known as **FARUK IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALI I** formerly known as **BABAGANA ALI**, now wish to be known as addressed as **MUSTAPHA ALI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

**CORRECTION OF NAME:** This is to inform the general public and authorities concerned that my correct name is **FATIMA AHMED** as contained on my relevant documents **NOT FATIMA AHMED ABUBAKAR** as captured on my **IPIS**. . Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

**FATIMA: I** formerly known as **FATIMA MUHAMMED HAMMANGABDO** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA HAMMANGABDO**. All former documents remain valid. **GTBANK PLC** And General Public Should please take note.

**KAYHA:** That i was formerly known as **IBRAHIM GUJUBA KHAYA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ILIYA GUJUBA KHAYA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**URUAKPA - I,** formerly known as **MISS. IKPEAMA UGOCHI BRIDGET** and **MISS. IKPEAMA PEACE UGOCHI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. URUAKPA UGOCHI BRIDGET**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE SOKOTO STATE PROBATE DIVISION SOKOTO**

WHERE AS the person whose name is set out in the first column here under in stated on the date and place stated in the said column.  
AND WHERE AS the person (s) whose address and claim relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Sokoto for the grant of (LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION) of the personal properties of the said deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said (LETTER'S of Administration) will be granted to such person unless a notice to prohibit the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Sokoto Within (TWENTY ONE DAYS) from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASEDS	NAME OF APPLICANTS
1. MOHAMMAD ISAH TURETA OF NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE JIGAWA STATE COMMAND WHO DIED ON 23 <sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020 AT GENERAL HOSPITAL TURETA.	1. 1. NASIRU MOHAMMAD 2. AISHA MOHAMMAD ALL OF TURETA LGA SOKOTO STATE SON & WIFE OF THE DECEASED.
2. JOHN IDOKO OF NIGERIA POLICE FORCE WHO DIED ON 9 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE BENUE STATE.	2. JUMMAI ABBA OF GUIWA AKA AREA SOKOTO THE DAUGHTER TO THE DECEASED.

**DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2021**  
**BASHAR IBRAHIM.**  
AG: CHIEF REGISTRAR

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASEDS	NAME OF APPLICANTS
1. MADU MUHAMMAD MIRINGA OF DIVISION POLICE AFFAIRS ATTACHED HEADQUARTERS LAGOS WHO DIED ON 25 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT POLICE HOSPITAL FALOMO LAGOS.	1. 1. USMAN MUHAMMAD MIRINGA 2. HADIZA HUSSAINI ALL OF NO. 23 ARKILLA FEDERAL LOWCOST AREA SOKOTO THE SON AND WIFE TO THE DECEASED.
2. AHMAD HAMZA SAAD OF NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE WHO DIED ON 6 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT LAGOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL.	2. 1. ABDULKADIR AHMAD SAAD 2. MARYAM HALIRU ALL OF TAMBWAL LGA SOKOTO STATE. BROTHER AND WIFE OF THE DECEASED.

**DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2021**  
**BASHAR IBRAHIM.**  
AG: CHIEF REGISTRAR

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**BAUCHI STATE LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, PROBATE DIVISION BAUCHI BAUCHI STATE**

WHEREAS The person/persons whose name(s) is set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and at the place stated in the column and WHEREAS the person /persons whose name, address and claimed relationship to the deceased person/persons is set out in the second column hereunder has applied to the High Court of Justice Bauchi, for grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the property(ies) of the said deceased, therefore, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person/persons unless NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the PROBATE REGISTRY High Court of Justice Bauchi within TWENTY-ONE (21) Days from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME OF DECEASED PERSON	NAME OF APPLICANT(S)
HARUNA SOLOMON DAKUSUNG OF DUNGA BOGORO LGA BAUCHI STATE WHO DIED ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2021 AT PLATEAU STATE SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, JOS .	DEBORAH HARUNA SOLOMON OF DUNGA, BOGORO LGA BAUCHI STATE THE WIDOW AND NEXT OF KIN TO THE DECEASED PERSON

**DATED AT BAUCHI THIS ON 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2021**  
PROBATE REGISTRAR,  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, BAUCHI  
BAUCHI STATE

SIGNED: SUBILIM EMMANUEL DANJUMA ESQ.  
CHIEF REGISTRAR HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE SOKOTO STATE PROBATE DIVISION SOKOTO**

WHERE AS the person whose name is set out in the first column here under in stated on the date and place stated in the said column.  
AND WHERE AS the person (s) whose address and claim relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Sokoto for the grant of (LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION) of the personal properties of the said deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said (LETTER'S of Administration) will be granted to such person unless a notice to prohibit the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Sokoto Within (TWENTY ONE DAYS) from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASEDS	NAME OF APPLICANTS
1. ALTINE MALAMI OF SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA WHO DIED ON 9 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015 AT SPECIALIST HOSPITAL SOKOTO.	1. 1. ARZIKA ALTINE 2. ABDULLAHI ALTINE ALL OF YABO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SOKOTO STATE THE BROTHERS TO THE DECEASED.
2. SUNDAY SHEHU GAGAG OF DIOCESE OF SOKOTO ANGLICAN COMMUNION WHO DIED ON 2 <sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020 AT UDUTH SOKOTO.	2. MR. BEGE SUNDAY OF NO. 68 SHUNI ROAD MABERA AREA SOKOTO THE SON TO THE DECEASED.

**DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2021**  
**BASHAR IBRAHIM.**  
AG: CHIEF REGISTRAR

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE SOKOTO STATE PROBATE DIVISION SOKOTO**

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASEDS	NAME OF APPLICANTS
1. BANDI AHMAD OF MINISTRY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT WHO DIED ON 21 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AT SPECIALIST HOSPITAL SOKOTO.	1. AISHA MUKHTAR OF BINANCHI AREA SOKOTO THE WIFE TO THE DECEASED.
2. MURTALA ABDULKADIR OF USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY SOKOTO WHO DIED ON 31 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020 AT UDUTH SOKOTO.	2. AHMAD ABDULKADIR WAMBAI OF ALKAMAWA AREA SOKOTO THE BROTHER TO THE DECEASED.

**DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2021**  
**BASHAR IBRAHIM.**  
AG: CHIEF REGISTRAR

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION**

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and at the place stated in the said column.  
AND WHERE AS the person/person (s) whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for the grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" of the personal property of the said deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" will be granted to such person/persons unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice Katsina within TWENTY-ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

DECEASED	APPLICANT FOR GRANT
LATE SALMANU SANI OF LEGAL AID COUNCIL OF NIGERIA. DIED ON 6/1/2021 AT KATSINA	ABUBAKAR SALMANU SANI OF TUDUN WADA KATSINA. THE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED.

**DATED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2021**

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,  
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)  
PROBATE REGISTRAR

# AROUND THE WORLD

## ETHIOPIA

### Gunmen kill 30 people in western Ethiopia - Witness

Gunmen killed at least 30 civilians in an attack on a village in the Ethiopian region of Oromia, witnesses said on Wednesday, the latest outbreak of ethnic violence to challenge the federal government.

Farmer Wossen Andaege, 50, said his neighbours were killed during the Tuesday night attack in the West Wollega Zone of Oromia. He identified the victims as ethnic Amharas.

"We took the bodies using a car and we buried 30 people," said Wossen told Reuters news agency by phone. He said he and his family heard gunshots

and fled to a nearby government office to wait for protection from federal troops.

A resident of the Babo-Gembel district where the attack took place told AFP news agency that gunmen arrived after 9pm (18:00 GMT), forced residents to gather outside in a group and shot them dead. "The place had no security cover from government security forces at the time. I found 29 bodies lying in one area, while there were other bodies scattered in nearby areas," said the man, a guard at an Orthodox church, who spoke on condition of anonymity for safety reasons.

## TURKEY

### Turkey's withdrawal from women violence treaty goes to court

With a presidential decree published in the Official Gazette on March 20, Turkey's pullout from the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence was sudden, but not unexpected.

Turkey's opposition parties appealed to the State Council, the highest administrative court, requesting the cancellation of the withdrawal. The convention was signed in September 2011 in Istanbul and named after the city. Turkey was the first state to ratify

it with a unanimous vote at the parliament the next year, followed by 11 European countries. It came into effect August 2014.

A main supporter of the convention was the Women and Democracy Association, or KADEM, chaired by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's younger daughter. Istanbul Convention is a legally binding treaty whose parties are obliged to prevent, investigate, and punish violence against women. The implementation process is monitored and evaluated.

## UNITED STATES

# Cashier describes guilt over taking fake \$20 bill that triggered Floyd arrest

A cashier who was one of the last people to speak with George Floyd alive last May testified at former Minneapolis policeman Derek Chauvin's murder trial on Wednesday of his regret accepting the fake \$20 bill that led to Floyd's deadly arrest.

Chauvin, who is white, was fired by the city's police department the day after he was captured on video with his knee on the neck of Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs.

He has pled not guilty to murder and manslaughter charges, and a central dispute in the case is his lawyers' contention that Floyd's death, which was ruled a homicide, was instead a drug overdose.

The jury watched video on Wednesday that showed a cheerful-looking Floyd in his final minutes inside a grocery

store, during which Christopher Martin, the cashier, said Floyd made friendly conversation and seemed to be under the influence of drugs.

Several other eyewitnesses, one a child of nine, have spent the last two days describing to the jury the shock of watching Floyd's struggle beneath Chauvin as bystanders screamed at police that Floyd was falling unconscious. Video footage of the arrest on May 25, 2020, sparked global protests decrying police brutality against Black people.

It was Martin, a cashier at the Cup Foods grocery store, who accepted the \$20 bill that triggered everything that followed.

"I thought that George didn't really know it was a fake bill," Martin, 19, told the jury. He considered letting Cup

Foods just dock it from his wages, but ended up telling his manager and a few minutes later police were arresting Floyd on suspicion of passing a counterfeit.

Silent security-camera video played for the jury shows Floyd dressed in a black tank top approaching Cup Food's counter with a banana in hand, smiling and making cheerful conversation and putting his arm around a woman. Floyd appears to be filled with energy and constantly in motion, at one point almost dancing on the spot, shifting his weight from one foot to the other.

Martin, 19, told the jury that he made conversation with Floyd, asking him if he played baseball. Floyd seemed to take time to find his words but replied that he played football, Martin said.

## LIBYA

### Libya force frees prisoners in reconciliation gesture

Forces in Zawiya in western Libya on Wednesday released more than 100 captives taken from Khalifa Haftar's eastern-based Libyan National Army (LNA) to solidify a months-long ceasefire and moves towards national unity. The men had been held since April 2019 when Haftar launched an assault to seize control of the capital, Tripoli, and other areas in the northwest, ending with his retreat last summer.

Libya's warring sides agreed a ceasefire in October in Geneva, and political talks led this month to agreement on a new unity government to replace the two rival administrations that had ruled in east and west.

The process, seen as Libya's best chance in years to end the decade of chaos and violence since the 2011 NATO-backed rising against Muammar Gaddafi, remains fragile with myriad

armed groups still wielding control on the ground.

"Such joy has no price," said Khalif al-Kilan, 92, the father of one of the captives who attended a ceremony in Zawiya, 45 km (30 miles) west of Tripoli, to release them. "This is the real project for national reconciliation," said Ramadan Ahmed Abujanah, deputy prime minister in the new unity government, addressing the ceremony.

## DAILY TRUST Classifieds made easy

**LEGAL NOTICE:**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, JIGAWA STATE OF NIGERIA**

IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column.

AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of 'Letters of Administration' of the personal properties of the said deceased.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, 'UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT' the grant is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Jigawa State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of this notice.

<b>DECEASED</b> ALYU LAWAL OF NPF JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 7/10/2020 AT R.S.S.H. DUTSE.	<b>APPLICANTS</b> YUSUF ALIYU & HABIBU YUSUF ALL OF GAGARAWA TOWN. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATORS.
<b>ABDULLAHI JIBRIN OF DIRECTORATE OF EMPOWERMENT JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 10/2/2020 AT RINGIM HOSPIT.</b>	<b>SHEHU DANMAIRAN OF RINGIM. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.</b>
<b>SHARAFU MUHAMMED OF H.J.R.D.B.A. WHO DIED ON THE 3/2/2021 AT HADEJIA.</b>	<b>ABDULLAHI MUHAMMED OF HADEJIA. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.</b>
<b>DAUDA UMAR FANISAU OF PHCDA DUTSE WHO DIED ON THE 21/10/2020 AT G.H.DUTSE</b>	<b>AISHA DAUDA OF FANISAU. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATRIX.</b>

DATED 23th MARCH, 2021  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA  
(AISHA AHMAD BABURA ESQ.) PROBATE REGISTRAR

**LOSS OF TITLE DOCUMENT**

The general public is hereby notified of the loss of original Title Document in favor of GRACE OSAGIE in respect of the property known and situate at NO. 5, ZARIA BYE-PASS, JOS PLATEAU STATE (a Storey building containing 16 rooms and a double size parlour with "L" shape).

All effort to recover the said Title document in respect of the landed property situated at No. 5, Zaria Bye-Pass, Jos Plateau State of Nigeria proved abortive.

SIGNED:  
**MRS. CATHERINE EWEMADE ETIN SOLEYE (NEE IKOBI)**

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

I Muhammadu Dan Gusau wish to inform the general public of the Loss of Letter of Grant of Statutory Right of Occupancy. Plot No: 8LP. 243 Arkilla Residential Layout, Sokoto SOK/G/10650 issued to him by Ministry of Lands & Housing Sokoto. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. General public should please take note.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION**

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<b>DECEASED</b> LATE KABIR ABDULLAHI OF NIGERIA POLICE FORCE KATSINA STATE COMMAND DIED ON 21/2/2021 AT MALUMFASHI	<b>APPLICANT FOR GRANT</b> 1. AZIMA KABIR 2. KHADIJA KABIR ALL OF BAYAN KASUWA, MALUMFASHI LOCA GOVT. THE WIDOW AND DAUGHTER OF THE SAID DECEASED.
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DATED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. (KABIR SHUAIBU) PROBATE REGISTRAR

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

I, Atiku Musa of 2A and B Zambia road Malali Kaduna wish to inform the general public of the loss of original Land Sub-Lease documents issued to him by Kaduna State Housing Development and Property Company Limited, got lost on the 6th November, 2020 along Malali to Kaduna Main Town. All effort made to trace same 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.

**CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH**

I, MOHAMMED ALI ZIGE OF TEACHING SERVICE BOARD MAIDUGURI (T.S.B) WISHES TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH AS PER FORMAL DECLARATION OF AGE IS 20TH JANUARY 1968. AND NOT 20TH JANUARY 1973 AS APPEARED ON MY (N.Y.S.C) EXEPTION CERTIFICATE NO" 000129613.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

I, Hayatu Atiku of Ungwan Sanusi, Tudun Wada, Kaduna wish to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy No.KD 3620 bearing Savannah Scape Associates which was sold to me by Late Alh. Ahmadu Chanchangi, issued to me on the 10th June, 2010 by Kaduna State, got missing on the 15th July, 2019 while on transit along Tudun Wada to Ungwan Sanusi, Kaduna. All effort made to trace same 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

**REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

# Inna lil Lahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

Every soul has to taste death (Qur'an3: 185)

**W**ith heartfelt sorrow and agony and with profound gratitude and submission to the will of Almighty Allah, we announce the passing on to glory of our beloved and industrious son, brother and friend, who went home to join his Creator. His remains were buried according to Islamic rites.

We love you Junior, Allah loves you most.

You spent enviable, productive, memorable and Godly life.

**We pray for your safe landing to Paradise.**

**May your kind and gentle soul rest in the Paradise of the most benevolent and merciful Allah (Aameen)**

**40-day Fida'u Prayer holds today**

(Strictly for family members)

We extend appreciation to innumerable dignitaries and personalities with their families and friends especially those who attended the funeral prayer at the National Mosque -Abuja, those who sent messages, made phone calls or came home to condole and console us.



**Barrister Mohammed Etsu Umar (Junior)**

(11<sup>th</sup> October, 1992 to 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2021)

**Signed**

**Umar Etsu Mohammed**

(Father, On behalf of the Family)

Director Public Prosecution of the Federation

Federal Ministry of Justice, Abuja.

# INSIDE POLITICS

## PoliQuote

This country will remain one. Those praying for Nigeria's break up will not succeed because those praying against such are more in number - Vice President Yemi Osinbajo

## APC national chair: I'll contest if zoned to North East – Sheriff

By Saawua Terzungwe

**A** former governor of Borno State, Senator Ali Modu Sheriff, has said he will contest the position of national chairman of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) if it is zoned to his region, the North East.

Many former governors and other APC stalwarts have commenced underground campaigns to take a shot at the party's apex office.

But the Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee led by Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni is yet to fix a date for the national convention where a new crop of National Working Committee (NWC) members would be elected. The tenure of the Buni-led caretaker committee would elapse in June.

Sheriff, a former National Chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), made his position clear yesterday in Lafia,



■ Sheriff

the Nasarawa State capital, when he visited the state governor, Abdullahi Sule, to solicit his support.

Governor Sule recently said the office of APC National Chairman should be allotted to the North Central geo-political zone, and specifically threw his weight behind a former governor of Nasarawa State, Umaru Tanko Al-Makura.

But Sheriff during the visit said he had garnered all the experience needed to succeed as national chairman of the ruling party.

He assured that if the slot is zoned to the North Central, he would support a frontline contender that is in the good books of Governor Sule.

Senator Sheriff also commended Sule for his "giant strides" across all sectors in the state and urged him to keep up the good work.

On his part, Governor Sule thanked the Borno ex-governor and urged him to play key roles that would ensure a politician from the North Central and particularly Nasarawa State emerged as chairman of the party.

## INEC fixes date for FCT council polls

By Abbas Jimoh

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has fixed February 12, 2022, for the conduct of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Area Councils election.

The National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee (IVEC), Festus Okoye, announced this on Wednesday in Abuja, at the end of the commission's management meeting.

He said the three-year tenure of the six chairmen and 62 councillors would expire in May 2022.

"By virtue of Section 108(1) and (3) and 113(1)(a) and (b) of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended), election into all area councils shall be held on the same date and time throughout the FCT. This shall take place not earlier than 150 days before and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

"Furthermore, under Section 113 of the Electoral Act, an Area Council shall stand dissolved at the expiration of a three-year period, starting from the date the chairman took the oath of office, or when the legislative arm of the council was inaugurated whichever is earlier.

"The commission is concerned about the spate of acrimonious primaries as well as the nomination of unqualified candidates, which results in avoidable litigations, and the nullification of elections by election petition tribunals," Okoye said.

## 2023: Falana, others move to form 'mega' movement

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A renowned lawyer, Femi Falana (SAN), Prof. Toyé Olorod, Jaye Gaskiya and others have commenced moves to form a mega movement ahead of the 2023 general elections.

The movement named "The Peoples Alternative Political Movement", has Prof. Olorod as co-chairman of the committee and Jaye Gaskiya as secretary.

Promoters of the movement, yesterday, met in Abuja to discuss critical issues affecting the nation and how to "save" the situation.

In a communique issued at the end of the meeting and 'endorsed' by about 30 different groups, the promoters said, "The new movement will build a new country based on justice, equity and protection of the dignity of mankind irrespective of ethnicity, faith or creed.

"We shall make Nigeria great again and put the country back on her status as the giant of Africa", the promoters said as part of their mission statement."

## Anambra gov'ship: Buhari's milestones in S'East will count against PDP, APGA – Moghalu

By Saawua Terzungwe, Abuja

A former National Auditor of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Anambra state governorship aspirant, Chief George Moghalu, has said the party would use President Muhammadu Buhari's recorded milestones in the South East to win the November governorship election in the state.

Moghalu, who is also the first National Publicity Secretary of the All Peoples Party (APP), which later became the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP),

told newsmen in an interactive session yesterday in Abuja, that the APC was advancing legitimate strategies to dethrone the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in the state.

The politician, who is contesting this year's governorship election in the state, said though all the political calculations in the state favoured Anambra South, at no time did stakeholders meet and agreed that there should be a power shift to the South in the next election.

"I keep telling people that we

are going into the election with our report cards. We are going to present what APC has been able to do in the Southeast and Anambra in particular. We are going to put it side by side with what others have done.

"Our people are not satisfied with the governance of the state with what it is today. It's like having married this man for some time, let us try this husband. PDP has ruled our state, APGA has ruled our state.

"Why don't we try APC now and see whether the narrative will change, and see

the differences so that we can do enormous comparative analysis. As to whether we have the chance. I can tell you, without sounding immodest that, it is our best chance," he said.

Moghalu, who is the current Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of National Inland Water Authority (NIWA), also appealed to the national leadership of the party to conduct a free and fair primary poll, saying he was God's candidate poised to serve the people.

## Obi denies anointing candidate for Anambra gov'ship

From Titus Eleweke, Awka

A former governor of Anambra State, Chief Peter Obi, has said he has not anointed any aspirant ahead of the November governorship election in the state.

Obi, who was vice presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the 2019 general election, spoke at the Anambra State PDP interactive meeting

with state officials, local government officials, ward chairmen and secretaries on Wednesday.

"If anybody comes to you and tells you that he has my blessing or he has paid me anything to support him or her, please ignore the person.

"I have no special aspirant in my mind. My concern is for the PDP primary to be free, fair and credible," he said.

## Ex-speaker Bankole registers for APC in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dimeji Bankole, on Wednesday officially registered as a member of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ogun State.

Bankole, who recently defected to the APC, registered at his ward 10, Iporo - Sodeke unit in Abeokuta South Local Government Area of the state.

The former Speaker, who was the governorship candidate of Action Democratic Party (ADP) in the 2019 general elections, had earlier met with Chairman of the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee,

Governor Mai Mala Buni, in Abuja.

In his brief remarks, Bankole told his supporters and party officials that the registration marked his official defection to the ruling party.

"Today (yesterday) is not for a long speech. The only thing I will say is that I have now joined APC. What is left is to continue praying on the step we have taken. It will be well by God's grace," he said.

The APC State Chairman, Yemi Sanusi, described Bankole's defection to the APC as homecoming and asked him to fully integrate himself into the party and contribute meaningfully towards its success in the 2023 elections.

# BUSINESS

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**NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE** MARKET CAP ▶ N20,428,617TR (-0.57%) ↓ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 39,045.13POINTS (-0.57%) ↓ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 347,173,467BN SHARES

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

 <b>OIL AND GAS</b> <b>265.87 0.02%</b>	 <b>BANKING</b> <b>369.67 -0.84%</b>	 <b>CONSUMER GOODS</b> <b>542.94 0.39%</b>	 <b>INSURANCE</b> <b>204.54 2.22%</b>	 <b>INDUSTRIAL</b> <b>1,889.76 -0.03%</b>
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**NSE GENERAL INDEX**

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
<b>BANKING</b>					
ACCESS BANK PLC	284,361.80	8.00	-3.61	190	7,121,083
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	241,105.92	7.05	-2.08	154	9,956,090
ZENITH BANK PLC	707,990.93	22.55	-0.22	370	22,137,440
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	260,240.87	7.25	0.69	119	11,984,134
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,260,792.99	160.20	-2.91	68	161,394
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,663,709.09	215.00	-	63	95,705
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	355,982.28	22.10	-0.67	115	2,875,943
BERGER PAINTS PLC	1,883.85	6.50	-	8	3,064
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,489,030.02	73.50	-	43	48,744
CAP PLC	15,540.00	22.20	5.71	20	1,021,872
MEYER PLC	239.06	0.45	9.76	2	157,522
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	2,324.71	2.93	-	0	0
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,230.00	10.00	-	0	0
<b>EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION</b>					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	323,644.51	550.00	-	21	946,898
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>					
THE INITIATES PLC	373.79	0.42	-6.67	3	111,955
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	1	5
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,012.00	0.46	-4.17	8	290,972
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	85,851.90	90.00	-	19	39,189
PRESCO PLC	72,000.00	72.00	-	8	27,311
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	5,760.00	1.92	-0.52	57	2,031,799
<b>DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES</b>					
JOHN HOLT PLC	206.25	0.53	-	1	50
S O A NIG. PLC	1,546.59	2.38	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	32,924.87	0.81	3.85	103	10,191,782
U A C N PLC	25,931.67	9.00	1.67	119	6,542,284
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION</b>					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	31,680.00	20.00	-	102	6,029,278
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
<b>REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT</b>					
LUAN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	14,291.18	0.77	-7.23	19	755,865
<b>BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS</b>					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	17,616.37	2.25	-	22	164,927
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	74,253.98	33.90	7.28	137	3,735,069
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	153,113.79	5.70	-	27	575,602
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	387,849.75	48.50	-	36	230,297
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	206,496.93	17.00	2.41	128	1,858,790
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	118,090.93	28.80	-	50	556,957
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,357.63	1.18	-	18	349,358
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,104.84	6.20	-	0	0
NASCAN ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	40,271.46	15.20	-	23	399,026
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	15,495.17	8.25	-	22	74,834
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,089,902.35	1,375.00	-	23	983
<b>HOUSEHOLD DURABLES</b>					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,513.04	19.90	-	0	0
VITAFAM NIG PLC	10,382.01	8.30	-	30	285,482
P Z CUSONS NIGERIA PLC	19,256.81	4.85	-	14	54,127
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	76,983.07	13.40	-1.83	82	2,593,523
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	92,665.23	5.05	-	27	107,317
FIDELITY BANK PLC	69,249.76	2.39	2.58	68	2,528,876
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	966,814.24	32.85	-0.45	329	10,714,851
JAIZ BANK PLC	18,562.48	0.63	-	11	81,400
STERLING BANK PLC	48,943.71	1.70	-1.76	41	2,656,172
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	154,339.99	5.30	-	37	78,908,722
UNITY BANK PLC	8,767.00	0.75	-	9	2,007,775
WEMA BANK PLC	21,987.45	0.57	-8.06	50	94,047,318
<b>INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES</b>					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
AICO INSURANCE PLC	25,841.58	1.25	3.31	25	3,055,015
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	35,280.00	0.98	-2.00	40	7,240,237
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,425.44	0.32	6.67	8	316,145
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	10,899.84	0.60	-	9	233,212
CONTRON INSURANCE PLC	11,995.84	0.50	-3.85	41	5,849,459
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	2	200
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,365.33	1.29	-	7	91,288
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,600.00	0.66	10.00	10	650,508
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	5,139.46	0.46	4.55	34	2,493,610
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,075.80	2.30	9.52	27	442,695
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	2	50,840
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	5,963.65	0.45	9.76	8	1,661,194
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,000.63	0.30	-	3	1,700,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,727.47	0.24	4.35	10	4,910,000
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	3,835.13	0.66	-	2	5,543
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	0	0
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-4.76	8	1,239,990
<b>MICRO-FINANCE BANKS</b>					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,458.94	1.95	-	21	241,714
ABEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	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
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	10,700.00	5.35	-2.73	33	370,447
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	38,820.30	6.60	-	24	269,359
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	1	10
FCMB GROUP PLC	57,427.86	2.90	-	45	421,575
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,543.61	0.30	7.14	4	695,040
STANBIC IBC HOLDINGS PLC	569,182.38	51.25	-0.97	138	1,256,772
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	31,800.00	5.30	0.95	132	6,022,242
<b>HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS</b>					
ENKOCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	994.88	0.28	-	0	0
<b>MEDICAL SUPPLIES</b>					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	850.68	0.86	-	1	25,000
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS</b>					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIRSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,910.21	4.75	-	18	154,560
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,131.96	6.80	-5.56	55	1,879,513
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	6,900.94	4.00	2.56	65	987,855
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,703.36	1.95	-	6	10,821
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	320.89	1.48	-	0	0
<b>COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS</b>					
COURTEVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	816.96	0.23	-4.17	23	3,562,315
<b>COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS</b>					
OMATEX VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	0	0
<b>IT SERVICES</b>					
CVIG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	301.32	2.79	-	0	0
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	356.37	0.72	-	1	172
CHAMS PLC	986.17	0.21	-	20	6,586,160
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,450.00	2.25	-	0	0
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,495,080.90	930.00	-	10	1,305
<b>ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS</b>					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CLUTIX PLC	3,593.10	2.04	-	7	263,539
<b>PACKAGING/CONTAINERS</b>					
BETA GLASS PLC	26,998.49	54.00	-	1	10

COMMODITIES PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
<b>CRUDE OIL (BRENT)</b>	\$50.87	-	-	-
<b>NATURAL GAS</b>	\$2.63	-	-	-
<b>COPPER</b>	\$7,764.50	-	-	-
<b>GOLD</b>	\$1,877.59	-	-	-
<b>SILVER</b>	\$25.77	-	-	-
<b>SUGAR</b>	\$0.15	-	-	-
<b>COCOA</b>	\$1,710.0	-	-	-
<b>LIVE CATTLE</b>	\$1.12	-	-	-
<b>COTTON</b>	\$0.76	-	-	-

**GAINERS**

LINKASSURE	0.06	10.00%
MEYER	0.04	9.76%
PRESTIGE	0.04	9.76%
NEM	0.2	9.52%

**LOSERS**

DAARCOMM	-0.02	-8.70%
WEMABANK	-0.05	-8.06%
UPL	-0.09	-7.76%
UAC-PROP	-0.06	-7.23%

## NSCIA tackles CAN over Appeal Court justices shortlisting

By Abbas Jimoh

The Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has berated the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) over its insinuations and vituperations on the shortlisting of 20 justices-designate by the Federal Judicial Service Commission.

NSCIA Acting Director of Administration Prof. Salisu Shehu and Deputy Secretary General Arc. Haruna Zuberu Usman-Ugwu, in a statement, said the council was compelled to reply CAN as it had often resisted joining issues with the CAN "as a matter of principle because CAN has proved, times without number, its morbid hatred for Islam and Muslims.

The council recalled that not too long ago, it was forced to expose the marginalisation of Muslims in the successive boards of the Nigerian Television Authority after CAN made "one of its wild and mendacious allegations of Christian marginalisation.

"It is actually a wicked strategy and unholy tactics to accuse Muslims of marginalisation though Muslims are the ones being deliberately and systemically marginalised by Christians, who continue to consolidate on the colonial agenda of emasculating Muslims.

"The narrow-mindedness of CAN is playing out again in the deliberate distortion of the issues surrounding the shortlisted 20 Justices-designate.

The said that the grouse of CAN, as amplified by some hagiographers masquerading as opinion leaders, is that 13 of the 20 recently shortlisted Justices are from the North and are Muslims.

"Though the President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Monica Dongban-Mensem, on her honour stated unequivocally that the procedure of the appointment followed 'due and usual process' and that the recommendation 'was done without any preference for tribe, creed or association', mischief makers, ethnic jingoists and religious bigots resorted to blackmail.

"In venting their spleen against the development, CAN especially and its apologists choose to ignore the fact that Muslims are a minority in the religious composition of the Court of Appeal.

## IGP inaugurates police radio station

By Idowu Isamotu

The Inspector General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, yesterday in Abuja inaugurated the Nigeria Police Radio, 99.1FM which, he said, was aimed at promoting community policing and bringing the police closer to the people.

He said the radio station was a legacy project conceived, nurtured and actualised by the Force as part of strategies designed by his administration as the nation's 20th IGP to combat crimes and stabilise security across Nigeria.

He said the aim was to ensure smooth information flow with a view to strengthening the bond between the citizens and the police.

He said the radio station had since commenced test transmission in line with the National Broadcasting Commission code and operational regulations.

Adamu said the station would serve as a veritable avenue for the Force to engage, enlighten and inform the public on policing activities and other security related matters.

He the station would also

air phone-in programmes to involve the citizens in the security of their localities especially on how to spot and report crimes and other necessary steps to take in the event of a crime or security emergency.

"As part of the implementation processes, we appreciated the need to bolster partnership and good working relationship between the police and the people in our various communities.

"One of these strategies is the construction and setting up of this community based radio station, the Nigeria

Police 99.1FM Radio, targeted at bringing the police closer to the people," Adamu said.

Presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, said the establishment of the police radio station indicated that Nigerians now had a station where credible, accurate and timely information about security and other issues could be aired.

He said: "It cannot be said that the police radio is airing fake news.

"When people listen to all other radio stations, they'll tune to police station to have a confirmation of the news they've heard elsewhere."



■ Senior Special Adviser to the President on SDGs, Princess Adejoke Orelupe-Adefulire (middle); Director-General of NAPTIP, Imaan Sulaimon- Ibrahim (right) and Secretary of Program SDGs, Engr. Ahmad Kawu, during the NAPTIP director-general's recent visit to the OSSAP-SDGs Office in Abuja

## Arrests made in Niger attempted coup

Arrests have been made in connection with a coup attempt in Niger overnight, according to a statement sent to CNN by a diplomatic source in the country.

"Several people linked to the coup attempt" have been taken into custody, but authorities are searching for others involved, the source said.

The incident comes two days before the swearing in of President-elect Mohamed Bazoum. The former interior minister succeeds President Mahamadou Issoufou, who stepped down after a decade in power.

Earlier Wednesday, a separate diplomatic source

told CNN heavy gunfire was heard outside Niger's presidential palace, resulting in more than one hour of heavy shelling near the presidency.

Asked to confirm it was an attempted putsch, the diplomatic source said: "Yes it's the army. Which is predominately from the west of the country, which is the heartland of the opposition to Bazoum."

Both outgoing and incoming presidents were reported to be safe, the source said.

"The government condemns this coward and backwards act that had the intention to attack the democracy and the rule of law that our state has embarked

upon as we have seen during these recent elections which were democratic, free and fair and lauded as such by the international community," the statement said.

A spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General in New York has said he is "following with great concern the unfolding developments in the country" and "urges all involved to desist from any form of incitement that threatens democratic consolidation and the stability of the country."

CNN has made attempts to reach the Army and Presidency for comment.

The US Embassy in Niger's capital Niamey suspended consular activities and said it

would close Wednesday "due to gunshots heard near our neighborhood."

"The security situation throughout Niger remains fluid in the post-election period with the possibility of unrest and/or intercommunal clashes around the country. There may be a corresponding increase in police presence and traffic delays on major roads. Please exercise caution," the embassy said on its website.

The west African nation is in the midst of a security crisis, with a wave of deadly attacks by militants linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State near its borders with Mali and Burkina Faso in recent months. (CNN)

## Army denies lopsidedness in recruitment

The Nigerian Army has dismissed allegations of lopsidedness in its recruitment and enlistment processes, saying that it fully complied with the Federal Character principle in the exercise.

Director, Army Public Relations, Brig.-Gen. Mohammed Yerima, in a statement on Wednesday, in Abuja, particularly denied allegations of lopsidedness in the recent list of successful candidates for the Short Service Commission course 47.

Yerima said that an online publication had alleged that the list of successful candidates for the SSC Course 47 published on March 26 was dominated by the North, while the South East had the least number of candidates.

He said the Nigerian Army strictly complied with the Federal Character policy by which an equal number of eight candidates were selected from each state of the federation except, in rare instances, where a state did not have the required number

of eligible candidates to fill its allocated eight vacancies.

"In such instance, the vacancy will be filled by a contiguous state from the same Geopolitical Zone.

"Following this number allocated per state, the South East, which is made up of five states, was entitled to 40 candidates. However, two additional vacancies were allocated to the zone, thereby making a total of 42 candidates instead of 40.

"North Central, for instance,

has seven states, including the FCT. Taking eight candidates from each state in the geopolitical zone gives a total of 56, in addition to two extra vacancies as was also allocated to the South East, gave the total of 58 candidates," he said.

"It is, therefore, quite uncharitable and blatantly divisive for any media organisation to whip up sentiments from such a straight forward exercise conducted by the Nigerian Army in the best interest of the Nation. (NAN)

## FOCUS ON JEWEL IN THE SAVANNAH

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# VP Osinbajo Lauds Gombe Governor for investing in Youths

Nigeria's Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo on Tuesday commended Gombe state governor, Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya for investing in Youths, stating that the strength of Nigeria's economy depends on the innovative powers and entrepreneurship of the Nation's young people.

Speaking at the launch of the 27th edition of the National Micro Small Medium Enterprises Clinics in Gombe, Prof. Osinbajo commended the State government for investing in young people and other efforts in developing innovations in the state.

The VP cited the invention of ventilator maching at the peak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by two young

men in Gombe as prove that the youths are capable and can do wonderful things. He said: "We have both talents and human resources in abundance these young people are showing us the ways of the future".

Prof. Osinbajo explained that the MSME clinic is an initiative of the federal government to work with state government to support small businesses. He said: "The reason why this is necessary is because small businesses are the engine of growth of any economy, MSME also employ the largest number of people, so the clinics where designed to bring regulatory agencies whose works affects the business experience of MSME to meet with these small businesses.

This gives MSME an opportunity to bring their business related concerns to the attention of the regulatory agencies for solutions," the VP stated.

"Earlier today I visited the amazing and inspiring groundnut oil and rice processing hub, a place where thousands of people are employed producing tones of groundnut oil daily and hundreds of bags of rice," Prof. Osinbajo stated. On his part, Governor Inuwa Yahaya, disclosed that his administration had initiated plans to reposition the MSME subsector of the state. He said: "Already, the bill for the creation of the Gombe State Enterprise Development Agency

is before the House of Assembly". He explained that the agency when created is expected to drive MSME development in the State by harnessing the potentials of small and medium scale businesses across various economic and social sectors of the state. "Since coming to office, we have been working to lay a solid foundation for the industrial development of Gombe State, with a specific focus on MSMEs. Similarly, the recently launched 10-year Development Agenda for Gombe State identified the MSME subsector as an important driver of economic and social advancement," Governor Yahaya stated.

## Vice President in Gombe, Says Nigeria will remain one united entity, triumph over agitators

...As Osinbajo Commends Governor Yahaya's giant strides in areas of road construction, agriculture, health, others

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has expressed optimism that Nigeria will remain one indivisible entity no matter the agitation for a breakup just as he assured that the fervent prayers of those wishing Nigeria well will definitely triumph over those wishing for the country's break up.

Professor Osinbajo who was in Gombe on Tuesday a on one-day official visit to attend the 27th edition of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Clinic made the statement at the Palace of the Emir of Gombe, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Abubakar Shehu Abubakar III.

The vice president also said that those praying for the success and growth of the country are far more in number than those praying for the break up of Nigeria, a development he said is giving leaders of the country rays of hope.

According to him, "this country will remain one. Those praying for Nigeria's break up will not succeed because those praying against such are much in number."

The Vice President commended Governor Inuwa Yahaya-led APC administration in Gombe state for the transformation brought to the state in the

areas of road construction, agriculture and the health.

Speaking earlier, Governor Yahaya said that the vice president's visit was a special one because so many transformation has taken place since he last time he visited the state during 2019 elections campaign.

Governor Yahaya said that Gombe State is the centre of commercial activities in the North-East which is the reason it has gained a cosmopolitan status and assured that the state will give the Federal Government all the necessary support to deliver on its mandate.

In his remarks, the Emir of Gombe, Alhaji Abubakar Shehu Abubakar commended the vice president for encouraging and uplifting MSMEs not only in Gombe State but also in the country.

The Emir specifically commended the Federal Government for the establishment of one of the largest livestock reserves in the country in the Wawa-Zange grazing reserve, saying that it will go a long way in solving the incessant herders/farmers clashes that claimed several innocent lives in the state.



■ L-R: Vice President Prof Yemi Osinbajo, emir of Gombe, Alhaji Abubakar Shehu Abubakar III and Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya during the VP's visit to the monarch in Gombe



■ Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya (R) Presenting the Gombe 10 year development plan to the Vice president Prof. Yemi Osinbajo while the minister of Communications and Digital economy, Dr. Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami looks on



■ Vice President Prof Yemi Osinbajo at one of the ground nut oil mill at the Gombe industrial cluster

# Prosecution counsel urges court to sentence Zakzaky, wife

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka,  
Kaduna

**D**ari Bayero, the lead counsel in the 'secret trial' of the leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN), Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky, and his wife Zeenat, has prayed the Kaduna High Court to overrule the defence and sentence the defendants as provided by the law.

Bayero, while speaking with newsmen shortly after Justice

Gideon Kurada adjourned the case to May 25 for the defendants to open their defence in the trial, said the state had closed its case after presenting its 15th witness in the trial.

"Our last witness has testified and the state has closed its case. We are satisfied with the case so far.

"We have presented 15 witnesses including Army Generals who are key actors and players that led to the filing of the case against the

IMN leader.

"As far as the state is concerned, it has tendered all the exhibits and witnesses have come before the court and tendered evidence against the defendants.

"One of our prayers is that the court should overrule the No-Case-Submission, overrule the defence and convict the defendants accordingly and pass the necessary sentence as provided for in the law," he said.

But counsel to Sheikh Zakzaky, Femi Falana, Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), told reporters that his team would open its defence in the case at the adjourned date.

Falana, represented by Marshall Abubakar, said they would, after consulting with the defendants, file and enter a no-case-submission before the court.

According to him, the defence had earlier prayed the court to quash the charge, adding that, "So far and as the

defence is concerned, the 15 prosecution witnesses did not establish any case against his clients."

Daily Trust recalls that the Kaduna State Government charged El-Zakzaky and Zeenat with eight counts bordering on alleged culpable homicide, unlawful assembly and disruption of the public peace, among other charges.

The IMN leader and his wife had pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to them.

## Ortom vows to apprehend killers of Catholic priest

From Hope Abah Emmanuel,  
Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom on Wednesday vowed to apprehend the killers of Reverend Father Ferdinand Ngugban of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Aye-Twar village in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State.

The late priest was killed by gunmen who attacked his residence in the rural Aye-Twar village.

Ortom, who condemned the killing, also described the attack as mindless and wondered why a harmless priest would become the target of armed men.

The governor through

his spokesman, Terver Akase, reassured the people of Katsina-Ala and Sankera in general that the state government will not relent until those responsible for the killing and other attacks in that part of the state are brought to justice.

He reaffirmed the resolve of his administration not to hand over the state to criminals and urged Benue people to continue to support security operatives with timely and useful information.

Ortom further sympathised with the bereaved family and prayed that God grants the soul of Reverend Father Ngugban eternal rest.

## Two allegedly rob, beat gold merchant in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Operatives of Ogun State Police command have arrested two suspected armed robbers - Jerry Chuckwedu, 23, and Tomiwa Olawale, 22, for allegedly robbing a gold merchant of gold chains and rings valued at N6m at gun point.

The suspects were arrested following a report lodged at Ogijo divisional headquarters by one Abubakar Hassan.

The complainant told the police that his brother sent him from Idi Araba in Mushin Lagos State to deliver some gold chains and rings worth N6m to his customer at Igbo Olomu area of Isawo.

He said when he got to Isawo, the said customer who was already waiting for him, picked him on a motorcycle and took him to a deserted area where three other persons dispossessed him of the jewellery at gun

point after beating him mercilessly.

The Police Spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, told newsmen on Wednesday that the DPO Ogijo division, CSP Muhammed Suleiman Baba, quickly led his detectives to the scene, and the entire area was thoroughly combed.

He said the efforts yielded positive result when two amongst the gang were arrested while others escaped with their arms.

Oyeyemi said three gold rings valued at N3,121,700 were recovered from them.

He quoted the commissioner of police CP Edward Awolowo Ajogun to have ordered the transfer of the suspects to state's Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation.

Oyeyemi added that the CP also directed that the fleeing members of the gang must be hunted for and brought to book.



■ Kebbi State First Lady, Dr. Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu receiving delegation of the Nigerian Medical Student's Association led by its National President, Danbuba Umar, during an advocacy visit ahead of the association's international summit in Birnin Kebbi recently.

## Kano anti-graft agency recovers N521m, receives 2,256 complaints in 12 months

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

Kano State Public Complaints and Anti-Corruption Commission (PCACC) yesterday revealed that it recovered over N521m from various fraud suspects in 2020 out of the 2,256 complaints filed with the commission.

The chairman of the commission, Barrister Muhyi Magaji Rimingado, who revealed this yesterday, also said the commission in 2020 recovered and returned to its rightful owners over 400 plots of land of different density across the state, adding that it also aided the peace being enjoyed in the state by settling over 60 "sensitive security case

involving farmers and herders mostly on encroachment of cattle route."

According to him, the commission was able to clamp down on hoarders of essential commodities where products worth billions of naira were confiscated but later released after reaching an agreement with the traders.

The commission's recent intervention, according to Rimindago, into the alleged hoarding of fuel by some petroleum products marketers brought succour to the residents of Kano State.

"Over 70 filling stations hitherto closed were reopened, and fuel

scarcity and price hike were averted in Kano State," he said.

He added that in the first three months of this year, the commission has consolidated on its successes in 2020 and was able to recover and return to the rightful owners not less than N150m.

Meanwhile, the state anti-graft czar has confirmed that the commission has instituted a fraud charge against the newly appointed Nigerian Ambassador to South Korea, Ali Magashi, and Countrywide Housing Ltd over their roles in the sale of 20 hectares of land belonging to the Kano Emirate Council at the sum of N1.026bn.

## FG says out-of-school children now 10.3 million

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Federal Government yesterday hinted that the number of out-of-school children has dropped to 10.3 million from 12 million.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Sonny Echono, said this on Wednesday at the zonal dissemination workshop of Nigeria Education Sector Analysis report held in Abeokuta, the Ogun state capital.

The Permanent Secretary said various interventions by stakeholders in the sector led to the drop in the statistics of out-of-school children.

Echono, represented by Director, Educational Planning, Research and Development in the ministry, Dr Folake David, said Nigeria still has issues of access to education.

## Water scarcity hits UCH

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Patients admitted at the University Teaching Hospital (UCH) Ibadan are having challenges with water supply as their families are struggling to get water for their survival.

Our correspondent gathered that the management of the hospital had to postpone many surgeries because of the non availability of water.

A staff of UCH who craved for anonymous confirmed to Daily Trust that the water scarcity had affected many operations, saying the management failed to arrange for alternative before starting the rehabilitation process.

The UCH spokesperson, Teye Akinrinola, who confirmed the scarcity of water in the hospital to journalists in Ibadan on Wednesday said it was due to rehabilitation of facilities in the hospital but refused to talk on the postponement of surgeries.

Akinrinola said: "It is true that water supply in UCH has been epileptic in recent weeks. We are overhauling the entire water system. In fact, 5 blocks in the hospital have been shut down for massive renovation. This hasn't happened in 63 years.

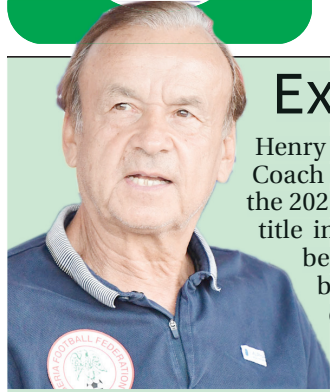
"It is regrettable that our services are being disrupted, but in the next two weeks, we should be done with the renovation."



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■ Gernot Rohr

## Ex-Super Eagles captain, Nwosu sets AFCON target for Rohr

Henry Nwosu has urged Coach Gernot Rohr to win the 2022 Africa Cup of Nations title in Cameroon if he is to be regarded as one of the best tacticians on the continent.

The three-time Africa champions sealed their place

at the continental competition with two games to spare after Lesotho and Sierra Leone played out a draw on matchday five.

Under Rohr, Nigeria have now qualified for two consecutive Africa Cup of Nations tournaments since their failure to reach the competition in 2017. Nwosu is pleased but believes

it is too early to rate the 67-year-old as one of the best managers in Africa.

"Rohr has done well but I will not see him as one of the best coaches in Africa just because he qualified Nigeria for AFCON. Let him go on and win the Africa Cup of Nations," Nwosu told Goal.

"After winning the Nations

Cup that is when we can now rate him. The wish of every Nigerian is for Rohr to win the Nations Cup.

"I will want Nigeria to win the Africa Cup of Nations title and do well at the World Cup and even win it. That is the target for the coach in charge whether he is a Nigerian or not."

## Pillars pip Danburam FC 2-1 in Daura stadium reopening

By David Ngobua

Kano Pillars football club yesterday defeated Nigerian National League new boys, Danburam FC of Daura 2-1 in a friendly match to officially re-open the renovated Daura Township stadium.

Pillars' Eze Ifeanyi scored the opening goal before Abba Saha equalised towards the dying minutes to ensure the first half of the highly entertaining encounter ended 1-1.

On resumption, the former Nigerian champions got their second goal through Naza John and that was enough to inflict defeat on their hosts as Danburam failed to convert a last minute penalty that was awarded against Pillars.

Pillars coach Ibrahim Musa told Daily Trust on phone that the match was a good test game for his players particularly those who have not been actively engaged in the ongoing NPFL season.

"It was an opportunity for some of our players to have a feel of match situation. Some of them are yet to start playing for us in the league.

"I was able to see their fitness level and what they



■ Kano Pillars players warming up before a match in the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League

require to be in better shape for future engagements," he said.

For the people of Daura, it was a momentous moment as the brand new astro turf pitch was officially commissioned and put to use.

It will be recalled that prior to this, the Daura

Stadium football pitch was in a pathetic state, unfit for football matches as the soil base could not support and sustain the growth of grass.

The efforts to bring the football pitch back to a meaningful state was powered by the Minister of sports, Sunday Dare whose Adoption Campaign Models

have been paying-off.

To leverage on the success made so far, the Minister got Sir Kesington Adebute to directly fund the rehabilitation and upgrade of the stadium.

The upgraded stadium will serve as the home ground of Danburam FC of Daura.

## NPFL club secretaries to honour Ikpeazu, Wike, Pinnick, others

By David Ngobua

The forum of Nigeria Professional Football League Secretaries is to honour prominent Nigerians for their contributions to football in the country.

According to the forum, the awards would be presented to the awardees during its Annual General Meeting holding between 6-8 April in Aba.

Governor Okezie Victor Ikpeazu (Abia), Udom Emmanuel (Akwa Ibom), Ifeanyi Okowa (Delta) Nyesom Wike (Rivers), Samuel Ortom (Benue), Simon Lalong (Plateau), Abdullahi Ganduje (Kano), and Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (Enugu) will be honoured.

Others are Sports Minister, Sunday Dare, NFF president Amaju Pinnick, NFF General Secretary, Dr. Sanusi Mohammed, LMC Chairman Shehu Dikko and LMC Chief Operating Officer, Salihu Abubakar.

In a statement signed by the Coordinator of the forum and Enyimba Scribe, Chibuzo Nwogu indicated that other activities lined up ahead of the AGM include holistic discourse on the state of affairs of Nigerian clubs in the domestic and continental league.

Furthermore, there will be a novelty match between club secretaries with officials of Abia Warriors and Enyimba on Wednesday April 7 at the Enyimba stadium.

The Forum is designed for the secretaries of various clubs in the top-flight with the major aim of helping further to galvanise the growth of club football at various elite teams.

## 25 years after, Lagos fulfils promise to Olympian, Patrick Pascal

By Olusola 'Jide in Lagos

A member of Nigeria's Dream Team that won the gold medal at the Atlanta 1996 Olympics, Patrick Pascal has been presented with the keys to the house promised him 25 years ago.

Pascal who is the Team Coordinator of the Super Eagles received the keys from the Lagos State governor,

Babajide Sanwo-Olu during the Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers between Nigeria and Lesotho at the Teslim Balogun Stadium on Tuesday.

Sanwo-Olu, surprised Pascal who was one of the three home-based players of the Atlanta 1996 football gold medalist team, by giving him a new three-bedroom apartment in the 360 units Prince Abiodun Ogunleye

Housing Estate in Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos.

It will be recalled that the then Head of State, Late General Sani Abacha, gifted the Olympic gold medalist team N1m and bestowed the team with Member of the Order of the Niger (MON) honour.

The Lagos State government then led by Colonel Olagunsoye Oyinola also

promised to do something meaningful to the team, a pledged which was fulfilled on Tuesday.

While accepting the keys to his house, an elated Pascal thanked the governor and the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) President, Amaju Melvin Pinnick, saying the kind gesture would go a long way to encourage sportsmen and women to give their best to

the nation with the knowledge that their contributions will not go unrewarded.

"I want to thank the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu for fulfilling the promise made by the government then in 1996. Indeed, this kind gesture would inspire young Nigerians that their labour for the country will not go in vain," he said.

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## A story of war cats, fighting corruption and the SFTAS approach

In the year 525 BCE, the Egyptian Army faced off against the Persians in what would become known as the Battle of Pelusium.

The Persians knew the Egyptians very well and knew how much the Egyptians venerated cats, as a representative of their goddess Bastet, often depicted with the body of a svelte woman and the head of a feline. So, the Persian emperor, Cambyses II, ordered his soldiers to brand their armours with the symbol of the cat and had them carry the creatures to the battlefield.

When the Egyptians saw this, they were reluctant to shoot at the Persians for fear of injuring the cats among them or desecrating the symbol of their revered goddess and suffering eternal damnation in the afterlife. In the end, the Egyptians lost the war and their kingdom with Cambyses II taking the Pharaoh's throne.

Brawns are useful in battle but the greatest victories have been achieved using brains. A lesson Nigeria will do well to master.

From time immemorial, Nigeria has been locked in an endless battle with corruption. In this tussle of good vs evil, the country has often relied on brawn rather than its number six.

The prevailing thinking has been that seizing corrupt officials and throwing them in gulags would bring about sanity in the system, and this is only for governments inclined to fight corruption.

While many Nigerians have focused on corruption at the centre, the shady dealings that have been deeply entrenched in the states or subnational level where public officials are quietly siphoning billions have continued unabated.

Finding records of public expenditures at that level was akin to the quest for the Holy Grail—an endless journey of woes, frustration and a long line of snickering government officials smiling at their looted funds and fanatical about protecting their thieving ways with as much devotion as the Egyptians had to their cat goddess.

In the last two to three years, however, this has changed. At least 33, out of Nigeria's 36 states have their budgets available online with audited accounts statements. And it seems the budgets in these states since 2020 have been citizen-driven with widespread consultations at ward levels before the budgets are drafted.

What happened? Why the change overnight?

Apparently, the government, like Cambyses II, decided to understand the enemy, in this case, corruption

and lack of accountability at the subnational level, and throw the cats among the Persians.

In 2016, the federal government introduced a World Bank Assisted programme, the States Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability (SFTAS), which uses a performance-based incentive system by providing attractive grants to state governments that meet some eligibility criteria in terms of accountability, transparency and putting citizens' needs front and centre of their budgets.

It is simple logic. Consult your people before drawing up a budget, with evidence of this consultation and we will give you a grant for this. Publish your budget with audited account statements within a certain timeframe and we will give you more grants, smoke out the ghosts on your payroll by unleashing BVN on them and we will give you more grants.

It is a reward system for doing what one ought to do normally and the results have been encouraging. The World Bank approved the programme in June 2018, it came into effect in May 2019.

In the first year the programme took off, some states complied. After the Annual Performance Appraisal, they got the grants that came in handy in the COVID-19 year of 2020.

The lure of the incentive-based aid in return for some transparency and accountability was too strong to resist. And this year, practically all the states have jumped on this ship.

Apparently, the programme aims to increase fiscal transparency and accountability through improved quality, timeliness and transparency of State Annual Budget including Public Consultation and citizen engagement.

It also aspires to strengthen domestic revenue mobilisation and plugging leakages through the implementation of a state-level TSA.

Are these feasible in the short term?

It would seem so, as the states have been scrambling to meet the Eligibility Criteria for the disbursement of the grants by being more open about their processes and spending.

This year, Sokoto State got the highest performance-based grants of N6.612 billion with Kano shoring up the rear of the list with N1.710 billion. Of Nigeria's 36 states, only Bayelsa, Imo, Rivers and Zamfara states failed to meet the criteria for 2019 by not publishing online the approved annual budgets and audited financial statements within a specific timeframe. They left the gathering of states without the rattle of a kobo in their bowls.

Speaking of Kobos, there is a lot of it involved in this programme. The entire architecture of the programme is based on an initial loan of \$750 million from the International Development Association (IDA), a member of the World Bank Group for a programme designed to run from 2018 to 2022. This loan might be doubled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of these, the federal government has already disbursed N233 billion to the states after assessments of their performances in the specified indicators by the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation.

The results of the programme are not in doubt, with civil society groups like BudgIT keeping a hawk-eye and commending the strategy. It is clear that in a few short years, it has empowered the public and the media with the information needed to hold public officials at the subnational level to account, and has managed to achieve results that the usual stick approach has failed to in the past.

If such a strategy were deployed at the national level—especially in the defence sector where a glaring lack of transparency and accountability has enabled questionable spending and shocking profligacy such as the Dasuki Gate and most recently, the suspicion that the immediate past service chiefs have not accounted for funds meant for weapons procurements—it could have made a difference. One can only imagine if such a programme is in effect at this level and makes available records of who should be held accountable for what funds, how so much efficiency and accountability there would have been.

While the World Bank-assisted SFTAS is a brilliant strategy to incentivize performance, accountability and transparency and citizen participation in governance, just like the Persian cat strategy at the Battle of Pelusium, it raises some concerns. Why drag poor cats into the war of men? What happens to them if they end up injured or killed?

In the instance of SFTAS, despite the undeniable results, questions persist. The most fundamental being: what are the terms of the loans that made this programme possible and how does the federal government intend to pay back?

The other concern is essentially sentimental. The fact that public officers in this country need to be enticed with grants that they could expend on any project of their choosing to perform what they swore to do—to be accountable, transparent and efficient, is a source of concern. It was a question I struggled with until in a conversation with Gabriel Okeowo, the Principal Lead/CEO, BudgIT Foundation, he summed it up: "When SFTAS ends [in 2022], what happens?"

Nigeria would have to find a more sustainable way for public officials to be accountable and transparent and to carry the people along. But for now, this is a good way to show that it is possible. Sometimes you have to put the cats between you and the Egyptians to make headway.

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**Osaka upset by Sakkari in Miami quarterfinal**



■ Maria Sakkari

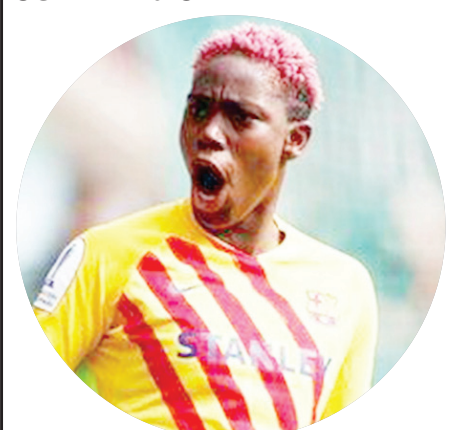
Reigning US and Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka was upset by Greece's Maria Sakkari 6-0, 6-4 on Wednesday in the Miami Open quarterfinals, ending the Japanese star's 23-match win streak.

World number two Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam champion who was chasing her first Miami crown, only won eight points in the first set, never managing a winner.

Osaka broke in the second game of the second set and seized a 3-0 lead before Sakkari roared back.

"She has the most wins so far this year so she's in great form -- it meant a lot to me," Sakkari said of the victory, which prompted a scream of delight after the final point.

**Oshoala scores as Barca reach Champions League semi-finals**



■ Asisat Oshoala

Asisat Oshoala scored the only goal for Barcelona as they bowed 2-1 to Manchester City in the second leg of the Women's Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday.

The pacy forward was handed her seventh appearance in the European competition and delivered a fine display to help her side advance into the last four of the tournament 4-2 on aggregate.

Oshoala started the encounter along with Caroline Graham Hansen and Mariona Caldentey in the attack for Lluís Cortes' team.

Oshoala has now scored four goals in the Champions League this season after Wednesday's effort.