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ABUJA	KANO	SOKOTO	IBADAN
PARTLY CLOUDY	SUNNY	SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY
37 MAX / 22 MIN	33 MAX / 14 MIN	34 MAX / 17 MIN	38 MAX / 22 MIN
KADUNA	MAIDUGURI	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT
SUNNY	SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY
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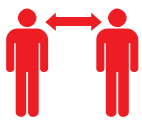
(Temperature in centigrade)

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 >>**

When a tree falls on a yam farm and kills the farm's owner, you don't waste time counting the number of ruined yams

(Nigeria)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

FOOD FOR **THOUGHT>>**

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing -- that's why we recommend it daily"

– **Zig Ziglar**

PHOTO OF THE DAY>>

■ Traders taking their goods to Dadin Kowa Market in Gombe yesterday Photo: **NAN**

PRAYERS **TIMES**

CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:36	12:43	3:57	6:25	7:30
ENUGU	5:38	12:41	3:55	6:20	7:25
KADUNA	5:35	12:42	3:56	6:23	7:28
KANO	5:30	12:37	3:51	6:19	7:24
KATSINA	5:32	12:43	3:57	6:27	7:32
LAGOS	5:53	12:59	4:13	6:38	7:43
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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OPEN	0.66	1.65	451.00	14.90	0.89
CLOSE	0.06	0.15	41.00	1.35	0.08
CHANGE	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.96	9.88
LOSERS	**SOVRENINS**	**COURTVILLE**	**LASACO**	**UNILEVER**	**STERLNBANK**
OPEN	0.20	0.21	0.35	13.00	1.96
CLOSE	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.90	-0.09
CHANGE	-9.09	-8.70	-7.89	-6.47	-4.39

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IN-DEPTH

FEATURE

Surrounded by water, Bayelsa residents lack any to drink

■ Projects like these, when completed and functional might alleviate suffering of residents

■ Commissioner for Water Resources in Bayelsa State, Hon. Keme Wariebi, during a test run tour to water facilities at Okaka community in Yenagoa.

■ Water vendors are essential in Yenagoa

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Just like the popular lines from Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, "Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink," Bayelsa State surrounded by water and recently flooded, is lacking potable water in all the eight local government areas of the state.

The state water corporation is not functioning and residents of the state capital, Yenagoa, have no access to the water supply. Promises by the state government through the Ministry of Water Resources has constantly promised to restore public water supply, but the promise is still in the pipeline.

This has left residents to source for water from streams and boreholes where these exist. However, the major challenges facing the boreholes and streams water in the state is that the water from those sources is not treated for consumption. There is a high level of rust and iron deposit in the land, thereby making the boreholes water not too good for consumption.

Studies revealed that water-borne diseases such as typhoid, dysentery, cholera and diarrhoea are on the rise in Bayelsa State and the Niger Delta region due to the challenges of accessing potable water and the pollution of sources of drinking water in the streams due to oil extraction.

Daily Trust reporters who visited some coastal communities in the state learnt that in the past, the rural dwellers were drinking from their streams, but upon the advent of oil and gas exploration, those sources were contaminated due to incessant oil spills and gas flaring.

Rent for houses with boreholes is higher than those without and those in such house have to resort to water vendors at exorbitant cost.

Checks around Yenagoa indicate that 20 litres of water is sold by vendors at the cost of N40 to N50, while the borehole operators sell 20 litres of water at N20 directly to the resident when there is no power supply. When there is, some residents could buy it at N10.

A resident of Yenagoa, Preye Iniefe, told Daily Trust that there was public water supply in the state since 1999 during the administration of the first civilian governor, late Chief Diepreye Alamieyesigha and after.

However, by 2012, the immediate past governor, Senator Henry Seriake Dickson carried out some road constructions that destroyed the water pipes.

"There is nothing we can do. We are in Nigeria, a country where citizens are expected to provide basic amenities for themselves. In Bayelsa State, we provide power, water, and even roads etc. for ourselves. All government is doing is to collect taxes.

"Recently the state House of Assembly even came out with the bill that all those that have boreholes in their houses will be taxed. Imagine such a funny thing! So if the government cannot provide water for its citizens, is it wrong for citizens to look for an alternative?

"As I am talking to you, Bayelsa State Water Company is not working, the local streams that people used to get drinking water for themselves are being polluted due to oil exploration, so we are left to fend for ourselves," he said.

He said this has resulted in various ailments and water-related diseases

"If you move around, just observed the tanks we are taking water from, you will see they are all rusty. How can you get good water from there?" he said.

Last November, the majority of the members in the Bayelsa State House of Assembly had opposed and called for the dismissal of a bill seeking to regulate and impose taxes, levies on the usage of water amongst Bayelsa residents.

The bill sponsored by Hon. Ebiowou Koku-Obiyai (PDP Yenagoa ll) was intended to force taxes, levies on people before they could drink water from their rivers, drill boreholes, and even swim in these rivers.

According to the members, the said bill was anti-people and anti-Bayelsa even when the state government has not been able to provide drinkable water to the masses.

Chief MacDonald Igbadiwei, representing Southern-Ijaw Constituency IV, during deliberations, said that the bill would deprive the people of Southern-Ijaw of accessing their God-given waters at will, saying the state government has not provided good water for the people, as such has no right to regulate or impose levies on Bayelsans before they could access natural waters.

Another member, Hon. Oboku Oforji, appealed to members to as a matter of urgency dismiss the bill, because l it would be inhuman

Hon. Timi Omubo Agala, also described the bill as obnoxious, provoking and vexatious, stating that the bill seeks to create a board to regulate the usage of water is duplicating the job of the Ministry of Water Resources, which will increase the state wage bill and running cost of governance when attention should be directed to a reduction in cost, considering the recession.

Also speaking, a civil servant at the state secretariat, who declined to be named, said even in the state government secretariat where civil servant works, there is no public water supply and they are all depending on the borehole.

He said if there is a shortage, the various ministries and departments engage the services of water vendors to get water for use.

Recently, the people of Kolokuma/ Opokuma ward II were in a happy mood as the councillor representing the ward, Hon. Keme Abeki, executed a borehole project.

Last year, the people of Otuoke community, former President Goodluck Jonathan's area, accused the Bayelsa State government of wasting N5.9 billion water intervention project initiated by the Federal Government over its inability to maintain the project and provide potable water.

According to them, while people in the rural areas depend heavily on polluted rivers, rivulets and streams for water, those living in Yenagoa, the state capital, buy water from vendors.

On September 9, 2016, the Federal Government inaugurated a massive water intervention scheme, the Central Ogbia Regional Water Supply Project in Bayelsa State.

The project, which gulped N5.9 billion, was sited at Otuoke, in Ogbia Local Government Area of the state.

While inaugurating the project, then Minister of Water Resources, Suleiman Adamu, said the project was not designed to serve Otuoke alone, as it was established to provide potable water to 13 Ogbia communities to be extended to Yenagoa.

However, all those hopes and promises have become a mirage. The project, which had the Fibow Petroleum Engineering Consult Nigeria Limited and the NARDA Limited, as contractors, died shortly after it was inaugurated and was handed over to the state government.

In what seemed like an effort to bring back public water supply in the state and reactivate the State Water Corporation, the government under Governor Douye Diri has reiterated its resolve to the provision of adequate water supply to residents of the state.

Hon. Keme Wariebi, the commissioner for water resources, said this during a water test run tour to Okaka community last week.

Wariebi said the intervention of the administration in the rehabilitation of the water work in the state will also prevent waterborne diseases.

He said with the rehabilitation work going on at the water board at Okaka and Ovom, it will increase its daily output by about 70 per cent.

"We now have new equipment such as pumping machines, filters, filters control, transformers, low and high lift pump among others.

"I urge the residents to protect government utilities from vandals so as to complement the state government's effort in providing portable drinking water," he said.

Until these repairs are done, residents of Bayelsa like the sailors in Coleridge's poem will continue to be thirsty while being surrounded by water.

■ From left: Gov. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State, Barrister Mahdi Aliyu Gusau, Deputy Governor of Zamfara State and the Chief Judge of Sokoto State, Justice Muhammad Saidu Sifawa at the palace of the Emir of Tsafe where Gov. Tambuwal had gone to condole the government and people of Zamfara state over the death of the former Chairman of the state Local Government Service Commission yesterday

FG reverses fresh electricity tariff hike

• Increment after dialogue with labour - Minister • Labour, LCCI, MAN applaud suspension

By Simon E. Sunday, Idowu Isamotu (Abuja) & Christiana T. Alabi (Lagos)

The federal government has reversed the recent hike in electricity tariff saying it will continue to dialogue with the organised labour before any further adjustment.

The Minister of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman, in a statement on Thursday directed the reversal of the new hike in electricity tariff till the end of January 2021.

The minister said there was no approval for a 50 per cent increase in the tariff. He, however, said the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) only made some adjustments, which led to some level of increase in the tariff.

Engr. Mamman said, "To promote a constructive conclusion of the dialogue with the Labour Centres (through the Joint Ad-Hoc Committee), I have directed NERC to inform all DisCos (Distribution Companies) that they should revert to the tariffs that were applicable in December 2020 until the end of January 2021 (when the FGN/Labour committee work will be concluded).

"This will allow for the outcome of all resolutions from the Committee to be implemented together," the minister noted.

The minister also said the government had continued to fully subsidise 55 per cent of the on-grid consumers in bands D and E (those with lower than 12 hour power supply) and maintain the lifeline tariff for the poor and underprivileged.

"Those citizens have experienced no changes to tariff rates from what they have paid historically (aside from the recent minor inflation and forex adjustment).

"Partial subsidies were also applied for bands A, B and C in October 2020. These measures are all aimed at cushioning the effects of the pandemic while providing more targeted interventions for citizens," he said.

Mamman also said the administration was committed to creating a sustainable, growing and rules-based electricity market for the benefit of all Nigerians.

"The Administration and the Ministry of Power will also continue to devise means to provide support for vulnerable Nigerians while ensuring we have a sustainable Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI)."

How trouble started

NERC had on December 31, 2020, signed an Order for the 11 Distribution Companies (DisCos) to implement increments of N2 to N4 in the tariff effective January 1, 2021.

However, some customers of the DisCos had complained of observing over N4 differences in their meter token cost, arguing that the increase was ill-timed and significant.

Reversal, right thing to do -MAN, LCCI

In their separate reactions on Thursday, the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), and the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) have lauded the reversal of the tariff hike.

According to the Director General of MAN, Segun Ajayi-Kadir, the reversal till the conclusion of the Joint Ad-Hoc Committee's work at the end of January 2021 was only a temporary relief.

He said apparently, the three weeks respite was to accommodate the spirit of the agreement between labour and the federal government on tariff increase since last year.

"Even though there is a possibility that the increase maybe reconsidered during this period, there is no doubt that NERC is already anticipating an increase.

"This is why the calls for circumspection and pragmatism in the matter of increase remain relevant. No matter what becomes the outcome of the Ad-Hoc Committee's work, an increase at this time is ill-timed and not manufacturing friendly," Ajayi-Kadir noted.

He appealed to the government to go beyond the reasons given for the timed suspension to include consultations with other economic actors, including manufacturers, who he said were the major consumers of electricity and were the ones whose businesses would be most impacted by the increase.

"The sector is already groaning under an increment operating environment, including the debilitating impact of COVID-19 disruptions and deteriorating infrastructures. It is important for us to avoid this additional burden," he stressed.

On his part, Director General, LCCI, Dr. Muda Yusuf, described the suspension as a good move, saying, socially sensitive policies require robust engagement and dialogue.

According to him, the strategic approach is important to avoid a backlash and the risk of derailment of the power sector reform.

He said, "What we are dealing with here is not the pricing of a regular product. But it is a question of contextualisation for socially sensitive products, economic, social and political contexts matter in the pricing policy. This is however not to detract from the importance of cost-reflective tariff for the electricity sector."

No dialogue before tariff hike - Labour

On the part of labour, they said there was no dialogue before the recent tariff was approved by the federal government for the DisCos.

President of Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Ayuba Wabba, said, "There is no dialogue going on about the current increase. The increase that was done in September, which dialogue started on, is what is going on.

"And come back to say that possibly they will do an increase after one month, that is not the position of Labour."

The labour leader insisted that they found loopholes in the templates used to increase electricity tariff in September 2020.

He also said the government should make suspension of the new increase permanent considering the hardship many Nigerians are facing.

"The position of Labour is that we have found out some loopholes, the templates used to do the increase, including the one in September (2020), which we all agreed that there is a need for a committee to do a holistic job including the review of privatization, which is one of the items in the agenda, and also the cost of gas which they used as a template to increase the former one.

"On this one, certainly, there was no discussion. We are not privy to it; we are not part of it. That is why we said it should be suspended. What we are dealing with at committee level or any dialogue with labour, is the increase that was done in September, not this new increase.

"This new increase, which ranges between 60 and 42 per cent across the country, was not part of the consideration that is why we said it should be reversed. Any insinuation saying dialogue is going on over this is not correct."

NIMC staff strike cripples NIN registration

■ People stranded at the Rivers State NIMC office

By Zakariyya Adaramola, Simon E. Sunday (Abuja), Mohammed I. Yaba (Kaduna), Bassey Willie (Yenagoa), Lubabatu I. Garba (Kano) & Peter Moses (Abeokuta)

A two-day warning strike embarked upon by the staff of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has grounded the enrolment of millions of Nigerians.

Most of the NIMC offices across the states have been locked by the striking workers who were asking for better working condition amidst the spread of coronavirus.

The Commission's staff below Grade Level 12 on Thursday began the warning strike to demand adequate safety measures. They also demanded a new salary structure.

Millions of Nigerians are struggling to get their National Identification Number (NIN), which will allow them properly register their SIM cards to beat the February deadline.

Unless the federal government extends the deadline, many GSM subscribers would lose their numbers.

The chairman of the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria (ASCSN), NIMC unit, Asekokhai Lucky Michael, and the unit's secretary, Odia Victor said in a notice that their demands were necessitated by the dangers they were exposed following the scramble for registration by millions of Nigerians.

The association, therefore, advised all its members in the state and local government offices and special centres to stay away from work until their demands were met.

It said a task force and implementation committee would be on the ground to ensure compliance.

Enrollees stranded

In compliance with the directive, *Daily Trust* observed yesterday that the centres of the commission in many states were locked.

A staff of the commission at one of the centres located in Rigasa community in Kaduna said they had dispersed enrollees at the centre.

"We asked all the residents that came to register to go back home because we were asked to stop the registration since the people are complaining of extortions and our headquarters seem not ready to fund the work," he said.

Similarly, the centres within the NIMC state Head office located along Bayajidda by Inuwa Wada Road, Malali, were also locked. Few people were seen knocking at the gate but there was no one to attend to them.

In Bayelsa State, there was a protest in Yenagoa with Mr Paul Soroh, a union leader saying while they worked under pressure to enable Nigerians to get their NIN for onward connection to their SIM cards, the federal government failed to provide necessary tools for them to function effectively.

He said the workers had no personal protection equipment even though they were listed as essential workers during the COVID-19 lockdown.

"As you know, workers on level 12 downwards are not supposed to be at work but we came out to do this work voluntarily but because of the attitude of the government, we are withdrawing our voluntary services until something is done about it," he said.

In Kano, *Daily Trust* discovered that the strike halted the process of registration at NIMC state headquarters even though some centres in the metropolis offered skeletal service. At the Unguwa Uku centre, some NIMC staff were seen registering applicants.

"I came for registration and I was enrolled after paying some amount of money", one of the applicants alleged.

At Masallachin Murtala, some of the NIMC staff were in the office asking applicants to come back tomorrow (today) as their computer was faulty.

Some of the staff at the centre also said they were not aware of the ongoing strike but that the faulty computer stalled their operation.

However, NIN enrollees were stranded in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital over the strike.

At the state office at Oke Mosan, the environment was deserted with enrollees left stranded.

A student of the Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Sodiq Adeboye, said he had visited the centre more than three times without getting registered.

"This is my third time here. The government should intervene, the stress is too much. Maybe the process should be converted into online registration," he said.

Makinde Rofiat urged the federal government to meet the demands of the striking workers.

Addressing newsmen, representative of ASCSN - NIMC Unit, Ogun Branch, Kuoye Lukman, said: "All the required PPEs have not been provided. Secondly, the management is not doing enough regarding equipment for the enrolment.

"Most of our systems are also obsolete coupled with paltry salaries that the workforce are being paid. Looking at the working environment, if you go into the ERC, there is no AC, no money for the fuelling of the generating set and they are complaining of extortion.

"We want the government to provide the equipment for the enrolment. None of our staff is interested in taking anything from anybody," he said.

Commission apologises over glitches

Because of apparent disruption in the enrolment process, the management of NIMC on its Twitter handle apologised for a perceived glitch in the process, assuring normalcy would be restored soon.

It said: "NIMC wishes to assure members of the general public that glitches experienced in the enrolment process are being resolved and normal enrolment would resume shortly.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused and wish to assure you of our continued excellent service," it noted.

2m people added since Dec

On the progress of registration so far, a top official revealed that two million Nigerians have been added to the country's identity database.

The federal government had in December 2020 issued a directive for the linkage of NIN to SIM cards as part of efforts to contain security breaches.

This has pushed the total number of Nigerians with NINs to 45m, up from 43m before the directive.

The official who asked not to be named because he was not authorised to speak, said the government might extend the NIN linkage to SIM till April 2021.

"This is to allow all Nigerians register because, from the look of things, the February deadline isn't feasible", the official told *Daily Trust.*

45m Nigerians enrolled - DG

On his part, NIMC's Director-General, Engr. Aliyu Aziz said the commission was stepping up efforts to get all Nigerians captured in the identity database.

He disclosed this yesterday on African Independence Television (AIT) programme, Kakaaki. Aliyu Aziz confirmed that so far the total enrolment stands at 45m. "This is up from 7m in 2015, 14m in 2016, and 28m in 2017," he said.

Daily Trust reports that NIMC officials were silent on the ongoing strike.

Boko Haram abducts Yobe district head

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

Boko Haram terrorists have abducted the district head of Maganna, Alhaji Zannah Laisu Kaigama during an attack on Geidam town, Yobe State, on Wednesday.

The insurgents damaged many shops, razed some houses and carted away medical consumables.

A resident in Geidam, who does not want to be named for security reasons said the attack had caused fear among the residents, saying the insurgents operated for almost seven hours with little resistance from the security operatives.

"The attackers stormed the town in five Hilux vehicles, firing gunshot in the air and residents scampered for safety," he said.

The Executive Secretary, Yobe State Emergency Management Agency, Dr Mohammed Goje, who visited Geidam for an on-the-spot assessment, said normalcy had returned to the area.

He said: "About 5 shops, 4 market stalls, 1 kiosk and a bungalow belonging to a community leader with a saloon car were completely set burnt.

"Also vandalised were some offices in the General Hospital, Geidam, and the pharmacy store, where medical consumables, antibiotics and other drugs were catered away."

He further said that a car belonging to a security formation was also taken away but no life was lost.

"While this attack is sad and unfortunate, the prayers of the community and gallant efforts by the military have resulted in minimising the damages," he said.

Meanwhile, the state Governor, Mai Mala Buni, has directed the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to provide emergency support to the victims.

Buni, who commiserated with the people of Geidam, described the attack as most unfortunate.

"The attack came at a time when there is a general improvement in peace and security across the state

"The improvement in security and support provided by the government has given our people the opportunity to gradually resettle and reclaim their means of livelihood," he said.

The governor said the attack would not deter the government in its efforts to rebuild, reconstruct and rehabilitate communities destroyed by insurgency.

■ Corps Marshal, Federal Roads Safety Commission, Boboye Oyeyemi (left) and Corps Public Education Officer, Bisi Kazeem, shortly before embarking on new year patrols in Asaba head bridge.

Sex party: PDP spokesman, 4 others arraigned

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

Kaduna State Government has arraigned the Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state, Abraham Alberah Catoh, whose wife, Aisha Mercy Yakubu is the CEO of the demolished Asher Restaurant and Lounge, and four others for allegedly organising a party in breach of the state's COVID-19 protocols and attempted adultery.

Daily Trust reports that the restaurant was demolished by officials of Kaduna State Urban and Planning Development Authority (KASUPDA) on December 31, 2020, as the alleged venue of the botched sex party, which circulated on social media.

KASUPDA had, via its Twitter handle, stated that the building was demolished on the instructions of Governor Nasir El-Rufai as the venue for the illicit event. It later made a U-turn on Tuesday when it stated that checks from the government records showed that the building housing Asher Restaurant and Lounge had neither a valid title nor a development permit.

Aisha Mercy Yakubu, who faulted police claims that it arrested the organisers of the event, said two of the people paraded by the police were her staff and accused the police of extorting N100,000 from her to bail them.

She also accused the police of demanding N20,000 from her to track down the suspect, whose phone number was on the circulated leaflet.

She said due to the action of KASUPDA in which no notice was given for the demolition, she had lost goods worth N32 million and a one-month pregnancy.

The state government on Wednesday arraigned Aisha's husband, Abraham Alberah, Umar Rufai, Suleiman Lemona, Chimezie Kenneth, who is said to have allegedly organised the party and Marvellous Akpan, who disseminated the information.

The five suspects were arraigned before Magistrate Benjamin Nok of the Gabasawa Magistrate Court on charges of flouting COVID-19 protocol and acting immorally.

Other charges included violation of a partial lockdown order of the Kaduna State Government 2020, criminal conspiracy and attempt to commit an offence with public nuisance, obscene or indecent act, gross indecency and adultery.

According to the charge sheet, the police had arrested Abraham Alberah, Umar Rufai and Suleiman Lemona at Asher Restaurant and Lounge, where it claimed over 50 people, male and female, were dancing almost naked with no face masks and had quickly escaped over the fence when they sighted the police.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to all the charges and were granted bail to the tune of N100, 000 each with a surety, who must own a property in Kaduna while the case was adjourned to January 20, 2021, for commencement of trial.

...Kills 3 villagers, loots livestock near Maiduguri

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

Three persons have been reportedly killed and one other wounded when suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked a community on the outskirt of Maiduguri, Borno State capital on Wednesday night, sources said.

It was learnt that the insurgents stormed Ngumari village near Moromti general area at about 10:30 pm in Konduga Local Government Area and killed three men.

A member of the civilian Joint Task Force (JTF), Abubakar Kulima said the attackers shot sporadically and carted away livestock in the village.

"The situation is becoming worrisome and if they could come as close as Moromti village, then we are not safe in Bulumkutu. We have since reported the matter to the authority," Kulima said.

A resident of Moromti village, Mustapha Umaru, also confirmed that the villagers fled their homes in Moromti to a safe place.

"We heard gunshots and even the villagers came to Moromti to pass the night yesterday and in the morning when they went back, all their goats, chicken and rams have been carted away by the insurgents

"They also took some new clothes from the village. They equally went away with seven bicycles and looted food items," Mustapha said.

A police source, who is not authorised to speak on the incident, confirmed the attack.

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FG's COVID-19 oxygen intervention takes off

By Abbas Jimoh

The federal government has said that it has commenced the oxygen availability intervention plan for all the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The Minister of State, Health, Senator Olorunnimbe Mamora, represented by the Director, Hospital Services, Federal Ministry of Health, Dr Adebimpe Adebiyi, said this yesterday in Abuja at the joint national briefing of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19.

Dr Adebiyi expressed optimism that Nigeria would benefit from the "first wave" of the COVAX vaccine allocation which countries have started rolling out.

According to him, government was exploring all available options to acquire vaccines for Nigerians.

She said: "The implementation of the oxygen availability intervention plan for all the states plus FCT as approved by the federal government has commenced. Facilities will be prioritised based on the severity of the gaps identified such as degree of need or the degree of unavailability oxygen determines the first or early beneficiaries of the intervention.

"Some countries have started rolling out vaccines and Nigeria is exploring all available options to acquire vaccines for our people. We are confident that Nigeria will benefit from the 'first wave' of the COVAX vaccine allocation.

"We have therefore begun preparations for readiness to receive the vaccines. These include appropriate regulatory framework and ensuring the availability of the necessary assets and infrastructure. Let me remind us that until the vaccines are available for everyone, the best option to beat this disease is to observe non- pharmaceutical measures.

Wear your face masks to cover your mouth and nose, observe respiratory hygiene, avoid crowded places and maintain physical distancing."

COVID-19: Don't be complacent, vaccines won't come soon – FG warns

By Abbas Jimoh

The federal government has warned Nigerians against complacency in containing the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, saying the vaccines against the virus may not arrive in the country very soon.

The Minister of State, Health, Senator Olorunnimbe Mamora, said this yesterday in Abuja at the joint national briefing of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19.

Mamora, represented by the Director, Hospital Services, Federal Ministry of Health, Dr Adebimpe Adebiyi, said that though government is working very hard to get vaccines for the people, it may not come soon enough.

"Therefore, we need to be alive to get the vaccines when they come. I have brought this up to underscore the importance of compliance with non-pharmaceutical measures as advised to reduce transmissibility of the virus," Dr Adebiyi said.

She added that as of Wednesday, new cases recorded were 1,354 with one death recorded while the total number of cases tested is 1,004,915.

"Number of confirmed cases is 94,369. Active cases stand at 15,764. Discharged cases till date are 77,299. Number of deaths till date is 1,324 with case fatality rate of 1.4 percent.

"The federal government is determined to ensure morbidity due to COVID-19 is reduced to the barest minimum while improving on the fatality rate. Appropriate measures are being taken to achieve these objectives," she said.

Adebiyi said that a second phase assessment of the isolation and treatment centres country-wide to verify challenges is to be carried out immediately to enable government to provide appropriate intervention measures required to strengthen the centres.

"We continue to appeal to states to increase testing and contact tracing. The cooperation of the states with the federal authorities is critical to our collective objective of defeating COVID-19," she added.

‘Some Nigerians still doubt COVID-19, present fake results’

By Abbas Jimoh

The federal government has raised the alarm that despite the virulent nature of the coronavirus pandemic, some Nigerians still doubt the existence or effects of the virus.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) and Chairman, Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19, Boss Mustapha, said this yesterday in Abuja at the joint national briefing of the task force.

According to him, the government is reviewing its strategy to emerging situations on the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in risk communication, vaccine hesitancy, and fake news/disinformation.

“The share level of doubts about the virus is alarming and I call on every one to become an advocate in support of the National Response,” Mustapha said.

He said that to overcome some of these challenges, the PTF will intensify the risk communication and community engagement to create awareness.

“The PTF is working to develop new Health Protection Regulations to support existing COVID-19 protocols and to strengthen compliance with non-pharmaceutical interventions across the country.

“We call on the general public to remain focused on the drive to reduce the level of infection and make our country safe again. We urge the Sub-Nationals to enforce relevant measures that will help to curb the effect of this virus on our lives and livelihood.”

He also said some Nigerians had continued to present fake results when travelling outside the country, stressing that the development had remained a major source of concern to the government.

“It has become embarrassing to note that some Nigerians continue to present fake results when travelling outside the shores of this country. This remains a major source of concern to the federal government. The PTF has directed private laboratories to immediately put in place measures to validate results and ensure that all passengers are registered on the travel portal before samples are processed to stop this activity,” Mustapha said.

The SGF also said that the PTF is very concerned about the increasing daily numbers being recorded in the country.

He added that Nigeria just crossed the one million mark for testing across the federation, and testing remains a key strategy of the National Response.

He therefore urged the states to revamp testing and contact-tracing in the bid to curb the menace of the virus.

■ Members of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities during their visit to President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa Abuja yesterday **Photo: Felix Onigbinde.**

2 million Nigerians living as refugees – Minister

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Umar Farouk, has said that about two million Nigerians have been displaced as a result of insurgency, armed banditry, and communal clashes among others.

The minister said this while reacting to a question on the number of displaced persons being attended to by government and the progress in rehabilitating them after a thank-you visit to President Muhammadu Buhari because of his support for persons with disabilities in the country.

Hajiya Sadiya said the All Progressives Congress (APC) was the first party in the country to have made provisions for persons with disabilities in their ward, local government, state and at national levels since inception.

She said: “That was followed by the fulfillment of Mr President’s campaign promise to the disabilities’ community, where he promised to sign the disabilities Act when he comes on board. That has been done and the commission has been created. So, the next takeaway is for Mr President to issue an executive order for compliance with this act, especially in the area of access, where most of our public and private buildings are not really friendly to persons with disabilities.

“So, this is an appeal we have made to Mr President and we are hopeful that he will direct both public and private buildings in this country to comply with this provision.

“Another issue is that of funding. Mr President mentioned that the commission would be adequately funded in order for them to achieve the desired objectives of giving dignified attention to the disabilities in this country.”

Hajiya Sadiya, while commenting on the need for more positions to be given to persons with disabilities in government, said: “Yes. That is the inclusion we are talking about. We have started by reaching out to the Civil Service Commission to ensure that those who are qualified are given the opportunity to be part of the civil service in this country.

“As regards appointment, you will recall that Mr President has appointed a senior special assistant on issues of persons with disabilities in this country. So, it is a process and we are hopeful that going forward, we will have more persons with disabilities in government.”

Speaking earlier, President Buhari, on Thursday, charged National Commission for Persons with Disabilities to play its roles adequately in the realisation of the government objective of lifting 100million Nigerians out of poverty.

The president, while receiving members of the newly established body at the State House, Abuja, assured that his administration will continue to give effect to treaties that give inclusivity to persons with disabilities.

He voiced joy that the commission was finally in place having been an issue during his campaigns and lauded some governors who had enacted laws on disability and enjoined others who had not to do the needful.

The minister, while speaking in the presence of President Buhari, asked the president for technologies to aid the persons with disabilities in their educational pursuits.

The minister said her ministry had ensured that persons with disabilities had access to palliatives from her ministry and are also included in its social investment programmes.

#EndSARS: It will take long time to rebuild Lagos – Sanwo-Olu

By Muideen Olaniyi

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has said it will take a long time to rebuild the infrastructure damaged in the state during the October 2020 #EndSARS protest.

Governor Sanwo-Olu said this on Thursday after a closed-door meeting with President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

The governor said the state government had already started the process of rebuilding from ‘low hanging’ corner by offering support to small and medium sized businesses caught up in violence during the period.

He assured that the administration was committed to restoring the state to its previous bustling status as the country’s economic nerve centre.

The governor, however, explained that it would require creativity to pool resources from all possible angles and sources to achieve its objectives.

“It’s also some of the things I discussed with Mr President. It’s work in progress. To take something down, it takes one day, to rebuild, it takes 10 years. It’s a journey, not a destination. And so it’s going to take a while. We are carefully taking a proper study to know what we need to do, taking our time to get it right but we’ve started something,” he added.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, while speaking on the state government’s administrative plan to manage the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, said more attention is being given to providing more oxygen to meet the need of victims of the disease who are in the critical category.

The governor, who voiced anxiety at the nature of the new wave, said it had increased the infection and death rates.

Sanwo-Olu, who said his administration had also increased the risk communication level and further strengthened the reach of grassroots campaign and enlightenment, charged all Nigerians to begin to take responsibility for their conducts.

He tasked all to pay serious attention to all the protocols and guidelines already issued, stressing that signs out there leave no room for doubts about the existence of COVID-19.

The governor, while commenting on his meeting with President Buhari, said: “The president took very detailed notes; I was actually very happy. He gave me assurances that some of the points I have raised that I will be seeing some call-ups or follow-ups either through the Chief of Staff or through some of the agencies of the federal government. It was a very useful meeting.”

COVID-19: Buhari, Osinbajo, SGF, others to take vaccines on live TV

By Abbas Jimoh

The federal government has said President Muhammadu Buhari, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Boss Mustapha and other prominent Nigerians will be among the first set to receive the COVID-19 vaccine on live television.

The Executive Director/CEO, National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), Dr Faisal Shuaib, said this yesterday in Abuja at the joint national briefing of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19.

According to him, this is to help drive awareness on the virus and the vaccine administration in the country when it finally arrived.

He urged Nigerians not to be hesitant on the vaccine when it arrive as key government officials like President, Vice President and the SGF will take it on live TV.

"In terms of the prioritisation of vaccines and strategic country leadership, what it means is that I had mentioned that we will like to see a situation where Mr President, the Vice President, the SGF, critical leaders come and take the vaccine in the full glare of the public to demonstrate that this vaccine is safe.

"So, we have to make provisions for those. But even in developed countries, what we have seen is that apart from the prioritisation of health workers, you have to also identify critical leaders that you don't want them to be wiped off by the virus. For example, in warfare, if you want to destroy your enemies, you look for specific leaders, captains, the generals, once you decapitate them, then the soldiers will become weak.

"So, as much as possible you do not want to also leave your leaders vulnerable to COVID-19, it doesn't mean you want to prioritise politicians, that is not correct. I emphasised during the last briefing that we will prioritise our health workers because they are the ones in direct contact with cases in isolation units," Shuaib said.

On the infection after taking the vaccine to boost health immunity, he said: "There is no shadows of doubt even from the different vaccines that we have used in the past, that it is always better to use the vaccines. For COVID-19, it will be approximately 10 years for you to be able to achieve health immunity. So, you can imagine how many people would have died if you have to rely on health immunity.

"The Swiss tried health immunity and I am sure if you go through the information that is available, for a lot of people, health immunity just doesn't work. The Americans touted it and see what is happening in the US. Health immunity is not the way to go. The evidence is there that when you use vaccines you are more likely to quickly attain health immunity, protect more people.

"So, I will like to reiterate that you must not give way to conspiracy theories. We must try to manage the information around the vaccines, where people do not understand. Please, reach out to us those who are scientists, public health experts. All of us here are Nigerians who take the issue of the safety of Nigerians seriously."

Shuaib had on Tuesday said Nigeria hopes to get 42 million COVID-19 vaccines to cover one-fifth of its population through the global COVAX scheme, explaining that the initial vaccines would come as part of Nigeria's plan to inoculate 40 percent of the population this year and another 30 percent in 2022, with 100,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine arriving by the end of January.

Daily Trust reports that the United States President-elect, Joe Biden had in December last year received a COVID-19 vaccine on live television in a demonstration intended to encourage Americans to receive vaccine shots against the virus.

■ Covid-19 vaccine

COVID-19: Growing national testing'll enable Nigerians understand virus -NCDC

By Abbas Jimoh

The federal government has said that increasing the national testing capacity for COVID-19 is one of the most important ways to make Nigerians understand the burden of the disease, especially that the nation is recording more cases than ever.

The Director General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, represented by the Head of Department, Surveillance and Epidemiology Department, NCDC, Mrs Elsie Ilori, said this yesterday in Abuja at the joint national briefing of the Presidential Tasks Force (PTF) on COVID-19.

According to her, within the last 24 hours, the country has recorded 1,664 new confirmed cases.

Mrs Ilori said: "In the last week, over 40,000 tests were done. This is more than a 10 percent increase in the testing done the week before. Since, the start of the outbreak, we have worked tirelessly to achieve this through the rapid expansion of laboratories across the country and increased surveillance activities. This is enabling the prompt detection of cases reported, even at our points of entry."

She, however, said that the reality of increasing transmission, test positivity rate, and confirmed cases remained a cause for concern in the second wave the country was experiencing.

"There is, therefore, a need for stricter adherence to non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) such as; the proper use of face masks, frequent handwashing, and maintaining a physical distance of at least two meters.

"With the increasing infection across states, strategic actions have been employed in engaging and retraining focal persons in health care facilities, to enhance IPC practices in Health facilities and prevent transmission. We want to remind our health care workers not to let their guards down and adhere to IPC measures to prevent being infected. In the last week, we concluded the distribution of COVID-19 commodities to all states as well as Primary Health Centres," Ilori said.

Avert looming industrial crisis in CAC, Labour warns FG

By Idowu Isamotu

Members of staff of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) have warned the management and the federal government to take necessary steps in halting the looming industrial crisis that could paralyse operations of the agency.

The staff, under the aegis of Amalgamated Union of Public Corporations, Civil Service Technical and Recreational Services Employees (AUPCTRE), CAC branch, an affiliate of Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), said they would shut down the headquarters of the commission starting from Tuesday, January 12, 2021, following the expiration of the 21-day ultimatum given to the management.

Speaking to journalists in Abuja yesterday, the Branch Chairman of AUPCTRE in CAC, Comrade Ibrahim Makirfi said: "The issue we have with the Registrar-General of the Corporate Affairs Commission has to do with the promotion of staff of the commission" and other issues.

Makirfi listed denial of their earned promotion arrears, stoppage of all staff loans (internal & external as well as cooperative societies) among others, as their demands.

He added: "There are some entitlements meant for staff that are not negotiable. For instance, the issue of promotion. There is no motivation for any worker anywhere except promotion."

The National Secretariat of AUPCTRE, through its Acting National Secretary, Musa Ukpo, had on December 18 formally written to the Registrar-General and Board of the commission to address the pains of the CAC workers.

Buhari rejoices with Issa Aremu at 60

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has greeted trade unionist and labour leader, Comrade Issa Aremu, on his 60th birthday, January 8th, 2021.

President Buhari, in a statement issued yesterday by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, congratulated him for consistently standing for the welfare of the state and citizens.

The President joined family members, friends and associates in celebrating with the former Vice President of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), who is a member of the executive council, and currently serves as the General Secretary of the National Union of Textile, Garment and Tailoring Workers of Nigeria (NVTGTWN) and Vice President of Industrial Global Union.

Buhari said the labour leader that always displays a depth of wisdom and knowledge on the Nigerian economy, especially on activating employment by innovative and creative means deserved commendation as his proposals on resuscitating the textile industries across the country also revealed love for the nation.

The President, who also extolled his foresight, courage and forthrightness on national issues, urged more commitment and participation on issues that shape the future of the country.

President Buhari wished the labour leader more years of good health and longer life.

SIM Registration: Don't put your NIN for sale, EFCC warns Nigerians

By Idowu Isamotu

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Thursday, issued a stern warning to Nigerians making attempts to sell their National Identity Number (NIN).

The anti-graft agency, through its spokesperson, Wilson Uwujaren, in a statement, said the commission had discovered that some unscrupulous persons are cashing in on the exercise to induce enrollees to sell their NIN for a fee.

According to him, they (sellers) risk arrest and prosecution for any act of criminality linked to their NIN whether or not they are directly responsible for such crimes.

"The EFCC wishes to alert Nigerians that it is not only illegal to sell their NIN, they stand the risk of vicarious liability for any act of criminality linked to their NIN," the statement read.

Daily Trust reports that Nigerians had been struggling to acquire the NIN from offices of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) across the country following the government's threat to disconnect any subscriber who refuses to link his mobile phone contact with NIN.

PLATEAU STATE GOVERNMENT

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PROTESTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES: PUTTING THE RECORDS STRAIGHT

For over a month now, employees of Local Governments in Plateau State have embarked on protests, barricading the entrance of the Joseph Gomwalk Secretariat, blocking roads and causing untold hardship to the public as well as harassing Government officials by calling them names, threatening them and their families.

All this has been under the guise that the State Government has not implemented the N30,000 minimum wage as passed by the Federal Government. This is totally incorrect as the State Government has since October 2020, commenced the implementation of the 30 thousand new minimum wage to its employees. Local Government employees on the other hand are yet to reach an agreement with their employers (Local Government Councils).

Having tolerated this ugly situation and done everything possible to facilitate the resolution of the grievances of the Local Government employees and their employers (Local Government Councils), the State Government rather than receive praise for its intervention, has been inundated with unwarranted assault, propaganda and campaign of calumny aimed at tarnishing its image.

In the light of the above, it has become imperative for the Government to put the records straight and leave the matter before the court of public opinion.

In the first place, it is common knowledge that the administration of Rt. Hon. (Dr) Simon Bako Lalong, KSGG and by the special grace of God, the Chairman, 19 Northern States Governors' Forum is labour friendly, especially when it comes to the payment of staff salaries, pension, gratuity and other emoluments. This has earned him the indelible name "GOVERNOR ALERT" bestowed on him by no other group than the entirety of Plateau State workers.

It is common knowledge that since he assumed office in 2015, salaries and pension in Plateau State have never been owed as they are paid as and when due. In fact, Plateau civil servants have become used to the sound of bank "alerts" from 23rd of every month.

Furthermore, time was before the life of this Government that the last administration could not pay salaries and pensions of civil servants for upward of eight months. However, all these were cleared by the administration of Governor Simon Bako Lalong without any fight. The same applied to "No Work, No Pay" arrears of salaries of about four months which was paid by this administration. As at today, the salaries of Plateau civil servants have been paid up to date despite the economic crunch and low earnings!

The Rescue Government of Simon Bako Lalong similarly showed magnanimity by recalling over 2,000 teachers who were sacked by the Jang administration after due consideration of their pleas. Not only that, Governor Lalong also ensured that the promotion and transfers of Local Government staff which was stagnant for about 2 decades was also carried out. Yet, these are the people today calling for the crucifixion of the Governor for no just cause.

As it stands today, the State Government does not have any dispute with its employees who patiently waited and negotiated for the implementation of the 30 thousand minimum wage which has commenced since October (even when some states have not even opened negotiations).

Therefore the conduct of Local Government employees who have embarked on a wild campaign of columny, mischief and misrepresentation of facts to the effect that the Governor is holding the implementation of its 30 thousand minimum wage is to say the least, most uncharitable and unfortunate.

It is common knowledge that Local Government employees are hired, disciplined, promoted and fired where necessary by Local Government Councils (their employers) and not the State Government. This is moreso when the implementation of Local Government autonomy has since commenced in Plateau State. The State Government which is a separate tier of Government has no responsibility for the implementation of the new minimum wage for Local Government staff and the Governor cannot force it down their throat. It is purely the business of Local Government Councils to negotiate with their employees based on their capacity to pay. This is exactly what happend between Federal Government and its employees as well as the States and its employees. If the Federal Government did not force the States to implement the new minimum wage, why do Local Government employees in Plateau State want the Governor to force the Local Government Councils to pay their employees when he has no control over their resources? Or should any State fail to pay the minimum wage to its workers, will they march to Abuja to seal off the Federal Secretariat?

For the Local Government employees to jettison this fact or pretend not to know but resort to blackmail, threatening and locking out State workers from the Secretariat for about a month, chanting political and war songs and other contemptuous behaviour is to say the least most unfortunate and regrettable.

Only they know what they stand to gain from locking down the State Secretariat and denying workers access to their offices as well as disrupting the economy of the State. They have been unreasonable to the extent that they forget that many citizens are just trying to recover from the COVID-19 lockdowns and curfews which impacted on their livelihoods. They are not on salaries but have to struggle to earn their living and also pay taxes that are appropriated to even pay Government workers including protesters.

Moreover, the State Government took the civil path by approaching the National Industrial Court in Jos to ensure that the obstruction is stopped. An order was subsequently obtained wherein the Local Government employees were restrained from further protests and disrupting public peace.

Rather than the Local Government employees to obey a lawful court order to sheath their swords while the matter is being addressed by the joint committee mid-wived by the Governor which consists of their leadership and other union leaders, the Local Government employees escalated their agitation and further politicised it for reasons best known to them.

If they had gone to their respective Local Government Councils to protest or embark on labour actions such as withdrawing their services, many would have understood or even sympathised with them. But their action which is more political than a fight for their rights has become repulsive and devoid of public sympathy. Nobody will stop them if they have political ambitions and want to pursue it. However, they need to come out and embrace partisan politics rather than hide under minimum wage struggle only to disrupt the stability of the State.

The Plateau State Government would therefore, for the sake of clarity and emphasis, again state categorically as follows:

a. That the administration of Governor Simon Bako Lalong recognises that there are three tiers of Government in Nigeria, in this case, Local, State and Federal. The Governor is irrevocably committed to ensuring the that these tiers of Government particularly the Local Government enjoy their financial independence and other provisions of the autonomy.

b. That as far as the employment, discipline, promotion and payment of salaries and emoluments of Local Governments is concerned, the onus rests squarely on the shoulders of Chairmen and Management Committee Chairmen of the various Local Governments while the Governor has the responsibility of ensuring that State Civil Servants are paid as and when due. He has never failed!

C. That the Governor has done everything possible as a father to wade into the lingering crisis but the Local Government Staff have continued to stifle this effort, even when their Union officials have advised them to give them a chance to negotiate the matter. They rather prefer to play to the gallery and misinform the gullible while allowing clandestine interests to use them for pecuniary motives.

d. In view of the above, the Plateau State Government under the leadership of His Excellency Rt. Hon. (Dr) Simon Bako Lalong, KSGG hereby advises Local employees to redirect their grouse to the right channel which is the Local Government Councils. It is their sole responsibility to negotiate and implement not only the minimum wage, but other allowances they wish to offer them. This is moreso, that the allocation of Local Government is paid directly into the accounts of the Local Governments by the Federal Government and not warehoused with the State Government.

e. That the unwarranted attacks, misinformation and mischief of the Local Government employees aimed at tarnishing the good name of His Excellency, the amiable worker-friendly Governor Rt. Hon. (Dr) Simon Bako Lalong, a.k.a GOVERNOR ALERT, is unnecessary and a great act of treachery and ingratitude for all he has done to improve their conditions. Despite that, he has greatest respect for the workers which he has consistently demonstrated since he came into office and is committed to sustaining it.

f. That the State Government appeals again to the Local Government employees to show maturity and understanding by interfacing with their employers (Local Government Councils) as henceforth, no disruption of public peace or Government activities will be tolerated.

LET US ALWAYS THINK AND ACT PLATEAU

Signed:

DAN MANJANG,
HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER,
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Bandits kill four in Kaduna village

● Two others along Birnin Gwari Kaduna highway

From Mohammed I. Yaba, Kaduna

Four people were killed on Wednesday when armed bandits attacked Katarma village in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

It was gathered that the attackers also kidnapped some women in the community.

Daily Trust also gathered that local vigilante engaged the bandits in a gun duel before troops were drafted to the location.

Four persons, including vigilantes, were killed in the gunfight, while three others sustained injuries.

Kaduna Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, who confirmed the incident in a statement yesterday, said all the kidnapped women have been rescued by the troops.

Aruwan said in response to the attack, air platforms were swiftly mobilised for armed missions over Katarma village, and Kusasu village in neighbouring Niger State.

He said while ground troops headed to the location, the air component went ahead and neutralised several bandits as contained in the operational feedback to the Kaduna State Government.

He said during the armed reconnaissance over neighbouring Kusasu village, bandits on motorcycles were also sighted fleeing from the aircraft and were engaged, as some abandoned their motorcycles and took cover in the bushes.

He further added that operations were conducted over other communities in Birnin Gwari, Giwa, Igabi and Chikun local government areas.

In a related development, armed bandits yesterday opened fire on a moving vehicle along Birnin Gwari Kaduna highway, killing the driver and one other person.

Daily Trust gathered that the attack took place at Zankoro area of Unguwar Yako, about 20 kilometres to Kaduna town around 10 am.

This came after nine persons were killed in the same area last Sunday.

The Chairman of Birnin Gwari Emirate Progressive Union (BEPU), Barrister Salisu Haruna, confirmed the incident in a statement yesterday.

He appealed to the military authorities to station permanent military checking point in the area, lamenting that killing and kidnapping by armed bandits in the area have continued unabated.

Contacted, the State Police Command Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige, promised to find out the details from the area and get back to our reporter. He did not do so as at the time of filing this report.

Amotekun kills 3 in Oyo

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Three youths were reportedly killed by men of the Oyo State Security Network, codenamed Amotekun on Wednesday.

Our correspondent gathered on Thursday that at least three people were killed in the clash between Amotekun Corps operatives and some indigenes of Tapa in Ibarapa North Area of the state.

It was learnt that youths in the area had organised a New Year carnival, but the Amotekun operatives ordered them to end the party.

A source from the area told reporters in Ibadan on phone that; "The boys were having a carnival and probably they are expected to close by 10 pm, which they didn't. The Amotekun operatives told them to stop, which took the boys some time to stop the sound.

"In the course of trying to stop the carnival, there was an argument between the boys and the Amotekun operatives and the boys threw stones at them.

"The Amotekun operatives fired shots to disperse the boys but some people were hit by the bullets and three have been confirmed dead while many people were injured.

Commandant of Amotekun Corps in the state, Col. Olayinka Olayanju, when contacted, confirmed that there was a clash in the area, but did not give details of what happened.

He said, "I am on my way to Tapa. I can't tell you anything now until I investigate," he said.

Court restrains Ganduje from Salary deduction

• Salary slash temporary – Kano govt

From Habibu U. Aminu, & Sani I. Paki, Kano

A Kano High Court has issued an interim injunction restraining the state Governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, alongside four others from further deduction from the salaries of members of the state chapter of Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN).

Some members of the union had approached the court following deduction in their November and December salaries amounting to over N80m.

An exparte motion filed before the court on January 5th by their counsel, Barrister FI Umar was equally supported by 36 paragraph affidavit.

In his ruling, Justice Usman Na'abba also mandated the defendants and whoever acting on their behalf to comply with an earlier agreement dated December 19th that was entered between the two parties pending the determination of the motion on notice.

He then adjourned the matter to 28th January for further hearing.

Speaking on the matter, the chairman of the state JUSUN, Muktar Rabiu Lawal, said they were shocked to notice deduction in their salaries for November and December, which prompted them to seek legal actions.

"In November N41m was deducted, December N39m and we became afraid if it goes on like this it will be over N300m before the year runs out," he said.

Daily Trust reports that many civil servants in the state were left confused following unexplained slashes in their November and December salaries.

Some civil servants said they were left with less than the old minimum wage of N18, 000. Officials of the state government denied reverting to the old minimum wage, insisting that there were only deductions because of the prevailing economic recession in the country occasioned by COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner for Information, Malam Muhammad Garba, in a statement yesterday, said the slash was temporary and that the state government would soon continue with implementation of N30, 000.00 minimum wage.

He said the deduction was necessary to keep the government going in the face of the prevailing economic recession facing the country.

Garba pointed out that the state took the measure instead of contemplating on paying half salary, in batches or layoffs.

The commissioner also said the state took similar temporary measure of cutting allowances of all political appointees in its administrative structure during the first wave of the pandemic.

He then assured that as soon as the state of affairs improves, the state government would not hesitate to pay workers their full salary.

Garba called for the support and cooperation of the entire workforce in the state to bear with the situation and desist from spreading rumours on the government's intention.

It was gathered that the deductions affected the 55,505 mainstream civil servants in the state as at December 31, 2020.

■ Nigerian Navy newest Hydrographic Survey Vessel NNS LANA alongside at OCEA Shipyard, Le Sables Dolonnes, France....DINFO NHQ

Body of abducted Benue LG cashier found in shallow grave

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The body of a revenue cashier, Joseph Myaan, who was abducted over one month ago in Katsina-Ala Local Government Council of Benue State, has been discovered in a shallow grave in Akpera suburb of Kastina-Ala town.

Daily Trust gathered that the body was found on Wednesday in Akpera suburb of Tongov community in Katsina-Ala area of the state.

Myaan was said to have been kidnapped over a month ago. Efforts by his family to locate his whereabouts proved abortive.

It was learnt that a top politician from the area assisted by security personnel led the team, which exhumed the remains of the deceased from the shallow grave.

A witness told our correspondent that the exhumed remains of Myaan had been deposited in the Katsina-Ala General Hospital morgue.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Kastina-Ala Local Government Council, Alfred Atera, confirmed the incident.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, however, said the command was yet to receive a report on the matter.

'Armed robber' killed in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

An armed robbery suspect, whose identity was yet to be ascertained, was killed yesterday by an angry mob in Egor Local Government Area of Edo state.

It was gathered that the suspect, a member of a four-man armed robbery gang, on Wednesday night broke into a premise along the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Road in Ugbowo Quarters in Egor Local Government.

The suspect was reportedly lynched when youths in the area chased the gang and captured him after a botched robbery operation in the locality.

He was reportedly beaten severely. A local vigilante group, however, saved him from being set ablaze.

It was learnt that the suspect later died due to the injuries he sustained from the beating.

Contacted, police spokesperson in the state, SP Chidi Nwabuzor, said he was not aware of the incident, but promised to get back to our reporter after getting the details.

COVID-19: Edo records 28 new cases, 5 deaths

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Edo State has recorded 28 new cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the state to 27.

The State COVID-19 Incident Manager, Dr. Andrew Obi, disclosed this during a briefing at the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in Benin City, the state's capital.

"We have collected a total of 3,452 coronavirus samples from our screening and testing centres across the state since we started tracking the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic on December 1, 2020," he said.

He added that out of the number, 270 returned positive, while five people died.

He said the state government was intensifying efforts in containing the spread of the virus by ramping up public enlightenment and reactivating screening and testing centres across the state to ensure early detection of the disease.

He urged religious leaders, parks, markets and eateries to respect safety guidelines.

"Provision should be made for handwashing stations, which will encourage regular hand washing while directives on social distancing and use of alcohol-based hand sanitisers should be obeyed," he added.

Labour suspends strike in Kebbi

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Birnin Kebbi

Organised labour in Kebbi State has suspended its indefinite strike embarked upon on Wednesday after the state government met its demands.

They had threatened to embark on industrial action on January 1, 2020, if the government failed to meet their demands, which included workers' 2019 leave grant and retirees' gratuity.

The chairmen of Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC), Umar Halidu Alhassan and Danladi Aliyu Dabai respectively announced the suspension yesterday at a joint briefing in the state capital.

They said the state government has paid workers their 2019 leave grant and has approved the sum of N3 billion for retirees' gratuity.

They added that negotiation on minimum wage consequential salary adjustment, payment of 2020 leave grant and remittance of teachers' pension contribution to the Pension Fund Administrators would resume immediately.

They directed all workers in the state to resume work with immediate effect.

The senator representing Kebbi South Senatorial District, Bala Ibn Na'Allah, commended the organised labour for the maturity exhibited in calling off the strike.

He said continued dialogue was the only means of resolving industrial feud.

"Kebbi is not insulated from the various challenges facing Nigeria at the moment. The strike embarked upon will create a huge barrier in the collective effort of repositioning Kebbi State," he added.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 4148

MARPOL ANNEX VI - 2020 MARINE FUEL OIL SULPHUR CAP

As part of her commitment to the protection of the marine environment, the Nigerian Ports Authority wishes to inform all Vessel Owners, Operators, Agents, Charterers, Fuel Bunker Suppliers and Vessel Crew, that effective 1st April 2021, the Port Authority will commence the enforcement of MARPOL Annex VI regulation in line with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Convention on Sulphur limit on marine bunker fuel oil.

Kindly note that from this date, ships within the nation's territorial waters are prohibited from carriage on board or use of marine fuel oil with a sulphur content exceeding 0.5% m/m, unless an equivalent means of compliance is fitted to the ship and all documents supporting the adopted alternative measures must meet the equivalent requirements set out in Article 4 of MARPOL Annex VI.

Use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) as an equivalence abatement measure under MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 4.1 is acceptable, provided it is approved by a Recognised Organisation (RO) in accordance with the IMO guidelines within MEPC.259(68). Please note that while within the nation's territorial waters, ships fitted with hybrid type of scrubbers shall switch to the closed-loop mode of operation, while ships fitted with open-loop scrubbers shall switch over to complaint fuel oil as discharge of its wash-water (scrubber sludge) is prohibited within the nation's waterways and by extension all the Pilot age Districts.

Ships reporting non-availability of complaint fuel oil are required to submit a Fuel Oil Non-Availability Report (FONAR) to the Harbour Master of the nearest Nigerian Port 24 hours before arrival, and a copy of which shall be submitted to the Ports Authority's Environment Department during compliance inspection.The report should include:

i. Record of actions taken to bunker compliant fuel oil before arrival at the port
ii. An evidence of attempt to purchase complaint fuel oil in accordance with its voyage plan.

Kindlyensure that all documents related to MARPOL Annex VI are complete and up-to-date before arrival at the port.

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We have been briefed and our services retained by the newly elected National President and Executives of Nigeria Union of Public Service Reportorial Secretarial, Data Processors and Allied Workers **(NUPSRAW)** led by Comrade Jacob Kaura Makama hereinafter referred to as "Our clients" and we act accordingly;

Our clients drew our attention to the continuing usurpation of office by the former National President of NUPSRAW Comrade Yahaya Y. Yashi and some of his Executives whose constitutional permissible two terms of eight (8) years (2012 – 2020) in office has effluxed.

The 36 states and FCT Council of NUPSRAW, Registrar of Trade Union, Federal Ministry of Labour & Employment, Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), Bankers to NUPSRAW and General Public are by this Public Notice warned to desist from dealing with Comrade Yahaya Y. Yashi and his Executives as they are no longer the Executives of NUPSRAW. This notice is particularly important to all concerned so as not to fall victim of their unscrupulous activities in the union.

We further emphasis that the 36 states and FCT Council of NUPSRAW and Bankers to NUPSRAW should stop Comrade Yahaya Y. Yashi and his cohorts from accessing the union's check off dues and all other funds belonging to the union. They are impostors whose usurpation of the office of National President and Executives of NUPSRAW has continued to generate tension in the noble union.

We therefore warn that no body should deal with the Comrade Yahaya Y. Yashi led Executives as their terms of office as Executives of NUPSRAW has effluxed and their continuing usurpation of office has no iota of legitimacy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The family of Alhaji Bashari Aminu(OON), Iyan Zazzau, wish to announce that our father, husband, grandfather, leader, and mentor passed away on January 1, 2021, in Lagos and was buried on January 2, 2021, in Sabon-Gari Zaria, according to Islamic rights.

During this mourning period, we solicit your continued prayers for the repose of his soul and pray that Allah (SWT) grants him Al-Jannat Firdaus, comfort his family, and the millions of people that were positively affected during his sojourn on earth.

While we thank the general public for their prayers and support, we shall provide any necessary update accordingly.

Thank you.

Signed
Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji,
Dan-Amar Zazzau
On behalf of the family
04/01/2021

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL
YOLA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT YOLA

APPEAL NO: CA/YL/33CN/2020
SUIT NO: .....

BETWEEN:
Ibrahim Mohammed Umar ..... APPELLANT(S)
AND
Federal Republic of Nigeria & 2 ors ..... RESPONDENT(S)

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE APPEAL/JUDGMENT/MOTION IN THIS APPEAL WILL BE LISTED FOR HEARING AT COURT OF APPEAL, SITTING IN YOLA JUDICIAL DIVISION, JUSTICE BUBA ARDO ROAD JIMETA, ADAMAWA STATE.

ON: Tuesday THE 19th DAY OF: January 2021 AT 9.00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON.
ON: Wednesday THE 16th DAY OF: December 2021

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1. 3rd Respondent
Mrs Diezani Alison Madueke
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KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

FILING OF PAYE TAX RETURNS FOR 2020 AND MONTHLY PAYE REMITTANCES SCHEDULE

The Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (KGIRS) wishes to inform the general public that, in line with the provision of Section 81(2) of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) 2011 (as amended) that all employers of labour in the State (Public & Private Organisations) are statutorily obligated to file their PAYE Tax Returns for 2020 on or before January 31, 2021, in hard and soft copy.

Consequently, all individuals are also required to file their returns using 'FORM A' i.e. the form for returns on incomes, claims, allowances and reliefs in line with Sections 41 of PITA on or before 31st of March, 2021

❖ **CONTENTS OF ACCEPTABLE ANNUAL TAX RETURN FOR KOGI STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

a. Cover letter for "submission of annual returns". It must include contact details of the company's representative on Personal Income Tax issues.
b. Schedule of Monthly Payroll and evidence of PAYE remittance (in Microsoft Office Excel format).
c. A schedule of all Withholding Tax deductions made showing names and addresses of beneficiaries, gross amount of tax deducted and nature of services in line with Sections 69, 70, 71 and 72 of Personal Income Tax Acts 2011 (as amended).
d. Soft copy of Employer's Annual Declaration and Certificate (FORM H1) (in Microsoft Office Excel format) as shown in the table below:

EMPLOYER'S ANNUAL DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATE Form H1

ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER:_____ EMPLOYER TIN:_____

ADDRESS:_____

S/N	Staff TIN	BVN	Staff Names	No of Months worked	Salary Chart						Gross Income	Details of Reliefs					Details of Deductions
					Basic Salary	Housing allowance	Transport Allowance	Leave Allownace	Bonuses	Other Allowances		Consolidated Relief Allowance [CRA]	Pension	NHIS	Life Assurance	NHF	Tax Paid

e. All receipts for Withholding Tax (WHT), Development Levy, Business Premises, Ground Rent, Social Service Contributions Levy (SSCL) for Corporate and Individuals etc. must be provided.
f. List of exit Staff who were compensated for Loss of Office, Terminal Benefits, Retirement or Paid gratuity and the amount paid must be stated (for the purpose of CGT).
g. Schedule of deduction and evidence of remittance of Pension, NHF, NHIS, LAP must be provided.
h. Monthly Immigration Returns (where applicable).
i. Letter of Expatriate quota (where applicable).
j. A copy of a letter mandating all employees of any organisation to file Individual Tax Returns must be submitted by the employer. This is in line with Section 41 of Personal Income Tax Acts 2011 (as amended).
k. All individuals who are on employment income or are self-employed are to file their Returns in line with the provision of section 41 of PITA on or before the 31st of March, 2021.

NOTE:

I. All Employee annual returns that do not satisfy the above requirements shall be rejected in line with Section 54(2)b of PITA.
II. Any employer who contravenes the provisions of the section shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of N500, 000 in the case of a corporate body and N50, 000 in the case of an individual. Section 81(3).
III. We hereby enjoin all employers of labour to comply with the above provisions. For further enquiries, please contact us at **pit@irs.kg.gov.ng** or Kogi State Internal Revenue Service, 1 Marine/Beach Road, Lokoja, Kogi State. **Phone No: +2348083427276**
IV. For convenience and ease of filing, login into your account or register to obtain your login details on our e-payment portal by visiting **ANY** of our website address: taxpayer.irs.kg.gov.ng or portal.irs.kg.gov.ng

Signed
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10 solid reasons why budget 2021 should be scrapped (II)

— *Continued from last week*

6. I have always wondered why the technical people behind our budgets cannot do better than to state how many barrels of crude oil the country intends to manufacture and how much she wishes to sell. The OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) determines how much our daily production cap should be anyway. The issue of average expected price (benchmark) is usually open to conjecture and contention because that is a largely arbitrary, random digit. Why? The *Economist*, in an editorial two years ago, stated that the prediction of crude oil prices is a fool's game. The magazine said it should know because it had been caught playing the fool a number of times. Today, Bonny Light, our flagship product, sells for circa $40. But who could have predicted that in April of this year, we couldn't find any buyers and crude prices went into negative territory? Who can tell precisely when renewables will totally dislodge fossil energy as has been predicted for a while now? The usual thing will happen. The National Assembly will spend months as usual, debating the benchmark price to include in the final budget estimates. Again, a better idea is that crude oil should not be the only revenue assumption in the budget. In fact it is a redundant figure as the amount to be derived is not shown.

7. And if the amount was shown it would have been totally deceptive. Why? When Nigeria states that we intend to extract or produce 1.8 million barrels per day of crude oil, and sell at $40 per barrel, a common man is deceived to think that Nigeria will make a total of $72 million, or N27.432 billion EVERYDAY (This is if we multiply the daily proceeds at N381 official rate). I hope this is not the impression our budget drafters are trying to create or whether they are under same illusion. It is all wrong and makes absolutely no sense at all. Why? According to NEITI (Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative), in its review of petroleum sector activities between 2015 and 2017, only about 36% of the production is for Nigeria. The rest goes to foreign companies that assist in the production, as well as local companies that are joining in. Therefore, it would have made better sense if only 36% of that calculation entered the budget in any way or form. This is N9.87 billion per day. It is however from this figure (asides from taxes, royalties, signature bonuses etc), that expenses incurred by NNPC and all other subsidiaries will be deducted and those expenses can be very substantial. That is why I say Nigeria is not particularly a rich country and we should stop living so large.

8. The budget remains a pork barrel. Someone asked me in an interview if the N13 trillion budget was 'sustainable'. Of course people are usually fazed by the seemingly large amount. I replied that the budget was not sustainable, not because it had size, but because sustainability has to do with one's ability to repeat a certain process into the future without stress. The debt levels, the yearly deficits, are unsustainable and will catch up with us in a short while. It is as if the country has been finally auctioned. What is even less sustainable is that the budget is basically a pork barrel budget. Someone sits in the Budget Office and calls for all MDAs to send in what they wish to buy next year. The focus of course is on the expenses. What Olusegun Adeniyi described about his experience in government in 2011 still obtains. Heads of Agencies and their directors sit in their offices imagining what needs to be changed. Usually, if these were private sector entities, resources will be stretched more into the future, and there may be no need to spend anything substantial. But this is government and monies need to be spent. I take that back please. This is Nigerian government. Our leaders have not thought about a radical way of cutting out this pork barrel approach where MDAs send expense proposals to the centre. There has to be an organic way of ensuring that especially in a time such as this, our MDAs cannot continue to be a burden on the country.

9. PER CAPITA BUDGET. So, I did an analysis of the budget on per capita basis (see attached). I tried to find exactly what the budget has for each Nigerian. I realized it wasn't much. At N13 trillion, the budget is barely $34 billion this year, for over 200 million people if we believe the figures coming out of our National Population Commission. This is barely $160 per person per year, to be spent on education, defence, policing, housing, roads, and every other thing we desire. If we back out the N5 trillion to be spent on less than two million government personnel and the N128 billion to be spent on about 500 National Assembly members and their admin staff, we are left with potentially N8 trillion for the entire country, which is barely $80 per Nigerian in this year. Countries spend as much as $30,000 per person in other jurisdictions, where their yearly budgets come to around 40 per cent of their GDPs. This budget is barely 7.5 per cent of our GDP. We should also note that usually, a mere 30-40 per cent of capital expenditure is released every year for the past 15 years, for the purpose of capital budgeting.

10. MINIATURISED DREAMS – I had a foreboding feeling, as the president reeled out the roads they had done or intended to do, that the leadership of this country was miniaturizing the dreams of the people. I am reading the South Africa government's 2020 budget speech and I can see commitments on number of jobs to be created, social services, mega infrastructure projects of R200 billion (about $13 billion or N5 trillion), industrial strategies, a sovereign wealth fund with offtake of R30 billion ($2 billion or N760 billion), plans for the upcoming AfCFTA (African Free Trade Agreement), and a spend of R396 billion ($26.4 billion or N10 trillion) on Education, R230 billion ($15 billion or N5.8 trillion) on health and R310 billion ($21 billion or N7.9 trillion) on Social Development. Christ! The budget even announced that coding and robotics will be introduced to young students between Grades R to 3! For Nigeria all we heard from our president was how they were building a road to Itakpe, another to Kutigi and yet another to Jalingo. Tiny roads that should not make it into a national budget. Our budget is lacking in imagination. When shall we wake up, ladies and gentlemen? Our budget should be concerned more with strategic and macro issues. Our dreams and our coasts as a people must be enlarged. At this rate and with the tunnelization of our vision and the miniaturisation of our imagination and ambition, I am afraid we will lose the little that is left of our national prestige and continental influence. At the run rate for South Africa, year on year, it is not rocket science to see that that economy will envelop and subsume ours if it hasn't already.

No focus on Nigerian people

Overall, our budget does not focus on the Nigerian people. That is the problem. Like our police, our budget is focused on our elites and their usual enjoyments. It is something to be shared amongst them, in the hope that perhaps some crumbs will drop off their table for the poor masses. The budget is a tragedy. To compound our woes, the budget is deliberately darkened in different important areas, papered over and made opaque where it should be transparent. There is no departure from the past whatsoever. I know these things are difficult to operate and achieve, but I believe the people of Nigeria have given especially this government enough time to get its act together. In fact, the issue now is, as our people say *"oosha boo ba le gbemi, se mi bi mo se wa"*. If our government cannot improve the lots of our people, the least it can do is not to shrink their dreams and reduce us all to hewers of wood and fetchers of water… the wretched of the earth. Apart from deceiving themselves and maintaining a damaging conspiratorial silence, one wonders if there is anything else they do at government meetings. These budgets are a cancer to Nigeria. We are developing new diseases from these nightmares. We are not recovering from anything. The 2021 budget is certainly NOT a budget of recovery.

Capitol riot: What does a deadly day mean for Trump's legacy?

"We will never give up, we will never concede", Trump tells supporters

This is how the Trump presidency ends. Not with a whimper, but with a bang.

For weeks, Donald Trump had been pointing to January 6 as a day of reckoning. It was when he told his supporters to come to Washington DC, and challenge Congress - and Vice-President Mike Pence - to discard the results of November's election and keep the presidency in his hands.

On Wednesday morning, the president and his warm-up speakers set the whirlwind in motion. Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, said the election disputes should be resolved through "trial by combat".

Donald Trump Jr, the president's oldest son, had a message to members of his party who would not "fight" for their president. "This isn't their Republican Party anymore," he said. "This is Donald Trump's Republican Party."

Then the president himself encouraged the growing crowd, which had chanted "stop the steal" and "bullshit" at the president's prompting, to march the two miles from the White House to the Capitol.

"We will never give up. We will never concede," the president said. "Our country has had enough. We will not take it anymore."

As the president was concluding his remarks, a different kind of drama was playing out within the Capitol itself, as a joint session of Congress prepared to tabulate the state-by-state results of the election.

First, Pence - disregarding the president's urging to throw out the results from contested states - released a statement that he did not have such powers and his role was "largely ceremonial".

Then Republicans issued their first challenge, to Arizona votes, and the House and Senate began their separate deliberations on whether to accept Joe Biden's victory there. The House proceedings were raucous, with both sides cheering as their speakers made their remarks.

"The oath that I took this past Sunday to defend and support the Constitution makes it necessary for me to object to this travesty," said newly elected Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, who had recently made headlines for insisting that she would carry a handgun with her in Congress. "I will not allow the people to be ignored."

In the Senate, the debate was taking on a different tone. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, dressed in the kind of dark suit and tie that befits a funeral, was coming to bury Donald Trump, not praise him. "If this election were overturned by mere allegations from the losing side, our democracy would enter a death spiral," McConnell said. "We'd never see the whole nation accept an election again. Every four years would be a scramble for power at any cost."

The Kentucky senator, who will become the Senate minority leader as a result of his party's two recent defeats in Georgia, said that the chamber was designed to "stop short-term passions from boiling over and melting the foundations of our republic".

His words were practically still hanging in the air when the passions outside the Capitol boiled over, and the Trump supporters, perhaps inspired by the earlier speeches, stormed the building. They swamped the insufficient security in place and brought the proceedings to a grinding halt, as lawmakers, staff and media rushed to find shelter from the rioters.

The drama unfolded in fits and starts. Television cameras broadcast images of protesters dancing and waving flags on the steps of the Capitol. Photos and snippets popped up on social media of rioters inside the building, attempting to break into the legislative chambers and posing in the offices of elected legislators; of security officers, guns drawn in the House of Representatives, behind barricaded doors.

In Wilmington, Delaware, President-elect Joe Biden scrapped a planned speech on the economy and condemned what he called an "insurrection" in Washington.

"At this hour our democracy is under unprecedented assault unlike anything we've seen in modern times," he said. "An assault on the citadel of liberty, the Capitol itself." He concluded his short remarks with a challenge to Trump: to go on national television to condemn the violence and "demand an end to this siege".

Minutes later, Trump would offer his message to the nation - but it was not the one Biden suggested. Instead, sandwiched between his now familiar complaints about the election being "stolen", he told his supporters "to go home, we love you, you're very special".

It was the kind of kid gloves way the president has routinely responded to transgressions from his supporters - whether it was their violent treatment of protesters at his rallies, the "very fine people on both sides" statement after the clashes at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville or his "stand back and stand by" message to the far-right Proud Boys group during the first debate with Biden.

Trump's tweet, and two subsequent ones which also praised his supporters, were flagged and then removed by Twitter, which took the unprecedented step of locking the president's account for 12 hours. Facebook followed suit, banning Trump for a full day.

For the first time in his presidency, for the first time in his long, intimate relationship with social media, Donald Trump had been silenced.

As the afternoon stretched into the evening, and police finally secured the US Capitol, a growing chorus of voices - from the left and right - condemned the violence. It was not surprising that Democrats, like soon-to-be Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, laid the riots at the feet of the president.

More noteworthy, however, were the Republicans who followed suit. "We just had a violent mob assault the Capitol in an attempt to prevent those from carrying out our Constitutional duty," tweeted Congresswoman Lynne Cheney, a frequent Republican critic of the president.

The condemnations were not limited to Trump's reliable intraparty critics, however. Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas, who frequently sides with the president, also spoke out. "It's past time for the president to accept the results of the election, quit misleading the American people, and repudiate mob violence," he said.

First Lady Melania Trump's Chief of Staff Stephanie Grisham and Deputy White House Press Secretary Sarah Matthews both resigned in protest, and there are reports that more administration officials will head for the exits in the next 24 hours.

Whether Pence and the Cabinet act or not, Trump's presidency will be over in just two weeks. At that point, Republican Party leaders will have to grapple with a future where it has lost control of the Congress and the White House and has a former president whose reputation is badly tarnished but who still has strong sway over a sizeable segment of the party's base.

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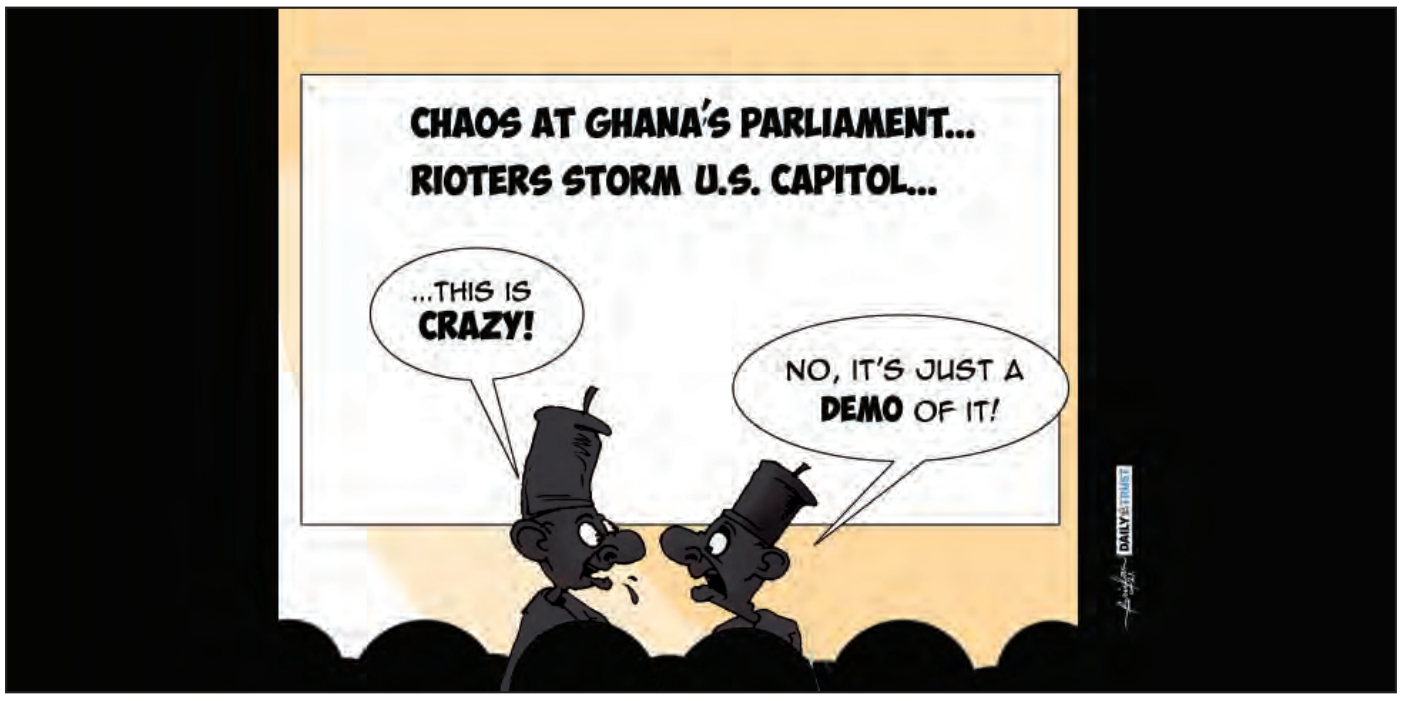

Constitution amendment and the code of conduct agencies

The ongoing amendment of the 1999 Constitution presents itself as a veritable platform to amend grey areas in the legislations establishing the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal. The enabling Act establishing the CCB/CCT in 1991 was also recognized as Nigeria's foremost anti-corruption agency in the creation of the 1999 Constitution.

However, the constitution on its own provided some gaps that further weakens the CCB/CCT. First is that the Constitution establishes the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB or Bureau) and it comprises a chairman and nine other members: each of whom at the time of appointment, shall not be less than 50 years of age and subject to the provisions of Section 157 of this Constitution shall vacate his office on attaining the age of 70 years. It is observed that, beyond these qualifications, there is no other qualification in terms of academic background or cognate experience provided for the chairman and members of the bureau. Considering the specialized work, they are called upon to do and their description in both the Constitution and the Act as the Bureau, while others who work with them are described as staff of the Bureau, it is imperative that a proper cognate experience be required as qualification to occupy the position of a chairman or member of the Bureau.

Secondly, by the combined reading of S.155 (1) (c) and S.156 (3) of the Constitution, membership of the Bureau is for a period of five years from the date of appointment subject to an option to renew the appointment but there is a qualification for membership provided in S.156 of the Constitution. The Constitution therefore provides very detailed character and integrity related qualifications for membership of the Bureau. But these qualifications still do not amount to unimpeachable integrity as provided in the CCBTA.

Thirdly, the Bureau is mandated by the Constitution to receive declarations by public officers made under Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of the Fifth Schedule to this Constitution. But the Constitution was silent on the process of submitting the declaration by declarants and the Bureau's method of receiving the declaration of assets and liabilities. However, The Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act in S.15 (1) prescribes that declarations be submitted in a written form. It also gave the Bureau the power to determine the means to which these declarations would be submitted. It wouldn't be out of place if the ongoing amendment of the constitution takes cognizance of the digital age and power of information technology to also prescribe online declaration and submission of assets.

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Gumi's visit to Jere: A call to other clerics

Sheikh Ahmad Gumi's trip to Jere village along the highway between Kaduna to Abuja will go down as one of the bold and courageous steps ever taken by the Islamic clergy in response to the current spate of kidnapping in Kaduna State. While the Nigerian clergy is notorious for hiding behind fortified pulpit to cast stones at society and underperforming governments, they have failed to demonstrate any practical and visible effort to solve existing crises in the society.

However, last weekend, Sheikh Gumi would flip open a new page in this direction.

In the fight against this scourge of kidnapping, religious clerics have the capacity to serve as a highly potent tool for strategic communication. There is, therefore, the need for the government to empower and encourage them to actively participate in taking the words of God to remote communities that are close to hot spots of criminal elements. This does not suggest that such communities harbour the criminals, but they could possibly know them and, therefore, assist the law enforcement agencies in crime prevention, control and bringing culprits to justice.

In 2021 and years ahead, preachers should be expected to storm these volatile communities with the message of God and compassion, so that our roads may be safe again.

It should also be noted on the part of government and wealthy private individuals that the word of God will not be enough to bring an end to this crisis. Alternatives to crime in form of gainful employment must be provided to these local communities. They are also in dire need of education, healthcare, water supply, and motorable road networks to link them up with opportunities in cities.

Musa Kalim Gambo writes from Zaria

ASUU: The insincerity of FG

The COVID-19 pandemic and the seasonal ASUU strike have collapsed academic activities in all public universities in the country. Just recently students and parents were jubilating and praising ASUU for calling off their nine-month strike, but as it is we are not too sure if schools will resume.

According to reports, part of the agreement reached between FG and ASUU is that nine month salary arrears will be paid in which only two months promise was redeemed as at November last year. Lecturers in public universities are yet to even receive their December salary and it's already seven days into the month of January. Also the agreement that the FG will pay the Earned Academic Allowance (EAA) has not been redeemed.

ASUU is currently threatening to embark on another strike. This attitude of the government of not giving a damn whether students are in school or not is baffling. The APC-led government campaigned vigorously to Nigerians that they should be voted to bring an everlasting solution to the recurring ASUU strike.

The question I keep asking myself is, are we lacking funds to pay these lecturers? Then what happened to the funds allocated for the payment of lecturers' salaries.

Nigerian politicians have succeeded in bastardising educational institutions through negligence.

The federal government, just like every other responsible government anywhere in the world, should please redeem its promise to ASUU so that students can go back to classes.

Dauda Haruna Tula

National Identity Management Commission should think again

How would the National Identity Management Commission come up with an irrational decision that for a common man to have his NIN details altered/changed he has to pay the sum of N15,000?

Evidently, majority of Nigerians cannot afford three square meals per day and at the same time they are being unfairly treated by their own government.

Even if they are to be charged for the alteration at least the amount shouldn't exceed N5000 at maximum or N3000 minimum.

I will like to call on the body concerned to look into this decision and change it to what will be affordable to Nigerians.

Mallam Musbahu Magayaki writes from Sabon Fegi, Azare, Bauchi State

America's democracy is overrated

Most Nigerians have always tried to compare US to Nigeria in terms of election and democracy, but the events ongoing presently show that the US needs to learn from Goodluck Ebele Jonathan and Nigeria.

Undoubtedly, I have come to realise that Jonathan is the only true democrat among all world leaders.

This simply means democracy is not just a government of the people by the people and for the people, but the government of the people by the people, for the people and actualised by the person in power.

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EDITORIAL

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Chaotic scenes at NIMC enrolment centres

Following reports of extortion and sharp practices at some of the enrolment centres of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), the Federal Government last week suspended some workers allegedly involved.

Before then, there were reports in the media indicating that the ongoing National identification Number (NIN) enrolment exercise was not going on as smoothly as envisaged at the NIMC centres.

There are accounts of officials not arriving on time at the designated centres as well as shortage or in some cases lack of necessary registration materials for the exercise. This is in addition to the usual problems of power outage as well as the fact that the centres are not enough to cope with the multitudes that need to be registered all over the country.

Expectedly, this results in frustration and disappointment for the multitudes waiting to enrol leading to chaotic scenes at the centres.

Against the assurances given by the authorities that adequate arrangements have been made to ensure the exercise goes as smoothly as possible, this is hardly encouraging.

The government cannot escape responsibility over this unsavoury situation.

First of all, the timing of the exercise coming at the yuletide when movement of people across the country is at its peak was hardly convenient. And to further compound matters, the government, without proper consultation and consideration of the circumstances, initially gave a two weeks' deadline for the conclusion of the exercise before extending it by another two weeks after much protests from stakeholders.

Secondly, there was no adequate enlightenment for an exercise of such national importance and magnitude. Such necessary information as location of the enrolment centres, procedures for enrolment, and requirements were not properly communicated to the public prior to the commencement of the exercise.

Thirdly, not much consideration was also given to rural dwellers and those that live in remote and inaccessible parts of the country, who also need to be involved in the exercise.

We observe that before the present time, National Identity enrolment exercise has been going on continuously for quite some time now at designated centres of the NIMC where Nigerians do it at their own time and convenience. For the most part, reports about the process have not been as we have it with the present exercise.

The observable lapses in the ongoing enrolment can no doubt be attributable, to a large extent, to the sudden announcement of a two weeks' deadline for an exercise which Nigerians have been doing conveniently without deadlines. The resulting rush and panic to beat the deadline for enrolment would naturally result in chaos and disorder especially if as we have seen, adequate arrangements have not been made to cope with the situation. And in such circumstances there will always be people who will seek to take advantage.

All things considered, we believe the observable lapses in the on-going exercise call for government to consider taking some measures in order to ease the situation. There should be greater synergy between the Ministry of Communication and Digital Technology and the various telecom service providers in accessing and processing of data for capture into the database.

There should also be effective supervision to ensure that those charged with the responsibility of conducting the exercise do so in accordance with the guidelines provided. Incidences of sharp practices such as those discovered and reported should be promptly dealt with to serve as deterrence to those who might be minded to take advantage of the situation.

The government should also consider extending the time for the exercise as it is clear that with the cumulative issues, the current deadline is not feasible.

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Tribute to Iyan Zazzau, Alhaji Muhammadu Bashari Aminu OFR

By MD Umar

God only always was, God only always will be!

The death, on Friday, January 1, 2021, of Alhaji Muhammadu Bashari Aminu, aka *Dan-Kwasau*, aka *Iyan Zazzau, aka Iyan Gari,* aka *Iya Bashar,* aka *Iya - (and multiplicity of names indicates profound adoring and reverence for the named)* was, perhaps, the darkest side of the new year especially to the Kingdom and people of Zazzau, to his immediate family, and to many of us that lived and associated closely with him. God grant him eternal peace.

Born December 26, 1950. The son of the 17th Emir of Zazzau Muhammadu Aminu. He graduated from the Department of Accounting at Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. A Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants (UK), the Certified National Accountants of Nigeria (CNA).

Appointed *Danmadamin* Zazzau and District Head of Sabon Gari in 1979 and later promoted to the important and princely title of Iyan Zazzau, he had a brief stint in the civil service. He was an accomplished businessman. He was awarded the prestigious national honour of the Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) by the Nigerian government. He was a bureaucrat, a technocrat, and an aristocrat!

Iya was a great man. He was a wonderful intellect, a great soul of matchless courage, and a pleasing personality. Calm, collected, and composed, he exuded an air of charisma with a mixture of aristocratic mien in conduct and appearance. He was never known to have lost his cool no matter the provocation. His sense of discipline, organization and coordination was legendary. In every sense and purpose one could count him among those you may refer to as the Salts-of-the-Earth yet we have no right to bow down to his memory simply because he was great. Great kings, great heroes, great people, often use their gifts for a most unholy cause.

He was an exceptional character with enormous accomplishments. Those that closely related with him will testify to his equanimity and benevolence. And through all situations of his life he had preserved his equanimity, his keen interest in etiquette, and his indefatigable zeal for the instruction of others.

As a prince he had laboured all his life to maintain and preserve the Fulani caliphal aristocracy and its institutions bequeathed by his forefathers. *Iya* would appear erect everywhere in the execution of his duties as a prince especially in matters relating to the integrity of the Zazzau Kingdom and the personality of the Late Emir Shehu Idris.

As I watched him being laid down into his final resting place, in that darkest moment, on Saturday, the 2nd of January 2021. I felt the darkness that overshadowed the firmament over the triangle of benevolence, philanthropy and fosterhood, and everything within it. and the bitter reality it portrayed was one, I, personally, will live with and die with.

From that moment on, many questions kept cropping up in my mind: what becomes of the livelihood and education of multitudes of orphans being fed, sheltered and sponsored by him? What about the poor and the weak whose livelihood and happiness depend on him? What of those nephews and nieces from less privileged relatives depending on his hand-outs for survival? What of the absence of the enormous wealth of experience in emirate administration that the Zazzau Kingdom has lost along with his demise? As an industrialist providing employment to many, what impact his death will come to have on the economy of many households and families? What becomes of the bridge he maintained between the Kingdom of Zazzau and other kingdoms and chiefdoms; and between Kaduna State and the centre at various levels of human and national development?

On that morning of Friday the 1st of January 2021 as he took his last breath, pages containing lists of students on his scholarship were lying on his desk in his personal office awaiting his approval for payments of their school fees and stipends! Indeed the loss was colossal and far-reaching for the people, the Kingdom, the state and the nation.

As district head of Sabon Gari, he demonstrated an unmatched ability and skills in managing the affairs of this cosmopolitan, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious district. His exceptional skill in steering the affairs of this district for 39 years was remarkable.

He was to display his mastery of the emirate system when after the death of Emir Shehu Idris, the throne became vacant and princes began to jostle to occupy it. Given the circumstances in which the contest for the throne began, he stayed away from contesting, declining to yield to pressure to contest from many quarters including from key figures in the emirate. But when he had reasons to believe that the sanctity of the institution and its traditions and practices were at stake and someone from the old guards was needed to the rescue, he caved in and put himself on the contest. And when he believed that the process for the selection and appointment of the new emir was faulty, he sought for redress in the court of law in his unflinching trust in the rule of law. But however much he disagreed with the process of the selection and appointment of the new emir, yet, to preserve the integrity of the throne and the institution it represents, he asked his sons and relatives to pay allegiance to the new occupant so long as he sits on the throne. Of course he recused himself personally from paying allegiance to avoid a conflict of interest having resolved to challenge the matter in court.

To his children he was not only a loving father. He was also a mentor. He got so deeply into their psyche so much that they mimic his demeanour in conducts, in dressings and in appearance. Meet any of them and you would not fail to behold the trajectories of his characteristic mien, of his throaty voice, of his deliberate drawling and choice of words, and of his mannerisms. If you have had dealings with any of them you would have noticed that royal instinct of accommodation, generous disposition and indulgence that were native to him.

To the younger ones, *Iya* would share his wisdom in a way that risks being misunderstood as punitive. It mostly would come as a reproach. I still could feel the reverberation of an unmistakable instruction he once snapped at me, when I was explaining to him the method I used in handling a matter I earlier complained to him about: "be wise beyond your age, the world is too complex for your methods" he interjected with a resounding tune.

From the elite' circle down to the ranks of the ordinary, *Iya* was largely misunderstood and he seemed to enjoy the ambiguity of his methodologies.

But I had always thought that I understood the *Iya* to an extent until one fascinating moment when he proved me wrong. When I was the editor of the *Analysis* Magazine in which the Dr Yusufu Bala Usman was a leading contributor to back in early 2000s, I ensured that I took a complimentary copy of every edition to the *Iya*. One day as I was leaving his office after delivering a copy to him he said to me "you know, Dr Usman is my model". I was completely baffled sending back at him some perplexing look as I figured out the obvious contradistinction between the two men. But I dared not say a word. It was the *Iya* talking! Noticing my disposition, he offered "I cherish his courage, his consistency, his scholarship, his pursuit of truth even at the risk of being misunderstood". And, finally, he said "well Bala is a great man". I thanked and bade him goodbye.

But even in death, *Hakimi* (as we fondly called him) left many of us confused about his demise. The same ambiguity that defined his life still trails his departure.

But if the only thing that could have kept him alive was love, he would have lived for a very long time; much longer than he did. He was loved and revered by many. Some out of the benefits they derived from his largesse, some because of his fame, some for what he stood for and represented.

May Allah admit him and us and reunite us with him at the Court of the Seal-of-Prophethood on the valley of Al-Kauthar.

Adieu, Hakimi. Adieu!

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BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	379	508.54	462.11	57.97	101.004	0.688
Central NGN	379.5	509.21	462.72	58.04	101.138	0.698
Selling NGN	380	509.88	463.33	58.12	101.271	0.708

COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 3, 2021)	
CRUDE OIL BRENT	$51.29
GOLD	$1,873.90
SILVER	$25.76
NATURAL GAS	$2.61

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N460	N568	N621
SELLING	N475	N580	N632

■ From left: Vice President, Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN), Mrs Comfort Eyitayo; President, Dame Onome Joy Adewuyi; Past President, Mrs Agnes Adeniran; and ICAN-A1 Steering Committee Chairman, Mallam Ismaila Zakari; during the public presentation of the 2019 ICAN-A1 report, held in Lagos recently.

Photo: **ICAN**

India leads China, 3 others as Nigeria's export destination

By Faruk Shuaibu

India is the top export destination for Nigerian commodities with N500.6 billion or 16.7 per cent of trade exports from Nigerian in the third quarter of 2020, a report has said.

According to the latest term of trade report released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Spain, Netherlands, Turkey and China along with India are Nigeria's top five trading partners for the period.

It also revealed that crude oil dominated export commodity in Q3 with India taking N444.89bn worth of crude oil; Spain took N282.8bn, Netherland, N216.7bn, Turkey, N138.75bn and China N64.1bn

Other trades with India include natural and liquefied gas, N49.1bn; cashew nuts, N2.18bn, soya beans, N1.14bn, and leather, N0.71bn.

On the other hand, Nigeria imported motorcycles from India worth N50.71bn, antibiotics (N26.36bn), vaccines for human medicine (N20.22bn) and Polyethylene (N9.27bn).

Similarly, Nigeria imported Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) worth N190.8bn and N20.65bn from Netherland and Spain respectively.

The report found Nigeria's trade with the Netherlands on negative balance with import of N79.5bn antibiotics; gas oil (N58.8bn) and blue whiting meat (frozen) - N10.2bn.

However, cocoa beans (N1.6bn), frozen shrimps and prawns (N1.2bn), made it in the list of Nigerian imports.

Other imports from Spain include mixed alkylbenzenes & mixed alkyl naphthalenes (N17.63bn) and Gypsum (N4.37bn).

Nigeria maintained a positive balance trade with Turkey as it recorded N150bn or 5.01 per cent export trade while imports stood at N59.26bn representing 1.10 per cent of total imports.

The top three import commodities from Turkey were plasters of calcined gypsum, cooking appliances, as well as other paper and paper boards valued at N4.09billion, N2.60bn and N2.24bn respectively.

"In Q3 2020, Nigeria's import trade with China was in terms of instruments, appliances and machines for measuring or checking, machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice and images.

"Other appliances such as taps, cocks and other valves, were the dominant imports, each valued at N37.2bn, N37.1bn, and N35.2bn respectively," the report stated.

Power grid records 5,552MW peak generation

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The power sector has recorded another all-time peak generation of 5,552 megawatts (MW) as of Wednesday 2021 with the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) transmitting it for distribution.

According to a statement from the General Manager, Public Affairs at TCN, Ndidi Mbah, on Thursday, the company which manages the national grid said the latest all-time peak transmitted, surpasses the last peak generation of 5,520.40MW recorded on October 30, 2020, by 32.40MW.

It also said the new peak is an indication of the gradual but consistent growth in the capability of the power sector under the present administration.

With the capacity to transmit 8,100MW, TCN successfully transmitted the enhanced peak through the nation's grid at a frequency of 50.08Hz, the statement added. The grid recorded improved power generation and evacuation four times in 2020, and has just recorded this feat starting this year. Commenting, the acting Managing Director and CEO of TCN, Engr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz, urged sector players to work together to ensure continued improvement in the power sector.

He said TCN has continued to build more substations as well as install additional transformers in various substations nationwide.

"It is also restringing old transmission lines to further increase their capacity to transmit more bulk electricity for Discos nationwide. As at date, TCN is able to efficiently wheel increased generation through the national grid," Abdulaziz said.

FG bans rice import, others, raises border patrol team

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The federal government has said the prohibition of the importation of parboiled rice, frozen chicken, illicit drugs, among others remains across the borders just as it transforms the Operation SWIFT RESPONSE (OSR) to become Joint Border Patrol Team (JBPT).

The OSR was launched in August 2019 and coordinated by the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA). However, the new JBPT is part of a tripartite operation, comprising Benin, Niger and Nigeria, a statement from the Public Relations Officer of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Deputy Comptroller Joseph Attah said.

The NSA, Major Gen. Babagana Monguno (rtd) applauded the commitment of the security operatives during the OSR and urged them not to relax but display a high level of professionalism during the latest operation.

However, Customs said within a year and four months of the OSR, it seized items worth N12.54 billion at the orders while combating the smuggling of illicit drugs and proliferation of small arms and light weapons.

As of Tuesday, NCS said 1,401 irregular migrants have been arrested. The total seizures include 159,506 (50kg) bags of parboiled foreign rice, 10,447 bags of NPK fertilizer for making explosives, 1,974 vehicles and 895 motorcycles. Other items are 18,690 jerry cans of vegetable oil, among other seized items.

W/Bank projects 4% global economic growth

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The World Bank Group has projected that the global economy could expand by 4 percent this year but that a vaccine rollout will be crucial for this recovery.

In a statement, the bank said this was the outcome of the latest Global Economic Prospects, an outlook report.

"Following a collapse last year caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, global economic output is expected to expand 4 percent in 2021 but remain well below pre-pandemic projections.

The bank said Sub-Saharan Africa has been hard hit by the pandemic, with activity in the region shrinking by an estimated 3.7 per cent in 2020.

"Growth is forecast to resume at a moderate average pace of 3 per cent in 2021-22."

In his remarks, President of the World Bank Group, David Malpass, said the global economy appears to be emerging from one of its deepest recessions and beginning a subdued recovery with COVID-19.

"Our response to the pandemic crisis today will shape our common future for years to come. We should seize the opportunity to lay the foundations for a durable, equitable, and sustainable global economy."

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

SUNDAYS – TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS - SATURDAYS

From ABUJA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL			
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7
IDU	07:00	09:50	14:20	18:00	-	-	-	-
KUBUWA	07:17	10:07	14:41	18:15	07:14	10:02	14:36	18:16
RIGASA	-	-	-	-	09:15	12:01	17:00	20:02

From KADUNA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL			
	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8
RIGASA	06:40	10:35	14:00	18:00	-	-	-	-
KUBUWA	08:31	13:04	16:03	20:07	08:28	12:59	15:58	20:04
IDU	-	-	-	-	08:43	13:20	16:16	20:20

WEDNESDAYS (ONLY)

From ABUJA	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL	
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 1	AK 3
IDU	07:00	18:00	-	-
KUBUWA	07:17	18:15	07:14	18:12
RIGASA	-	-	09:15	20:20

From KADUNA	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL	
	KA 2	KA 4	KA 2	KA 4
RIGASA	06:40	18:00		
KUBUWA	18:31	20:07	08:28	20:00
IDU	-	-	08:34	20:20

NEWS

Low prices: Nigeria, others may lose $1tn oil revenue – PWC

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has predicted that Nigeria and other oil-producing African countries may lose an estimated $1 trillion in oil export revenues over the next 20 years as a result of likely low prices.

In its Africa Oil and Gas Review 2020, themed 'Energising a new tomorrow', the report indicates that oil demand globally shows a curbed recovery over the next few years following the COVID-19 induced demand slump, with prices predicted to reach a ceiling of around $54 per barrel, compared to a pre-COVID-19 estimate of long-term pricing ranging between $60 and $70 per barrel.

According to the review, "It is estimated that this lower price forecast will cost Africa a potential $1 trillion in export revenues from oil over the next 20 years."

In the wake of this development, PwC has advised in the review that the adoption of the energy transition can provide a 'lifeline' in the light of declining oil demand.

The review further suggested that the energy transition does in fact create significant positive economic impact and opportunities, and Africa can benefit tremendously from the technology foundations and learning curves largely paid for by the developed world.

The review also pointed out that as export revenues and domestic demand changed, energy transition readiness will be an important sustainability factor for many countries that have relied on their oil and gas endowments.

Energy transition refers to the global energy sector's shift from fossil-based systems of energy production and consumption - including oil, natural gas and coal - to renewable energy sources like wind and solar, as well as lithium-ion batteries.

The increasing penetration of renewable energy into the energy supply mix, the onset of electrification and improvements in energy storage are all key drivers of the energy transition.

■ Ammunition recently recovered by Customs operatives attached to the Federal Operations Unit Zone C Owerri

Customs intercepts N386m arms, goods in Owerri

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Nigeria Customs Service, Federal Operations Unit, Zone 'C' Owerri, on Thursday said it intercepted 5,200 live ammunition (cartridges of 30GR 70mm calibre) and various contraband worth N386 million.

It said the seizures were made between November 23 and December 27, 2020 while three persons were arrested.

The Customs Area Controller, Yusuf Lawal, in a statement said the unit also recovered N7.6m from demand notices on general goods that tried to cut corners from seaports in the guise of false declaration, transfer of value, and short change in duty payment.

Comptroller Lawal put the cumulative sum realized by the unit in the period under review at N386.3m.

He was worried about the spate of armed smuggling recalling the cases in Lagos in 2017, Kwara in 2018 and just recently in Kebbi.

He said the 5,200 live ammunition cartridges were intercepted on December 13, 2020 noting that the ammunition was concealed with other goods and household items in a Toyota Sienna bus in Cross River.

"Only God knows what would have happened if these cartridges get to their destination unchecked, considering the fragile security of the nation: from armed robbery, kidnapping, banditry to insurgency".

Other seized items include 1,215 bags of foreign parboiled rice of 50kg, 38 jumbo bales of used clothing and 204 cartons of imported tomatoes. The others are four new and used exotic vehicles and controlled pharmaceutical products.

"Three suspects were arrested in connection to these different seizures," he added.

Lagos projects N971bn revenue to fund N1.1tr budget

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The Lagos State Government has said it targets to generate N971.028 billion revenue for funding the recently signed 2021 budget.

Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu recently signed 1.164 trillion for the 2021 budget.

The Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube, in a briefing said, the deficit of 192.494bn is projected to be funded by a combination of internal and external loans.

The breakdown of the expected revenue shows Total Internally Generated Revenue (TIGR) of 723.8bn, Capital Receipts of 71.8bn and Federal Transfer of 175.4bn.

With the projection of N723.817bn TIGR for 2021, the state is expected to generate N60.318bn on a monthly basis.

Egube explained that a significant percentage of the projected TIGR, N512bn, is expected to be contributed by the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS).

"This will improve the efficiency in operations of all revenue-generating agencies. We believe that there are huge revenue-generating opportunities in the state, including real estate, transportation sectors and our markets generally etc.

"We will continue to use data and intelligence to unravel revenue opportunities and leakages. We have continued to maintain a relatively conservative posture in our projection for Federal Transfers/Receipts compared to our annual run rate in 2020 in view of the production challenges within the Oil Sector by keeping our expectation at N175bn."

Egube further said a provision of N150.7bn is made for the maintenance of roads and other infrastructures within the state, out of which N15bn is earmarked for the 'Rebuild Lagos Project/ Trust Fund and N8.842bn for development of infrastructure along the coastline to curb the ocean surge and protect lives and properties among other projects.

Air travel drops over COVID-19 rise – Report

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The second wave of COVID-19 is taking its toll once again on air travel, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has disclosed.

It said total demand (measured in revenue passenger kilometres or RPKs) was down 70.3 per cent in November 2020 compared to November 2019, and virtually unchanged from the 70.6 per cent year-to-year decline recorded in October.

November capacity was 58.6 per cent below previous year levels and load factor fell 23.0 percentage points to 58.0 per cent, which was a record low for the month.

It recorded that African traffic sank 76.7 per cent in November, little changed from a 77.2 per cent drop

According to the report released yesterday, international passenger demand in November was 88.3 per cent below November 2019, slightly worse than the 87.6 per cent year-to-year decline recorded in October.

Capacity fell 77.4 per cent below previous year levels, and load factor dropped 38.7 percentage points to 41.5 per cent.

Europe is the main driver of the weakness as new lockdowns weighed on travel demand.

IATA's Director General and CEO Alexandre de Juniac attributed the development to new restrictions put in place by governments in response to new outbreaks.

"The already tepid recovery in air travel demand came to a full stop in November. That's because governments responded to new outbreaks with even more severe travel restrictions and quarantine measures."

Aviation analyst Alex Nwuba said with "a new more dangerous variant of the coronavirus" already discovered, recovery in air travel is being prolonged.

Nigerian stock market sustains gain by 0.3%

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The domestic equities market sustained the previous day's gain as market capitalisation advanced by 65.7 billion to settle at 21.2 trillion while the year to date return improved to 0.8 per cent

The All Share Index rose 31bps to settle at 40,490.85 points driven by buying interest in Seplat (+10.0 per cent), Nigerian Breweries (+3.6 per cent) and Guaranty (+1.5 per cent).

Activity level surged as volume and value traded advanced 755.0 per cent and 243.8 per cent to 2.1bn units and 7.5bn respectively.

The most traded stocks by volume were UBA (26.5m units), Dangote Sugar (21.5m units) and Fidelity (15.7m units) while Dangote Sugar (397.8m), Zenith (327.3m) and Guaranty (315.1m) topped by value.

Performance across sectors was bullish as 3 of 6 indices under review gained save the AFR-ICT and Industrial Goods indices which closed flat.

NEWS

‘AKK pipeline to make Kano regional industrial hub’

By Faruk Shuaibu

The First Deputy President of the Kano State Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA), Usman Darma, has said that the state would become the industrial hub of sub-Saharan Africa when the Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano, (AKK) pipeline is completed.

Darma, in an interview with *Daily Trust* yesterday, said a minimum of 1,000 new companies are expected to operate in the state in the next three years as the state government is proposing five industrial villages to enable their operations.

“The state government will create five clusters of industrial villages in Kano so that most of the demand of 50 to 70 per cent of raw materials needed in the power plants and people in the entire region would be produced in Kano.”

He stated that the project would drive investors to the states and create job opportunities and reduce insecurity as investors would be sourced locally and international.

While disclosing plans to build a 1,350 megawatt (MW) power plant in the state by the federal government, he said a committee has been formed to ensure the energy is utilized optimally.

However, he noted that there is a need to sensitize the public on the importance of the project because they need to key into the programme.

“The private sector is trying to create a proper awareness in the market and the entire world. People here do not have the orientation of an industrialist though they have the capital. In the end, we will make Kano people to become industrialists.”

“We are also looking into how we can create more investment in Kano, for it will be the industrial hub of the sub-Saharan region because of its access to market and the proximity to reach our neighbouring countries.”

He added that with the huge power supply to be generated efforts would be put to revive other industries in the state.

AfDB appoints Nigerian, 7 others in regional offices

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has appointed eight directors general and deputy directors general in its five regional offices across the continent including a Nigerian to head the North African region.

The bank appointed three directors general for the East, Central and Southern Africa regions and five deputy directors general for the East, Central, Northern, Southern and West Africa regions.

Nnenna Lily Nwabufo, the new DG, East Africa, is a Nigerian with over 30 years’ professional experience in treasury and financial management. Joining the bank in 1991, she rose to acting DG for the region on October 1, 2019.

“I have no doubt that working together with all internal and external stakeholders, we can make a difference and bring much-needed development to East African citizens,” Nwabufo said.

Commenting on her appointment, President of the Group, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, said: “I am delighted to appoint Nnenna as the Director General for East Africa. Her vast experience and solid track record in strategic functions across the bank attest to her capacity to effectively lead the team to rise up to the development challenges and ensure continued development impact to improve the lives of Africans in the East Africa region.”

Serge N’Guessan, a Canadian citizen appointed DG for the Central Africa Region, has over 30 years’ experience and has held key roles in the bank for 10 years. He was Deputy DG, West Africa, from September 2018.

Leïla Farah Mokadem is the DG, Southern Africa, from Tunisia with over 25 years of experience with multilateral development banks and international institutions. She is currently serving as an alternate Board member of Afreximbank.

The Deputy DGs are Dr. Solomane Koné, Central Africa from Côte d’Ivoire; Dr. Abdul B. Kamara, East Africa, from Sierra Leone; Malinne Blomberg, North Africa, a Swedish citizen; Kennedy K. Mbekeani, Southern Africa, a Malawian citizen; and Dr. Joseph M. Ribeiro, West Africa, from Cape Verde.

Transport institute to commission annex in Kano

The Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) has said it plans to inaugurate its multi million naira Kano Annex Office to begin operation in the state.

Dr Bayero Salih-Farah, Director General, NITT, said this while inspecting the complex on Thursday in Dawakin Kudu, headquarters of Dawakin Kudu Local Government Area (LGA) of the state.

He said that the visit was to ensure that all facilities have been installed ahead of the inauguration of the complex which was built at about N3 billion.

He said that the office was aimed at decentralising skills acquisition to ensure grassroots reach.

“The wisdom for the establishment of the annex office is to bring skills acquisition training to the people at the grassroots,” he said.

Salih-Farah said that the institute’s main objective was to provide skills training to Nigerians youths working in transport and logistics industries.

According to him, people from neighbouring states can come to Kano to learn basic skills on maintenance of transport infrastructure and equipment.

The NITT boss expressed satisfaction with the facilities at the office complex, which was initiated in 2017.

“The building has eight classes, and each can contain up to 50 students at a time, I am happy with what I have seen here.

“Our staff are well trained so that they can handle the equipment very well. As you have seen, we have provided a technical department and an administrative block in the building.” *(NAN)*

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CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING AWAY OF NPHCDA GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Alhaji Salihu Attahiru Aliero (Dallatun Gwandu)

On behalf of the board, management and entire staff of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), I hereby condole with the family, friends and associates of our beloved Board Chairman, Alhaji Salihu Attahiru Aliero (Dallatun Gwandu), over his demise on Thursday, 7th January 2021.

This is a great loss, not just to the Agency which has gained tremendously from his leadership as the Board Chairman but the entire country to which he dedicated his life of service.

We wish to particularly express our heartfelt condolences to His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, the Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire, the Hon. Minister of State for Health, Dr. Olorunnimbe Mamora and the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health, Alh. Abdullahi A. Mashi.

The late Alhaji Salihu Attahiru Aliero stood by us as the Agency implemented all her policies and programmes, leading to the successful certification of Nigeria and indeed Africa as Wild Polio Virus free. He was a pillar of support in all that the Agency achieved since he came on board as the Chairman, Governing Board of NPHCDA in April, 2018.

Our condolences also go to the Gwandu Emirate Council and the Government and people of Kebbi State for the irreparable loss of such an illustrious son.

It is indeed a huge loss, but we are consoled by the fact that he lived a purposeful life of service to humanity.

We pray Allah to grant his gentle soul rest in Aljanatul Firdausi.

Signed:
Dr. Faisal Shuaib
Executive Director/CEO, NPHCDA.

EASY CROSSWORD>>

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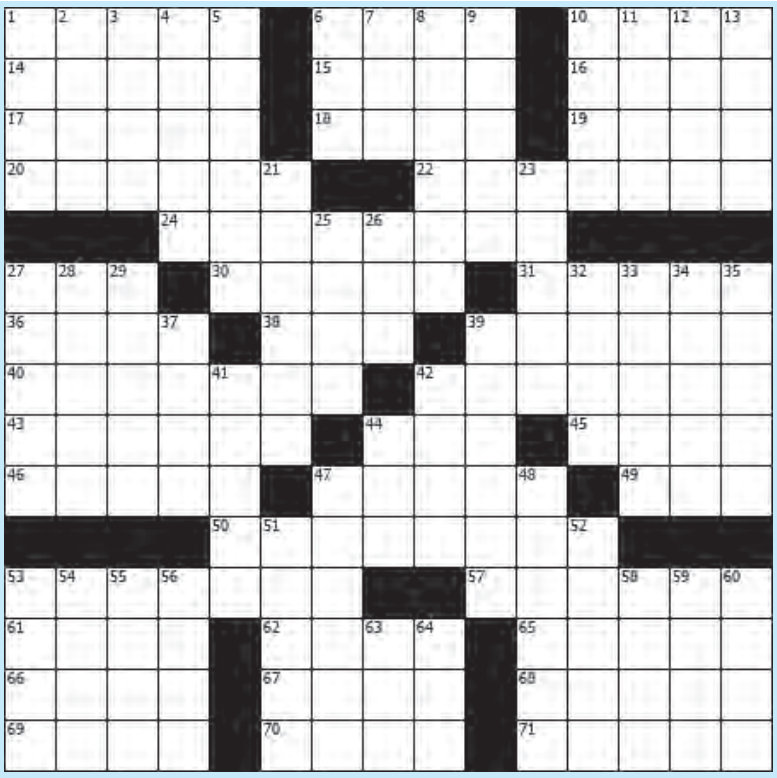

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19. Customer
20. Eye part
22. Exhaust
24. Dislike
27. Golf goal
30. Sleeved garment
31. Bird's perch
36. Vocal
38. Hole in ____
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40. Singer Frank ____
42. Removed
43. Divan
44. Gamble
45. Lose fur
46. Road curves
47. Mechanical man
49. Double agent
50. Value deeply
53. Lubricated
57. Narrate
61. Rod and ____
62. Leg part
65. Craze
66. Ready, willing, and ____
67. Pulled apart
68. Furry swimmer
69. Sunday service
70. Buck
71. Marsh plants

Down

1. Scorch
2. Present!
3. Bridge hand
4. Shun
5. Court game
6. "Raggedy" doll
7. Enemy
8. Surrounded by
9. Leased again
10. Inner being
11. Comfort
12. Hone
13. Positive
21. On land
23. Danger
25. Rocker ____ Turner
26. How ____ you?
27. Sheriff's helpers
28. Zodiac sign
29. Speaks wildly
32. Bullring shouts
33. Vows
34. Prepare tea
35. Roosevelt's nickname
37. Past due
39. Roundabout route
41. Quizzes
42. Society gals
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SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (174)

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Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 174

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SNAPSHOT>>

Mum whose name is Corona says she struggles to cope with daily abuse

A mum named Corona has revealed the daily abuse she receives as a result of her name - which started before the Covid-19 pandemic. Corona Newton, who was named after the midwife who delivered her, says she has been bullied for as long as she can remember. And the 49-year-old civil servant says she struggles to cope with the cruel jibes, with people calling her beer brands. "That I could always laugh off. But this is more frustrating, especially when it gets aggressive." And she said restaurant workers often think she is playing a prank on them when she tries to book a table. She explained: "People have said to me 'as if I'm going to listen to somebody named after a virus'." And the mum-of-five has also been subjected to nasty cold callers, who ask her to confirm her name by asking: "Is that the virus?" The Mirror reports that she also said that while driving her daughter to a dentist appointment, she received a call from a man who began swearing at her. Corona, of Oldham, Greater Manchester, said: "He screamed down the phone at me 'what does it feel like to [do] the world over?'." And when she attended a parents' evening, the teacher thought her daughter was being rude by referring to her as Corona. The name Corona comes from the Latin word for crown, which itself is a borrowing from Greek garland or wreath.

By Rory Cassidy

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CITY NEWS

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■ Rivers Task-Force team on illegal motor parks and street trading getting ready for the days business in Port Harcourt yesterday. Photo: NAN

My husband stole my menstrual cloth for ritual, woman tells court

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

A businesswoman, Fatima Akinpelu, has asked a Mapo Customary Court in Ibadan to dissolve her 15-year-old marriage to her husband, Azeez Akinpelu, because he allegedly attempted to use her menses for ritual.

Delivering judgment, Chief Ademola Odunade, the court's president held that there was no need for Fatima and Azeez to continue to live together as a couple because they might harm each other.

Odunade consequently granted custody of the 14 year-old child between them to Fatima and ordered Azeez to pay N5,000 as his monthly feeding allowance.

The arbitrator also ordered the respondent to pay adequate attention to the child's education and other basic needs.

Earlier, Fatima told the court that she filed the suit in order to avert the danger of being a victim of money ritual by her husband.

She added that she fled her matrimonial home since the incident because her husband might try other means having failed the first attempt.

"I carefully soaked a piece of cloth containing my menstruation in a particular bucket in the house on that night, however, before I returned to wash it, it had disappeared.

"Incidentally, Azeez was the only person who had access to the place and so I was sure he took it.

"My Lord, he only said that he had thrown it away into the bush. There was no part of that bush which I didn't check, but I couldn't find it.

"That was the reason I reported the matter to my father who warned him to return the cloth immediately or risk being humiliated.

"Scared of the threat, Azeez brought the cloth back but he had washed the blood off.

"Moreover, he is an irresponsible man because he doesn't take care of the child I left behind. The child has almost lost his vision now due to lack of care from his father," Fatima said.

Azeez, a spare part dealer, argued that his wife was only good at blackmailing him. "I am very godly, there is nothing for me to derive in using Fatima for any ritual. Besides, she is a wayward wife and cannot be trusted.

"When I saw the piece of cloth where she soaked it, I threw it into the bush opposite our house because I wanted to use the bucket," he said

Residents hail expansion of Dutsen-Alhaji-Bwari road

By Adam Umar

A cross-section of residents and other commuters in Dutsen-Alhaji town, Abuja, have expressed excitement over the expansion of the Dutse-Bwari road by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA).

The project while ongoing, caused gridlock from the market junction off Kubwa expressway down to Saukale roundabout, especially during rush hours.

Some residents who spoke to *City News* yesterday, could not hide their joy over the development, saying it will enable to get to their respective places of work on time, and also get back home early.

A resident, Kelvin Odoh, who sells wears at the town's modern market, said the dusty atmosphere at the market when the road project was ongoing and the gridlock, caused him low patronage, but he is now beginning to recover.

Aliyu Sulaiman, a newspaper vendor, also lauded the project for the ease it has brought for motorists, but lamented the delay in constructing a pedestrian bridge in the market area.

He said residents, especially women and children found it difficult to cross the road by scaling the road barrier.

A taxi driver, who gave his name as Tunde Michael, said while the traffic flow is now free, the part from Ushafa bridge to a military check point along the Bwari road is still not completed.

He said dust and potholes along the stretch of the road have become a nightmare to commuters.

He lamented that the work there was slow and urged the construction company and the FCTA to expedite action on the project.

Editor, 3 family members test positive to COVID-19

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Editor of Eggon News, a community newspaper in Nasarawa State, Matthew Kuju and three members of his family have tested positive to the coronavirus.

According to him, "On Monday January 4, 2020, I took my family, six of us, for COVID-19 test in Lafia, though none of us had manifested any symptoms.

"Two days later, the results came out, disclosing that four of us are positive.

"Although still asymptomatic - without any manifest symptoms - the four of us are quarantined and taking the laid down treatment," he said.

Kuju enjoined members of the public to present themselves for routine testing, with or without any symptoms.

He also called on the people to abide by the safety protocols established by the relevant authorities to overcome the pandemic in Nasarawa State and nationwide.

QUICK READ

Kaduna

Treatment of malnourished children to gulf N100m -Official

The Kaduna State government has released N100 million for the procurement of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) needed to treat malnourished children.

Malam Salisu Lawal, the Director, Development Aid Coordination, Planning and Budget Commission, made this known in Kaduna on Thursday.

He explained that Governor Nasir el-Rufa'i had earlier approved the release of the amount, adding that the Ministry of Finance released the approved amount on Dec. 31, 2020.

He also said "very soon, we will procure the RUTF and supply to our various Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) sites to save our dear children from dying of malnutrition.

"The government is working toward mobilising resources needed to address the problem of malnutrition in the state.

FCT

3 teenagers in court over theft of designer's foot wear

Three teenagers on Thursday appeared in a chief magistrates' court in Gwagwalada, FCT, for allegedly stealing designer's slippers.

The police charged Aliyu Bashir, Aliyu Kabir, and Umar Faruk with trespass, theft and receiving stolen property.

The prosecution counsel, Mayowa Adefioye, told the court that the matter was reported at the Police Area Command by Musa Hamisu of Bako in Kwali Area Council, Abuja on December 26, 2020.

Adefioye said the defendants broke into the complainant's house on Christmas Day.

He said the offences contravened sections 344, 287 and 317 of the penal code.

The defendants, however, pleaded not guilty.

Chief Magistrate Aliyu Shafa admitted the defendants to bail in the sum of N50,000 each with one surety each in like sum.

He adjourned the case until Feb. 23, for hearing. (NAN)

Yobe

Yobe to recruit teachers for custodial centres

Dr Mohammad Idris, Commissioner, Yobe Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, on Monday said the state would recruit teachers for inmates at the various custodial centres in the state.

Idris stated this in Potiskum on Thursday when he visited the Medium Security Custodial Centre in the area.

He said plans had reached advanced stage to recruit experts who would engage the inmates in both western and Islamic education.

The commissioner said the plan is meant to complement the Federal Government's efforts at rehabilitation and reformation of inmates. (NAN)

CRIME

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NSCDC arrests 751 in Edo

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has arrested 751 suspects for various crimes in Edo State.

Mr George Edem, the commandant of the corps in the state, said this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Benin on Thursday.

Edem, who said the command recovered 28 stolen vehicles within the period, explained that some of the suspects were arrested for armed robbery whole some were arrested for illegal mining, vandalism, farmers/herders conflict, as well as prostitution.

He further said the command prosecuted 38 cases within the period and secured 16 convictions while 17 cases were pending in courts. He said the Conflict and Resolution Unit of the command resolved no fewer than 219 conflict cases, while its Anti-fraud Department recovered N2.5m on breach of trust, and that the corps transferred 51 robbery cases and recovered vehicles for the police command in the state.

He further explained that, "We also transferred 15 human trafficking cases to the Benin Zonal Command Headquarters of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). 10 other cases were transferred to the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON). We arrested 300 hoodlums during the #EndSARS protest while the command assisted the federal and state fire service in fire-fighting operations within the state."

The commandant said the personnel of the corps in the state also ensured the demarcation of danger areas in the state, provision of emergency rescue to accident victims and sensitisation campaigns in curtailing COVID-19. (NAN)

■ The Comptroller of Customs, Federal Operations Unit Zone 'C', Mr Yusuf Lawal, displaying 5,200 live ammunition intercepted recently by the unit, in Owerri yesterday. Photo: NAN

Man docked for stealing N100,000

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A 44-year-old man, Tunji Aladewolu, has been arraigned before an Ado-Ekiti magistrates' court for stealing N100, 000.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Johnson Okunade, told the court yesterday that the defendant and others at large on November 6, 2020, at about 06:00pm at Atikankan area in Ado-Ekiti conspired to commit felony to wit stealing.

Inspector Okunade said the defendant thereby committed an offence contrary to an offence punishable under Section 516 of the Criminal Code Cap C16 Vol.1 Laws of Ekiti State of Nigeria 2012.

The prosecutor added that the defendant and others at large stole N100,000 belonging to one Iyanuoluwa Ayeni and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 383 and punishable under Section 390 (9) of the Criminal Code C16 Vol.1 Laws of Ekiti State of Nigeria 2012.

The counsel to the defendant, Emmanuel Folayan, urged the court to grant his client bail, saying he would not jump bail.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr. A.O. Oyebanji, granted a N50,000 bail with one surety, with a deposit of N30,000 as bond and that the surety should produce evidence of landed property and adjourned the case to February 15, 2021.

Trader in court over N60,000 fraud

A 47-year-old trader, Monsurat Obafemi, on Thursday, appeared before an Ikeja magistrates' court in Lagos for allegedly obtaining N60,000 under false pretense.

Obafemi, who lives at Alagbado in Ogun, is being tried for obtaining money under false pretense and stealing.

The Prosecutor, Sgt. Olasunkanmi Adejumola, told the court that the defendant committed the offences in August, 2020, at Ogba, Lagos.

Adejumola said the defendant obtained N60,000 loan from Capital Boost Nigeria Ltd. on pretense of using it for business, promising to pay back at a later date, but that when it was time for repayment, the defendant refused to pay and effort by the company to locate her was unsuccessful.

Adejumola said the offences contravened Sections 287 and 315 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Section 287 prescribes three years jail term for stealing, while Section 315 attracts 15 years for obtaining money under false pretense.

The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The Magistrate, Mrs O. A. Odubayo, granted the defendant N20,000 bail with one surety in like sum and adjourned the case to January 18, 2021. (NAN)

Motorcyclist docked over breach of trust, theft

A 20-year-old motorcyclist, Dauda Rabiu, on Thursday, appeared before a Gwagwalada magistrates' court, Abuja, over criminal breach of trust and theft.

The police charged Rabiu of Dagiri in Gwagwalada with two-count of criminal breach of trust and theft.

The Prosecution Counsel, Mayowa Adefioye, told the court that the complainant, Geoffery Dangnap, reported the matter at the Gwagwalada Police Station on December 30.

Adefioye said the defendant went out with the complainant's Bajaj motorcycle valued at N235,000 and came back to tell him that the motorcycle was snatched from him.

He said during investigation by the police, the defendant could not give a satisfactory account of what happened to the motorcycle.

Adefioye said the offences contravened Sections 312 and 287 of the Penal Code and prayed the court to try the defendant summarily and sentence him accordingly, while the complainant is compensated.

The Magistrate, Mr Yusuf Ibrahim, ordered that more investigation be carried out on the matter as a result of its complexity.

Ibrahim admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N100, 000 with one reasonable surety and adjourned the case to January 8, 2021. (NAN)

Bauchi: NHRC received 417 complaints in 2019/2020

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), on Thursday, said it received 417 complaints of human rights violations between 2019 and 2020 in Bauchi State.

Mrs Yahcit Dala, the Coordinator of the Bauchi office of the commission, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Mrs Dala said the commission came to Bauchi State in February, 2019, and received a total of 417 cases of human rights violations between 2019 and 2020.

She said, "Because our office was new in the state in 2019, we received only 78 complaints of human rights violations, while in 2020 we received 334 cases, and in the few days of 2021, we have received six complaints and disposed 165 complaints.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an enormous increase in the number of complaints and disposals; an indication of the awareness of human rights among the people, and also their growing faith in the commission.

"The number of complaints we are receiving in recent times is a manifestation that more people have become aware of their human rights in the state."

She further said the commission embarked on a sensitisation and awareness campaign during the pandemic because of the high level of human rights violations, especially the sexual gender-based violence.

Mrs Dala said, "We collaborate with other human rights organisations, government, religious and traditional leaders and stakeholders to educate citizens on the need to know their rights and how to access the services of the commission."

The coordinator said the country was committed to protecting human rights and strengthening the NHRC in line with its constitutional framework, adding that, "We are going to ensure that where the rights of any citizen are infringed upon, we will ensure such rights are enforced. Even criminals and convicts do have rights, not to talk about people who are only alleged to have committed offences."

Dala, therefore, urged the citizens to report to the NHRC any violation of their human rights, explaining that the office was always there for the citizens who had genuine complaints of human rights violations. (NAN)

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
239.27 5.65%	400.39 0.53%	581.37 0.30%	206.94 -0.02%	2,089.18 0.05%

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COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
1 ACCESS BANK PLC.	312,797.99	8.80	1.14	221	13,292,626
2 UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	294,115.02	8.60	0.58	233	26,487,153
3 ZENITH BANK PLC	794,331.29	25.30	0.80	313	12,977,161
BANKING				767	52,756,940
4 FBN HOLDINGS PLC	263,830.40	7.35	1.38	159	9,427,201
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				159	9,427,201
FINANCIAL SERVICES				**926**	**62,184,141**
ICT					
5 MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,362,565.56	165.20	-	106	110,942
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES				106	110,942
ICT				**106**	**110,942**
INDUSTRIAL GOODS					
6 DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,173,220.26	244.90	-	87	118,670
7 LAFARGE AFRICA PLC.	360,814.62	22.40	0.89	194	6,806,518
BUILDING MATERIALS				281	6,925,188
INDUSTRIAL GOODS				**281**	**6,925,188**
OIL AND GAS					
8 SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	265,388.50	451.00	10.00	47	185,726
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION				**47**	**185,726**
OIL AND GAS				**47**	**185,726**
9 CHELLARAMS PLC.	1,814.54	2.51	-	0	0
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				**0**	**0**
CONGLOMERATES				**0**	**0**
CONSUMER GOODS					
10 MCNICHOLS PLC	166.62	0.51	-	0	0
FOOD PRODUCTS				**0**	**0**
CONSUMER GOODS				**0**	**0**
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
11 LIVINGTRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	3,000.00	0.60	-	0	0
MORTGAGE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				**0**	**0**
FINANCIAL SERVICES				**0**	**0**
SERVICES					
12 THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	1	1,000
WASTE MANAGEMENT				1	1,000
SERVICES				1	1,000
GROWTH BOARD TOTALS				1	1,000
13 FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,452.00	0.66	10.00	53	4,306,416
14 OKOMU OIL PALM PLC.	85,851.90	90.00	-	30	111,727
15 PRESCO PLC	71,000.00	71.00	0.07	32	1,941,680
CROP PRODUCTION				115	6,359,823
16 ELLAH LAKES PLC.	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
FISHING/HUNTING/TRAPPING				0	0
17 LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC.	4,950.00	1.65	10.00	68	2,327,181
LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL SPECIALTIES				**68**	**2,327,181**
AGRICULTURE				**183**	**8,687,004**
CONGLOMERATES					
18 JOHN HOLT PLC.	198.47	0.51	-	3	5,357
19 S C O A NIG. PLC.	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
20 TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	39,022.07	0.96	1.05	65	12,297,187
21 U A C N PLC.	20,457.21	7.10	-	22	201,476
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				**90**	**12,504,020**
CONGLOMERATES				**90**	**12,504,020**
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE					
22 ARBICO PLC.	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION				0	0
23 JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC.	27,799.20	17.55	-	48	477,769
24 ROADS NIG PLC.	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION				48	477,769
25 UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	15,775.97	0.85	1.19	18	420,905
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT				18	420,905
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE				66	898,674
26 DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS				0	0
27 CHAMPION BREW. PLC.	7,281.43	0.93	9.41	34	1,905,148,717
28 GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC.	829.98	0.81	-	2	26,852
29 GUINNESS NIG PLC	38,660.26	17.65	-4.08	81	1,037,613
30 INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC.	179,975.86	6.70	-	73	888,192
31 NIGERIAN BREW. PLC.	463,820.32	58.00	3.57	47	2,488,487
BEVERAGES--BREWERS/DISTILLERS				237	1,909,589,861
32 DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	230,790.69	19.00	3.83	165	21,472,524
33 FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC.	109,480.14	26.70	-1.11	50	2,964,929
34 HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,754.14	1.23	2.50	35	1,075,272
35 MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
36 N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC.	1,201.07	6.74	-	4	5,000
37 NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	38,416.86	14.50	-	30	388,362
38 UNION DICON SALT PLC.	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
FOOD PRODUCTS				284	25,906,087
39 CADBURY NIGERIA PLC.	16,903.82	9.00	-	32	72,286
40 NESTLE NIGERIA PLC.	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	54	9,016
FOOD PRODUCTS--DIVERSIFIED				86	81,302
41 NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC.	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
42 VITAFOAM NIG PLC.	11,257.60	9.00	1.11	81	5,251,546
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES				81	5,251,546
43 P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC.	20,646.48	5.20	0.97	18	382,643
44 UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC.	74,685.07	13.00	-6.47	52	685,443
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS				**70**	**1,068,086**
CONSUMER GOODS				**758**	**1,941,896,882**
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
45 ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	117,437.13	6.40	-1.54	46	1,780,320
46 FIDELITY BANK PLC	74,465.23	2.57	0.39	143	15,710,309
47 GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC.	971,228.91	33.00	1.54	254	9,552,017
48 JAIZ BANK PLC	20,330.33	0.69	-	21	892,846
49 STERLING BANK PLC.	56,429.22	1.96	-4.39	47	2,947,133
50 UNION BANK NIG.PLC.	152,883.95	5.25	-1.87	196	10,682,240
51 UNITY BANK PLC	8,182.54	0.70	-	17	294,729
52 WEMA BANK PLC.	28,545.10	0.74	4.23	46	1,074,678
BANKING				770	42,934,272
53 AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	2	200
54 AIICO INSURANCE PLC.	23,154.06	1.12	0.90	42	3,447,119
55 AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	43,200.00	1.20	-3.23	54	2,765,041
56 CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,425.44	0.32	-	1	6,000
57 CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	11,444.83	0.63	-	7	398,541
58 CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	9,836.59	0.41	2.44	25	4,496,500
59 GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
60 GUINEA INSURANCE PLC.	1,228.00	0.20	-	0	0
61 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
62 LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	2,563.20	0.35	-7.89	30	7,274,500
63 LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	5,900.00	0.59	-	3	100,209
64 MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC.	3,128.37	0.28	3.70	8	798,687
65 NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,176.13	2.31	7.44	25	1,043,066
66 NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	3	306,666
67 PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,096.18	0.46	-	9	373,533
68 REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,533.81	0.23	-4.17	21	1,360,000
69 SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,272.89	0.20	-9.09	4	661,908
70 STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
71 STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC.	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
72 SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC.	2,800.00	1.00	-	0	0
73 UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC.	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
74 UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	0	0
75 VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-	1	113
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				235	23,032,083
76 NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	3,933.02	1.72	1.18	13	469,612
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS				13	469,612
77 ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
78 ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
79 INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
80 RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
81 UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC.	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
MORTGAGE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				0	0
82 AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	13,640.00	6.82	2.56	67	810,435
83 CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,408.91	5.85	-	12	81,664
84 DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	345.00	0.23	-	7	1,082,029
85 FCMB GROUP PLC.	61,388.40	3.10	2.65	60	2,046,386
86 ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC.	1,234.89	0.24	-	6	154,890
87 STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	24	23,238
88 UNITED CAPITAL PLC	29,940.00	4.99	0.20	173	5,714,335
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				**349**	**9,912,977**
FINANCIAL SERVICES				**1,367**	**76,348,944**
HEALTHCARE					
89 EKOCORP PLC.	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
90 UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,101.47	0.31	-	0	0
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS				**0**	**0**
91 MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC.	484.69	0.49	-	0	0
MEDICAL SUPPLIES				**0**	**0**
92 EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
93 FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,388.62	4.50	-4.26	16	323,771
94 GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC.	8,371.14	7.00	-	38	1,732,170
95 MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	5,641.52	3.27	1.87	15	207,519
96 NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	4,064.20	2.14	4.39	39	1,283,216
97 NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC.	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
98 PHARMA-DEKO PLC.	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS				**108**	**3,546,676**
HEALTHCARE				**108**	**3,546,676**
ICT					
99 COURTEVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	745.92	0.21	-8.70	5	364,217
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS				**5**	**364,217**
100 OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	0	0
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS				0	0
101 CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
102 NCR (NIGERIA) PLC.	211.68	1.96	-	5	90,982
103 TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC.	326.67	0.66	-	1	1,680
IT SERVICES				6	92,662
104 CHAMS PLC	1,080.09	0.23	-4.17	12	1,607,429
105 E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	1	2,100
PROCESSING SYSTEMS				13	1,609,529
106 AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	14	2,972
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES				**14**	**2,972**
ICT				**38**	**2,069,380**
INDUSTRIAL GOODS					
107 BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,130.20	7.35	-	10	13,713
108 BUA CEMENT PLC	2,709,148.32	80.00	-2.50	64	606,796
109 CAP PLC	14,000.00	20.00	-	29	472,229
110 MEYER PLC.	265.62	0.50	-	0	0
111 PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,935.93	2.44	-	5	12,247
112 PREMIER PAINTS PLC.	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
BUILDING MATERIALS				**108**	**1,104,985**
113 AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
114 CUTIX PLC.	4,227.17	2.40	-	14	255,790
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS				**14**	**255,790**
115 BETA GLASS PLC.	27,698.45	55.40	-	6	6,703
116 GREIF NIGERIA PLC	349.65	8.20	-	0	0
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS				**6**	**6,703**
117 NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	1	10
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS				**1**	**10**
INDUSTRIAL GOODS				**129**	**1,367,488**
NATURAL RESOURCES					
118 B.O.C. GASES PLC.	4,786.81	11.50	-	26	169,066
CHEMICALS				**26**	**169,066**
119 ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION IND. PLC.	1,781.64	8.10	-	0	0
METALS				**0**	**0**
120 MULTIVERSE MINING AND EXPLORATION PLC	852.39	0.20	-	0	0
MINING SERVICES				**0**	**0**
121 THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC.	77.00	0.35	-	0	0
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS				**0**	**0**
NATURAL RESOURCES				**26**	**169,066**
122 JAPAUL GOLD & VENTURES PLC	5,573.80	0.89	9.88	34	6,991,195
ENERGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES				**34**	**6,991,195**
123 OANDO PLC	42,888.37	3.45	1.47	54	1,466,083
INTEGRATED OIL AND GAS SERVICES				**54**	**1,466,083**
DISTRIBUTORS					
124 11 PLC	82,215.72	228.00	-	28	34,009
125 ARDOVA PLC	19,406.97	14.90	9.96	91	2,246,211
126 CONOIL PLC	14,468.90	20.85	-	30	190,678
127 ETERNA PLC.	6,885.88	5.28	-	38	376,867
128 MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC.	4,190.81	13.75	-	11	38,719
129 TOTAL NIGERIA PLC.	44,137.84	130.00	-	21	4,583
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS				**219**	**2,891,067**
OIL AND GAS				**307**	**11,348,345**
SERVICES					
130 AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	1	500
ADVERTISING				**1**	**500**
131 MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0	0
AIRLINES				**0**	**0**
132 R T BRISCOE PLC.	235.27	0.20	-	0	0
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS				**0**	**0**
133 RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,177.39	3.43	-	6	50,173
134 TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC.	337.57	0.72	-	1	1,000
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY				**7**	**51,173**
135 TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	3	1,000,000
HOSPITALITY				**3**	**1,000,000**
136 CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	3,407.32	2.20	-	0	0
137 IKEJA HOTEL PLC	2,494.56	1.20	-	1	7
138 TOURIST COMPANY OF NIGERIA PLC.	7,076.28	3.15	-	0	0
139 TRANSCORP HOTELS PLC	27,361.45	3.60	-	0	0
HOTELS/LODGING				**1**	**7**
140 DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,600.00	0.30	-	5	2,530
MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT				**5**	**2,530**
141 ACADEMY PRESS PLC.	181.44	0.30	-	4	15,687
142 LEARN AFRICA PLC	771.45	1.00	-	19	204,177
143 STUDIO PRESS (NIG) PLC.	1,064.85	1.79	-	0	0
144 UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC.	552.20	1.28	-	7	328,571
PRINTING/PUBLISHING				**30**	**548,435**
145 ASSOCIATED BUS COMPANY PLC	580.20	0.35	-	2	11,000
ROAD TRANSPORTATION				**2**	**11,000**
146 INTERLINKED TECHNOLOGIES PLC	688.80	2.91	-	0	0
147 SECURE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLC	1,126.31	0.20	-	0	0
SPECIALTY				**0**	**0**
148 GLOBAL SPECTRUM ENERGY SERVICES PLC	3,352.00	4.19	-	0	0
149 NIGERIAN AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	3,573.28	2.20	-4.35	58	3,496,556
150 SKYWAY AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	4,331.46	3.20	-	0	0
TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES				**58**	**3,496,556**
151 C & I LEASING PLC.	4,455.38	5.70	-	10	48,979
152 CAVERTON OFFSHORE SUPPORT GRP PLC	6,634.01	1.98	-	7	85,559
SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS				**17**	**134,538**
SERVICES				**124**	**5,244,739**
MAIN BOARD TOTALS				**3,196**	**2,064,081,218**
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE					
153 SFS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	1,386.00	69.30	-	0	0
154 UNION HOMES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)	10,163.30	40.65	-	1	1,854
155 UPDC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	14,675.48	5.50	-	1	200
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)				**2**	**2,054**
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE				**2**	**2,054**
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
156 NIGERIA ENERYGY SECTOR FUND	411.91	552.20	-	0	0
157 VALUEALLIANCE VALUE FUND	3,692.74	115.05	-	0	0
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				**0**	**0**
FINANCIAL SERVICES				**0**	**0**
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST & CLOSE END FUND TOTALS				**2**	**2,054**
158 SMART PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	9.00	0.20	-	0	0
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT				**0**	**0**
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE				**0**	**0**
DISTRIBUTORS					
159 CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	0	0
160 RAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC.	16.99	0.30	-	0	0
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS				**0**	**0**
OIL AND GAS				**0**	**0**
SERVICES					
161 JULI PLC.	301.86	1.51	-	0	0
FOOD/DRUG RETAILERS AND WHOLESALERS				**0**	**0**
SERVICES				**0**	**0**
ASEM TOTALS				**0**	**0**
EQUITIES TOTALS				**4,559**	**2,133,490,269**

COMMODITIES PRICE

CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	$50.87
NATURAL GAS	$2.63
COPPER	$7,764.50
GOLD	$1,877.59
SILVER	$25.77
SUGAR	$0.15
COCOA	$1,710.0
LIVE CATTLE	$1.12
COTTON	$0.76

GAINERS

SEPLAT	41	10.00%
NB	2	3.57%
ARDOVA	1.35	9.96%
DANGSUGAR	0.7	3.83%

LOSERS

UNILEVER	-0.9	-6.47%
GUINNESS	-0.75	-4.08%
FLOURMILL	-0.3	-1.11%
FIDSON	-0.2	-4.26%

ANALYSIS >>

World leaders shocked by Trump supporters' attack

World leaders have expressed their shock after supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump, encouraged by him, stormed here the U.S. Capitol building as Congress met to certify the results of the Nov. 3 election, which he lost to Joe Biden.

Among adversaries, China compared the violence to protests in Hong Kong, Russia said it showed the weakness of Western democracy, and Iran called Trump an unchecked threat to the world's security. Allies of the United States condemned the attack, and Trump, but said U.S. democracy would ultimately reassert itself.

RUSSIA

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova: "The electoral system in the United States is archaic, it does not meet modern democratic standards, creating opportunities for numerous violations, and the American media have become an instrument of political struggle."

Konstantin Kosachyov, chairman of the international affairs committee of the Russian upper house: "The celebration of democracy is over. This is, alas, actually the bottom, I say this without a hint of gloating. America is no longer charting the course, and therefore has lost all its rights to set it. And especially to impose it on others."

CHINA

China drew a comparison between the storming of the Capitol and often-violent pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, which have been quelled by the coronavirus pandemic and a security crackdown by Beijing.

"We also wish that U.S. people can enjoy peace, stability and security as soon as possible," said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying.

IRAN

"What happened in America showed what a failure Western democracy is ... A populist man damaged the reputation of his country," President Hassan Rouhani said in a televised speech.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeted: "A rogue president who sought vengeance against his OWN people has been doing much worse to our people — and others — in the past 4 years. What's disturbing is that the same man has the UNCHECKED authority to start a nuclear war; a security concern for the entire int'l community."

ZIMBABWE

President Emmerson Mnangagwa tweeted: "Last year, President Trump extended painful economic sanctions placed on Zimbabwe, citing concerns about Zimbabwe's democracy. Yesterday's events showed that the U.S. has no moral right to punish another nation under the guise of upholding democracy."

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was "saddened" by the events at the U.S. Capitol, his spokesman said.

"In such circumstances, it is important that political leaders impress on their followers the need to refrain from violence, as well as to respect democratic processes and the rule of law," Stephane Dujarric said.

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said democracy's enemies would be cheered by the scenes of violence in Washington, but also alluded to Germany's own recent experience with far-right attacks and a far-right protest that forced its way into the steps of the parliament, the Reichstag, in August.

"It would be self-righteous to point the finger at America alone," he tweeted. "Even here, in Hanau, Halle, on the steps of the Reichstag, we have had to experience how agitation and inflammatory words turn into hateful deeds."

Chancellor Angela Merkel said: "One of the ground rules of democracy is that after elections there is a winner and a loser."

FRANCE

"What happened today in Washington DC is not American, definitely," President Emmanuel Macron said in a video message, in English, on Twitter.

"We believe in the strength of our democracies. We believe in the strength of American democracy."

MEXICO

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said: "We're not going to intervene in these matters, which are up to the Americans to resolve ... We hope there will be peace, that democracy, which is the people's power, will prevail." He also accused social media companies of "censorship" after they locked Trump's accounts.

"Basically, what was ... the cause of the whole crisis? The lack of confidence in the vote," President Jair Bolsonaro told supporters outside his residence. "Here, in Brazil, if you have electronic voting, it will be the same. Fraud exists."

■ Rioters clash with police as they try to enter the Capitol building through the front doors. Rioters broke windows and breached the Capitol building in an attempt to overthrow the results of the 2020 election. Metal bars and tear gas were used Washington DC, US. Photo: **Pacific Press/Rex/Shutterstock**

ITALY

"I supported the ideas and positions of the Republicans, of the conservatives, of Trump," said far-right League party leader Matteo Salvini. "But a legitimate vote is one thing, going to parliament and clashing with the police is quite a different matter. That's not political vision, that's madness."

BRITAIN

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted to say the events were a "disgrace", that the United States stood for democracy around the world, and that was it was vital that there should be an orderly transfer of power.

IRELAND

Foreign Minister Simon Coveney called the scenes in Washington "a deliberate assault on Democracy by a sitting President & his supporters, attempting to overturn a free & fair election!".

EUROPEAN UNION

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen tweeted: "I believe in the strength of US institutions and democracy. Peaceful transition of power is at the core. @JoeBiden won the election. I look forward to working with him as the next President of the USA."

CZECH REPUBLIC

Prime Minister Andrej Babis removed an image of a red "Strong Czechia" hat inspired by Trump's "Make America Great Again" cap from his social media accounts. He said he was responding to "the unprecedented attack on democracy in the United States, which I have unequivocally condemned".

ISRAEL

Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi tweeted: "I am sure that the American people and their elected representatives will know how to fend off this attack and will continue to defend the values on which the United States was founded."

INDIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "The democratic process cannot be allowed to be subverted through unlawful protests."

JAPAN

Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato told reporters: "We hope to see democracy in the United States overcome this difficult situation, calmness and harmony regained, and a peaceful and democratic transfer of power."

AUSTRALIA

Prime Minister Scott Morrison tweeted: "We condemn these acts of violence and look forward to a peaceful transfer of Government to the newly elected administration in the great American democratic tradition."

NEW ZEALAND

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern tweeted: "Democracy - the right of people to exercise a vote, have their voice heard and then have that decision upheld peacefully - should never be undone by a mob."

VENEZUELA

Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza tweeted: "Venezuela ... condemns the political polarization and hopes that the American people will open a new path toward stability and social justice."

ARGENTINA

President Alberto Fernandez condemned "the serious acts of violence and the affront to Congress", adding: "We trust that there will be a peaceful transition that respects the popular will."

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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

Salisu Mamman

The Federal University Gashua wishes to announce the death of its staff Salisu Mamman. He died on 7th December, 2020 after a protracted illness. He was survived by his wife and many children. He has since been buried in accordance with Islamic injunctions. May his soul rest in peace Ameen.

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Part of the understanding in the case of rotation is a conventional understanding that the presidency will move between the North and the South. That was the reason why we now allowed the chairman (of the party to come from the South) – **Chief Olusegun Osoba**

Fears as APC bigwigs wrangle over 2023 presidential ticket

By Saawua Terzungwe

There is fear of possible crisis in the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) as controversy is raging among top party leaders over which zone produces the party's 2023 presidential candidate.

Scheming for the 2023 presidency was ignited recently sequel to the defection of Governor David Umahi of Ebonyi State from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the APC and the meeting of some top echelon of the party with former President Goodluck Jonathan.

A former governor of Lagos State and current Minister of Works and Housing, Babatunde Raji Fashola; former governor of Rivers State and current Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi and a former governor of Ogun State, Olusegun Osoba, have argued that there was a gentleman agreement in the APC that the party's ticket would go to the South at the expiration of President Muhammadu Buhari's tenure in 2023.

But a former governor of Zamfara State, Ahmed Sani Yerima, former governor of Kano State, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau have dispelled the claim, saying there was no such agreement.

Our correspondent reports that party members have expressed fears that the disagreement among key players in the APC

■ Gov Mai Mala Buni

on zoning would spark fresh crisis in the party ahead of the coming convention.

A former Deputy National Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democragic Party (PDP) who is now a stalwart of the APC, Barrister Abdullahi Jalo, in a telephone chat with our correspondent yesterday suggested that the APC national leadership should throw open the party's presidential ticket.

"It is not about zoning. The issue is about the party in power fielding a credible candidate that will succeed President Buhari.

"Buhari is from the North and the Northerners have made up their minds to assess whether they have gotten what they wanted during the Buhari administration so that the next person that will come in will add to what Buhari has done.

"And if much is not done, what is the fate of the Northerners? And who are they going to support to get what they want? And the North has the larger votes.

"The party's national leadership must look at it, not an issue of zoning, just like Mamman Daura had said in his own personal opinion which we are in support of.

"We look at him as somebody who can help APC to deliver without looking at where he comes from. We are looking for who will give the party victory," Jalo said.

Impeccable sources told Daily Trust yesterday that the 2023 zoning formula would be made known and ratified at the party's national convention likely to hold not later than June, 2021.

Secretary of the APC Caretaker Committee, Senator John James Akpanudoedehe, neither received his call nor responded to text messages sent to his phone for comments.

Crisis hits Ekiti IPAC

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

Crisis has hit the Ekiti State chapter of the Inter-party Advisory Council (IPAC) as some stakeholders have rejected the re-election of Mr Ifeoluwa Iyaniwura, as the Chairman of the body.

At the election conducted at the office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Ado Ekiti, yesterday, Iyaniwura polled a total of eight votes to defeat his rival and State Chairman, Action Alliance (AA), Mr Lanre Anifowose, who had six votes.

The Chairman, IPAC Electoral Panel from Abuja, Mr Obe Opunkun, declared Iyaniwura winner of the election that was supervised by INEC.

However, the panel disqualified Peoples Redemption Party (PRP), Advanced Democratic Congress (ADC) and Labour Party (LP) from participating in the election due to controversy surrounding the nomination of delegates to vote in the poll.

Anifowose, who rejected the outcome of the election, accused the supervising officials of conniving with the incumbent chairman to disenfranchise his followers.

But in his inaugural speech, Iyaniwura described the process as credible and appreciated the members for imbibing the spirit of democracy.

The Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Ekiti State, Dr Rahman Tella, represented by the INEC Executive Secretary, Mr Akinropo Ojewande, advised the new officers to be supportive to INEC in the conduct of good elections in Nigeria.

Edo gov'ship: Obaseki knows fate Jan 9

By John Chuks Azu

A Federal High Court in Abuja has fixed January 9 for hearing in the suit challenging the certificate tendered by Governor Godwin Obaseki for the September 2020 governorship election Edo State.

Justice Ahmed Mohammed fixed the Saturday (tomorrow) after admitting the written addresses argued by lawyers in the matter.

The judgment would be coming barely 24 hours to the expiration of the time for the determination of the suit filed by the APC and one of its chieftains, Williams Edobor.

The party filed the action alleging that Obaseki forged his University of Ibadan (UI) degree certificate he submitted to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in aid of his qualification for the September 19 governorship election in Edo State.

In the suit filed on July 14, 2019, the APC and the chieftain are asking the court to disqualify Obaseki and his party, from the poll, in the event that Obaseki was found to have forged the degree obtained in 1979.

US polls: No democracy without 'storm' – Dons

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Political scientists yesterday reacted to the just concluded electoral process in the United States of America (USA), saying it has proven that there is no democracy in the world without a storm.

However, they said America was able to weather the storm with its "strong institutions."

Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Ilorin, Emmanuel Ojo, said the invasion of the US Capitol Hill where Joe Biden's victory was being affirmed has shown that politicians all over the world are the same irrespective of the country.

"Donald Trump has demonstrated that he is a politician and not a statesman," he said, adding, "You see all over the world, politicians are the same. The system does not matter to politicians. The system does not matter to politicians but rather their personal ambition.

"Despite the age of democracy in the US, the US democratic system has that challenge because the system threw up a character like Donald Trump ab initio who has not shown that he is a gentleman in any way."

According to Ojo, the US would however emerge stronger as its institution has taken care of the temporary challenge.

"I want to believe that America will get out stronger because it has stronger institutions. The day Donald Trump is supposed to hand over, if he refuses to leave the White House, the security apparatus will abandon him unlike this place where Inspector General of Police is reporting to Mr President and obeying Mr President blindly and sheepishly, you don't have that in America," he added.

Also speaking, Prof. Sylvester Odion of the Lagos State University (LASU) said the scenario that played out before the final confirmation of Joe Biden's victory was "shameful" and a dent on American democracy which the Americans hold very dearly.

He said no democracy is free from crisis. However, he said the system in the US cannot be compared with Nigeria's because according to him, "US has settled institutions. You can see that they are talking about invoking the 25th amendment to remove the President."

"Those are the issues. When people start to compare them with Nigeria and other places, it is a big mistake. There is nothing like democracy where there is no storm but the most important is whether you have institutions that can weather that storm and institutions in America have risen to the occasion," he said.

Odion also hailed the US electoral college system, noting that despite the criticism of the system, it is still the best as it allows all units of the federation in the US to have a say in the election of the President.

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The debate between Imam Abu Hanifah and Imam Malik (I)

Hardly is there a culture in which disagreement on the branches of the religion and its practical manifestation in the secular spheres of life viewed more positively other than Islam. In fact, the absence of the clergy in Islam, which sometimes becomes a threat to the religion and its communities, was meant to prevent the encroachment of earthly authorities upon human intellect, the intellect represents one of the very first entities, so says the jurist, created by the Almighty. The day it was created, the Almighty is said to have addressed it thus- nothing more noble have I created other than you".

Now by endowing humanity with the power to reason, the Almighty unarguably sanctioned diversity and difference. One field in which diversity in Islam is eminently evident is jurisprudence. Like other fields of learning in the religion, there are more than twenty schools of jurisprudence otherwise known as Fiqh in Islam. There are countless sources and texts all of which emphasize the position of knowledge as the sine qua non in Islamic weltanschauung. Now of all these schools, four are the most prominent, namely, the Hanifite, the Malikite, the Shafite and Hanbalite. Again, among these four, two are usually the most competitive: that of Imam of Abu Hanifah and Imam Malik. When I chanced upon the story below of the debate which took place between the two on matters of Islamic jurisprudence, I could not but bewail the contemporary challenges confronting us as a Ummah. I could not but deprecate the present situation where self-righteousness and totalitarianism in knowledge acquisition and dispersion has become the order of the day.

It is said that Imam Malik used to say in his sitting in Madinah thus: "Beware of the people of opinion." This was said to be a veiled reference to Imam Abu-Hanifa's school which had achieved renown at the time for its predilection for patronage of reason and arguments in jurisprudential discourses. Before their meeting, there had been exchanges of letters until when they met during the rituals of Hajj.

When they finally met, they chose to address three issues which were viewed differently by each party. The first jurisprudential issue- and one of interest to me- was about how to address hypothetical questions; things that had not taken place yet. In Imam Malik's juristic school of thought, we should not imagine situations and ask about things that have not happened, as this distracts people from already existing issues and usually lead to controversies. Imam Malik brought his evidence from various ayahs and ahadith. He stated the ayah where the Almighty says "They ask you concerning the new moons" (Quran 2:189). Such questions, it is believed are meaningless since these are "fixed times for mankind, and (for) the Pilgrimage."

Imam Malik's other evidence was that Umar Ibnul-Khattab (r.a) cursed the one who asked about situations that have not happened and used to say, "Do not engage us with things that have not happened, keep people busy with the truth instead." Thus whenever people came to ask hypothetical questions Imam Malik used to get angry and tell them not to ask about things that have not happened yet. Those people were usually from Iraq where Imam Abu-Hanifa was.

As for Imam Abu-Hanifah, his approach was based on inventing situations that have not happened. In the debate Imam Malik disapproved of Imam Abu Hanifa's view. But Abu Hanifah countered. He argued that circumstances in Iraq were very much unlike those in Madinah. According to him, Iraq is the capital of the Caliphate and everyday there new situations continually emerged and as scholars and jurists they needed to be prepared for them unlike in Madinah where situations appeared to be relatively stable.

QUR'AN: "Say, [O Muhammad], "Travel through the land and observe how was the end of the criminals." And grieve not over them or be in distress from what they conspire"

[**AN-NAML 27:69,70**]

HADITH: Abu Hurairah (RTA) reported: My friend, the Messenger of Allah (SAW) directed me to observe fast for three days in every month, to perform two Rak`ah (optional) Duha prayer at forenoon and to perform the Witr prayer before going to bed.

[**Al-Bukhari and Muslim**]

Tigray crisis: Ethiopia to repair al-Nejashi, Africa's first mosque

The Ethiopian government has promised to repair a centuries-old mosque that was damaged during the conflict in the northern Tigray region. The al-Nejashi Mosque was reportedly shelled. Its dome, the minaret and tombs of Islamic figures were damaged. Locals believed al-Nejashi was built by the first Muslims to migrate to Africa during the time of Prophet Muhammad.

They had fled persecution in Mecca and were given refuge in what was then the Kingdom of Aksum.

Local Muslims believed that 15 disciples of Prophet Muhammad are buried in the damaged tombs.

The mosque is near Wukro town, some 800km (500 miles) from Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa.

A Turkish aid agency launched a project in 2015 to renovate the mosque, saying it wanted to "preserve the heritage" of the monument and wanted it to become a major destination for "religious tourism". The mosque was damaged during the month-long military operation that led to the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) being ousted from power in the region on 28 November.

A Belgium-based non-profit organisation, Europe External Programme with Africa, reported on 18 December that al-Nejashi Mosque was "first bombed and later looted by Ethiopian and Eritrean troops".

The government has imposed heavy restrictions on the media in Tigray, making it difficult to know what exactly is happening. Access to Tigray has also been restricted for aid workers.

In a BBC Amharic interview, the deputy director of the Ethiopian Heritage Preservation Authority, Abebaw Ayalew, said a team would be sent to inspect the damage to both the mosque and church before they are repaired.

"These sites are not only places of worship. It is also the heritage of the whole of Ethiopia," he said.

■ Al Nejashi Mosque, 2018

Photo **by Mohammed Abdu Abdulbaqi/www.aa.com**

Islamic council seeks halal ruling before COVID-19 vaccination

Indonesia's highest Muslim clerical council aims to issue a ruling on whether a COVID-19 vaccine is halal, or permissible under Islam, before the country is due to start a mass inoculation programme using a Chinese vaccine next week.

The world's largest Muslim-majority country plans to launch vaccinations on January 13 after obtaining three million doses from China's Sinovac Biotech.

Controversy over whether vaccines adhere to Islamic principles has stymied public health responses before, including in 2018, when the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) issued a fatwa declaring that a measles vaccine was forbidden under Islam.

"Our target is before first injections start, the fatwa has to come out then," said Muti Arintawati, an official at MUI in charge of analysing food and drugs to assess whether they are halal.

Asked about the risk of public resistance, a health ministry official said the government would wait for MUI's decision.

In a bid to boost acceptance, President Joko Widodo has said he will be the first to receive a vaccine shot next week.

Dicky Budiman, a researcher at Australia's Griffith University, said authorities needed to be transparent on the halal certification to reassure the public.

Ahmad Ishomuddin, an official at Nahdlatul Ulama, Indonesia's biggest mainstream Muslim organisation, said emergency vaccines that were not halal could be used if there were no other options.

COVID-19, trial from Allah – Cleric

By Abbas Jimoh

The Chief Imam of al-Huda Masjid Byazhin-Kubwa, Abuja, Dr. Rafee' Owonla Busayree Al-Ijebuwi, has said that the raging COVID-19 pandemic is a trial from Allah.

The cleric stated this in his Jumuah khutbah (sermon) titled "Mishaps are tools for obliterating sins with Patience".

According to him, "presently, humanity is being tempted by a block of some countries' demons, in what is termed the pandemic virus of COVID-19."

He said, "According to the statement of those devils, when they perceived the turning of the epidemic virus upon them, they were puzzled by the small number of Africans compared to the peers in Europe and America.

"We are not irritated about their actions because Allah Ta'ala has told us in Suratul Furqaan verse 20: "We made some of you a trial for others, will you have patience? Since your Lord is Ever, All-Seer of all things."

While urging the citizens to abide by the government guidelines on COVID-19, he said people should not wrongly understand the Tawheed Rububiyyah (Oneness of Allah's Lordship) in a way different from its objective.

He said, "Whenever they are been ordered to use the face masks, adhere to the social distancing and avoid mingling unnecessarily, they are fond of saying; 'if Allah has predetermined our infection with Coronavirus, it will eventually affect us even if we are in thick protective overalls'.

"These (kind of) people are ignorant as they seem to involve themselves in such errors."

He said anyone who uses destiny as a shield is contradicting himself, because Allah links results to their causes. He therefore urged people to be disciplined and shun unnecessary arguments.

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ADEYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUWATOBILOBA ADENIYI** with date birth **11TH DECEMBER 1994** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADENIYI OLUWATOBILOBA ADEYEMI** with date of birth 11TH **DECEMBER 1995.** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly called as **AISHA MANSUR ISHAKA,** now wish to be known and called as **AISHA GEOFFREY ISHAKA.** All former documents remain valid. General public to note

. BELLO: I formally known as **BALA ABDULRAZAK TANKO,** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN ADAMU BELLO,** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

CHRISTIANA: I formerly known as **CHRISTANA MUSA ADAMU,** now wish to be known as **CHRISTIANA EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

OYAJE: I, formerly known as **MATHEW SAMSON ONYE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MATHEW SAMSON OYAJE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as **ALH. IBRAHIM HALILU HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM** HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DANIEL: I, formerly known and addressed as **DANIEL GODWIN LEDASEI** now wish to be known and addressed as **DANIEL GODWIN.** All former documents remain valid. First Bank, NIMC Mautech and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **JAMILU MUHAMMED** UMAR now wish to be known and addresses as **JAMILU MUHAMMAD UMAR** ,all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU MOH'D ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ADAMU.** All former documents remain valid. MTN Network, authorities concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HUSSAIN** UMAR now wish to be known and addresses as **HUSSAINI** UMAR ,all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

UMARU: I formally known as **IDRIS UMAR,** now wish to be known and addressed as **NUHU UMARU,** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

REUBEN: I formerly known as **BABA NDIRIZA REUBEN,** now wish to be known and addressed as **RESCUE REUBEN NDIRIZA.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SAFIYYAH: I, formerly known as **SAFIYYAH MUHAMMAD UMAR,** my date of birth was wrongly captured as 01/9/2001 now wish to be known and addressed as **SAFIYYAH MUHAMMAD,** my correct date of birth is 9th/9/2001. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

CALISTA: I, formerly known and addressed as **CALISTA ALADI IDUH** now wish to be known and addressed as **CALISTA ALADI IDUH-SHITU.** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MARIYA AUWALU** YAKUBU now wish to be known and addresses as **MARIYA AUWALU** my correct and proper date of birth is 01-01-1974,all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

SUNDAY: I formally known as **NENPIN MARK,** now wish to be known and addressed as **NENPIN SUNDAY,** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HUDU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALAMMAH M. HUDU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **HUDU HAMZA**. All former documents remain valid constituted, authorities and the general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I, TORKWASE QUEEN NYIOR hereby states that my name is **TORKWASE QUEEN NYIOR** and not **QUEEN TORKWASE AKAAYAR.** Also my date of birth is May **5, 1990** and not May **15, 1990.** Zenith Bank, Eco Bank and the general public to please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **HUSSAINI MARYAM ZUNGUM.** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM HUSSAINI SALMAN.** All former document remain valid. My **D.O.B:** is 26/8/2001. Banks and general public Should take note.

MONDAY: I formerly known and addressed as **MUSA AZEEZ** also known as **AZEEZ MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MATTHEW MONDAY.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as ABDULRAHAMAN **AHMAD** Now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF **NUHU** and my **DOB** is **09/07/1982** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

USMAN: I formally known as **LAWAN INUSA USMAN,** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAN USMAN,** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MURNA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MURNA HALIDU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MURNA BARAU**. All former documents remain valid constituted, authorities and the general public should please take note.

QUEEN: I, formerly known as **QUEENSLEY OMOTOYOSI MUSTAPHA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **QUEEN MUSTAPHA .** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BALA: I, formerly known and addressed as **AMINA RABIU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA BALA ALHAJI.** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

USMAN: I formerly known and addressed as **USMAN NURIDEEN** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN NURUDEEN.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly called **IBRAHIM ABDULSALAMI** now to be called as **IBRAHIM ABDULKARIM.** All former documents remain valid. General public to note

UDEAGBALA: I formally known as **DUEBUBE UDEAGALA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUEBUBE HILDA UDEAGBALA, D.O.B/19/05/1996,** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ZAINAB: I, formerly known and addressed as **MARY IZANG**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAINAB MUSA**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note

GHALI: I formerly known as **HOPE ANGBA ANGBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **GHALI IBRAHIM ILIYASU.** All former documents remain valid. Any Authority concerned and the General public should please take note.

EHIDIAMEN: I formerly known and addressed as. **MISS OMON MERCY EHIDIAMEN** now wish to be known and addressed as. **MRS IKPONMWOSA MERCY EHIDIAMEN.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

AHMED: I formerly known and addressed as **AHMED MUHAMMED AGBODION** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED OMOZUAFO** MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known IBETO **SYLVESTER** Now wish to be known and addressed as IBETO **SYLVESTER JEROME,** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

MABI: I formerly known as **MABI GANA,** now wish to be known as **MABI FRIDAY ATE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

ISHAKA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISHAKA LUKA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ISHAKA LUKA DANIEL**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

ONYEKA: I, formerly known as**THEOPHILUS ONYENEHIDO ONYEKA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **THEOPHILUS ONYEKA KINGSLEY.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZEKERI: I formerly known and addressed as **MOMODU ZEKERI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ZEKERI.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

RACHEAL: I formerly known and addressed as **MOSES RACHEAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **DANIA RACHEAL.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I, formerly known as **YALWAJI ABUBAKAR GARBA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **YALWAJI ABUBAKAR** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as **BARAYA ADAMU TIJJANI**, now wish to be known as **ADAMU TIJJANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

BALARABE: I, formerly known and addressed as **BALARABE MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BALARABE MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

Bank Details
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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FATIMA, I formerly known as **HAUWA SULAIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD HUSSAIN.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

Zainab: **I,** formerly known as Zainab **O.** Nuhu, now wish to be known and addressed as Zainab Oyiza Nuhu. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

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

YAKUBU, I formerly known as **MUSA SULAIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAKUBU BABAJI.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HALEEMAH, I formerly known as **HALEEMAH OGUNDELE ROMOKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALEEMAH ABDULHAMEED ROMOKE.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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

I formerly known as **BABATUNDE JEREMIAH AYODELE** now wish to be called and addressed as **TUNDE AYO.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **OKONKWO MMADUABUCHUKWU COSMOS** now wish to be known and addressed as **ANOSIKE MMADUABUCHUKWU COSMOS.** All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

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

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

SANI, I formerly known as **SANI ARAMMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANI YA,U.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YAU, I formerly known as **YA'U PANDA HALLIRU** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAU HALLIRU FANDA.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **CHRISTIANA** AYAM now wish to be called and addressed as **CHRISTIANA TUNDE AYO.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **OMEJE FAITH OLUCHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **OMEJE STELLA OLUCHI.** All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

JAMILA, I formerly known as **JAMILA ADAMU** Date of birth **25.5.1992** now wish to be called and addressed as **JAMILA RABIU ADAM** Date of Birth **16.7.1995.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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

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

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **NADIYA ALI-ABDULNASIR ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ALI-ABDULNASIR ALI.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MARYAM BALARABE DATTI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARYAM BALARABE YAKASAI.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

KUSA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED BENKUSA NOAH FATER NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS KUSA NOAH FATER. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

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

CORRECTION OF NAME, I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD RABIU SALISU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALISU RABIU SANI.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ALIYU BELLO NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ALIYU MOHAMMED BELLO MY DATE OF BIRTH 1/08/1993 ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID

I formerly known as **ALHASSANDADI MUHAMMAD USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALASAN USMAN.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AYILA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AYILA MICHAEL CHANGE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS AYILA TERSOO. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

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

CECILIA, I formerly known as **REBECCA GUNDA** now wish to be called and addressed as **CECILIA RAHAMANU .** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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

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

I formerly known as **ABDU HAMZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUDU HAMZA.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ONAH: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS INYANDA MARGARET AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ONAH MARGARET. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

BUHARI, I formerly known as ALIYU **BIHARI BELLO** now wish to be called and addressed as **BUHARI ALIYU.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note

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

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

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

I formerly known as Salisu Ibrahim Sarki now wish to be known as Ibrahim Salisu Sarki all former documents remains valid authorities concern and general public to take note.

EMMANUEL: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS EMMANUEL TYAV SAMUEL AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS EMMANUEL SONTER SAMUEL. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

MARY, I formerly known as **MARYAM YUSUF** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARY JOHN.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **JANE NKECHINYERE OBIOHA** now wish to be known and called as **JANE NKECHINYERE ORUMADU.** All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

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

RECONCILIATION OF NAME, I formerly known as **LAZARUS EMMANUEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **LAZARUS EMMANUEL BANYE.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Muhammad Sani Aliyu now wish to be known and addressed as Sani Aliyu. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern to please take note

KORSHIMA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED KORSHIMA TERHEMEN MASHACK. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS KORSHIMA TERHEMEN AND I WAS BORN ON 1ST JANUARY, 1989 AS EVIDENCED ON MY NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

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

UMAR, I formerly known as **UMAR USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR USMAN JINGI.** All former documents remain valid. **NIMC, UNITY BANK PLC & GENERAL PUBLIC.**

TUNDE, I formerly known as **ANTHONY BABATUNDE** AJAYI now wish to be called and addressed as **TUNDE AJAYI OLOWONEFA.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LARAI, I formerly known as **LARAI USMAN SAID** MUSTAPHA now wish to be called and addressed as **LARAI USMAN SAID.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Ismail Ibrahim now wish to be known and addressed as Ismaila Ibrahim. All Former documents remain valid. Authority concern to please take note

YUNUSA: I formerly known and address as **YUNUSA MUSA LAWALI** now wish to be call and address as YUNUSA **MOHAMMAD.** All former documents remain valid, authority concern and general public should take note.

USAINI , I formerly known as **HUSSAINI IDRIS ISMAIL** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISMAILA** USAINI IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BUHARI, I formerly known as **TASIU HASSAN ALI 01-11-1985** now wish to be called and addressed as **BUHARI HASSAN ALI** 01-01-1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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

Change of name , **I** formerly known as **FATIMA HUSSAINI MUSTAPHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **FALMATA** HUSSAINI . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ADAMU GARBA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU DAUDA.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ABDULMUMINU: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM .IBRAHIM ABDULMUMINU** now wish to be called as **IBRAHIM ABDULMUMINU** general public should please take note.

ABBA, I formerly known as **SANI USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABBA IDRIS.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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

MARYAM, I formerly known as **MARYAM YUSUF OLD DOB 25TH SEP. 1996** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARYAM YUSUF INUWA NEW DOB 6TH AUGUST 1998.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

Verification of name, **I** formerly known as **INUWA MOHAMMED SUROKOSKO** now wish to be called and addressed as **INUWA MOHAMMED.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of letter of allocation for 3-bedroom bungalows at IPENT V11 ESTATE KARSANA DISTRICT ABUJA, numbered 366A issued in the name of Hassan Zakari Biu and 366B issued in the name of Maryam Tahir Zakari Biu both of Flat B, Block 4, Kanu Nwankwo Close, FHA Gwarimpa, FCT.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Intent Letter over **Plot No. 16B** part of **Plan No. LPKN 761**, situated at Sani Mainagge Quarters, bearing the name of **ALH. UMAR,** of No. 326 Hotoron Arewa, Kano.

All effort made to trace the original Intent Letter proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

BENEDICT, I formerly known as **BENEDICT GALADIMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BENEDICT BARNABAS.** All former documents remain valid. **FCMB,** Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

DAHIRU: I, formerly known as **DAHIRU IBRAHIM NASIR,** now wish to be known and called **DAHIRU IBRAHIM** NASIRUDEEN.All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

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

THOMAS: I Formerly known as **THOMAS KINGSLEY ISAAC** Now wish to be called and addressed as **THOMAS** KINGSLEY My Correct **DOB** is **17-07-1982** All Former documents remain valid **ACCESS BANK** PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **MOHAMMED MURTALA YAHUZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD MURTALA YAHUZA.** All former documents remain valid. **FCMB PENSION** and members of the general public should please take note.

TANKO: I, formerly known as **AMINA AMINU SAID,** now wish to be known and addressed as **TANKO AMINA** ABDULLAHI.All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my name as follows: Kosshak Alpha Sani, Kosshak Sani Alpha, Sani Alpha Kosshak, Sani Alpha K., Alfa Sani, Alpha Sani, Sani Alfa Kosshak. Is one person and same person, henceforth wish to be known and address as DUGHURYIL ALPHA KOSSHAK.

FCSC and FMANR ABUJA General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the Loss of Original Letter of Grant of **property situated at Sokoto Road by Dan Hausa Road Tarauni LGA, Kano State** and covered with Certificate of Occupancy Number **KNML 03151 (old No. RES/2015/1567);** belonging to **SILVER WORLD INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD.** All effort to trace the said document proved abortive. If found, kindly return to the nearest police Station. Authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the General Public of the Loss of Original Provisional Offer of Grant in respect of File No. KDL 90180/11 plot no 5B Shehu Crescent, TP0934 GRA Kaduna belonging to Hajiya Rakiya Kabir declared missing. All efforts to trace the said document proved abortive. KADGIS and all Authorities concerned should please take note

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Intent Letter over **Plot No. 13A** part of **Plan No. LPKN 761**, situated at Sani Mainagge Quarters, bearing the name of **MARIYA SA'AD,** of No. 326 Hotoro, Kano.

All effort made to trace the original Intent Letter proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that JACCO is now to be known and addressed as JACCO BUSSINESS HUB LTD. All former documents and location remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate **No: 1015442020007006** School: Liaoning University Of Technology, China Course: Bachelor of Economics-International Economics and Trade, Situated at Hotoro, Ring Road in Nassarawa Local Government of Kano State of Nigeria, belonging to **USMAN FATIMA AHMAD.**

All efforts to trace the said documents have proved abortive. The General public and all relevant authorities should take note. If found please Return to the nearest Police Station.

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FUMMI: I, formerly known as **FUMMI JENNIFER YAKUBU,** now wish to be known and addressed as **FUMMI JENNIFER BAKARE.** All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ADEROGBA: I, formerly known and addressed as **OSENI AMINAT MOJISOLA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEROGBA AMINAT MOJISOLA.** My correct date of birth is 3rd day of January, **1971.** All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

ODOFIN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODOFIN OLASHURUBOMI YUSUF .** Now wish to be known and addressed as ODOFIN **YUSUF ADIO.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IDUDU : I formerly known and addressed as **ONI MARTINS EWANLE** Now wish to be known and addressed as **IDUDU MARTINS EWANLE.** All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

RUKAYYA I formally known as **RUKAYYA MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **RUKAYYA MUSA SANI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ABDULRAUF. I formerly known as **DANALMAJIRI ZAIDAU,** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULRAUF ZAIDU.** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

UMAR: I formerly known as **UMAR BASHAR** now wish to be called as UMAR **BASHAR SALEH** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

AYOOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLAWALE SULIYAT OLANIKE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as AYOOLA **SULIYAT OLANIKE.** All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

AJENIKOKO: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEWALE ABIODUN AYODEJI .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJENIKOKO ABIODUN AYODEJI.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OYELEKE. : I, formerly known and addressed as OLUBUSAYO **LOLADE OPAWUMI,** now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUBUSAYO OLOLADE MICHELLE OYELEKE.** All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

VICTOR I Formerly Known As **IFEANYI OBUCHI** now wish to be known and addresses as **VICTOR OBUCHI SAMUEL** all former Ducoments remain valid Access Bank and general public should take note

BILYA I, formerly known as **BILIYAMINU ISAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **BILYA BILAL.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

BADAMASI: I formerly known as **HAMZA TIJANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **BADAMASI TIJANI** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

TAFA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA RUKAYAT OPEYEMI .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **TAFA OPEYEMI RUKAYAT.** That my correct date of birth is 4th day of July, **1993.** All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

JIMOH: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs **AFUAPE MUTIAT AJOKE (NEE ADELANI) .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **JIMOH MUTIAT ADEJOKE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

Mrs **ENAJERO: I,** formerly known and addressed as Miss **ADEGBILE OLUWABUNMI FERANMI .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **ENAJERO OLUWABUNMI FERANMI.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MAIANGUWA I formerly known and addressed as **SHAYIB USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHAYIBU ADAMU MAIANGUWA** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ZAKAR I formerly known and addressed as **YAHAYA SULE ZAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA SALE ZAKAR** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

RASHIDA: I formerly known as **RASHIDA ABARE BATARI** now wish to be called and addressed as **RASHIDA ABARE** all former documents remain valid. NATIONAL **ID** Card Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MOUHAMMED: I, formerly known and addressed as **MAHMOUD MOHAMED .** Now wish to be known and addressed as MOUHAMMED **SHUAIBU.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EBIRI-OKORO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **NWAGUZO CATHERINE KONYE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **EBIRI-OKORO CATHERINE KONYE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GIWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ILORI BUKOLA OLAYEMI .** Now wish to be known and addressed as GIWA **BUKOLA OLAYEMI.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HAUWA : I formerly known as **HAUWA KWATAMDIA** now wish to be known as **HAUWA M. KWATAMDIA.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

KOLO I formerly known and addressed as **MODU KOLO,** now wish to be known and addressed as **KOLO MOHAMMED RAWANA.** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

OPOOLA: I formerly known as **SAKIRUDEEN OPOOLA JIDE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OPOOLA OLAJIDE SAKIRUDEEN** all former documents remain valid. my date of birth was wrongly captured as **29/12/1959** the correct date of birth is **29/12/1964** Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM HAMMED .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM HAMMED OMOGBOLAHA.** That my correct date of birth is 6th day of February, **1998.** All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

IKOH: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **JUO IYAJI ALICE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **IKOH IYAJI ALICE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OKUBADEJO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINYAN OLUWATOSIN RASHIDAT .** Now wish to be known and addressed as OKUBADEJO **OLUWATOSIN RASHIDAT.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BUKAR I formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED AWAISU** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA BUKAR** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

LIYATU I formerly known and addressed as **LIYATU JALVA BATHANNA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **LIYATU HARUNA MUSA.** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR **JAFAR,** now wish to be known and called **ABUBAKAR JAFAR** YAKUB.All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

AKINYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OYEDEJI OLUGBENGA IDOWU .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINYEMI OLUGBENGA JOSEPH.** All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

AOGO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **JAMES LINDA** and **JAMES DORIS GREAT .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **AOGO DORIS GREAT.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UKWUOMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **UKWU CHIJIOKE NWAZUOKE CHINNA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **UKWUOMA CHIJIOKE NWAZUOKE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ISAH I formerly known and addressed as **BABAGANA ISAH MOHD** now wish to be known and addressed as **BABAGANA ISAH** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

JOSIAH: I formerly known as **JOSIAH GIMI DALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **JOSIAH DALI.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

LUKA: I Formerly known as **PAUL ALFRED** Now wish to be called and addressed as **LUKA ALFRED** My correct **DOB** is 01-10-1992 All Former documents remain valid **ACCESS BANK PLC** Authority concern and the General public to please take note

BASHIRU: I, formerly known and addressed as **BASHIRU OLALEKAN OLUWASEUN .** Now wish to be known and addressed as BASHIRU **OLALEKAN KAMORUDEEN.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GRACE: I, formerly known and addressed as **GRACE JOSEPH UDOH .** Now wish to be known and addressed as UDOH **GRACE EFFIONG.** That **I** was born on 26th day of March, **1966.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHIKODINAKA: I, formerly known and addressed as **AITKINS NGOZI HENRITTA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as CHIKODINAKA **NGOZI HENRITTA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BALA I formerly known and addressed as **ALIYU BALA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALI BALA** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

. HASSAN: I formerly known as **HASSAN ALHAJI MOHAMMED MURTALA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN MOHAMMED MURTALA.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

BOGNET: I Formerly known as **ADAMU BENJAMIN BOGNET** Now wish to be called and addressed as **BOGNET BENJAMIN** All Former documents remain valid.Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

SALAKO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **FOWOKAN OLOLADE ABIGEAL .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **SALAKO OLOLADE ABIGEAL.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CALISTA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **CALISTA BEAUTY INOBEME .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **CALISTA BEAUTY OKATE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED SHEHU RUTH GLORY & DOB 8/08/1994 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS JOSEPH GLORY & DOB 20/05/1997 GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

BUNDUM I formerly known and addressed as **IDRISSA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRISS ADAMU BUNDUM** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

DENIS: I formerly known as **VITALIS THOMAS ZIRRA** now wish to be known and addressed as **DENIS VICENT.** All former documents remain valid **. UNION BANK PLC** And General Public Should please take note.

MRS ODUKOYA - I, formerly known as MISS **OJO ARINOLA YETUNDE .** Now wish to be known as **MRS ODUKOYA ARINOLA YETUNDE.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

BANWO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **BALOGUN OYINKANSOLA AYOMIDE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **BANWO OYINKANSOLA AYOMIDE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KHADIJA: I, formerly known and addressed as **KHADIJA OLAMIDE OLAYINKA-SULU .** Now wish to be known and addressed as KHADIJA **OLAMIDE GIDADO-THOMAS.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **EZONDU CHUKWUEMEKA EMMANUELMARY** wish to be known and addressed as CHUKWUEZE **ONYENATURUCHI CHUKWUEMEKA EMMANUEL.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the General Public should please take note.

HALIMA I formally known as **HALIMA ADAM,** now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMA ADAM SHETTIMA.** All former documents remain valid. With **DOB** 17th December, **1988** general public should please take note.

UMARU I formerly known and addressed as **AMINA MAUDO UMARU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA UMARU** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AKOSILE: I, formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM RAFAT JIBOLA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKOSILE RAFAT JIBOLA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OMONIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **JACOB OLUWADAMILOLA OPEYEMI .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **OMONIYI OLUWADAMILOLA OPEYEMI.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM IDRIS HABIBA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR **IBRAHIM HABIBA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BABA : I formerly known as **MOHAMMED ALHAJI BUNU** now wish to be known as **BABA MAMMAN BUNU.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ADAMU I formerly known and address as **MAGAJI ADAMU DARAZO** now wish to be know and address as **ADAMU MAGAJI.** All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

EJIRGE: I formerly known as **EJIRGE WILSON** now wish to be known and addressed as **EJIRGE DANLADI.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

SAMUEL: I, formerly known and addressed as **JEREMIAH MARY MFON .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMUEL MARY SAVIOUR.** That my correct date of birth is 16th day of January, 1999. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEOGUN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **SONEYE OLUWABUKUNMI RAFIAT .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **ADEOGUN OLUWABUKUNMI RAFIAT.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TAIWO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **OKEGBENRO RAIMOT AJOKE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **TAIWO RAIMOT AJOKE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NURA I formally known as **Nurudeen Ibrahim**. Now wish to be known and address as **NURA BABANGIDA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and generally public should please take note.

MARYAM : I formerly known as **MARYAM HAMIDU** now wish to be known as **MARYAM MAINA HAMIDU.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

UMMA I Formerly Known As **UMMA BALA** Now wish to be known and addresses as **UMMA BALA DANKANDE** all former Documents remain valid general public should take note

ADEBOWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKOFU KIKANWA FRANCISCA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBOWALE **KIKANWA FRANCISCA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADETORE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKUNLOLA REBECCA TEMITOPE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADETORE REBECCA TEMITOPE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ATANDA-ALEBIOSU: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **ATANDA KHADIJAH ADENIKE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **ATANDA-ALEBIOSU KHADIJAH ADENIKE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

. IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **JIBRIN ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ADAMU.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

MALIK. I formerly known as **1) MALIKI ALHAJI HAJI (2) MALIK LAWAL K/ BAI(3) MALIK LAWAL KOFAR_ BAI** Now wish to be called and addressed as **MALIK HAJI.** All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

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

UDOH: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKIYESI SANDRA REMI .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **UDOH SANDRA REMI.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLOSO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AYANKOLA WALIYYAH TOLA, AYANKOLA WALIYYAH 'TOLA** (With the apostrophe) . Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLOSO WALIYYAH** TOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ANJORIN : I formerly known and addressed as **ABIMBOLA PRAISE AKANDE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIMBOLA PRAISE ANJORIN.** All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

USA: I formerly known as **USA DAVID LAWARE,** now wish to be known and addressed as **USA DAVID.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

IBRAHIM I, formerly known as **ABDULRAMAN MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULRAMAN IBRAHIM.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

. ISA I formerly known as **ISA EL-MUSTAPHA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISA ABBA MUSTAPHA.** All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME That my name was wrongly written on my **B.V.N** as **EGUNSOLA OWOBO BENJAME** instead of **EGUNTOLA OWOBOWALE BENJAMEN.** Henceforth, **I** now wish to be known and addressed as **EGUNTOLA OWOBOWALE BENJAMEN.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLAJIDE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **KALIKA OLUWAKEMI JOY .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **OLAJIDE OLUWAKEMI** JOY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OKOLOCHA-CHIBUZOR : I formerly known and addressed as **OBI CHUKWUEMENIEZE** now wish to be known and addressed as **OKOLOCHA-CHIBUZOR CHUKWUDEMENEZE.** All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

HAMZA: I, formerly known as **HAMZA HARUNA AUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMZA HARUNA.** All former documents remain valid. And my correct **DOB** is **30-12-1999** not **20-04-1983.** General public should take note.

NDIDI I formerly known and addressed as **PERPETUA NDIDIAMAKA CHUKWU,** now wish to be known and addressed as **PERPETUA NDIDI CHUKWU.** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

. BARDE I formally known as **Abdullahi Barde Audu Niga.** Now wish to be called and address as **Abdullahi Barde**. All former documents remain valid general public and authority concern should take note

CORRECTION OF NAME That on my **BVN** my name was wrongly written as **OGHENERHORO ISAAC JAMES** instead of **ISAAC OGHENERHORO JAMES.** That my correct name is **ISAAC OGHENERHORO JAMES.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKIODE: I, formerly known and addressed as Ms **SEWEJE OLAJUMOKE MARTHA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **AKIODE OLAJUMOKE MARTHA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SOKOYEBOM : I formerly known and addressed as **OKOLO CHRISTIANA MAGOR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKOLO CHRISTIANA SOKOYEBOM.** All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

. IZUNNA: I, formerly known as **IZUNNA JAMES EDWIN** now wish to be known and addressed as **IZUNNA JAMES IKECHUKWU.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

SAIDU I formerly known and addressed as **SHUAIBU UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHUAIBU UMAR SAIDU** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formally known as Abdullahi Barde Audu Niga. Now wish to be called and adress as Abdullahi Barde. All former documents remain valid general public and authority concern should take note

ALABI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **AWOYALE ABOSEDE MARY .** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **ALABI ABOSEDE** MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EDUNJOBI: I, formerly known and addressed as **BELLO AYOBANI SERIFAT .** Now wish to be known and addressed as EDUNJOBI **AYOBAMI SERIFAT.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MONDAY-JAMES : I formerly known and addressed as **JAMES JOY ABIGAIL** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MONDAY-JAMES JOY ABIGAIL.** All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

SHAFAU: I, formerly known as **SIFFAWU USMAN TIJJANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHAFAU TIJJANI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

BABAGANA I formerly known and addressed as **ALI BABAGANA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **BABAGANA MOHAMMED.** All former documents remain valid. WIth **01/01/1988,** All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GALI I formerly known as **GALI EMMA** now wish to be called as **ADAMU EMMANUEL GALI .** All former documents remain valid general public and authority concern should take note.

FASHOGBON: I, formerly known and addressed as **FALUJO AMINAT ABOLORE .** Now wish to be known and addressed as FASHOGBON **AMINAT ABOLORE ENITAN.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KOLEOLUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **ONABOLA CHRISTIANA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **KOLEOLUWA CHRISTIANA TAIWO.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OKEUGO : I formerly known and addressed as **OMOVIYE OLUCHI BRIDGET** Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKEUGO OLUCHI BRIDGET.** All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as **ADAMU ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU ALHAJI BULAMA.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AISHATU. I formerly known as **AISHATU MUSA SHALLANGWA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU ABDEL-LATIF SHALLANGWA.** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

HALIMA : I formerly known as **HALIMA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **HALIMA MOHAMMED.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

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MUSTAPHA : I formerly known as **HUSSAINI MUHAMMAD ISA** now wish to be known as **MUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD ISA.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SANI I formerly known as Sani Naziru Sani. Now wish to be known and addressed as Sani Naziru. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

. I, ELISHA A. GALI do solemnly declare that: the names **ELISHA A. GALI, ELISHA AUDU GALI** and **ELISHA GALI** are referred to me, as **I** used to answer either of the names. Now **I** wish to be known and called **ELISHA A. GALI** with **21/04/1999** as **D.O.B.** All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ADAM I formely known as **MAL. ADAMU USMAN** now wish to be known and address as **ADAM USMAN KURFI**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

MOHAMMED : I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA ALI ABBA** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I Formerly known as **FN-ABNER MN- TANDO LN- SARKI NOW** wish to be known and addressed as **FN - ABNER LN- SARKI** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABDULLAHI I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

That **I** was formally known as **HAFSAT ABBA UMAR** now wish to be called and address as **HAFSAT MUHAMMAD SABO** and general public to take note

WALE I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU ALHAJI YAWALE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU YAWALE** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

UMAR I, formerly known as **HAMZA ALI MUSA** now wish to be known and called **UMAR MALLAM MOHAMMED** with **01/01/1995** as **D.O.B.** All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as **GONI MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED USMAN GONI** with **01/01/1984** as **D.O.B.** All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

I, OSEBEQUIN ODAMA do solemnly declare that: the names **OSEBEQUIN ODAMA** and **OSEBEQUIN ODAMA OLORUNFEMI** are referred to me, as **I** used to answer either of the names. Now **I** wish to be known and called **OSEBEQUIN ODAMA.** All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ZAKAR: I formerly known as **ALI ISAH,** now wish to be known as **ZAKAR SHAYIBU.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MRS. ANIEBIET - I, formerly known as **MISS. ANIEBIET ELIJAH PAUL** and **ANIEBIET IME NOAH .** Now wish to be known as **MRS. ANIEBIET AKWAOWO ETOP .** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OKENWA = I, formerly known as **ANEKE NWAMBUKA RACHAEL .** Now wish to be known as **OKENWA CHARLES RACHAEL UCHECHI .** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

PETER = I, formerly known as **PETER** VERONICA. Now wish to be known as **PETER VERONICA EMMANUEL .** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

JOY = I, formerly known as **BARISUA KPUGIBARI JOHN .** Now wish to be known as JOY **KPUGIBARI SAARO .** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EKAWU = I, formerly known as **EKAWU GABRIEL OYOR .** Now wish to be known as **EKAWU GABRIEL OWODEBIGE .** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

NWANI - I, formerly known as UDOHA CHINWE JOY. That **I** now wish to be known as NWANI CHINWE JOY. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note

HUSSAINI - I, formerly known as DABDU TIJANI. That **I** now wish to be known as HUSSAINI TIJANI ABDULLAHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

NWAMBU - I, formerly known as MISS. EMMANUEL CHIYERE. That **I** now wish to be known as MRS. NWAMBU **CHINYERE** OKECHUKWU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OJOGWU - I, formerly known as MISS. MORDI PATIENCE. That **I** now wish to be known as MRS. OJOGWU **PAT** EWERE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AMADI: I, formerly known as **OKEAGHALAM** OLUCHI. That **I** now wish to be known as AMADI **HAPPINESS** OLUCHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

JATTO: That **I** was formerly known as MISS. **BUKOLA OLUWASEUN ALABI.** Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. **BUKOLA OLUWASEUN** JATTO. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

EFFIOM - That my name was wrongly captured on my BVN as **EDWIN GIFT EYO** instead of **EDWIN EFFIOM EYO** which is my correct name. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note.

HENRY: That i was formerly known as OPARA **CHIMENLA.** Now wish to be known called and addressed as ONWUKA **HENRY IKENNA.** All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

INDIA: That i was formerly known as PEREOWEI **KINGSLEY KUMUONU.** Now wish to be known called and addressed as INDIA PEREOWEI. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADUCHES: That i was formerly known as RICHARDSON OGWE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as ADUCHES, **RICHARDSON** OBA. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ITA: That i was formerly known as MISS. **AMADI** MONALISA BLESSING. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. ITA **MONALISA** EYO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

OLUWAFEMI: That **I** was formerly as MISS. **ADELANI ENIOLA** ABIADE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. **OLUWAFEMI ENIOLA ABIADE.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIZOBA: That i was formerly known as ELUH **GIFT** CHINENYE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as ELUH CHIZOBA MATILDA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

BENIBO: That i was formerly known as NWAFOR STEPHANIE **MUNACHIMSO.** Now wish to be known called and addressed as **BENIBO STEPHANIE MUNACHIMSO.** All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALUKO: That i was formerly known as MISS. **ADESOLA** DEBORAH OLATUNBOSUN. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. **ADESOLA DEBORAH ALUKO.** All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

AGAH: That i was formerly known as OBUKOHWO **OMOTEVIGHO GRACE.** Now wish to be known called and addressed as GRACE **SOLOMON AGAH.** All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

IRIVIKE: That i was formerly known as FAKAR **RACHAEL** AKPOGHENE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as RACHAEL **DARLINGTON F.A IRIVIKE.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMODU = I, formerly known as **IYENAGBE PETER OZUAKE .** Now wish to be known as **AMODU PETER OZUAKE .** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note

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PRESS RELEASE ON FG'S SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

The President, National Executive Council and Members of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) wish to commend the Federal Government for embarking upon the construction of 300,000 social housing units across the country under the Economic Sustainability Plan (ESP).

The NIQS is at the fore front of advocating for this people-oriented programme. It could be recalled that during the Institute's visit to President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR on 23rd March, 2019, the need for a Government driven Social Housing Scheme was among the Institute's key recommendations towards ensuring that Nigerians benefit from dividends of democracy. NIQS and its members remain committed to partnering with Government in providing cost management services of developmental projects for the benefit of our teeming populace.

Accordingly, we applaud Mr. President and cabinet Ministers for having listening ears and eventually launching this enviable scheme. As emphasized during the visit under reference, low income earners in both public and private sectors can take advantage of the programme and have roofs over their heads. It is heart-warming that cement manufacturers have agreed to offer the product at discounted prices in support of the scheme.

In addition to meeting the job creation objective stated in the ESP, the scheme will stimulate economic activities such as production and supply of local building materials, engagement of professionals, training opportunities and apprenticeship, stimulation of SME businesses such as food vendors and other numerous impacts along the construction value chain, while the scheme last.

As professional construction cost managers, we are further appealing to cement manufacturers to consider a reduction in the price of cement beyond the ESP scheme to the benefit of the entire citizenry.

Our members are poised to contribute optimally towards the overall success of this laudable scheme and other building/engineering projects.

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■ Governor of Kwara State, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq (right) and Executive Chairman of BUA Group, Abdul Samad Rabiu during the governor's visit to BUA office in Lagos yesterday

Military changes tactics on counter-insurgency operations

● launches new operation to combat kidnapping along Maiduguri-Damaturu highway

By Idowu Isamotu, Abuja & Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

The Defence Headquarters yesterday said the counter-insurgency operation in the north eastern part of the country was rapidly changing in favour of the Armed Forces of Nigeria.

The Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche, who stated this yesterday at a press briefing in Abuja, said the change of tactics and strategies had made troops record less direct encounters with terrorists operating in the zone.

"If you look at the briefings I have been giving for the past two or three weeks, you will discover that direct encounters between us (troops) and the terrorists are on the low side.

"I will tell you what that signifies; it means that the game is changing rapidly in favour of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and Nigerians at large," Enenche said.

He listed surveillance and action among others as combination of factors helping the military.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Army has launched operation "Tura Takaibango" to checkmate abduction of travellers along Maiduguri-Damaturu highway.

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai, disclosed this during a press briefing at Army Special Forces Super Camp, Ngamdu.

Buratai, who was represented by the Army Chief of Training Operations, Major Gen. Nuhu Angbazo, noted that the current threat if not neutralised could result in further attacks on civilian settlements and may lead to the migration of terrorists into Yobe and Southern Borno.

He said "The operation is meant to be theatre-wide targeting known insurgents' enclaves/ hideouts for neutralisation and clearance."

Again, tanker explosion hits Lagos

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A tanker explosion in Lagos yesterday paralysed vehicular movement along the ever-busy Oshodi-Apapa expressway.

The incident happened at Apakun Bridge near the popular Toyota bus-stop Iyana Isolo when a tanker fully loaded with 40,000 litres of petroleum crashed with another trailer, resulting in an explosion.

Emergency responders had a hectic time extinguishing the fire, which raged for hours thereby restricting vehicular movement.

The incident happened around 9:15 am as the tanker somersaulted with the body separated from the head.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the state Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), the fire service and men of the Nigerian Police, among others, were on ground at the scene of the incident.

However, no casualty was recorded.

NEMA Coordinator in Lagos, Mr. Ibrahim Farinloye said, "The tanker crashed on the side with another trailer on the motion.

"The trailer was fully loaded with iron rods. It was believed that the two vehicles were trying to outsmart each other before the incident happened."

But the Bridge remains shut yesterday to enable the Federal Ministry of Works conduct integrity test on sections of the Oshodi-Apapa expressway especially the Apakun Bridge.

Director-General of LASEMA, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu said, "The bridge remains closed to vehicular traffic subject to integrity testing to be carried out by the Federal Ministry of Works."

He urged residents to exercise caution as the petroleum product, while diluted with chemical treatments, is still at risk of being ignited by a naked flame.

Daily Trust reports that a similar incident had occurred on Dec. 19, 2020, when another diesel tanker exploded on the Michael Otedola Bridge, causing panic among commuters plying the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Security operatives rescue 77 kidnap victims in Katsina

Security operatives on Thursday evening handed over 77 kidnap victims to the Governor of Katsina State, Aminu Masari.

The governor said the victims were rescued by the state government in collaboration with the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Army, the Nigerian Air Force, the Department of State Security and other security agencies.

He said in all, 104 kidnap victims have recently been rescued through such collaboration.

The governor said out of the 104 victims, 16 were from Sabuwa, Faskari and Dandume axis of the state; 10 from Danmusa axis, adding that the 77 handed over to him on Thursday were from Batsari and Jibia axis.

He revealed that their rescue was in continuation of an exercise that started with the recovery of the recently abducted 344 schoolboys of Government Science Secondary School, Kankara.

Masari said, "We saw an opener and we are working with the leadership of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association in cooperation with the police, the army, the DSS, the Air force and other security agencies to bring back as many of the kidnapped victims as possible.

"And the process is still ongoing, we are doing this as quietly as we can to make sure that nobody is harmed and further kidnapping is stopped".

The Katsina Commissioner of Police, Sanusi Buba, in his remarks said the bandits themselves made several appeals for peace to reign in their domains.

He said, "This process has been on for some days. We are making efforts to ensure that all those that are still in captivity are safely rescued without the payment of any ransom or hindrance. We hope and pray that this method will not be limited to Katsina State but will go beyond all other vulnerable states."

It was learnt that the rescued 77 victims are to be reunited with their families on Friday.

US Speaker calls for Trump's removal

US Speaker, Nancy Pelosi has called on Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment, which allows for the removal of President Trump if he is unable to discharge his duties.

If they fail to do so, she said the Congress "may be prepared to move forward with impeachment" against Trump for instigating rioters to attack the Capitol building on Wednesday.

"In calling for this seditious act, the president has committed an unspeakable assault on our nation and our people," Pelosi said. She called Trump "a very dangerous person who should not continue in office."

The pro-Trump rioters clashed with Capitol police officers, smashed windows and trashed offices. One woman was shot and killed by a Capitol police officer, and it took several hours for order to be restored. More than 50 officers were injured in the melee, and several were hospitalised with serious injuries.

Senate Democratic Leader, Charles Schumer earlier on Thursday called for the invocation of the 25th Amendment. Schumer said that if they failed to act, Congress should reconvene and impeach him. Several House Democrats were circulating articles of impeachment on Thursday morning.

Trump had addressed the crowd before the riot, urging them to march on the Capitol in order to put pressure on Republican senators who were unwilling to overturn the presidential election.

This comes less than two weeks before Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be inaugurated as president and vice president.

In the early hours of Thursday morning, the joint session of Congress completed the job of certifying Biden and Harris as the winners of the 2020 election.

Former Chief of Air Staff, Nsikak Eduok, dies

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

A former Chief of Air Staff and Minister of Aviation, Air Marshall Nsikak Eduok, is dead. He was 73.

The Akwa Ibom State Government announced the death yesterday in a statement by the Secretary to the State Government, Dr Emmanuel Ekuwem.

Eduok died of end-stage kidney failure on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Uyo.

Ekuwem described Eduok as an elder statesman that would be missed for his contribution to the development of the state and nation.

"The Government of Akwa Ibom State hereby formally announces the death of a former Chief of Air Staff and former Minister of Aviation, Air Marshall Nsikak Eduok (Rtd). He died yesterday, 6th January 2021 in Uyo.

"The information from his doctors indicates that he died of end-stage kidney failure.

"The late elder statesman was a much respected Nigerian and Akwa Ibomite who contributed greatly to the development of our country and state," the statement said.

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Akwa Utd desperate for first league win

■ Kennedy Boboye

Akwa United are determined to claim their first three points of the season when they take on Eastern neighbours, Abia Warriors in Uyo on Saturday.

With just one point from their opening two games and no goal scored after 180 minutes of football in the 2020/2021 season, the two-time FA Cup winners are desperate for the maximum points.

The match, originally fixed for Sunday, January 10 will be the first fixture of match-day 3 after it was brought forward to Saturday, 9 January by the league organisers, LMC.

The Promise Keepers were held to a goalless draw at home by Dakkada FC on the opening day before losing 1-0 to Enugu Rangers last time out and coach Boboye's men have resolved to go all out for their first win this Saturday.

Coach Kennedy Boboye and top striker Ndifreke Effiong will be facing their former club with the aim of grabbing the maximum points against Abia Warriors who have lost their opening two games and are yet to score a goal this season.

In the previous 10 meetings between the two sides, Akwa United have won two, Abia Warriors two, while six of those clashes ended in a stalemate.

The match is scheduled to kick off by 4 pm and victory will move Akwa United to four points from three matches and from 17 position into the top half of the NPFL table.

Anthony Joshua announces retirement date

■ Andy Ruiz Jr in action with Anthony Joshua in a bout in 2019

World Heavyweight champion, Anthony Joshua admits he is "coming towards the end of my career" and has hinted that he will have a maximum of "five years left" in the sport before retiring.

The 31-year-old world heavyweight champion could be approaching the most significant period of his career, with ongoing negotiations about two massive unification fights against Tyson Fury in 2021.

Since making his pro debut in 2013, Joshua has become a two-time champion, having regained his WBA, IBF and WBO titles in a 2019 rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr before defending them with a knockout win over Kubrat Pulev last month.

"This isn't the start of my career. I'm coming towards the end of my career," Joshua told Sky Sports News.

"I'm not someone who lives in the moment and thinks that everything is just like for now. I'm always planning ahead so I'm coming towards the end of my career.

"Five years left and that's basically an Olympic cycle. I've got an Olympic cycle and a little bit more left, so when you see the next Olympics happen is when I'll be coming to the end of my career and the next generation will be coming through."

Joshua surprisingly lost his titles to Andy Ruiz Jr, but won them back from the American in December 2019, before defending the belts against Kubrat Pulev last month.

WAFU B: Pinnick charges Eaglets to show winning mentality

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

The President of the Nigeria Football Federation, Mr Amaju Melvin Pinnick has charged Nigeria's U17 Boys, Golden Eaglets, to show a robust winning mentality ahead of the make or mar clash with the Black Starlets of Ghana on Saturday.

Pinnick charged the players to believe in themselves and go for victory when he visited the team's camp at the Hotel Novella Star in Lome, Togo. He admonishes the players to remain focused on the task of representing Nigeria very well at the tournament.

"Nigerians don't want to know about tactics, just go, play and win the game. The mentality of Nigerians is winning, they don't care how you win, just win. Winning gives Nigerians a lot of joy," Pinnick said.

"So, I just want to crave your indulgence to represent Nigeria well. I'm happy that I can see all the players in this U 17 team, I can see that we have the youngest team in this tournament, which of course, I'm very proud of.

"It is a developmental football at this level. It does not mean that we do not want to win. Nigerians want you to win so that you will be celebrated. We want you to be celebrated, it is very important that we must win. Just work hard and ensure we beat Ghana. The attitude we always display is that we can do it. That is the spirit under my leadership in the Nigeria Football Federation and that is what we expect from you.

"Your coach will tell you the technical and tactical way to achieve winning, but what I will tell you is that you are Nigerians and for you to be a Nigerian, you must be positively rugged to achieve your dream," he said.

The Golden Eaglets lost their first game 1-0 to Ivory Coast on Wednesday.

Sports company trains kids on football skills in Kano

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A sporting company in Kano has trained kids between the ages of 5 to 15 on various football skills to explore their talents and interact with new people.

The training, organised by Season Fit, a sporting kits company, took place at the BC Sport Centre in Kano with many kids accompanied by their parents in attendance.

The kids were trained on shooting practice, heading techniques and passing techniques, among many other skills.

The organiser of the event and CEO of Season Fit, Abba Sa'ad, said they decided to train the kids to give them a chance to showcase their talents at an early age level and to increase their awareness and exposure of meeting new people.

"We organise this event free of charge for our kids to get a little hangout with new faces. You know it is not always reading and reading, there has to be a time for social interactions, which we are lacking in the society. Bringing them here together will broaden their thinking and also we will realise what they want to become in the future," he said.

One of the kids, Muhammad Abubakar Abba, 12, said his dream and ambition is to play for Liverpool of England and his parents have been supporting him to achieve that.

"I feel delighted to be here and I will continue to pursue my ambition. Since when I was 5, I have been supporting Liverpool and I want to play for them. I believe with this kind of training we will get to know more people and also add to our skills."

A father, Usman Alhaji Usman said he brought his child to have a feel of the change of environment and also to interact with new people, adding that the government should copy from the organisers to broaden the life experience of our kids.

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Ungoverned spaces: Why communities must fight back

Nigeria is facing the most serious security challenge in its history. It is facing an even bigger challenge of social disintegration, anomie, signalling the disintegration of community. At its root is the breakdown of religious authority and hierarchies as children seek different religious affiliations from their parents. At the same time, there is a decomposition of socialisation and moral education within the family. This is accompanied by galloping urbanisation in which poverty and ghettoes provide an atmosphere in which the disconnected individuals wallowing in misery can see the engagement in mass atrocities as acceptable and indeed desirable behaviour. The precariat has emerged as the most important actor to emerge from the process and they have nothing to gain from good behaviour and everything to gain by disruptive action. Meanwhile, the ruling classes are so absorbed by their looting of the national wealth that they are not even aware they are sitting on a time bomb.

The state of the Nigerian State is serious and each day we appear to be sinking deeper into the abyss. The evidence that we are not being effectively governed is clear and the traditional task of running the State is not a priority concern for the ruling class. Indeed, strictly speaking, the usage of the term ruling class is questionable because although we have occupants of the offices that embody State power, the tenants of such offices are not engaged in running the State. The State as we know it from political science literature does three things.

First, it extracts resources from citizens through various forms of taxation. This assumes that the State knows those who reside in its territory and is able to track them and make them fulfil their fiduciary obligations. Many within the younger generation will be surprised to learn that there was a time when the Nigerian State tracked and monitored each adult to ensure that they pay their tax. They also tracked each nomad and made them pay tax, jangali as it was called, on every cow they owned. In addition, people were made to produce cash crops – cocoa, palm oil and groundnuts, and State institutions called marketing boards bought the produce cheaply, sold it abroad and put the profit in State coffers.

The system of state administration established by the British system of Native Administration had a four-tier structure. First there was the "residents" who were in charge of public administration and gave directives for state policy. Then there was the Native Authority starting with the first-class emir, oba or obi through to district, village and ward heads who knew, monitored and collected taxes from the people. Finally, there was the Native Treasury where the monies were disbursed and the Native Court that were in charge of sanctions. It was an efficient system of monitoring, tracking and extracting taxes from people for the benefit of the United Kingdom. That was the State that we inherited from the colonial powers and all we added was for the beneficiaries to become the new ruling elite.

The second role the State plays is that of using the resources it has extracted from residents and citizens to provide public goods such as security, social services and infrastructure for the welfare of inhabitants. In States where taxes are extracted from the people, there were usually demands and pressure on the State to deliver because citizens have paid their taxes and expect their resources to be used for their benefit. The available resources were not very much but they were used more effectively to deliver public goods.

The third role the Sate plays is that of regulation, making laws for the good governance of the country and sanctioning those who breach the laws through the judiciary and law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the colonial legacy and thirty years of military rule, the objective of the laws was to oppress and control the people. The laws however did not apply to the ruling class, as impunity became the order of the day. Mega corruption by the ruling class was fine but it became criminal for journalists to expose what the ruling class was doing.

In his definition of the State, Max Weber makes the point that the first rule is that thing called the State must have the monopoly of the legitimate use of violence in society. We find ourselves in a situation in Nigeria in which private citizens have access to vast arsenals and use it against citizens and against security forces while for their part, security forces use their own arms in an illegitimate manner killing and maiming citizens in an extra-judicial manner. We know that there is no State in the world where you do not have illegal arms in the hands of private citizens but when the quantum of such arms goes beyond a certain level and such private armies are able to attack security forces at will and the response of the security forces is to turn on ordinary citizens, then the State is in question.

Our Constitution defines the purpose of the state as the protection of the security of Nigerians and the pursuit of their welfare. Nigerians however know that they have to pay for their own security guards and even the bulk of the Nigerian police personnel are used to provide security, not for the people, but for individuals who can afford to pay for their services. Nigerian citizens are forced to provide their own electricity with millions of generators they purchase to power their houses and pollute the atmosphere. Nigerians go to the stream to fetch water or buy it from water vendors. The water is not potable and poisons families through water borne diseases. The elite is able to pay for personal boreholes in their houses and the result is that they wipe out underground water sources for future generations while surface water is not captured and treated but is left to flow into the sea. Of course, health and education have largely been private and the state is completely disdainful of Chapter Two of our Constitution that directs it to provide for the welfare of citizens.

The most serious feature of the Nigerian State is that no institution today has the mission and capacity to monitor, track and govern what is going on in our communities. From colonisation to the 1980s, this was done by traditional rulers. Under military rule, they were stripped of their powers and responsibilities at the same time the local government system was being dismantled and completely stripped of resources by State governors. The result was that rural Nigeria became an ungoverned space. Even the police were withdrawn from rural Nigeria and refocused on providing VIP guard services to the men of power and wealth. It was in this context that the precariat did their research and discovered new routes out of their poverty and the precariousness of their lives by being Niger Delta militants, Boko Haram jihadists, cattle rustlers, rural bandits, kidnappers and highway robbers. Today, they are sucking billions of Naira out of Nigerians who are being pauperised while their masochists are making fortunes

In our context in which the State has essentially abdicated its responsibilities, community members need to start acting together to save themselves. The first step is to start reconstituting the capacity and authority of traditional rulers. Community leaders and members must start working with their tradition rulers to assess their situation – who lives in their communities and neighbourhoods, what are their means of livelihoods and what activities – helpful or harmful are they engaged in. In essence, some form of community surveillance must be re-introduced. It is only when communities start discovering and discussing their problems that they can start working out how to solve them.

The task before us of the reconstruction of the Nigerian State can only happen when our communities regain the capacity to act and to make effective demands. We cannot allow our political community to continue to crumble and suffer the outcome of State collapse, which Thomas Hobbes had assured us will make our lives "nasty, brutish and short". Rebuilding the State must take the form of a new approach based on proactive communities being able to impose effective demands on those who occupy state offices.

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Australian GP will be postponed, says F1 team owner Stroll

■ Lawrence Stroll

The Australian Grand Prix will be postponed to the back end of the Formula One season with Bahrain replacing it as the opening race in March, Aston Martin team owner Lawrence Stroll told Reuters.

The move, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and quarantine restrictions, has been widely flagged in the media but is yet to be confirmed by Formula One or local organisers.

"Melbourne has been - it's not officially announced but it will be - not cancelled but postponed. We will go there sometime in the fall (autumn) and the first race will be Bahrain," said the Canadian billionaire.

Yastremska 'in shock' after ban for failed doping test

■ Dayana Yastremska

World number 29 Dayana Yastremska says she is in "shock" after a provisional ban for failing a doping test.

The 20-year-old Ukrainian said she was told by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) she had tested positive for mesterolone metabolite, an anabolic agent, in an out-of-competition test in November.

"I firmly state that I have never used any performance enhancing drugs or any prohibited substances," she said.

Yastremska has won three WTA titles.

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