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Sultan: No crisis over Christian governor

By Nasiru L. Abubakar

THE assumption of the office of Kaduna State governor by a Christian should not be a source of worry to the state's Muslim community because it will not in any way impede the practice of their religion, Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar said yesterday. He also said a

Christian governor is not there to convert anyone to Christianity, but to do his job of governing the state.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* on telephone from Sokoto, the Sultan emphatically denied rumours that he had asked Governor Mohamed Namadi Sambo to decline his nomination as Vice President and remain the governor of Kaduna State.

He said, "It is not true at all. Nothing like that happened. Why should I say that? Why should anyone feel that a Christian should not be the governor of Kaduna State? Are we the only ones in the state? This country is multi-ethnic and multi-religious, and anyone can aspire to lead it. That does not in any way stop Muslims from practising their religion. It also does not stop them

from demanding for their rights and protecting their interests."

Text messages sent around the country on Saturday had claimed that the Sultan made the statement at the closing ceremony of the 24th National Qur'anic Recitation Competition in Sokoto. However, in the text of the prepared notes he used to deliver

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CHAIRMAN, PDP Board of Trustees and former president Chief Olusegun Obasanjo (left) with Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala of Oyo State during the 75th birthday ceremony of former Oyo State Governor, Dr Omololu Olunloyo, in Ibadan, Oyo State, at the weekend.

MPs soft-pedal on Sambo's nomination

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar & Turaki A. Hassan

INDICATIONS emerged yesterday that Kaduna State Governor Alhaji Mohammed Namadi Sambo will have an easy ride during his confirmation hearings at the National Assembly following his nomination as Vice President to President Goodluck Jonathan.

There have been reports that members of the Northern caucus in the Senate and House of Representatives have condemned the

nomination of Sambo as against their anointed colleague, Senator Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi and vowed to stop Sambo's confirmation. The letter nominating Sambo as vice president is expected to be read in the two chambers of the National Assembly tomorrow.

The House leadership is expected to meet today to determine the modalities for the screening, the first of its kind in the democratic history of this country.

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IBB defends self on corruption

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

FORMER military president, retired General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, has said that his regime's fight against corruption was more sincere than the current civilian administration's fight against it.

He said unlike the present civilian administration, he fought corruption to its roots.

Speaking at the weekend on a Freedom Radio programme monitored in Kano, General Babangida said if his regime was compared with the present democratic dispensation, one would find out

that he ran a saintly administration.

Asked react to former chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Nuhu Ribadu's assertion that his regime was the most corrupt administration in Nigeria, he dismissed the comment.

"If you look at my time and what is currently happening, you will be very fair enough to say that Babangida is a saint," he said.

According to him, the fact that he once sacked and dismissed a governor from the military for embezzling only N300,000 was a clear indication that he fought

corruption decisively.

He said today, the corruption in the country had reached an advanced stage where people steal billions of public funds. "We sacked and dismissed a governor for embezzling only N300,000 but today corruption reached an advanced level where millions and billions are stolen," said the retired general. Babangida said, "Look at what is happening in the banking sector for instance, Allah, such things did not happen during our time. So I take solace in the fact that God has vindicated me."

Citing the strategies he

employed to fight graft from its roots, General Babangida said when he assumed office in 1985, ministers gave import licenses to their friends and cronies who in turn sold them to racketeers at N2 million to N3 million but the situation was soon checked by his regime.

He also said the establishment of bureau de change operation reduced corruption drastically as a foreign exchange cabal which corruptly enriched itself was cracked. "Although I did not fight corruption 100 percent, I succeeded in fighting 75 percent of it," said Babangida.

On his intention to vie for presidency in 2011, Babangida reiterated his resolve to contest, saying he would not disappoint his supporters this time round as he did when he withdrew from the 2007 presidential race.

Reacting to the issue of new breed politicians, the retired general, who was quoted as saying that they could not alone lead the country, he revealed that he was quoted out of context. He said all the current young bank executives, communication executives and other young leaders were products of his 1989 policy.



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan (middle) congratulating Justice Muhammad Lawal Uwais (left) shortly after being honoured with Doctorate of Law degree during the convocation ceremony of University of Port Harcourt with them is Minister of Education, Prof Rufa'i honoured.

9 die in Sokoto auto crash

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

A motor accident in Sokoto yesterday claimed 11 lives while nine others who sustained various degrees of injuries are said to be in critical condition.

The accident involving a lorry with registration number XA808MJD and a bus with number XD 777 GUS occurred at about 12.15pm yesterday at Bisalam, about 40 kilometres from the state capital.

Sokoto FRSC Sector Commander Aliyu Datsama said nine of the victims died on the spot, one died on the way to the hospital and the 11th died at the Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University Teaching Hospital where they were taken.

He said among the dead were two boys aged five and seven, a woman and the bus driver. Datsama said nine others were injured and were in critical condition. The Sector Commander said it was a head-on collision between the tipper and the bus. According to him, the tipper driver ran away after the mishap. The bus which was from Sokoto was going to Gusau, Zamfara State, while the tipper was heading to Sokoto.

Mutilated body of boy, 16, found in river

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

THE mutilated body of a 16 year old boy was found at the weekend in Bakin Gada River along Lagos Street in Maiduguri with his private part missing. The hands and legs of were also amputated.

The boy, Mustapha Bako Ali, from Fezzan Ward in Maiduguri, was believed to have been killed by

ritualists.

Abba Muhammed, a friend of the deceased, said they normally went with Ali to swim in the river till late hours, saying he did not go on the day the incident happened but his friend was there to swim until he was discovered missing.

Bako Ali Kolo, father of the deceased, said he accepted the incident as an act of Allah, add-

ing that the perpetrators of the act would one day account for their action.

When the Borno Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Iza Azare was contacted on phone yesterday, he confirmed the incident to our reporter.

According to him, the father of the deceased reported last Friday that his son was missing, saying a

signal was sent to the Borno Police headquarters on Saturday from the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the area about the body of a boy in a river bank with head and private part missing. The police spokesman said investigation on the matter was still going on and the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Maiduguri.

Sack scare in Shekarau's aides over Takai

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

KANO State's top government functionaries among them commissioners and heads of government parastatals who opposed former Commissioner for Local Government Affairs Alhaji Salihu Sagir Takai's governorship aspiration are now jittery over last week's removal from office of the Director General of Kano Pilgrims Welfare Board Alhaji Sani Lawan Kofar.

Kofar Mata was removed for his

refusal to accept Governor Ibrahim Shekarau's choice for next year's governorship election.

Daily Trust learnt that plans are equally afoot to relieve the state Deputy Governor Alhaji Abdullahi Tijjani Mohammed Gwarzo of his position as Commissioner for Water Resources for opposition. Gwarzo doubles as deputy governor and commissioner. It was also gathered that a process of impeachment will soon begin.

But Shekarau's senior special

assistant on media and public relations dismissed as mere speculations, the news about the purported plan to impeach the deputy governor. Also contacted, the Deputy Governor's Chief Press Secretary Adamu Abdullahi said there was nothing like that as the relationship between the governor and his deputy was still cordial.

Alhaji Habibu Dukawa, Governor Shekarau's Special Adviser on Inter Party Relations, may also be affected for challenging the gov-

ernor over Takai, according to the source.

Sources close to government said the governor may likely remove all the commissioners on May 29 and replace them with those who would ensure Takai's success.

Also to be affected are local government chairmen who escaped being removed early last week. The essence, it was gathered, was to appoint caretaker chairmen loyal to Takai. A good number of them were said to be behind the

candidature of the deputy governor, even though Governor Shekarau's media assistant Sule Ya'u Sule said 31 of the Kano's 44 local government chairmen are solidly in support of Takai.

Daily Trust learnt on good authority that the council chairmen would have been dissolved but for the intervention of Speaker of the state House of Assembly Alhaji Garba Gafasa who warned the governor on the implications of the action.

Maikasuwa takes over as acting Clerk N/A

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar & Turaki A. Hassan

AN acting clerk has been appointed for the National Assembly. He is Alhaji Salisu Abubakar Maikasuwa who assumes duties today and will operate in the main wing of the White House complex.

Alhaji Salisu's appointment followed the retirement of the Clerk of the Assembly Prince Oluoyomi Ogunyomi who began his three-month pre-retirement leave last Friday. The National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) officially notified Mai-

kasuwa of the acting appointment in a letter given to him on Friday. Prince Ogunyomi, who took over from Alhaji Ibrahim Nasir Arab last year, had clocked 35 years in service.

Maikasuwa was the Deputy Clerk of the Assembly. He had variously been the Clerk, House of Representatives and then clerk special duties before he was elevated to Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly last year.

Salisu Maikasuwa in 2007 attended the prestigious National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) Kuru, near Jos, Plateau State.

The new acting Clerk was born in Keffi in 1958 and had his first degree at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria while he obtained his Masters Degree from the University of Jos. He attended Abdu Zango Primary School Keffi from 1963-1969 and Government Secondary School Kuru in Plateau State for his West African School certificate (WAEC) from 1970-1975.

Salisu Maikasuwa had served in several positions at the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) and the Presidency before he transferred his services to the National Assembly.



FROM right: Commissioners for Finance from Katsina, Adamu Babangida Ibrahim, Kano Surajo Karaye, Kaduna, Mukhtar Ramalan and Jigawa Nasiru Umaru Roni during the states commissioners' for finance meeting with Minister of Finance in Abuja on Friday.

CAN prays for Yar'adua, Jonathan

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has held prayers for late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, President Goodluck Jonathan and the government of Nigeria at the National Ecumenical Center, Abuja.

President Jonathan, in his remark yesterday, emphasized the importance of prayer and noted that without prayer he will be doomed.

Speaking on the legacies of the late president he said, "what I can promise you is that, I will carry on his good-work with the fear of God." He pledged also to work with the National Assembly and all the relevant agencies of government to bring about the need changes in the country.

The President welcomed constructive criticism saying that he believes that all have to change and be patriotic stressing that "together Nigeria will be great. From country will change if we be guided by God".

Primate Nicholas Okoh of the Anglican Communion admonished Jonathan to work for Nigeria to bring about the needed changes in the area of electoral reform, energy, economic growth, anti-corruption, security and social discipline.

He said, "you have been arrested by circumstances and Nigerians demand from you the qualities of a servant leader", that that is the quality which Christ exhibited while on earth.

The Primate went further to "the greatness of a nation does not come from buying but from producing", stressing that the things we buy from Europe, America and Asia debase us a nation.

Nyako rejected Jonathan's offer to be VP

By Suleiman M. Bisalla

WHILE several state governors and members of the National Assembly were scrambling to be nominated for the vacant seat of Vice President following the death of President Umaru Yar'adua, Adamawa State Governor, Murtala Nyako had rejected President Goodluck Jonathan's offer for the job, *Daily Trust* has learnt from an aide of the governor.

The aide who does not want his name in print told *Daily Trust* that Governor Nyako was the first to be

contacted by the President, but he turned down the offer politely. He did not state why Nyako turned down the offer was to retain Governor Nyako as Jonathan's running mate in the 2011 election.

But another source told *Daily Trust* that Governor Nyako had actually rejected the offer for two reasons. First, he felt he could not deputise for a much younger person especially given that the Vice President's office is at the complete mercy of the President who could decide to render the occupant very jobless. Secondly, the gover-

nor had taken into consideration the consequences of his departure from the office as governor and its impact on the majority/minority politics of Adamawa State, the source said.

When former Vice President Atiku Abubakar was nominated as running mate to Chief Oluusegun Obasanjo ahead of the 1999 presidential election, Mr. Boni Haruna, from a so called minority tribe in the state who was Atiku's deputy, was sworn in as governor, a position he held for eight years apparently against the wish of the majority tribes.

But in 2003, when the majority/minority politics came to a height during Haruna's bid for a second term, Atiku who was believed to be nursing presidential ambition stood firm to see that the governor was re-elected. "You can see that the same scenario would have played out the second time," the source said.

The present Deputy Governor Mr. Bala James Nglare is from a minority tribe in the northern part of the state.

Daily Trust also learnt that Governor Nyako may have been recommended to

Jonathan by former President Olusegun Obasanjo, assuring him that Nyako, with so much experience and a discipline military background would actually make loyal and useful VP.

Governor Nyako had told *Daily Trust* in an interview in Yola, May last year, that he was literarily 'dragged' to the Adamawa Governor's office in 2007 by former President Obasanjo against his wish.

is a very vast region with lots of people with able character and I believe the president in his own wisdom will come up with the best candidate from the region."

Bauchi grants indigenship to 22,000 Jos crisis victims

By Aisha Umar Agala

ABOUT 22,000 people displaced by the Jos sectarian crisis about three months ago have been given Bauchi state indigenship and provided with land and houses, the Special Assistant to the governor on refugee, Alhaji Yakubu Jibrin has said.

Jibrin spoke during a courtesy visit to National Commission for Refugee (NCFR) in Abuja, to submit report on result of what Bauchi state has gathered about the refugees since

the two are working hand in hand.

"We have given displaced indigenes of Jos, Bauchi State indigenship, houses, land, building materials, capital for those in business and those working in civil service were given work in Bauchi state government; children have been put in schools, casualties were treated and pregnant women assisted.

NCFR commissioner, Hadiza Kangiwa said the commission has assisted the displaced with relief materials and asked Bauchi state government to do more while the commission

would complement the remaining work.

"We instructed that all the needs of the displaced persons be identified, but it should be clear that in cases where we have a cattle rarer who lost over 100 cattle government can only give a starter.

"Bauchi State is the only state that has assist in settling displaced persons from Jos. Plateau state said they have assisted the displaced but we urged them to put into writing what they have done and they promised to come to the commission next week so that we can harmonized the work."

FG inaugurates c'ttee on workers' salaries

By Francis Okeke

THE Federal Government will today inaugurate a joint government and labour committee on emoluments for federal civil servants.

Members of the committee will include representatives of the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF)

Ministry of Labour and Productivity and an amalgam of eight unions in the federal civil service.

The civil servants are represented by the Joint Public Service Negotiating Council (JPSNC) of the labour congress which had threatened strike over disparity in wages earned between federal permanent secretaries and directors as well as the need

to increase workers' pay.

The workers recently suspended a proposed strike following pleas by President Goodluck Jonathan who on Workers' Day promised to increase wages in three months.

Today's committee would have been inaugurated last week but for the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

Demands by the workers also include a salary hike of 75.37% but so far, government only agreed to 10%.

Chairman of the JPSNC, Comrade Olakunle Olaitan, who is also the President of the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria (ASCSN) had said the unions would not take anything less than 75%.



From left: Speaker, Ekiti State House of Assembly Olatunji Odeyemi, deputy governor Dr. Sikiru Tae Lawal, Governor Segun Oni, and his wife, Kemi during a special thanksgiving service on Governor Oni's victory at the Election Petitions Tribunal at the Christ Apostolic Church, Ijigbo, Ado-Ekiti, yesterday.

FG agonises over police accommodation

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Federal Government is not happy with the lack of basic facilities in some police barracks across the country.

The Minister of Police Affairs Adamu Maina Waziri said during a visit to the Dei-Dei barracks in Abuja that without basic facilities such as pipe-borne water, electricity and health care services, policemen cannot give total attention to their work.

The minister also noted the absence of educational and recreational facilities as well as lack of access roads in the barracks. There are hundreds of houses in the barracks occupied by police

personnel and their families.

The minister interacted with a handful of residents of the barracks who told him their problems. He said with the signing of the 2010 budget into law, the implementation of the police reform programme which includes infrastructure development in barracks would commence and address some of their problems.

Projects inspected by the minister included the central stores building, the dog kernel and the mounted troop (horse) section. At the mounted troop section he commended the contractor for doing a good job and directed the immediate payment of his fees.

Ex-militant leader tasks Jonathan on amnesty deal

By Muideen Olaniyi

FORMER South Wing leader of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) Selkykile Torughedi yesterday tasked President Goodluck Jonathan to work hard for proper implementation of the amnesty programme.

Speaking in Abuja, Torughedi said only thorough implementation of the amnesty programme would prevent repentant militants from going back to the creeks.

He called on Nigerians to rally round Jonathan to enable him continue with the good work of late President Umaru Musa

Yar'adua especially as it concerns amnesty programme.

While warning governors from the South-South region against any action would hurt the President's good plans for the country, he said the support of the people from both the Northern and Southern parts of Nigeria would enable Jonathan realize his dreams for the country.

The ex-militant leader, who condoled with the family of late President Yar'adua, prayed Allah to repose his soul.

He said Yar'adua would not be forgotten for his steadfastness and commitment to the peace process in the Niger Delta region.

EFCC denies being under presidential pressure

By Boco Edet

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has said it is not in any way influenced by the Presidency before deciding which case to investigate or prosecute.

A statement by EFCC's spokesman, Femi Babafemi, yesterday said the anti-graft agency's activities were strictly guided by law and not by pressure from any quarters.

Babafemi said the clarification became necessary following persistent insinuations in some media reports that the anti-graft agency had come under pressure from the presidency to stop investigations or trial of some people believed to be close to government.

"We wish to state emphatically that these insinuations are mere fabrications that have no root in reality. The commission and its leadership have enjoyed and continue to receive enormous support from the presidency. This is an indication of the present administration's commitment to the war against graft in our country and should therefore not be interpreted to mean that the EFCC is under the influence of the presidency in the pursuit of its statutory responsibilities", the statement said.

It also described as curious, situations where accused persons find it convenient to attribute their investigation or prosecution to their political foes or political persecution without addressing the substance of their cases or the allegations for which they are being investigated or charged.

"In the same manner, we find it curious when some insinuate that the EFCC is under pressure from the presidency to drop charges against some accused persons or give some others soft landing. Contrary to these claims, the administration of President Goodluck Jonathan has been fair to the Commission and has at no time interfered in its statutory duties. We are strictly guided in our decisions by the facts of a matter and not by any pressure from anywhere," Babafemi said.

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But speaking to *Daily Trust* yesterday, Secretary of the Northern Senators Forum (NSF) Senator Anthony Manzo (PDP, Taraba) said the issue of making Makarfi the Vice President is not a personal matter that would be allowed to cause crisis in the polity.

He said, "The most important thing is for the nomination of Mr. President to be in compliance with Section 146 of the Constitution. If that is done we will have no problem with the nomination."

Asked about a plot by some Northern senators to stop the approval of any nominee other than Senator Makarfi, Manzo said, "I am not aware of any such plan and as the scribe of NSF, if there is such, I should know."

We will have no reason not to confirm Mr. President's nomination because ours is to recommend. We have no power to nominate.

It is not an offence in any way for the President as leader of the entire country to decide on whom to be his vice. We recommended a candidate, but it is his sole discretion as provided by the Constitution to decide on whom to nominate."

Manzo said though the Senate is yet to officially receive Sambo's nomination, "when the letter is read on the floor we will consider it and act in accordance with provisions of Section 146 of the Constitution."

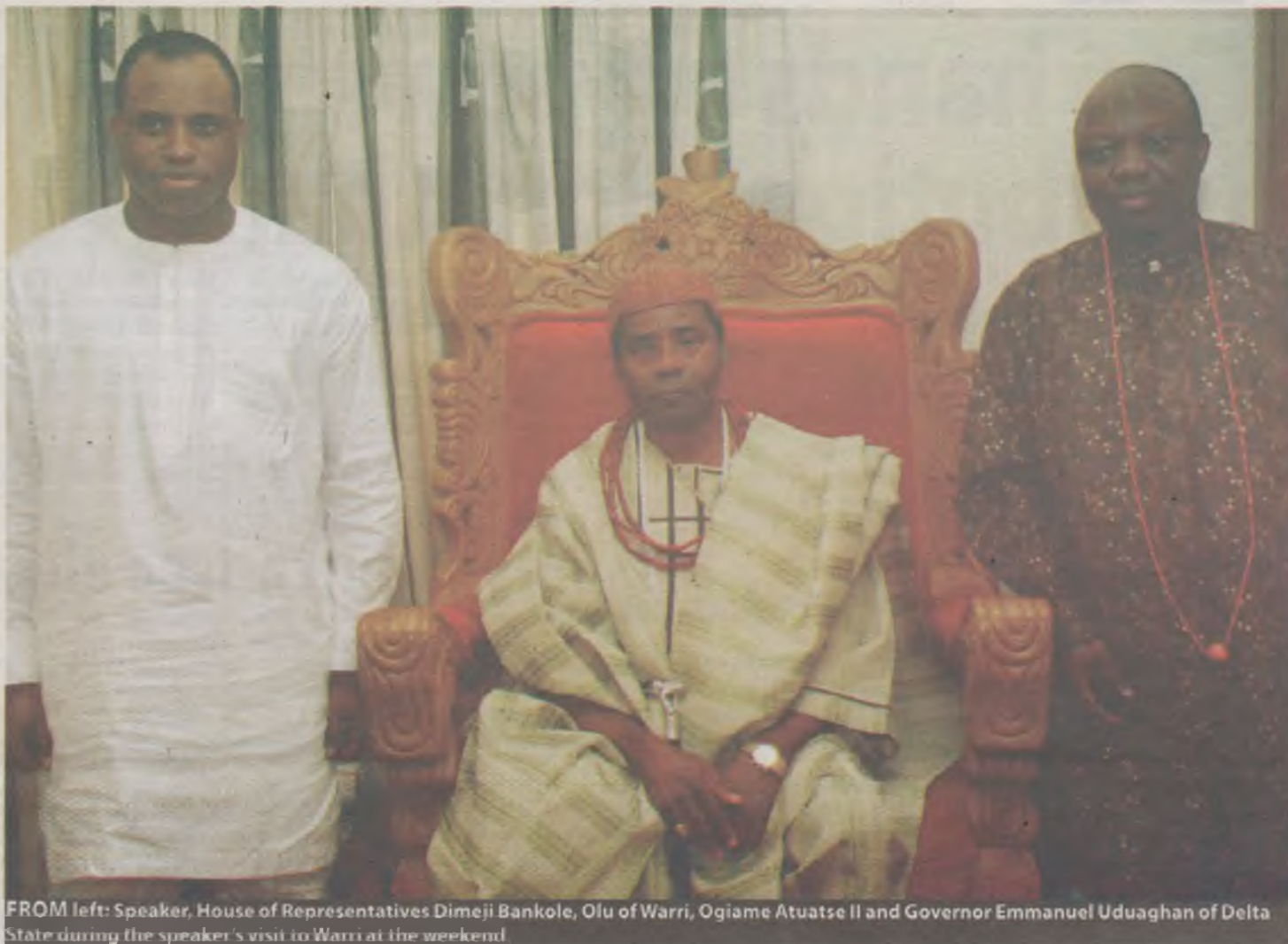
Also speaking on the matter, Chairman of the North-West caucus in the House of Representatives Rep. Bashir Adamu Aliyu (PDP, Jigawa) said, "the section dealing with the replacement of a Vice President in case a vacancy exists is section 146 of the 1999 constitution and it clearly spelt out who is to nominate a vice president and that is the sole responsibility of Mr. President. It is not our responsibility to say that this is the person he will pick. It is his responsibility."

Ours is that whoever he chooses will be sent to both chambers of the National Assembly, after which we will screen and approve whoever he nominates. The constitution has clearly defined the limit of what we can do."

He described reports that Northern members will torpedo Sambo's nomination as "just mere speculation. We had nobody in mind."

We are not recommending anybody to him; we are just saying it to justify the reason why the VP should be chosen from the North-West.

It is a very vast region with lots of people with able character and I believe the president in his own wisdom will come up with the best candidate from the region."



FROM left: Speaker, House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole, Olu of Warri, Ogiame Atuatse II and Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan of Delta State during the speaker's visit to Warri at the weekend

Veteran journalist calls for end to money politics

A veteran journalist, Alhaji Yakubu Mohammed, yesterday called for a social revolution against money bags in the nation's polity in order to move Nigeria forward.

Mohammed, a Deputy Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Newswatch Magazine, told Lagos State Assembly correspondents in Lagos that only a shift from the usual norm of money politics could bring about development.

"What we are expecting to happen in Kogi and the nation is a social revolution where people would say no to money bags and the influence of money," he said. He said most political office holders in mainstream politics have let the society down.

According to him Nigerians are looking for those who have what it takes to deliver the dividends of democracy. Mohammed, who plans to run for the governorship election in Kogi State in the 2011 general election, said he had written against corruption for 35 years as a journalist and felt it was time to become part of the change process.

The media expert, who was also a former Pro-Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, said that he would be running on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

He said that he would look beyond the broader party manifesto to address the problem of uneven development in Kogi.

He called on President Goodluck Jonathan to ensure the implementation of the Justice Uwais Electoral Reform in order to remove the influence of money and increase the chance of credible Nigerians to become leaders. (NAN)

Nigeria will benefit from extension of continental shelf – Diggi

NIGERIA will benefit economically and politically from the extension of its continental shelf from 200 to 350 nautical miles, according to Alhaji Sadiq Diggi, Director-General of the National Boundary Commission (NBC).

"Now imagine if Nigeria can now control 350 nautical miles into the sea, any shipping vessel, any foreign ship and any war ship passing through that water must consult Nigeria," he said at the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) Forum yesterday in Abuja.

"Only God knows tomorrow; maybe by the time we exhaust our oil wells here, we may move deep into the sea and then maybe this is meant for our own grandchildren," Diggi said.

He said that Nigeria made its submission before the United Nations in New York on May 9, 2009, adding, "it was well celebrated."

Diggi said that after the submission, a committee went through it to ensure that there were neither objections nor protests by other countries within three months.

"And God so kind, Ghana, Benin, Cameroon, Sao Tome and Principe, Equatorial Guinea -- nobody made any protest. So, we are just waiting for the UN to tell us whether we have been able to succeed in getting what we want, clear 350 nautical miles; that is an additional 150 nautical miles," Diggi said.

On Nigeria's maritime border with Ghana, the director-general said that the two countries had been holding discussions and that the meetings had been lively and promising. (NAN)

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the address, which *Daily Trust* obtained, the Sultan had said "it is not only when Muslims are holding key positions in the government that the Muslim community in Nigeria can develop and advance its interests."

In a veiled reference to the Kaduna case, where Deputy Governor Patrick Yakowa is expected to succeed Architect Namadi Sambo as governor, Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad said, "Can't we stand up strongly and demand what is our right from whoever is given the mantle of leadership by the Almighty God in this multi-

religious country of ours?"

He added, "If we all profess to be good Christians and Muslims, why can't we rule/lead as God instructed in the Holy Books? Doing so will eliminate greed, corruption, nepotism and injustice and so many ills associated with our society of the present day."

The Sultan also said, "I pray for a country where a Christian will be the happiest, most contented man going about his daily life under a Muslim ruler, and vice versa. I also pray that the type of hate-killing going on in Plateau while the leadership is contented with the going on as normal

should be totally reversed and all will live, love and embrace one another as brothers and sisters created by God."

Sultan Sa'ad added, "We must all learn to live with our neighbours, whoever the Almighty chooses for us. Then and only then will our country develop and prosper. We must understand and co-exist peacefully with our Christian brothers and sisters." He praised the efforts of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), saying it recently bore fruit when the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) held a seminar with the theme "Understanding Your Muslim Neighbour." He

said Nigerians "must continue to build on this understanding and we should not allow the Devil to come between us." He also condemned what he called the regular and unjustified bashing of Islam and Muslims and their negative labelling for alleged terror-related acts.

The Sultan's statement relates to the tension in some parts of Kaduna State following Governor Namadi Sambo's nomination as Vice President. If he is confirmed by the National Assembly, his deputy Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa will be sworn-in as the new Governor of Kaduna State.

FG to hands off power generation, distribution – Jonathan

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

AS part of moves to consolidate on the reform process in the power sector, the Federal Government will stop generation and distribution of electricity from next year, President Goodluck Jonathan said this Friday at a civic reception in Port Harcourt.

Dr Jonathan explained that by 2011 the Federal Government would hands off generation and distribution of electricity and concentrate on transmission to ensure that power gets to the people.

Police arrest motorcyclist over attempted kidnap

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE police in Kwara State have arrested a commercial motorcycle operator who allegedly attempted to kidnap a five year old boy in Ilorin, the state capital at the weekend.

Our correspondent gathered that the motorcyclist was arrested by other commercial motor cycle operators at Gaa-Akanbi area of Ilorin following an alarm raised by the mother of the boy who together with the child boarded the motorcycle.

However, the suspect speaking with newsmen at the state police headquarters where he was paraded, denied intending to kidnap the boy, saying that he did not know that his mother had alighted from the motorcycle.

But the state Police Commissioner Muhtari Ibrahim while explaining the police's investigation alleged that the suspect sped off with the boy while his mother had alighted from the motorcycle when they reached the Gaa-Akanbi round about, a major bus stop in the area.

Ibrahim said the two passengers boarded the motorcycle at pipe line area of the Gaa-Akanbi with the boy sitting on the tank of the bike and his mother taking the passenger's sit behind the motorcyclist.

"On reaching Gaa-Akanbi round about, the mother alighted from the bike and was about to take her child when the motorcyclist suddenly sped off with her son, she raised alarm which attracted passers-by and other commercial motor cyclists who pursued the suspect and subsequently arrested him and rescued the child", the police commissioner said.

He said the suspect would soon be arraigned in court over attempted kidnap.

The police boss also disclosed the arrest, in the town, of three members of an alleged armed robbery gang who specialized in snatching cars both in transit and in homes.

He said the suspects were intercepted by men of the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) of the command while trying to sell a Honda CRV jeep with registration number Kogi AQ 410 LKJ which was snatched in Minna, Niger State.

He said three other vehicles namely a Toyota Carina 'E' of new model, a Toyota starlet and a Mazda 323 previously stolen by the suspects were also recovered from them.

Ibrahim said the police were still on the trail of suspected armed robbers who invaded 'B' System supermarket in Ilorin and killed the owner, assuring that the suspects would soon be brought to book.

Earlier, Rivers State Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi appealed to the Federal Government to consider the reimbursement of the N45 billion already spent in reconstructing federal roads in the state.

Amaechi solicited federal assistance in the building of the new campus of the University of Science and Technology, as the state's vision is to have a world class Science and Technology institution that would provide sustainable skills development for the nation as well as the African Sub-region.

He said his government had not only taken over pri-

mary education from local government council but also undertaken a massive rebuilding of educational and health facilities, adding that over 350 model primary schools, 24 model secondary schools and 160 primary health centres had been equitably spread throughout the local government areas.

On the Petroleum Industry Bill, especially the provision of 10 per cent equity ownership of oil wells for oil bearing communities, Governor Amaechi urged the relevant federal authorities to expedite action to elevate the pains caused them by years of neglect.

...assures on hitch-free elections

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan says the demand for free and fair election in the country is a current that cannot be stopped. Jonathan, who spoke yesterday at the 26th convocation of the University of Port Harcourt, promised that he would commit himself to working with all Nigerians to bring the days of electoral irregularities to an end.

The president noted that the most urgent task before Nigerians now was to strengthen and consolidate the nation's young democracy so that tomorrow's generation can be free to focus on contributing to other compelling issues of human civilization.

Dr Jonathan, who is also the visitor to the University, spoke of the

need to build a solid economic base for the nation, noting that this could be achieved by increasing investment in education especially in training and research.

"We must utilize our educational system to respond most effectively and efficiently to our development needs", the president said, adding that he had directed the economic team to come up with practical ideas and programmes aimed at supporting the growth of small and medium scale enterprises to create jobs in the country.

While applauding the impressive achievements of the Vice Chancellor of UniPort, Professor Don Baridam, whose tenure ends in July, President Jonathan urged the graduating students to be determined to convert the privi-

leges of a university education to their advantage as well as that of society.

Also speaking, Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi of Rivers State advocated the appointment of only the best materials as Vice Chancellors of Universities to maintain standard. Governor Amaechi explained that the appointment of Vice Chancellors was not by entitlement but also by merit, stressing, "When we begin to appoint Vice Chancellors based on ethnicity it might hinder progress."

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and the entire university community for the warm relationship that exists between the university and the state, adding that he would continue to assist the institution since about 40% of those who graduate from it are from Rivers State.



FROM left: Central Bank of Nigeria Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, DG, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Arunma Oteh and Chairman, Commonwealth Business Council (CBC), Pascal Dozie during the "Good Governance and Regulatory Leadership forum" in Abuja on Friday.

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Religious group plans anti –Sambo rally

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

TENSION is brewing in Kaduna State as a religious group announced its intention to hold a rally to protest President Goodluck Jonathan's nomination of Governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo of Kaduna state as vice president.

President Jonathan formally presented Sambo's name on Friday to the House Representatives through a letter addressed to Speaker Dimeji Bankole. The National Assembly is expected to screen the VP-designate on Tuesday.

Daily Trust gathered that the group which comprises of Muslims associations has concluded arrangements to hold the rally Tuesday to protest Sambo's nomination. It was learnt that the group sent text messages to drum up support of fellow Muslims.

The text message, "Namadi's elevation is a way of making a Christian to become Kaduna State governor through the back door," was circulated on Friday in Kaduna metropolis by unknown persons, raising security concerns.

If Sambo scales through at the National Assembly, his

Deputy, Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, will become governor of the state in line with the provisions of the 1999 constitution.

However, when contacted on phone, the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police Alhaji Mohammed Tambari Yabo said they were not aware of the planed rally, describing it as a mere speculation.

While urging the people of the state not to panic and continue to go about their lawful activities, he warned rumour mongers, saying the command would not allow anyone to toy with the peaceful co-existence in the state.

"I am not aware of any proposed rally for or against Governor Sambo's nomination by any group in Kaduna. Normally, whenever there is a matter of this magnitude you will hear people making their stands known. Some will be in support while others will be against. But, we are watching the situation," the police commissioner said.

But the Political Adviser to Governor Sambo, Alhaji Husaini Jallo, said the state government had been briefed of the rally. He said the names of those spearheading the rally had been forwarded to security agencies in the state for their

prompt action. He alleged that criticisms trailing Sambo's nomination were sponsored by those who sought the position but lost. "These pockets of criticisms here and there are the handiwork of those who struggled to get the position but were unsuccessful. It is Allah that gives power, He gives it to anyone he so wishes at any time. We are commending the president for the recognition he gave our governor," he said, adding, "it is natural that people criticize you when you get a position. You know Governor Sambo did not look for it. Some people are not comfortable with the governor's elevation and that is why they are bringing the issue of Christian or Muslim into it."

Jallo who is also the Vice Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Kaduna State said the present Deputy Governor of the state would move up as governor of the state as soon as Governor Sambo assumes the position of the vice president.

Meanwhile, a serving commissioner in the state who spoke to our correspondent anonymously said the governor over the weekend directed all his commissioners to submit a report of activities of their ministries for him to write his hand over note.

2011: PDP coalition to root for Jonathan

By Muideen Olaniyi

'COALITION 2011 PDP', a group within the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has kick-started moves to draft President Goodluck Jonathan into the 2011 presidential race.

In a letter signed by its USA based Coordinator Prince Adepoju Adekunle, and for-

warded to Aso Rock at the weekend, the group called on Jonathan to answer the call of Nigerians who desire that he completes the good work he and the late President Umaru Yar'Adua started.

"A reading of the mood of the nation indicates that majority of Nigerians are ready to throw their weight behind you if you accede to their clarion call to lead

them through these difficult and challenging times," the letter said.

"A good opportunity to answer this call comes next year when the country holds the presidential elections. Nigerians elected you alongside President Yar'Adua in 2007 and are ready to give you the presidential mandate this time given the sterling qualities you have exhibited in stabilizing the

polity with a view to nurturing our young democracy.

"The call is loud and clear that you should in the national interest contest the presidential election in 2011. You have proven to possess the qualities that Nigerians are looking for in a leader to take the country out of the woods as Nigeria marks 50 years of nationhood.

Police helicopter hangar to be completed

By Misbahu Bashir

MINISTER of Police Affairs, Adamu Maina Waziri has asked contractors of the police helicopter hangar project in Abuja hurry up and finish the job, which is already five years behind schedule.

Contract for the hangar, a closed structure to hold police helicopters in a protective storage, was awarded in 2005 with a completion period of 30 weeks. Actual work started in June 2006 and was later abandoned due to lack of funds.

Chief Press Secretary to the Ministry James Odaudu said the minister gave the directive weekend while inspecting the project site at the vicinity of Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja. The minister said the directive became necessary in view of the release of adequate funds for the project, in line with the agreement reached with the contractors regarding its completion.

He expressed discontent with the quality of some of the components of the project and directed the installation of stronger iron fence for the generator. He also directed the relocation of the main underground water reservoir which he said was too close to the septic tank.

According to Waziri, the government was prepared to complete as many projects as possible within the time available and charged contractors handling police projects nationwide to buckle up or be blacklisted.

Two police helicopter are presently kept in an open space at the police headquarters in Abuja and exposed to harsh weather and ultraviolet light.



A Thai man removes a can from a burning barricade during clashes between demonstrators and security forces in Bangkok yesterday. Thai protesters have appealed for UN-mediated talks with the government after several days of street battles in the capital left 25 people dead and more than 200 wounded.

Police: Why kidnapping persists in South-East

By Misbahu Bashir

THE police in Abuja said the quick payment of ransom by families of kidnapped victims in the south eastern parts of Nigeria has hampered police effort in preventing it.

The Police Force Public Relations Officer ACP Emmanuel Ojukwu said while reacting to media reports on the surge of crime in the region that kidnap cases will end only when ransom is not paid and police were allowed to

do their jobs properly.

"The police have since observed that the commercialisation of kidnapping in the south-east was accentuated by the quick willingness of victims' families to pay ransom to the kidnapers. The payment of cash to one group of kidnapers is a motivator to another," he said

To address the situation he said, the police have been advising the public to promptly report cases of kidnap to the police, who are better trained to solve the problem.

"It is on record that the police in the sub-region have been able to rescue many victims unhurt, and reintegrated such with their loved ones. Many kidnapers have also been arrested and dealt with in accordance with the law," he said.

He said the police have acknowledged the surge in crime in the south-east, but have devised adequate strategies in addressing all forms of crimes there. He said the public must provide the police with information promptly.

Ambassador laments Nigeria/Ireland trade imbalance

By Aisha Umar Agaie

NIGERIA'S ambassador to Ireland Kema Chikwe has lamented the trade imbalance between Nigeria and Ireland where in 2008 alone Ireland's volume of trade was 112 million Euros as against Nigeria's 65,000 Euros.

She said in a press briefing at ECOWAS commission yesterday in Abuja that such imbalance in trade was what prompted her to organise an international gateway summit at Ireland last year with 150 Nigeria businessmen in

attendance.

She said another summit would be held in Ireland in June with the aim of attracting larger number of Nigeria businessmen who will partner with their Irish counterpart.

She said, "Economic diplomacy is my focus because it bothers me to see others privileged and advantaged over us, there are more goods from Ghana, Ivory Coast and South Africa in Ireland than Nigeria products.

"I want to energize, create momentum for business between Nigeria and Ireland, to emerge opportunities for

Nigeria capital market" she stated.

The president Africa Business Round Table Conference Alhaji Bamanga Tukur said in his remarks at the occasion that "we can only expect positive result in the country when we become partners of business with international organisations and expose opportunities to Nigeria representatives.

"We can never counter poverty in the country unless we create job, encourage the young generation into education and business."

Law on special fund for Science/Tech. under way

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

A bill which will provide for a special fund for the development of Science and Technology in Nigeria will soon be passed into law, the Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology in the House of Representatives, Asiwaju Isaaq Akinlade, has said.

The lawmaker lamented that the country's budget for Science and Technology could not help in bringing about the desired turnaround of the sector except with a special fund.

Akinlade, who represents Ipokia/ Yewa South Federal Constituency in Ogun State, told our Correspondent at Ihunbo near Idiroko at the weekend that

a bill for the purpose was already at the second reading in House. He said the sector, which could provide solution to the unemployment if well funded, had been relegated to the background, making it difficult for the country to come up with meaningful research and development.

"We are talking about countries like US, China

today because they invest heavily in their Science and Technology and came up with innovations which are giving employment to their citizens. If our country can take research on electricity seriously, the factories will be alive and employment will be available for those seeking it", he said.

He added that the bill would among others, take

care of extra budget for research and development, and provide for the establishment of a special fund.

On his expectation from the President Goodluck Jonathan for the sector, the federal lawmaker expressed optimism, saying, "Mr. President will definitely continue where his predecessor stopped.

It is hoped that President Goodluck Jonathan as a proactive person, will definitely ensure continuity of efforts made so far by our late president. We have to make it clear that no country can without positive approach to Science and Technology. I am confident that we are going to get positive response from the president".

Another PDP guber aspirant emerges in Nasarawa

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Nasarawa State now has a third governorship aspirant to run against Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma in the 2011 election.

Alhaji Muhammed Kabiru Wakeel Keffi, a Kaduna based businessman, is indicating his interest for the job after a former national lawmaker, Alhaji Umaru Tanko Al-Makura and a former women leader of the party in the North Central, Hajiya Rekiya Shuaibu Mohammed, have gone far in their campaigns.

Alhaji Wakeel Keffi who received a large number of supporters at his Keffi residence at the weekend, said he accepted the challenge as a patriotic citizen with

the desire to introduce a people-oriented leadership with the ideals for transformation of the state. Wakeel said Nigeria cannot act in isolation from the rest of the fast changing world where political leadership is turning into the hands of youths, citing the US and last week's election of UK Prime Minister.

"It is a global trend which I liken to a locomotive train. It cannot wait for any passengers. In fact, passengers have to queue and wait or the train will go and leave them with their tickets in their palms. Nigeria and Nasarawa State cannot afford to be left behind in this all important journey of transformation. We must act now, and I am offering myself for that change", he said.

Ambassador Shelpidi consults for guber race

From Aliyu M. Hamagang, Gombe

THE Nigerian Ambassador to Russia, retired General Timothy Shelpidi, has started consultations with stakeholders to join the Gombe State gubernatorial race.

Shelpidi indicated interest in succeeding the incumbent governor, Alhaji Danjuma Goje, in a press statement signed by his Personal Assistant, Mallam Ayuba Ibrahim, over the weekend in Gombe. The statement added that two out of the three senatorial districts of the state had been allowed to produce a governor within the scope of the present political dispensation. The statement said this should be the turn of Gombe South Senatorial districts from where Shelpidi hails.

"We in the south senatorial districts are calling for power shift to the south and (soliciting) that people

from the other parts of the state will give us the support of producing the next governor", the statement said.

It also said it should be only credible candidates with track records that should be deemed capable of taking over the baton of leadership from the present administration, and in this regard, the former ECOMOG Commander in Liberia, Shelpidi, should be the perfect choice.

"It is by this consideration that as a family and entity, we from Gombe South Senatorial District will with a voice, present a credible and determined candidate in the like of General Shelpidi for the gubernatorial race in the 2011 election", the statement added. Shelpidi was in the race in 2003 but lost to the incumbent governor and was compensated with an ambassadorial appointment.



A torn national flag flying at Uguwa Uku motor park police outpost yesterday

Center plans workshop on biofuel production

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE National Centre for Energy and Environment is organizing a three-day workshop and practical training in Jatropha cultivation, harvesting and biofuel production. Biofuel is a source of renewable energy.

According to the Director of the centre, Professor

Lawrence Ezemonye, the objective of the workshop is to expose participants to the method of Jatropha cultivation, processing and utilization to create awareness on the potentials of the plant and expose local farmers to it for the production of bio-energy in Nigeria and demonstrate to participants, its efficiency

as an alternative source of energy.

He said the workshop would provide a platform for cooperative farmers, professional Jatropha growers, investors and consumers to be informed on its potentials and benefits. "It will also avail participants the opportunity to exchange information, create network

and initiate schemes to drive the sustainable Jatropha feed stocks for bio-fuel production", he said. Jatropha is considered a high potential feed stock for alternative source of energy. The centre is an agency of the Energy Commission of Nigeria located at the University of Benin.

Provost urges better welfare for college staff

From Isiake Wakili, Lokoja

The Provost, Kogi State College of Education, Anka Professor Isa Abubakar Ocheba has called for an improved welfare package for staff of the institution.

Speaking Saturday at the 21st to 24th combined

convocation ceremony for 5,509 students of the college, Ocheba who is also the Chairman, Committee of Provosts of Nigerian Colleges of Education, urged the government to also train, retrain and award scholarships to teachers.

"Welfare issues in colleges of education across

the country that are yet to be fully addressed by the government include the implementation of the 50 percent balance of the Consolidated Tertiary Institutions' Salary Structure (CONTISS), monetization benefits, migration of chief lecturers to CONTISS 15, and implementation of

promotion and incremental steps", he said.

Governor Ibrahim Idris, represented at the occasion by his deputy, Philip Salawu, promised to meet the college's demands soon, noting that his administration had often accorded education an utmost priority.

N1bn spent on Obajana community projects, Dangote says

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE President of the Dangote Group of companies Aliko Dangote says the management of the Obajana cement factory in Kogi State has spent over

N1 billion on the development of its host communities. Dangote who spoke with newsmen Thursday at Obajana while conducting the Minister of Commerce and Industry Senator Jubril Martins Kuye round

the factory added that the company had impacted on the socio-economic conditions of the host communities.

"In 2002 when we moved here, we met very few huts. Now, if you go round, you

will see a lot of development. The company's presence has attracted people from different places," he said.

Residents of the area also confirmed the electrification, the building of

a primary school, the construction of road and other projects executed in the communities by the company.

Efforts to speak to some of the communities' traditional rulers, who had ear-

lier denied the company's claim, were unsuccessful, but the Bajana of Obajana Idowu Isenibi told our correspondent yesterday that the Kogi State House of Assembly would soon address the matter.



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BURNT snakes at Butantan Institute's laboratory after it was destroyed by fire at the weekend, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The 100-year-old government-funded facility had the biggest collection of serpents in the country.

Oshiomhole debunks running mate speculation

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

EDO State Governor Adams Oshiomhole has said that he is not nursing an ambition to be any presidential candidate's running mate in the next general elections. The governor who spoke with newsmen in Benin yesterday in reaction to speculations by

some groups that the reason he invited former Military President Ibrahim Babangida to the one-man-one-vote rally was because of his vice presidential ambition, said it is was an insult for anyone to link him with such. He maintained that he is a presidential material and qualified to contest the presidency of the country if he wished.

He said he still had a mandate to govern the state for the next four years and would not abandon that mandate for any vice presidential ambition. Oshiomhole said he was disappointed by those who stayed away from the rally because of the presence of the former president, saying they should have been there to make their points.

Rivers urges N45bn refund on federal roads

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

THE Rivers State government has appealed to the Federal Government to reimburse it of the N45 billion it spent in rehabilitating federal roads in the state. Governor Chibuike Amaechi made the appeal in Port Harcourt, Friday at a civic reception in honour of President Goodluck Jonathan.

Governor Amaechi said N21 billion was spent on the PH-Owerri road, N7 billion on the Rumuokrushu/ Eleme flyover while the

Ada George/East West road gulped N17.5 billion.

He added that a refund would enable the state carry out some people oriented programmes.

Amaechi also called on the Federal Government to pursue the post-amnesty programme with vigour, emphasizing that President Jonathan had an insider perception of the need to actively and honestly engage the youths, adding that Rivers State was the first to commence rehabilitation programme for youths in the region.

He highlighted some

of the people-oriented projects executed by his administration and assured the president of the readiness of the people of Rivers State to support his vision.

President Goodluck Jonathan assured the state government that the Federal authorities would consider the refund of the money spent by the Rivers government on the roads.

Dr Jonathan said his administration would not compromise on electoral reforms. He also reiterated the commitment of the Federal Government to the fight against corruption.

Afikpo loses educationist, community leader

THE Eziugwute-Amikpo town in the Ozizza Autonomous Community in Afikpo North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State has lost a popular educationist and community leader, Mr. Emmanuel Oko Okpani.

Mr Okpani who died on March 22, 2010 was born on November 27, 1929.

Mr. Emmanuel Oko Okpani who had a teaching

career spanning 35 years, served as a teacher and Headmaster in 17 schools across the old Afikpo and Abakaliki divisions. He was a community leader who pioneered the formation of many primary schools in various parts of the old Eastern Region. He retired from active service on July 1, 1984.

Neighbours described him as a complete gentleman, a good father, a caring

grandfather a pillar of hope, honesty and perseverance. They said he would surely be missed by the community for his forthrightness, honesty and exemplary leadership.

He left behind a brother, sister and many children including Mr. Ikenna Emeka Okpani, the Head, Media and Publicity, Nigerian Society of Engineers.

He was buried on Saturday in his hometown.

Edo abolishes infrastructure levy in private schools

THE Edo State government has abolished payment of infrastructure levy by students of private schools in the state. A statement from Peter Okhiria, the Chief Press Secretary to Governor Adams Oshiomhole said the Commissioner for Education Dr. Ngozi Osarenren

announced the abolition after last week's executive council meeting.

"We do not think it is proper to ask private schools to pay the infrastructural levy of N1,500 per student annually," she said.

The commissioner advised all private school

owners not to pay the levy to anyone because the Exco had reversed the decision which was taken in 2003, saying the levy was no longer tenable.

She however said the oversight function of the Ministry of Education as the regulatory body of the education sector was still in place.

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Court reinstates 57 sacked directors

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE 57 directors of Personnel Management and Finance and Supply in local government councils of Plateau State who were sent on a compulsory leave without pay and later dismissed by Governor Jonah Jang have been reinstated by

the court. The directors had gone to court to challenge their dismissal from service which was later commuted to suspension, saying the state governor had no powers to sack them since they were employed by the Local Government Service Commission (LGSC) which has rules guiding the disci-

pline of its staff.

The Plateau government later recalled them, but said it would redeploy them to the state civil service which most of them rejected and continued with the court case.

The Plateau government had argued that it sent the 57 directors on com-

pulsory leave because there was an allegation of corruption against them prior to the inauguration of the present administration in the state. But the directors in their defense said there was no such allegation.

Justice Mohammed Sirajo in his ruling Friday said the state gover-

nor abused his powers by usurping the powers of the LGSC when he directly took disciplinary action against the directors without the LGSC.

He disagreed with the state governor that the 57 were given fair hearing, saying from the evidence before him, their issue was

determined before they were asked to report to the commission of inquiry. He maintained that it was an abuse of power on the part of the government. Justice Surajo ordered that the directors be reinstated and that their salaries and allowances should be paid to them.



DEPUTY Speaker of the House of Representatives Usman Bayero Nafada (left) receiving the honorary Doctorate degree from the Vice President of the European American University, Professor Andrew Einley, during the award and convocation ceremonies of the university at the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, at the weekend.

NCSDC warns against recruitment racketeers

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

THE Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has warned Nigerians to be careful of employment racketeers, especially as it concerns the ongoing recruitment exercise by the corps. The Niger State Commandant of the corps Mr David Bille who spoke at the weekend in Minna said

the warning became necessary following complaints by applicants that some persons who claimed to be officers of the NSCDC had been asking them for money in exchange for employment. "Our investigation has shown that there are people out there making

money out of the public in exchange for employment, but let me warn that anyone who parts with his money is doing so at his/her own risk. We do not collect money to recruit people", he said.

He maintained that were laid down requirements to get into the corps, adding that no one could influence the employment of any one as due process is being followed. He maintained that the Niger State command had concluded recruitment and training of 294 junior ranking officers, saying others who applied for the officer cadre of the corps should be warned as their recruitment would commence soon.

Bankole assures decampers of c'ttee positions

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE Speaker of the House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole has said that members of the House of Representatives who recently left the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for the Action Congress (AC) will not lose their positions in the committees.

The Speaker who spoke in Benin Sunday while on a visit to Edo State Governor Adams Oshiomhole said members of the House were not treated based on party affiliations, but on merit. Two members of the

House Patrick Obayagbon and Samson Osagie from Edo State decamped from the PDP to the AC at the weekend. The Speaker called on Nigerians to eschew politics of bitterness and work for the overall good of Nigerians, saying politics should not be a do or die affair. Governor Adams Oshiomhole said Bankole had stabilized the House through his leadership style.

He assured that his administration would continue to cooperate with the Federal Government despite party differences to move the country forward.

Doma threatens to terminate contract over non execution

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE contract for the construction/rehabilitation of Kokona junction, Agwada - Udege Mbeki road in Nasarawa State may be revoked.

This is as the state governor Aliyu Akwe Doma at the weekend threatened to revoke the contract in October if reasonable progress is not seen.

The governor who was accompanied on his "Meet the People Tour" by members of the State Executive Council including the Secretary to the State Government Timothy Anjide and the Commissioner for Works and Transport Dr. Joseph Ogbere said he would revoke the contract because of the shoddy and slow pace of work.

He said this while on an inspection tour of the road. Karatera Nigeria Limited, the contractor handling the project was awarded the contract in 2007.

Representatives of the contractor apologized for the delay and promised to do everything possible to ensure the completion of the job before October.

Female doctors want law on free maternal health care

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Allyu, Kano

THE Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN) has called on the legislature to pass into law a bill on the provision of free maternal and child healthcare by all levels of government in the country.

The call was made during a conference organized by the association at the weekend in Kano State. The conference had the theme, "The role of free maternal and child health-

care towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals".

National President of the association Dr Mma Wokocha said the rate of maternal and infant mortality in the country was alarming and unacceptable, saying it could be reduced through the provision of free maternal and child healthcare services. Wokocha said though some states in the country were already providing free maternal healthcare services, drastic measures needed to be taken to reduce the death

rate to the barest minimum. A founding member of the association, Dr Hadiza Galadanchi, said it was unfortunate that Nigeria was among the countries that were yet to achieve the goal four and five of the Millennium Development Goals. Dr Galadanchi said the policy on free maternal healthcare should be reviewed. She lamented that some of the states providing free maternal care were not reaching out to everyone, saying the services were only available at secondary healthcare facilities.

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In defence of Jesus Christ (AS)

I had almost given up on the Trust Newspapers but this last instructive article and also the previous expose written

on Yar'adua by Mr Kawu has obliterated that thought. This is a critical analysis of a man who stole with impunity. May

his kind never pass through Nigeria ever again. Do not worry so much about the clergies (both Moslem and Chris-

tians). They are the same shadowy characters that wined and dined with him. I believe their recent charade on their visit to

Yar'adua, is very instructive. God bless you.

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PLATEAU State Governor David Jang

How Jang can address crises, by Muslim women

WE need to see more of these calls by all people concerned. My greatest fear is that Jang is unlikely going to change course.

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There is no way anyone would accuse Dara Jang of any bias in this crisis. Just recall how it started and how it went. Was Jang the one who brought all the arms into the state? Did he fail to be father to the man who wanted to build his house and was resisted and eventually took laws into his hands? In what way is he not father to all? Remember, it happened during Dariye's administration and it is happening again now.

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Governor Jang, this is the best advice given to you since the beginning of these crises. Please take it whole heartedly and use it. It will certainly allow you to have a peaceful administration too.

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Why Sambo's nomination is delayed

NIGERIANS lack the political objectivity it takes to be politically matured. The generation of these politicians can only dramatize democratic ideologies in an executive-legislative power mongering romance.

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They are all praise singers. Let them tell us Gov Namadi's achievements. I don't think he can meet the demands of the office of the Vice President. It would be better if he remains as a Governor.

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I am just so glad that Makarfi was not made the Vice President.

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Well done Goodluck. It was a very good nomination. He really deserves the appointment

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Mr President there are two things that will ensure that each vote counts in the future election

you are dreaming of:

1. Revise downward the registration fees for contesting into political offices.

2. Design a salary structure for elected political office holder in line with their civil service counterparts.

These will make the game uninteresting to those who see it as an 'investment' opportunity and then the electorate will decide who is to serve them and not the investors imposing themselves on the electorate.

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Frankly speaking I can't understand why the President and the Governors agreed on the nomination of Governor Namadi Sambo, a man who is not well known in the political terrain of the country. Most likely, there is a hidden agenda? Time will tell.

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This is a total sabotage to northern Nigeria. How could somebody whose performance in just one state is not outstanding expected to serve a country of almost one hundred and fifty million people.



KADUNA State Governor Namadi Sambo

This is a total disregard for the interests of people of Northern Nigeria. If Jonathan wants to write his name in gold he should consult the good people of the North and not the cabals. Let him be proactive to use the little time he has to affect the lives of Nigerians.

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I really can't understand what is happening to Nigeria. If the President, the Governors & the Senate mean well for Nigerians, why

lobby? Is the nominee an armed robber? I think Nigerians now know whose interest our leaders are protecting.

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Congratulations to his Excellency, Alhaji Namadi Sambo, the Vice President of Nigeria-in-waiting. Work with the President to give us electricity/Power and then you can rule for eternity.

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Ogbulafor may quit today

THE PDP national chairman should not resign. Mr. President, you emerged as a president as a result of the zoning formula therefore, you need to respect it as a wise president who needs to sustain democracy in his country.

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It seems President Goodluck Jonathan is well on course in his bid to stand in the 2011 elections and he is perfecting his plan to be the candidate of the PDP. What more do we need as evidence than this move to force Chief Vincent Ogbulafor to resign and to pave

way for the President to take over the control of the party machinery? Since Chief Vincent announced that PDP will adhere to the zoning formula that zoned the presidency to the North in 2011, he has known no peace culminating in his forced resignation. This is indeed the largest political party in Africa.

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Hmm...Ogbulafor. He recently told Nigerians that they should not take his silence for weakness after been arraigned by the ICPC for corruption. If Ogbulafor has truly resigned, I believe it is the beginning

of good things to happen in our collective quest to rid the society of corruption. If the court clears him, there is always life after the PDP national chairmanship office. He did not start it so the office continues at his exit. Bravo Mr. President. Has he forgotten his comments prior to when Dr. Goodluck Jonathan was made acting president? I think Nigeria has started the right fight against corruption but the case should not end with his resignation. It should be pursued to its logical conclusion so that it will serve as deterrent to other leaders.

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For me, I believe Ogbulafor resigned because of the intense pressure from the side of Ebele Jonathan in his quest to have him replaced by a loyalist who will realize and guarantee Mr Jonathan of contesting for President. This will only happen in wonderland Nigeria. We were praising Jonathan before but now it seems like the man is trying to wear the shoes of his mentor and we are ready to say enough is enough when the time comes.

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EFCC begins Ibori's extradition

HOW little we learn of certain imperatives of life on earth. "The evil that men do lives after them" and "There is no hiding place for the evil one". Will the lessons of the tribulations of Mr. Ibori educate others in his position or those entrusted with public finances? The loud answer is no!!!! Could it be pecu-

liar to Nigerians, this tendency for suicidal actions? Who ever told Mr. Ibori and his friends that there will not come a day of reckoning? "Those who sow wind must reap whirl wind".

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I think the EFCC networking with InterPol is a good development. Our leaders have failed us and the anti-graft body should not let any one of them go unpunished. Kudos to Inter-pol.

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Nigerians may pay higher electricity tariff

WITH electricity supply at its lowest ever and consumers being made to pay for what they did not consume, this definitely is bad news. Instead of Power Holding to be more concerned about improving the electricity generation from its current level, they want us to pay more and yet remain in darkness. This is certainly not acceptable.

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Alhaji Ibrahim Bawa, what you did not mention was: were Nigerians going to have good quality and appreciative quantity of electricity after the privatization?

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By Bukar Usman

Nigeria's renewal of international engagement (II)

Cont'd. from last week.

The irritants affecting Nigeria-US relations notwithstanding, it is on record that Presidents Bill Clinton and George W Bush Jr. visited Nigeria during their tenure to underline the importance of US relations with Nigeria. They also undertook private visits along with former President Jimmy Carter in promotion of goodwill. To cap it all, President George W Bush Jr. apparently in a move to further cement the existing good relations post-General Sani Abacha era and to encourage the sustenance of democracy, which was central to US foreign policy, hosted President Umaru Yar'adua. Above all, Nigeria being one of the major sources of oil supply to the US, matters of stability in Nigeria and the sub-region has remained of constant common interest and engagement to both countries.

The highs in the relations between Nigeria and the US appear to have soured when Nigeria under President Yar'adua refused to yield to American pressure to support the establishment of the Africa Command (AFRICOM)

However it was not sustained by President Umaru Yar'adua, who shunned some overtures

bases on Nigerian or African soil. This was simply because the Africans fear that in spite of the end of the cold war America was out looking for opportunities to occupy some countries. Such bases could be targets of attack should major wars break out between the US and some big powers with capabilities to attack far-flung targets with long-range missiles, thereby endangering the lives of innocent African citizens.

President Barack Obama's visit to Ghana provided another opportunity to renew Nigeria-US relations. Many at the time including some former high ranking US officials were quick to put out some reasons for the choice of Ghana over Nigeria. Ambassador Princeton N. Lyman who once served in Nigeria underlined the perceived decline in Nigeria's importance to the point of irrelevance. To him there was much evidence to that effect adding that President Obama's visit to Ghana was to 'drive home the point' (P.5, *Leadership*, January 15, 2010). Those who shared that point of view may find it hard to explain Nigeria's invitation to the nuclear talks over other countries. Many including this writer had argued rightly that the factor of Nigeria's relevance is never constant. It only ebbs in the eyes of some members of the international community and international organisations who at some point in time and

for some reasons find it hard to connect with Nigeria under certain circumstances.

Observers of Nigeria's political development would note that the issue of Nigeria's relevance or the lack of it only comes into play when some countries perceive their vital national interests were at stake by Nigeria's act of commission or omission. For example, when Nigeria spent its money to fight apartheid as so called 'frontline state' or risked the lives of its citizen in addition to the financial costs of military operations in Chad, Liberia and Sierra Leone, it was relevant. When Nigeria declined support for the military operation in Somalia it was irrelevant. When Nigeria committed its funds to sustain certain organisations such as the OAU/AU and ADB, it was relevant. And so also Nigeria is irrelevant when its leadership decides to look inward for self reliance and shun clientele and patronage. Nigeria under Generals Murtala Mohammed, Muhammadu Buhari, Sani Abacha and, to a certain extent, under President Umaru Yar'adua were classic examples.

Nearly all of them resisted the temptation, to embark on globe-trotting. As a result they easily fell out of favour. So too was such reputable organisation as the National Economic Intelligence Commission (NEIC), under the leadership of the renowned economist Prof Samuel Aluko. The Commission during the Abacha regime acquitted itself creditably in its resolute defence of the economy against the unwholesome policies of some international organisations.

Thus far there were periods of disconnection during periods of military takeover of governments or indeed any change of government. The disconnection with the outside world remains in place temporarily or permanently until foreign countries and international organisations fully assess the orientation of the leadership or come to terms with the reality of the situation.

Looked at dispassionately, one can't fail to observe that a country usually comes under heavy criticism by certain countries when it demonstrates a clear policy of looking inward. Nigeria is not an exception. It was Nigeria under General Abdulsalami Abubakar which provided the face-saving opportunity to some foreign nations and organisations to reconnect with Nigeria. That opportunity was further capitalised upon and consolidated under President Obasanjo's tenure. However it was not sustained by President Umaru Yar'adua, who shunned some overtures.

The change and opening provided by President Jonathan's assumption of the affairs of the country therefore provided the usual opportunity for those who had fallen out of favour with the previous government or leadership to reconnect with Nigeria as a fact of life in international diplomacy.

To be concluded.

Usman, a former Federal Permanent Secretary, wrote from Abuja.



By Festus Okoye

The making of free and fair elections

In the last four years, Nigeria has gone through intense period of constitutional and electoral debates relating to the content, outcome and inclusivity of the constitutional and electoral review and reform process.

Although the momentum and intensity of the debates and enthusiasm for the reform process has waned, it is still the duty of civil society groups and organisations to keep the momentum of the process alive and in motion. Switching off from the process on account of bottlenecks, betrayals, reversals and lack of clear motion and direction will amount to playing into the hands of the enemies of open society and prevent civil society groups from acting as catalysts for constitutional and electoral reform.

Unfortunately, the present frustrations of some civil society groups relating to the content, pace and possible outcome of constitutional and electoral reform are borne out of two rebuttable assumptions.

The first assumption is that all civil society groups, the major stakeholders in the political process, the Parliament and the government are all on the same page on the need for constitutional and electoral reform and will act as catalysts rather than bottlenecks for the reform and review process.

The second is that the reform process and the removal of one or two prin-

Civil society groups and organisations must also fashion a credible mechanism for engaging the State Assemblies

cipal officers of the electoral management body will solve the problems of the electoral process. This assumption elevates the individual above the institutional structures necessary for the growth and sustenance of the electoral process. It also assumes that the problems of the electoral process in Nigeria are one dimensional rather than multi dimensional.

These assumptions are fundamentally flawed and misplaced as the struggle for democracy and invariably the struggle for constitutional and electoral reform and review are part of the general struggles for the control and definition of the destiny and direction of a people and a country.

It is therefore foolhardy to expect those that live off, manipulate, control and corrupt the electoral and constitutional process to become born again overnight without fighting to maintain the status quo or at least ensure that the reform process is cosmetic and not fundamental.

It is also wrong to assume that the government, the beneficiary political parties and the Parliament will embrace,

adopt and facilitate the passage into law of all the reform proposals on the table of civil society groups and organisations. This assumes that in the political equation, the balance of force and is tilted towards the direction of civil society groups and its allies.

This assumption might have been the case immediately after the 2007 elections when the regime of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua sought domestic and international legitimacy and recognition. This informed the promise of constitutional and electoral reform and the zeal that accompanied the electoral and constitutional reform process at inception.

Having stabilized and consolidated, it would not be politically right and strategic to expect the beneficiaries of the flawed process to remain on the defensive, having warded off the huge criticisms attendant on their actions and inactions during the period.

Furthermore, it will amount to lack of political awareness and sagacity and highly presumptuous to assume that all reforms and review of the constitutional and electoral process will take place in the life of the present regime and Parliament and then form the opinion that all is lost in terms of reform and review because a particular item or set of items may not be passed into law. This mind set ignores the fact that constitutional democracy is an ongoing concern and not a finished product. Developed democracies are still grappling with the new democratic challenges and fashioning ways of doing things right and differently.

The strategic imperatives for Nigeria at the moment are twofold. The first is to carry out a quick audit of where we are coming from and what has been achieved and lost. In other words, what was the state of our electoral process immediately after the 2007 elections and what are the things that have been done between then and now.

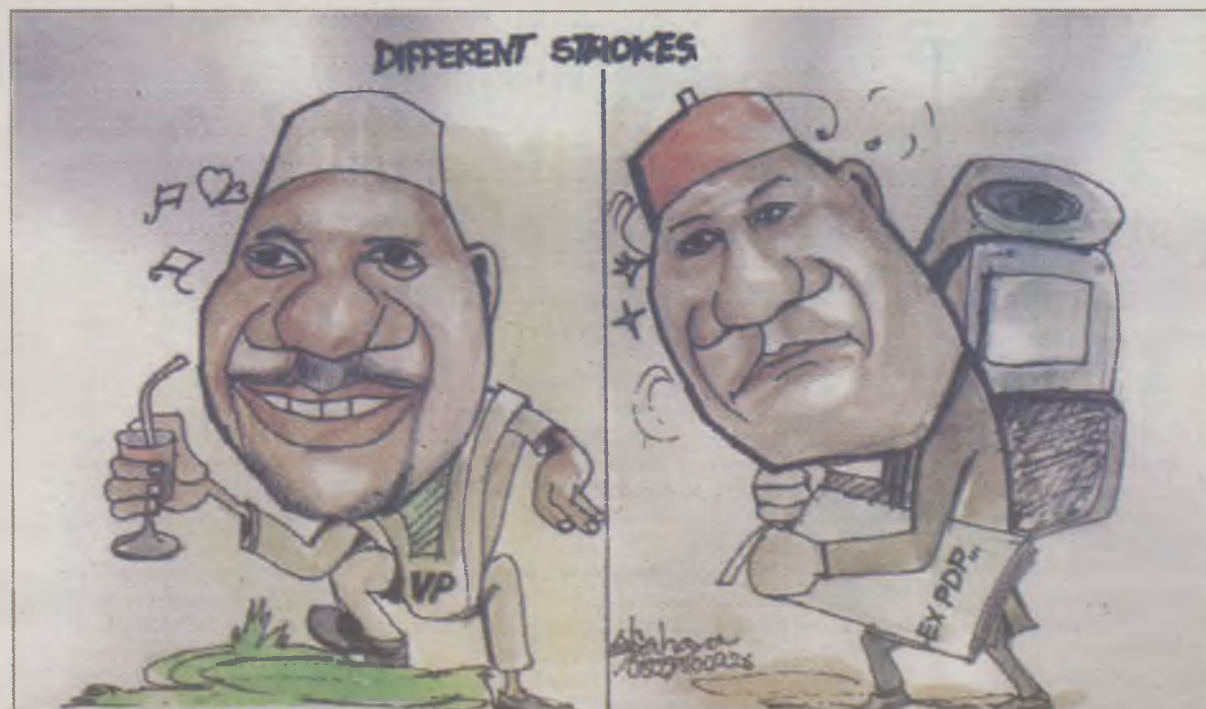
The next thing in this line is to go back to the report of the Electoral Reform Committee and isolate its essentials in terms of what the government forwarded to the National Assembly and what the National Assembly has done with what the government forwarded to them and what it did not forward to them.

The next is to quantity in terms of priority the essentials the National Assembly adopted and what they rejected. It is also important to place side by side the Bill as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives and isolate the similarities and the differences and disagreements and decide on which version to support during harmonization.

Civil society groups and organisations must also fashion a credible mechanism for engaging the State Assemblies. By now, it should be clear on how the State Assemblies are to approach their own aspect of the constitutional alteration process.

To be concluded.

Okoye, a lawyer, was a member of the Electoral Reform Committee.



Your Letters

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Re: PDP Abaji Area Council suspends Sen Sidi Ali

I am not unaware of plethora of issues raised by the convener of PDP area council chairmen meeting alleging anti-party activities against Sen. A M Sidi Ali. I am also very much aware that such meeting never held. However, it has become necessary to unmask the masquerade and put paid to the drummers' theatrics.

While we know Kura Bitrus Tanko as the Abuja Municipal Area Council PDP chairman, we do not know when it became fashionable of him to use the media as means of exchange between him and Senator Sidi Ali. The warped and rather elementary ingenuity with which he impersonated his colleagues from the other area council chapters of the PDP is not only suspicious but a worthless venture. He

is a politician I have some regards for, but he has veered off course with his recent comments regarding Senator Ali.

The drummer behind this masquerade, the financier of this charade and campaign of calumny is no less a person than the man who wants to be promoted after a clueless ongoing representation in the lower chamber of the national assembly. He has never moved nor seconded a motion talk less of engaging in bill presentation.

I do not begrudge anybody's right to aspire for higher responsibility, I do obviously subscribe to Innate preparedness, both aptitude and cognitive for performance enhancement. I detest the stale and unproductive method of smearing people's reputation through cheap blackmail to assume power.

Legislative engagement has gone beyond conventional hand-out model. It is more of initiating good legislation that can enhance the people welfare such as the Resettlement, Compensation and

Rehabilitation Board Bill and FCT University of Science and Technology Bill to cater for indigenous students who have no catchment attachment to any federal university. These Bills are already getting legislative attention among several others ably sponsored by Senator Sidi Ali

I am worried that Tanko can afford to drag the names of other highly respectable party stalwarts of PDP into an issue they do not subscribe to.

Another comical dimension of the political neurological disorder of these relevance seekers was the self-arrogation of powers to transfer a registered PDP member of Wuse Ward in AMAC to Abaji Area Council and suspend him to themselves. Alas! They failed to tell us the Ward (which they allocated him to in Abaji). Wonders and absurdities will never end.

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Oya, Mr De Kampe...

IF, as you claim, there is no zoning arrangement in PDP, on what basis is the south east monopolizing the on-going battle for the chairmanship of the party?
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...Beware

PLEASE someone should inform Obasanjo to read 2 Kings Chapter 7, to know that there is nothing impossible with God; those of us that are Christians are praying for him to repent! But he should remember: no sin goes unpunished!

SOLOMON,
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Bauchi,

Hara-kiri?

GOVERNOR Sambo should note that his nomination as VP is political suicide if he accepts. The president has only a few months to go, and Sambo still has a chance to re-contest as governor.

The moment he becomes VP, his political career is virtually over: he can't be senator, governor, minister, etc. He should think twice.

KABIR Ibrahim, Gusau,
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Immortalizing Yar'adua...

UNIVERSITY of Abuja, National Stadium and Federal Secretariat etc, are better landmarks to honour the departed president, not just road and airport.

SADIYA, 08039732998.

...I concur...

UMARU Musa Yar'adua University, Abuja, sounds alright to me. AMINU Almu Hassan, Marna, Sokoto State, 07030168183.

...A better idea

TO immortalize Yaradua: Conduct credible elections and continue with his 7-point agenda. TIMOTHY Dikko, Rijau, 08033267566.

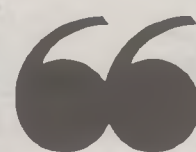
Re: 'In defence of Jesus Christ' (AS)

ADAMU Adamu's Friday Column of May 14 was a masterpiece. Even an average CHRISTIAN will find it difficult to be so factual and in defence of Jesus Christ. One only wonders why there are always religious crises if we all know such facts about JESUS CHRIST.

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Re: The rhyme and reason

THE article by Hajiya Bilquis (mni) is a surprise. Are the eyes of modern Muslims so blind in search of fruits of the world? My advice is that she should go and search for the knowledge of Islam to identify it wisdom on issues. One must either be Muslim (based on the traditions of the prophet) or find another religion. KABIRUAMAL@YAHOO.COM, 08032878724.



By Rufa'i Khalid

Yar'adua: And the crocodile tears flowed

I had a chat with a political analyst and requested to know from him, why consistency eludes most of our prominent politicians. He responded by saying to me that, unfortunately that is what makes a politician astute, truly tested and pragmatic: that a true politician never ever speaks his mind on an issue. This illustration truly depicts what we have been seeing since Wednesday, 5th May, 2010 when the death of President Umaru Musa 'Yar'adua was announced.

Watching the media coverage, listening to various comments and reading the newspapers on what was being said about late 'Yar'adua, illustrates the character of mankind to his fellow man. They sing all sorts of songs from both sides of their mouth, from commendation to condemnation. All these are coming from same crops of people he had dined and wined with.

While he was alive, they said he should either resign from being a president or that he be impeached by the National Assembly. They said he was not only incapable to rule, but also that he violated the constitution by absenting himself without proper handover. They even accused him of shielding corruption with one hand and pretending to fight it with another. That unemployment was at its peak during his time and that the seven points agenda were simply rhetoric that had not significant effect on the common man. That he promoted capitalism from his home by giving his daughters to the elites only.

They even said that social insecurity was rising beyond imaginable proportions. Some of them even referred to his as Sayyidina Umar (a mockery intended to refer him as a stingy person though not ascribable to the original Umar). Worse of all, they said he was less of an honest leader to have accepted Obasanjo's invitation to lead when he truly and sincerely knew that he was incapacitated by the reason of ill health since his assumption as a Governor of Katsina state. Worse of all, he had never admitted to being sick till death. That it was simply time and opportunity loss on the north as well as the nation at large. That he was a theory than action president.

The late Musa Yar'adua was not left alone in all of these. They also accused his wife of shielding and protecting him from public view for her inordinate ambition, and that a cabal was formed to disrupt anyone that stood on her way. The president was even speculated to have died long before his death.

Amazingly, same crop of people are singing different songs again, shedding crocodile tears and exhibiting high sense of inconsistency. They said the political mentor and icon had departed and that NIPPS and other national Institutions should be named after him; that his legacies should not be allowed to wither away in vain. They converged on his family home in Katsina to condole with the family, with their hearts bleeding in grief and sorrow. They said late Musa Yar'adua was a very prudent leader and manager of resources. That he had saved billions of Naira while serving as a governor in Katsina State and that our foreign reserve had risen sharply during his time. That he produced best policies and programmes that his country never had. They even said that the seven-point agenda is a master blue print that will serve as a landmark in our polity. That he was assiduously concerned with the power project and that the blue print is impeccable enough in solving it all. It was his style of leadership that wooed investors and saw the emergence of a lasting solution to the problems of Niger Delta. They also said. The question to ask really is, where were all these praises and the praise singers when he was alive? Why were all these positive attributes difficult to say then?

This human attitude is not peculiar to the late Yar'adua alone. It is one of the mysteries associated with mankind: to say one thing and to do another. To pretend to love when in real sense, the heart is filled with malice and mischief. In a book, 'Auguries of Innocence', it was stated that 'to see a world in grain of sand, and heaven in a wild of flower, hold infinitely in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour'. Therefore, this should serve as a lesson to us all to put absolute trust and confidence in God alone.

The day we stop speaking from both sides of our mouth is the day true spirit of love, togetherness and progress will take roots in our lives.

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The new law on local content

The aspiration for a more robust local content in the oil and gas industry came closer to being realised last month when President Goodluck Jonathan signed into law the Nigerian Content Development Bill. The legislation was borne out of the need to curtail the suffocating dominance of the industry by foreign firms, a trend which had been in place since the discovery of oil in 1958.

Hitherto, the country's oil industry has merely been run by disparate rules contained in Acts, decrees and guidelines, which have not yielded the desired results over the years. That is why Nigerians repeatedly decried the continued economic colonization of the country's vital economic resources, particularly given the huge capital flight associated with the presence of foreign firms in the industry.

With an estimated \$20 billion being invested annually in the industry by the federal government as cash-calls in various joint venture deals with the Multinational Oil Companies, it was reported that 90 percent of this amount moves out of the country in the form of capital flight, especially in the upstream sub-sector where foreign firms handle the bulk of the contracts for supplies of key equipment, engineering, fabricating, shipping, maintenance, services, and insurance work, etc. Moreover, the foreign firms have dominated the business of commercial extraction of crude oil, refining and sale of both crude and end products, as well as the general operations of the oil and gas industry to the disadvantage of the local firms. This provided a platform for foreign firms to marginalise, discriminate against and even oppress Nigerians who work in the industry. A ceiling was also erected beyond which Nigerians cannot rise, all in the name of technical expertise, which on the other hand has been abused by the foreign firms who 'import' even base technicians under the cover of technical expatriates, for jobs Nigerians are qualified for.

The new law would be a useful tool to apply in seeking to reverse the trend. It provides legal teeth for the mandatory employment of Nigerians as well as prioritization of Nigerian firms, from banks, aviation, insurance, local vendors and other contracting firms- for jobs and project execution in the upstream, midstream and downstream subsectors of the industry, among other requirements. It also provides for the harnessing, development and utilisation of Nigerian content in the oil and gas industry such that the huge investments in the industry will impact positively on the economy and the lives of Nigerians.

With this development, all oil firms operating in the country are required to ensure that Nigerians are considered in top managerial positions not presently held by a Nigerian, in addition to offering training to equip them with the requisite technical and managerial capabilities that can keep them in the decision-making level of the oil companies. To ensure that oil firms do not circumvent the rules, they are also expected to submit to the Nigerian Content Monitoring Board, not only the number of employees hired every quarter, but also an effective plan on transfer of technologies from the operators and alliance partners to Nigerian individuals and companies.

Coming into effect barely five months to the nation's 50th Independence anniversary, we hope that the federal government will be firm in ensuring that oil companies comply fully with the new law. While commending the steadfastness of the legislators in passing the bill despite pressures from some stakeholders, it is however necessary to warn that the essence of the local content policy must neither be abused nor subjected to the obnoxious Nigerian factor for bungling every good policy. Nigerians must feel the positive effect of greater participation in the oil sector. Similarly, Nigerian stakeholders in the sector must cooperate with government in this endeavour and improve capacity in all aspects of oil and gas in the best interest of the country.

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NSITF: Building social floor for workers

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Three critical labour market related bills are currently before the two chambers of national assembly for deliberations, namely *Workmen Compensation Bill of 2010*, the *Institute of Registered Safety Professional Bill of 2010* and *Workplace Safety and Health Bill 2010*. Last week, the Senate Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity under the distinguished chairmanship of Wilson Ake had a two day public hearings on the bills. Senate public hearing attracted scores of stakeholders in labour and health sectors. This week, the House of Representatives Committee on labour chaired by Honourable Ado Dogo Audu is expected to deliberate on the same bills in a related public hearing. It is refreshing that of late labour market issues capture the imaginations of our legislators. Better, late than never! Since the financial and economic meltdown, the national assembly had been hyper active to save money and capital market from self-inflicted crises arising from greed and unbridled pursuit of profits. Conversely the national assembly has been passive when it comes to labour and human market issues even when we all know too well that it is labour and indeed human beings that often shoulder the burdens of economic and financial meltdown.

In the past two years, there have been scores of legislative initiatives on how to bail out the banks and insurance companies. For instance, there were stimulus appropriations to neutralize trillions of non-performing loans in the banks. Today, protective measures are in place to safeguard banks' depositors. Energies have been dissipated to strengthen the regulatory functions of the CBN through enhanced autonomy, ensure cooperate governance of financial institutions among others. These legislative measures aimed at rescuing capital and financial markets are certainly commendable. But the point cannot be overstated; there has been human and labour melt down in Nigeria with worse devastating effects than the celebrated financial and economic meltdown. With all its dramatized impact, deaths and human misery arising from labour market crisis manifestations such as mass unemployment are more grim than frustrations arising from temporary

loss of incomes due to collapse of stock prices. Many workers die every day as a result of occupational health and safety hazards. Equity therefore demands that our legislators must be active on the labour market as much, as they are active on capital and money markets.

Of special interest to me out of the three labour market bills currently before the national assembly is the Workmen Compensation Act. Often wrongly cited as Workmen Compensation Act (WCA) of 1987, WCA indeed belongs to the discredited colo-

the newly proposed all inclusive Employees Compensation Act of 2010.

The bane of WCA is that claims under it depend on miserable annual pays of the affected worker (for a long time pegged at maximum of N1600). 42 months pay for dependants in cases of deaths and 54 months pay in case of total incapacitation of an injured worker only made negligence of health and safety standards attractive to employers especially in the private sector. We must make accidents at work expensive through legislation.

In 2004 for instance, the nation was rudely woken up to the tragedy of safety disregard at work place when a fire out

Workmen Compensation Act cannot be reformed. It must be repealed and replaced with the newly proposed all inclusive Employees Compensation Act of 2010

nial era.

It is better seen as Workmen Compensation Ordinance of 1942. Subsequent amendments (1958 and 1987) to the colonial piece of legislation had not in any way obliterated its obsolescence and complete irrelevance to modern industrial needs of working men and women. The notorious legislation passed at the height of Victorian colonial oppression and exploitation, is gender blind as it only envisaged male workers (Workmen) and not female employees (Working people in general). The colonial law was designed to compensate for injury at work. Broadly, the law provides for four types of benefits, namely permanent partial incapacity, permanent total incapacity, temporary incapacity and fatal accident cases involving deaths from injuries at work.

Sixty years after, this legislation has not saved nor compensated for Nigerian workers who suffered daily injuries at work. Workmen Compensation Act cannot be reformed. It must be repealed and replaced with

break at a Rubber plant in Ikorodu, Lagos state killed as many as thirty workers. Only miserable amount of money could be paid under the obsolete WCA to compensate for these singular industrial murders such that it took mass actions of NLC to get justice for the workers' dependents. Another major shortcoming of the old WCA is its legalism. The burden of proof of claims is on poor workers. In the end employers with ways and means for sustained litigations are the beneficiaries. The national assembly must repeal this old law and pass the newly proposed Employees Compensation Act (ECA). The new Act envisages a contributory scheme funded with 1 percent contribution of employees' monthly pay by employers.

This scheme allows for sustainable pool of fund to compensate an injured employee. For the new scheme to work there must be a regulatory agency to manage it. The new ECA must be taken off the private insurance companies who profit under the old WCA with little benefits for the employees. In this respect the best institution well-positioned to run the ECA is Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Born from the ashes of the defunct NPF, NSITF had traversed a road of relative successes in social insurance industry.

There is certainly a considerable room for improvement in terms of benefits administration, but the NSITF is relatively better positioned to make a difference for injured working people.

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Dr Awad Mursi Taha is Sudan ambassador to Nigeria. In this interview he speaks on the country's general election won by President Al-Bashir. He also comments on the ICC indictment and the coming referendum which will decide the future of the country.



DR Awad Mursi Taha

By Abubakar K. Momoh & Aisha Umar Agaie

What is your reaction to President Yar'adua's death?

We received the news of the death of President Yar'adua with great shock and sorrow but it was the will of Allah. Nigeria has lost a great leader. He was a man of great insight, integrity and personality.

He will be remembered in Sudan for his strong commitment to achieve peace in Darfur by dispatching Nigerian troops to the region of Darfur in support of UNAMID forces.

I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the government and the people of Nigeria and to the family of the late President. We pray to Allah (SWT) to forgive him through his mercy and reward him Janatul Firdos

How will Sudan election advance peace in the country?

The Sudan 2010 election was held under the terms of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), which was signed between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in Kenya in January 2005. The agreement has many phases, like power sharing, wealth sharing, security among others. The last phase of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace

Agreement will be concluded next January 2011 when the South will determine through a referendum whether it will remain part of Sudan or granted independence.

More than 70 political parties participated in the election which covered six levels: the President of Sudan, the President of South Sudan, the Governors of 25 states, the National Assembly, the South Sudan legislative Assembly and the States Assembly. The National Assembly which consists of 450 members will have for the first time 25% of its seat allocated to women.

There was a broad participation by the people of Darfur including those in the Internally Displaced Peoples' camp.

The results were declared on April 26, President Al-Bashir of the National Congress Party was declared winner scoring 68.2% of the total votes. In Southern Sudan, Salva Kiir Mayardit got 92% of the total votes.

The election is a significant milestone in our path towards democracy and peaceful rotation of power. It will contribute enormously towards the advancement of peace process in the Sudan and the entire region.

How do you assess the boycott of the election by the opposition and what the President will do about it?

The withdrawal of some political parties from the election actu-

ally came at the last minute and after the deadline given by the National Election Commission. The candidate of Sudan People's Liberation Movement Mr Yasser Arman who was among those that withdrew before balloting, was runner up attaining about 26% of the votes. 12 candidates contested for the President.

Some candidates of the parties which claimed to boycott the elections have won seats also at the legislative levels. It is regrettable that the boycott occurred at this particular time, their participation would have enriched and consolidated our democratic experience.

Despite the landslide victory of President Al-Bashir has promised to form a broad based government to ensure national unity and comprehensive participation from other political parties.

Do you think that with International Criminal Court (ICC) indicting President Al-bashir, he will be accepted by the international community for emerging as Sudan president?

Peoples vote have to be respected, when we talk about democracy, I am glad that some western countries have congratulated the president and have recognised the result of the election. This is the will of the people, we have nothing to do with ICC and we are not bound by ICC ruling, we are not a member of ICC.

cial phase of the implementation will be in the referendum which will be conducted in January 2011. The referendum will decide whether Sudan will remain united or the South will break away.

Do you see the tendency of the two regions remaining together?

Agreement was signed after 50 years of civil war between the North and the South during which reciprocal confidence and trust was shaken between the two parties. The referendum was put in the agreement to ensure voluntary unity and not forced unity. I believe that the coming months will witness an immense task in the South to make unity attractive and to ensure that a united powerful Sudan will emerge from the referendum. We hope that all African countries and all peace-loving nations will strongly support the endeavour to make unity attractive and secure the national integrity of Sudan. Indeed if Sudan breaks away; it will cast far-reaching negative consequences to Africa.

After serving in Nigeria for more than three years, how do you assess the bilateral relations between Nigeria and Sudan?

Sudan established its diplomatic mission in Nigeria in 1960 and since then a lot of high level exchange of visits were undertaken and a number of bilateral agreements were signed in several areas.

There are more than two thousands Nigerian students studying in various Sudanese universities. Some Nigerian footballers are playing in some foot ball clubs around the country.

On the other hand, the Sudanese students in Nigerian universities are over 70. A number of Sudanese university professors and teachers are in Nigerian universities and schools. In investment and trade, some Nigerian prominent businesses have explored Sudan, for example, we have the Dangote Group in Cement industry, Express Petroleum and Gas Limited and African Energy Ltd in Energy

In transportation, Nationwide Unity Transport Company has already negotiated a business deal with government of Khartoum state. Similarly, Sudatel, a leading Sudanese telecommunication company has entered Nigerian telecoms market, the Kenana sugar company has rehabilitated the Savannah Sugar Project in Adamawa State as part of a technical cooperation agreement signed between the company and Dangote Group. The Sudan Airways operates once a week flight between Khartoum and Kano.

Do you see the possibility that these charges will be dropped at some point?

Our opinion about the so-called ICC will not change. The indictment is politically motivated. It is naive to claim that the ICC is immune from political influence by governments and activists. The dubious politicisation and exploitation of law according to culture of the more powerful are, what makes this court a new danger for Africa and violation of the sovereignty of its states which are recovering from the evils of colonization.

Serious atrocities and war crimes are being committed in Gaza, Afghanistan and other places by well known perpetrators, but ICC has remained silent.

Can you talk about the implementation of the CPA?

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement has many phases and I believe the implementation went smoothly in all phases and aspects of power sharing, wealth sharing, the security arrangements etc. It is true there were some obstacles in some areas but the two parties, the government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement managed to resolve their differences.

The election came as an important benchmark in the implementation of the CPA. The last and cru-

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Mauritania begins trials of al Qaeda suspects

A Mauritanian court yesterday began the trials of 19 suspected members of Al Qaeda's north African wing, including three men suspected of the killing of four French tourists in 2007. The trials came amid growing efforts by the governments of Algeria, Mauritania, Mali and Niger to counter a wave of recent desert kidnappings of foreigners claimed by al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM.

The three men -- Sidi Ould Sidna, Mohamed Ould Chabarnou, and Maarouf Ould Haiba -- are accused of having shot five French tourists in the town of Aleg in December 2007, leaving four dead and one seriously injured.

Nine other suspects are being tried in the Aleg case for their complicity. Six other trials for other incidents are scheduled for the remaining AQIM suspects.

Lawyers for Chabarnou and Haiba said their clients would plead not guilty, and Haiba's lawyer said his client's confession was obtained illegally.

"I will first tackle the flaws of the record, as, among other things, the confessions contained in the minutes were obtained through torture," lawyer Maitre Zaim told Reuters before the trial.

Somali rebels fire mortars at parliament as MPs meet

HEAVY shelling rocked Somalia's capital yesterday, killing at least seven people and wounding dozens, as rebels fired mortars at the country's lawmakers meeting for the first time this year, medics said.

Islamist fighters, who have fought a three-year war against the fragile interim government, launched their attack from their stronghold in Mogadishu's main Bakara market, triggering return shellfire from African Union peacekeepers.

Sudan opposition leader al-Turabi 'arrested'

SUDANESE authorities have arrested Islamist opposition leader Hassan al-Turabi, his family and senior members of his party have said. His wife said she thought he was arrested for repeating in a newspaper interview his allegation that elections last month were rigged.

In a dawn raid a few hours later, authorities confiscated the newspaper of Turabi's Popular Congress Party and arrested its editor-in-chief. Turabi's party was one of the few opposition that took part in the elec-

tion. Sudanese officials have not confirmed the arrest. The arrests sparked angry reactions from the country's opposition, who threatened to take to the streets to demand freedom and bring down the regime of President Omar al-Bashir.

A coalition of 17 opposition parties, including the heavyweight Umma party, signed a statement condemning Turabi's arrest as a "violation against freedoms and democratic transformation and the constitution."



TURABI is an iconic Islamist leader who was once a mentor to the president before becoming a fierce critic



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**MR. WASIU A. AKEWUSHOLA AND MR. OLUWOLE ADEBOLA
RE: ALL COMMERCIAL BANKS AND THE PUBLIC**

The attention of the National Executive Council of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) has been drawn to a tendentious publication in the DAILY TRUST of Monday 26th April 2010 page 55, The NATION Newspaper of Friday April, 23 2010 page 30 and other dailies by Mr. Wasiu A. Akewusola and Mr. Oluwole Adebola captioned "PUBLIC NOTICE: ALL COMMERCIAL BANKS AND THE PUBLIC." Purporting to be a publication from the NIQS, and the public are urged to completely ignore the said publication as it was carried out without authorization.

All Commercial Banks and the public are hereby PUT ON NOTICE that Mr. W.A. Akewusola, a civil servant with the Lagos State Property Development Corporation, 2-4 Town Planning Way Ilupeju Lagos and Mr. Oluwole Adebola, also a civil servant with the Federal Ministry of Education, Phase III, 3rd Floor, Federal Secretariat, Abuja Were removed and suspended respectively by the National Executive Council (NEC) of the NIQS for various acts contrary to law. The NIQS NEC in strict compliance with the provision of the 2004 NIQS constitution had subsequently directed the above mentioned disgruntled members to present themselves to the Disciplinary Committee set up thereto.

Mr. O. Adebola as the then Secretary General of the 2006-2008 NEC published or caused to be published in the NIQS NEC 2006-2008 Bi-ennial Report a forged Auditor's Report with the intent to deceive, hoodwink and or mislead members of the Institute and the public. An internal Audit Committee has been set up in compliance with the provisions of the Institute constitution.

Both Mr. Adebola and Mr. Akewusola had been warned that any activities on their part in holding out to the public as officers of the Institute is a punishable offence. For the avoidance of doubt, the relevant Resolutions of Council in support of NEC instant decisions are herewith attached viz.

Signed:
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RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF NIQS

At the meeting of the Expanded National Council of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyor (NIQS) held at Sinani Lodge, 40 Birao Street, Off Yalinga Street, Off Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent, Behind AP Plaza, after Ecobank Wuse II, Abuja on Thursday, 25th day of February, 2010, the expanded council unanimously resolved as follows:

- (1) The Treasurer, **MR. WASIU AKEWUSOLA** is hereby removed from office as the National Treasurer of Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) and he is to face the Disciplinary Committee of Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) in accordance with the constitution of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), 2004.
- (2) **MR. JOHN BROWN IFERI** is hereby elected by the Expanded National Executive Council as the Treasurer of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) till the next election.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Council members have hereunder set their respective hands, the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVER BY THE WITHIN NAMED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Mr. Oluwole Adebola,
Federal Min. of Education,
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ABUJA.

Dear Sir,

SUSPENSION FROM THE EXPANDED NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

Please find enclosed a Resolution of the Expanded National Executive Council of the Institute on the above subject matter.

In reaching its decision, the NEC took into consideration the fact of your letter to your Lawyer and other correspondences in which you stated that the NEC of the Institute is fraudulent and that you were not aware neither did you consent nor participate in the out of court settlement which gave rise to the Consent judgement.

The NEC viewed your letter and utterances as very mischievous, and full of falsehood particularly in view of the fact that you fully participated in all the meetings leading to and during the out of court settlement, (i.e. the settlement meeting of 26-01-10), and subsequent NEC meetings.

Since you lacked the honour and decency to resign, and since also that it is morally wrong to remain in a NEC you labelled fraudulent, it was therefore unanimously decided to suspend you from NEC, and to set up a disciplinary Committee to try you for acts capable of bringing the Institute into disrepute and disintegration.

You are directed to return any Institute's properties that may be in your possession to the Secretariat forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
For NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS

[Signature]
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR APEX ORGANIZATIONS OF MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS

FGN/IFAD RURAL FINANCE INSTITUTION BUILDING PROGRAMME (RUFIN)

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) has received a loan from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) equivalent to USD 27.2 million towards the cost of implementing a Rural Finance Institution Building Programme (RUFIN) through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan in capacity building for apex organizations of microfinance institutions which is part of the programme's mandate. The FGN and IFAD are collaborating with the Central Bank of Nigeria and Federal Department of Cooperatives to implement the programme. RUFIN wishes to call for expression of interest from state and national apexes associations of Cooperatives/Non-Governmental Organization-Microfinance Institutions (NGO-MFIs), and Microfinance Banks (MFBs) to participate in the capacity building exercise for apex development programme in twelve (12) participating states of the RUFIN Programme.

A. Introduction:

RUFIN is a seven (7) year programme funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). One of the programme components would be to work in collaboration with the Development Finance Department (DFD) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to promote **targeted capacity building and technical assistance in favour** of eligible apexes of MFIs, NGO-MFIs, MFBs in the twelve (12) RUFIN states of **Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Benue, Edo, Imo, Katsina, Lagos, Nasarawa, Oyo and Zamfara.**

RUFIN aims to support, develop and strengthen the apex organisations for the Cooperatives/Non-Governmental Organization-Microfinance Institutions (NGO-MFIs), Non-Bank Microfinance Institutions (NBMFIs) and Microfinance Banks (MFBs) to promote improved membership services, as well as improve legal, policy and regulatory framework for their operations. The benefits to be enjoyed by eligible apexes include i) ex-ante financial, institutional, and risk assessment, ii) hardware and software support, iii) training and on-site technical assistance and coaching.

B. Goals and Objectives

The goal of the programme is to improve the human and institutional capacities of the apexes to develop their members, define and enforce compliance with standards and supervise/regulate their activities in line with international best practices.

C. Procedure of Expression of interest/Eligibility Criteria

Expression of interest is required from interested national and state apexes currently operating in the twelve (12) listed states. This should be accompanied with a written application and documentary evidence in support of the following eligibility criteria.

1. Copy of certificate of incorporation or registration with appropriate authority
2. Functioning secretariat: Contact Persons/Address and Telephone
3. Elected and functional organs
4. List of names and addresses of affiliated members
5. Evidence of services to members
6. Commitment to collection of membership fees
7. Evidence of Annual General Meeting (AGM) held over the past two (2) years
8. Copy of action plan
9. Copy of minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) held over the past two (2) years
10. Copy of articles and memorandum of association or Bye laws and constitution

Two hard copies and one soft copy of the Expression of Interest and required documents should be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked on the left side corner "Apex Credit organisations and Networks". Each application should be delivered latest by 12.00 noon, two (2) weeks from the date of this advertisement to the address below:

Programme Management Unit (PMU)
Rural Finance Institution Building Programme Office,
No. 3, Safana Close, off Zaria Street by old CBN,
Garki II, Abuja. rufin_nig@yahoo.com

Only short-listed Apexes will be contacted.



RURAL FINANCE INSTITUTION
BUILDING PROGRAMME

...Developing Rural Financing to Achieve Food Security

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM INSTITUTIONS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

FGN/IFAD RURAL FINANCE INSTITUTION BUILDING PROGRAMME (RUFIN)

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Introduction

RUFIN is a seven (7) year programme funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to strengthen the capacities of institutions that are providing rural finance services in Nigeria. One of the programme components would be to work in collaboration with the Development Finance Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to promote **targeted capacity building and technical assistance in favour** of eligible Cooperatives/Non-Governmental Microfinance Organizations (NGO-MFIs) and Microfinance Banks (MFBs) and their apexes. Initiative will (i) identify capacity gaps of the institutions, (ii) define training programmes to address the gaps (iii) provide mentoring, monitoring, technical assistance and other hardware and software support to eligible institutions.

Scope

The exercise is intended to harness country wide information of the Cooperatives/Non-Governmental Organizations-MFIs, and MFBs and provide a data bank for capacity building interventions in future years. Emphasis will be on RUFIN States of **Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Benue, Edo, Imo, Katsina, Lagos, Nasarawa, Oyo and Zamfara States**

Goals and Objectives

The goal of the programme is to assess the human and resource capacity gaps in eligible institutions with the aim of addressing them. This is to enable them expand their outreach to larger numbers of rural micro-enterprises that are involved in agribusiness and non-farm enterprises.

Interested institutions will have to meet the eligibility criteria specified below:

Eligibility Criteria for Micro Finance Banks (MFBs)

1. Formal letters of request for participation and support
2. Copy of certificate of incorporation
3. Copies of valid and current CBN license
4. Copies of up to date reporting requirements of the CBN as at the last due date prior to the application date
5. Location of operation in rural areas of a participating state
6. Copies of external audit in the past three years (2009, 2008, 2007)
7. Copy of strategic business plan of the MFB
8. Evidence of Annual General Meeting (AGM) held over the past two (2) years
9. Copies of minutes three (3) last board of directors meetings in accordance with the articles and memorandum of association;
10. Board resolution indicating the following specific request
 - a. Specific resolution indicating the following specific request
 - b. Clearly defined action plan to expand services to the lower income segments of the rural society, in particular to women, youth and the physically challenged;
 - c. Readiness to comply with RUFIN engagement requirements and processes in line with regulatory requirements and performance standards, and agreed targets set in participatory work plans that are developed
 - d. Commitment to undertake and implement the institutional and service improvement reforms
 - e. IT and computerization plan including software for banking transactions and accounting processes in line with CBN guidelines and
 - f. Willingness to bear part of the training cost where required

Eligibility Criteria for Non-Bank Micro Finance Institutions (NBMFIs)

1. Formal letters of request for participation and support
2. Copy of certificate of registration
3. Locations of operation
4. Copies of external audit in the past three years (2009, 2008, 2007)
5. Copies of minutes of three (3) last executive meeting or board of directors meetings in accordance with its Bye-laws or constitution;
6. Profile of programme management and at least three (3) full-time credit staff;
7. Evidence of at least one year of engagement in providing of savings and loans services to clients;
8. Substantial microfinance activities (minimum of 500 active individual borrowers and minimum loan portfolio of NGN 3 million);
9. Copy of current action plan
10. Evidence of clear separation of microfinance and other rural development activities in cases where MFIs undertake a range of activities, in terms of management and accounts;
11. Sustainability plan and road map to increase outreach to poor clients in next three years;
12. Written document indicating the following

1. Name of the Organization:
2. Contact Address of the organization:
3. Telephone:
4. E-mail address:
5. Date established:
6. Major activities:
7. Total Capital contributed by owners:
8. Total Savings/Deposits as at 31st March, 2010 by Gender:
No. Value:
Male:
Female:
9. Total loans outstanding (loan recovery rate by Gender):
No. Value:
Male:
Female:
10. Number of Staff:
Male:
Female:
11. Category of Staff:
Male Female:
Senior:
Junior:
12. Major challenges faced in financial intermediation:
13. Nature of support needed by your Organization:

Two hard copies and one soft copy of the Expression of Interest and attached documents should be sealed in an envelope clearly marked on the left side corner "MFB/MFI Capacity Building". Each application should be addressed to RUFIN and delivered latest by 12.00 noon, 2 weeks from the date of this advertisement to the address below:

Programme Management Unit (PMU)
Rural Finance Institution Building Programme Office,
No. 3, Safana Close, off Zaria Street by old CBN,
Garki II, Abuja. rufin_nig@yahoo.com

Only short-listed Non-Bank Micro Finance Institutions/Micro Finance Banks will be contacted.



**RURAL FINANCE INSTITUTION
BUILDING PROGRAMME**
Developing Rural Financing to Achieve Food Security

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR APEX ASSOCIATIONS

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A. Introduction

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B. Goals and Objectives

The goal of the programme is to address the human and other resource gaps in eligible institutions, improve their systems and service delivery capacities and expand outreach to small rural enterprises that are involved in agribusiness and non-farm enterprises through improved rural financing.

C. Scope of Work

The scope of work is divided into two broad categories:

i. **Comprehensive needs assessment, curriculum design, course material development and overall coordination of the project.** The training package to be developed should reflect the varying needs of the different categories of participants which cuts across all the categories of MFBs and NBMFIs:

- Category 1: Microfinance banks
- Category 2: Cooperatives-MFIs
- Category 3: NGO- MFIs
- Category 4: Apex organizations

ii. **Delivery of training:** The potential TSP would use the already developed course materials to undertake the training for eligible institutions that will be selected in the RUFIN States under the terms and conditions that will be agreed upon at a later date.

B. Procedure of Expression of Interest / Eligibility Criteria

Providers of the training programme should possess track record of success in micro/rural finance institutional training and demonstrate an appropriate mix of faculty members with relevant competencies in delivering the training modules.

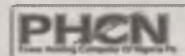
Interested applicants should indicate how they will carry out the specific activities in category a to d above by providing the following additional information:

- Corporate profile and evidence of technical capability and verifiable evidence of similar experience in the past.
- Brief description of similar project experience
- In the case of consortia, a formal technical cooperation agreement or MOU
- List of key resource persons available for this project and copies of their CVs plus letters of consent to be part of the bid.
- Concise concept note indicating an understanding of the assignment and how they intend to carry it out and achieve the desired impact in not more than three (3) pages of A4 papers.
- Office address, telephone number and e-mail of key contacts.
- Copy of the firm's certificate of incorporation
- Reference letter from a reputable bank indicating support for the firm.

Two hard copies and one soft copy of the Expression of Interest and attached documents should be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked on the left side corner "Microfinance Training Service Providers". Each application should be delivered latest by 12.00 noon, 2 weeks from the date of this advertisement to the address below:

**Programme Management Unit (PMU)
Rural Finance Institution Building Programme Office,
No. 3, Safana Close, off Zaria Street by old CBN,**

Only short-listed Training Service Providers will be contacted.



KAINJI HYDRO ELECTRIC PLC

PUBLIC NOTICE

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES
FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 80MW HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING
UNIT AT KAINJI HYDRO ELECTRIC PLC**

A. INTRODUCTION

Kainji Hydro Electric Plc requires the Rehabilitation of its 80MW Hydro Electric Power Generating unit and its Auxiliaries located at Kainji in Niger State of Nigeria. The objectives are improved Plant efficiency, reliability and optimum utilization. To achieve these objectives, Consultancy services is required throughout the period of the Rehabilitation.

DATA FOR SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR

Make: ASEA: Type: GS 3521
Output: 85000KVA
Output Voltage: 16KV: PF: 0.94
Output at Rated Net Head: 80MW
Output (Current): 3070Amps
Own Excitation: 350V & 1285A
MCR: 80,000KVA: Max. Temp. Rise: 75°C
Insulation: Class F (Mica pact)

DATA FOR THE TURBINE

Make: English Electric
Type: Moveable Blade, Kaplan Turbine
Max. Net Head: 38m
Rated Net Head: 29.56m
Synchronous Speed: 115.4rpm

B. REQUIREMENTS

The Submission should include the followings:-

- Evidence of incorporation of the Company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) or home Country Registration for International Bidders.
- Evidence of current Tax Clearance Certificate
- VAT Certificate and Evidence of Remittance to FIRS (Original document to be sighted during opening session)
- Evidence of Firms Corporate registration with Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) (National/International Bidders).
- Details of Staff strength including their CV and Profile of Key Staff
- Details of previous similar job undertaken including Scope
- Clear indication of Head Office Address
- Evidence of up-to-date Annual Returns
- Sworn Affidavit that the firm is not bankrupt
- Sworn Affidavit that None of the Directors is an ex-convict or bankrupt
- Evidence of Financial Capability and Banking Support (Bank reference and Recent Statement of Accounts)
- Evidence of Employees open retirement Savings Accounts (RSA) with a Pension Fund Administrator of their Choice.
- Evidence of remittance of both employer and employee pension contributions to the appropriate Pension Fund Custodian not later than Seven (7) days from the date of payment of salaries.
- Evidence of transfer of all Pension Funds and Assets prior to the commencement of the Pension Reform Act to Licensed Pension Operators.
- In case of Joint Venture between firms, evidence of M.O.U. signed by representatives of firms with a clear expression of status of the firms in the said agreement.

C. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Interested experienced Engineering Consultancy Firms and or Consultants are hereby advised to visit Kainji Hydro Electric Plc to inspect the plant prior to submission of Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Consultancy Firms that are shortlisted as Joint Ventures for the purpose of this project must remain as Joint Venture all through the duration of the project. Withdrawal of any of the Joint Ventures before the end of the project will be deemed a violation of the terms of the Contract, and both shortlisted and its dependant contract award will cease to be in force.
- This notice is not a request for Proposal.
- Only Technically qualified Consultants/Consultancy Firms will be requested to submit their Proposal.
- All Consultants/Consultancy Firms should write their contact address, Cell Phone numbers and e-mail address at the back of their envelopes.
- All Consultants/Consultancy Firms or their representative should be in attendance at the opening exercise.
- KHE Plc reserves the right to verify any claim made by a Consultancy Firms/Consultants.
- All prospective Consultancy Firms/Consultants should note that Non-compliance with the requirements above will lead to outright disqualification.

E. SUBMISSION

- Submission of documents will close by 12.00 Noon of 1st June, 2010, delivered by hand and not through Courier.
- Technical submissions will be opened immediately at the Conference Hall, Dam site, Kainji Hydro Electric Plc
- Site visits and its attendant expenses are sole Contractors responsibility.
- All submissions for expression of interest should be made in three (3) Hard copies well Bounded (Spiral/Non-Spiral) and marked on the top left of the envelop "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES": and addressed to:

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
KAINJI HYDRO ELECTRIC PLC,
PMB 1111, NEW BUSSA,
NIGER STATE, NIGERIA.**

To reach the Procurement office not later than 12 Noon of 1st June, 2010.

Please note that:

This advert should not be construed to be a commitment by KHE Plc nor shall it entail the tenderer to make any claim(s) whatsoever by virtue of such tenderer having responded to this publication. This notice serves as a Invitation to all NGOs and Professional bodies. This notice supersedes the earlier publication of Monday January 26th 2010.

MANAGEMENT

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES, P.M.B. 1221, EFFURUN, DELTA STATE



INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANTS

The Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE), Delta State, Nigeria was established in March, 2007 under a Federal Government of Nigeria initiative to build a specialized University to produce unique high level manpower and relevant expertise for the Oil and Gas sector in Nigeria and worldwide.

FUPRE is the first of its kind in Africa and it is destined to be one of the best in terms of excellence and relevance. The first batch of students was admitted at the commencement of the 2007/2008 academic session.

FUPRE's vision is to be the premier international Institution-of-choice with state-of-the-art facilities to provide the petroleum and allied sectors, world-class education, training, research, consultancy and extension services. FUPRE will achieve her goals by ensuring that the best practices and traditions of Universities globally, especially the specialized ones, are used as benchmarks.

The Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun in pursuance of her mission and vision intends to pre-qualify competent and reputable consultants for consultancy services for capital projects at its permanent site.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work includes preparation of detail/full drawings including all necessary tests, preparation of contract/tender documents and supervision. The consultants are also expected to provide other services that will facilitate the execution of the building projects.

LOCATION OF PROJECTS

The projects are located at the University's permanent site at Ugbomro in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

REQUIREMENTS

Interested Architects, Civil, Services Engineers, Quantity Surveyors or a Consortium of these consultants who wish to participate in the projects are required to submit their firms' profile which must include but not limited to the following documents:

1 Technical Proposal

- Registration Certificate with Corporate Affairs Commission.
- Evidence of qualification and registration with appropriate professional bodies.
- Evidence of similar jobs done within the past three (3) years.
- Company profile and address / office location.
- Audited accounts for the past three (3) years.
- Evidence of VAT certificate / Tax clearance certificate.
- Curriculum vitae of the principal officers of the company.
- Name and address of bankers and reference letter from such banks.
- Any other information to prove the company's corporate and technical experience and capabilities.
- Interested consultants to be pre-qualified are required to pay a non-refundable pre-qualification fee N10, 000.00 at any branch of Oceanic Bank International Plc. In favour of Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun.

2 Financial Proposal

- Applicable cost of services on consultancy services to be rendered.
- Applicable cost against reimbursable expenses.
- Local Taxes, Duties, Levies and other charges under applicable laws.

- For additional information, please refer to "STANDARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE SELECTION OF CONSULTING FIRMS (COMPLEX LUMP-SUM) OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT".

METHOD OF APPLICATION

The consultancy services will be executed with strict adherence to all contractual terms in the signed agreement by all parties. All invited consultants will be required to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal.

SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Technical Proposals and Financial Proposals are to be enclosed in two (2) separate sealed envelopes and clearly marked at the left hand corner 'PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES' as the case may be. All documents should be submitted within two (2) weeks from the date of this advertisement, latest 12 noon on the last day. Bids will be opened on the same day in the University's Auditorium by 2.00pm in the presence of all bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

All submissions are to be addressed to:

The Registrar
Federal University of Petroleum Resources
PMB 1221
Effurun

CAVEAT

Response to this invitation shall not oblige the University to consider any responding firm for qualification. All costs incurred as a result of response to this invitation and any other subsequent requests for information shall be borne by the responding firm.

Dr. (Mrs.) L. O. Onwuks
REGISTRAR



ADDENDUM

With reference to the earlier advertisement of 22nd April 2010, The addendum below corrects the previous one.
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION POST-BASIC PROJECT Federal Government College Odi
P.M.S 57 Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. Email: stepbfgcodi@yahoo.co.uk Invitation for Bids (IFB)

PROCUREMENT OF SCIENCE EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS, SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS AND PROJECT VEHICLE IFB No: STEP-BIFGCOD/GDSINCB/01/2010

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 591 of 2nd July, 2007.
- The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Science and Technology Education Post-Basic Project, (STEP-B) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for the procurement of Science equipments, Chemicals, Text books and Project Vehicle.
- The Science and Technology Education Post-Basic Project, Federal Government College Odi, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of the following:

L O T	DESCRIPTION	QTY	BID SECURITY	BID VALIDITY PERIOD	DELIVERY PERIOD	DELIVERY LOCATION
1	Science equipment	Various	At least 2.5% of bid price	90 days	60 days	FGC ODI
2	Chemicals	Various	At least 2.5% of bid price	90 days	60 days	FGC ODI
3	Science text books	Various	At least 2.5% of bid Price	90 days	60 days	FGC ODI
4	Project vehicle	1	At least 2.5% of bid Price	90 days	60 days	FGC ODI

Bidders may bid for anyone or more lots and discounts offered for the award of combined lots will be considered in bid evaluation.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB), a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines. Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Science and Technology Education Post-Basic Project, Federal Government College Odi, and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below, between the hours of 8.00 am to 4.00pm Mondays to Fridays, except on public holidays.

6. Qualifications requirements include: (i) Evidence of previous supply (sale) of similar equipment for the past 5 years, (ii) Audited financial statements for the last three years, (iii) Evidence of registration with appropriate relevant Government Agency. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically shall not be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders

on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only). The method of payment will be Cash or certified Bank Draft in Favour of STEP-B PROJECT FGC ODI. The Bidding Documents will be collected by the representative of the Bidder or by courier services on request.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 noon local time on 21st May, 2010. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on 21st May, 2010 at 12:00 noon local time. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 2.5% of bid price in local currency or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

9. The address referred to above is:

The Project Manager,
Science and Technology Education Post Basic,
Project Office
Federal Government College, Odi, Bayelsa State,
Nigeria.
Tel: 08069301544
Email: stepbfgcodi@yahoo.co.uk



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NIPRD)

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD), Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) invites interested indigenous Pharmaceutical organizations with 51% Nigerian Ownership to bid for the license to produce and distribute NIPRISAN, a phytomedicine for the management of Sickle Cell disease.

Interested organization should please note the following requirements:

- Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- Tax Clearance Certificate
- Company profile with sufficient details to enable reasonable assessment of the organization Minimum year in operation is 10 years
- Evidence of financial capability
- Evidence of pension fund remittance
- Quality control/Assurance capacity of the company is paramount.

Bidders are to submit expression of interest within 14 days of this advert. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit full bid within 21 days.

Signed
DG/CEO, NIPRD, IDU, ABUJA

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'Why states rejected April revenue allocation'

By Idris Ahmed

STATES say they cannot execute projects if the federal government does not pay their N700 billion arrears for three months.

State governments on Friday rejected April revenue allocation from Federation Allocation Account Committee (FAAC) because the arrears were not included.

The Accountant General of Federation Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo said N493 billion was approved for sharing for the month of April.

Niger State Commissioner of Finance and Economic Development Mu'azu Mohammed Bawa told *Daily Trust* on phone yesterday that their rejection of the allocation was right.

He said: "It is a constitutional issue. The constitution stated that all revenues accruing to the government should go into the federation account. It is not something that Mr. President can say he would not approve."

"Most states based their budget on this year's bench mark and we have already programmed what we are going to use the money for and if we don't get it we might not be able to execute projects."

Minister of State for Finance who is also the Chairman of FAAC Remi Babalola said the N700 billion arrears cannot be paid from the Excess Crude Account which has a balance of \$4.3 billion without the approval of President Goodluck Jonathan.

But Bawa said the issue is a constitutional one and the President cannot say he would not approve it.

Daily Trust learnt that FAAC would reconvene on Wednesday to address the issue.

Daily Trust exclusively reported last month that if the revenue profile of the government is not improved, many states may go broke by June.

Apart from Lagos state that generates huge internal revenue; many states rely on federation account to fund their projects. Lagos generated N17 billion in 2009

Niger State generated N1.9 billion internal revenue last year and is projecting N2.5



MINISTER of Finance Olusegun Aganga

billion this year.

Governor Babangida Mu'azu of Niger has given revenue administrator revenue target and all they required to meet the target.

Last Friday, the Chairman of Commissioners' of Finance forum Usman Rebo said it is illegal to withhold the arrears as the 2010 budget has been signed into law.

He said: "It is expected that we begin to implement the budget on the basis of 2010 estimate. We have an Act in place, pay us our money from January to April, what they have given us is just April. They have not included January to March. What they have before us is not in line with the Appropriation Act."

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

IRS Airlines
 Lagos-Abj: 09.45, 11.45, 12.45, (Mon-Fri) 09.30, 12.45(Sat&Sun)
 Lagos-Kano: 06.15(Mon-Fri), 16.30(Sat/ Sun)
 Kano-Lagos: 07.30(Mon-Fri), 10.30(Sat/ Sun)
 Abuja-Kano: 10.30am (Mon-Fri/Sun)
 Kano-Abuja: 11.45, 5.00 Fri, 12.15 Sun

DANA Airlines:
 Lagos-Abj: 07.20; 08.19, 09.00, 12.15, 15.30, 17.10 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun)
 Abj-Lagos: 07.20, 09.45, 11.25, 13.05, 14.40, 17.40 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun)
 Lag-Kano via Abj: 08.19, Abuja: 10.00
 Kano-Lag via Abj: 11.25, Abuja: 11.25

Lagos-Enu: 14.40,
 Enu-Lagos 16.20
 Lagos-PH: 09.27
 PH-Lagos: 12.15

Overland Airways
 Lagos-Ilorin: 07.15 (Mon-Fri), Ilorin-Lagos: 16.15 (Mon-Fri)
 Abuja-Ilorin: 15.00 (Mo-Fri), Ilorin-Abuja: 08.15 (Mon-Fri)
 Lagos-Ibadan: 07.15 (Mon-Fri), Lagos-Ibadan: 16.15 (Mon-Fri)
 Ibadan-Abuja: 08.00 (Mon-Fri), Abuja-Ibadan: 5.00 (Mon-Fri)
 Kats-Abuja: 07.30 (Mon-Fri) Abuja-Kats: 15.30

STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Friday, May 17, 2010
Index:	27,859.99
Deals:	8,147
Volume:	359,251,528
Value:	N 4,704,670,600.75
Cap.:	N6,773,229,085,640.39

TRUST INDEX

Inflation	11.8%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$4.3bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$80 a barrel
Power Supply	3,700MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,037,422.5m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.2200%
Treasury Bills	1.3%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

7/5/2010	Buying(NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling(NGN)
CFA	0.2802	0.2902	0.3002
DANISH KRONER	26.2118	26.3307	26.4496
EURO	195.3914	196.0533	196.7151
POUNDS STERLING	224.5143	225.3049	226.0655
RIYAL	39.3627	39.496	39.6293
SDR	222.5745	223.1278	223.681
SWISS FRANC	136.2093	136.6707	137.132
US DOLLAR	147.61	148.11	148.61
WAUA	222.2943	223.0473	223.8003
YEN	1.5516	1.5599	1.5651

Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N151
Euro	N195
Pound	N231
SELLING	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N198
Pound	N234

Source: S&P Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.



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Northern Business

Ushafa: A melting pot of pottery business

By Fidelis Mac-Leva, who was at Ushafa

LOVERS of arts and crafts would certainly find a visit to this quaint village both interesting and entertaining. Welcome to Ushafa pottery business centre located at the Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory. Ushafa is one of the Gbagyi villages on the outskirts of Abuja, where the business of making pottery is part of virtually every household.

At Ushafa traditional ways of pottery making passed down from generation to generation among the Gbagyi people, coexist with modern techniques used at the pottery centre to produce various art and clay products.

Ushafa also goes by the name 'Bill Clinton Village' derived from the then American President's visit to the community in 2000. During the visit, Clinton was accorded the traditional title of Danmasanin Ushafa.

But if Ushafa derives its uniqueness from the former American President's visit, what makes it unique is the Pottery Centre located right in the heart of the village. Indeed, the centre which was established in 1991 under the Better Life for Rural Women programme of the deceased former first lady, Mariam Babangida, is a melting pot of pottery business within and around the federal capital territory.

It was set up to give a more modern setting for an art as old as the Gbagyi people themselves as well as a centre for skills acquisition. Apart from the rural women, the skills acquisition programme at Ushafa pottery centre is targeted at the youths, most of who are from educational institutions from within and outside Abuja.

When this Reporter visited Ushafa at the weekend there was a beehive of activities as women, children and the youths busied themselves making decorative and household items from clay which they obtain from Zhigogi, River located about six kilometres away from the centre.

Saratu Simon, a middle aged woman, is the head of the female traditional potters at the centre.



A clay pot designer at Ushafa

She told this reporter that she has lost memory of when she started the pottery business.

"I inherited pottery making from my great grandparents and I have been using the proceeds from it to support my aged husband", Said Saratu with a grin on her sweat soaked face.

Saratu who took this reporter through the traditional process of pottery making said they [women] trek a long distance to the Zhigogi River to obtain clay-the raw material for pottery making.

She laments that patronage for their products at the centre had been on the decline in recent time. The clay products at the centre are for different purposes and they come in different shapes and sizes which determine their cost, she said. For instance, flower pots costs between N500 to N1000 depending on the size while the water pots are sold between N400 to N500.

But Saratu, like several other female potters at the centre, is not in a hurry to quit the pottery business because "through it I take care of my children's school demands and support my husband.

Silvia Simon, another female potter at the centre said she learnt the business from her grandparents. She produces five pots in a day and an average of about twenty pots in a month. These she sell to interested buyers and uses the proceeds to support her husband in taking care of their children who are in school.

"The pottery business used to be very profitable because we were having a lot of customers but the patronage is now on the decline. Our customers were mostly foreign tourists but nowadays they only come here to watch us at work without buying our products", Silvia said. As she busied herself putting finishing touches to her pot Silvia adds:

"in spite of that low patronage we are now experiencing, we cannot abandon the trade because it is our only means of survival."

Saidu Abubakar is the chief porter who supervises others on both the traditional and modern ways of pottery making at the centre. As he takes this Reporter through the modern process of pottery making Saidu said the centre has trained countless number of women, children and youth in pottery making.

"The women from this community were formerly doing pottery at home. But with the establishment of this centre, they have been introduced to the modern techniques. We also train students from various institutions from across the country who come here to learn pottery making skills", he said.

Among the pottery products produced at the centre using modern methods are, bottle vases, candle stands, vases of different

sizes as well as complete dinner sets. Like the traditionally made pottery products at Ushafa, the modern ones also come in different shapes and sizes which attract different prizes.

But unlike the locally made pottery products at the centre, the modern ones attracts higher prices, ranging from N1,000 to N60,000 depending on the size and art work.

The different ways the clay is produced also differ. Whilst the traditional method involves the use of pure clay, water and sometimes pieces of discarded pottery, the modern process involves a variety of chemical additions. For instance, kaolin [China clay] is added to the normal clay. The ratio of the clay to kaolin is usually 70 to 30 or 60 to 40, depending on the finished product.

Water is then used to properly blend the clay with the kaolin after which the mixture is poured into porous sacks to let out excess water. The mixture is then poured out of the sacks in low circular, rectangular or square structures called clay beds. The clay beds are built in sizeable airy rooms to enable the clay dry naturally as most of the remaining water is drained out through the bottom of the clay beds.

The clay is then moulded into various household objects as well as decorative pieces which are commonly found in different parts of Abuja and beyond. After the moulded objects get dried, they are placed in Klin and fired.

The Klin is a structure made out of insulation bricks that conserve heat as a smouldering fire is made within it to bake the clay so it hardens. The temperature within the Klin may reach up to 1100 degrees centigrade while the pottery is baked for up to about five hours and left to cool for another 12 hours or more. They are then taken out for glazing and painting.

Saidu Abubakar, the chief porter told this reporter that government is encouraging the participation of private investor in the development of the Pottery Centre at Ushafa so as to preserve the age-long pottery making heritage of the people.



FINISHED products on display at Ushafa



POTTERY beads produced at Ushafa



**THE PRESIDENCY
The Governing Board
NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD**

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR THE
PHASE III RENOVATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE MERIT
HOUSE COMPLEX.**

1. Introduction

The Nigerian National Merit Award (NNMA) was established by Act No.53 of 1979 as amended by Act No. 96 of 1992 with a primary mandate of promoting and rewarding intellectual and academic excellence through the conferment of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) Award, on Nigerians who have contributed outstandingly to national development in the areas of Science, Medicine, Engineering/Technology, Humanities including Arts and Culture and other field of human endeavours.

2. The NNMA hereby invites experienced and competent contractors to tender for the pre-qualification of the phase III renovation/ refurbishment of the Merit House Complex.

Pre-Qualification Requirement.

- i. Valid Certificate of Registration/ incorporation of the Company;
- ii. Current Tax Clearance Certificate of the Company for the last (3) years, valid up to December 31st 2009;
- iii. Evidence of financial capability to execute the project;
- iv. VAT Registration Certificate;
- v. Company's Profile including details of key Staff strength to be deployed for Execution of the Contract, Evidence of technical and professional expertise;
- vi. Detail of equipment and plants, including machines owned or to be hired;
- vii. Name and address of Banker(s), including letter of Reference/guarantee from the Bank;
- viii. Evidence of involvement and Experience in similar Contract sums and showing Evidence of Award and Timely Completion;
- ix. Evidence of compliance with the provision of Pension Reform Act, 2004;
- x. Payment of non-refundable tender fee of N50,000.00 in certified bank draft in favour of The Nigerian National Merit Award.

3. Submission of Pre-Qualification Documents

- i. All submissions should be returned within two (2) weeks from the date of advertisement;
- ii. Pre-qualification documents should be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked **"PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR THE PHASE III RENOVATION/REFURBISHMENT OF THE MERIT HOUSE COMPLEX"** and addressed to:

**The Secretary
Nigerian National Merit Award
3rd Floor, Merit House Complex
No. 22, Aguiyi Ironsi Street
Maitama, Abuja.**

N/B:

- i. All submissions should be made in five sets of hard copy and two sets in electronic format (Microsoft word or Excel) 2003 or 2007 in flash disk with appropriate label;
- ii. Late Submission will be rejected;
- iii. This advertisement for Pre-qualification to "Tender" shall not be considered to be a commitment on the part of the Nigerian National Merit Award nor shall it entitle the submitting tenderer to make any claims whatsoever and/or seek any indemnity from the Nigerian National Merit Award by virtue of such tenderer having responded to this advertisement;
- iv. Subsequent to this pre-qualification exercise, tender for contracts and jobs will be accepted only from pre-qualified contractors and the Nigerian National Merit Award shall not enter into any correspondence with unsuccessful applicants.

4. Opening of Pre-Qualification Tender Bids Documents

Submissions shall be opened at 12noon on 31st May, 2010 in the presence of all bidders at the NNMA Secretariat 3rd floor of the Merit House Complex, Maitama, Abuja.

Signed
Secretary, NNMA.



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**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION & TENDER OF CONTRACTORS AND
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Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria, In compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007, hereby invites registered, experienced and reputable Contractors and Consultants to apply for tender and Expression of Interests in respect of its projects under the 2010 Appropriation Act & funds from the Competitive Agricultural Research Grant Scheme. The areas are

A. ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOR SECTORAL STUDIES

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| ARC01 | Conduct of specialised and research focused studies into agro-potentials of the 36 states of the federation including FCT for food security in lots |
| ARC02 | Consultancy on establishment of outreach centers for agricultural research technology dissemination and adoption for food security in lots |
| ARC03 | Development of practical methodologies for research protocols and proof of Concepts in lots |
| ARC04 | Sectoral studies on Development Of a robust internet, That Will Include Stocktaking, development Of Programme Documents/Tools And Training Of Key Staff Of NARIS and FCAS |
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Scope of Work for Consultancy Services:

- a. Technical supervision and advice
- b. Project facilitation
- c. Reviews, assessments and appraisals
- d. Design and development of research protocols
- e. Design and development of agricultural research management guidelines.
- f. In-depth studies of sectoral constraints for agricultural research, training and extension research.

B. WORKS

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| ARC06 | Procurement and installation of lifts |
| ARC07 | Procurement and installation of 2(Nos) 500KVA Generating sets |
| ARC08 | Development of 20-unit self contained NACCAI Programme students Hostel |
| ARC09 | Development & furnishing of a 4- bedroom NACCAI visiting scientist Guest House |

C. GOODS

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| ARC10 | Procurement of Project vehicles |
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2.0. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Interested Companies are to submit the following documents in their letters of intent for Contracts and Expression of Interests In the case of consultancy services indicating on the top left hand corner the code provided against each area of their interest as listed above.

- i- Valid Certificate of incorporation issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission;
- ii- List and ownership of equipment for projects under category "C"
- iii- Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years valid up to December 31, 2009
- iv- VAT registration certificate and evidence of past VAT remittances
- v- Copy of Audited Account for the past three years
- vi- Evidence of banking relationship and financial capability
- vii- Comprehensive Company profile including evidence of Experience/Technical qualification of key staff
- viii- Verifiable evidence of past job experience in similar projects of interest in the last Five years indicating the contract sum and evidence of satisfactory job performance
- ix- In the case of sectoral studies: individual Consultants who wish to apply must provide their Comprehensive CV, evidence of performance in similar jobs/roles and must be computer literate.
- x- For Works/Installation evidence of partnership with original equipment manufacturer must be provided.
- xi- any other proven evidence/document that would confirm the skill/competence of the individual contractor/ consultants.

3.0. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION & TENDER DOCUMENTS;

Two separate envelopes joined together each marked either PREQUALIFICATION OR TENDER are to be submitted to AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, MABUSHI-ABUJA on the left hand corner indicating the Lot interested and addressed to:

**The Executive Secretary
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Agricultural Research House; Mabushi- Abuja
P.M.B 5026, Wuse- Abuja**

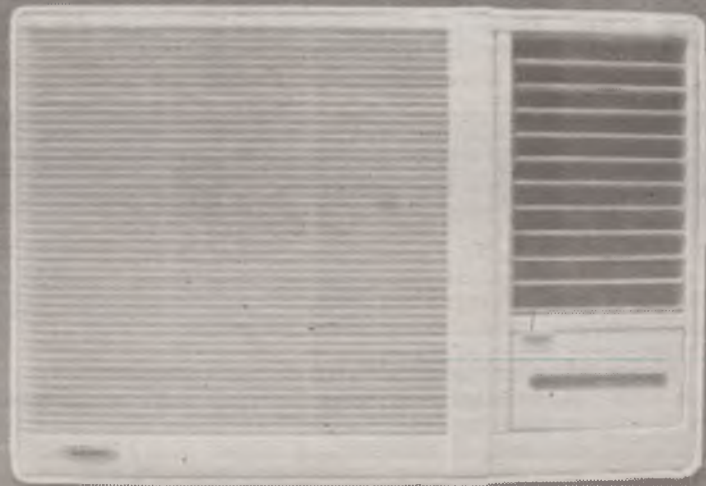
Application for Pre-qualification & Tender must be submitted to the Procurement Office of ARCN, Room 309, Agric Research House, Mabushi not later than 12.00noon, 4 weeks from the date of this advertisement.

4.0 Special Notes

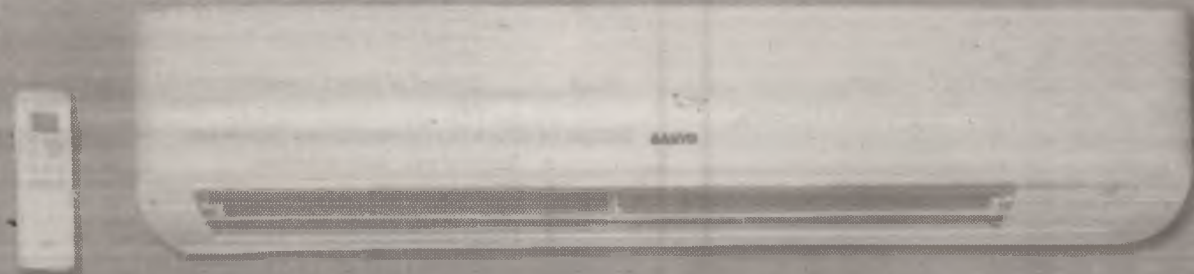
- I FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE GUIDELINES MAY LEAD TO DIS-QUALIFICATION.
- II Late submissions will not be entertained.
- III This notice shall not be construed to be a commitment on the part of the Council to award any form of contract to any respondents, nor shall it entitle any organization submitting documents to claim any indemnity from the Council.
- IV Only financial bids of pre-qualified contractors/consultants would be considered for further evaluation.

Signed
Prof B.Y Abubakar
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On behalf of the Board of Management, management and entire staff of Federal Medical Centre Katsina, I wish to Commiserate and express our heartfelt condolence over the death of our President, Mallam Umar Musa Yar'adua GCFR the

Mutawallen Katsina, to the Federal Government, Katsina State Government, Emirs of Katsina and Daura and the family members of the late President and entire people of Katsina State and the Nation in general.

Ambassador Dr. Yakubu Kwari
BOARD CHAIRMAN

Business



FROM left: Aliyu Baiwa Sec Gen Nig-UAE Chambers of Commerce, Dir NTC Dubai; Al Merri, Director General Dubai Residency and Foreigners Affairs; Ali Idris, Executive Director Nigerian Trade Centre in Dubai and Ali Fakha, Director Hongkong Trade Centre Dubai.

Nigeria, Dubai trade hits N92bn

By Sunday Williams

NIGERIA and Dubai have grown their bilateral trade to N92 billion in 2009, up from N22.5 billion in 2005, a statement said.

It said the trade value is the result of the flow of commodity-export, re-export and imports-which registered 307 percent growth at an average yearly growth rate of 61 percent.

The statement said: "The major traded commodities are precious metals mainly gold from Nigeria to Dubai the value of which reached 13.2 billion Naira. Besides sizable consignments of fish, other animal products, edible vegetable oils, cereals and agricultural products. Chemicals and plastic articles, wood and wood articles, aluminum articles are also exported from Nigeria to Dubai.

"Nigeria imports from Dubai were led by three main commodity sections, namely, machinery and equipment the value of which is 20 billion Naira followed by vehicles, the value of which is 27 billion Naira and electrical machinery, equipment and parts value at 14.4 billion Naira."

It said that the information was provided by Mohammed Aliyu Baiwa, the Director of the Nigerian Trade Center in

Dubai NTC Dubai.

Malam Baiwa said, "The Nigerian Trade Centre in Dubai is a licensed Trade liaison office approved by the Government of Dubai upon the initiation of the Former Head of State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria H.E. General Abdulsalami Abubakar GCFR, Patron of the Nigerian UAE Chamber of Commerce. Its main functions and objectives are to activate and develop business relationships between Dubai and Nigeria business communities. It also aims at promoting investment, joint venture projects, tourism and general business activities. The Center also acts as a focal point for resolving business disputes involving trade transactions, property and real estate which might arise in the course of business dealings. It also assists in promoting educational, health and family tourism."

He said the Center is also actively involved in taking part in international and regional events such as international exhibitions, conferences and workshops.

He added, "We have selected Dubai as a venue for the NTC because of its highly developed infrastructure, connectivity with the outside world and Government pro business policies."

Agric expert cautions against quick planting of crops

THE Coordinator, N2 Africa Project (West Africa) of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) Dr Bala Abdullahi has cautioned northern farmers against planting their crops now.

"The season is not yet ripe for that exercise," Bala told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Saturday in Kano.

He said that although rainfalls were witnessed in some areas up north, it was still not proper for the farmers to plant their crops at this time as the rains would still cease to fall for a short while.

"In some places we had four, five or six incidences of rain and therefore farmers are under a lot of pressure, especially given the fact that in some places we have had predictions that the rains would be short.

"So there is a lot of pressure, but such pressure must be resisted," he said.

He pointed out that it was not unusual for the rains to come

early, and that usually when that happened, the rains would still cease for a short while, and resume later.

Abdullahi, who is an Inoculants Delivery Specialist, therefore advised the farmers to plant their crops in the second week of June, when the rainy season would have become established.

He said that farmers, who had already planted their crops because of the early rains, might experience short drought because of the expected cessation of the rains, and their plants could suffer.

The expert counseled the farmers, especially those in the semi-arid areas of the region, to plant early-maturing crop varieties such as maize, sorghum, millet and cowpea, in case the rains ceased early.

He said, they should plant these species of crops from the second week of June, saying that the step would protect them against complete crop failure as a result of the stoppage of the rains.

CBN, banks kick against corporate prostitution law

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and commercial banks in the country have expressed stiff opposition to the passage of a bill seeking to prohibit "corporate prostitution" in the banking sector sponsored by Rep. Femi Gbajabamila (AC, Lagos).

They made their position at a public hearing organized by the House of Representatives Joint Committees on Justice and Women Affairs which were mandated to gather the opinion of various stakeholders and the general public on the new law.

House Speaker Dimeji Bankole had earlier lambasted the Banks, saying, "The current practice by some corporate organizations where existing or prospective employees are forced to meet unrealistic targets as a pre-condition for employment or promotions, must be condemned. The recent history of corporate governance in Nigeria has indicated an emerging trend of human capital exploitation which is totally unacceptable. The dignity of the human person must be given deserved respect and priority."

Section 1 of the bill reads in part, "Any person, organization or corporate institution who engages the services of an employee on the condition that the employee meets unrealistic monetary

targets commits an offence under this Act and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N10 million naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or may have its operating licenses revoked."

Acting Director Legal Services of the CBN Simon Onefutu who represented the apex bank said, "We are asking that the bill be stepped down and allow the CBN and the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) do some home work and come up with other strategies that will properly address the issue."

On their part, the commercial banks represented by Stanbic IBTC Bank also said they prefer the issue to be handled by the regulatory bodies to enable them come up with "Disciplinary codes that will check the menace rather than resorting to enacting a law."

The Standard Chartered Bank also presented its position arguing that, they do not compel their employees to go into those things.

However, Rep. Binta Masi Garba (PDP, Adamawa) who chairs the Women Affairs Committee of the lower chamber said the bill seeks to prohibit exploitation of women and men by corporate organizations. The committee will now prefer its report for third reading which is the final passage by the legislature.

NEPC integrates business index into website

By Sunday Williams

THE Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) has launched the integration of e-commerce search engine (business index) into their website for speeding business transaction between the council and exporters, investors and foreign buyers.

Speaking during the launch, NEPC Executive Director, David I. Adulugba said the business index website has large database on products, services and companies which can be accessible in 14 languages including Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba.

Represented by Mr. Aliyu Lawal, the Executive Director said the website which is a product of Contact Technology, will provide exporters with a web page of their company and product profile and a link to the exporter's website and two pages of additional information in

Portable Document Format (PDF).

He said: "The integration will enable the council register exporters online making readily available data base for exporters, prompt registration process and therefore reduce the cost on registration process by exporters. In other words, it will ease the time, energy and cost in visiting our offices by exporters and general public."

Adulugba also announced the change of the council's domain name from www.nepcng.com to www.nepc.gov.ng which is in conformity with the new Federal Government policy.

"With NITDA managing the domain, it will provide the council with a proper identification. You will also notice that our web-interface has change with more information uploaded to meet the needs of our business community," he said.

Business/Finance

Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Friday, May 14, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)
2ND-TIER SECURITIES				
CAPITAL OIL PLC	5	0.50	445,600	222,800.00
SECTOR TOTALS	5		445,600	222,800.00
AGRICULTURE				
FTN COCOA PROC. PLC	19	0.95	1,074,375	1,004,397.50
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	27	0.89	532,393	473,829.77
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	12	14.38	49,450	675,981.50
PRESKO PLC	6	7.13	69,350	494,465.50
SECTOR TOTALS	64		1,725,568	2,648,674.27
AIR SERVICES				
AIRLINE SERV/LOGIST. PLC	9	3.38	384,591	1,299,917.58
NIG. AV. HAND. COY PLC	147	13.00	1,994,419	26,281,980.96
SECTOR TOTALS	156		2,379,010	27,581,898.54
AUTOMOBILE TYRE				
DNTYRE & RUBBER PLC	7	0.50	59,815	29,907.50
R. T. BRISCOE (NIGERIA) PLC	34	5.40	341,616	1,784,790.63
SECTOR TOTALS	41		401,431	1,814,698.13
BANKING				
ACCESS BANK PLC	231	9.09	5,901,928	53,426,298.09
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	64	2.36	1,950,259	4,685,741.49
DIAMOND BANK PLC	66	8.99	13,281,668	119,409,115.87
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	64	5.90	638,068	3,872,028.32
FIRST CITY MON. BANK PLC	57	8.45	802,420	6,738,469.66
FIDELITY BANK PLC	218	3.11	15,976,945	48,558,772.09
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	896	15.14	29,095,085	440,249,574.20
FINBANK PLC	54	0.59	2,606,596	1,533,088.67
GTBANK PLC	503	17.19	15,985,997	280,870,071.03
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	113	11.02	4,193,711	48,412,078.84
INTERCONT. BANK PLC	81	2.02	1,426,289	2,823,885.33
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	101	1.83	1,747,239	3,236,418.16
BANK PHB PLC	66	1.38	4,829,909	6,744,494.34
SKYE BANK PLC	167	8.35	7,925,252	66,209,866.18
SPRING BANK PLC	7	0.95	220,981	209,931.95
STERLING BANK PLC	63	2.32	5,957,535	13,607,232.84
UNT. BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	304	13.00	13,532,703	175,215,569.46
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	145	5.75	1,487,001	8,700,501.92
UNITYBANK PLC	8	1.11	505,900	561,549.00
WEMA BANK PLC	53	1.11	1,221,384	1,352,689.14
ZENITH BANK PLC	298	15.89	9,589,918	151,292,957.96
SECTOR TOTALS	3,559		138,876,788	1,437,710,334.50
CEMENT				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	91	22.61	752,722	16,990,533.95
BENUUE CEMENT COY PLC	48	70.00	699,577	48,786,911.02
CEMENT CO. OF N/NIG. PLC	47	22.45	580,453	13,054,399.39
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	61	43.00	686,550	29,464,132.79
SECTOR TOTALS	247		2,719,302	108,295,977.15
PAINTS				
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	26	8.14	1,635,750	13,307,357.48
CHEM/ALLIED PROD. PLC	2	31.15	316	10,333.20
I. P. W. A. PLC	2	1.09	355,102	387,061.18
SECTOR TOTALS	30		1,991,168	13,704,751.86
CONGLOMERATES				
CHELLARAMS PLC	1	9.92	50,000	496,000.00
JOHN HOLT PLC	1	9.28	1,800	15,876.00
PZ CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	62	30.37	750,992	23,127,340.15
TRANSN. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	27	0.50	1,332,200	669,018.88
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	183	55.56	5,916,336	350,042,228.80
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	61	27.09	879,111	24,157,955.83
CONSTRUCTION				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	39	8.22	344,275	2,823,305.23
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	38	58.55	317,060	18,297,717.80
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	8	0.50	198,150	99,075.00
FOOD/BEVERAGES & TOB.				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	26	44.90	242,452	11,118,897.09
BIG TREAT PLC	28	0.90	854,175	771,482.10
FLOUR				
DANG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	328	24.00	3,960,144	94,130,307.69
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	152	20.00	3,515,899	68,120,598.04
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	82	68.90	316,747	22,184,513.17
HO/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	36	8.80	342,096	3,048,270.30
NAT. SALT COY NIG. PLC	83	9.50	2,535,792	24,085,250.62
NIGERIAN BOTT. COY PLC	15	37.01	145,045	5,367,805.39
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	45	314.00	40,853	13,454,941.70
N/NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	5	33.58	25,700	854,656.00
TANTALIZERS PLC	28	1.02	1,122,983	1,160,098.66
UTC NIGERIA PLC	55	1.67	1,280,744	2,224,040.45
SECTOR TOTALS	960		16,343,189	314,326,736.77
HEALTHCARE				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	7	1.79	111,042	197,526.60
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	40	3.18	1,324,451	4,208,338.16
GLASS				
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	10	7.59	46,503	335,751.66
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	1	3.08	10,000	29,300.00
UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	19	0.80	453,448	349,115.28
SECTOR TOTALS	160		2,951,140	33,080,916.20
HOTEL & TOURISM				

IKEJA HOTEL PLC	44	1.99	1,063,250	2,148,209.50
SECTOR TOTALS	44		1,063,250	2,148,209.50
IND./DOM. PRODUCTS				
ALUMACO PLC	1	8.57	10,000	81,500.00
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	12	10.73	95,200	1,011,954.85
NIG. ENAMELWARE PLC	11	43.06	47,520	1,944,043.20
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC	1	0.51	15,000	7,500.00
VITAFIOM NIGERIA PLC	30	6.93	889,016	5,982,451.61
SECTOR TOTALS	55		1,056,736	9,027,449.66
INF. & COMM. TECH.				
CHAMS PLC	30	0.80	1,490,000	1,213,700.00
E-TRANZACT INT. PLC	2	5.23	20,000,000	104,600,000.00
MASS TEL. INNOV. NIG. PLC	3	0.50	16,000	8,000.00
STARCOMMS PLC	19	2.23	671,050	1,517,965.55
SECTOR TOTALS	54		22,177,050	107,339,665.55
INSURANCE				
AFR. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	3	0.50	540,000	270,000.00
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	113	1.40	7,106,686	9,865,884.48
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	20	1.30	3,225,898	3,945,755.56
CORNERSTONE INS. CO. PLC	24	0.76	2,656,026	1,961,488.15
CUST. AND ALLIED INS. PLC	16	3.68	1,238,050	4,541,214.00
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	10	0.50	640,267	320,133.50
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	21	0.76	1,156,346	882,964.42
GUARANTY TRUST ASS. PLC	42	2.70	1,676,895	4,438,964.05
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	4	0.50	332,179	166,089.50
CONS. HALLMARK INS. PLC	1	0.50	89,000	44,500.00
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	56	0.64	11,371,720	7,200,115.58
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	52	0.51	9,208,304	4,655,806.63
L/UNION & ROCK INS. PLC	12	0.65	1,368,891	922,617.34
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	6	0.50	26,166	13,083.00
MUTUAL BEN. ASSUR. PLC	28	0.51	2,105,974	1,082,760.58
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC	52	0.65	6,444,759	4,123,616.52
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	24	1.19	668,759	795,823.21
OASIS INSURANCE PLC	1	0.77	1,000	740.00
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	13	4.00	147,869	594,867.55
REG. ALL. INS. COY PLC	3	0.50	3,412,172	1,706,086.00
STACO INSURANCE PLC	9	0.52	629,900	329,731.40
STAND. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	20	0.53	2,573,410	1,362,458.20
UNIC INSURANCE PLC	3	0.83	246,586	204,771.38
UNITY KAPITAL ASSUR. PLC	1	0.60	1,500	855.00
UNIVERSAL INS. COY PLC	6	0.50	28,900,508	14,450,254.00
INTERC. WAPIC INSUR. PLC	20	0.80	559,562	449,436.46
SECTOR TOTALS	560		110,101,651	110,101,651
MARITIME				
JAP/OIL & MAR. SERV. PLC	236	1.95	11,501,954	22,278,840.57
SECTOR TOTALS	236		11,501,954	22,278,840.57
MEDIA				
AFROMEDIA PLC	12	0.64	842,000	514,440.00
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	8	0.99	114,911	113,761.89
SECTOR TOTALS	20		956,911	628,201.89
MORTGAGE COMPANIES				
ABBEY BUILDING SOC. PLC	1	1.61	500	765.00
ASO SAVINGS/LOANS PLC	27	0.54	1,196,745	654,142.30
RES. SAVINGS/LOANS PLC	2	0.50	1,100	550.00
UN/HOMES SAV/LOANS PLC	22	0.85	999,776	849,809.60
SECTOR TOTALS	52		2,198,121	1,505,266.90
OTHER FINANCIAL INST.				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC	16	0.92	344,379	313,011.34
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	8	1.95	1,104,600	1,104,600.00
SECTOR TOTALS	24		400,359	356,115.94
PACKAGING				
NIG. BAG MAN. COY PLC	282	3.26	8,078,849	27,987,773.02
BETA GLASS CO. PLC	1	1.00	1,000	1,000.00
NAMPAC NIGERIA PLC	8	5.71	100,000	571,000.00
SECTOR TOTALS	291		8,178,859	28,558,914.02
PETROLEUM(MARK.)				
AFRICAN PETR. PLC	84	41.99	348,217	14,618,006.03
BECO PETR. PROD. PLC	32	1.53	325,850	498,550.50
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	9	76.93	74,055	5,697,051.15
CONOIL PLC	36	50.00	57,446	2,782,971.02
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC	81	8.45	1,434,428	12,282,797.20
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC	12	150.90	8,345	1,322,081.48
OANDO PLC	21	12.00	1,220,677	209,270,358.20
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	39	236.00	367,031	85,865,897.47
SECTOR TOTALS	498		4,345,049	332,337,713.05
PRINTING & PUBLISHING				
ACADEMY PRESS PLC	1	2.89	1,225	178,332.37
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	19	9.90	117,900	1,159,167.00
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	22	6.80	1,484,461	10,080,553.43
SECTOR TOTALS	42		1,603,586	11,618,052.80
REAL ESTATE				
UACN PROP. DEV. CO. PLC	146	28.82	4,674,160	134,267,783.78
SECTOR TOTALS	146		4,674,160	134,267,783.78
ROAD TRANSPORTATION				
ASSOCIATED BUS COY PLC	18	1.00	253,000	253,000.00
SECTOR TOTALS	18		253,000	253,000.00
THE FOREIGN LISTINGS				
ECOBANK TRANSN. INCORP.	27	19.12	392,596	7,537,291.08
SECTOR TOTALS	27		392,596	7,537,291.08
OVERALL TOTALS	8,147		359,251,528	4,704,670,600.75

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Late President
ALHAJI UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA
(Mutawallen Katsina)

On behalf of the Governing Council, Management, staff and students of Umaru Musa Yar'adua University, we express our heartfelt and profound condolences to the President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, Governor Ibrahim Shehu Shema and the people of Katsina State, the Yar'adua family, friends and associates of the late President and Commander-In – Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua, *Mutawallen Katsina* over his demise.

We cannot find suitable words to describe our shock and sense of loss over the death of the late President, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua after whom our University was named. The late President was the founding father and mentor of the University. His enormous contributions to the University shall forever remain in our memory.

We pray to Allah (S.W.T) to grant his soul repose in Jannatul Firdausi and grant the family and the entire nation the fortitude to bear the loss.

Signed:

Prof. Mu'ta Ibrahim
 Vice Chancellor



NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE 2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION.

A: PREAMBLE

In compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act 2007, The Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) Headquarters Lagos, wishes to engage contractors who may wish to tender for Prequalification for the following projects under Lots 1-6 For the 2010 budget appropriation.

In view of the above, the Agency hereby invites applications for Prequalification to Tender from reputable, competent and interested contractors for projects listed below:

Lot No/Ref	Description of Project
Lot 1	Procurement and Installation of ILS/DME, CVOR/DME, Test Gears and Spare parts for Airports
Lot 2	Procurement and Installation of Solar Energy at Lagos, Abuja PHC, Kano, Enugu and Bida enroute stations
Lot 3	Acquisition and installation of Terrestrial communication Facilities in 22 Airports
Lot 4	Acquisition and Installation of Satcom Communication Facilities in Abuja, Kano, PHC & Lagos
Lot 5	Procurement and Installation of Automatic Voltage Regulators for TRACON Sites
Lot 6	Procurement and Installation of VCCS (Consoles) for (13) Nos Control Towers

B: PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The pre-qualification documents shall be subjected to strict technical evaluation. All interested contractors must submit the following documents:

- Evidence of incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) of Nigeria or similar organization in overseas.
- Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the past three (3) years (2007/06-2009/2010)
- Evidence of VAT registration & proof of past remittances
- Detailed Company profile and Technical experience/qualification of key personnel, including registered address, name, functional location, Telephone Nos and email address etc.
- Annual Turnover and Audited statements of accounts for the past three (3) years (2007-2009).
- Letter of Recommendation from Company's Bankers indicating the Financial capacity and capability to undertake the project if awarded.
- Evidence of ownership or Access/lease of relevant equipments/Technology and Resources required to be deployed for the project
- Verifiable evidence of competence exhibited in the Award & timely execution of similar projects within the last 3 years. Attach letters of Award and certificate of completion.
- Evidence of Membership of Relevant Professional bodies or Government Agency (where it is deemed necessary).
- Evidence of dealership or manufacturers authorization (where it is deemed necessary), & any additional information that may enhance the prequalification of the company.

C: SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED TENDER DOCUMENTS

All applications for prequalification documents (which must be seven (7) copies each per LOT should be enclosed in a wax sealed envelope boldly marked at the top left hand corner "NAMA PREQUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR LOT (Indicate the Project Title and its Reference Nos) addressed and delivered to the address below within (2) two weeks i.e. on or before Monday, 31st May, 2010

The Managing Director/CE,
Nigerian Airspace Management Agency,
Murtala Mohammed Airport
Ikeja- Lagos.

The Sealed envelop should be dropped and registered in the
Procurement & Logistics Department,
Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) Headquarters Annex,
Murtala Mohammed Airport,
Ikeja Lagos

D: CLOSING DATE

All submissions must be received at the above address on or before 12: noon on Monday, 31st May, 2010

E: Please it is important to note the following:

- That prospective contractors can only apply for a single lot.
- That this is NOT an invitation to Tender. Full tendering will be applied only to bidders that have successfully been pre-qualified and found capable of executing the project
- That Tenders Register must be signed at the Procurement Department on the submission of Tender application.
- That the Agency reserves the right to verify any claim by the bidders and may at its own discretion reject any bid which does not conform with Procurement Act of 2007.
- That further clarification can be obtained from the Procurement Department or the relevant Directorate at NAMA HQTRS, Ikeja Lagos
- That no late submissions under whatever guise will be entertained and the Agency (NAMA) shall not enter into any correspondence with unsuccessful applicants.
- If you have responded to an unsolicited application/proposal on any project i.e. when the Agency has not advertised, you are advised to re-apply again according to the condition stated above.

Signed
MANAGEMENT



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ANNOUNCEMENT FIRST CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

The Gombe State University is holding its **First Convocation Ceremonies** for the **Installation of the Chancellor and award of First Degrees and Prizes on Friday, 21st and Saturday, 22nd May, 2010** at the University campus, Tudun Wada Gombe.

Invitation cards for graduands' guests and academic robes for the graduands will be issued to them on arrival in their Deans Offices from **Wednesday, 19th May, 2010**. All graduands are to pay a fee of **One Thousand Naira only (N1,000.00)** in the Bursary for the Academic robes and Convocation booklets.

The programme of activities is as follows:

Friday, 21st May, 2010

Convocation Lecture to be delivered by Professor Julius A. Okojie, Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission

Venue: Multipurpose Hall

Time: 4:00pm

Topic: Financial Autonomy in the Nigeria University System

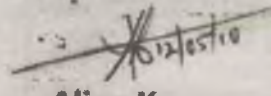
Saturday, 22nd May, 2010

Convocation Ceremony for the Installation of the Chancellor. Awards of Degrees and Presentation of Prizes.

Venue: Convocation Square

Time: 9:00am

All graduands are kindly expected to attend the activities to which they are invited on schedule.


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World governments embrace ICT e-strategies

Zakariyya Adaramola, with agency report

A new International Telecommunications Union (ITU)-led report released last week revealed that some 84 percent of the world's economies have fulfilled the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) target of putting a national information and communication (ICT) strategy in place by 2010.

In addition, at least another seven percent are in the process of developing such a strategy, the report confirms.

National e-Strategies for Development: Global Status and Perspectives 2010 was unveiled at the WSIS 2010 Forum in Geneva, five years after the WSIS Tunis Phase and the adoption of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society in 2005.

Its findings confirm global recognition of the critical importance of ICTs to ongoing economic and social development.

"It is very encouraging to see that so many countries recognize the key importance of having a national e-strategy, and I am convinced that ICTs will in the future

form an integral part of every government's plans for economic and social development," said Mr Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid, Director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT).

Prepared in collaboration with the five UN Regional Commissions, the report reveals that a substantial proportion of the UN's 192 Member States have already succeeded in incorporating many WSIS recommendations into their own national policies.

National e-strategies are now being viewed by countries

as instruments to stimulate and revitalize economic sectors that are still suffering from the effects of the 2008/2009 global financial crisis, with many governments integrating ICT strategies into their economic stimulus packages.

In particular, e-business is viewed as having great potential, particularly for economies with a large informal sector (as is the case for many developing countries), or for economies with a significant number of small and medium enterprises, where the adoption of ICTs by the business sector can

have a positive economic impact.

The report also identified areas where there is still room for improvement. Some countries, it says, need to revisit their plans relating to the vision, strategic orientation and ethical dimension of the Information Society to ensure they remain relevant in a fast-changing technology environment.

Many countries will also benefit from the formulation of more comprehensive sectoral e-strategies, based on the lessons learned from the implementation of existing projects.

Expert predicts market boom for 4G technology

From Chris Agabi & Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

IN a few years from now, Nigeria and other telecoms markets in Africa and the Middle East are expected to witness the world's first Long Term Evolution (LTE) mobile networks in action.

LTE is a step towards

the 4th generation (4G) of radio technologies designed to increase the capacity and speed of mobile telephone networks.

Head of Networks Systems, Middle East and Africa, for Nokia Siemens Networks, a leader in the LTE technology, Mohamed Abdelrehim said there has

been a flurry of industry activity to roll out commercial grade equipment and demonstrate all important compliance with LTE standards.

He said now much of the hard work has been done and it is over to communications service providers (CSPs) to bring the technology to market over the next few years.

By the end of 2008, Nokia Siemens Networks had already delivered new LTE ready hardware to more than 10 major mobile operators in Europe, Asia and North America, reinforcing its position as the frontrunner in LTE with a scalable flat architecture solution.

Abdelrehim while explaining the workings of the LTE technology to Information Technology journalists in Lagos noted that, "Long Term Evolution for 3G networks (LTE) promises an exciting and radical transformation of the wireless experience, with rich and fast multimedia services of incredible quality. Nokia Siemens Networks is already providing its customers with LTE-compatible Flexi Base Station hardware, and offering a smooth path to tomorrow's ultra-high-speed wireless broadband."



FROM left: Mrs Napa Onwusah, Strategic Account Manager for Public Sector, Cisco English West Africa, Mr. Muiz Banire, Commissioner for Environment, Lagos State, and Mr. Richard Edet, Managing Director, Cisco English West Africa at the Cisco sponsored breakfast session at the recently concluded Lagos Economic Summit held in Lagos.

Nigeria tops list at Redington IT Africa awards

From Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

NIGERIA'S increasing importance as a world-class Information Technology (IT) market, was recently confirmed with three of the country's leading resellers of IT products from the African nation taking home majority of the 12 Redington IT Africa (RITA)

Awards. The inaugural RITA award took place in Dubai recently.

Nigerian distributors, Park N Shop, Ajatech Computers Limited, and Systemtech Services Ltd shared between them five of the 12 RITA Awards, after beating off fierce competition from their counterparts in other African countries.

The initiative is the first of its kind for the African continent and has been formed to encourage Redington's IT partners to further spread the company's footprint across the region, a statement issued by Redington said.

Redington Africa is the leading IT distributor and supply chain systems provider and boasts of an impressive client portfolio including Acer, Canon, HP, IBM, Samsung, Toshiba, and Western Digital, among

others.

While Ajatech Computer won the "Best IT Distributor for West Africa" and "Outstanding Sales in the HP Supplies Business" awards, Systemtech Services were recognized for their outstanding performance in the HP PSG Commercial Business. On the other hand, Park N Shop scooped two of the hotly contested awards, "HP PSG Consumer Business" and "Outstanding Performance - Acer Business."

In his address at the RITA Awards, Mr. Raj Shankar, Managing Director for Redington Gulf, said: "Emerging markets in Africa will continue to drive our expansion strategy due to the strong demand for quality IT products and economies keen to implement the most sophisticated solutions."

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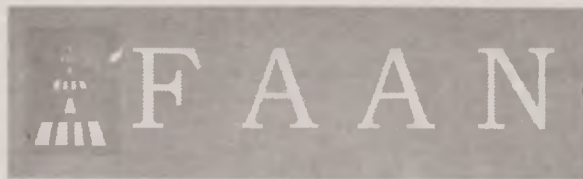
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FEDERAL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF NIGERIA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

A. INTRODUCTION.

The Federal Government of Nigeria through The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) in accordance with the Public Procurement act invites competent and reputable companies/contractors to bid for the following projects.

B. LIST OF PROJECTS

LOT 1. CONTROL TOWER WITH TECHNICAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

- LOT 1/FAAN/CB/ILR/001:- Construction of control tower with technical building at Ilorin airport.
 LOT 1/FAAN/CB/AK/002:- Construction of control tower with technical building at Akure airport.
 LOT 1/FAAN/CB/BN/003:- Construction of control tower with technical building at Benin airport.
 LOT 1/FAAN/CB/KD/004:- Construction of control tower with technical building at Kaduna airport.
 LOT 1/FAAN/CB/IBD/005:- Construction of control tower with technical building at Ibadan airport.
 LOT 1/FAAN/CB/MIU/006:- Construction of control tower with technical building at Maiduguri airport.

LOT 2. AIRPORT OPERATIONAL FENCE/ BOUNDARY FENCE AND ROAD PROJECT.

- LOT 2/FAAN/CB/IMO/001- Construction of Bi- Metal Operational Fence at Owerri Airport.
 LOT 2/FAAN/CB/MIU/002- Construction of Bi- Metal Operational Fence at Maiduguri Airport.
 LOT 2/FAAN/CB/YOL/003- Construction of Bi- Metal Operational Fence at Yola Airport.
 LOT 2/FAAN/CB/MN/004- Construction of Bi- Metal Operational Fence at Minna Airport.
 LOT 2/FAAN/CB/ILR/005- Construction of Bi- Metal Operational Fence at Ilorin Airport.
 LOT 2/FAAN/CB/ENU/006- Construction of Bi- Metal Operational Fence at Enugu Airport.

LOT 3. AIRFIELD LIGHTING (AFL) SYSTEMS REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE AT AIRPORTS.

- LOT 3/FAAN/EE/BEN/001- Rehabilitation of CAT I AFL at Benin Airport.
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/IBD/002- Rehabilitation of CAT I AFL at Ibadan Airport.
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/CAL/003- Rehabilitation of CAT I and simple approach AFL at Calabar Airport.
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/MN/004- Installation of CAT I and simple approach AFL system at Enugu airport
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/MN/005- Installation of CAT I and simple approach AFL system at Akure airport

LOT 4. PROCUREMENT/INSTALLATION OF AIRPORT EQUIPMENT.

- LOT 4/FAAN/EVR/HQ/001- Supply and installation of aircraft birdstrike avoidance radar (ABAR) in Lagos and Abuja airports.
 LOT 4/FAAN/EVR/HQ/002- Supply and installation of cordless land -air- wildlife systems (claws) - a bird deterrent device at Owerri airport.

C. DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED TENDER.

- 1) Evidence of Company Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- 2) Certified true copy of memorandum and article of association with CO2 & CO7
- 3) Evidence of tax payments for the last three years (2007 - 2009).
- 4) Company profile/brochure to include detailed CV's and copy of the professional certificate of technical personnel.
- 5) Bank reference from reputable bank with evidence of overdraft facilities of at least N20 million and cash in hand of at least N10 million.
- 6) Copies of the audited account and financial statement of the company for the last three years.
- 7) Original bank statement for the last 6 months.
- 8) Verifiable evidence of similar works successfully completed and on-going (indicating percentage status) within the last three years, with minimum value of N10Million (attaching photocopies of award letters and job completion certificates as applicable)
- 9) Evidence of fulfilment of obligations to pay pension.
- 10) Value Added Tax Registration Certificate/evidence of remittance.
- 11) List of equipment and evidence of ownership or lease.
- 12) Bid security of at least 2.5% of the bid price.
- 13) A sworn affidavit disclosing as follows:-
 - a. That the document submitted for the tender are not only genuine but correct.
 - b. That the director(s) of the company has never been convicted by any court of law.
 - c. That the company is not bankrupt.
 - d. Whether or not any of the officers of the relevant committees of FAAN or BPP is a former or present director of the company.

D. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS.

1. The completed original tender document is to be submitted along with Three Copies (A4 sizes and neatly bound)
2. The document listed in item C are to be submitted in eight copies (A4 sizes and neatly bound)
3. The documents should be arranged in the order listed and each chapter separated by dividers.
4. The document must be sealed in an envelope and the job reference number must be clearly written at the top left hand corner of the envelope. E. g. LOT 4/FAAN/EE/BEN/002.
5. All documents must be submitted to the office of The General Manager (Procurement), FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja - Lagos. (Tel. 080-2315-4129)

E. CLOSING AND OPENING OF TENDER.

Submission of all tender(s) shall close at exactly four (4) weeks from the date on this advert at 11.30 a. m prompt while bids will be opened on the same day at 12noon in the Commercial and Business Development Conference Room, FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja- Lagos.

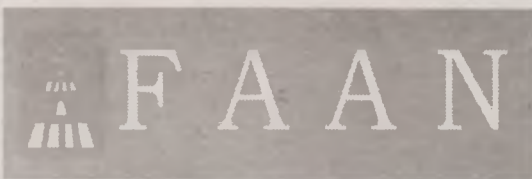
F. IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

1. Tender documents are to be obtained at the office of The General Manager (Procurement) Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (Headquarters) with a certified bank draft of the sum of N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) payable to Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria as tender processing fee.
2. Representative of bidders are requested to attend the tender opening.
3. The FAAN reserves the right to verify the authenticity of any claims made on the documents submitted by companies.
4. Failure to comply with the instruction and provide any required document (s) may result in dis-qualification.
5. FAAN reserves the right to reject any or all the bidding documents.
6. Original of document listed in item C above must be produced for sighting.
7. Tender documents submitted late shall be rejected.
8. Submission should be very clear on the areas of specialization and LOT(s) of interest.
9. Bidder(s) can only apply for not more than one lot of similar project.
10. FAAN reserve the right to verify the company address/ location indicated in the bid document.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ADVERT SUPERSEDES EARLIER ADVERTS MADE IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROJECTS.

Signed

FAAN MANAGEMENT



FEDERAL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF NIGERIA

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

A. INTRODUCTION.

The Federal Government of Nigeria through The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) in accordance with the Public Procurement Act invites competent and reputable companies/contractors to submit pre-qualification documents as pre-requisite to tender for the following projects.

B. LIST OF PROJECTS.

LOTA. PROCUREMENT/INSTALLATION OF AIRPORT EQUIPMENT.

- LOT A/FAAN/AVS/HQ/001- X-Ray Screening Machines and Walk through Metal Detector
 LOT A/FAAN/CB/MMIA/002- Procurement and installation of Carousel conveyor belt at MMIA.

LOT B:- AIRPORT RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT

- LOT B/FAAN/CB/BN/001:- Asphalt resurfacing of Benin airport runway
 LOT B/FAAN/CB/CAL/002:- Asphalt resurfacing of Calabar airport runway
 LOT B/FAAN/CB/SOK/003:- Sealing Of Cracks and Remarking of Sokoto Airport Apron and Runway.
 LOT B/FAAN/CB/SOK/004:- Rehabilitation of MMIA/GAT Taxiway and apron.

LOT C. CONSTRUCTION/INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROJECTS.

- LOT C/FAAN/CB/MAIA/001:- Rehabilitation of Abuja airport power upgrade, airfield lighting system, apron lighting, water supply and sewage systems and construction of maintenance building.
 LOT C/FAAN/CB/SMA/002:- Reconstruction /Remodelling of Sam Mbakwe International Airport, (SMA) Owerri, Imo State.
 LOT C/FAAN/CB/MMIA/003- Complete refurbishment of Central air-conditioning Systems at MMIA.
 LOT C/FAAN/CB/MMIA/004- Complete furnishing of Mallam Aminu Kano International airport domestic terminal building, Kano.

LOT D-CONSULTANCY SERVICES.

- LOT D/FAAN/CB/ENU/001:- Review and post consultancy services for the expansion /extension and asphalt resurfacing of Enugu runway.
 LOT D/FAAN/ME/MMIA/002:- Consultancy for the refurbishment of MMIA central Cooling systems.

LOTE. AIRPORT BOUNDARY FENCE AND ROAD PROJECT.

- LOTE/FAAN/CB/MAIA/001- Construction Bi-Metal airport boundary fence and road at Abuja airport.

C. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Evidence of Company Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
2. Certified true copy of memorandum and article of association with CO2 & CO7.
3. Evidence of tax payments for the last three years (2007 - 2009).
4. Company profile/brochure to include detailed CV's and copy of the professional certificate of technical personnel
5. Bank reference from reputable bank with evidence of overdraft facilities of at least N200million and cash in hand of at least N100 million.
6. Copies of the audited account and financial statement of the company for the last three years.
7. Original bank statement for the last 6months.
8. Verifiable evidence of similar works successfully completed and on-going (with percentage status) within the last three years, with minimum value of N100 Million (attaching photocopies of award letter and job completion certificates.)
9. Value Added Tax Registration Certificate/ Evidence of remittance.
10. A sworn affidavit disclosing as follows:-
 - a. That the document submitted for the tender are not only genuine but correct.
 - b. That the director(s) of the company has never been convicted by any court of law.
 - c. That the company is not bankrupt.
 - d. Whether or not any of the officers of the relevant committees of FAAN or BPP is a former or present director of the company.
11. List of applicable equipments with evidence of ownership or lease.
12. For LOT A-Evidence of Manufacturing or Manufacturer's representative is compulsory including product list.
13. For LOT B- Evidence of ownership of Asphalt Milling Machine is compulsory.
14. For LOT D- Evidence of company registration as consultant with COREN is compulsory.
15. LOT C/FAAN/CB/MMIA/004- Evidence of registration with ARCON and experience on interior decoration practices is compulsory.
16. LOT C and LOT D - Bank reference from reputable bank with evidence of overdraft facilities of at least N30million and cash in hand of at least N20 million is acceptable.

D. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

- a) The pre-qualification documents are to be submitted in Eight (8) copies, A4 sizes and neatly bound. The document should be arranged in the order listed under pre-qualification requirements and each chapter separated by dividers.
- b) The document must be sealed in an envelope and the job reference number must be clearly written at the top left hand corner of the envelope. E.G. LOT D/FAAN/CB/CAL/002.
- c) All documents must be submitted to The General Manager (Procurement), FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja - Lagos. (Tel. 08023154129.)

E. CLOSING AND OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION.

Submission of pre-qualification tender shall close at exactly two (2) weeks from the date on this advert while all submission will be opened on the same day at 12noon at The Commercial and Business Development Conference Room, FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja- Lagos.

F. IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

1. The FAAN reserves the right to verify the authenticity of any claims made on the pre-qualification documents submitted by companies.
2. Failure to comply with the instruction and provide any required document may result in dis-qualification.
3. FAAN reserves the right to reject any or all the pre-qualification documents.
4. Original of document listed in item C above must be produced for sighting.
5. Tender documents submitted late shall be rejected.
6. Submission should be very clear on the areas of specialization and LOT(s) of interest.
7. All the Pre-qualified companies shall be invited to obtain tender document at a cost of N150,000.00 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Naira Only.) with certified bank draft payable to The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria.
8. Bidder(s) can only apply for not more than one lot of similar project.
9. FAAN reserve the right to verify the company address/ location indicated in the bid document.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ADVERT SUPERSEDES EARLIER ADVERTS MADE IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROJECTS.

Signed

FAAN MANAGEMENT



FEDERAL ROADS MAINTENANCE AGENCY (FERMA) HEADQUARTERS – ABUJA

RE: FERMA'S MAINTAIN, OPERATE & TRANSFER (MOT) PROGRAMME OPENING OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) MATTERS ARISING

Consequent upon the need to align the Agency's ongoing processes in the realization of its Maintain, Operate and Transfer (MOT) programme of the under listed roads nationwide, the Agency regrets to announce a change in her programme of activities as previously made public.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the roads in the first phase of the programme are:

1. 9th Mile – Otukpa – Otukpo Road
2. Mokwa – Tegina – Birnin Gwari – Kaduna Road
3. Ibadan – Ife – Ilesha and
4. Jos – Bauchi – Gombe Road

The various Consortiums/Investors/prospective Concessionaires and the general public present at the Tuesday, April 13, 2010 opening of bid ceremony would recall that **only** the TECHNICAL BID were opened while the FINANCIAL BID were scheduled to be opened on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

The Agency, by this publication seeks to announce that the FINANCIAL BID will no longer be opened as scheduled but will be duly opened AFTER the successful completion of an ongoing alignment process between the Agency (FERMA) and Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC).

The Agency regrets all inconveniences that this change in the timelines of its Maintain, Operate & Transfer (MOT) programme has caused its numerous partners especially all interested and pre-qualified Consortiums/Investors/prospective Concessionaires whose FINANCIAL BID were to be opened on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Signed
Management

DIGEST

Long conversations on mobile phones can increase risk of cancer...

PROLONGED use of mobile phones over many years could increase the risk of cancer, scientists have found.

However, a landmark study by the World Health Organisation into the safety of mobiles is expected to stop short of concluding that they definitely cause cancer - because the evidence is not conclusive enough.

And, despite spending £15million investigating handsets over the past decade, the authors will admit there is a need for further research into their health effects before definitive advice can be given.

The WHO's report will not be released until later this week, but two national newspapers reported yesterday that it will quote evidence saying people who use mobile phones for at least 30 minutes a day for 10 years have a greater risk - perhaps as much as a third higher - of developing brain cancer.

The 'Interphone' research has been carried out over the past 10 years in 13 countries, and is the largest of its kind.

Although it is known that radiation emitted by mobiles is absorbed by the head when it is held to the ear, it has not been proved that frequent use damages health - mainly because mobile phones have not been widely used for very long.

Between 2000 and 2004, researchers interviewed almost 13,000 people - both tumour sufferers and those in good health - to see if their mobile phone use differed.

Some of these studies have been published individually and have shown an increased risk of glioma - the most common type of brain tumour - for those who talk on their mobile for 30 minutes a day for 10 years.

Many saw the tumour develop on the same side of the head as they use their phone.

A summary of these results concluded: 'Pooling of data from Nordic countries and part of the UK yielded a significantly increased risk of glioma related to use of mobile phones for a period of 10 years or more on the side of the head where the tumour developed.'

But there are huge question marks over the reliability of the data. For example, its definition of 'mobile phone user' includes people who only made one call a week.

And there are also questions over how much can be gleaned from asking people years later how often they used their phone and what ear they held it to.

Another possible flaw is so-called 'recall bias', in which people who have a brain tumour retrospectively decide their cancer must have been caused by something - such as their handset.

There is also huge scepticism about another of the findings of the study: that short-term mobile phone use actually protects against cancer. Even the authors believe this is highly unlikely.

The report will call for more research, especially among the young.

The Interphone study is eagerly awaited by governments across the world and also by the mobile phone industry, which funded a quarter of the costs of the report.

The Department of Health has not updated its guidance for more than four years. It suggests children should be 'discouraged' from making 'non-essential' calls - while adults should 'keep calls short'.

Other countries go further: urging people to buy hands-free sets, sending texts rather than making calls, or banning the advertising of phones at children.



AT risk: A decade-long study has found a link between prolonged mobile phone use - more than 30 minutes a day - and the risk of brain cancer.

Morbidly obese woman winched from home

A morbidly obese woman, Jackie Chamberlain, too fat to walk downstairs was rushed to hospital by firefighters who had to winch her through the roof of her own home using a cherrypicker.

The bed-ridden woman, who weighs 30 stone, needed urgent hospital treatment for serious kidney problems and a suspected blood clot in her leg.

But paramedics could not get the 51-year-old, who had only left her first-floor maisonette once in the last 12 months, down the flight of stairs to the ambulance.

Ten firefighters spent two-and-a-half hours attaching her to wooden pallets before they winched her out through the roof and dropped her safely using a cherrypicker.

Husband Paul, 49, mother-of-four Jackie's full-time carer for 27 years, revealed she was nervous about the res-

cue due to "the embarrassment factor".

Mr Chamberlain, of Melksham, Wilts., said: "About a year ago Jackie just gave up trying to get down the stairs.

"I packed in my job in September because she couldn't do that much for herself.

"I said 'that's enough' because she didn't like me being away from her on an evening because she needed me.

"Jackie had been not so mobile for a while and finally called the doctors after years of not feeling quite right.

"They did some blood tests and rang up to say she needed to go to hospital. "She was panicking about going to the hospital and was distressed because she thought everyone was going to be laughing at her - it was the embarrassment factor."

She moved into the flat above the Boots store in Melk-

sham in 2005 with husband and son Jonathan, 27.

However, in Spring last year she stopped leaving the property after becoming too large to negotiate the access stairs. In the last year she has only left home once - to attend her daughter Nicola's wedding to Colin Brownie in Trowbridge, Wilts., five weeks ago.

Her obesity became so bad that she suffered from severe bed sores and slept in the lounge because she was unable to use the flat's internal stairs.

Last Thursday paramedics were called to take Jackie from her home to the Royal United Hospital in Bath, Somerset.

But they could not safely move her from the property so ten firefighters were called in and spent two-and-a-half hours winching her out via the roof.

Sign Language



Snakes, left lane only. Violators will be ticketed. Sounds crazy.

Photo location: Iquazu falls, Argentina, by Nick B.

Culled from www.signs-potting.com

BOWL-A-SCORE CHALLENGER

In our bowling game, a strike (worth 20 points) is made by using all the letters in a group to form a 10-letter word. The first letter of each strike is shown. A spare (worth 10 points) is made by using all the letters to form two words. A spare may not be formed by splitting the strike word in two (for example, the strike word "FORECASTER" cannot be split into the spare "FORE" and "CASTER"). Proper nouns may not be used. A perfect score is 300 points.

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SOLUTION TO SPELL TO SCORE

1. waxing (6); 2. hotly (5); 3. squander (8); 4. lock (4); 5. invader (7); 6. custom (6); 7. glazier (7); 8, snub (4); 9. jeopardy (8); 10. fling (5); 11. upward (6); Total: 66 points plus 11-point bonus. Grand total: 77 points.

SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given"- these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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Solution to Sudoku 149

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TOPICS

Advanced topics and issues affecting today's dynamic business landscape such as the latest in financial-business strategies, present and future trends in management and marketing, information communication technology, trade and regulations issues, Islamic finance, accounting, ethics, governance and standards

REGISTRATION FEES

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2. **VISA:-** ICAN will assist in procuring VISA for delegates who register before August 31, 2010. Visa Fees:- N1,000.00

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TO REGISTER

1. Download registration form from the ICAN Website: www.ican-ng.org by clicking on WCOA arrangement for Nigerian Participants.

2. Attach the completed form along with evidence of payments to this email address: wcoa2010loc@ican.org.ng

3. Payments can be made to ICAN/WCOA Kuala Lumpur domiciliary and naira accounts through any of the following outlets:

- a. **Guaranty Trust Bank Plc Account Nos.**
Naira-201/105402/114, Dollar-201/105402/210.
- b. **Fidelity Bank Plc Account Nos.**
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- c. **At ICAN Secretariat, 16, Idowu Taylor street, Victoria Island, Lagos**

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BENUE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II

DATE: 17th MAY, 2010

IFB No. BN/ HSDP II/NCB/WKS/01/10

Credit No.: 4522-NG

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the Development Business Issue No. 637 and Daily Trust newspaper of Nigeria of July 3, 2009.
2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the *International Development Association (IDA)* towards the cost of Benue State Health System Development Project-II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the Health System Development Project II contract for construction of staff quarters in health facilities and health training institutions in Ugba, Buruku, Otukpa, Obagaji and School of Health Technology, Agasha
3. The Benue State Health Systems Development Project (HSDP) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to carry out the Construction of staff quarters in four health facilities and health Training institution as detailed below;

LOT NO	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	BID SECURITY
Lot 1	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC Ugba	2% of bid price
Lot 2	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC Ugba	2% of bid Price
Lot 3	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC, Buruku	2% of bid Price
Lot 4	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC, Buruku	2% of bid Price
Lot 5	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC, Otukpa	2% of bid Price
Lot 6	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC, Otukpa	2% of bid Price
Lot 7	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC, Obagaji	2% of bid Price
Lot 8	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	CHC, Obagaji	2% of bid Price
Lot 9	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	School of health Tech. Agasha	2% of bid Price
Lot 10	Construction of INO 2 bedroom duplex	School of health Tech. Agasha	2% of bid price

- Bidders may quote for one or more complete lots, as bids will be evaluated and awarded on a lot by lot basis. Bids for part of a lot will be considered non responsive and will be rejected.
- 4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
- 5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Benue State Health System Development Project** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 17th May 2010 between 10.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday excluding Public holidays.
- 6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in **English language** may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Fifteen Thousand Naira (15,000.00)** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency for the **first Lot and Ten Thousand Naira (10,000.00)** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency for **each additional Lot**. The method of payment will be by **cash or bank draft** in favour of **BENUE STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (HSDP)**. The document will be collected by bidder's representative or sent by courier services on request with the appropriate cost of mailing included.
- 7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **11:00 a.m. on 2nd July, 2010**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, 2nd July, 2010**.
- 8. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of the amount stated in the table above** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
- 9. The address referred to above is: **Project Manager**.

Benue State Health System Development Project-II
Ministry of Health
State Secretariat, PMB 102093, Makurdi
Telephone: +2348062544461; +2348065599194
Electronic mail address: gab_ameh@yahoo.com

Signed: **Gabriel I. Ameh**
Project Manager



**National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure
(Federal Ministry of Science and Technology)**

Idu Industrial, Area, PMB 391, Garki, Abuja

**Readvertisement for Submission of Applications for
the Position of Director, Engineering Infrastructure,
CONTESS 15, NASENI Headquarters**

Job Description

The Director of Engineering-Infrastructure is charged with the responsibilities of coordinating and supervising the activities of the Department. The Director conceptualizes, formulates and develops plans for the establishment of Engineering Infrastructure Development Institutes. He collaborates with national and international bodies and institutions on development engineering and projects. He develops programmes for collaborating with the development institutes and the private sector for the development of capital goods. He formulates programmes for the technological strengthening of SMEs in the fabrication of machineries, tools, as well as the development of processes for industries. He advises the Director-General by providing relevant project management information on a timely basis in order to plan and measure the success of projects using clear-cut success indicators and parameters.

Qualifications

Candidate must possess relevant University degrees or their equivalents up to Ph.D in any of the Engineering fields of production, mechanical, materials, electrical/electronics, agricultural or industrial engineering. COREN registration and membership of engineering professional bodies are considered an advantage.

Experience

At least **20 years** post qualification experience in the field of engineering (including material selection, machine design and machine building), project and process development, teaching, research and industry. Sound knowledge of precision engineering will be an advantage as well as automation aids for manufacturing operations. In addition, very reasonable knowledge of production management and control will be required together with maintenance management experience. Besides, candidate must have demonstrable leadership qualities and show interest in continuous development and training of staff especially in the new areas of manufacturing including CNC and CAD/CAM.

Age Requirement

Eligible candidates for the above position must not be above 50 years of age for new permanent and pensionable appointments. In all cases, candidates must be less than 60 years of age in line with extant government regulations.

Method of Application

Interested candidates (internal and external) are required to forward their applications with fifteen (15) copies of their up-to-date Curriculum Vitae to include among others:

- (i) Educational/Professional Qualifications with dates
- (ii) Relevant Job Experience
- (iii) Present Salary and Emolument
- (iv) Photocopies of relevant credentials
- (v) Contact address with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses

All applications should be received not later than six weeks from the date of this publication and addressed to:

**Director-General/Chief Executive
National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure
Idu Industrial Area,
PMB 391, Garki,
Abuja.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Signed

Director-General/Chief Executive



DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

VACANCIES

Diamond Development Initiatives (DDI) is a not-for-profit development consulting organisation. DDI provides support to social and economic development projects including micro and small enterprise (MSE) development; agriculture, trade and investment initiatives; micro finance and participatory development best practices.

DDI invites applications for the following positions:

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – PORT HARCOURT

Requirements. The following qualifications and levels of experience are desired:

1. A Master's degree in Business Administration, Agriculture, Finance or Economics
2. At least five years of experience in business or financial management.
3. Experience in business or financial consulting for micro, small and medium scale enterprises and/or experience in training delivery
4. Experience in the design, development and implementation of micro, small and medium scale enterprise projects
5. Experience with business development, trade and/or investment activities related to micro, small and medium scale enterprises
6. Demonstrated ability to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate business development, trade and/or investment programs.
7. Knowledge of best practices related to portfolio management, business appraisals, due diligence assessments, business plan development, market development, financial statement preparation and analysis, financial and program audits, and/or ethical compliance programs.
8. Substantial business documentation and presentation skills as evidence of ability to effectively interact with small business clients and/or prospective investors. Hands-on management experience in a small business or corporation.
9. Demonstrated experience raising investment capital and/or mobilizing resources from private or public donors.
10. Articulate in written and spoken English.

OUTREACH OFFICER – KADUNA OR KANO

Requirements. The following qualifications and levels of experience are desired:

1. A Master's degree
2. At least five years cognate experience.
3. Ability to explore, identify and track program funding opportunities,
4. Ability to develop an appropriate and effective fundraising strategy involving research of current and prospective donors, product development, marketing, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship.
5. Experience in leading and coordinate processes to ensure timely submission of high-quality proposals to identified donors and funding opportunities.
6. Knowledge of cost application and budgeting processes
7. Familiarity with funding solicitation mechanisms, regulations and standard provisions, and programming priorities of major donors.
8. Ability to support communications initiatives that help capture the successes associated with current programming.
9. Strong analytical and organizational skills
10. Excellent interpersonal, networking and representational skills
11. Articulate in written and spoken English.

To apply: Applications including a cover letter that explains how you meet the above criteria, a detailed resume, 3 references, and salary history should be sent not later than **Friday, June 4, 2010** to recruitment@ddinigeria.org



**OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR – GENERAL
OF THE FEDERATION**
NO 8, YAWURI STREET, GARKI 2, ABUJA

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation (OSGOF) invites interested and reputable companies to submit tender for the supply and installation of the following equipment:

LOT 1 (SUPPLY OF DIGITAL EQUIPMENT)

(a) 2Nos. Sokkia SET 530R Reflectorless Digital Total Station 5" Accuracy with accessories – 2 x BDC 46 Detachable Rechargeable Batteries, 1Xcdc Battery Charger, Plumb bob, CP7 Tubular Compass, Lens Hood, Lens Cap, Tool Kits, Operators Manual, Carrying Case, Shoulder Strap. KPS 11 PT Reflector Prism with Coaxial Target and Pole Wooden Tripod and Stand, Sokkia Link Software, DOC 27 Interface Cable

(b) 4Nos. Sokkia DT 220 Digital Theodolite with Accessories – 2 Batteries, 1 Plumb bob, Tubular Compass, Tool kits, Operators Manual, Wooden Tripod, etc.

(c) 4Nos. Sokkia SDL 30 Digital Level with accessories – 1 x BDC 46 Detachable Rechargeable Batteries; 1 x CDC 61 Battery Charger; 2 x BGS 46 Meter Code BAR Staff; 1 x Wooden Tripod; etc.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Evidence of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission
- (ii) Evidence of Tax Clearance for the past 3 years and VAT Certificate
- (iii) Payment of N10, 000.00 non refundable tender fees.

3. SUBMISSION/OPENING OF TENDER

Tender documents must be returned in sealed envelope, marked at the top left hand corner "tender document" and addressed to The Secretary, Ministerial Tender Board, OSGOF. The sealed envelope is to be dropped by hand into the tender box of the OSGOF on or before 12 noon Monday 7th June, 2010. Tender shall be opened at 1.00pm same day (i.e 7th June, 2010) in the conference room of the Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation. Contractors or their representatives, officials of Nigerian Institute of Surveyors (NIS), NGOs and the general public are encouraged to attend, please.

Signed:
Secretary,
Ministerial Tenders Board



**COUNCIL OF NIGERIAN MINING ENGINEERS AND
GEOSCIENTISTS (COMEG)**

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Preamble:

Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientists (COMEG) was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria through Decree (Now Act) No 40 of 1990. The Council was formerly inaugurated on the 12th of September, 2000.

COMEG is charged with, amongst other responsibilities, regulating and controlling the practices of professionals including mining engineers, geoscientists, metallurgists and other related professionals. COMEG is also charged with the responsibility of prescribing and enforcing code of conduct for registered professionals.

In view of the above, the Council hereby announces vacancies in the following positions:

1. **Deputy Registrar** GL16
 - Candidates must possess a minimum of a first degree in mining engineering, petroleum engineering, metallurgy or the geosciences.
 - Twenty-five (25) years post qualification experience.
 - Possession of a higher degree and membership of relevant professional bodies will be an added advantage.
2. **Assistant Registrars (4 no.)** GL15
 - Candidates must possess a minimum of first degree in mining engineering, petroleum engineering, metallurgy or the geosciences
 - Fifteen years post qualification experience.
 - Possession of a higher degree and membership of relevant professional bodies will be an added advantage.
3. **Chief Internal Auditor** GL14
 - Candidates must possess a first degree in accounting or financial management
 - Ten (10) years post qualification experience as an auditor in the public or private sectors of the Nigerian economy.
 - A higher degree and professional membership of relevant bodies will be an added advantage.
 - Computer literacy and knowledge in application of ICT in accounting or auditing
4. **Scientific Officers (6no.)** GL10
 - Candidates must possess a first degree in mining engineering, petroleum engineering, metallurgy or the geosciences
 - Minimum of six (6) years post qualification experience in solid minerals, water resources, oil and gas industries or in a Government regulatory body would be an added advantage.
 - Computer literate
 - Good Communication and inter-personal skills
5. **Accountants (4no.)** GL09
 - Candidates must possess a first degree in accounting
 - Six (6) years post qualification experience
 - Computer literate and knowledge of application of ICT in accounting
 - Good communication and inter-personal skills
6. **Confidential Secretary** GL08
 - A minimum of HND qualification in Secretarial Studies
 - Computer literate
 - Good communication and inter-personal skills
 - Six (6) years post qualification experience
7. **Clerical Officer Grade II** GL04
 - Minimum of SSCE/WASC/GCE (0 Level)

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Send ten (10) copies of application letter clearly indicating position, detailed curriculum vitae and relevant credentials within six (6) weeks of this publication to:

The Registrar,
Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientists (COMEG),
15A Kwame Nkrumah Crescent,
Asokoro,
Abuja,
P.M.B.537,
Garki, Abuja

Only those who are required for interview, will be contacted in due course.



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA MINISTRY OF MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES PROJECT (SMMRP) ALTERATION/MODIFICATION OF MINING CADASTRE HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA

IFB No. MMSD/SMMRP/NCB/CW/01/2010

Credit No.: 4012-UNI

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue no. ID-843108 of December 9, 2004.
2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the *International Development Association (IDA)* towards the cost of **Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project (SMMRP)**, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this *credit* to payments under the contract for the **Alteration/Modification Of Mining Cadastre Headquarters, No. 37 Lobito Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja.**
3. The Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project (SMMRP) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to carry out the **Alteration/Modification Of Mining Cadastre Headquarters, No. 37 Lobito Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja.**
4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project (SMMRP)** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from **1000 hrs to 1600 hrs, Monday to Friday.**
6. Qualifications requirements include:
 - An average annual financial amount of construction work over the last five years of: **N 85.0 M**
 - Experience as prime contractor in the carrying out of at least two projects of similar nature and complexity equivalent to the Works over the last five years (to comply with this requirement, the works cited should be at least 70 percent complete)
 - Availability (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipment listed in the Bidding Data Sheet;
- **A Contract Manager with five years' experience in construction works of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Contract Manager; and**
- **Liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, of no less than: N 10.0M**
7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in **English language** may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Fifteen Thousand Naira (15,000.00)** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency The method of payment will be by **bank draft** in favor of **Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project (SMMRP)**. The document will be collected by bidder's representative or sent by courier services on request.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010.** Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted. **Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below at **2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010**
9. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security not less than 2.5% of the bid price**
10. The address referred to above is:
**The Project Coordinator,
 Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project (SMMRP)
 Project Management Unit (PMU)
 Ministry of Mines and Steel Development
 No 6 Marte Close, Off Misau Crescent
 Garki II – Abuja
 Nigeria
 Tel.: +234- 8055018774
uladie2001@yahoo.co.uk ,
utsu.adie@msmd.gov.ng**

News Extra



HASSAN and Hussein after the operation

Conjoined twins - Hassan and Hussein-are apart at last

One lovingly cradled in each parent's arms, these are the heartwarming pictures of Irish conjoined twins Hassan and Hussein after their amazing 14-hour separation operation.

The conjoined twins were separated in a 14-hour operation.

For the first time since the boys' million-to-one-shot procedure, they are shown recovering from the major surgery it's hoped will give them a normal life.

And while the brothers enjoy stretching out apart, the miraculous pair are still fighting strong together.

Loving mum Angie Benhaffaf, 36, from Co Cork in Ireland, says: "They'll do everything, these boys. They're my little fighters."

"They'll do what other kids can do, probably even better."

"I think they're an absolute inspiration. Even now, they give so many smiles and cuddles, despite what they've been through."

For Angie and adoring dad Azzedine, 37, who also has two daughters, Malika, six, and Iman, two, it is the much-prayed-for end of months of tears and heartache that began with a grainy image of their boys.

Joined at the chest, it was feared a 12-week scan - which doctors thought showed the brothers shared a heart and vital major organs - foretold their death.

A later scan, on 24 weeks, showed the babies holding hands.

But over the last five and a half months, with a painful birth, gruelling surgery, and an unbreakable will no



THE conjoined twins Hassan and Hussein Benhaffaf were joined at the chest before the operation to separate them joined in the chest.



ANGIE and Azzedine with the twins, Malika (back) and Iman

one could have predicted, the battling boys personify nothing short of a miracle.

And now, together, but no longer always side-by-side, the twins are almost ready to go home.

For their mum and dad, it's frighteningly good news. Angie admits: "When I think about the odds of what they've been through, it's scary for us."

"We're just these ordinary people from ordinary backgrounds, but what the boys have been through is so overwhelmingly miraculous, it can be quite scary sometimes."

"I still remember the surgeon, the world leader in conjoined twins, telling me the boys have made an 'unusually quick recovery', words I'll remember for-

ever and take to my grave.

"That's exactly what we want to hear."

It's now just over five weeks since the twins underwent 14-hour surgery to separate a shared chest and liver, on April 7, at London's Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

The hospital boasts the world's foremost experts

in conjoined twins, having handled 22 separation procedures to date.

For the Benhaffaf twins, more than 20 medics, including four surgeons and four anaesthetists working in shifts, came together for the intricate procedure.

So complex was the twins' bond, they shared a pelvis and liver.

Their hearts were so close in their linked chest one pericardium sac encapsulated both hearts.

Doctors had predicted, if the boys survived the surgery, they'd have to spend months in the Intensive Care Unit. Yet they were out by May 1 - just three weeks after the op.

And now, despite having planned for up to a year in hospital, their parents expect to travel home possibly as early as next week.

Speaking exclusively to

“Their hearts were so close in their linked chest one pericardium sac encapsulated both hearts.”

the *News of the World* mum, Angie and dad Azzedine yesterday reveal their boys' amazing recovery, and the change the twins' separation will bring to their lives.

And, with irrepressible humour, and a few tears, they admit there are even some things they miss about having just one bundle of joy.

Angie says: "The day of the surgery was terrifying."

"We handed them over at 8.30am, and prayed until

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the amazing news at 11pm when we were told it had gone well.

"There was so much relief. People told me they thought I was going to collapse.

"All I remember when I saw them for the first time after that, at 2.30am that night in the Intensive Care Unit, is that my mouth just dropped.

"I remember saying to Azzedine before we got there that I needed a few minutes, for some deep breaths.

"Then we went over to these two cots, two, completely I remember that my mouth dropped just wide open. I'll never forget how I looked.

"For the first time ever, we were looking at each other saying which one is which, because Hassan was always on the left and Hussein was always on the right.

"But as puffy and as swollen as their faces were from the surgery, we knew who was who.

"You could see what they'd gone through on their little faces.

"They were naked. There was an awful lot of tubes and machines, and ventilators. They



JOINED in the chest

had these bits that look like swimming floats over each of them. It was very frightening and very confusing to see them apart.

"Even though to most people, and society, it's strange to see them conjoined, to us as a family they were normal together and to see them apart just didn't seem normal.

"We'd had them at home, after birth, as conjoined twins, getting them stronger for the months before the operation. And now they were apart, as two little babies. And we cried."

Angie admits it was partly due to relief and exhaustion, but she also reveals the couple missed the beautiful babies born joined together almost five months earlier, and six weeks prematurely, on December 2.

The loving mum recalls her first thought as she lay awake during an operation to open her womb and remove the twins was how good-looking her boys were.

She remembers: "The doctor said, 'Show the babies to mum' - and I saw these two beautiful faces, as bloody and crumpled as

they were, they were just both so handsome.

"Hassan had his arm round his brother, and it was so beautiful. You just don't expect them to come out of the womb like that, with one holding his brother.

"So when we cried after they were separated, it was relief and exhaustion, but also we missed them.

"When they were joined, they had this amazing thing when they started crying. They would start crying at the same time, and when they stopped they would stop at the same time. In unison. And it was the most beautiful thing they loved it.

"They just did stuff when they were together that was so special. Kissing each other, stroking each other's faces, holding each other's hands when they were asleep.

"We do miss them together - but we know that together wasn't really an option."

Angie even admits: "When I was handed Hussein last week to bottle feed him on his own for the first time, without Hassan, I felt awkward feeding one baby with a bottle.

"I was used to one head on my

upper arm, and one on my forearm. I felt while feeding Hussein that I had this sad feeling that I miss them together."

And the loving pair both joked that the babies were easier to handle when conjoined.

Azzedine laughs: "It's true. It's more difficult now, for sure - there's two of them!"

Angie adds: "We've come to the conclusion they were easier to feed joined, they were easier to hold joined and easier to clothe joined.

"We have to work harder now."

The laughter shows the remarkable recovery - against the odds at every step of the way - and new future before them.

Along with a shared pelvis, liver, and pericardium sac, the boys both had one good kidney each, which were kept, and one bad kidney, which was removed.

Neither will need medication, and both are suitable for a prosthetic limb, the only constant medical add-on they are expected to require throughout their lives.

Culled from *newsoftheworld.co.uk*

2010 NITP-TOPREC PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION NOTICE

The 2010 NITP-TOPREC Examination will be conducted at four (4) centres nationwide in August, 2010. They are: Lagos, Ibadan, Kaduna and Owerri. Candidates wishing to sit for these examinations are hereby directed to note the following:

1. Examination Form

Application Form can be obtained at the cost of =N=3,500.00 from any of the outlets shown below or download the form from any of the following websites: www.nitpng.com, www.toprecnig.com

2. Examination Forms

(i) Preliminary Stage
Parts I-III (100-300 level) - =N= 10,000.00/level

(ii) Intermediate Stage
Parts I-III (400-600 level) - =N= 12,000.00/level

(iii) Final Stage
Parts I-III (700-900 level) - =N= 15,000.00/level

A candidate wishing to sit for any of the above parts or levels and carryover paper(s) should pay appropriate fees into NITP TOPREC Examination Board's Account No. 6014522171 at any Zenith Bank Plc in Nigeria. The candidate should present the deposit slip at the appropriate outlet where an official receipt will be issued to him/her

3. Examination Dates (Tentative)

(i) Period: - Monday, 23rd to Saturday 28th August, 2010
(ii) Time: - 9:00am to 12:00 noon: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

4. Eligibility

i. All candidates should note that they have to pass ALL papers in each level before they can proceed to the next level.

ii. Registered student members of NITP who have paid their current annual dues are eligible to sit for these examinations.

iii. This examination is for holders of ND and HND in Town Planning and holders of B.sc. in other relevant disciplines.

Note that holders of ND and HND who have been registered as Technicians and Technologists respectively need to write this examination to qualify them to become professionals.

5. Closing Date

All completed application forms together with evidence of payment (teller) for form(s) and examination fees must be returned to the Secretary NITP-TOPREC Examination Board at the above address and not later than Friday, 31st July, 2010.

OUTLETS

1. ABUJA
NITP-TOPREC Examination Board
Secretariat, Plot 2047, Michael
Opara Street Wuse Zone 5, Abuja.
Tel: 08033041765; 09-7803299

2. LAGOS
NITP Lagos Liaison Office No. 12,
Selidu Ajibowu Street, Off Tryin
Street, Ikeja, Lagos State.
Tel: 08028326491
Tpl. A.M. Olateni, MNITP
Dept of Town & Reg. Planning,
Yaba College of Technology, Yaba,
Lagos.
Tel: 08033045005

3. IBADAN
Secretary, NITP-TOPREC
Examination Board.
Tpl. Prof. Layi Egunjobi, FNITP
Dept. of Urban & Reg. Planning,
University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo
State.
Tel: 08023359329

4. OWERRI
Tpl. Dr. A.G. Uihakweh, FNITP
Dept. of Urban & Reg. Planning
Federal Polytechnic Nekede,
Owerri, Imo State.
Tel: 08033167860

5. KADUNA
Dept of Urban & Reg. Planning
Kaduna Polytechnic Barnawa
Kaduna, Kaduna State.
Tel: 08033074929

6. UYO
Dept. of Urban & Reg Planning
University of Uyo, Uyo, Akwa-
Ibom State.
Tel: 08023180512

Signed:
Tpl. Prof. Layi Egunjobi, FNITP,
RTP
Secretary, NITP-TOPREC
Examination Board.

ENTRY POINTS FOR HND AND B.SC HOLDERS:

- Candidates from planning schools that have not been accredited should come on 700 level
- Candidates with B.Sc in all other disciplines that are not Town Planning should come on 700 level and also HND that have not been accredited.
- HND graduates from NBTE accredited schools should come at 800 level but must first register with TOPREC as Technologist effective as from 2010.

Sgd.
SECRETARY
NITP/TOPREC EXAM BOARD

Vacancy

DE-PACIFIC INVESTMENTS LTD

No. 1 Garki Road, Nassarawa GRA Kano
Contact No.: 08133295390, 08036481636

DE-PACIFIC INVESTMENT LTD, an up-growing company invested by Chinese, renowned for the construction of roads and bridges hereby invites for application from suitably qualified candidates for the following

POSITION

1. Foreman
 - a. 2 for sub-grade
 - b. 1 for common road-surface
 - c. 1 for 4 base layer
 - d. 1 for asphalt-surface
2. Checker
 - a. 2 for sub-grade
 - b. 1 for common road-surface
 - c. 2 for 4 base layer
 - d. 1 for asphalt-surface
 - e. 1 for borrow-pit
3. 1 Male Secretary
4. 1 Female Ass. Secretary
5. 1 Personnel Manager
6. 2 Grader Operators
7. 5 Heavy Machine Mechanics
8. 1 Electrician
9. 1 Automobile-electrician
10. 10 Tipper Drivers
11. 2 Excavator Operators
12. 5 Pick-up Vans Drivers
13. 1 House Boy

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATION

- 1&2- at least 5 years working experience with a reputable road construction company
- 3- secretary HND and computer literate with 4-5 years working experience
- 4- same as above no.3
- 5-HND personnel manager with 4-5 years working experience
- 6-certificated operator with 5 years working experience with a reputable road construction company
- 7 to12- same as a above no. 6
- 13-first school leaving certificate

OTHERS:

Applicants should be able to speak English at least, at the meanwhile, application with photocopied certificates to reach the company within two weeks from the date of this advertisement



KANO STATE POLYTECHNIC

www.kanostatepoly.edu.ng

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION, P.M.B. 3401, B.U.K. ROAD, KANO STATE

ADMISSION INTO HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA, NATIONAL DIPLOMA, PRE-NATIONAL DIPLOMA, PRE-NCE, NCE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2010/2011 ACADEMIC SESSION

<p>a. Higher National Diploma Programmes. The under listed 2-year full-time programmes leading to the award of Higher National Diploma are available at:</p> <p>1) SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, KANO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Painting Textiles Ceramics Graphics Printing Technology Statistics Biology/microbiology Mechanical Engineering (Plant option) Electrical Electronics Engineering (Electronic/Telecom option) Science Lab. Tech. (Chemistry option) Science Lab. Tech. (Biology/microbiology option) Science Lab Tech. (Physics/ Electronics option) Computer Science. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS I. National Diploma in the same programme with a minimum of lower credit. II. A minimum of one year post National Diploma cognate working experience in the field of specialization.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Accountancy Business Administration and Management Banking and Finance Marketing Purchasing and Supply Cooperative Economics and Management Public Administration. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS All candidates must have written JAMB/ UTME Examinations and obtained appropriate scores in addition to 5 O/ Level credit passes in relevant subjects including English and Mathematics.</p> <p>DIPLOMA IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting and Auditing Cooperative Economic Management Marketing Purchasing and Supply Tax Administration Library Science <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS Four (4) O' Level credit passes in relevant subjects including English and Mathematics</p> <p>ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:</p> <p>A- Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Auditing (1 year Evening)</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS i. DAA passed at lower credit level with a minimum of one year working experience. ii. DPAA at pass level with a minimum of two years post qualification experience. iii. In addition, candidates should have minimum of four papers in WAEC, GCE or equivalent qualification, Mathematics and English inclusive. iv. Candidates should note that any applicant that hold relevant qualifications from recognized institutions will be considered.</p>	<p>Ø Technical Drawing Ø Government Ø History</p> <p>2) SCHOOL OF RURAL TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT, KANO</p> <p>a) The school offers Higher Diploma (HD) programmes in the following fields:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Social Development Community Development Adult Education Local Government Administration <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma in the same programme with a minimum of lower credit. Pass at Advanced Diploma in the relevant field. <p>b) Advanced Diploma programmes in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Diploma in Local Government Administration Advanced Diploma in Community Development Advanced Diploma in Social Development. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENT Holders of Diploma in the relevant subjects.</p> <p>c) National Diploma programmes in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Studies Social Development <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS All candidates must have written JAMB/ UTME Examinations and obtained appropriate scores in addition to 5 O/ Level credit passes in relevant subjects including English and Mathematics.</p> <p>d) Diploma Programme in the following area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development and Adult Education <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers Grade II Certificate WAEC/GCE or equivalent qualification with credit pass in four papers including English Language Certificate in relevant programme with a minimum of lower credit or pass with 2 years working experience. <p>e) One year Certificate courses in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate in Local Government Administration Certificate in Community and Adult Education Certificate in Social Welfare. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of four passes in GCE O/Level or its equivalent Basic Certificate in the relevant programme with 1 year working experience Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic. 	<p>of Level credits in SSCE including English and Mathematics.</p> <p>c) National Diploma in Building Technology/Quantity Surveying (2years)</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS I- Candidates must have written JAMB/UTME and obtained appropriate scores in addition to 5 O/Level credits including English and Mathematics plus other subjects in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Geography • Physics • Technical Drawing • Art • Building Construction • Wood work • Chemistry <p>ii- Pass Federal Craft with 'B' Grade in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry and Technical Drawing and pass WAEC Technical in relevant trade.</p> <p>d) Diploma programmes in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma Block Laying, Brick Laying and Concreting Diploma Carpentry and Joinery Diploma in Painting and Decoration Diploma Plumbing and Pipefitting Diploma Building Production Management Diploma Construction Estimating <p>Entry Requirements Four (4) O Level Credit Passes in Relevant subjects including English and Mathematics.</p> <p>a) Advanced Diploma Programmes in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Diploma Construction Estimating Advanced Diploma Building Production Management <p>Entry Requirements ND or Diploma in the same discipline with a minimum of Lower Credit OR pass with one (1) year experience.</p> <p>f) One year Certificate courses are available in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate in Architecture <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pass Technical Craft and WAEC Technical in the relevant discipline. C & R Certificate with a referred in not more than one paper. WAEC / GCE / SSCE / NABTEB / with passes in any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics • Mathematics • English • Chemistry and • Technical Drawing. <p>II- Intermediate Certificate in Building Technology</p> <p>III- Advanced Certificate in Building Technology</p> <p>Entry Requirements: Four (4) O' level passes in any of the relevant Science/Technical subjects.</p> <p>CENTRE FOR GENERAL STUDIES, KANO Pre-National Diploma programmes in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Science & Technology <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE- ND PROGRAMMES</p> <p>For all Pre- ND programmes the minimum entry requirements are three credit passes plus 2 other subjects in the relevant areas in WAEC, NECO, GCE and NABTEB. The credit passes should be obtained in not more than two sittings. For details on the entry requirements peculiar to each of the programmes above, visit our website www.kanostatepoly.edu.ng or the Public Relations and Publications Unit, office of the Registrar, Kano State Polytechnic.</p> <p>Furthermore, candidates must sit and obtained appropriate scores in JAMB/UTME to enable them proceed to the National Diploma level in addition to the prescribed Pre-ND Examination.</p> <p>On-line Application To apply on-line obtain the KSP Scratch Cards at the cost of N2,550.00k from the following bank branches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * UBA Kano * UBA Post office Road * Zenith Bank Kabuga Branch * Bank PHB Hoto * Bank PHB Post office Road * Eco Bank Bello Road * GTB Bachirawa Branch. <p>Scratch to reveal the Pin number with which you can access the Kano State Polytechnic (KSP) website for the application form, which you should fill and submit on-line. Our website address is www.kanostatepoly.edu.ng</p> <p>Note: Completion and submission of application forms will close on 31st-May-2010.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed: Registrar</p>
<p>b. National Diploma (ND) in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanical Engineering Technology Electrical Engineering Technology Printing Technology Art and Industrial design Statistics Science Lab Technology Computer Science Pharmaceutical Technology Civil Engineering Office Management and Technology. Textile Technology Fashion and Clothing Technology Hospitality Management Welding and Fabrication. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS Candidates seeking admission into the above National Diploma programmes must have written JAMB/UTME examinations and obtain appropriate scores in addition to 5 o/ level credit passes in the relevant areas including English Language and Mathematics.</p> <p>NCE & PRE-NCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NCE (Technical) PRE-NCE (Technical) <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NCE. 5 O' Level credit passes in relevant subjects including English and Mathematics in addition to JAMB/UTME PRE-NCE. 3 credit and 2 passes in relevant subjects. <p>c. One year Certificate Courses in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Automobile Technician Certificate Printing Technology Laboratory Technology Radio and Television Services Computer studies. Intermediate Certificate in Catering and Hotel Management <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A pass in Technical craft and WAEC Technical in the relevant discipline. C & G certificate with a referred in not more than one paper. WAEC/ GCE/ SSCE/ NABTEB with at least passes in any of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Physics * Additional Maths * English * Chemistry * Biology * Economics/ Commerce * Technical Drawing 	<p>B- Advanced Diploma in Banking and Finance (1 year)</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Four credit passes in GCE, SSCE or equivalent qualification, Mathematics and English inclusive. A minimum of one year cognate working experience in relevant establishment or company. Holder of Diploma in Banking and Finance, Accounting or Accounting and Auditing with a minimum of lower credit pass. Holder of National Diploma or Diploma in Management Sciences, Economics, Administration, Law and Statistics at lower credit level plus:- Four credit passes in GCE/ SSCE, Mathematics and English Language inclusive. Holder of NCE (Business Studies). <p>C- Advanced Diploma in Business Management</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Four credit passes in GCE, SSCE or equivalent qualification, Mathematics and English inclusive. A minimum of one year cognate working experience in relevant establishment or company. Holder of Diploma in Banking and Finance, Accounting or Accounting and Auditing, Marketing and Purchasing and Supply with a minimum of lower credit pass. Holder of NCE in Business Studies. <p>D- Advanced Diploma in Public Administration (1 year Afternoon)</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma in related programme NCE in related programme <p>E- Advanced Diploma in Co-operative management (1 year)</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma in Cooperative at lower credit level Diploma in Cooperative at pass level with at least one year working experience Any other relevant qualification from recognized institution. <p>One year Certificate Courses in following Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Public Administration Cooperative Management <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Clerical Officer Clerical Officer with at least 10 years working experience Clerical Assistance who have Passed the clerical (cadre) Civil Services Examination at Credit level. Clerical Assistance with at least four passes of WAEC/GCE including Mathematics or Grade II Certificate. WAEC/ GCE/ SSCE/ NABTEB with at least 3 passes in any of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ø Mathematic Ø English Ø Biology Ø Economics/ Commerce 	<p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 passes in SSCE/GCE/NABTEB/GR II Certificate or its equivalent including Mathematics and English. Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic. <p>h) Certificate in Entrepreneurship Development</p> <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 passes in SSCE/GCE/NABTEB/GR II Certificate or its equivalent including Mathematics and English. Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic. <p>SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, GWARZO</p> <p>a) The school offers Higher National Diploma (HND) in the following area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Architectural Tech. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> National Diploma in the same programme with a minimum of lower credit or pass. A minimum of one year post National Diploma cognate working experience in the field of specialization or two years in the case of ND pass. 5 O' Level credit passes in relevant subjects including English and Mathematics. <p>b) National Diploma in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Technology. <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must have written JAMB/UTME and obtained appropriate scores in addition to 5 	<p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 passes in SSCE/GCE/NABTEB/GR II Certificate or its equivalent including Mathematics and English. Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic.
<p>2) SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, KANO</p> <p>The school offers Higher National Diploma (HND) programmes in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Banking and Finance Business Administration and Management Accountancy Co-operative Economics & Management Public Administration Marketing Purchasing and Supply Office Technology and Management (OTM) <p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> National Diploma in the same programme with a minimum of lower credit. A minimum of one year post National Diploma cognate working experience in the field of specialization. <p>NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:</p>	<p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 passes in SSCE/GCE/NABTEB/GR II Certificate or its equivalent including Mathematics and English. Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic. 	<p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 passes in SSCE/GCE/NABTEB/GR II Certificate or its equivalent including Mathematics and English. Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic. 	<p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 passes in SSCE/GCE/NABTEB/GR II Certificate or its equivalent including Mathematics and English. Any other qualification acceptable to the Academic Board or the Polytechnic.

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REDAN faults attack on FMBN

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria (REDAN) has condemned what it described as 'campaign of calumny' against the management of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) by a group.

The group had called for the reconstitution of the current board of the FMBN.

In a release in Abuja at the weekend, REDAN disassociated itself from the call, saying that the current management of FMBN as constituted have what it takes to

take the housing sector to an enviable height.

The release quoted the President of REDAN, Chief Olabode Afolayan, as saying, "REDAN has not had any discussion whatsoever concerning any of the issues raised by any group. The stakeholders in the industry, including the newly appointed minister have continued to meet to fine-tune ways by which perennial problems confronting the industry can be solved. "Government put a structure on ground, which led to the current management and we have been working with them on a number of issues with respect to how we can jointly salvage what is left of the

industry. So far, we are satisfied with them. As much as we are not trying to make a position for anyone or any management, we believe government should be continuous and we cannot continue to contend with constituting of board when there are other things to tackle that will move the industry forward.

"At this point, the least that the housing sector needs is a distraction from its current state. Stakeholders in the sector have continued to fashion out modalities by which mortgage liquidity facility can be increased. FMBN more than ever has continued to work in close relation with the private sector."

Doma reaffirms commitment to rural infrastructure

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

NASARAWA State Governor, Aliyu Akwe Doma has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to uplift the socio-economic potentials of the state through rural development, naming infrastructure as the prominent area of focus.

Doma, who visited Kokona and Agwada, two of the remaining councils in the Nasarawa-West zone where is currently touring, told the people he was glad with their support of the administration, saying it is a spur for his government to continue to do more.

He named so far, the provision of boreholes, rural electricity, health, schools and roads and infrastructure as well as the promotion of agriculture through a loan scheme called Badakoshi, Hausa for Feed Well.

He named the "construction of multipurpose Primary Healthcare Clinics for different communities in the Area; Renovation, Rehabilitation and upgrading of school infrastructures and educational facilities in several schools; and, provision of boreholes for several communities in Agwada.

For Kokona, he also named "Provision of loans, tractors, fertilizers and other inputs for deserving farmers under the Badakoshi and Fadama III Agricultural Schemes, Construction, rehabilitation and upgrading of school infrastructures and provision of instructional facilities; Construction of Multipurpose Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Centres in various communities; Provision of boreholes to several communities."



ONE bedroom apartments for sale in Dubai

'Why Kantin Kwari market c'ttee was dissolved'

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE president of the National Harmonised Traders Union (NAHTU), Dr Bature AbdulAziz, has explained why the caretaker committee of the razed Kano market, Kantin Kwari, was dissolved, saying that raging protracted crisis retards the progress of the market.

Daily Trust learnt that fresh crisis erupted in the Kantin Kwari Market Traders Association when fire gutted the market recently, and the traders protested that the dissolved caretaker committee would not do justice to them in the dispensation of restitution.

Speaking with our correspondent yesterday, Dr AbdulAziz noted that the Alhaji Tanko Gambaga-led caretaker committee failed to conduct election for 17 months and the extension of their tenure for more than a year and half generated a lot of controversy.

He said the new caretaker committee is headed by Alhaji Umar Garba Baba-Tumuli with a mandate to conduct election as soon as possible within three months. "We mandated them to conduct election that will give way to substantive market leaders. I am even expressing hope that they will conduct the election within three to four weeks," he said.

The NAHTU president said there was also internal crisis within the dissolved exco on the handling of the association's funds.

According to him, they had tried to solve the lingering crisis in the market to no avail. "We have been trying to arrest the problem but the crisis persisted. We had no option but to constitute a new caretaker executive that will conduct election," he said.

One of the traders who spoke to our correspondent, Alhaji Nura Maliya, stated that the only solution to the market problems is to have substantive market leaders that would do justice to all.

Firm to hold training on professional building solutions

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

A Lagos-based building materials firm, Wichtech Industries Limited, would be holding a trade exhibition and training session on piping systems for water transportation in both residential and commercial buildings for local building professionals.

The training which would be provided by foreign and local building experts would focus on the Professional Building Solutions (IPS PPR Pipes), a German techno-

logical development on hot and cold water pipes.

Chidozie Nwankwo, Wichtech's chief executive officer told journalist in Lagos that "plumbing professionals from UK and Argentina would be arriving Nigeria to train our local professionals on the 'Technological Development of IPS Pipes'.

He said two sessions would be held at various locations in Nigeria beginning with Lagos at the Sheraton Hotels, Ikeja on November 10.

According to him, "Wichtech Industries is, inviting all architects, engineers, builders, plumbers and general public to the training session on the new technologies in the Germany-owned but Argentina-based hot and cold water IPS-based PPR Pipes", adding that the training is an exposition meant to transfer knowledge from plumbers from UK and Argentina to their counterparts in Nigeria.

Professional Building Solutions (IPS PPR Pipes) has over 50-year history in port-

able water supply and has, over this period, maintained the quality standard of its products and a constant dedication to introducing the latest and best innovations.

Nwankwo noted that building failure often arises from a number of factors, including the piping system which, he said could be very embarrassing in a home where either the system is faulty or the pipes are of inferior quality, advising that those who have taste for quality and want to pay 'less' should opt for IPS pipes.

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Architects worry over building collapse

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Nigerian Institute of Architects (NIA) has said that it was worried over the avoidable loss of human lives in incidents of buildings collapse around the country.

A statement by

president of the institute Arc. Tunji Bolu said, "We are of the opinion that the true willingness of government to totally sanitize the post-design aspect of the building process has not been made manifest.

"We are totally committed to a

process which will identify all parties involved in the construction of any physical structure within Nigeria."

The statement added, "We advocate full disclosure of all consultants responsible for each and any project, in the form of statutory documenta-

tion to be submitted at pre-construction approval processing stage, and also boldly displayed on project information boards at the site.

"That the NIA will not hesitate to impose the full weight of the law and sanction any member who has been

proven to have been involved in any such occurrence.

"It is of utmost importance to continue to emphasize the importance of and relevance to this issue, of a largely overlooked party in this equation called 'construction' namely the client."

"We are totally committed to a process which will identify all parties involved in the construction of any physical structure within Nigeria."

Planners conclude devt training programme

By Nasir Imam

THE Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria (TOPREC) and the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP) have concluded the 1st edition of the 2010 mandatory professional development training in Benin, Edo State.

The two day training which held between 21st and 22nd April was designed to educate participants on new

paradigms and strategies for regional planning and development in Nigeria.


According to the registrar, Kolawole Sanni, the global response to solving the numerous urban governance challenges is the strategic, constructive and sustainable development of the regions with the intent to redistribute and retain teeming populations.

The Federal Government and some state government are already keying into this through initiation of several


projects which have development implications on the sub urban and the regions.

Town Planners therefore need to be proactive and well equipped to assist government and other development agents by ensuring that sound professional decision are taken in this regard.

The training also witnessed an evaluation of activities lined up for the preparation of the National Physical Development Plan (NPDP) 2010-2030.



COUNCIL OF REGISTERED BUILDERS OF NIGERIA (CORBON)



THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF BUILDING (NIOB)

4TH MANDATORY CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MCPDP)

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING

Group	Requirement	Course Contents	Period of Training	Exam Period	Total No.	Fee	Date of Training
A	CORBON Registered Builders and Corporate members of NIOB who are yet to register with CORBON	Core practice of building and National Building Code	2 Days	1 Hour	2 Days	N30,000.00 With soft copy	14 th - 15 th June, 2010
B	B.Sc. Building holders of 5 years and above who have not attained corporate status and HND (Building) of 3 years standing and who have not attained corporate membership status	NIOB mature Exam & Core Practice of Building	2 Days	1 Day	3 Days	N20,000.00 With soft copy	14 th - 16 th June, 2010
C	HND (Building) holders of 5-7 years standing	Membership Exam & Core Practice of Building	4 Days	2 Days	6 Days	N20,000.00	14 th - 19 th June, 2010

NB: CANDIDATES FOR NIOB EXAMINATIONS WILL IN ADDITION TO THIS WORKSHOP FEES, PAY DIRECTLY TO NIOB FOR THE EXAMINATION THEY INTENDED TO WRITE AT THE WORKSHOP CENTRES

- (i) Corporate Examination - N13,000.00
- (ii) NIOB Matured Examination - N9,800.00
- (iii) Direct membership - N64,500.00

CERTIFICATE
Certificate of attendance shall be issued to all participants at the end of the programme.

OTHER BENEFITS
The workshop would eliminate the six (6) months waiting period for candidates who want to attend CORBON Oral Registration Examinations/Interview.
Also Registered Builders will have the opportunity to purchase the Mandatory Template of Builders documents at a cost of N5,000.00 at the venue. The Template is a must for all Registered Builders.

VENUE AND DATE

S/N	Location	Venue	Date
1.	Kaduna	Multi purpose theatre Hall, Gen. Hassan Usman Park, Gampji Gate Kabaia, Kaduna	June 13 - 15, 2010
2.	Enugu	Madinet Hotels, Along Olopara Avenue, Enugu	June 13 - 19, 2010
3.	Ibadan	Ibadan Polytechnic, Assembly Hall, North Campus, Ibadan	June 13 - 19, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION
Specialization has become a global parameter for measurement of competence in every profession. With the awareness and increasing demand for Builders in the construction industry, it has become imperative to have continuous education on some core practice areas in order to enhance efficiency, effectiveness and service delivery to clients and National Development.

COURSES TO BE TAUGHT

- Practice of Building Consultancy
- Marketing tools for Professional Builders (Principles of Negotiation, e-Procurement, International Bidding requirements and strategies)
- Functions of Resident Builders on Site
- Maintenance Manual for Builders
- Monitoring Manual for Builders
- Entrepreneurship for Builders
- MS Project 2007 for Builders

AIMS OF THE TRAINING

- To enhance the understanding of some core practice areas of building profession
- To examine and inculcate the importance of specialization in production management
- To X-ray the Building Code requirements in relation to professionalism.

OBJECTIVES

- Expose participants to the core practice of building profession
- Educate participants on the importance of specialization
- Increase the confidence of the general public in the professional competence of Builders
- To demonstrate utmost efficiency and professionalism by Builders.

VENUE AND TIME
The workshop shall hold in three (3) centres :KADUNA, ENUGU AND IBADAN, beginning at 9:00am each day.
However, a participant is FREE to attend any centre of his/her choice.

PARTICIPANTS

- All CORBON Registered Builders
- All members of the Nigerian Institute of Building, Fellows, Corporates, Graduates and Associates.

However, any CORBON Fully Registered Builder who fails to attend this workshop stands the risk of being denied a license to practice, among other regulatory sanctions.

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FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, ABUJA

No 4 ABIDJAN STREET, WUSE ZONE 3, ABUJA.

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE EXECUTION OF PROJECTS IN THE 2010 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Federal Civil Service Commission intends to execute some projects contained in its 2010 Budget. Consequently, the Commission hereby invites reputable and registered contractors to tender for the projects as listed below:-

1. A. Renovation and Rehabilitation of Office Complex.
- B. Procurement of Office Equipment and Furniture.

SCOPE OF WORK

(A) Renovation and Rehabilitation of Office Complex

The project will be implemented in three (3) Lots as follows:

- Lot i - Painting works
- Lot ii - Tiling of Offices
- Lot iii - General renovations of the Crèche and the Board Room kitchen

(B) Procurement of Office Equipment and Furniture

This will be implemented in three (3) Lots viz:-

- Lot B I - Supply and Installation of photocopying machines
- Lot B II- Supply of office equipment including Air Conditioner
- Lot B III- Supply and installation of office furniture including Conference Chairs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING FOR THE PROJECTS

All Tender Documents should be accompanied with the following:

- (i) Company's Certificate of Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission;
- (ii) Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years and evidence of Tax Registration and Payment;
- (iii) Banker's Statement of Financial Capability;
- (iv) Evidence of similar works successfully completed in the past;
- (v) Evidence of Registration as a Contractor with Federal Ministry of Works (for Renovation of

Office Complex);

- (vi) Company official telephone numbers(s) and e-mail;
- (vii) Interested companies are requested to submit also evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 16(6) (d) of the Public Procurement Act 2007 (PPA 2007) and submit evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2004.

2. A. Consultancy Services for Expansion of ICT Infrastructure for Archiving and Digitization of Personnel Records Service-Wide

B. Consultancy Services for Expansion of File Tracking Software

SCOPE OF WORK

(A) Consultancy Services for the expansion of ICT Infrastructure for Archiving and Digitization of Personnel Records Service-Wide:

- (i) Review the Commission's archiving and digitization process and recommend best expansion/upgrading solutions;
- (ii) Conduct overall Project Implementation Review and make recommendation for improvement and enhancement of project implementation;
- (iii) Draw up long-term strategic plan to guide implementation of Archiving & Digitization in the Commission (Using Business and User Requirement Analysis Strategy);
- (iv) Recommend additional hardware and software solution for enhancement and improvement of existing infrastructure;
- (v) Propose the modalities for Architectural redesign of existing FCSC LAN tracing all network cable, extracting the unused cable, auditing the LAN equipments with a view of providing solution to meet FCSC's long term LAN needs;
- (vi) Undertake a needs assessment and recommend necessary manpower development needs to enhance the sustainability of the project in the Commission and facilitate its implementation.

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FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, ABUJA

No 4 ABIDJAN STREET, WUSE ZONE 3, ABUJA.

A) Consultancy Services for Expansion of File Tracking Software:

- (i) Review existing filing system with particular emphasis on file movement and associated security implications;
- (ii) Develop a strategic plan for sustainable file-tracking system;
- (iii) Advise on the expansion of the existing file-tracking system, specify appropriate software and hardware integration and implementation requirement;
- (iv) Provide end-to-end consultancy and project management methodology for successful delivery of project;
- (v) Provide a Business Requirements Analysis Report that includes business needs analysis results and recommendation along with technical requirements and cost estimates.
- (vi) Undertake a needs assessment and recommend necessary manpower development needs on the project for the Commission and facilitate its implementation.

Tendering Requirements

- i. Company profile giving details of current activities and management structure including evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission;
- ii. Key staff of the consultant must be professionals with at least 5 years experience in implementation of electronic document management system (for Lot A) / RFID File Tracking System (for Lot B); and business process re-engineering and process documentation;
- iii. Presence of certified professionals who have received professional training from qualified electronic document management vendor, partner or reseller (for Lot A) / qualified RFID File Tracking System management vendor, partner or reseller (for Lot B);
- iv. A write-up on the understanding of the assignment;
- v. Evidence of current tax clearance certificate for three (3) years; and of Tax Registration and Payment;
- vi. Evidence of similar projects executed within the last five years including cost, project structure and other pertinent details;
- vii. Short CV's (two page maximum) of the key personnel expected to be deployed in the assignment;
- viii. Consulting experience in automated archiving /

RFID system;

- ix. Consulting experience in these areas for public agencies will be an added advantage; x. Interested companies are requested to submit also evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 16(6) (d) of the Public Procurement Act 2007 (PPA 2007) as it relates to the Pension Reform Act, 2004.

3. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested Contractors/Suppliers should collect bid documents containing detailed specifications for the jobs from the Procurement Unit of the Commission Room 303, third floor on the payment of a non-refundable fee of N20,000.00 only per Lot. In addition, interested contractors for projects that fall under the Renovation and Rehabilitation of the Office Complex are implored to undertake an inspection visit to the Office Complex at No. 4 Abidjan Street, Wuse Zone 3, Abuja before submission of bids.

4. SUBMISSION OF TENDERS AND CLOSING DATE:

Completed bid documents (Technical and Financial for Consultancy) should be submitted in separate envelopes, sealed and clearly marked, with the project and lot title boldly written at the right hand corner of the envelope not later than 10.00 a.m on 31st May, 2010. Late bids shall not be accepted please.

All Tenders should be addressed to:

**The Permanent Secretary,
Federal Civil Service Commission,
No. 4 Abidjan Street,
Wuse, Zone 3,
Abuja.**

Tenders should be dropped in the Tender Box in the Office of the Director, Planning, Research and Statistics, Room 345, Federal Civil Service Commission, Abuja. The bids received shall be opened publicly in the Conference Room of the Commission immediately after the closing of bids on 31st May, 2010. Representatives of all responding companies are requested to be present. Please note the Commission is not bound to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

**Signed:
Permanent Secretary
Federal Civil Service Commission**



NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2ND NATIONAL WATER AND SANITATION CONFERENCE

The Preparation Committee (PrepCom) of the 2nd National Water and Sanitation Conference regrets to announce the postponement of the event from its earlier scheduled date, to **26th-28th October, 2010**, owing to logistics reasons.

To this end, all Stakeholders and the general public are being enjoined to take note of the new date, and to continue to prepare along the already set time framework. Meanwhile, the deadline for the submission of all Technical Papers/Reports is **July 6, 2010**.

Paper presenters are also being reminded to take note of the following:

Guidelines for Lead Papers

The Papers/Reports should be in **MS Word format typed with Calibri-font size 12** and should not exceed **15 (1.5 space) typed pages on A4 paper**. Presentation should be on PowerPoint and not more than 20 slides.

Guidelines for Others Papers

The Papers/Reports should be in **MS Word format typed with Calibri-font size 12** and should not exceed **8 (1.5 space) typed pages on A4 paper**. Presentation should be on PowerPoint and not more than 15 slides.

Others Guidelines

- All papers should have a distinct title, authors name(s) and addresses, e-mail and phone number for easy communication.
- Referencing should conform to American Publication System-Author surname initial, date, title of publication and publisher.

Conference Fees

N10,000.00 per Delegate/Paper Presenter.
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THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, BIDA (OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR WORKS/SERVICES

- The Federal Polytechnic, Bida, wishes to pre-qualify competent contractors to carry out works/services under the 2010 Capital appropriation.
- Scope of Work**
The Scope of work for the projects include but not limited to:
 - Continuation of Library complex: comprising completion of access road to the complex and extension of drainage network to natural vegetation
 - Continuation of Sports complex: involves continuation and provision of sporting facilities in the complex
 - Continuation of Environmental complex: involves completion of environmental complex building
 - Continuation of Lecture Theatre: comprising (a) furnishing and (b) External work of landscaping
 - Completion of Office complex: comprising Civil, Electrical and mechanical works of phase II of the complex
 - Procurement and Installation of accreditation Equipment: involves supply, installation and/or commissioning of teaching equipments to schools in the Polytechnic to enhance accreditation of programmes
 - Procurement of Staff furniture: involves the supply of both junior and senior executive tables and chairs with size boards, visitors' chairs and high quality full upholstery
 - Procurement and Installation of 2.5MVA transformer: involves completion of the on-going installation works on 2.5MVA transformer, and extension on distribution works
 - Renovation of Buildings: consisting removal and replacement of roof structures, doors/windows, floors and including services
 - Repair of Storm Damaged Buildings: involves restoration of 2009 storm-damaged buildings and replacement of roof structures, doors/windows, floors and services to affected buildings.
- Pre-Qualification requirement**
Prospective Contractors shall be required to possess the following pre-qualification documents:
 - Valid Certificate of Incorporation/Registration with Federal Ministry of Works
 - Current Tax Clearance Certificate
 - Value Added Tax Registration Certificate
 - Immediate Past three years Company Audited Account
 - Company profile with curriculum vitae of Directors and Key Technical Personnel
 - Details of Equipment and Plants (attached Brochure)
 - Original Copy of Bank Reference Letter
 - Evidence of execution of similar contract with the federal Polytechnic, Bida or any other establishment (letter of certificate of successful completion must be attached)
- Submission of Pre-qualification Documents**
Pre-qualification documents should be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked "2010 Pre-Qualification for ..." (as the case may be and must be returned within two (2) weeks from the date of 1st Publication of this advert in any National newspaper, addressed to:

**The Registrar,
Federal Polytechnic,
Bida, Niger State.**
- Please Note:**
 - All documents (from relevant Agencies like CAC, FIRS, FMW etc) submitted will be subjected to verification by the Committee
 - Applicants must be specific in their area of specialization and interest
 - Late Submission will be rejected.

CHIEF BISI ADEYEMI
Registrar



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Golf Course Road/Independence Way
P. M. B. 2438
Kaduna

Advertisement for Vacancies

Applications are hereby invited from suitable qualified candidates to fill vacancies in the National Ear Care Centre as follows:

S/N	POSITION	SALARY	QUALIFICATION
1.	(i) Consultant ENT Surgeon	CONTISS 13	MBBS or equivalent Degree in Medicine registrable with the Medical & Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) from a recognized Institution and Part II Final Fellowship of the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria in Otorhinolaryngology or its equivalent.
	(ii) Medical Officers	CONTISS 10	MBBS or equivalent Degree in Medicine registrable with the Medical & Dental College of Nigeria (MDCN) from a recognized Institution plus at least 3 years cognate experience at a Tertiary Hospital.
	(iii) Registrars	CONTISS 10	Same as above with Primaries in ORL.
2.	(i) Senior Nursing Officer	CONTISS 09	RN/RM, Diploma in ENT Nursing with current registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council of Nigeria plus at least 6 years Post Qualification cognate experience. Previous working experience in a Tertiary Health Institution would be an added advantage.
	(ii) Nursing Officer I (ENT)	CONTISS 08	Same as above plus at least 3 years Post Qualification cognate experience.
	(iii) Nursing Officer I (Theatre)	CONTISS 08	RN/RM, plus Diploma in Peri-Operative Nursing with current registration with Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria plus at least 3 years Post Qualification cognate experience.
	(iv) nursing officer II (Theater)	CONTISS 07	RN/RM, plus Diploma in Peri-Operative Nursing with current registration with Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria with working experience in a Government Hospital.
	(v) nursing officer II (ENT)	CONTISS 07	RN/RM, plus Diploma in Post Basic ENT Nursing with current registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council of Nigeria with working experience in a Government Hospital.
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3.	Pharmacist	CONTISS 09	Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree Registrable with the Pharmacist Registration Board of Nigeria plus at least 1 year Post-Registration cognate experience.
4.	Principal Radiographer II	CONTISS 09	B.Sc Radiology from a recognized Institution or its equivalent registrable with the Radiographers Registration Board plus at least 8 years Post Qualification cognate experience.
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6.	Speech Therapist II	CONTISS 07	B.Sc Audiology or Speech Therapy/B.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment) with experience in Clinical Audiology.
7.	Instructor II (Physiology)	CONTISS 07	B.Sc (Physiology) from a recognized University with evidence of completion or exemption from NYSC.

CONDITION OF SERVICE:

Conditions of service attached to these positions are as obtained in the Federal Tertiary Health Institutions and other Government Regulations.

METHODS OF APPLICATIONS

Interested qualified candidates are advised to forward ten (10) copies of applications with copies of relevant credentials and curriculum vitae (CV) addressed to:

**The Medical Director
National Ear Care Centre
Golf Course Road/Independence Way
P. M. B. 2438
Kaduna.**

Applications should be delivered either personally or by registered post not later than six (6) weeks from the date of first publication. Only applications received within stipulated time and candidates shortlisted would be invited for interview.

Candidates should request their referees to send referee report on their behalf to the same address as above.

**SIGNED
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CITY NEWS



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Lawyer seeks children's release from police detention

By Abubakar Yakubu

A Human Rights lawyer, Esther Uzoma, Friday requested for the release of two under aged children and their mother, who were allegedly arrested on Thursday by policemen from the Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) Zone 7 office in Abuja.

Prince Ewere Onyeario, 8, Isioma Queen Onyeario, 5, and Rosemary Onyeario, the children's mother, were arrested by six armed policemen, who stormed their residence at House 16, Regent Park road, Minfa Garden Estate, Lokogoma District, Abuja at 3 pm.

Our reporter, who sighted the woman and her two children behind a counter at the police command Saturday, learnt that the woman was arrested because she is younger sister to one Mr Leonard Ovo Itume, who is hunted by the police over an alleged massive fund of N6.5 billion at Zenith Bank.

Residents of the area said the policemen arrested the woman without showing a warrant of arrest. Barrister Esther Uzoma, the woman's lawyer, corroborated their statement and said the policemen carried out their operation in a commando style.

The lawyer also said the minors were traumatized by the action of the policemen and find it very difficult to sleep at night in the police station.

According to her, the children



FROM left: Prince Ewere Onyeario, 8 years and Isioma Queen Onyeario, 5 years (right), before their detention on Thursday.

should rather be allowed to go to school instead of languishing in a police station.

Uzoma said the clients are being detained because the police are alleging that they must have being beneficiaries of the alleged fund by their mother's brother.

She appealed to the AIG Zone 7 in a petition submitted on Friday to grant the woman and her

children bail, adding that there are reasonable sureties, who can ensure that they will be available whenever needed.

The lawyer also told the AIG that releasing her clients will be in line with the law and international best practices, adding that third party arrest is illegal and there is no vicarious liability in the nation's criminal jurispru-

dence. "There is no place in any military or police formation to detain children and it is wrong to keep the minors in a police station as the proper thing to be done when arresting a woman with children would have been to take the children to a social welfare and go ahead with the matter," she added.

At the AIG Zone Police Com-



ROSEMARY Onyeario, mother of the children.

mand, Abuja, a police officer said the lawyer's petition was received on Friday by one Usman and will be forwarded to the AIG today for necessary action.

Zonal Police Spokesman, Ewunarb Ukwunpa, an assistant Superintendent, said he has tried to find out about the case but has not seen any case involving a woman or her children in the zone, adding that they may be in another station.

...As court stops harassment of immigration officer

By Abubakar Yakubu & Romoke W. Ahmad

AN Abuja High Court presided over by Justice Uthman has granted an immigration officer, Alhaji Hussani Haruna Coomassie an order of injunction restraining the inspector-general of police, FCT police commissioner, the attorney-general of the federation and Mr Victor Udegbe from arresting or harassing him or taking further steps in connection with a matter before the court.

The respondents were ordered to maintain status-quo pending the hearing of the substantive suit which comes up on June 3.

The court's order followed a motion of ex-parte filed by the immigration officer's lawyers in the firm of Nnaemeka Ejiofor and Associates. The immigration officer had stated that immediately after Jumat prayers on November 6, 2009, on his way to keep up with an appointment, one Victor Udegbe, who had a dispute with him in the past

hanged on his jeep and was banging on the car's window violently and shouting armed robber.

He said because of three strange cars following him, he decided to drive to Police Fore Headquarters and getting within 30 metres to the place, he heard a gunshot and stopped the car.

"A mobile policeman over passed my vehicle and fired at me twice from my front and one of the shot hit my hand, while the other missed my head narrowly," he stated.

Alhaji Coomassie said in his pool of blood, he staggered near the gate of force headquarters and identified himself as an immigration officer to one Inspector Gowon a mobile policeman before slumping to the ground.

"After being convinced of my identity through my service identity card, the police rushed me to National Hospital Abuja, where I regained consciousness late at night and found myself in an oxygen mask, while Inspector Gowon was by my bedside," he narrated.

He disclosed further that two days after a major operation, the Asokoro Police Division posted two armed policemen to place him under hospital arrest, while the division's divisional crime officer kept threatening him on his sick bed that he will be charged for reckless driving and attempted murder.

Lead lawyer for the immigration officer, Nnaemeka Ejiofor, said the need to press for the court's restraining order was based on several threats of arrest complained of by his client, which he believed was aimed at silencing him or to prevent him from pursuing the case challenging the attempt to terminate his life by the men as well as officers of the respondents in front of the force headquarters on November 6, after Friday prayers.

Sunday Trust gathered from his lawyer that despite the restraining court order on the inspector-general of police and other respondents, they have persistently been hunting the applicant.

Prostitute's allegation lands fruit seller in trouble

By Ogechi Ohalee

THE statement of a prostitute called Joy; Saturday night landed a fruit seller, Mallam Sadi Idris into police trouble as he is being detained at Mabushi Police Outpost on allegations of stealing the woman's money after sleeping with her.

The prostitute said the man approached her and promised to give her N500 for short time, which made her let him have his way.

"When we finished, instead of giving me the N500, the man scattered things in the room, slapped me and took N11,000 from my bag", the woman alleged.

She said an alarm was raised by her and residents of the area came out but could not catch up with the suspect, adding that she went to Mabushi Police

Outpost, which detailed policemen to follow her to arrest the suspect.

The victim, Mallam Sadi Idris, looked amazed at the allegation and swore before onlookers that he does not know the prostitute.

"I sell fruits and was on my way to Kasuwa, when some Mabushi policemen arrested me on the allegation that I slept with a prostitute and refused to pay her but stole her money," he lamented.

He said he pleaded his innocence to the policemen but was thrown into cell.

A policeman confirmed the incident and said the police are investigating the matter.

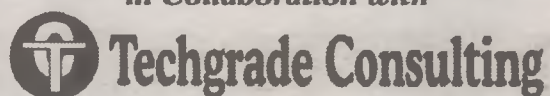
"Since this lady has brought her eyewitness, who identified the suspect, we will charge him to court as soon as investigation are concluded," he added.



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'My mother's death made me smoke Indian hemp'

By Bunmi Omolehin

A middle-aged Indian hemp dealer, Eze Karma, Thursday confessed at an Abuja High Court that his mother's death led him into drugs.

He said when his mother died in April 1996; his father married another woman who did not want to see him.

He told the court that he learnt the wheel balancing trade but could not make ends meet and resorted to selling Indian hemp as well as smoking it.

According to him, his involvement in the drug business was the handiwork of devil and begged the judge to be lenient

with his sentence. The prosecutor had earlier told the court that Karma was arrested on November 5, 2009 at Zudu Village, along Airport road, Abuja, with 2.5 kilogramme of Indian hemp and arraigned on a two-count criminal charge filed against him by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

Justice Gabriel Kolawole while sentencing the accused noted that he was stranded both socially and economically in life.

He said the court noted more seriously the fact that the accused is not just an hemp seller but also a smoker.

According to the court,

the accused needs help beyond being sentenced, since the primary goal of a sentence is to reform a person.

The judge sentenced the accused to 18-month imprisonment from November 5, 2009, adding that the last three months would be a suspended sentence.

"After 15 months of imprisonment, the convict should be released from prison in order to attend counselling sessions from the comfort of his home and if the NDLEA finds him defaulting in the counselling sessions, he shall be imprisoned for the remaining three months," the judge ordered.

PIC: HUSSEIN YAHAYA



MANAGING Director of Media Trust, Alhaji Isiaq Ajibola (centre) and other dignitaries at an Ansarul Islam's event in Abuja Saturday.

Ansarul Islam holds Hadiyu Nabiyy in Abuja

By Hussein Yahaya, Abbas Jimoh & Romoke W. Ahmad

THE Abuja branch of the Ansarul Islam Society of Nigeria Saturday held its annual Hadiyu Nabiyy celebrations at the society's Mosque at Utako, Abuja.

The occasion also featured the conferment of 1st Islamic Chieftaincy titles and Merit Awards on eminent Nigerians, who have contributed immensely to humanity.

The Chairman of the occasion and one of the awardees, Alhaji Isiaq Aji-

bola, appealed to Muslim Ummah to donate generously to the course of Islam and humanity in general at all times.

Ajibola, who is the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of Media Trust Limited, Abuja, lamented that less than 10 percent of Muslims contribute financially to the development of Islam in Nigeria and called for attitudinal changes among the Muslim community.

Earlier, the society's Abuja branch Chairman, Alhaji Sarafadeen Ala-

belewe, explained that the Central Mosque of the society in Abuja had reached 50 percent completion, adding that the project still requires about N27.5 million before it can be completed.

The society's National President, Alhaji Suleiman Afolabi, also called on wealthy Muslims to assist the society complete the Mosque.

Twenty-five dignitaries, including Alhaji Isiaq Ajibola were honoured with the society's prestigious awards.



UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

UBEC Building, No. 7 Gwani Street, Wuse Zone 4, P.M.B. 5086,
Abuja Nigeria.

2007&2008 UBE GOOD PERFORMANCE AWARDS CEREMONY

The Federal Ministry of Education is hosting the second edition of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Programme Good Performance Award to deserving States who have shown exemplary commitment and made outstanding achievements in the UBE programme implementation using the 2007 and 2008 FGN/UBE Intervention Funds.

The Good Performance Award was instituted by the Federal Government as a critical component of its strategic intervention in the basic education sub-sector. The aim of the award is to encourage States to optimize the use of State resources and the UBE Intervention funds for quality UBE programme implementation. In this direction therefore, 5% of the total UBE Intervention Funds is allocated as incentive to outstanding States in UBE programme implementation. Prizes are awarded to deserving states at National and Zonal levels.

The Awards Ceremony is scheduled to take place as follows :

DATE : Thursday May 20, 2010

VENUE: Africa Hall, International Conference Centre, Abuja.

TIME : 10:00AM

The awards are to be presented by His Excellency, the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr Goodluck E. Jonathan (GCFR)

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Inside Politics

Kano guber tussle: Shekarau moves against Kofar Mata

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

MANY curious political observers saw the removal last week of Alhaji Sani Lawan Kofar Mata as Director General of Kano State Pilgrims' Welfare Board where he held sway for almost seven years as a stern warning to Governor Ibrahim Shekarau's close aides, particularly those who would want to run against former Commissioner for Local Government Affairs Alhaji Salihu Sagir Takai in next year's gubernatorial elections. Kofar Mata's only fault, in this case, was his decision to run against Takai, the governor's preferred choice for the plum job.

GOVERNOR Shekarau's Special Assistant on Media and Public Relations Sule Ya'u Sule announced Kofar Mata's removal as head of the board last Wednesday with Alhaji Abubakar Matawalle as his replacement. No reason was given for the removal. But later during the week, Sule said Kofar Mata was removed for his open campaign for governor while holding public office. He cited the recent resignation of Takai as commissioner as the most ideal thing for any public office-holder who wants to vie for any elective office.

Daily Trust findings, however, have it that Kofar Mata's removal might not be unconnected with his being member of the newly formed 'Kano State Association of ANPP Gubernatorial Aspirants' that has resolved to protect the party against disintegration following Shekarau's endorsement of Takai as his choice for governor. Shekarau openly indicated his support for Takai at the Kano Government House recently, even before the aspirant he resigned as commissioner.

Other members of the association include Shekarau's deputy Alhaji Abdullahi Tijjani Mohammed Gwarzo, former Kano governor Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya, member House of Representatives Alhaji Danlami Hamza, Member Kano House of Assembly Alhaji Habibu Sule Minjibir and Shekarau's special adviser on inter party affairs Alhaji Habibu Dukawa.

Obviously, Kofar Mata could not have been unaware of the consequences of telling Shekarau that his anointed candidate would be hard to sell in Kano when the governor confided in him that Takai was his choice and therefore enlisted his (Kofar Mata) support. Unlike many other Shekarau's close aides who were coerced into accepting the governor's choice, the veteran hajj administrator had told the governor he would not support Takai's candidature as it would only be a futile effort. He told Shekarau that Takai should



SAGIR Salihu Takai



SANI Lawan Kofar Mata

not be imposed on people as he would not be accepted given the several calls from all angles in the media, especially the Kano-based Freedom Radio, on the governor to jettison the moves in the interest of the party and the state.

Kofar Mata was also said to have asked the governor to appreciate what he did for him and his government. During Shekarau's 2007 re-election bid, he nearly lost his own life only to ensure his victory, he was quoted to have told the governor. At a point when INEC was in the process of announcing the 2007 governorship election results in Kano, he said, the governor had to provide protection for him by hiding him at Kano Government House. Many of the key gubernatorial aspirants are angry with Shekarau, saying he ought to have summoned them to pick the best among them and enlist the support of the others in the interest of the party ahead of next year's general elections.

Many in Kano say Shekarau has not been fair to Kofar Mata at the tail of the administration. They also frowned at his aides who now portray Kofar Mata as a mere thugs' mobiliser, saying "thugs in the context of Nigerian politics have their own advantage". Kofar Mata, they said, should not be rewarded this way

given the sacrifice he had made for the governor and his government. They saw Kofar Mata as Shekarau's arrowhead in executing most of the party's Herculean tasks. According to them, he was the person who forcefully grabbed from General Buhari the ANPP's flag and handed it over to Shekarau at a rally in Gusau as a confirmed party's 2007 gubernatorial candidate as against the wish of the two time presidential candidate.

They also lauded Kofar Mata for the way he handled the affairs of pilgrims' welfare board during every hajj in the last seven years, citing the invitation extended to him by Saudi authorities last year to be one of the few personalities allowed entry into inner side of the Holy Ka'aba during the annual cleaning of the Mecca Grand Mosque. The government action, according to them, might likely affect the party's success in the upcoming elections given Kofar Mata's large followers, especially in the six metropolitan local government areas where he hails.

Signs for Takai's entry into the governorship race began in November last year when his expensive glossy posters were pasted all over the major streets of Kano metropolis and local government headquarters. Even then, there were speculations

that the governor was behind him. But things became clearer after the January Obudu retreat when a number of committees were raised for Takai's governorship aspiration with many local government chairmen assigned tasks, including the commissioning of marabouts to pray for his success in the race. No sooner it was realized that the governor was behind him than many, including governor's key aides began to express their deep resentment over the development. *Daily Trust* observed that those campaigning against Takai's aspiration in the media are more in number than those supporting him in recent time. His posters are either being defaced or removed as a show of resentment to his political aspiration.

Before the rally at which Shekarau endorsed Takai, the governor was said to have met individually with his cabinet members, party leaders and other stakeholders to explain to them the need to rally round his candidate. It was gathered that at a meeting with a head of one of the government parastatals, the governor was quoted as saying that there was no "going back on Takai." A commissioner who had earlier nursed the governorship ambition had to jettison the move as he was threatened to be exposed and so he enjoined his

supporters to go for Takai. It was also learnt that any cabinet member opposed to Takai's aspiration would be shown the way out.

There were no concrete reasons yet as to why Shekarau wanted Takai as his successor after the 2011 general elections. Even Shekarau's senior special assistant on media and public relations Sule Ya'u Sule, who said the decision by the governor to endorse Takai was only an expression of his own personal opinion, did not say why Shekarau was behind him. Sources however said Shekarau's administration is afraid of being probed especially in the area of water sector in which billions of naira was sunk and yet the water is not available. Another area is local government joint projects. Many local governments now said to be finding it difficult to pay salary, let alone embark on capital projects. Takai was commissioner for water resources when the N5.6 billion Tamburawa water contract was awarded.

Initially, many thought the governor would back his deputy Alhaji Abdullahi Tijjani Mohammed Gwarzo to succeed him because of the way they related since they were sworn in on May 29, 2007. To express his delight over the way he related well with his deputy, Shekarau at a point, admitted that he could sleep with his two eyes closed unlike during his first term when he used to sleep with one eye open. Gwarzo is a grassroots politician with massive support from local government areas. He was said to be the person responsible for the emergence of all the local government chairmen during the 2007 local government elections. Source close to government said Shekarau was not comfortable with Gwarzo's candidature because of "too much loyalty" to him. "That was his only fault in this case; no more no less", the source said.

Others who also would want to aspire for the governorship race include former governor of Kano State Alhaji Kabiru Gaya, Commissioner for Science and Technology Dr Bashir Galadanchi, Sheikh Ibrahim Khalil, former director general of Kano Pilgrims' Board Alhaji Sani Lawan Kofar Mata, member Kano State House of Assembly Alhaji Habibu Sale Minjibir, commissioner for works and transport Alhaji Sarki Labaran and commissioner for projects monitoring and evaluation Alhaji Ibrahim Garba. Gaya wanted to take a shot governorship because of his credentials while Sheikh Khalil is seen as somebody who would continue to implement the sharia law in Kano. The commissioners were said to have hinged their reasons for their decision to join the race on the good work they have been doing for the state.

“Unlike many other Shekarau's close aides who were coerced into accepting the governor's choice, the veteran hajj administrator had told the governor he would not support Takai's candidature as it would only be a futile effort.”

Inside Politics

Ume-Ezeoke, Kumo survive 'no confidence vote'

•••ANPP's NEC fixes July for National Convention

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

NATIONAL executive officers of the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) led by chairman, Chief Edwin Ume-Ezeoke, and Secretary, Senator Saidu Kumo survived a vote of no confidence moved and seconded by some members of the National Executive Committee at a meeting held during the weekend in Maiduguri.

An impeccable source told *Daily Trust* that during the meeting which was held behind closed doors at the multipurpose hall in government house, Maiduguri, on Saturday; two persons moved and seconded a motion for the NEC to declare failure on the party's national executive.

The source said that the three ANPP governors in attendance: Ali Modu Sheriffi, Ibrahim Shekarau and Ibrahim Gaidam of Borno, Kano and Yobe respectively along with some members of the board of trustees intervened and pressured members to set aside the no confidence vote despite it being seconded. The canvassers of the motion had argued that the party has suffered major setback under the current leadership. *Daily Trust* learnt that the executives were let off the hook but the NEC formed and adopted a national convention committee under the chairmanship of Governor Ibrahim Gaidam of Yobe while the party's chairman in Ebonyi state, Mr Levenus as secretary with two representatives of BOT; two Senators- Kabiru Gaya (Kano) and Mohammed Moham-



CHIEF Edwin Ume-Ezeoke, ANPP Chairman

med (Bauchi); Minority leader in the House of Representative, Mohammed Ali Ndume; Representative Jakada Kiru (kano), two representatives of each of the six geo-political zones amongst others as members. The committee is to organise wards, local governments, states and national congresses to elect party executives nationwide.

The meeting agreed that the national convention holds in July 9 and 10, 2010 while state congresses hold June, 26, 2010; ward congresses to be held June 12, 2010 while on June 17, 2010, local government congresses elect delegates for the national convention, the source said. *Daily Trust*

also gathered that the meeting suspended a proposal submitted by the national leadership with had planned National Assembly, Governorship and Presidential primary elections for August 24, 31 and September 13-14 respectively.

The meeting agreed that date for all primaries be suspended pending the outcome of the ongoing attempt by the national assembly to amend the Electoral Act.

The meeting was attended by Alhaji Bashir Tofa, three former governors of the party, serving Senators and members of House of Representatives as well as party leaders at the national and state levels.

Jonathan urged to make Shoyebi substantive INEC chair

By Abbas Jimoh

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan has been urged to make Mr. Solomon Shoyebi, who is currently in acting capacity the substantive chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

A Kaduna-based non-governmental organization, CITAR-NGO, made the call yesterday in a statement in Abuja. The statement signed by its Executive Secretary, Muhammad Alhaji Yakubu noted that given the little time ahead of the next general elections, "this is the time

to confirm Mr. Soyebi's appointment".

The statement noted that recruiting an outsider to head INEC now would slow down the current efforts being made towards next year's elections, adding that "Mr. Shoyebi is already in the system who knows where the challenges in INEC really lie and is therefore in a better position to confront them headlong.

"As a body involved in elections observations since 1998, from our experience in these years so far, we believe that an insider who knows the inner workings of INEC is better placed to head the commission," the statement said.

We'll call Kanti Bello to order- Northern Senators

By Suleiman Bisalla

THE northern senators' has described Senator Kanti Bello's reaction to its decision last week to canvass for Senator Ahmed Makarfi to be appointed as Vice President as most un-parliamentary and resolved to call him to order.

Vice Chairman of the forum Senator Smart Adeyemi who spoke to *Daily Trust* on telephone at the weekend said the forum would meet this week to take action on the Katsina Senator over his comments to the press after the meeting of the group on Tuesday last week.

Senator Kanti Bello had blown hurt shortly after the decision of

forum to support the candidature of Senator Makarfi for the position of VP, saying he was not part of the 'silly resolution' to support Makarfi.

But Senator Adeyemi said a voting took place at the meeting where Senator Bello got only two votes, and as a ranking Senator he ought to have behaved himself in a more parliamentary manner.

"Makarfi didn't push himself; we forwarded him because we felt he would be more useful than Senator Kanti Bello.

The VP's position is not the exclusive right of any state. Therefore we feel his utterances were most uncharitable of a ranking senator and he will not get away with it," he said.

FCT Minister set to decamp to PDP

By Nasir Imam

INDICATIONS have emerged that the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Senator Bala Mohammed may have dumped the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) under which he won the Senate seat to represent Bauchi South in 2007.

Senator Mohammed was appointed as Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) on April 6 by then Acting President Jonathan. His appointment was seen largely as a compensation for his role towards the emergence of Jonathan as acting president on the floor of the Senate.

Senator Bala indicated he would soon cross over to the PDP when he said at a reception organised in his honour by the Senate at the Trancorp Hotel last weekend, that he had no other party than that of President Goodluck Jonathan.

He told the gathering and later confirmed to journalists that he would make consultations with his people in Bauchi to get their final approval to defect to the PDP.

His words: "With absolute fear of God and sense of responsibility what I said was that I was in a transition and my transition is transiting from where I was from ANPP member and I was given the position of a Minister and today, I don't have any encumbrance of legality or constitutionality which forbid me from defecting from one party to another when I was a Senator".

Senator Muhammed was full of appreciation to President Jonathan for appointing him as minister. "I never imagined I would become a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria not to talk of FCT Minister from opposition party," he said.

"Today, the person who recognises me, who reposes confidence in me and who gives me responsibility first is Allah and then is Goodluck. So I don't have party other than himself. Of course he is in PDP and it is implied that if he is in PDP, we have some character that we have established together. I would go and consult with my people because politics is not opportunism; it's about consultations, concrete engagement," the minister said.

2011: The North must get its act together, says Godwin Dabo

By Suleiman M. Bisalla

UNLESS stakeholders in northern Nigeria get their acts together and work towards a common goal, the region will face the 2011 general elections in disarray and reap unhealthy consequences at the polls, Peoples Democratic Party chieftain Godwin Dabo has said.

Speaking to some journalists in Abuja at the weekend, Dabo said the north cannot at the moment boast of a 'united front to present to corporate Nigeria', stressing that there is 'a segmented political leadership' which has not yet identify the enormity of the job ahead in the

coming months.

"I am calling on all northerners to bury their differences and support one political leader who can be a focus for the 2011 presidency," he said.

Dabo who has been a staunch supporter of General Ibrahim Babangida (IBB) over time, advised the north to either rally round the former military leader or shop for another credible alternative to present to Nigeria in the election in a united front.

"I am appealing to all of us from the north to support IBB if we are going to support him. If we are not going to support him, we should

decide on who we are going to support. The person who stands forward now is Babangida but if some northerners are opposed to him then we should get another northerner," he said.

He also appealed to Nigerians to look at the present political environment in a dispassionate manner and make sure that the leaders we elect 'are those that lord wants for Nigeria'.

Dabo also recognised the now contentious zoning arrangement of the PDP, saying it should be upheld in the interest of peace and the spirit behind the agreement.

"We had an arrangement that we entered into between the north and the south which was aimed at assuaging the nerves of the south because of what they suffered in the annulment of the June 12 elections. We agreed to have a north/south dichotomy so that the south should take for eight years, after which the north should take for eight years.

"Now there is an intervening development which is the emergence of President Goodluck Jonathan which nobody expected. But what we should do is to ensure that there is justice to all segments of Nigeria. What the north should do is to put forward its best."

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PUBLIC NOTICE LOVE HERITAGE MINISTRY

This is hereby given to the general public that the above named Ministry is applying for registration under Companies and Allied Matters Decree 1990 Law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Pastor Peter Obamwonyi
2. Pastor Gift Uwaifo
3. Pastor John Enobakhare
4. Pastor Mike Akpasi
5. Mrs. Olushola Margreth Obamwonyi

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To preach the gospel of Christ to the world
2. To communicate the pulsating life of Christ through the establishment of local churches, to ensure effective growth of the visioners.

Any objection(s) to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:
Pastor Peter Obamwonyi
(President)

UNITED LADIES OF SUBSTANCE ASSOCIATION

The public is hereby informed that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

TRUSTEE

1. Mrs Maryam Ayuba Oge
2. Aih. Mohammed Baba
3. Miss Maryam Suleiman
4. Miss Hannatu Emmanuel

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

1. To uplift education standard of members
 2. To uplift economic standard of members
 3. To promote general welfare of ladies
 4. To promote unity, cooperation understanding among all members
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed
Aih mohammed baba
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KANKIYA DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The public is hereby informed that the above named Initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

TRUSTEES

1. Alhaji Musa Hassan Sada (Kankiya katsina)
2. Alhaji Yakubu Kankiya (Dan faan katsina)
3. Alhaji Sada Ladan (Wakilin Ayyukan katsina)
4. Alhaji Laman Sani Mustapha
5. Alhaji Akyu Musa Dangwa
6. Alhaji Yahaya Sulaiman Gachi
7. Alhaji Daba Kankiya
8. Alhaji Ahmed Bala Kankiya
9. Alhaji Sani Imam Kankiya Secretary

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To assist in enlightening the people of Kankiya Local Government Area on all progress and policies that border on social services, health, education, youth training and skill acquisition to be implemented by association
 2. To provide educational training, skill acquisition and humanitarian services which are in the opinion of the association are calculated to empower youth, aged parents, orphans and vulnerable children
 3. To assist in the improvement of the human and material resources, socially and economically for the development of the people of Kankiya local government area.
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EMMINENT WOMEN ASSOCIATION

The public is hereby informed that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

Trustees

1. Hajija Amina Zayyana -Chairperson
2. Alhaji Aminu Ibrahim
3. Mr. Casmir Oke
4. Hajija Mansurat Ibrahim
5. Dr. Ibe Chikodi Nkeonye
6. Mrs. Chinyere Oka -Secretary

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To provide assistance and workshops on health and agricultural matters as well as entrepreneurship workshops and career guidance for women.
 2. To carry of crusade on girl-child education
 3. To provide assistance to destitute youth empowerment scheme and construction of water boreholes and other essential facilities.
 4. To create awareness for environmental and sanitary activities
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

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THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Pastor (Dr.) James Moyal Wuye
2. Mrs. Naomi Manklik
3. Isaac Kwakfut Esq.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To allow the youths proper solution to national economic growth and development.
 2. To empower the youth in educational development in the society
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:
S.L KWARKAS (Esq.)

CIVIC OBLIGATIONS NETWORK INITIATIVE

The public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. JOHN BULLABU OGBODE
2. ABRAHAMITA
3. SAM EDUNO
4. ISAAC AKPAN
5. ONIMISI SHAKEDI

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the citizens civic obligations.
 2. To influence the citizens of Nigeria and Africa about their civic responsibilities.
 3. To promote democracy and encourage good governance with education on civic duties
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED:
SECRETARY

LUBA WOMEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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TRUSTEES

1. HAJIA LUBABATU DAHIRU SHEKARAU
2. HAJIA MARYAM EL-HUSSAINI
3. ALH. MUSA ILYASU KWANKWASO
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5. HAJIA RAKIYA LADI MUSA

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To identify, investigate and document ways to develop individuals and families within the communities through integrated health empowerment and developmental programmers.
2. To identify problems or individuals and families especially the venerable one's and find solutions.
3. To encourage, enlighten and provide skills to develop individual's capacity.

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5. JOYCE SAMAMAGA
6. EZEKIELLA SAMAMAGA
7. FAITH SAMAMAGA

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

- 1) To recruit missionaries
 - 2) To train missionaries.
 - 3) To send missionaries to mission field to preach and establish churches globally.
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Signed:
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- The Trustees are:
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 2. Rev. Francis Esu
 3. Mrs Tomi Aleogana
 4. Mr. Effiong Anem
 5. Dr. (Mrs) Emem Omokaro

Aims and Objectives:

1. To engage in measures that will promote the propagation of the word of God.
2. To banish hopelessness and restore joy in people through the teaching of God's word.
3. To teach the scriptures in all purity power and fullness of Christ to many people in every nation of the world.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 240, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Irons Street, Maitama District, Abuja within 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:
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YOUTH AND MEDIA NETWORK.

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The names of dissolved Trustees are:

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Signed:
Juliet Oyonoka Daniel.

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4. CONVENANT SAMAMAGA
5. JOYCE SAMAMAGA

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

- 1) To establish leadership training institute
- 2) To instill the values of transformational leadership.
- 3) To run leadership seminars

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Signed

HON. KABIRU MARAFA ACHIDA
Rabah / Wurno Federal Constituency,
House of Representatives,
Abuja.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

In compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) intends to undertake the underlisted projects under its 2010 financial year capital budget. Consequently, the Agency wishes to invite interested companies to tender for the following projects:

1. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF 4NOS UPPER - AIR SOUNDING SYSTEM

The project is designed for monitoring the meteorological parameters at the upper atmospheric levels. This facility is to enhance the quality of weather forecasting for safe flight operations.

- LOT I - Kano
- LOT II - Calabar
- LOT III - Yola
- LOT IV - Jos

2. PROCUREMENT OF UPPER AIR CONSUMABLES

The project is designed for monitoring the meteorological parameters at the upper atmospheric levels. This facility is to enhance the quality of weather forecasting for safe flight operations.

- LOT I - Enugu Airport
- LOT II - Mallam Aminu Kano Int'l Airport, Kano
- LOT III - Calabar Airport
- LOT IV - Yola Airport
- LOT V - Jos Airport
- LOT VI - Lagos and Maiduguri Airports

3. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF 8NOS INTEGRATED AVIATION WEATHER OBSERVATION AND DISPLAY SYSTEM (AWODS)

The AWODS is an automatic weather observation system that integrates the measurement of key meteorological parameters like wind, pressure, humidity, radiation, visibility, cloud, precipitation, present weather, and processes them to produce meteorological information for air safety. The system is capable of broadcasting these weather reports which can be received by aircraft operating up to 3000m above ground level and 25 nautical miles from the airport. Each of the Airports is a separate Lot. i.e:

- LOT I - Sokoto, Abuja, Kano and Zaria Airports
- LOT II - Lagos, Benin, Ibadan and Port - Harcourt Airports

4. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF SATELLITE DATA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND ACCESSORIES

SADIS is used for improving aeronautical forecasts, through the production of key weather-sensitive charts critical to safety of air navigation.

- LOT I - Port Harcourt Airport
- LOT II - Abuja Airport
- LOT III - Maiduguri Airport
- LOT IV - Sokoto Airport
- LOT V - Ilorin Airport
- LOT VI - Owerri Airport

5. CONSTRUCTION OF 3NOS EACH OF MARINE / PORT MET STATIONS AND ENCLOSURE

The port stations are required to provide weather forecasts in favour of Marine Transport safety. They will also enhance recruitment of Ships/Vessels for marine data acquisition at sea to enrich marine data base /forecasts.

- LOT I - Eket
- LOT II - Onne
- LOT III - Forcados

6. CONSTRUCTION OF 6 NOS SYNOPTIC STATION AND 2NOS ZONAL SYNOPTIC OFFICES

In consideration of the need to increase the station network to meet WMO recommendation on station network density, the Agency intends to construct new synoptic stations in parts of the country where there is need. This will ensure adequate weather coverage for the country. The synoptic stations/zonal synoptic offices

- LOT I - Jigawa
- LOT II - Birnin Kebbi
- LOT III - Awka
- LOT IV - Calabar
- LOT V - Yenagos
- LOT VI - Zaria
- LOT VII - Enugu (Zonal)
- LOT VIII - Maiduguri (Zonal)

7. CONSTRUCTION & EQUIPPING OF CENTRAL INSTRUMENTS CALIBRATION MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP AT ABUJA

Weather instruments and sensors are regularly calibrated and maintained to ensure more accurate measurements of weather parameters. This infrastructure will assist NIMET to undertake this exercise within the country.

- LOT I - Construction of Workshop Building
- LOT II - Procurement and installation of equipment

8. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF METEFACTORY AT ABUJA

This equipment will automatically produce meteorological information and disseminate same to the required end - users such as Hydromet, Agromet, Public Weather Service, etc.

9. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF AIR QUALITY AND OZONE MONITORING EQUIPMENT

The equipment will measure the pollution level of trace - gases, SO₂, CO₂, O₃, Aerosols etc

- LOT I - Abuja
- LOT II - Lagos
- LOT III - Kano

10. PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION EQUIPMENT FOR NIMET (CLUSTER FOR MODELLING) AT ABUJA AIRPORT

The NWP equipment is an integrated system that assimilates meteorological data, process and analyse these data with displayed output-products whose validity range 1 - 5days.

11. CONSTRUCTION OF PORT - MET FORECAST OFFICE

These stations will be used for monitoring weather in the coastal areas and issuing weather forecast in aid of marine safety as well as ensure sustainable socio - economic activities in the marine sector.

- LOT I - Calabar
- LOT II - Lagos (Apapa)

12. PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF 2NOS VOLMET WEATHER INFORMATION BROADCAST SYSTEM

Volmet is a communication equipment that converts regular aeronautical information (weather parameters) from texts to voice output for broadcast at regional level. It is designed to assist continental flights with valuable regional (rather than station / point) weather reports as the flight enters a region such as West Africa. Each of the stations is a separate project. i.e.

- LOT I - Ikeja Airport
- LOT II - Kano Airport

13. PROCUREMENT OF CONVENTIONAL INSTRUMENTS NATIONWIDE

These are instruments for measuring atmospheric parameters such as temperature, pressure, wind speed direction solar radiation, precipitation etc.

- LOT I - Barometers and Calibration Chamber
- LOT II - Autographic Instruments
- LOT III - Wind Sensor Instruments
- LOT IV - Solar Radiation Instruments

14. CONSULTANCY FOR LIDAR-BASED WINDSHEAR ALERT SYSTEM FOR ABUJA, LAGOS, ILORIN AND PORT - HARCOURT

The Consultant will design the LIDAR System and provide basic training for the Engineers and operators.

(A) TENDER REQUIREMENT

To qualify for consideration, interested companies are required to submit the documents listed hereunder. Failure to submit any of the under-listed documents may lead to disqualification of the bid.

- (i) Evidence of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- (ii) Audited Account for three years
- (iii) Evidence of payment of the last three (3) year's Tax.
- (iv) Details of Company's profile including the Curriculum Vitae of the key professional staff and other resources.
- (v) Evidence of Manufacturer's Authorization
- (vi) Evidence from company's Banker as to its financial capability to under take the project, if awarded.
- (vii) Verifiable evidence of previous experience in jobs of this magnitude/nature. (Attach Letters of Award and Certificates of Completion).
- (viii) Evidence of VAT Registration and past remittances.
- (ix) Evidence of compliance with the provision of the Pension Reform Act 2004 as contained in section 16 sub-section 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act 2007.
- (x) List of equipment and plants with evidence of ownership and verifiable office location
- (xi) Records of company's Registration with relevant Professional bodies for Consultants
- (xii) Any other information that would be of advantage to the company

(B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- (i) Notwithstanding the submission of tender data, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency is neither committed nor obligated to include your company or any bid list or award any form of contract to your company or agent.
- (ii) The advertisement shall not be considered as a commitment on the part of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency; nor shall it entitle potential companies to make claims whatsoever or seek any indemnity from the Nigerian Meteorological Agency by virtue of such company having responded to the advertisement.
- (iii) All tenders should be accompanied with tender security in the sum of 2% of the total quotation sum.

(C) NON - REFUNDABLE TENDER FEE

- (i) Tender documents would be obtained from the Agency's procurement secretariat, within work hours before closing date, upon payment of non - refundable tender fee of N30,000.00 for each of the lots.

(D) SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Completed Financial and Technical Tenders are to be submitted in two separate Envelopes Marked Financial Bid or Technical Bids respectively. Each of the Envelopes are to contain one original and two duplicate copies of the Tenders respectively. Both envelopes enclosed in a larger envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL on Top Left Corner and written Tender for (Specify LOT) at the Centre. Tender to be Addressed and submitted to the office of the Director - General/CEO at the Agency's address supplied at the top of this advert. Submission of applications closes on 31st May, 2010 by 12.00 noon while the bid will be opened at 2.00pm on the same date at the NIMET Headquarters Conference Hall, Abuja.

NOTE: Only the Technical Bids will be opened on the date mentioned in this publication while the Financial Bids of the Bidders that passed the Technical Evaluation would be opened on a date that would be communicated to these companies.

Management
Nigerian Meteorological Agency
Abuja.

Mikel back in training

JOHN Mikel has returned to training, but will miss this week's first squad meeting with Technical Adviser Lars Lagerback as well as the Presidential Dinner in Abuja.

The midfielder has started light running but is continuing his rehabilitation from knee meniscus surgery.

Nigeria President Goodluck Jonathan is expected to send off the team at a dinner in Abuja on May 20.

The day before the dinner, Lagerback will meet up with his squad for the first time since being appointed in March but Mikel's representative John Shittu told KickOffNigeria.com that the Chelsea midfielder would be unable to make the gathering.

"He has started running and is training again but he is still undergoing rehab after his surgery and he will be unable to come to Abuja this week," Shittu told KickOffNigeria.com.

Mikel, who told KickOffNigeria.com that he would be out for two only weeks, is making good progress after having his torn meniscus repaired.

Shittu says he will be fit to take part in Nigeria's World Cup build-up.

"Everything is going well, there are no complications and he will be available to take part in the preparations for the World Cup."

On Saturday, Mikel picked up an FA Cup winners medal with Chelsea despite missing the Final.

"I just got my medal in the dressing-room," he told KickOffNigeria.com after picking up the prize piece of silverware.

Nigeria play Saudi Arabia, Colombia and North Korea before their opening game on June 12 against Argentina.



John Mikel Obi tackles Michael Essien of Ghana at the 2008 African Cup of Nations. He has returned to training ahead of Nigeria's World Cup campaign in South Africa next month.

He has started running and is training again but he is still undergoing rehab after his surgery

Bio orders mandatory MRI test

By Orkula Shaagee

MINISTER of sports and Chairman, National Sports Commission, Hon. Isa Ibrahim Bio has directed that from now henceforth, the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) test is compulsory in all age group sports competitions involving the National Sports Commission (NSC).

This, the minister said, is in compliance with international standards and in furtherance of Federal Government's commitment to the rule of law and the tenets of democracy.

To achieve this, he further directed that all officials shall strictly adhere to and respect all international codes of practice in the discharge of their respective roles and responsibilities.

This means therefore that compliance with age requirements for athletes will no longer be optional but shall be mandatory.

In a circular to all presidents of sports federations, dated May 10, 2010, the minister emphasized that contravention of this directive will attract appropriate sanctions.



SPORTS Minister Ibrahim Isa Bio

LOC announces May 22 date for NIPOGA

MARCUS Boman, Chairman, Local Organising Committee for the 16th Nigerian Polytechnic Games Association (NIPOGA), has announced May 22 as the new date for the Games.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the Games which will last for seven days were earlier scheduled to begin on May 8.

It was postponed by the LOC because of the death of late President Umar Yar'adua on May 5.

Boman told NAN in Zaria on Saturday that arrival and accreditation of athletes would hold on May 20 and May 21.

Boman, who is also the Deputy Rector, Nuhu Bamalli Poly-

technic, Zaria, the host institution, expressed hope that no fewer than 3,000 athletes from 50 polytechnics would participate.

He appealed to participating institutions to accept the new date in good faith as it was done out of respect for the late president.

The Deputy Rector said academic activities in the institution would resume on May 31 while examinations would commence immediately.

He urged the students to return early for their examinations.

Boman described the media as a veritable tool for effective communication and solicited its cooperation for the success of the Games.



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON BARRACKS REHABILITATION)
AREA 11, GARKI - ABUJA

RE: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PRE-QUALIFICATION
FOR PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON BARACKS REHABILITATION
PCBR AND PCBR (MDG) PROJECTS.

- AN ADDENDUM -

Further to an earlier advertisement in this medium on 21st April 2010 and our corrigendum to the advertisement published in the same medium on the 22nd of April, 2010, an addendum is hereby published.

2. As part of the Pre-Qualification for the award of the aforementioned contracts, those who earlier submitted are kindly requested to forward the following as additional requirements:
 - a. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act 2004 in line with Section 16(6) d of the Public Procurement Act of 2007
 - b. Evidence of up to date returns with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and be informed that due diligence will be conducted.
3. Firms, which had already submitted the above documents, may not need to re-submit.
4. The period for the submission of applications for Pre-qualifications is hereby extended to 4th June, 2010
5. The applications must be submitted latest by 12 noon on 4th June 2010.

**Chairman, PCBR,
For: Honourable Minister.**



NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

(Established by Nursing and Midwifery Registration etc Act Cap No.143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004)

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, is a parastatal of Federal Ministry of Health. In accordance with the provisions of Public Procurement Act, 2007, the Council hereby invites experienced and reputable building companies/contractors for pre-qualification under the 2010 Capital project for the building of phase II of its Head quarters Office Complex at Life camp, Abuja.

2. SCOPE OF THE BUILDING PROJECT

The Proposed two wings building will consist of Offices, Board/Meeting rooms, Staff Canteen and Clinic/Creche on four level floors with a car park at the basement.

3. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Interested Companies/Contractors are to submit the following verifiable Documents in both HARD and SOFT copies in **SEALED** Envelop(s) and Marked "Pre-qualification for Office Complex".

- a. Evidence of Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- b. Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years.
- c. VAT Registration Certificate and evidence of past VAT remittance.
- d. Article of memorandum and Company profile, List of its Directors and Key Professionals to be attached to the project (Their Qualifications, Current Practice Licence, Experience, e-mail address etc)
- e. Evidence(s) of compliance with the provisions of the pension Reform Act, 2004, as contained in section 16 sub-section 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act 2007.
- f. The Company audited account for the past three (3) years.
- g. Verifiable documentary evidence of similar and other building projects successfully executed in the past five (5) years. (Award letters, Completion Certificates and evidence of payments received).
- h. Evidence of financial capability and Bank Support.
- i. List of equipment and locations.
- j. Sworn affidavit that all documents submitted are genuine, verifiable and whether any Officer of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria is a Director, Shareholder or has any interest in the Company.
- k. Sworn affidavit that none of the company's Director have been convicted in any court for any criminal offence including fraud or financial impropriety.

4. SUBMISSION/CLOSING DATE OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

Bound and Electronic copies of the pre-qualification documents should be Enveloped, Sealed, waxed and addressed to,

The Secretary General/Registrar,
Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria,
Plot, 713,
Behind Berger Yard,
Life Camp,
Abuja.

All sealed Documents should be Hand delivered by authorized representative of the company to the Office of the Head of Procurement (Room 9), **NOT** later than 12:00noon on 15th June, 2010.

5. OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

All Pre-qualification Documents will be publically opened at
VENUE: Board Room, Nursing and Midwifery Council, Plot 713, Life Camp, Behind Berger Yard, Abuja.

DATE: Thursday, 17th June, 2010.

TIME: 12:00Noon Prompt.

All representatives of Companies/Contractors that submitted Pre-qualification Documents and Civil/Transparency Societies are hereby invited.

NOTE

1. This notice is **NOT** an invitation for **TENDER**.
2. Only Pre-qualified Companies/Contractors will be communicated in writing and invited to tender.
3. All Pre-qualified Companies/Contractors will be required to pay a non refundable tender fee of Fifty thousand Naira, (N50, 000) only into the e-payment account of Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria.
4. This advertisement shall **NOT** be construed as a commitment on the part of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria to engage any company/contractor, nor shall it entitle any company/contractor submitting pre-qualification documents to claim any indemnity from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria by virtue of such company/contractor having responded to this advertisement/invitation for Pre-qualification.

SIGNED
Joko Ibrahim (Mr.)
Head of procurement
For: Secretary General/Registrar



DIDIER Drogba of Chelsea celebrates after he scores the goal with a free kick during the FA Cup.

Qatar submits 2022 World Cup bid

...promises air cooling, modular stadiums

From Ismaila Lere, Doha, Qatar

IN its quest to be the first Middle Eastern country to host football's greatest event, Qatar is putting the spotlight on its bold technical plan—including a proposal to share state-of-the-art air-cooling technologies and modular stadiums with the developing world—in their ambitious bid book for the 2022 World Cup, presented in Zurich, Switzerland on Friday at FIFA Headquarters.

A senior delegation representing the Qatar 2022 Bid Committee, headed by Chairman, Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, delivered Qatar's 750-page bid book and additional seven binders with over 2,000 pages of supplementary documents to FIFA President Sepp Blatter and FIFA Secretary General Jérôme Valcke.

The entire dossier, weighing in at more than 20 kilograms, is concerned with all relevant issues ranging from accommodation, transport, security, environment and stadium infrastructure and is backed up with all required government guarantees and agreements.

Within Qatar's plan for a compact World Cup are big dreams for football and those who share a passion for it. Qatar 2022 will be the first carbon-neutral World Cup, utilising sustainable technologies and groundbreaking cooling systems for its twelve state-of-the-art stadiums, fan zones and training grounds. Spectators, players and officials will be able to enjoy cool and comfortable open-air conditions not exceeding 27 degrees Celsius.

The various technological breakthroughs proposed by Qatar 2022 will leave lasting legacies to football worldwide. The technical details of the air-cooling technologies will be shared with developing countries with similar climates so that the entire world can play football 365 days a year. Qatar is also promoting plans to provide 170,000 stadium seats to developing coun-

tries through the use of innovative modular components in the stadiums. Nations previously limited in their ability to host major football events due to climate or inadequate physical capacity will now have the resources and know-how to do so.

Chairman of the Qatar 2022 Bid Committee, H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, said: "Today I proudly represent the people of Qatar and our region who share our hopes and dreams to bring the World Cup home. We have presented FIFA with a bid book that combines breakthrough technologies with a plan to share them with the developing world. We wanted to meet FIFA's commitment to social development through football. The benefits of the first World Cup in the Middle East will reach all four corners of the globe."

The Qatari bid is strengthened by unswerving support from the government and ties in with the official 'Qatar National Vision 2030' and 'Qatar Master Plan' in which transportation systems in Qatar will be revolutionised with a new Doha International Airport and a new Qatar Metro Network System linking all twelve stadiums. Public support at home and across the region is overwhelming for the bid that represents the hopes and dreams of the Middle East. This was recently demonstrated with the pledge of support issued by the Arab Football Federation in Riyadh in December 2009 and at the beginning of April in Beirut, when the region's Youth and Sports Ministers offered their backing for Qatar's ambitious plans to bring the World Cup to the region for the first time in the history of the event. In addition, the Arab Football Federation reiterated its unanimous backing for the Qatar 2022 Bid during the Congress held in Jeddah at the end of April this year.

Hassan Al Thawadi, CEO of the Qatar 2022 Bid Committee, added: "Qatar 2022 would be a tailor-made, compact FIFA World Cup with

stunning stadiums and seamless transportation. The bid book demonstrates our capacity to host a completely unique FIFA World Cup; one that will enable fans to see more than one match in a day as no stadium will be more than an hour apart by public transportation. Fans will also be able to stay in the same accommodation throughout the tournament, saving them time and money. And by 2022, Qatar will have approximately 110,000 hotel rooms and serviced apartments, 90,000 of which have been guaranteed for FIFA's use during the 2022 FIFA World Cup."

"The Middle East, with its population set to grow to more than 400 million in the next decade, offers FIFA and the football family an unprecedented opportunity to develop the game and its commercial base in a region that is passionate about football. But Qatar's FIFA World Cup legacy goes further. It would help build bridges between east and west.

And, through a commitment to share our groundbreaking cooling technologies with the rest of the world and working with FIFA to donate 170,000 stadium seats from our modular stadiums to developing countries at the end of the competition, this is a bid for the region and for the world. Qatar is ready to deliver."

Qatar has proven its ability to provide a secure and stable environment for worldwide events in the recent past, notably playing host to the immensely successful Asian Games in 2006 and the FIFA World Youth Championships in 1995. With a secure environment of economic and political stability in Qatar and across the Gulf region, combined with the unique plans submitted in the bid book, Qatar has demonstrated its capability to host a groundbreaking FIFA World Cup in 2022.

FIFA's Executive Committee will vote on the locations of the 2018 and 2022 World Cup Finals on December 2, 2010, in Zurich, Switzerland.

Al Rayyan lift Qatar Emir's Cup

By Ismaila Lere, Doha Qatar

A blistering volley from Afonso Alves gave Al Rayyan a 1-0 victory over Umm Salal in the Emir's Cup final Saturday night, ending their three-year jinx.

The Brazilian, who joined Al Rayyan from Al Sadd during the winter transfer window, scored the winning goal in the 82nd minute to help Al Rayyan secure their fourth Emir's Cup title. Their last triumph was in 2006 when they defeated Al Gharafa 5-3 on penalties.

"It was a disappointing match even though we won and I am happy, but I will say it wasn't a game for the purists," Nasser Al Khater, Al Rayyan top official and Communications Director for Qatar 2022 World Cup bid told Trustsports after the match.

Umm Salal, the winners in 2008, were the first to threaten and Magno Alves should have one better in the fifth minute after Tchuka Derik sent him clear inside the box. But the Brazilian striker stumbled as he tried to go for the shot and the Al Rayyan goalkeeper Omar Barry quickly gathered the ball.

Al Rayyan then enjoyed the upper hand in the game with Fabio Cesar, Younis Ali and Hamid Ismail dictating terms in the middle. In the 20th minute, Ismail had a chance to put Al Rayyan into the lead when he controlled a long ball from the deep, but with Umm Salal goalkeeper Baba Malik closing in, his attempted job went over the bar.

Moments later, Malik came to his team's rescue again, blocking a Imad al-Hosni shot.

The play remained scrappy as the teams fought for control, with set pieces often interrupting free flowing football.

In the 27th minute, Al Rayyan went close to scoring again with striker Afonso Alves narrowly missing the target with a free-kick from 30 yards out.

Al Rayyan set their camp inside the rival territory and Umm Salal were lucky to get away unscathed from several precarious situations as they kept conceding free-kicks around the area.

In the 44th minute, Al Rayyan

captain Marcelo Tavares was unlucky as his header crashed against the near post. And Malik gathered the ball on the rebound before Alves could respond. And a minute later Alves' 22-yard effort from a free-kick went narrowly wide after taking a deflection off the defensive wall.

Al Rayyan emerged after the interval with clear determination. In the 46th minute, al-Hosni just failed to keep his header low on a Cesar cross and three minutes on Ismail forced a save from Malik with his header.

Umm Salal had their best scoring chance of the match in the 56th minute with Derik and Adel Lamy combining well to set up Jawad Akeel. But the midfielder's powerful shot was brilliantly saved by Barry.

Al Rayyan maintained pressure and continued to earn set pieces but failed to make them count. They were left frustrated as al-Hosni went wide of the target by a whisker in the 58th minute. Luck deserted the Omani striker again in the 73rd minute when his superb overhead bicycle kick hit the far post.

But their sustained pressure eventually paid off in the 82nd minute. Mustafa Mohammed provided some height to a low free-kick from Cesar with his header and Alves volleyed past Malik for the 1-0 lead.

The play was halted for a couple of minutes due to a scuffle between Umm Salal's Magno Alves and Al Rayyan's Daniel Gouma, and both were subsequently shown the yellow card.

Umm Salal showed urgency in the closing minutes but Ibrahim N'Diaye's 89th minute header had no power to beat Barry. Al Rayyan held firm in the added four minutes to ignite wild celebrations from their fans in the stadium.

Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani handed over the trophy to the winning team to the rapturous cheers from Al Rayyan fans at the packed Khalifa stadium. Also on hand to witness the final was the Brazilian president Luiz Lula da Silva, who was in Doha on a day's visit.

Cuban coaches to train Nigerian athletes

By Orkula Shaagee

AHEAD of the this year's Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India, Cuban coaches will arrive Nigeria in the first week of July to begin training of Nigerian athletes in boxing, athletics and other sports that Nigeria will be taking part in at the global sports fiesta.

This decision was reached between the National Sports Commission (NSC) and the Cuban Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency Elio Savon Oliva when he paid a courtesy call on the Minister Alhaji Ibrahim Isa Bio in Abuja.

Speaking during the visit, the Minister said that Nigeria will collaborate with Cuba to

improve the standard of boxing and other sports in which Cuba has a good technical knowledge.

The training programme, the minister disclosed is part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) already signed between the two countries.

He added that the training programme will include Nigerian athletes taking part in quality competitions in Cuba and other places that would give the athletes the required exposure.

Responding, the Cuban Ambassador said that Cuba is willing to share her experience with Nigeria in sports and promised that the coaches who will come to Nigeria will be of the highest quality Cuba can afford.

THE MONDAY COLUMN

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Dilemma of *Daram Dam Dam*

If you are Architect Mohamed Namadi Sambo, gentle, humble, quite stable and well regarded first-term Governor of Kaduna State and a new president offers you the Vice Presidency of the Federal Republic, what will you do?

There are many things to think about before you take the plunge. The vice presidency being offered is for one year only, though it has other tantalising prospects. One is that President Goodluck Jonathan will run for the PDP presidential ticket, most certainly grab it and contest next year's election. All things being equal, you will be his running mate and if he wins, you would be the vice president for another 4 years, maybe another 8, and you could become the president afterwards.

As a matter of fact, you could become the president earlier than that if Jonathan's path to the ticket is blocked by PDP power rotation, and as vice president you immediately become the front runner for the nomination. Those are the tantalising prospects, but then, there are some clear and present dangers as well.

The Governor of Kaduna State is very important in Nigerian politics, because the state is strategically located, cosmopolitan, relatively rich, a stone's throw away from Abuja, and is the capital of the old North. Precisely little gets done in the North without this governor's involvement.

Now, Architect Namadi Sambo's record these past three years is very respectable, with his effective Operation *Yaki* security outfit, his urban rail transit, schools renovation and city beautification, his grappling with water scarcity, power shortages and industrial revival, and with his grand plan to build a Millennium City and a prestigious hospital.

The record was marred somewhat by a nasty little political quarrel with his predecessor, Senator Ahmed Makarfi, but on the whole, *Daram Dam Dam* was probably on his way to a second term in Sir Kashim Ibrahim House. His political battle cry, which means sitting pretty in power, was coined by his supporters when Makarfi allegedly made plans to unseat him in 2011. Allegedly.

If Mohamed Namadi Sambo accepts the offer to move into Aguda House, then many big political factors would have been taken care of. Given that Nigeria's two sharpest political divisions are North-South and Muslim-Christian, the vice president this time has to be a Northern Muslim. The National Governors' Forum demanded in addition that a sitting governor must get the post, while a vocal National Assembly caucus demanded that the VP must be a North Westerner to compensate for the loss of President Umaru Yar'adua. Sambo satisfies all four criteria.

But there is the small matter of National Assembly confirmation, because the legislators were insisting that the VP must be an MP. The supremacy contest between governors and legislators is an old one here. Unlike in the US, where governors are struggling to become senators, here in Nigeria, every legislator wants to become a governor or at least a minister, while every minister also wants to become a governor.

The governor's office is senior here, maybe because the constituency is larger [a state has three senators but one governor], but most assuredly because a governor controls a treasury, makes many appointments, and has a big protocol arrangement. The most an MP does here is to make laws, which are mostly observed in the breach.

The snag however is that the MPs must confirm the nominee for VP, so the president cannot easily ignore their demands. The situation is further made uncomfortable for Namadi Sambo because many of the MPs were openly rooting for his friend-turned-political foe Ahmed Makarfi to become the VP.

Anyway, even while the Assembly is grilling him tomorrow, Sambo's mind will be thinking more of Kaduna, not

Aguda House. The vacancy about to be created by his departure will peremptorily effect a power shift to Kaduna State's minority Christian South.

Southern Kaduna's politicians have been agitating for a long time to produce the governor, and the state's majority Muslim North has been quietly but very firmly resisting the call. Maybe they were not planning to resist it forever, but they are psychologically unprepared to give up the governorship anytime before 2015. That is, if another inter-communal crisis does not erupt before then.

The deep inter-communal suspicion in Kaduna State politics is fuelled by the memory of the Kafanchan riots of 1987 and 1999, the Zangon Kataf carnages of February and May 1992, the sharia crisis of February 2000 and the Barnawa crisis of May 2000, as well as the *This Day* story crisis of November 2002. [I lived in Kaduna most of those years, incidentally]. There has been no inter-communal carnage in Kaduna since 2002, thanks to the very deft handling by Governor Makarfi and the able consolidation by Governor Sambo, both very cosmopolitan and fair-minded men, but there is always the danger of a spill over, say from Jos.

Right now, there is tension in Kaduna's Muslim North because a Southern Kaduna Christian is about to inherit the seat vacated by Sambo. In fact, since the VP nomination leaked last week, many Muslims were saying that it was a ploy to handover Kaduna Government House to Christians. Text messages sent around swore that it was Obasanjo who advised Jonathan to pick Sambo, just as Obasanjo himself did by picking Atiku Abubakar in 1999 and handing over Adamawa State to a

Christian governor for 8 years.

Maybe Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad's powerful words at the weekend will help the situation. He said Muslims have nothing to fear because a Christian governor will not in any way impede Muslim worship.

Now, Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, the man who will succeed Sambo, is a very gentle, peaceable, highly experienced man who was Secretary to the State Government under Makarfi for 3 years, was Makarfi's deputy governor for nearly 2 years, and has been Sambo's deputy since 2007. He is a career civil servant who is not totally liked by his own kinsmen, who see him as too closely allied to the state's Muslim North. Yet, if the Muslims now show resentment to him as the governor, then his kinsmen would quickly embrace him, *a la* Obasanjo and the Yoruba in 1999-2003.

What is unclear is Yakowa's likely political fate next year. Unless he finds a way to reduce inter-communal tension, if PDP fields him in 2011, he would have a very difficult time. Maybe by then, Vice President Namadi Sambo won't help much because he will have enough troubles of his own. If Jonathan decides to run, Sambo will be politically obliged to support him, which will quickly bring him into conflict with his former colleagues, the governors, and with most Northerners.

Besides, the things that Dr. Goodluck Jonathan will have to do to win next year's election are likely to make for a very unhappy tenure. He may have to demolish internal PDP democracy, must bulldoze away the North-South power rotation principle, and he must jettison his oft-repeated pledge to the international community to ensure free and fair elections next year.

Maybe *Daram Dam Dam* is the Goodluck Jonathan of the North, a very lucky man who emerged from the blues, politically speaking, and grabbed the governorship of Kaduna State in 2007, who also emerged from the blues last week to snatch the vice presidency, when his name did not appear on any shortlists.

His run of luck may however end there. From tomorrow, he could leave behind a smouldering political fire in Kaduna State and walk straight into a boiling cauldron in Abuja.



Daram Dam Dam is the Goodluck Jonathan of the North, a very lucky man who emerged from the blues, politically speaking, and grabbed the governorship of Kaduna State in 2007

SPORTS REPORT



HAILE Gebrselassie

Gebrselassie wins Manchester race

Haile Gebrselassie has won the Great Manchester Run for the third time, but strong winds kept him from posting a fast time in the 10-kilometer race.

The 37-year-old Gebrselassie finished in 28 minutes, 2 seconds, which was 23 seconds off his winning time last year. Gebrselassie says that "the only problem

out there today was again in the wind."

He finished 7 seconds ahead of Ayad Lamdassem, a former Moroccan who is now representing Spain. Sergiy Lebidi of Ukraine was third.

Worknesh Kidane of Ethiopia won the women's race in 31:19 and beat Jessica Augusto of Portugal by 32 seconds. Ines Monteiro, also of Portugal, was third.



WILLIAM Gallas

Gallas doubtful for World Cup

France coach Raymond Domenech has confirmed he won't take William Gallas to the World Cup if the Arsenal defender is not fit by the end of May.

Domenech, who will cut his World Cup squad to 24 players on Monday, told French TV channel TF1 that Gallas has to recover from a calf injury before the team travels to Tunisia for a training camp on May 27.

Gallas arrived in the French Alps resort of Tignes on Saturday, where he is working on his fitness with France doctor Robert Duverne. The rest of the team will arrive at the Tignes training camp on Tuesday.

Domenech said Gallas will be one of the 24 players named today, but that the 32-year-old center back "will not go to Tunisia if he is not ready to play."