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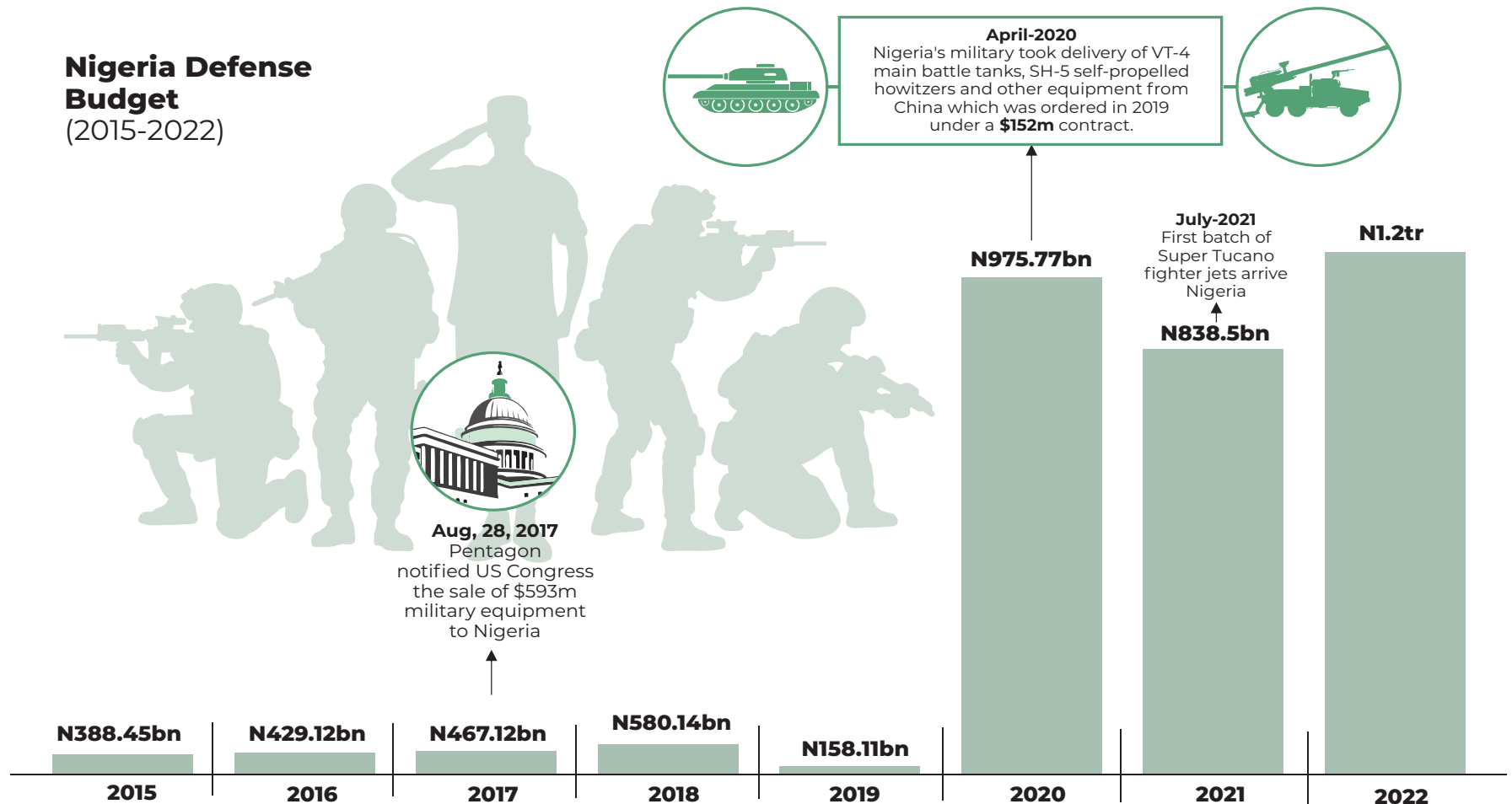
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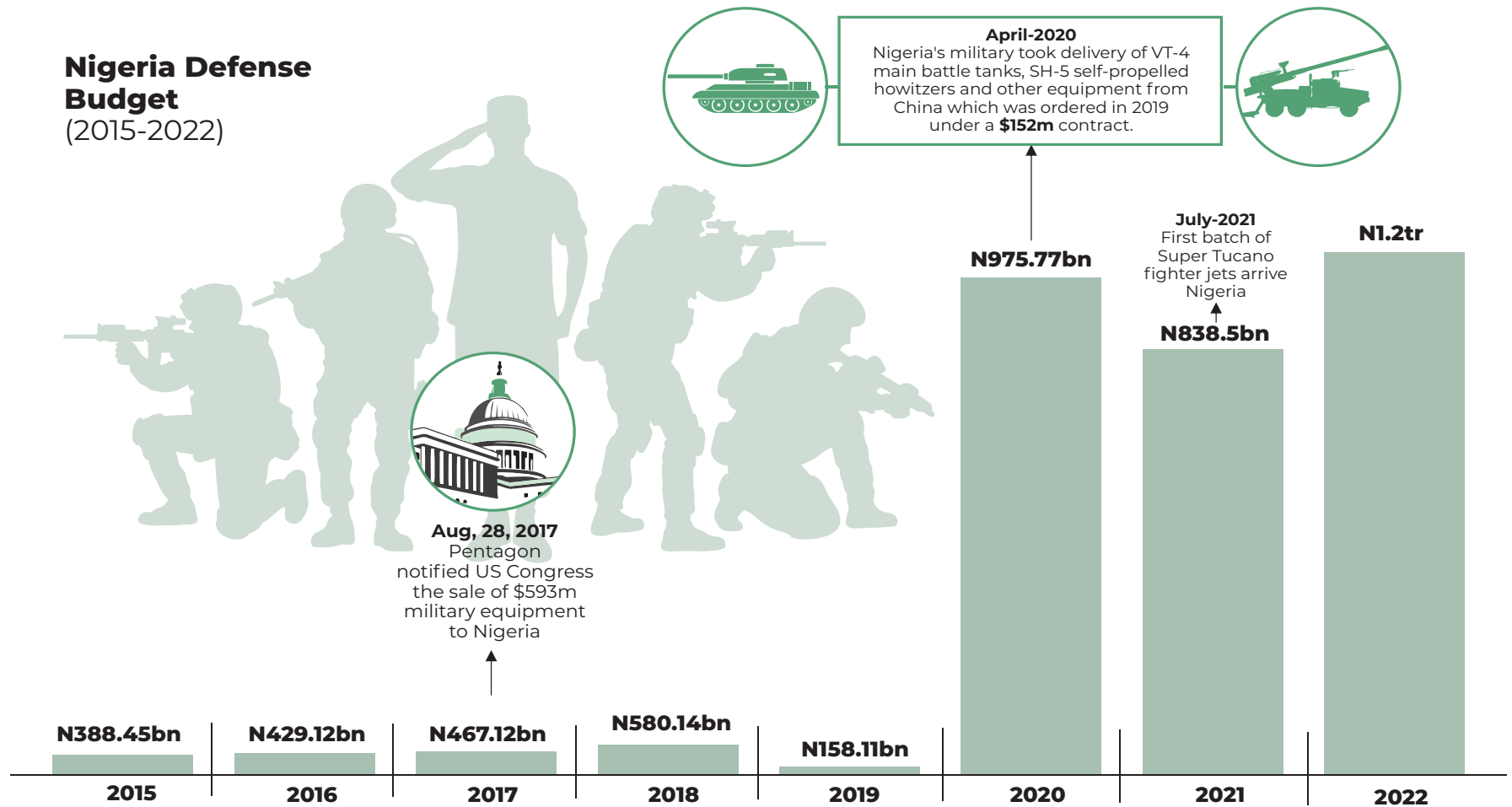
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“To be an overachiever you have to be an over-believer”



- Dabo Swinney

AFRICAN SAYINGS

“A hyena does not change its spots even if it moves to a different forest”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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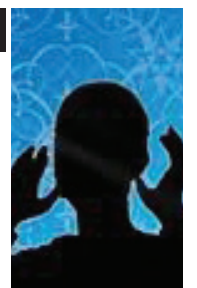
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ A boy dressed in traditional Tamang attire plays with pigeons in Kathmandu, Nepal

Photo: Shutterstock

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IN-DEPTH

Why I'm aspiring for Kaduna governorship — Baba Ahmed

By Mannir Dan Ali

I was curious when I saw that you'd four different degrees. Why did you decide to do two different master's degrees; one in Economics, another in Business Administration? Were you just keen on academics or just some personal interest?

Let's call it providence. I did have some issues in my third and fourth year and I was very poor in accounting but I was okay in Economics and not so satisfied, and I was meant to go and do a master's degree abroad. They wanted me to improve immediately so I went back to the same department that remedied by saying the only best thing they could help me out with was to give me a master's degree which then I was qualified for. Quickly I did the master's degree, and I got the other one that said I was research inclined, and they supported my proposal and then I did the PhD. So it's pure providence.

So, why are you not in academia?

I'm partly in academia.

But you don't lecture.

I don't lecture because when you're the owner of the university you'll have a conflict of interest when you're lecturing. Now they said with my specialties in research, I could handle PhD projects but I decided not to, simply because I'm over-sighting those who're lecturing and doing the researches. Remember as chairman of council, council is over-sighting and controlling the senate as well; that's purely the reason. And national issues have been more than overwhelming. Running a university is more than enough of a headache and I've never allowed half measures in academics.

You seem to be a very deliberate person; did you from the beginning set out to establish your own university or did you've it in a distant dream or was it just a pure accident after leaving the National Assembly you decided to give it a try?

It's never an accident. When I was about to finish my MBA in Cardiff, Wales, 1996, I saw the difference in terms of cost, resources, personnel, infrastructure, content, attitude and patronage between the MSc I just completed in 1995 and the MBA I completed in 1996.

Both in the same university?

No, no! MSc in Maiduguri and MBA in Cardiff. And knowing how capable Nigerians are, I'd

Dr Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed was once a presidential aspirant under the leading opposition party, PDP, and also served in the two houses of the National Assembly. The holder of at least four degrees has recently declared his intention to contest for Kaduna State governorship in the forthcoming elections. In an interview with *Trust TV*, he discussed his political sojourn and why he's eyeing the top seat of his state. *Daily Trust* monitored the interview. Excerpt:



■ Dr Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed

that dream. So, I kept that dream around 1999 and 2000. I began putting my feasibility studies, research collection and the building up. Until 2007 when I saw what I never thought could happen. You know the way I lost the elections with clean results in hand like never before; they took it away and I thought, well, the justice system is there. I went to the justice system which I don't want to talk about.

But I thought the real politicians say always ensure that you win first; then let the judiciary do its...

Point of correction! I know it's not in my interest. I've been saying this but I'm not your typical Nigerian politician and I'd never allowed myself to be categorised as such.

So, what type were you then?

I'm just a normal Nigerian citizen by character, by undertakings, by creation and nature. I've never been a politician. I'm doing politics all the way to become a presidential aspirant simply because Nigeria needs people like me. We can't just sit down and see people ... weren't happy with rulers. I don't want to use those languages. But it's our duty even to go into politics.

So, let's talk about your

politics. I mean you were elected into the House of Reps, then you went to the Senate and then you even attempted to go into the Villa. How has it been and what triggered you to contest?

Whenever I see a divergence between promises and the results, I get worried. There's a serious divergence between the announcements in 1999 and the things that were happening up till 2002 when I decided to join. Simply put; one, it's the divergence; the difference between what your Nigerian politicians tell the world as it happened in 2014-15 and what they achieved.

You're telling me that you went into politics because of what people were saying and doing were different. So what prompted you to get into politics?

Yeah, that's point number one. Point number two, you see these people; just trace their character, histories and everything. You'll find out that they're into politics simply because they lack a job. They're unemployable anywhere; they cannot do any business whatsoever and then they come into Nigerian politics and then they become the leaders of Nigeria. This is a very dangerous

trend.

Did you make any difference yourself when you went there?

I can start telling you. Today all over Nigeria in all hospitals, victims of accidents and violent crimes are received in hospitals and treated because of the simple legislation I passed. I made the first attempt to pass a serious dent on corruption and after me, nobody did the anti-contract inflation bill in 2004. I leave that for you to answer.

Was it ever passed?

It was never passed. I left it to you to answer that. I also made an attempt to ensure prompt payment of all remunerations across both public and private lives. Everything I tell you the records are there. Nigeria is today a member of Islamic Development Bank simply because of a motion I passed. There are so many legislations; time wouldn't permit me.

You beat a former governor of the state, Ahmed Muhammed Makarfi; how did you pull that out?

I'm very thorough and methodical in general elections and I won specifically the four proverbial kills despite all the money that was spent. I went straight for the win and by Allah's grace I won. When we went into the collation centre around 9:45 in the morning; I'd beaten my good friend with 11,000 votes. By 6pm, they'd reduced it to the razor thing you're talking about and if not for the intervention of the boss, I don't have to tell you who. He called them and said look; declare who the winner is there right now. They're just about to make the last deal. Well, we became friends when we're aspirants in Port Harcourt. I still take him as a boss; I respect him and everything but what's happened has happened. Nigerian politics is far less than satisfactory.

You later moved to PDP, a party that you've been always criticising?

Thank you very much for this good question! Now by definition, I have always been constantly in the leading opposition party, be it ANPP, CPC or PDP; and as far as I'm concerned, I'm still in the leading opposition party. When I joined in 2002, I'd every option of

joining the then PDP. What you see as APC today is the then PDP. Buhari couldn't win elections until those money bags.

But if the PDP becomes the ruling party, will you move to the opposition again?

No, no! I'm playing a role in bringing the PDP to the ruling party. If by God's grace that happens, I'll stay in PDP and ensure we deliver on our promises.

Are you considering another contest again?

I'm contesting for governorship this time in Kaduna State. I've decided to respect the so-called rotation. I don't believe in it and I don't like it but I'll respect it.

At the state level, could there also be some zoning?

No, it's in my favour because the last time my senatorial zone was given was 16 years ago; so it was going to central and south and now back to north. And the last time went to what we called the rural areas and now it's time to urban areas, which is Zaria and Sabon Gari as compared to the other local governments. So, I've done my arithmetic well; that's why I'm contesting for the governorship.

I'm very deliberate and it's never by accident. I took two weeks praying to Almighty Allah to give me a new career.

So, who's bankrolling it? Is it your own resources or are there some big gangs behind you?

Not a big gang and I'm not a big gang. Maybe the big artillery and the armoured tanks are the banks. When you have honour, when you've delivered on your promises, you will have the banks' support. All they need is trust. I'm currently the most indebted operator of a university in Nigeria. I meant assets are there to vouch and they're ever so willing to logically and prudently lend to us. I'd have very little equity, not too little; it's reasonable. Even the house I live in is mortgaged without allowing my family to know.

When I started this university business, I didn't have a single thing called shares to my name. I never changed a single car until it got started. I was ready to devote everything to this cause.

Transcribed by Dalhatu Liman

Rail project: FG turns to Europe for loans after delay from China

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Federal Government is making efforts towards obtaining loans from Europe following the delay being experienced in China.

Reports had quoted the Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi, as saying Nigeria was experiencing difficulties getting loans from China.

Amaechi confirmed that to reporters yesterday after the Federal Executive Council meeting, saying "We were waiting on the Chinese to give us the loans we applied for and till today, they've not replied. They kept delaying us - will the delay extend our tenure? The answer is no.

- Okays N115.43bn for Kano-Kazaure-Kongolam Road
- To spend \$328.87m on railway consultancy services

"We've gone to Standard Chartered Bank and while they've done financial closure, they've approved some level of funding.

"We're also pursuing Port Harcourt-Maiduguri line with Standard Chartered Bank. The Lagos-Kano, part of it will come from Standard Chartered Bank, and part of it will come from some commercial banks in China."

When asked to disclose the amount of money to be sourced from Europe, he said, "I don't have that figure here, I have to go back to the office."

He said the FEC approved

\$328.87m for sundry consultancy services for the supervision of the various railway projects in the country.

"Remember we've about three railway projects that are yet to start construction and they include the Port Harcourt-Maiduguri, Kano-Maradi and then the Abuja-Warri."

The minister added that the consultancy services were approved with the total cost of \$183.7m for the contractors including GIX Engineers Infrastructure Excellence/Yaroso & Partnership Ltd, Core

Consulting Engineering Plc. That's for Abuja to Warri.

"For the consultancy services for supervision of Port Harcourt-Maiduguri Railway, with branch lines to Bonny Deep Seaport and Port Harcourt Industrial Park and then to Owerri. We have Kyari Consults SDMBHD/Jamood Global Services Limited at \$97.5m. The first one is \$38.4m."

"Consultancy services for the supervision of Kano-Katsina-Jibia-Maradi Rail-line to TEAM (Technics Engineering Architecture Marketing Nigeria Limited) and that is for

\$47,670,000 million. All of them are for a period of 36 months.

"The second one is that the cabinet approved a concessioning agreement for the Ministry of Transportation to concession the Onitsha River Port to a company called Inversal Elysium Consortium. They're to manage the river port for 30 years."

Daily Trust findings show that China is still financing some projects.

The Minister of Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, said the FEC approved N115,425,896,907.15 for the dualisation of the proposed Kano-Kazaure-Kongolam highway in Katsina State from single carriageway to a dual carriageway.



■ From left: Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Ngozi Onadeko; State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Prof Oyelowo Oyewo; Governors, Seyi Makinde; his Ogun State counterpart, Dapo Abiodun; Ogun State Attorney General, Oluwasina Ogungbade and the State Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole at the signing of communique after the States' Joint Security meeting at the Presidential Lodge, Abeokuta yesterday

FRSC clarifies promotion controversy

By Abdulyassar Abdulhamid

The Federal Road Safety Corps says it is not entangled in a promotion scandal.

FRSC spokesman, Bisi Kazeem, in a statement yesterday, was reacting to a recent report by Daily Trust.

He noted that the agency is guided by the principle that promotion is for the uplift of deserving officers who have met statutory requirements as defined by the Public Service Rules, the FRSC Conditions of Service, the FRSC Scheme of Service and the FRSC Promotion Policy.

"He/She (officer or marshal) must have satisfied the requirement of 3 or 4 years waiting period as applicable on rank. This provision excludes officers transiting from Assistant Corps Marshal to Deputy Corps Marshal which is based on availability of vacancies in any of the six geo-political zones of the federation.

"It is noteworthy to realize that the Corps has 6 DCMs only, each representing the 6 Geo-political Zone. This means that apart from ACM to DCM. Others must observe statutory waiting period and can only be qualified for promotion after the required period is met; and 2. The officer must be free of any disciplinary case(s)," he stated.

Before publishing the story, Daily Trust had contacted the Corps Secretary/Assistant Corps Marshal, Susan Ajenge who signed the memo containing the announcement and the list of promotional officers and marshals, but she said the list was not for public consumption.

"This is just an allegation as the list of the promotable officers and marshals is not meant for public consumption. Therefore, no rank was left out. This promotion is an internal affair of the FRSC and any person not happy with it should approach the corps marshal. I'm not in a position to comment on this," Ajenge had said.

Reps pass bills to enhance air safety, aviation services

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday passed two bills to ensure air safety and effective aviation services in Nigeria.

This followed the adoption of the reports of the Committee on Aviation submitted by Rep. Nnoli Nnaji.

The first report was on a "Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act, Cap. F5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Bill to Provide for the Effective Management of Airports in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 461)."

Nnaji said the bill sought to repeal the former Act and provide for a more effective one seeking to ensure safe and secure airport and air transport services in line with relevant financial and health realities.

The second report was on a "Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency

Act 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Bill to provide Efficient Air Navigation Services in Nigeria, Ensure Safety and Regulation of Air Navigation in Nigeria and to any other place which Nigeria has Responsibility of Providing Air Navigation Services; and for Related Matters."

B/Haram: Belgium to spend €5m on N/East annually

By Abbas Jimoh

The Kingdom of Belgium has approved €5m annually to fast track the rebuilding of the North East ravaged by the Boko Haram insurgency.

The Ambassador of Belgium to Nigeria, Daniel Bertrand, said this in Abuja yesterday when he led a

delegation on a courtesy visit to the Managing Director of the North East Development Commission (NEDC), Mohammed Alkali.

He said this was part of the Belgian government's efforts towards ameliorating the sufferings of the people of the North East.

"We're not indifferent to what is happening in the North East part

of the country, especially from the humanitarian point of view, we are at the disposal of the Nigerian authorities to do better.

"I think it is more or less €5m per year. Regarding other areas where we can assist, it depends on the request of the Nigerian authorities," Bertrand said.

Responding, Alkali appealed to

the Belgian government to intervene in education, agriculture and sports development, and facilitate return of internally displaced persons to their villages.

"Belgium, as part of the EU, is one of the largest contributors to salvage the humanitarian crisis in the North East when the humanitarian crisis was handed over to us," Alkali said.

Poor funding, inadequate facilities, bane of education sector-Reps c'ttee

By Chidimma C. Okeke

Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Basic Education, Prof. Julius Ihonvbere, has described lack of policy consistency, poor funding

and inadequate basic facilities as major challenges in the education sector.

He urged to declare a state of emergency on school infrastructure following the alleged failure of state governments

to invest in basic education in their states.

He spoke in Abuja yesterday at the National Education Summit organised by the Human Development Initiatives (HDI).

A former provost of Osun State

College of Education, Prof. Labayo Kazeem, said governors were not concerned about investing in education.

Executive Director, HDI, Olufunsho Owasanoye, called for a review in curriculum.

Banditry: Wake up to your duties, Senate tells military

By **Abdullateef Salau & Muideen Olaniyi**

Disturbed by the rising attacks, killings and abductions, the Senate yesterday tasked the military to work harder in protecting Nigerians.

Senate President Ahmad Lawan said the rising cases of kidnappings and killings made it imperative for the military to wake up.

He said the military establishment had gotten a lot of support in terms of support and therefore urged them to justify it.

He spoke yesterday during the debate on a motion by Senator Bello Mandiya (APC, Katsina), who called the attention of his colleagues to the rising cases of banditry and kidnapping in Katsina State.

Lawan wondered why full-scale action was yet to be carried out by the military in spite of increased funding for security.

He said: "The expectation of the Senate is that there is supposed to be a remarkable difference in success in terms of the fight against insurgency, banditry and militancy in Nigeria.

"The military is getting better funding from the government and what we expect is to see an improvement in output.

"I know the resources are not enough but recently, for one and a half years, the government has up-scaled the level of funding for our military.

"Secondly, when we declared the bandits as terrorists, my understanding was they are going to be dealt with ruthlessly now. I wonder whether that is the case.

"The military, like some of our colleagues have said, needs to wake up. We want to see a difference because we have made a difference in terms of funding.

"I know funding alone will not be enough, but funding can make a difference and we expect a difference in the outcome," he said.

Deploy fighter jets

The Senate also yesterday urged the government to deploy fighter jets to flush out terrorists from their hideouts; and the security agencies to comb all known hideouts of kidnapers to rescue the 38 persons abducted in Faskari LGA of Katsina State.

Earlier, Senator Mandiya had said that killings and kidnappings by gunmen had become a daily occurrence despite the government's effort in curbing the menace by setting up Operation



■ From left: President Muhammadu Buhari; Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami; Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu; Minister of Environment, Sharon Ikeazor and Minister of Finance, Zainab Ahmed during the inauguration of the committee on repatriation, return and resettlement of displaced persons in the North East held in Abuja, yesterday
Photo: **Felix Onigbinde**

Sharan Daji and the Inter-Agency Task Force to tackle cases of banditry.

He said the 38 persons were abducted on Sunday when gunmen attacked Ruwan Godiya in Faskari Local Government Area of Katsina.

He expressed worry that the continuous security challenges and related attacks by bandits on towns, villages and communities in Faskari LGA subjected the affected areas to serious survival threats.

Also, Senator Kabir Abdullahi Barkiya (APC, Katsina), faulted the inability of the military to contain the situation despite several calls for it to act.

"What is happening in Katsina shows that we don't have to only condemn it, we have to do something very serious, because we cannot just sit down after declaring these bandits terrorists and then allow them to continue all these acts," he said.

Senator Abdul Kwari (APC, Kaduna) said: "I am tempted to ask Mr President, where are the Tucano fighter jets that were recently acquired by the federal government and heavily celebrated by all of us that these bandits have come home to roost?"

"Unfortunately, we are now told that Nigeria will need a second layer of approval for it to use these Tucano fighter jets against these bandits that we have all agreed should be termed terrorists. The whole nation should rise and get whatever that is needed to be gotten for the use of these fighter jets on these bandits for us to move forward."

Daily Trust reports that apart from the support Nigeria got from different countries in terms of training and logistics, the federal government had budgeted monies running into trillions of naira since

2010 to contain the menace of Boko Haram in the North East.

There were other approvals for defence, among them the \$1 billion approved from the Excess Crude Account.

Over the years, while there is appreciable progress in taming the Boko Haram terrorists in the North East, bandits sprung up in the North West and parts of North Central and have so far killed thousands of people, maimed many, destroyed towns and villages and crippled the economic fortunes of the people as well as forced many students out of schools through abductions.

Military commanders had at different times said most of the operations they were asked to handle ought to have been shouldered by internal security establishments like the police, civil defence, immigration and others.

Buhari promises new era of peace

While the senators were lamenting the protracted security challenges in the country, President Buhari said yesterday that Nigerians in the North East will witness a change from insurgency to peace and development.

The president said this at the inauguration of the Presidential Committee on the Repatriation, Return and Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the North-East.

The event preceded the weekly Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting.

Buhari announced that his administration was embarking on a revised approach to addressing the 13-year conflict and insurgency in the region and will not relent in efforts towards the return of peace and normalcy.

"At the advent of this administration in 2015, I pledged to

Nigerians that I will restore peace in the North East and return it to the path of development and growth. I remain committed to this promise.

"I pledge to you that in the coming months you will begin to witness a shift away from a protracted insurgency to peacebuilding, stabilisation, and ultimately development in your respective communities as we embark on a revised approach to addressing this conflict- A return to normalcy," he said.

On the terms of reference for the committee, the president said that it entails a shift from managing the situation to activating a permanent solution for effective and practicable restoration.

He said the committee, among others, is expected to develop a concise three-year action plan by the end of March 2022 that incorporates national and state level plans, providing a clear pathway for the restoration of peace and development in the North East.

The committee, he said, will also develop and implement a phased plan for the repatriation, returns, resettlement of IDPs and restoration of livelihoods, incorporating global best practices that give dignity to the affected populations.

According to him, they will also be responsible for the development and implementation of a coordinated peacebuilding and reconciliation programme that is culturally appropriate and community-driven.

The president also commended Governor Babagana Zulum of Borno State, who was present at the inauguration with his Gombe counterpart, Inuwa Yahaya, for his commitment to his people and exemplary leadership.

The members of the presidential

committee include the ministers of finance, budget and national planning; attorney general of the federation and minister of justice; minister of humanitarian affairs, disaster management and social development; as well as minister of interior, foreign affairs and defence.

Others are the national security adviser, inspector-general of police, chief of defence staff, director-general, SSS, director-general, NIA, director-general, North-East Development Commission, federal commissioner, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants & Internally Displaced Persons, director-general, NEMA and chief of defence intelligence.

While fielding questions from journalists after the inauguration, Governor Babagana Zulum expressed the delight of the people of the region over the development that would cater for IDPs.

He also applauded the plan to bring back refugees from the Republic of Chad, Niger, and Cameroon.

He said the committee would also look into the management of the repentant Boko Haram members and promised the support of the North East governors to the committee under the leadership of the president.

He expressed confidence that the repentant Boko Haram members had truly repented as they were calling their colleagues in the bush to come out and join the process of peacebuilding.

Asked whether some of these refugees were ready to come back after his interaction, he said: "In fact, they are over ready. They have been agitating for a return for the last two and a half years. But, unfortunately, the enabling environment has not been created for that return.

Pension fraud: Oronsaye signed mandates of accounts diverted by Maina – EFCC

By **John Chuks Azu**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission yesterday said a former Head of Service of the Federation, Steve Oronsaye, signed some mandates of companies where pension funds were diverted by Abdulrasheed Maina convicted of N2.7bn pension fraud.

Maina, a former chairman of the Pension Reform Task Team,

was last year convicted to six-year imprisonment by a Federal High Court in Abuja.

At the resumption of the case of alleged money laundering against Oronsaye, the prosecuting counsel, Oluwaleke Atolagbe, tendered as exhibit, the judgment of Maina's conviction by Justice Okon Abang through the 20th prosecution witness, Rukayat Ibrahim.

Ibrahim, an EFCC operative,

testified that the commission had succeeded in getting Maina sentenced to eight years in prison over the pension fraud, saying that Oronsaye signed some of the mandate of companies' accounts operated by Maina.

Ibrahim said Maina opened five fictitious accounts in a commercial bank and used them to siphon pension funds for his personal use.

However, under cross

examination by defence counsel, Ade Okeya Inneh (SAN), the witness, admitted that Oronsaye had retired in November 2010 before Maina's offences were committed between 2011 and 2018.

The witness said though the biometric capture for workers was extended by the former head of service, investigation did not reveal that he inserted names of ghost workers.

On the N131m transferred to the State House account under Oronsaye, the witness insisted that due process was not followed because the money was meant for pension fund.

Since the money was appropriated, the witness said it was only through virement that such an amount could have been moved from one department to the other.

Cop kills soldier who once saved Shehu of Borno from B/Haram

● Military calls for calm, to probe incident

By Olatunji Omirin (Maiduguri) & Idowu Isamotu (Abuja)

There was palpable tension at the Shehu of Borno Palace in Maiduguri when a yet-to-be-identified policeman shot dead a Warrant Officer of the Nigerian Army attached to the Operation Hadin Kai, identified as Donatus Vonkong.

Multiple sources in the palace who confirmed the incident to Daily Trust said the unnamed Mobile Police Officer (MOPOL) was drunk when he acted.

It was gathered that the development caused pandemonium in the area when it happened on Tuesday, forcing residents to scamper for safety as youths vowed to hunt down any policemen seen in the area.

But the military, while calling for calm, said the incident did not suggest any inter-agency rivalry between the Nigerian military and the police, promising to launch a thorough investigation into the matter.

"The MOPOL returned from Sintiri but he was looking very drunk. Initially, the staff sergeant wanted to disarm him but later left him. Minutes later, he started

shooting sporadically and accidentally shot the staff sergeant on the cheek, killing him instantly," one of the sources said.

Another source described the deceased as a celebrated army officer who saved the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai Al-Amin El-Kanemi, from a suicide bomb attack in 2012.

"It is well-known that Vonkong was a celebrated officer. In 2012, he saved the Shehu of Borno from a suicide bomb attack. He forced himself to the bomber in the midst of people and pushed him away. The IED detonated and injured him on the leg. He was loved and cherished by the people."

The victim, Donatus Vonkong, who was recently promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer (MWO) in the Nigerian Army, was on few years ago turbaned in the palace as 'Zanna', meaning, traditional aide.

"Whether you are in active service or retired, you are allowed to perform your full functions as a 'Zanna' in this palace," the Shehu of Borno told Vonkong shortly after the decoration.

Efforts to reach the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Sani

Kumilu Muhammed, proved abortive as he neither answered his calls nor reply text messages sent to him.

But when contacted, the Director of Defence Information, Maj.-Gen. Jimmy Akpor, told Daily Trust that the incident did not portray inter-agency conflicts, saying it was an isolated case.

He said, "In any case, when things like this happen, it could be accidental, but there are procedures for handling such issues. It does not suggest inter-agency conflicts. This is an isolated issue, and when they do occur, the various services have mechanisms for handling them."

"And I'm very sure that Operation HADIN Kai will investigate and carry out the necessary clear mechanism to ensure that it does not happen again. The most important thing is that we guide against future occurrences."

"There are mechanisms for handling such issues; it does not in any way portray conflicts between the military and the police. After all, they are all deployed together for the overall efforts of counter-insurgency operations over there."



■ A cross-section of participants during a one-day training for schools to implement recommendations on safe schools declaration in Kaduna yesterday Photo: NAN

Nigerian youths develop Apps to bust kidnapping, robbery, other crimes

From Eyo Charles Calabar

Two Nigerian youths - Sordi Michael from Bayelsa State and Udeagha Chukwudi Kingsley based in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State capital - have developed ICT applications that can raise alarm and aid messages to security agencies when one is under an attack.

The App called Footsteps has the capabilities to stem increasing cases of rape, kidnapping and robbery attacks among others.

It was part of the applications unveiled during the 10th edition of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) Hackathon 2022 organised in collaboration with three universities and the National Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at the University of Calabar yesterday.

The two called Team Kim were amongst 20 other Nigerian youths selected randomly

across universities in the region to pitch their technological, innovative and start-up ideas for appraisal by ICT experts.

Michael, who spoke on behalf of the two, told Daily Trust that the App took them nearly a year to develop.

"The App is easy to use because when one is under attack the victims would hardly be in a comfortable position to remember what to do."

"So the victim can either use a voice command, gestures, click a button when he is under attack."

"The App will then send signals to loved ones, security agencies, and emergency numbers and indicate what crimes are being committed," he explained.

The director general of NITDA, Mr Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, represented by a director in the agency, Dr Salihu Abdul Karim, said the invention would drive advancement in agriculture, security and logistics.

Hanifa: Court adjourns case to Feb 9

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

A magistrate's court sitting at Gidan Murtala has ordered the transfer of the murder case filed against the proprietor of Noble Kids Academy, Nasarawa, Kano, Abdulmalik Tanko, and his accomplices to the state high court.

Tanko, 34, Hashim Isyaku, 37, and Fatima Jibrin, 26, all residents of Tudun Murtala in Nasarawa LGA, were charged for criminal conspiracy, kidnap, confinement and culpable homicide of a 5-year-old pupil of the

school, Hanifa Abubakar.

The alleged offences are contrary to sections 97, 274, 277 and 221 of the penal code.

Chief Magistrate Muhammad Jibril granted the order following an application by the state counsel, Aisha Mahmoud, that the case be transferred for lack of jurisdiction.

He ordered the case be taken before Justice Usman Na'abba on February 9 for the re-arraignment of the suspects.

The court ordered that the suspects be remanded in prison custody before re-arraignment in the next court.

117 Kebbi students sent overseas to study medicine, engineering

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Birnin Kebbi

No fewer than 117 students of Kebbi State origin have departed the country to study medicine and engineering courses in Ukraine, India and Sudan.

In his farewell address to the departing students yesterday in Birnin

Kebbi, the state governor Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, said the students were sent overseas not because there were no good universities in Nigeria but for the fact that education was universal and it was not out of place to have ambassadors in other parts of the world.

"We know we have numerous challenges but education remains our priority and mobilising

to send our children abroad is one of those priorities," he said.

In his remark, the Commissioner For Higher Education, Prof Muktar Bunza, said the governor in December last year approved the release of \$1,060,000 US for payment of tuition, accommodation, feeding and allowances to the students billed for studies abroad.

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Reps investigate NSITF recruitment

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives yesterday resolved to investigate alleged lopsided recruitment by the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund.

This followed a motion by Ismail Tijjani who said the NSITF was currently recruiting management staff negating the federal character principle.

The House mandated its Committees on Federal Character, Labour, Employment and Productivity, Disability and Public Service to carry out the investigation.

Rising poverty: NBS has serious problem with data – Buhari’s aide

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Senior Special Assistant to the President on Public Affairs, Ajuri Ngelale, says the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) often gets the data it releases to the public wrong.

Ngelale said this last night while featuring on *Trust TV’s* Daily Politics.

He said the NBS usually gives out the wrong statistics of unemployed adults in the country.

According to him, the figures neglect those in the informal sector.

He said: “I am saying very clearly that the NBS has a serious problem with accurate data till today.

“The same statistics suggested that somewhere in 2014, that the unemployment rate on the nation was eight per cent that is less than 10 per cent... will you suggest anytime in your lifetime in this country, Nigeria, that we are all living in, that out of the adult population in the country, with well over a 100 million people, that 92 million out of the working adults, even worst that..

“The Statistician-General told us that we have a handful of NBS staff. Go to the NBS yourself and see what their employment rolls look like, how many staff do they have to be able to send out to the nooks and crannies of the entire Nigerian federation. They send out a handful of people state by state...”

Buhari condemns Guinea-Bissau’s failed coup

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari Tuesday spoke to President Umaro Embalo of Guinea-Bissau shortly after the latter survived a coup attempt.

Buhari, in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, congratulated Embalo on surviving the coup attempt and commended the loyal troops in Guinea Bissau for showing

patriotism leading to their “spectacular victory over the disloyal elements of the military.”

He condemned the coup attempt to and extended the goodwill and support of the government and people of Nigeria to the Guinea-Bissauans and the Embalo administration.

Embalo said the situation had been brought under control and that “all is well, and normalcy fully restored.”

Coalition seeks Media Trust’s support to end discrimination on hijab

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Coalition of Nigerian Muslim Women has sought the support of Media Trust Limited (publishers of Daily Trust and other titles) to aid advocacy for an end to discrimination against the use of hijab in Nigeria.

The coalition, during a visit to the company’s corporate head office in Abuja yesterday, stressed the need for more sensitization

of non-Muslims that hijab is a symbol of freedom for women, by Allah, to promote modesty in the society.

The group, led by Hajiya Hadiza Eneze Gomina, said with the adornment of hijab in public guaranteed, laws should be made to make Muslim women feel protected by symbols of authority in all spheres of life.

“She should therefore not suffer any harm by

exercising this right. We solicit and strongly count on your support in spreading this message and supporting Muslim women and girls within and outside your organization in their desire to exercise their constitutional freedom and also fulfil their obligation to their creator, while reaching their full potential in any chosen field of endeavor without any restriction or harassment,” Gomina said.



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One CJTF killed, 5 others injured in Borno landmine explosion

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

One of the leaders of the Civilian Joint Task Force in Borno State, Ibrahim Maliya Saidu, has been reported killed while five others sustained varying degrees of injury when they stepped on landmines in the Biu Local Government Area of the state.

A member of the CJTF, Mohammed Aliyu, said the accident happened at about 2pm around Maliya

Village in Mandaragaru Ward yesterday.

He said Saidu until his death was the planning secretary of CJTF in the local government.

“We received the sad news this afternoon, that one of our finest CJTF members die during an operation. It was a rude shock to everyone,” he said.

Our correspondent gathered that the five injured persons were in critical condition in the hospital where they had started receiving treatment.

Meanwhile, Senator representing Borno South, Ali Muhammad Ndume, has commiserated with the Biu Emirate, members of CJTF, and the entire family and friends of the deceased.

Ndume, in a message, said his death “is a devastating blow to the state as well as an undeniably huge personal loss to Biu communities.

“The deceased had stood his ground and fought Boko Haram until the sad event,” he added.

Ogun criminals after my life, Abiodun cries out

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, has raised the alarm that criminals have threatened to come after him because of the anti-crimes battle of his government.

Abiodun had on January 21 re-launched the state joint security outfit code-named OP-MESA where he declared war on kidnappers and ‘yahoo

boys’ in the state.

The governor while speaking at the “Ogun, Oyo Joint Security Meeting,” bilateral session organized by Ogun and Oyo state governments said hoodlums were already feeling the heat.

The governor, who said “I am waiting for them,” promised to make life intolerable and unbearable for the criminals.

Speaking at the meeting, Abiodun

noted that kidnappings and other crimes were rampant at the border communities of the two states, hence, the bilateral agreement.

He pointed out that both states had peculiar security challenges and had been tackling them independently with their own mechanisms, adding that the joint security efforts would promote sustained economic development with the neighboring states.



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, NIGERIA
AFRICA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR POPULATION HEALTH AND POLICY (ACEPHAP)

ADVERT FOR A PROGRAM MANAGER

The African Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Bayero University Kano is a World Bank supported Center, that aims to strengthen inter-disciplinary approaches to promote population health outcomes through training and research for evidence-informed policy development in West Africa. This Approach utilizes non-traditional partnership among different sectors of the community, public health, industry, academia, health care and local government entities to achieve positive health outcomes. Specifically, the centre is designed to implement high quality training and applied research for health concerns of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 3): maternal health, child health, and infectious diseases (malaria, TB and HIV) with particular emphasis on increasing human resources for health and Turning Research into Practice (TRIP) for evidence-proven interventions. The program is being implemented by the Bayero University Kano in collaboration with regional and International academic institutions, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, University of Benin, the University Of Maradi, Niamey, the Baylor Medical College USA, Vanderbilt University, USA, University of Nebraska, University of Cambridge, UK, University of Sheffield, UK, University of Birmingham, UK e.t.c As well as international partners such as World Health Organization, Ferring International e.t.c.

The Centre requires the services of strong Program Manager for immediate appointment that will be expected to bring considerable vibrancy and strategic managerial direction to the organization.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICER

The Program manager will manage the day to day activities of the Centre under the guidance of the Centre Leader and Co-Centre Leader. In innovating the Centre, the ability to think creatively and strategically with high level project skills is needed. The program manager will ensure proper documentation, branding, resource mobilization, and drive the development of a high-level niche for the Centre both within and outside the University, especially with supervisory agencies, project partners and funders.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST

An ideal candidate for Project Manager of ACEPHAP would have some health and university familiarity, but would not be an existing University staff, have obtained a minimum of Master's degree, have management experience and demonstrated prior success in implementing or managing a large scale project. Experience in using the web and/or social media and skills in advanced computing will be necessary. The candidate must also possess a record of good health.

REMUNERATION

This is negotiable and shall be on a renewable contract basis. Salary and emoluments are similar to those on contract at the directorate level in the Nigerian University System.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application with recent CVs should be forwarded to the Registrar, Bayero University Kano.

Applications should be accompanied by a one-page letter stating the strengths and suitability of the candidates in applying for the position. As this is also a research advertisement, candidates should also email their applications to the staff of the University who contacts them to enable speedy follow-up.

The closing date for this announcement is 20th February, 2022.

----- Signed: -----
JAMIL A. SALIM
REGISTRAR
BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

VACANCIES

Trust Television Network, an independent broadcasting outfit from the stables of Media Trust Limited, the publishers of the widely circulated Daily Trust and its sister titles seeks qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies.

SCRIPT EDITOR

As Script Editor you will ensure commissioned scripts are delivered to a standard and conform to the editorial brief, as well as providing advice on all script related matters associated with the production. You will act as a key point of contact between the writer and the production team, and manage and build the relationship. As well as coordinating script changes, you will generate creative story ideas and suggestions.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To be responsible for providing reporters and producers with sufficient information to enable the editorial brief to be met in respect of style, content, form and any other special considerations.
- Where appropriate and when instructed, to undertake any necessary re-writing.
- Where necessary to restructure and generate new storylines within your scripts.
- To generate creative ideas and long-term story ideas.
- To turn drafts around quickly and creatively and to ensure all deadlines are met.
- Where appropriate, to refer to the senior editors to resolve doubts or competing views that may arise in relation to the script at any time.
- To co-ordinate and communicate all script changes to those concerned.
- To seek new material and take steps to identify and encourage new writing talent. To maintain an up-to-date awareness of emerging talent.
- To ensure that scripts are prepared in the appropriate format.

QUALIFICATION

- A degree or HND in any related field.
- At least 3 Years working experience in similar role
- An understanding of copyright law, and the legal implications of the production process.
- Strong Editorial Judgement
- Experience of newsroom production systems and desktop editing
- Evidence of a broad range of journalist interests including social affairs, international politics, public policy, world business and economic affairs, sciences and the Arts.
- Excellent communication skills to receive, interpret and convey information accurately and concisely
- Excellent writing skills for television news
- Fluent in both written and spoken English

PRODUCER

You will work under the leadership of an Editor to create and shape our news/programme coverage by writing scripts, cutting pictures, finding guests, developing graphics and other work as required.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Working under the direction of a Bulletin/Programme Editor to produce distinctive and original journalism
- Writing scripts for on-air talent, cutting pictures using a newsroom production system, finding guests, commissioning and writing graphics and other tasks as required
- Working with producers across the newsroom, as well as with the online and digital, to cultivate a collaborative approach to content production and delivery across the channel.
- Conducting research on issues related to politics, policy and governance in Nigeria and around the world
- Actively monitor content on other broadcast, print and online/social media on issues about Nigerian and global politics, policy and governance
- Generate ideas and contribute to daily editorial meetings on evolving program formats, themes, topics and topic treatment for a daily program on politics, policy and governance

QUALIFICATION

- Bachelor's Degree/HND in related field
- A minimum of at least 3 years' experience working as a TV journalist/3-5-years' experience in political reporting/reporting politics in a national, regional or local newspaper or other media
- In-depth and extensive knowledge and understanding of Nigerian and global politics
- Strong Editorial Judgement
- Experience of newsroom production systems
- Excellent communication skills to receive, interpret and convey information accurately and concisely
- Interpersonal skills
- Organizational skills and the ability to multitask
- Flexible approach to work and working hours.
- Ability to work under pressure and deliver on tight deadlines

PLANNING EDITOR

A planning editor monitor multiple sources for news, and works with reporters, shoot edits, producers, and other staff members to assign and develop story ideas.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Distribution of news coverage assignments to reporters.
- Coordinating reporters and shoot edits to cover breaking news and meet production deadlines.
- Working with the news team in coming up with story ideas and gathering information. Based on their news judgment and the preferences of viewers.
- Planning Editors accesses news wire services and use social media websites, develop and maintain contacts with law enforcement and fire departments, local government and community organizations to stay updated on current events.
- Coordinating the coverage of multiple stories at once and monitor the progress of news teams.
- Develop and propose a daily news coverage plan
- Be the main point of communication between reporters, production teams, and executive staff on developing stories

QUALIFICATION

- Bachelor's Degree/HND in related field
- A minimum of at least 3 years' experience working as a TV journalist
- Strong Editorial Judgement
- Experience of newsroom production systems
- Excellent communication skills to receive, interpret and convey information accurately and concisely
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- Flexible approach to work and working hours.

Interested candidates who are satisfied with the above requirements should send their CVs to jobsatrusttv@gmail.com

The deadline for submission is 7 days from the date of publication.



NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION



MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR
THE PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES

Launches

THE REVISED NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY (NPP) AND

INAUGURATES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON POPULATION MANAGEMENT (NCPM)

Date: Thursday, 3rd February, 2022

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Council Chamber, State House, Abuja

- The goal of the NPP is to improve the quality of life and standard of living of the people of Nigeria while the main thrust is to reduce the population growth rate and accelerate demographic transition for the realization of the Demographic Dividend.
- The NCPM is chaired by the President with the Vice President as the Deputy Chairman. Heads of relevant government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) will serve as members.

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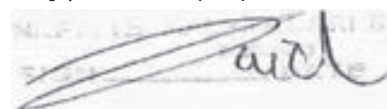
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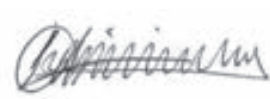
Northern Nigerian Flour Mills Plc. - Kano

UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Nine Months Ended 12/31/2021	Nine Months Ended 12/31/2020	Three Months Ended 12/31/2021	Three Months Ended 12/31/2020
	Note	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000
Volumes (MT)		33,773	27,466	8,858	7,834
Revenue		11,363,242	6,454,885	3,352,248	2,109,908
Cost of sales	1	(10,386,075)	(5,984,213)	(3,003,077)	(2,055,239)
Gross profit/(Loss)		977,167	470,671	349,170	54,669
Other Operating Income	2	77,216	73,733	24,026	28,460
Selling and distribution expenses	3	(92,086)	(60,330)	(31,926)	(22,807)
Administrative expenses	4	(603,439)	(321,859)	(250,431)	(139,310)
Operating profit/(Loss)		358,859	162,215	90,839	(78,988)
Investment income		4,722	35,969	1,211	30,215
Finance cost	5	(115,584)	(146,959)	(17,795)	(46,344)
		247,997	51,225	74,255	(95,117)
Profit/(Loss) before tax		247,997	51,225	74,255	(95,117)
Tax expense		(21,699)		(21,699)	-
Profit/(Loss) after tax		226,298	51,225	52,556	(95,117)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		226,298	51,225	52,556	(95,117)
Earnings per Share - Basic (Kobo)		127	29	29	(53)



Mr. Adrian Naidoo
Managing Director

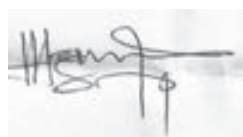


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January 29th, 2022

Explanatory Notes:

The management reinforced her efforts to sustain profitability within the quarter as well as managing costs and improving margins.



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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ABUJA HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR MEMORANDA

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs is organising a Public Hearing on:

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Service Compact Management Agency (SERVICOM) for the Effective Management, Execution and Enforcement Service Compact and Citizens, Setting, Controlling, Implementation and Enforcement of Service Charter and Standards. The Identification and Facilitation of Resolution of Service Failure and Enhancement of Citizens Service Rights and Responsibilities in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.558).
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Lottery Act No. 7, 2005 and the National Lottery (Amendment) Act No. 6, 2017 and Enact the National Gaming Bill to Regulate the Operation and Business of Gaming in Nigeria and Enhance Revenue Generation for the Government of the Federation to Complement the Funding Gap of Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1288).

All stakeholders are hereby invited and requested to forward Twenty (20) hard copies of their memo with a soft copy to: The Clerk, House Committee on Governmental Affairs, in Committee Room 5, National Assembly Complex on or before Tuesday, 8th February 2022.

The hearing is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date:

Wednesday, 9th February, 2022.

Venue:Conference Room 028, New Building,
House of Representatives**Time:**

09:00am prompt.

**For further enquiries, please contact the
Clerk of the Committee on 07036001248**

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VACANCY FOR THE POST OF PROVOST (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT)

The Governing Council of Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education, Owerri invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the vacant position of the PROVOST of the College.

DUTIES OF THE PROVOST

The Provost is the Chief Executive of the College and is charged with the responsibility of seeing to the day-to-day management and operations of the College. The successful candidate would be expected to provide a strong Academic, Administrative and Professional leadership for the College in executing the broad policies laid down by the Governing Council and Regulatory Agencies for the achievement of the objectives for which the institution was established. He/she is expected to demonstrate initiative and positive managerial attributes.

Among others, some specific duties of the Provost include being:

1. The Chief academic administrative and accounting officer of the College.
2. The Chairman of the Academic Board that directs and oversees academic activities of the College.
3. A member of the Governing Council of the College in charge of providing periodic reports on the progress of the College in terms of personnel, finances and infrastructure and ensuring that the decisions of Council are carried out promptly.
4. Responsible for approving and authorizing all payments and expenditures of the College in accordance with financial regulations, treasury circulars and Governing Councils decisions/directives under sound financial discipline and management.
5. Responsible for ensuring that meetings of Council and its Committees are held promptly,
6. A person to foster good rapport with the relevant organs of the Federal Ministry of Education, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and other professional bodies that would lead to the ultimate attainment of the mandate of the College as a Centre of Excellence.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidate should possess a Doctorate Degree from a recognized University in a field relevant to at least one programme in the College. He/she should be a registered and active member of a Professional Association in the field of Education. The possession of a Professional Teaching qualification, a minimum of Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) or Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) and TRCN Registration are MANDATORY.
2. Candidate must not be above the age of fifty-nine (59) years at the time of submission of application.
3. Candidate must possess a minimum of fifteen (15) years of post qualification teaching/research experience in a College of Education system and in addition must have held a senior teaching/research and top administrative post in a College of Education system as evidence of ability to manage human and material resources.
4. Candidates must show evidence of good track record in result-oriented researches reaching high National and International status in their research achievements as evident in scholarly publications.

5. Candidate must be a Chief Lecturer of at least five years cognate experience.
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8. Candidate must be a man/woman of vision, a goal setter and getter and one that can produce and execute a strategic plan for the College.

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METHOD OF APPLICATION

All applications should be submitted in fifteen (15) copies with up-to-date Curriculum Vitae which must include the following:

1. Full names, surname underlined
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5. Educational institutions attended with dates
6. Academic and professional qualification and distinctions with dates
7. Membership of Professional Association/Bodies
8. Work experience in chronological sequence
9. Present Employer – status and salary
10. Extra – curricular activities
11. Publications in standard APA format
12. Names and addresses of three (3) referees, one of whom must be the present employer.

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CITY & CRIME

Kwara LG boss docked over N5m council's inherited debt

By Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

The Chairman of the Transition Implementation Committee (TIC) of Offa Local Government Area in Kwara State, Jare Olatundun, has been arraigned before a magistrate's court in Offa.

Mr Olatundun was charged with failure to pay a N5m debt to an Offa-born contractor, Engr Agboworin Orimadegun. According to the charge before the court, Olatundun inherited the debt but disobeyed a court judgement that ordered that the council's

tractor be seized following failure to upset the debt. Counsel to the engineer, Barr Ibrahim Sharafadeen, approached the court with an application that Olatundun must be prosecuted for frustrating the court order. Barr B.L. Ijaya, who represented the chairman,

urged the court to dismiss the application on the basis that the council was a government parastatal and that Olatundun could not be solely prosecuted. The Magistrate, Abdullazeez Gamba, urged the two parties to adopt an amicable settlement and adjourned the case to February 14, 2022.

FCTA bars tipper drivers from roads during peak hours

By Baba Martins

The Transportation Secretariat of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has barred tipper drivers from operating with their vehicles during peak hours on the roads. The Deputy Director, Information of the secretariat, Ughamadu Ifeanyi, told journalists that henceforth tipper operations within the FCT would not be allowed during peak hours of 6am to 10am and 3pm to 9pm.

Mr Ughamadu also said that within the hours of operation, all tipper drivers must ensure that the items being conveyed did not have the tendency of dispersing and disrupting other road users and that they must be properly covered with tarpaulins approved by the Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS). He said this was part of the new guidelines that would govern the operations of tipper drivers in the territory.

He explained that the guidelines were arrived at during a meeting of the transportation secretariat with the officials of associations of tipper drivers and the National Union of Mine Workers (NUMW) in the FCT.

He further said, "All tipper drivers must ensure that the items/materials being conveyed which have tendency of dispersing or flying about must be properly covered with tarpaulins approved by the DTRS."

"Defaulters of these guidelines will be sanctioned in accordance with extant laws and regulations."



Protesting students block Lagos - Abeokuta expressway

Protest as gunmen abduct 2 Ogun students

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Two students of D.S. Adegbenro ICT Polytechnic, Ilorin, Ogun State, have been kidnapped and the student community thrown into confusion.

While staging a protest on Wednesday, the students said they were angry because the police refused to respond to their distress calls, noting that the attack lasted about four

hours unhindered.

A student said, "The gunmen attacked a hostel at Afowowa and operated for almost four hours. They made away with laptops and other belongings of our colleagues. We called the police but there was no response. Later, the police said their vehicle was not in good condition."

"When they finally arrived, they said the students should lead in facing the gunmen."

One of the students was shot in the leg and others were badly injured. That is why we have taken to the streets to protest."

The students, who earlier marched to the police station, barricaded the main road linking Abeokuta with Sangota and Lagos thereby causing heavy traffic.

When contacted, the Ogun State police spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said he was aware of the protest.

Customs nab 23 smugglers in S/West

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Not less than 23 persons were arrested for engaging in smuggling activities in the South West between December 23, 2021, and January 30, 2022.

Out of the 23 suspects, five of them have since been granted administrative bail while 18 others are still in the custody of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS).

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Lagos on the activities of the unit, the Controller of the Federal Operations Unit (FOU), Zone A, Hussein Kehinde Ejibunu, said the suspects were arrested while trying to bring in different types of contraband.

Mr Ejibunu said the unit had put in place new strategy to checkmate those he described as die-hard smugglers.



Some of the seized goods

3 gunmen shot dead in Edo



From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Three gunmen suspected to be kidnapers were on Wednesday killed by a team of security operatives comprising police, army and vigilantes on the Benin-Auchi road in Edo State.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at Okwo community in Uhumwode Local Government Area during a gun battle after suspected kidnapers reportedly blocked the road.

It was further gathered that a stray bullet hit an SUV driver on the shoulder while other motorists and commuters were left stranded for several hours.

When contacted, the state police command's spokesman, SP Kontongs Bello, said, "It's true, it happened yesterday (Tuesday) at 0620hrs at Okwo in Ehor area, but the combined team of the police and the military foiled the attempt, nobody was kidnapped, one person, a young man driving a Lexus 350 was hit in his car on his shoulder."

"Today (Wednesday), the hoodlums came out again and three of them were gunned down by the combined team of the police, military and vigilantes."

5 family members of Gusau varsity ASUU chairman kidnapped

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

Gunmen last night invaded the residence of the Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) of the Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara State, Malam Abdulrahman Adamu, and abducted five family members.

A source said the gunmen came to the residence of the ASUU chairman at Damba Quarters in a Gusau suburb shortly after midnight, fired shots and kidnapped a nephew, a niece and a brother of the ASUU chairman, including two of his sister-in-laws.

The gunmen also abducted another staff of the university attached to the bursary department, identified as Alhaji Abbas, in the Damba neighborhood.

Ogun gov, traditionalists set for war over obaship law

- Their oba burial, installation practices are fetish – Govt
- Wait for the consequences, they dare gov

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Traditionalists in Ogun State have warned Governor Dapo Abiodun to put a hold on the controversial new obaship law, saying it may have consequences on affected towns. The new obaship law has put an end to what the state government described as fetish practices in the installation and burial of traditional rulers.

According to the new law, obas can now be installed or buried according to their faith instead of the imposition of rituals by traditionalists. The law has been generating reactions from Yoruba elders, who have accused the Ogun State Government of plans to erode culture and tradition. At a press conference to commemorate an annual prayer organised by the traditionalists in Abeokuta, they appealed to Gov Abiodun not to

see traditional worship as evil or an uncivilised practice. Oba Ifarotimi Balogun, who is the Olu-Ise Worldwide, stated that Yoruba culture had helped to sustain the land from complete invasion and cultural annihilation. Oba Balogun, therefore, called on Gov Abiodun to approve and declare a day as public holiday for traditional worshippers in the state "just as it was done in other South Western states."



Ogun Governor, Abiodun



One of the accident scenes in Ogun State yesterday

Kano Hisbah rescues girl trafficked from Lagos

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

A 13-year-old girl, Fatima Aliyu, has been rescued by the operatives of the Kano State Hisbah after she was found wandering around a motor park in Kano.

The girl was trafficked from Lagos to work as a maid in a house at Unguwa Uku by a man who brought her with an agreement to be receiving her monthly pay.

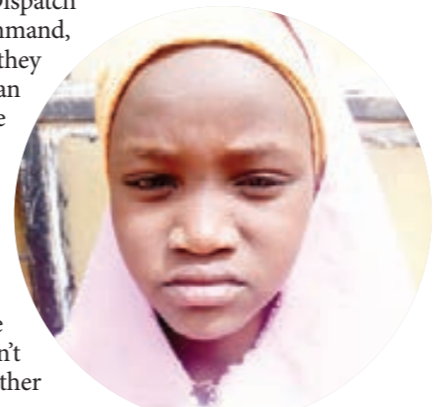
When contacted, the officer in charge of the Intelligence, Criminality and Dispatch (ICD) unit of the command, Musa Ishaq, said they had launched an investigation into the case and were hopeful that soon they would trace the house she was working in, as well as the trafficker.

Ishaq said, "Upon investigation, we realised that she wasn't kidnapped, but rather

trafficked by someone who we are yet to identify. But we have launched an investigation into the issue and very soon we shall get all the details."

In a video circulating on social media, the girl is seen pleading with people who know her or her parents to please help reunite her with them.

According to the girl, her father is a fisherman in Lagos, somewhere in Agege. She does not have her parents' phone numbers and that she attends Albahar School in Lagos.



6 killed, vehicles burnt in Ogun accidents

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

At least six persons yesterday were killed while two others sustained injuries in accidents that occurred in different parts of Ogun State on Wednesday.

A tanker laden with petrol crashed and exploded few kilometres after the Sagamu Interchange on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway around 6am and two people died while six others escaped unhurt.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun Sector Command, Florence Okpe,

confirmed the accident to journalists in Abeokuta, saying four vehicles were involved.

In another accident on the same Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, two persons lost their lives.

The accident which involved three trucks occurred in the early hours of Wednesday around the popular Mile 12 Market, Ogere.

According to Okpe, a third road crash involved a Mazda bus on the Olomore Bridge in Abeokuta which also claimed two lives.

A week after: Kidnappers yet to free Jonathan's cousin

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

More than a week after the abduction of Mr Jephthah Robert Yekorogha, a cousin to former President Goodluck Jonathan, in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, on Monday, January 24, the kidnappers are yet to free the politician.

A family source who declined to be named, told Daily Trust that the abductors were yet to contact the family.

A younger brother of the abductee and founder of Zeetin Engineering Company, Mr Aziboala Robert, in a statement confirming the abduction, said the situation was receiving maximum attention by security agencies.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, SP Asinim Butswat, told Daily Trust that operatives of the command were still investigating the incident to get the victim freed and apprehend the culprits.

QUICK READ

Insecurity: Northern broadcast media owners begin advocacy

By Dalhatu Liman

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Northern Broadcast Media Owners Association (NBMOA) has announced the flag off of its advocacy and crusade against the major security challenges bedevilling the region.

NBMOA said it was poised to use its outreach and various platforms across the North and beyond in engaging governmental institutions at all levels, traditional and religious leaders, as well as other stakeholders, to evolve sustainable and community-based responses and for community ownership of the war against insecurity.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday in Abuja, the acting Chairman of NBMOA, Alhaji Abdullahi Yelwa, expressed worry that on a daily basis, Northerners were confronted with the negative consequences of insecurity.

Alhaji Abdullahi said, "Our reporters often report on villages being sacked and people abducted on daily basis. We daily hear reports on bandits writing demand notices to communities for ransom or payment for permission to go to farms. We hear about the execution of abductees for failure to pay for their freedom."

7 states, FCT get support to end tropical diseases

By Baba Martins

Seven states across the country: Gombe, Osun, Ondo, Oyo, Bauchi, Akwa Ibom, Ekiti, and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) have gotten support to tackle Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

The investment by the Flour Mill of Nigeria (FMN) into improving health in the country will specifically support the END Fund in delivering tens of thousands of treatments to those most affected by onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthiasis.

The support is expected to provide relief from the suffering, disability and poor health caused by the diseases and thereby enable more children to stay in school.

The Company Secretary and Director, Legal Services of FMN, Joseph Umolu, in a statement, said the company was positive that the initiative would help reduce the prevalence of NTDs and improve Nigeria's public health indicators.



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RESCHEDULED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR OSUN STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) guidelines, the All Progressives Congress (APC) hereby releases this rescheduled time-table and schedule of activities for the conduct of the 2022 Governorship Primary Election in Osun State.

S/N	ACTIVITIES	DATE
1.	Notice of Election to the State Chapter	Wednesday 17 th November, 2021
2.	Sale of Forms (APC National Secretariat)	Thursday 18 th November, 2021
3.	Last Day for Submission of Completed Forms and accompanying documents (APC National Secretariat)	Wednesday 9 th February, 2022
4.	Screening of Aspirants	Thursday 10 th February, 2022
5.	Publication of claims and objections	Saturday 12 th February, 2022
6.	Screening Appeals	Thursday 15 th February, 2022
7.	PRIMARY ELECTION	Saturday 19 th February, 2022
8.	Election Appeal	Tuesday 22 nd February, 2022

Purchase of Form GOVERNORSHIP

* Expression of Interest - **N2,500,000.00**
 * Nomination - **N20,000,000.00**
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• Female Aspirants and Physically Challenged Aspirants 50% of the prescribed fees for each position.

All Payments should be made in full directly into the designated bank account of the All Progressives Congress as follows;

S/N	NAME OF BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBERS
1.	Zenith Bank	101-379-6249
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INSIDE POLITICS

“ We are assets. We are not liability. When we say we are going to support the party, we support it with everything we have. We are not in America where you do television campaigns – Rivers State Governor, Nyesom Wike

Lamido to old politicians: Give way to younger generation

From Mohammed Abubakar, Dutse

As the 2023 politicking gathers momentum, a former governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Sule Lamido, has said old politicians should give way to younger generations to move the country forward.

Lamido, a founding member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) made the statement at a time a former vice-president, Atiku Abubakar, who is in his 70s, is aspiring to grab the ticket of the party for the presidency.

Receiving a delegation of the members of the PDP from Sokoto, who paid a courtesy visit on him, he expressed support for the presidential aspiration of Sokoto State Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal come 2023.

The visit is part of the ongoing consultation by Tambuwal with

major stakeholders preparatory for his formal declaration.

He advised the older generation of politicians to give way to the younger generations, who have fresh ideas.

Lamido said the country requires a leader with ideas, dynamism and creativity as well youthful energy and above all, competence to address the challenges bedevilling it.

He believed that Tambuwal possessed all the qualities to lead Nigeria - his education, impeccable character and clear-headedness - saying, he has been a Speaker of the country and a serving governor with vast political experience.

He stressed that the time for Nigeria's political leaders to make personal sacrifices for the survival of democracy is now, adding "people like us who are in our 70s are being

called analogue and therefore, be phased out, we accept with grace that we are old."

According to him, zoning should not be the issue in Nigeria's political terrains.

Tambuwal said Nigeria was currently at a crossroads, and therefore requires leadership with a strong vision; a leadership that is capable of delivering to all sides of the political divides.

Tambuwal was accompanied by one of his predecessors and a former presidential aspirant, Alhaji Attahiru Dalhatu Bafarawa, former National Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the PDP, Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed, former deputy governor of Sokoto and former Minister of Water Resources, Mukhtar Shehu Shagari and Zamfara State deputy governor, Mahdi Aliyu Gusau, among others.



■ Lamido

Lawan hopeful of electoral bill assent as Senate confirms INEC commissioners

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate on Wednesday confirmed the appointment of six nominees as National Commissioners, and one other as Resident Electoral Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

This is just as Senate President Ahmad Lawan said they expect that the electoral bill would be assented to by President Muhammadu Buhari.

The confirmation followed the consideration of a report by the committee on INEC

chaired by Senator Kabiru Gaya (APC, Kano).

President Muhammadu Buhari had, in a letter dated December 10, 2021, requested the Red Chamber to confirm the nominees.

Buhari explained that the request was made pursuant to paragraph 14 of Part (1) of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution (as amended).

The nominees confirmed are: Mal. Mohammed Haruna, National Commissioner (Niger, North Central); Mrs. May Agbamuche-Mbu (Delta, South-South); Ukeagu

Kenneth Nnamdi (Abia, South East), and Major General A. B. Alkali (rtd) (Adamawa, North East).

Others are Engr. (Prof.) Rhoda H. Gumus (Bayelsa, South-South), Mr. Sam Olumekan (Ondo, South West) and Olaniyi Olaleye Ijalaye (Ondo, South West).

Senate President Ahmad Lawan said the parliament expects President Muhammadu Buhari to sign the Electoral Act Amendment Bill transmitted to him on Monday for INEC to have an updated document to conduct off circle and general elections.

Former Yobe lawmaker dumps PDP for APC

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

A chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party in Yobe State, Sen. Mohammed Hassan, has joined the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC).

Hassan, popularly known as Dambu, represented Yobe South Senatorial District in the last assembly. He formally defected to APC in Abuja and was received by Yobe State Governor and Chairman of APC Caretaker Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee, Mai Mala Buni.

The defection was witnessed by the President of the Senate, Ahmad Lawan, Senator Ibrahim Bomoi (APC, Yobe South), Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu and the



■ Yobe State Governor and Chairman APC Caretaker Committee, Mai Mala Buni and Senator Mohammed Hassan, who joined the ruling party on Tuesday

state APC chairman, Alhaji Muhammadu Gadaka.

Mamman Mohammed, the Director General Press Affairs and Media to Buni in a statement said the exit of the former legislator has created a huge vacuum for the opposition party at both state and national levels.

"Sen. Dambu pledged his loyalty and support to the party leadership in the state and to work for its success at all levels.

"The movement of Sen. Dambu into the party will increase the fortunes of the party in Zone 'B' Senatorial District and the state," the statement added.

APC panel declares Bassa/Jos North Federal constituency primary inconclusive

From Yusufu Aminu Ideg, Jos

The primary election of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the by-election into Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency has ended in a stalemate.

The 7-man electoral panel announced to newsmen after the processes that two of the contestants, Abbey Aku and Suleiman Yahaya Kwande, polled the same number of votes.

Chairman of the election panel, Habu Ajiya, said votes were cast for four aspirants, namely Suleiman Yahaya Kwande, Abbey Aku, Lumumba Dah Adeh and Aliyu Adamu.

"There is a stalemate at the primaries because two aspirants emerged with the highest score. They are Hon Abbey Aku and Hon Suleiman Yahaya Kwande. Each of them scored 344 votes.

"In this situation, the panel is not in the position to declare

a winner or take decision. We have to revert to the national secretariat of the party; only the party has the power to take a decision in such stalemate," he said.

The situation however created tension among party members, delegates, while both Aku and Kwande expressed disappointment with the outcome of the election. Each claimed to have won the poll.

The by-election is to fill the vacant seat of Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency which has been vacant at the National Assembly following the death of Haruna Maitala last year.

Our correspondent reports that the election, which was held at Lamonde Hotel, Appollo Crescent in Jos, was shrouded in confusion.

The process of the election which started on Tuesday by 8:am ended at 2:pm yesterday with the declaration of the result.

PDP raises alarm over plot to scuttle FCT polls

By Hussein Yahaya

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has alleged that some people are planning to scuttle the forthcoming area council elections in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Briefing journalists in Abuja, the Director of Publicity, PDP Chairmanship Candidate Campaign for Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Emmanuel Inyang, said intelligence report had revealed that the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) was working to scuttle the

success of the polls.

The party, therefore, called on relevant agencies of government to nip the brewing trouble in the bud to avoid any violence that could disrupt the arrangement already made by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

But the Minister of State for FCT, Dr Ramatu Tijani Aliyu, at an APC rally in Gwagwalada, assured the residents of adequate security before, during and after the polls, saying the administration would ensure a level-playing ground for all.

Kano PDP crisis: 9 days to congress, Kwankwaso, Wali camps adamant

From Clement A. Oloyede & Salim Umar Ibrahim (Kano)

Nine days to the rescheduled North West Zonal congress of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), the two warring groups in the Kano chapter of the party are yet to shift ground, Daily Trust reports.

The dispute between the camps of former governor of Kano State, Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso and a former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Aminu Wali, over the zonal vice chairmanship position has been a major problem in the conclusion of the zonal congress of the party in the North West.

With the position zoned to Kano State, the two party leaders, who have always been at loggerheads, saw the position as a means to further cement their supremacy in the zone and beyond, and as such held nothing back in flexing their muscles with the aim of cornering the position for themselves.

Over nine months ago, the initial congress held in Kaduna State was scuttled following a violence that broke out between the two groups with the Kwankwaso group roping the governor of Sokoto State, Aminu Waziri Tambuwal into the dispute by alleging that he was the one behind Wali's group.

Tambuwal and Kwankwaso are among the major politicians that analysts have picked as having what it takes to fly the party's presidential flag in the forthcoming 2023 presidential election; as such, the introduction of Tambuwal into an otherwise Kano-PDP power tussle came as no surprise to political observers.

On January 13, the party's national secretariat announced February 12 as the new date for the botched Kaduna zonal congress of the party.

The National Organizing Secretary, Hon. Umaru M. Bature, in a terse statement announcing the new date, said the congress is going to be "for the purpose of electing NW Zonal Working Committee and national ex-officios".

That was part of the resolution of the PDP National Working Committee (NWC) at its meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, he said.

He added that all critical stakeholders and teeming



■ Kwankwaso

■ Wali

members of the party in the North-West Zone were by that informed and guided accordingly.

But reacting to an inquiry by one of our reporters, Shehu Sagagi, the party's chairman in Kano loyal to the Kwankwaso group said, "Already we have taken action and everybody knows our stance. We have our candidate and we are politicians. We are not afraid of any contest. In fact, that's why we are in politics."

He said anyone who thinks he can do the job is free to go ahead and join the contest but that they remain solidly behind their "consensus" candidate, Mohammed Jamo.

Asked if they have reached out to the Wali faction, Sagagi said "We are not aware of any faction; I hope they are still in PDP"

On the group's position with Sokoto State governor, he said "I think he (Tambuwal) has reached out to everybody and we have reached out to him. We have a very good understanding. We are expecting a very seamless congress."

But a chieftain of the party belonging to the Wali group, Comrade Sa'idu Bello, said they remain solidly behind Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo for the vice chairmanship position as against Jamo being promoted as a consensus candidate by Kwankwaso group.

"No going back. He (Gwarzo) is the one we fielded as our candidate and we are optimistic he will succeed and win the election," he said.

Speaking about their plans ahead of the congress, he said "We will win the election and already we believe that election should be held because it is the only way to

compliment democracy.

"Internal democracy defines national democracy; so if we win this election we win, if we lose we lose.

"We do not intend any form of violence. We pray everything goes fine. All we need is the party to make sure it fields the right candidate who will assist it to succeed in the forthcoming elections.

"Everyone has seen how the country is currently is in the hands of APC. The issue of internal crisis is not something that should happen or we need."

Daily Trust reports that 17 zonal positions, including seven ex-officio, are to be shared among the seven states in the zone - Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina, Kano, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara.

But during the ill-fated congress at the Kaduna Trade Fair Complex on April 10, supporters of Governor Aminu Tambuwal of Sokoto State and Kwankwaso clashed, leading to an abrupt postponement of the exercise.

Kwankwaso had accused Tambuwal of hobnobbing with Wali to interfere in the affairs of the party in Kano State, an allegation the Sokoto State governor vehemently denied and called 'baseless'.

The situation then forced the leadership of the party to constitute a caretaker committee for the zone.

But the crisis between Kwankwaso and Wali dates as far back as 2018 when the former governor re-joined the PDP and it was reported that the party's national leadership at that time had given him 51% control of the party, leaving the remaining 49% to be shared among another former governor, Ibrahim

Shekarau (before he decamped to the APC), Wali and Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo.

Despite issuing denial on several occasions, the rumour and permutations that the leader of the Kwankwaso group, Senator Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso, may be concluding plans to ditch PDP once again have refused to go away.

Recently, messages were circulated on social media that Kwankwaso and leaders of the Kwankwaso group across the country have formed a political third force they intend to launch very soon.

But while the likes of Sagagi and Sanusi Bature, an aide of Kwankwaso, denied any knowledge of the said third force, other senior members of the Kwankwaso movement that are considered closer to Kwankwaso, like the spokesman of the movement, Comrade Aminu Abdussalam Gwarzo, did not answer calls to their lines.

Pundits, however, believe the Kaduna zonal congress will play a pivotal role in the next step for the Kwankwaso movement and also determine the fate of the PDP in the North West zone as the 2023 general elections draw nearer.

This crisis, they believe, may be the litmus test for the nascent Senator Iyorchia Ayu-led National Working Committee (NWC) of the party, especially with the view that the perceived power behind the NWC said to be Rivers State Governor Nyesom Wike, is believed to be scheming to edge all presidential aspirants of the party from the North from clinching the party's mandate.

It's abuse of protocol to declare for presidency in Villa

— Olawepo-Hashim

By Ismail Mudashir

A presidential aspirant and chieftain of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), Gbenga Olawepo-Hashim, has declared that it is an abuse of protocol to declare presidential aspiration in the Villa.

Two presidential aspirants, Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Governor Dave Umahi, had declared for the race after meeting with President Muhammadu Buhari at the Villa.

In an interview yesterday in Abuja, Olawepo-Hashim said by declaring at the villa, the aspirants have put the president on the spot.

"President Buhari is the president and commander in chief, he is not just the president of the APC, I believe it is an abuse of protocol to use that forum to make a declaration.

"Have you ever seen any American contestant, or anywhere in the world where people go to the State House to declare? It has never been done. It is good to meet the president and consult with him and I will do that, but I believe that you don't put him on the spot by choosing the seat of power to do such a thing; that is abuse of state protocol," he said.

The chieftain, who said he will declare his aspiration after the party's convention slated for February 26, also said it was too early to declare for the presidency.



■ Olawepo-Hashim

APC congress: Oyetola's camp floors Aregbesola faction in court

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Justice Emmanuel Ayoola of the Federal High Court in Osogbo, Osun State, on Wednesday struck out a case filed against the validity

of the ward, local government and state congresses of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state.

The case was filed by aggrieved members of the party who are

loyal to the immediate past governor of the State and Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola.

Aregbesola's supporters had formed a splinter group within the APC in the state under the

auspices of The Osun Progressives (TOP).

TOP rejected the outcome of the party congresses and took the matter to court seeking to invalidate the elections of the new

executives of the party.

But Justice Emmanuel Ayoola in his ruling said the suit was strictly a party affair and that the court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the matter.

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Time for a French reality check in Africa

Against the background of the recent military takeover in Mali and Burkina-Faso and the ill-feelings directed at France for being behind the economic and security issues that necessitated the military actions in the two countries, the time has come to put the French presence and role in Africa on the microscope.

Long after colonialism ended in Africa, the French have continued their presence in Africa under an arrangement that for all practical purposes amounts to a continuation of colonial subjugation of the territories that came under their control. While the other colonial powers in Africa, Britain, Spain and Portugal in varying degrees had folded their colonial enterprises and let their former colonies chart their own course, the French contrived to remain under a one-sided arrangement that suits their interests exclusively.

Take the economy for example. The French arranged to impose on their former colonies a system where it retained the monetary and fiscal policies tying them to the French economy. They were to deposit the earnings from their foreign trade into the French treasury in return for which France created a currency of exchange for those countries, which it controls. The currency, which is CFA, as explained by the French is to ensure the stability of trade and commerce in those countries. But in reality, it is to tie down the French-speaking countries to exclusive French manipulation and control.

Thus France determines what its former colonies export and import and then place the value on them. And also, by that, France retains these countries collectively as an exclusive economic zone for French companies to exploit at will. France has the exclusive rights to extract their minerals, their agricultural produce and whatever else they produce economically. French companies also have exclusive rights to dump French products in those countries and at prices determined by France.

But the most galling of all is that these countries cannot have access to their foreign reserves domiciled with France without French approval. And there are limitations imposed by France on how much can be approved. In approving the request for access to their foreign reserve, France also requires that they pay a fee for granting the request. And of course, it is always French companies that will evaluate and execute the project or programme at a cost determined by France.

So economically, France passes on its cost of existence on its former colonies that do the heavy lifting. To keep the situation perpetually to its advantage, France discourages the countries from pursuing independent trade relations with other countries unless it says so.

To keep this exclusive economic control, France imposes on its former colonies a defence arrangement that allows France to

intervene militarily in their internal affairs. The French military presence in these countries is to change governments that do not appear to be following the dictates of France. The governments of these countries, which are imposed by France anyway, have no say in the deployments and running of the French military bases in their countries. Indeed, those bases are exclusive zones of France and out of the jurisdictions of the governments of the host countries.

From the French bases, the French government in Paris routinely intervenes to change governments regardless of whether they are popular and based on the will of the people or not. And France always prefers to install leaders that are pliant and beholden to it in continuation of its economic control.

Again the French, who regard themselves as the highest form of civilisation on earth, discourage any manifestation of cultural independence in their former colonies unless, of course, it benefits them commercially. But in those countries, the French try to impose their culture in a way that requires compliance failing, which ostracism and other forms of exclusion are applied on culprits.

It is not difficult to see why former French African colonies have remained tied to the apron strings of France. France has hardly allowed them any room to manoeuvre and determine what they want for themselves economically, politically and socially. And France has left them impoverished and without any hope for the future.

Why has France gotten away with this? France's allies in the Western world know all these and chose to look the other way because France is considered a very integral part of western civilisation. France also contributes significantly to the economic and defence interests of the West. Africans, anyway, are considered primitive savages who do not deserve any form of recognition in terms of their economic and political rights.

But the times are changing. The youths of the francophone African countries are tired of French domination of their countries. Due to lack of economic opportunities in the countries, many have elected to make the hazardous journey across the Sahara desert in search of better times in Europe only for many of them to get drowned in the Mediterranean Sea. Those that eventually make it to Europe face racism and all kind of discrimination.

And despite its military presence in those countries, France has not been able to secure them from insurgents. To their chagrin, France only defends the areas where its companies have their operations.

From all indications, it is clear that the era of France's control of its former African colonies is coming to an end and it is instructive that this push is coming in the poor Sahelian countries considered the weakest link in the whole French arrangement in Africa.

The French would do well to smell the coffee before it is too late.

OPINION

What that unremitted N1.2 trillion can do for Nigerians

By Salisu Na'inna Dambatta

The National Assembly on January 31, 2022, set a target of N3 trillion for the country's revenue-generating agencies for 2022. Senate President Ahmad Lawan said the agencies can generate and remit that amount of money yearly to the national treasury.

Yes. They can generate, but the lacuna is that many agencies do not remit their operating surplus while the country is borrowing to finance the provision of infrastructure to enhance the wellbeing of the citizenry. The Fiscal Responsibility Commission said currently, some 32 government agencies have refused to remit their operating surplus totaling N1.2 trillion (USD2.8 billion at the official N416 to USD1) to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF).

The Chairman of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission, Mr. Victor Muruako said that the Commission has discovered that the huge amount of money is in some commercial banks instead of sending it to the Consolidated Revenue (CRF) to provide much-needed funding for public goods.

The chairman named some of the 32 agencies

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unwilling to comply with the provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act. They include the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC); Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN); Bank of Industry (BOI); Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA); and Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN).

At inception in 2007, there were only 31 government agencies that were expected to remit their operating surpluses to the federal Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF). By 2020, there were 123 agencies but some of the agencies did not remit their surplus as required by law. They allegedly diverted it to finance unbudgeted or frivolous expenditures.

In a 2015 circular issued by the then Minister of Finance, Mrs. Kemi Adeosun, it was ruled that "All revenues generated by all MDAs must be reported on a gross basis prior to any deduction. Equally, all self-funded federal agencies must limit their annual expenditures from their internally-generated revenues to 75 per cent of their total gross revenue, while fully funded agencies are to remit all their internally-generated revenue (IGR) to the CRF.

Mr. Muruako said, "Sadly, many MDAs still persist in defaulting and practically keeping money away from the federal government's reach for funding its budgets. Our records indicate that over N1.2 trillion is still in the hands of defaulting MDAs."

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The amount is more than twice the USD\$1.2 billion initial cost of constructing a single-track standard gauge rail line between Kano and Kaduna (it has since been remodelled to a dual-track line). The unremitted money detected by the Fiscal Responsibility Commission in the 32 federal agencies can pay the USD1.9 billion for building the Kano-Dambatta-Kazaure-Daura-Mashi-Katsina-Maradi standard gauge line with a branch to Dutse in Jigawa State and still leaving a credit balance to pay twice the N4 billion take-off grant for each of the new federal universities in Akwa Ibom, Osun, Bauchi and Jigawa States, totaling N36 billion and still pay the bill for the Ibbi Bridge on River Benue in Taraba State. But Mr. Victor Muruako has said that the money is trapped. It is feared that it may altogether disappear to the detriment of the wellbeing of Nigerians who could have benefitted from the projects it can finance. Can it be recovered?

Is there any penalty or sanction against agencies that disregard the provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act and the circular from the Federal Ministry of Finance? Almost no. The Fiscal Responsibility Commission, according to its establishment Act, can only report any agency that violated the provisions of the Act to the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice for investigation and possible prosecution. Obviously, this is not enough.

However, there are many agencies that are regular in remitting their operating surpluses to the CRF, such as the Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), which remitted N37.7 billion to the CRF in 2021 and N31.8 billion in 2020; and the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC).

Other FRA compliant agencies include the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency, the Central Bank of Nigeria, Nigeria Ports Authority, Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria, Nigeria Postal Service, Nigerian Communications Commission, National Inland Water Ways Authority, and National Information Technology and Development Agency.

The Nigeria Airspace Management Agency, National Examination Council, Nigeria Television Authority, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Nigeria Shippers Council, National Health Insurance Scheme, National Pension Commission, Corporate Affairs Commission and Standard Organisation of Nigeria also respect the Act.

To reduce refusal to comply with the provisions of the Act, the federal government may spell out punishment for the management of agencies that refuse to comply with the provisions of the Act and create a reward system for the agencies that comply with the rules.

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EDITORIAL

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Scuffles among security personnel must stop

The brazen manner in which security operatives conduct themselves when their job requires synergy with their counterparts in other services has become a national embarrassment. Their egoistic show of force while on duty was witnessed during the recent two-day working visit of President Muhammadu Buhari to Kaduna State. Security operatives exchanged blows when the president was on Thursday, January 20, 2022, billed to inaugurate the Kawo Flyover in the heart of Kaduna City.

The clash happened when operatives of the Department of State Services (DSS) blocked access to the flyover immediately after the president mounted it; barring VIPs, journalists and other state officials from reaching the bridge. Governor Nasir Ahmed el-Rufai, who had earlier alighted from his official vehicle, rode in the president's convoy to the bridge. El-Rufai's Aide-De-Camp (ADC), however, insisted that the governor's official vehicle must be allowed access. The refusal by the president's aides resulted in a hot argument that led to a fight among the security operatives. The governor's vehicle was thereafter granted access.

Few days after the Kaduna incident, some staff of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) had an altercation with the Customs Area Comptroller at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos, when the comptroller "pulled up behind a NAHCO vehicle that was being attended to and a customs officer on the comptroller's entourage shoved aside the Aviation Security (AVSEC) officer at the gate. FAAN accused the comptroller of breaching airport security; adding that the "blatant abuse of the privilege of bearing firearms by the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has become a recurrent threat to the safety and security of staff." Reacting to FAAN's accusations, the NCS spokesman, Mr Joseph Attah, argued that customs could not be denied access through any gate within the airport.

It would be recalled that operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) clashed with officials of the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS) over who was to take custody of the former Chairman of the defunct Pension Reforms Task Team (PRTT), Abdulrasheed Maina, when a federal high court in Abuja sentenced him to 61 years imprisonment on a 12-count charge bordering on money laundering, with the sentences to run concurrently for eight years. Although Justice Okon Abang held that Maina should be handed over to the NCoS, EFCC operatives disagreed and their insistence that Maina must go in their vehicle resulted in a public quarrel.

While it is bad when security operatives turn their guns against each other, it is worse when death is recorded. A misunderstanding between police officers and soldiers once left a soldier dead in Kujekwa community of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

In April, 2017, soldiers and counter-insurgency policemen in Yobe State turned their guns on one another in Damaturu. A man who was later identified to be an army officer was said to have interfered with the convoy of a police mobile squadron and was consequently manhandled. The man later returned with soldiers, took away the mobile police commandant and detained him. In a shootout between the soldiers and the police, two policemen and a soldier were reportedly killed.

The public display of crudity by security men, especially when armed, is a national disgrace that should henceforth be discontinued. Most public scuffles ensue over simple matters that can be resolved amicably if only the operatives involved have proper training, including being decorous while working with colleagues from sister agencies. Believing that a code for interfacing with others exists in all the services of Nigeria's armed forces, a raging anger against a fellow operative can only occur where ego is allowed to take over common sense. The exchange of gunfire by security operatives when misunderstandings arise among them is the height of indiscipline least expected of a trained military or para-military personnel.

Security operatives that engage in public quarrel are passing a wrong message to citizens who look up to them as law enforcers. This common act by security personnel is unconsciously aiding crime, because when law enforcers behave in this manner, what moral right will they have to effect the arrest of civilians who engage in such? *Daily Trust* encourages them to see one another as partners; not rivals. Authorities of all the services are urged to educate their officers and men on how best to manage protocol matters, as well as the image of their individual organisations, before the public. Security personnel involved in inter or even intra-service public fight should be promptly investigated and sanctioned according to the codes of conduct existing in their respective services.

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Where money is God

In the early hours of one beautiful Saturday morning, a security guard sees something suspicious: a group of young men cooking something in a pot. The guard knows these men cannot be up to anything good. He calls the police to investigate. The "something" being cooked turns out to be a human head. The men are performing a ritual to make them rich. This sounds like the plot of a wild movie that has no place in the 21st Century. Shockingly (or perhaps not with all the wild tales we have been hearing), this happened just last weekend in Oke Aregba, Abeokuta. The boyfriend of the victim is a 19-year-old who planned the murder with his friends. I have looked at the photo of this young man several times, trying to spy something in his features that would mark him out as evil. He looks - at least in the photograph online - like a normal kid. But a normal kid would not kill. He looks as normal as the 36-year-old man in Enugu who was arrested in November last year for killing his seven-year old son for a money-making ritual. But a normal father would not murder his son in exchange for riches.

The obvious wickedness aside, killing another human being, killing someone who trusted you, I do not understand how in this day and age, our people persist in their belief of moneymaking rituals. Grown men (if there are women involved, I have not seen them) drowning goats in lakes; drinking dirty water; bathing naked in some body of water because they have been told by some babalawo that that is the only way they can make money; not by working hard, not by even going out to work. Just perform some rituals and money is supposed to what? Fill the bowl every time they have a bowel movement? Rain down on them like it does in old Nollywood movies?

Maybe it has always been this way, but I do not recall it being the case when I was growing up; that wealth was celebrated this much. These days, it appears that it is not enough to have a comfortable life. Our young men and women want the kind of wealth that buys them the adulation that our wealth-obsessed

society throws at the ostentatiously affluent, even when their source of wealth is questionable. Our youths are on social media retweeting videos and photos of the rich and their lifestyles and asking, "God, when?" Not, "God, how?" because the "how" is less important than the "when" in a society dominated by the love of money. Where money is god, its worshippers pay obeisance to it. What does it matter where it comes from? Even some of our churches preach prosperity as the ultimate sign of God's love. Their god only speaks the language of materialism and his pastors show off

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their fleet of luxury cars as proof that they are the chosen ones.

Corrupt politicians, corrupt cronies of those in power, 419ers, drug dealers, kidnappers and dubious pastors are revered as long as they are moneyed. It is not the work that goes into creating the wealth that is applauded, but the wealth itself. So people without a kobo to their names can suddenly catapult out of nowhere with massive wealth and flaunt it with no fear. Sometimes, not even their families question where the sudden "blessing" comes from because they do not care. A friend told me once of his cousin whose father, tired of having an unemployed son years after graduation, asked him when he was going to do what his mates were doing to make money. The father listed the names of his son's age mates who had built houses and bought cars, and asked his son again, "When are you going to join them? Are you allergic to wealth? Are you afraid of becoming a someone?" Yet my friend said, this father - an otherwise reasonable fellow - knew that many of the people he listed could not have made their money by any honest means.

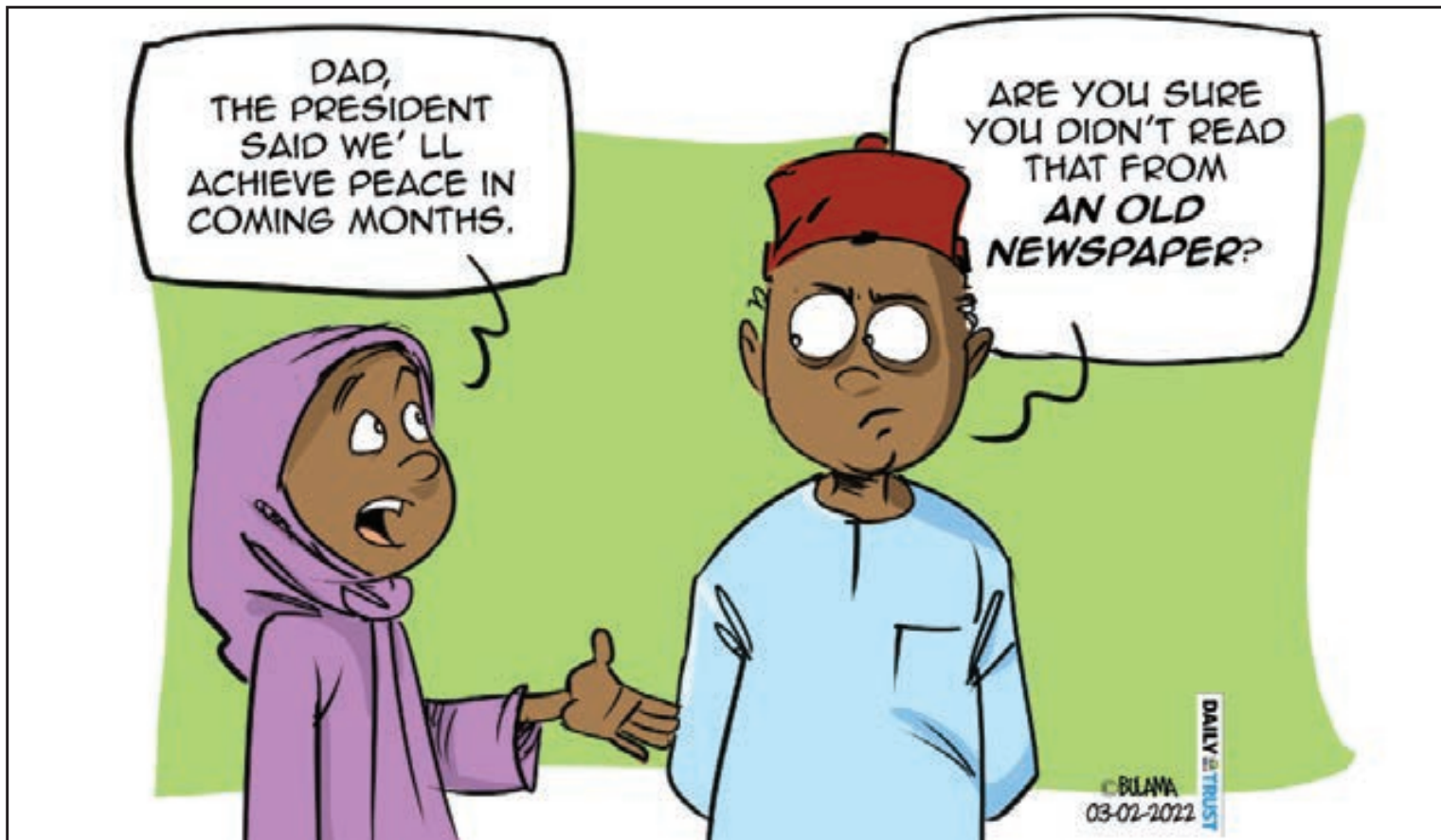
As long as to be "someone" is to have money by any means necessary, we will continue to hear stories like the ones in Abeokuta and Enugu. Those who cannot do Yahoo-Yahoo, who have no access to drug barons, who are not successful kidnappers, who have no political friends in high places and who are not corrupt politicians in high places will continue to fall prey to the dubious dibia that tells them to fetch a human head for money. It does not matter if that head belongs to a stranger or to their child or lover. It does not even matter how many people are arrested, the allure remains. Show me a society where money is god and I will show you one where its worshippers will do anything, anything at all to become its high priests.

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The cancer - violence against women in Nigeria

The recent spate in violence against women is troubling; ranging from domestic violence, rape, and the most recently in tow is the rise in ritual killings where girls are lured over to hotels by their boyfriends, killed and their body parts removed.

Several arrests have been made on cases related to this but this response has done little in quelling the rise in the monstrous crime. Perhaps simple arrest of the criminals has proven abortive in relation to tackling the issue which calls for urgent solutions, thus, a sterner solution like a death sentence for ritualists and accomplices to serve as a deterrent to others.

The Nigerian government must open its eyes and find solutions to stopping this crime before it balloons into something we cannot handle. It must not joke with it like we joked with kidnapping and banditry and the slow rise of Boko Haram to power. This first stage cancer must be dealt with now before it further advances.

As we move into the so-called Valentine month, the security agencies must heighten vigilance and girls too must learn to be careful about the kinds of men they pay attention to.

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2023: A case for Igbo president

Nigeria was not created on the agreement of its indigenous peoples. The British created Nigeria in this conglomerate largely for their economic interests. But in the long run, it has been discovered that this diversity is a blessing.

Unfortunately, since independence, the benefits of this diversity, material resources and population strength have neither been explored nor exploited. Our human and material resources are largely left to lie and remain fallow. These resources are gradually becoming burdens as they have become readily available tools that are used to threaten the corporate existence of the country. The reason for this underutilisation of human and material resources and its attendant underdevelopment of the country is largely that we have not got our leadership choice right.

It is on the premise of this leadership problem that the need to address the lopsidedness and insensitivity in choosing our leaders becomes an issue of national concern. In the wisdom of our founding fathers, this country was divided into geopolitical zones. The South East remains the only region that has not produced a president since independence in 1960 except for

the short-lived reign of Major General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi. The best they had had was a ceremonial president and a vice president.

Constitutionally, the Ndigbo might not have a unilateral claim to produce the next president but logically, morally and on the principle of equity, the region is long overdue to produce the next president of the country in 2023.

Why would the Ndigbo not be considered fit enough to produce the country's president? Could it be because of their political leanings? Is it the fear that they may secede or disintegrate the country? Have they not been forgiven for their roles in the civil war?

None of the above reasons or any other that any person, persons or group can put forward is enough to deny the Ndigbo a sense of belonging in their own country. They have paid their dues. They were also victims of the war. They are the economic power of Nigeria. Their business acme is a major contributor to national revenue. They fly the flags of the country high in the diaspora.

An Igbo president come 2023 is not out of pity. It is not a consensus. It is neither an option nor a political opinion. It is an overdue necessity to heal our country of the unjust treatment of

a particular region. It will be a spirit lifter for the victims of the civil war on both sides. It will ensure that our First Republican heroes who paid the supreme price rest in peace. It is a national duty.

Thus, all political parties that wish to field presidential candidates for 2023 General Elections should not only zone their presidential tickets to southern Nigeria; they must also micro-zone it to the South East. This is a cause we all must collectively ensure sees the light of the day. This cause is not only for the Ndigbo but for all Nigerians.

On the other hand, the Igbo must put their house in order. They need unity of purpose to get their rightful due. This is not the time to divide their ranks. They should conduct primary/local elections and come out with the best candidate; a candidate with the best and practicable blueprint to set the basis for national development. A candidate that will convince all the country of what it has missed by denying the Ndigbo their rightful role in national development.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
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Tackling unemployment among youth

Unemployment is no longer a new issue, especially among the youth. As the population of the youth increases, so does the unemployment rate.

The increase in unemployment rate is as a result of lower economic growth, poor educational system and training, and general lack of interest in entrepreneurship. As a result of this, the rate of violent crimes increases, kidnappings, and social delinquent behaviour among youths are at a high rate.

In addition to the aforementioned factors responsible for unemployment, there is a lack of vibrant industries in Nigeria that can absorb competent graduates. It is also well known that the youth unemployment situation has been aggravated by flawed and inconsistent government policies on

employment.

Over the years, different programmes have been introduced by various administrations to address youth unemployment, and this has been an issue of significant public concern.

But these programmes directed at addressing youth unemployment have faced different challenges including finance, the absence of good administration and implementation, inconsistent policies, unimpressive responses from would-be trainees, and unqualified resource personnel handling the training programmes.

One thing is certain that the approaches to solving the problem of unemployment have failed many times. We cannot expect a different result by doing exactly the same thing. We must adopt a new approach that

is not only comprehensive, but also feasible, effective, solution-oriented and practicable. This should start with training the young people.

It is sad to note that almost all aspects of the school curriculum are outdated. Most of the subjects being taught neither address contemporary issues, nor contribute to the mental growth of students. The system is designed to glorify grades instead of knowledge and skills.

We must redesign our curriculum to meet current needs. The new curriculum should contain subjects that teach contemporary skills such as critical thinking, communication, creativity, information literacy, independent research, leadership, and digital literacy. It should focus on the practical aspects of learning which will

motivate students to learn.

The government should organise free or heavily subsidised training, removing the financial barrier that scares a lot of youths away. This will help bring the best training to those who need it.

Today, a lot of youth in Nigeria have viable business ideas but face the challenge of capital. The government needs to take effective measures to make sure capital is available to prospective business owners, whether as grants or interest-free loans, and they should establish programmes that are guided with effective policies to ensure that youths are given the best of opportunity to stay employed.

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CONDUCT OF IPPIS HUMAN RESOURCE (HR) RECORDS VERIFICATION EXERCISE FOR EMPLOYEES OF NON-CORE MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (MDAs) IN STATES OF NORTH-CENTRAL GEO-POLITICAL ZONE

This is to bring to the notice of all Public Servants in the non-core MDAs (Parastatals and Agencies) domiciled in the States within the North-Central geo-political zone that the Service-Wide IPPIS HR Records Verification exercise will be conducted by Verification Teams from the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation From Monday 7th to Friday 18th February, 2022.

The exercise will be conducted at following Centres/Venues:

S/NO	STATE	MDAs	DATE	VERIFICATION/CENTER VENUE
1	BENUE	FEDERAL, MEDICAL CENTER, MAKURDI	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
2	BENUE	FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS, MAKURDI	7TH TO 10TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
3	BENUE	ALL NON-CORE MDAs WITHIN AND AROUND THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, MAKURDI	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, MAKURDI.
4	KOGI	FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER, LOKOJA	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
5	KOGI	AJAKUTA STEEL COMPANY LIMITED	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
6	KOGI	NIOMCO, ITAKPE	7TH TO 12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
7	KOGI	FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS, (SECTOR COMMAND LOKOJA)	7TH TO 10TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
8		AQUATIC BIORESOURCES TRAINING CENTRE, IDAH	11TH TO 12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
9	KOGI	POWER EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY DEVT. INSTITUTE, OKENE	14TH TO 15TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
10	KOGI	BIODEC, IDOFIN/ISANLU	16TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
11	KOGI	ALL NON-CORE MDAs WITHIN AND AROUND THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, LOKOJA	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, LOKOJA
12	KWARA	UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN TEACHING HOSPITAL, ILORIN	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
13	KWARA	FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS (SECTOR COMMAND ILORIN)	7TH TO 11TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
14	KWARA	NIGERIAN STORED PRODUCTS RESEARCH INSTITUTE ILORIN	12TH TO 16TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
15	KWARA	LOWER NIGER RIVER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ILORIN	17TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
16	KWARA	AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE	7TH TO 9TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
17	KWARA	NATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION	10TH TO 11TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
18	KWARA	BIO-RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
19	KWARA	MICHEAL IMOUDU NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LABOUR STUDIES	14TH TO 15TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
20	KWARA	ALL NON-CORE MDAs WITHIN AND AROUND THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, ILORIN	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, ILORIN
21	NASARAWA	FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER, KEFFI	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
22	NASARAWA	FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS,	7TH TO 12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
23	NASARAWA	ALL NON-CORE MDAs WITHIN AND AROUND THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, LAFIA	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, LAFIA
24	NIGER	FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER, BIDA	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
25	NIGER	SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, MINNA	7TH TO 8TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
26	NIGER	UPPER NIGER RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINNA	9TH TO 10TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
27	NIGER	NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL (NECO)	11TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
28	NIGER	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, NEW BUSSA.	7TH TO 8TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
29	NIGER	KAINJI NATIONAL PARK, NEW BUSSA	9TH TO 12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
30	NIGER	NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR FRESHWATER FISHERIES, NEW BUSSA	14TH TO 16TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
31	NIGER	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FRESHWATER FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY, NEW BUSSA	17TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
32	NIGER	FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS (SECTOR COMMAND)	7TH TO 10TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
33	NIGER	ALL NON-CORE MDAs WITHIN AND AROUND THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, MINNA	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, MINNA.
34	PLATEAU	JOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL (JUTH), LAMINGA, JOS NORTH LGA	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA

35	PLATEAU	FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS, ZARIA ROAD, JOS	7TH TO 11TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
36	PLATEAU	NATIONAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
37	PLATEAU	NATIONAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (STATE COMMAND)	14TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
38	PLATEAU	NATIONAL METALLURGICAL DEV. CENTRE, ZARIA ROAD, JOS.	15TH TO 16TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
39	PLATEAU	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FORESTRY, BAUCHI ROAD, JOS	17TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
40	PLATEAU	FED. SCH OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY, LAMINGA, JOS NORTH LGA	7TH TO 15TH FEB. 2022	TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDAs
41	PLATEAU	NATIONAL CENTRE FOR REMOTE SENSING, RIZEK, LAMINGA, JOS NORTH LGA	16TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
42	PLATEAU	NIPSS, KURU, VOM ROAD, JOS SOUTH LGA	7TH TO 9TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDAs
43	PLATEAU	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY, KURU, VOM ROAD, JOS SOUTH LGA	10TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
44	PLATEAU	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF VET. & MEDICAL LAB. TECH, VOM, JOS SOUTH LGA	11TH TO 12TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
45	PLATEAU	FED. COLLEGE OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY, VOM, PLATEAU STATE	14TH TO 15TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
46	PLATEAU	NIGERIAN FILM CORPORATION, MILLIONAIRES QUARTERS, BRITISH OFF BAUCHI RING ROAD, JOS NORTH LGA	16TH TO 17TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
47	PLATEAU	NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING & GEOSCIENCES, TUDUN WADA, JOS.	18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
48	PLATEAU	ZONAL ADVANCED SPACE TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION, LANGTANG, LANGTANG NORTH LGA	7TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY MDAs
49	PLATEAU	BIORESOURCES DEV CENTRE, LANGTANG NORTH LGA	8TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
50	PLATEAU	LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LANGTANG	9TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
51	PLATEAU	CHEMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LANGTANG	9TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
52	PLATEAU	FIIRO, LANGTANG	9TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
53	PLATEAU	NATIONAL VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, VOM, JOS SOUTH LGA,	10TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	VENUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MDA
54	PLATEAU	ALL NON-CORE MDAs WITHIN AND AROUND THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, JOS	7TH TO 18TH FEB. 2022	FEDERAL SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, JOS

- Heads of the non-core MDAs in North-Central Geo-Political Zone whose employees have completed their IPPIS online records update are to ensure that the affected employees are directed to the designated venues/centres for the verification exercise.
- Respective Heads of Human Resources/Administration of the affected Parastatals/Agencies are to provide the Teams with their updated staff Nominal Rolls duly endorsed by them. Affected employees are mandated to be physically present at the designated centres on the stated dates along with the originals of the underlisted documents:
 - Employee online records update slip/printout duly endorsed and countersigned by the Heads of Department and Human Resources respectively;
 - Duly completed and signed Personnel Verification Form (downloadable on the website of OHCSF or copies collected from the Heads of Offices for completion and endorsement ahead of the exercise);
 - Birth Certificate/Statutory Declaration of Age used at the point of entry into the Service;
 - Relevant educational credentials (First School Certificate, Secondary School Certificate, National Certificate of Education, National Diploma, Higher Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree e.t.c) as applicable;
 - NYSC Discharge/Exemption Certificate (Where applicable)
 - Relevant Professional Certificates;
 - Letter/Gazette of First Appointment;
 - Assumption of Duty Certificate;
 - Gazette of Confirmation of Appointment;
 - Letter of Transfer of Service;
 - Last three promotion letters (Where applicable);
 - Letter of Last Posting;
 - Current Office I.D Card.
- It is pertinent to emphasize that employees not identified by their respective Heads as bonafide staff will **not** be attended to by the verification teams.
- It should also be noted that verification by proxy will **not** be entertained and absenteeism would lead to eventual stoppage of the affected employees' salaries on the IPPIS Platform. Heads of MDAs are to ensure full participation of all employees in the exercise.
- For purpose of clarity and emphasis, this exercise is for Federal Public Servants of Parastatals and Agencies working in **States/Zonal Offices of North-Central Geo-Political Zone only.**

For further details, officers are also advised to visit: www.ohcsf.gov.ng

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Office of Head of the Civil Service of the Federation

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	410	558	478	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	410.43	558.10	478.24	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	410.87	558.20	478.48	58.73	101.29	0.71

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$83.57
GOLD	\$1,740.60
SILVER	\$22.60
NATURAL GAS	\$5.4

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

BUYING	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
	N563	N580	N694

SELLING	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
	N565	N595	N705

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Regulators to check global cryptocurrency operations



Regulators across the globe are getting more serious about crypto this year, as concerns grow about the environmental impact of crypto-mining and the use of digital assets for illicit activities.

A Bloomberg report on Wednesday said governments are grappling with balancing the need for more oversight and investor protections with their desire to cash in on the burgeoning industry.

On Monday, *Daily Trust* reported that 281 crypto accounts operated by Nigerians on the platform of Binance Holdings Ltd were restricted on security concerns and money laundering.

Binance's CEO and Asia's richest man, Changpeng Zhao (CZ), in a letter, said: "Some 281 Nigerian accounts have been affected by these personal account restrictions, with approximately 38% of these cases restricted at the request of international law enforcement."

In Russia, Vladimir Putin has indicated he supports a plan to tax and regulate crypto-mining, rather than ban it as was

proposed by his central bank.

Key Democratic lawmakers in the US, which has become the largest bitcoin-mining centre following China's ban last year, have been holding hearings and asking mining companies for details on their power usage and greenhouse-gas emissions.

The United Kingdom and Spain are taking steps to tighten rules around misleading crypto advertising, with a British watchdog proposing to restrict

industry marketing to wealthy and experienced investors.

Singapore's financial regulator has told crypto companies to refrain from advertising their services to the public.

Meanwhile, regulators in Estonia and the US are trying to crack down on what one American official referred to as "mountains" of fraud in the digital asset space, as they see coins being used for tax evasion, money laundering and even

terrorism financing.

With so much activity in this space last month alone, the rest of 2022 is sure to be interesting when it comes to regulation.

Recall that in February 2021, the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele, insisted on the bank's decision to prohibit deposit money banks, non-banking institutions and other financial institutions from facilitating trading and dealings in cryptocurrency, stating that it was in the best interest of Nigerians.

"Cryptocurrency has no place in our monetary system at this time and cryptocurrency transactions should not be carried out through the Nigerian banking system," he said.

The Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) boss, Tukur Moddibo, also said cryptocurrency failed the critical tests of vulnerability and attendant risks, noting that his agency averted a \$3 million fraud linked to 20 bank accounts.

Fraud: Reps propose 20-year jail, assets forfeiture for bank staff

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives has passed for second reading, a bill that proposes 20 years jail term and forfeiture of assets for bank staff involved in financial fraud.

The proposed bill titled, "An Act to Amend the Bank Employee ETC (Declaration of Assets) Act Cap B1 LFN 2011 and for Related Matters 2020", sponsored by Francis Ejiroghene Waive passed second reading on Wednesday.

It seeks to allow for the forfeiture of the excess assets of the bank staff or its equivalent in monetary terms to the federal government, upon conviction.

Waive said the amendment is meant to ensure that banks have up to date data on their staff so that infractions could be easily traced to the staff involved.

He also said the punishment for bank staff involved in fraudulent activities in customers' accounts, will be increased from 10 to 20 years imprisonment.

Supporting the bill, Yusuf Gagdi, said bank transactions between bank officials and customers are based on trust, adding that some bank officials however take that trust for granted.

The lawmaker said: "So, Mr Speaker, I think we should not even be interested in the 20 years. In my opinion, it should be more."

Nkem Abonta (PDP, Abia) said the bill will ensure confidence in the banking sector. He said, there is a need to strengthen the banking industry especially with the fraud going on.

FIRS to tax profits from bonds, securities

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) has announced that it would tax profits accruing from investments in bonds and short-term government securities by companies which would now be categorised as income tax.

This, it said, followed the expiration of an order by the federal government in January 2012 that exempted bonds and short-

term government securities from income tax for a period of 10 years.

A statement signed by the Chairman of FIRS, Muhammad Nami, yesterday, noted that with the expiration of the order on 1st January 2022, taxpayers are expected to comply with the new situation by including such income in their "Self-assessment returns and tax computation of companies and paying appropriate taxes.

"The taxpaying public is hereby invited to note that income tax applies to income derived by companies from bonds and short-term securities effective from 2nd January 2022, except for Bonds issued by the federal government."

Nami, therefore, urged agents of collection of withholding taxes (WHT) to deduct interest from WHT and other payments made to any company on account of income from bonds and other securities.

Unions threaten strike, may shut airspace

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Barring last minute's compromise, the aviation industry may be heading for a shutdown as unions in the sector have threatened to withdraw services with effect from midnight of February 8,

The action is over the failure to release the negotiated Conditions of Service of the agencies since 2013.

In the notice jointly signed by the unions' secretaries-general, the unions are furious over the non-implementation of Minimum Wage and Consequential Adjustment since 2019 in all agencies.

The agencies are the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB), Nigeria College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria, Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) and the Nigeria Meteorology Agency (NiMet).

This was contained in the notice jointly signed by four unions comprising the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE), the Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of

Nigeria (ATSSSAN), Association of Nigeria Aviation Professionals (ANAP) and the Amalgamated Union of Public Corporations, Civil Service Technical and Recreational Services Employees (AUPCTRE).

Daily Trust reports that the unions had earlier given an ultimatum of 31st January but a meeting was called with it and the Ministry of Aviation officials which did not yield results.

But Dr James Odaudu, Director of Public Affairs in the ministry said the Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika, would intervene to stall the proposed strike.

"I can assure you that the ministry will intervene. We will not fold our hands. The minister is somebody who has never joked with staff welfare," he said.

According to the unions, they are "left with no choice than to take the next obvious step. In this regard, all aviation workers are hereby directed to commence total withdrawal of services from midnight of Tuesday 8th of Feb, 2022 unless, and until, otherwise directed in this same manner."

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – SUMMARY OF TRAIN HEADWAY AT IDU AND RIGASA

TRAIN NO.	DEPARTURE										ARRIVAL									
	AK 1 (Exp)	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10	AK 1	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10
IDU	07:00	--	9:50	--	12:20	--	14:20	--	--	18:10	--	8:50	--	12:58	--	16:12	--	18:01	20:14	--
RIGASA	--	6:40	--	10:35	--	14:00	--	15:55	18:10	--	09:15	--	12:01	--	14:31	--	16:37	--	--	20:32

CROSSINGS DETAILS	STATION ▶	JERE	JERE	RUANA	RUANA	KUBWA	KUBWA	KAKAU	KAKAU	JERE	JERE	DUTSE	DUTSE	GIDAN	GIDAN
	TIME (HH:MM)	7:56	7:58	11:23	11:20	12:38	12:35	14:15	14:13	15:16	15:14	16:11	16:14	19:15	19:19
	DWELL TIME	7:59	Pass through	Pass through	11:24	Pass	Pass	Pass through	Pass through	Pass through	15:17	19:15	Pass through	19:20	Pass through

NEWS

FUT Minna confers degree on AfDB president

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State, has awarded the President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, an honorary doctorate.

The honour was conferred at the institution's 38th Founders' Day and 30th Convocation ceremony of the university in Minna on Wednesday.

He joined three other honorary doctoral awardees, former Head of State retired Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabiu

(CON) and NNPC boss, Malam Mele Kolo Kyari.

Adesina acknowledged President Muhammadu Buhari, several former heads of state, and former Vice President Atiku Abubakar for the roles they played in his election as President of the AfDB Group.

"I am especially grateful to H.E. General Abdulsalami Abubakar, who took me under his wings and lobbied extremely hard for me when I was seeking election for President of the African Development Bank in 2015."

19 states adopting health insurance – Leadway

By Chris Agabi

At least 19 states are at various stages of implementing universal health coverage through the establishment of their respective health insurance schemes to bridge access to health insurance.

Research by the World Bank and the World Health Organisation (WHO) show that 100 million people are pushed into extreme poverty on an annual basis due to healthcare expenses. While health insurance has been operational in Nigeria for over 15 years, the uptake has remained low.

Speaking at a virtual Leadway Assurance media training, the Head, Medical Services, Leadway Health, Dr. Temitope Falaiye, stated that Nigeria spends a relatively small

proportion of national income, translating to about 4 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health against the agreed 15 per cent at the 2001 Abuja Declaration.

He said out-of-pocket expenditure on health is amongst the highest in the world at 77.23% of total health expenditure and the highest in Africa.

"To bridge the coverage gap, several states have commenced the establishment of State Health Insurance Schemes. Presently, about 19 states are at various stages of their implementation journey. Anambra, Delta and Lagos states have particularly made significant progress in enrolment. Private Health insurance accounts for less than 3% of the Nigerian population," he said.

Consumers rate Hollandia Yoghurt in Kano, 4 others

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Some consumers of Hollandia Yoghurt in Kano and four other northern states have lauded the accessibility and quality of the brand, noting its appeal to their taste.

The consumers who spoke in Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Sokoto and Borno, said their renewed affinity to the brand has been raised due to more awareness created by the brand in an ongoing campaign.

According to a statement from the producers, CHI Limited, yesterday, Mallam Suleiman Hussaini, a

company executive in Kano, said "As part of our tradition, what we eat and with whom we eat can inspire and strengthen the bonds between individuals as well as communities."

Also speaking, Bilkiu Musa, a teacher in Sokoto, said the media campaigns on the brand are a constant reminder of the brand and its wholesome nourishment benefit.

In her comment on the campaign tagged, 'Always Tradition, Always Hollandia Yoghurt', the Marketing Director of CHI Limited, Mrs Toyin Nnodi, said the positive consumer feedback, especially in the North, was plausible.

Atedo Peterside speaks as Stanbic IBTC clocks 33

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The founder of Stanbic IBTC, Dr Atedo Peterside, says the bank has survived the last 33 years of existence due to the efforts and resilience of all its stakeholders.

Writing on his Twitter handle on Wednesday, Peterside said "Exactly 33 years ago, IBTC, now @StanbicIBTC was founded when I was 33 years old. That was on 02 February 1989. Today, 33 years later I thank God for the lives of all those who played a

part in building this great institution and in making it possible for me to look back 33 years."

"Today is 2-2-22. Is there a significance in this date? Why does it coincide with something that started 33 years ago? 33 years later is 2-2-22. What should I spend the next 33 years doing (if I am alive)?", the Stanbic IBTC founder asked.

The Standard Bank Group (SBG) merged its Nigerian operations, Stanbic Bank Nigeria with that of IBTC Chartered Bank PLC (IBTC) on 24 September 2007. The merger, by way

of the first-ever tender offer in Nigeria and \$525 million in foreign direct investment, was the largest in Nigerian financial history.

The Standard Bank Group, which has a controlling stake of 52.8% in Stanbic IBTC, has been in business for 150 years and is Africa's largest banking group, ranked by assets and earnings.

Stanbic Bank Nigeria was created in 1992 when SBG acquired ANZ Grindlays' operations in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Stanbic IBTC Bank

PLC. Stanbic Bank Nigeria offered merchant banking services, while Investment Banking and Trust Company (IBTC) was established to offer investment banking and investment management services. IBTC merged with Chartered Bank and Regent Bank in 2005 and was thereafter known as IBTC Chartered Bank PLC – a universal bank.

At the time of the merger with Stanbic Bank Nigeria, IBTC Chartered Bank PLC was one of the leading investment banks in Nigeria.

NEWS

Buhari reappoints NERC commissioners, 2 others to leave Monday

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

President Muhammadu Buhari has reappointed four commissioners at the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and nominated two persons to join the board.

In a letter from the president dated January 27, 2022, which was read at the Senate by the Senate President, Ahmad Lawan, on Wednesday, President Buhari requested the confirmation of four commissioners of NERC. They are Dr Yusuf Ali (North Central), Engr Chidi Ike (South East), Mr Nathan Shatti (North East) and Mr Dafe Akpeneye (South South).

Daily Trust analysis shows that Mr Shatti is the Commissioner, Finance and Accounts at NERC; and Mr Akpeneye is the Commissioner, Legal, Licensing and Compliance. They are serving commissioners whose tenures end on Monday. They were inaugurated on February 7, 2017, along with other commissioners, Sanusi Garba (North West) and Musiliu Oseni (South West).

A chairman, Prof James Momoh, was appointed over a year after, and when he left on the ground of age in 2020, Buhari



nominated Garba as chairman and Oseni as vice chairman, and Aisha Mahmud, an NERC staff, as Commissioner for North West to make it seven commissioners on the NERC board.

This will be the first time that commissioners are reappointed at NERC in its 17 years of operation, beginning from 2005.

Daily Trust further reports that the two new nominees will be replacing two commissioners who will exit the commission on Monday. Dr Ali will replace the

current Commissioner, Planning, Research and Strategy, Moses Arigu (North Central), while Engr. Ike replaces Prof Frank Nwoye Okafor (South East) who remains Commissioner, Engineering, Performance and Monitoring till Monday.

With the nomination sent by Buhari on Wednesday, the provision of the EPSRA has been complied with.

The President of the Nigeria Consumer Protection Network (NCPN), Kunle Kola Olubiyo, said

it was time Nigerians evaluated the performance of the commissioners whose tenure ended on Monday.

Mr Olubiyo said, "The next few days will be critical to what is next on the agenda for the power sector regulatory landscape.

"How well has the leadership of NERC fared in the subsector in terms of metering, customers' rights, monitoring and enforcement of NERC regulations by the operators, electricity market liquidity and discipline in remittances?"

Marketsquare replaces Shoprite at Purplemaryland mall

By Esther Chukwu

Marketsquare, an indigenous grocery retail outlet, has taken over a space at the Purplemaryland mall in Lagos after Shoprite on Monday announced that it was exiting the mall.

Purple Group, owners of the mall, made the announcement in a statement on Wednesday. It said the opening of the retail firm would allow customers access to a variety of bakery, groceries,

household, office and personal care products from trusted domestic and international brands.

"Marketsquare, a member of the Sundry Group, shall assume grocery anchor position and commence trading at Purplemaryland with immediate effect.

"Our partnership with Marketsquare showcases a depth of synergy across Purplemaryland and Purplelekki, both Grade A landmark mixed-use assets.

"We will continue our approach

of developing strong homegrown domestic alliances," the statement said.

The group also said Purplemaryland, formerly known as Maryland Mall is a hub in the Maryland area of Kosofe/Ikeja in Lagos and hosts over 40 shopping outlets, banks, restaurants, a supermarket and a state-of-the-art cinema facility.

Since its official opening in June 2016, Purplemaryland has welcomed over six million

visitors boasting about 98 per cent occupancy from strong domestic and international retailers.

Its LED billboard is adjudged the largest outdoor LED screen in sub-Saharan Africa as at least 6,500 vehicles drive past the LED billboard every hour.

Marketsquare is a predominantly Nigeria-owned company that opened its first store in 2015 and now has 20 stores trading across the country, including a recent opening in Gwarinpa, Abuja.

Osinbajo to launch Nigeria's energy planning tool today

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN), will today launch the Integrated Energy Planning Tool in the quest to significantly improve access to energy by 2030.

The launch is being done in collaboration with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), said a statement by the SEforAll Director of Communications, Sherry Kenny, adding that the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet and The Rockefeller Foundation also supported the tool launch.

The new data-driven, interactive platform, the statement read, will support

the country's ambition of achieving SDG7 – universal energy access – by 2030.

"The Nigeria Integrated Energy Planning Tool, powered by extensive geospatial modelling and layers of data, is the first truly integrated energy planning platform that incorporates the requirements for universal residential electrification, institutional electrification, powering of productive uses, and access to clean cooking," SEforAll stated.

It will also provide energy developers and investors the data-driven information they need before entering the market and could be a blueprint for other African countries towards driving access to affordable and

sustainable energy.

Other global speakers at the virtual event are the United Nations (UN) Deputy Secretary General, Amina J. Mohammed; CEO, Special Representative to the UN Secretary General for Sustainable Energy for All, Damilola Ogunbiyi, and the President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr Rajiv J. Shah.

Nigeria's Minister of Power, Abubakar Aliyu; Minister of State for Power, Goddy Jedy-Agba; Minister of Environment, Sharon Ikeazor; Managing Director (MD) of Rural Electrification Agency (REA), Ahmad Salihijo, and the Vice President for Infrastructure, World Bank, Riccardo Puliti, are also slated to grace the event.

OPEC+ raises production by 400,000 barrels as oil sustains \$90/barrel

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

OPEC and non-OPEC members on Wednesday raised the oil production quota by 400,000 (0.4 million) barrels per day just as oil basket price remained at \$90.46/barrel on Tuesday.

This decision was reached at the 25th Ministerial Meeting in Vienna, Austria on Wednesday. A statement by OPEC after the videoconference of the OPEC and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting (ONOMM), said: "In view of current oil market fundamentals and the consensus on the outlook, the OPEC and participating non-OPEC oil-producing

countries in the Declaration of Cooperation (DoC) decided to:

"Reconfirm the production adjustment plan and the monthly production adjustment mechanism approved at the 19th ONOMM and the decision to adjust upward the monthly overall production by 0.4 mb/d for the month of March 2022."

It urged members to submit compensation plans as the 26th ONOMM holds on 2nd March 2022.

According to the quota table, Nigeria has been 1.718mbpd production capacity, rising from 1,318mbpd earlier.

In summary, the 10 OPEC members are expected to deliver

Dangote receives CILT champion award

By Esther Chukwu

President of Dangote Industries Limited and Africa's wealthiest man, Aliko Dangote yesterday received the prestigious award of the 'Champion of CILT' in recognition of his personal and the group's contributions and support in areas of transport, logistics and supply chain management in Nigeria and Africa.

The award was bestowed on him by the National President of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Mrs Mfon Ekong Usoro, during an official visit by executive members of the Institute and its Women in Logistics and Transports (WILAT) branch to Dangote at the Head Office of the Dangote Group in Ikoyi, Lagos, State.

While accepting the award, Dangote, who commended the efforts of the Institute's top officials to improve the transport sector in Nigeria, also pledged to collaborate with the CILT in the areas of training and capacity building on transport, logistics and supply chain management issues.

Usoro, who presented the award to Dangote, said the delegation came to inform him about the change in baton in the Institute, and to renew the relationship between the CILT and corporate members.

The team also expressed condolences over the recent demise of the Group Vice President, Alhaji Sani Dangote.

25.061mbpd while the Non-OPEC members would produce 16.233mbpd making a total of 41.294mbpd capacity for the next one month by OPEC+.

Daily Trust recalled that the previous quota from December to January was not met by most countries especially Nigeria and other African countries due to disruption in oil production at the IOC among other issues.

Earlier on Tuesday, a day before the meeting, OPEC daily basket price of the 13 crudes stood at \$90.46 a barrel. This was slightly lower than \$90.89 recorded on Monday, according to OPEC Secretariat calculations.



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the following programmes in the Institute for Legislative Studies (ILS), University of Abuja, for the 2021/2022 Academic Session.

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Applicants seeking admission into the Masters programme must possess the following:

- ✓ Postgraduate Diploma in any discipline from a recognized university, with at least upper credit (for example **3.5 – 5.0** on the scale or **60%** on weighted average).
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- ✓ Minimum of Five (5) credits including English Language and Mathematics obtained at not more than two (2) sittings from any recognised examination bodies, such as **SSCE, WASC, GCE, O-Level, NECO, NABTEB**

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Candidates are advised to request their former institution(s) to send their academic transcript to the Secretary, School of Postgraduate Studies, University of Abuja, otherwise, their application may not be processed.

D - CERTIFICATE IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES, CLS

Applicants must have a minimum of Five (5) credits including English Language and Mathematics obtained at not more than two (2) sittings from any recognized examination bodies, such as **SSCE, WASC, GCE, O-Level, NECO, NABTEB**.

Method of Application:

Prospective candidates are requested to visit www.portal.uniabuja.edu.ng

- Click on New Application? Click here to apply
- On the left pane, click on Institute for Legislative Studies
- Enter your details, Surname, First name, Other name, Email and Phone Number
- Follow other instructions to pay
- After successful payment, an application number will be generated
- Log in with the application number and surname as Password to complete your application process

Application Fees:

Application form shall be purchased at the cost of Twenty-Five Thousand Naira (**₦25,000**) through the Application Portal.

Application Period:

The application portal is open till Thursday 24th March 2022.

Signed:

Mal. Yahya I. Mohammed
Registrar



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'Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park Gombe project in progress'

The Borno State Government has assured that the Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park project, being executed by the administration of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, is earnestly in progress.

Director-General, Press Affairs, Government House, Gombe State, Ismaila Uba Misilli, gave the assurance in a statement yesterday.

He said the park, located at Dadinkowa, within the vicinity of the hydro power plant, when completed and put to use, would be a hub for trade and investment.

He noted that the project had been described as big attraction for investors and industrialists as the zone boasts of fertile agricultural land and other natural resources.

He said Governor Yahaya's administration had mapped out plans and other economic strategies that would enhance economic growth in the immediate host



■ Vice President, Prof Yemi Osinbajo (R) in a chat with Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya of Gombe State (L) while chief of staff to the President, Prof Ibrahim Gambari looks on during the inauguration of the committee on Repartition, Return and Settlement of Displaced Persons in the North East performed by President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

community, Gombe State and the nation at large.

These economic development initiatives, according to him, will

pave the way for both local and large scale farmers to sell their farm produce to interested investors in their farmlands without having to transport them elsewhere.

Misilli said the project would also create jobs for the state's teeming youths and generate revenue for the government.

He recalled that Governor Yahaya had last year presented the master plan of the industrial park to President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa in Abuja and also intimated him with the award of the contract and the commencement of the project.

"When completed, the park will not only boost the economic standing and stability of the state, but will create jobs for the teeming youths within and outside the state in the agricultural production, processing, marketing and distribution, among others," among others.

...It is a transformational project—GSIPDC chairman

In this interview, the chairman of the Gombe State Investment and Property Development Company (GSIPDC), Dr Umaru Kwairanga, Sarkin Fulanin Gombe, describes the Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park, Gombe, as a transformational project. Excerpt:

Question: What is your impression about the Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park project?

Answer: I am highly impressed by what I have seen on ground here at the industrial park site and I must commend His Excellency, Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya for his vision in conceiving this transformational industrial park and for the determination and astute management that has brought the project to this level despite the paucity of resources available to the state government. Given his Excellency's track record in roads and other capital projects, I have no doubt that we will be coming back here before the end of this year to commission the first phase of the industrial park.

Q: Sir you have mentioned transformational change in your earlier response, please can you explain more on that?

A: This project is transformational because it will move Gombe State beyond being a mere agrarian state. Despite the many natural resources we have in the state and the agricultural produce being harvested by the hardworking citizens of the state, we have not seen much impact on the living standards of Gombawa and this is because little value is added to such resources and produces before they are transported out of the state to enrich others.

A functional industrial park will attract both large and small scale industries that will process such commodities, keep more of the value generated within the state, create employment opportunities and generally have a positive impact on various aspects of the state.

This team from Gombe State Investment and Property Development Company, which I am privileged to lead, is here today

to assess the progress of work on the industrial park as the company has a very important role to play in disseminating news of the good work that is being done here to potential investors and convincing such investors to come and set up shop here.

From the work that we have seen so far, which to be honest is beyond our expectations, everything that investors need is being provided ranging from power, good network of roads, water, security and so much more. So, our job as an investment promotion agency is made easier because it is easy to sell a good product. So we are going to start immediately to talk to target industrialists and corporate organisations who will want to take advantage of the facilities in this industrial park and the position of Gombe State as the centre and industrial hub of the North East, one

of the most secure states in Nigeria and a state recently recognised as number one in terms of ease of doing business in Nigeria.

Q: In conclusion, what can you say about the government of Alhaji Inuwa Yahaya on this project?

A: I commend my life senior brother and our governor once again for this project which, on completion, will be one of his biggest legacies apart from other legacy projects in the pipeline like the new state secretariat; new legislative and judiciary complexes as well as so many laudable projects in the state which includes roads, health, education, water, power and other infrastructural projects.

I pledge the commitment of myself, the GSIPDC and my friends and companies to seeing the successful completion and take off of this project in sha Allah because that is the game changer!



■ Pictures of the ongoing Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park project in Gombe State

GOLDEN HARVEST

COMMODITY INDEX

Commodity	Kano (Dawanau mkt)	Bakori Mkt, Katsina	Mpape (Abuja)	Mangu, Plateau	Wadata market Markurdi, Benue
Maize (100kg)	₦24,500	₦23,500	₦27,000	₦19,000	100kg of Maize – ₦21,000
Beans (100kg)	₦45,000	₦41,000	₦54,000	₦65,000	100kg of small Beans – ₦60,000
Sorghum (100kg)	₦24,000	₦22,000	₦26,000	₦33,000	100kg of big Beans – ₦67,000
Rice (Milled 100kg)	₦57,500	₦46,000	₦50,000	₦62,000	100kg of G/Corn – ₦27,000
Millet (100kg)	₦24,500	₦25,500	₦28,000	₦34,000	100kg of Local rice – ₦25,000
Wheat (100kg)	₦35,000	₦36,000	—	—	100kg of Millet – ₦30,000
Tomatoes (B/basket)	₦10,300	₦7,600	₦15,000	₦8,500	Big Basket of tomatoes – ₦10,000

Quote

“When you want to get funds, BOA ‘ll tell you to bank with them before you are given a loan. As a matter of fact, if I can save money why should I ask for a loan?”
— Mr Solomon Odewale, CEO, SOLTOB City Enterprise

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How good prices motivate ginger farmers to scale up production

...Join ABP

By Grace Adetutu

The current price of organic ginger, which goes for \$5,500 a metric ton, is expected to encourage more farmers into the production of the spicy root crop.

In an interview with *Daily Trust*, Ambassador Dr Florence Edwards, president of the Ginger Growers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria, stated that under the organic ginger programme, they have been able to include 32 states for the Central Bank’s Anchor Borrowers Programme.

“We are into anchor borrower because that is the only thing that can help us achieve this big project; the world is looking out for Nigerian ginger since the outbreak of COVID-19.

“Our plan is to get funds, cultivate ginger organically, get the certification because without certification you cannot sell internationally. Our farmers are eager and responding well to the programme, both new and existing farmers,” she said.

Nigeria produces almost 523,000 metric tons annually; around 90% of ginger production is exported.

Though Nigeria cultivates 56.23% of ginger globally, it is still ranked number 21 in the export of ginger; close to \$1,972,360.38 was estimated as



■ Farmers at a ginger farm in Gurara Irrigation site, Jere, Kaduna State

of 2018.

Ginger production in Nigeria increased 17.4% in 2017. The country produced 349,900 tons of ginger, which represented 11.5 per cent of global output. Production in 2018 and 2019 was 368,019 and 375,305 tons respectively.

Nigeria is currently the third ginger producing nation in the world and the major producer in Africa. With its annual world production surpassing 1.5 million tons and because of the several forms in which it is traded, ginger is now one of the most important trade

commodities in the world.

Ginger can be cultivated any time of the year with a good irrigation system and anywhere, whether inside or outside. It is a very versatile crop and can be harvested 3-8 months after it is planted. Therefore, it is a good source of revenue as it also has

a short turnover period.

It is an important cash crop grown in Nigeria for its aromatic rhizome.

Ginger is now produced in Nasarawa, Sokoto, Benue, Osun, Anambra, Zamfara, Akwa Ibom, Oyo, Abia and Lagos states, but southern Kaduna remains the largest producer of fresh ginger in Nigeria.

The current price of organic ginger goes for \$5,500 per metric tonne. This price is very profitable for both large scale and small scale farmers.

The global market for ginger was estimated at US\$3.4 billion in the year 2020, amid the COVID-19 crisis.

According to Dr Florence Edward, the ginger market is a very lucrative one with many opportunities for farmers to exploit both locally and internationally.

“In ginger, there is a lot of money and business opportunities. In farming, we call it crude oil of crops. We got the name from ginger oil; we also call it dollar making crop. Whether it is locally cultivated, you can make money. The world is looking for Nigerian ginger.

“There are so many products that can be gotten from ginger, like organic ginger oil which is the best, fast seller in the market. You can also get ginger tea, ginger bread, ginger spice and many more.

“I want to call on youths to come into farming not only of ginger but farming in general and take it as a serious business.”

Despite poor rainfall, Kogi rice farmers record good yield

By Baba Martins

Rice farmers in Kogi State say they have recorded bumper harvest due to the adoption of improved farming practices and other support facilitated by the Agro-Processing, Productivity Enhancement and Livelihood Improvement Support Project (KOGI APPEALS).

They stated this during the documentation of the implementation of the Value Chain Investment Plan (VCIPs) led by the state project coordinator, Dr Sanni Abdullahi Ozomata.

The exercise aimed to ascertain the level of the implementation of their value chain investment plan and to have first-hand knowledge of farmers’ experiences during the

farming season.

A total of 342 rice farmers from 27 commodity interest groups (CIGS), spanning 782 hectares of farmland located in Ibaji, Idah and Yagba West local government areas of the state were supported with relevant inputs and training for the year 2021 wet farming season.

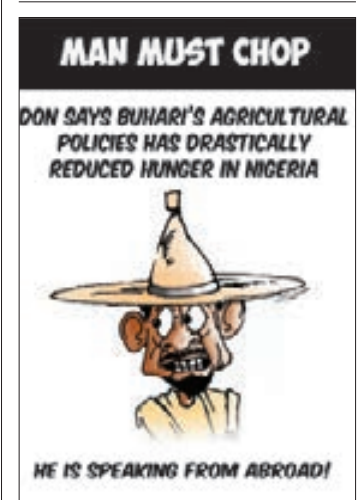
The farmers said due to the support facilitated by KOGI-APPEALS, such as the provision of improved rice seedlings and exposing them to best farming practices, they have been able to record an over 60% increase in yield on their rice farms.

They noted that what their farms used to look like before the intervention of the APPEALS project cannot be compared with what it is now as there is great improvement.

They attribute the upgrade to the adoption of modern farming techniques and inputs such as the use of tractors for land preparation before planting and also the adoption of line planting system.

Speaking on behalf of farmers under the Ojodomo Multipurpose Cooperative Society in Ibaji Local government Area, Mr Atama Akpagi, said they were able to practice transplanting methods which has made so much difference in “our harvest this year as compared to the previous years.”

“Before the intervention, we used to harvest 100 bags of 100kg but with the support of APPEALS we harvest 150 bags of 100kg, while in our group of 10 members, as against our previous year’s harvest which was 400 bags of 110kg, we harvested 550 bags of 100kg.”



ACOMIN

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR CSO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR GLOBAL FUND-SUPPORTED PROJECT ON COVID-19 RESPONSE MECHANISM (C19RM) & COMMUNITY SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING TOWARDS RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH (CSS-RSSH) [AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria (ATM) network]****INTRODUCTION**

Global Fund is presently implementing a COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) grant in 12 states and Community Systems Strengthening towards Resilient & Sustainable System for Health (CSS-RSSH) grant in 6 states in Nigeria for the period January 2022 – December 2023. The Grant is being implemented through a Principal Recipient, National Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS (NACA). ATM CSO Networks are to implement the community component of the grant. Pursuant to the above, the ATM networks seek the services of member organizations; and experienced and committed officers with experience in programme management, monitoring and evaluation and administration to work as a team supporting the networks' activities in the states.

1. COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Each of the ATM Networks is requesting for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from eligible member organizations interested in implementing strategic interventions in the following states; Plateau, Ondo, Rivers, Edo, Lagos, Ogun, Delta, FCT, Kano, Kaduna, Oyo and Kwara States for the C-19RM grant and Nasarawa, Cross Rivers, Jigawa and 3 other states for CSS-RSSH Grant. Eligible organizations include; Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-Based Organizations and Faith-Based Organizations.

Specific Tasks

Work with stakeholders within the communities and PHC facility, Develop a Work Plan for carrying out activities within the Communities and selected PHC facilities within their LGAs; identify the Communities in which the implementation will hold using objective and predetermined criteria; work in collaboration with other members of Community-led Monitoring Teams and other implementing agents to carry out other activities around the communities and PHC facilities with a view to improve service delivery; and all other activities geared towards the actualization of the objectives of the C19RM project.

Guidelines for Submission

An organization is expected to apply to work within the preferred state, with the understanding that they will be working in selected LGAs in the State. An organization is expected to apply as a member of only one of the ATM Constituencies per state. The subject of the email should read **C19/GF/STATE applied for e.g. C19/GF/DELTA**. Only shortlisted organizations will be contacted. Interested organizations should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) with relevant supporting documents attached (Organizational profile, CAC or State Certificates of registration, Evidence of payment of annual dues as applicable and Track record of activities implemented by CBO).

For Malaria CBOs, EOIs should be submitted to: acomincborequests@gmail.com; For HIV/AIDS CBOs, EOIs should be submitted to: hr@nepwhan.org; For TB CBOs, EOIs should be submitted to: tbcbos2020@gmail.com.

2. PROGRAMME OFFICERS

The ATM networks are working together to implement the above project with each one providing coordination and oversight to specific number of states as stated below, and as such require the services of a Programme Officer in each of the States/locations mentioned below for two years renewable. The Programme Officers will principally be responsible for, and focus on, providing technical and professional assistance and support to the CBOs/FBOs working on the C19RM project within their states, provide effective programme management and administration, as well as the monitoring, supervising and reporting on the activities of CBOs/FBOs and CLMTs in their respective states.

Specific State to be coordinated by each Programme Officer:

1. Programme Officers – Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Nasarawa and Kwara States. Coordinated by NEPWHAN.
2. Programme Officers – Jigawa, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo and Oyo States, Coordinated by ACOMIN (on behalf of the TB Constituency).
3. Programme Officers – Rivers, Edo, Cross River, Delta States and the FCT. Coordinated by ACOMIN.

Eligibility/Selection Criteria

Applicant must have Bachelor's degree or its equivalent in a health-related discipline, or social sciences with 2 - 3 years post-qualification experience in an organisation working on TB, HIV/AIDS or Malaria. An applicant with working experience in more than one of these disease areas has an added advantage; Have good communication and community mobilisation skills; Be resident in the state he/she is applying to work in; Be ready to work independently and as part of a team; Have the ability to work with minimum supervision and exercise sound judgment and flexibility to achieve agreed outcomes; Have well-developed writing and analytical skills as well as the ability to express ideas clearly and concisely; Have effective presentation and interpersonal communication skills as well as the ability to develop and maintain effective stakeholders' relationships; Possess the ability to contribute to the effectiveness of a team, including supporting others and managing priorities; and be able to communicate fluently in English and the local dialect(s) of the states and localities they would be working in.

Mode of application

Candidates interested in working as Programme Officers on this project should send their Cover Letters and CVs in ONE (1) Document to the network coordinating the state they wish to work in. The addresses and emails of the respective networks are as follows:

1. NEPWHAN: The National Coordinator/ Head of Human Resources, Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN)
Address: No 35, Justice Sowemimo Street, Off T.Y Danjuma Street, Asokoro-Abuja.
Email: hr@nepwhan.org and copy nepwhanrecruitment@yahoo.com
2. ACOMIN: The National Coordinator, Civil Society in Malaria Control, Immunization, and Nutrition (ACOMIN)
Address: No. 6, Egbedi Close, Off Ladoko Akintola Boulevard Crescent, Garki 2, Abuja
Email: acominjobs@gmail.com

All Applicants should title their applications according to their preferred States, desired positions, and their full names, e.g. Kano – Program Officer – Usman Bola Obi.

All applications must be received within seven days of the advertisement. All applications must be sent via e-mail to the contacts of the respective networks as shown above. No surface mails or telephone calls will be entertained.

Do note that any candidate with submissions for multiple positions and who do not abide by the method of application will be disqualified. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**NASARAWA STATE GOVERNMENT**
MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND TRANSPORT, LAFIA**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**
NS/GPN/001/2022

Nasarawa State Ministry of Works, Housing and Transport is mobilizing resource of Government for the provision of basic infrastructure both physical and social on goods as well as services generally to improve quality of life and standard of living of the people in the State.

2. SCOPE:

The intervention project towards achieving this goal covers the following components;

Civil Works:

- i. Construction/Rehabilitation of inter-city roads.
- ii. Construction of Bridges and Culverts across the state.
- iii. Construction/Rehabilitation of Public Buildings

b. Supply of Goods:

- i. Plants
- ii. equipment
- iii. Materials

c. Electrical Services:

- i. Construction of Power lines (33/11kv lines)
- ii. Construction of Power sub-stations.

d. Mechanical services:

- i. Repairs of vehicles
- ii. Repairs of Plants
- iii. Repairs of equipment.

e. Consultancy Services:**3. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:**

- I. Registration with Nasarawa State Bureau of Public Procurement (NSBPP)
- II. Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC Certificate);
- III. Tax clearance Certificate for the past three (3) years;
- IV. Audited account for the past three (3) years;
- V. Evidence of competence/experience;
- VI. Possession of Technical equipment;
- VII. Possession of qualified personnel with relevant qualification(s) and experience to carry out the assignment
- VIII. Compliance with extant regulations that are associated with all of the following;
 - a. Employers' Compensation Scheme (ECS)
 - b. PENCOS Scheme
 - c. Industrial Training Funds (ITF); etc

4. PRE-QUALIFICATION:

Possessing or fulfilling the criteria listed at preceding paragraph 3 above is the basis for pre-qualified of firms eligible to bid for any project or program advertised subsequently for execution.

5. NOTE:

This notice is not a tendering process, but only for prequalification for tendering for the year, 2022.

6. SUBMISSION:

Interested Firms may submit pre-qualification documents on all or preferred component(s) of the scope listed above clearly marked at the top right corner of the sealed envelope "Civil Works" OR "Goods" OR "Services" OR "Electrical Services" OR "Mechanical Services" and based on an applicant's interest to reach on or before 16th February, 2022 at the address below

**The Secretary,
Ministerial Tenders' Board,
State Secretariat, Opp. First Bank, Jos road,
Lafia, Nasarawa State.**

Signed.
Secretary,
Ministerial Tenders Board
For: Chairman

EDUCATION

“We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself.”
— Lloyd Alexander

‘What Nigeria, Ukraine will benefit from bilateral education programme’

By **Chidimma C. Okeke**

The Chief of International Relations Department, Ukrainian Lviv University for Business and Law, Olga Krasnopera, has said Nigeria and Ukraine will benefit from bilateral education relationships in many ways.

She said: “I think we will benefit much because we learn from each other. We cooperate; we develop education, which is the best thing you know in the world because education is light, which we have to lead in society.”

Krasnopera who stated this in Abuja during

the maiden lecture/award organised by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, said developing relationships between different countries is very useful nowadays.

“Because the world is small, we have to communicate a lot. People travel a lot. They need a lot of knowledge. That’s why we have to work hard altogether,” she said.

She further said: “Every country should invest more in education now, not only Nigeria, because you see how we grow fastly, our economy, internet, everything is developing fast. So that’s why investment is necessary all around the globe, not just in Nigeria, in the US,

in Ukraine, in Kenya and everywhere.”

While advising Nigerians seeking quality education abroad to visit Ukraine, she said “Our universities have well-trained staff, good facilities, so we can provide education of higher quality for a lower price. So we invite everyone who is looking for a good opportunity to come to Ukraine and get education in different fields.”

Speaking, the Chairman of FTAISA, Skills and Entrepreneurship Development Centre and the varsity country representative in Nigeria, Dr Cliff Ogbede, said Ukraine has offered affordable university admission to

Nigerian students with 12,000 presently studying in the country.

He said in their quest to offer affordable, sustainable and quality education for the Nigerian students and workers, which include tertiary education, vocational skills training and entrepreneurship development programmes to ensure rapid economic growth, their organization developed a working relationship with the Lviv University of Business and Law, Ukraine, under an existing collaboration with their common partner institution, the V.N Karazin Kharkiv National University.

We attract foreign students despite Nigeria’s insecurity problem — AUN President

By **Chidimma C. Okeke & Seun Adeuyi**

You have more Chibok girls that participated in the matriculation this year. Are you still expecting others?

The majority are not enrolled. There are still some that are completing their JAMB test and other things. I would say they are working extremely hard to make the transition as every entering student does from being in secondary school to tertiary institutions.

So, they are working very hard and all new students here have to work very hard because this is rigorous education here. Like for all students, we have a lot of support for them. We have a writing centre, a research centre and we have an advising centre that works with them and a health centre.

So, all the support is here to make sure that they are successful as well as all of our students. They amaze me with their determination and hard work and our open goal with every one of them as it is with all of our students is that they are successful here and that they are happy and that they get an education that prepares them to be leaders in their country.

Are reports of violence in the northern states impacting your enrollment figures?

I think we are doing really well. We just entered our second-largest enrollment figures since inception. I think the word is getting out that Yola is safe and peaceful and secured. It is actually a great place to get your undergraduate and graduate education because it’s a learning community.

Considering the state of the Nigerian security system, what do you do to attract new students from Rwanda, Niger and Cameroon?

Through our history, we had students from around the continent and from other continents and I’m thrilled that they are coming back now and I attribute that truly to our wonderful executive director of marketing and communications because more people are learning about AUN that we are different and they are meeting our alma maters.

So, what happened in Rwanda is

Margee Ensign is the President of the American University of Nigeria (AUN), Yola, Adamawa State. In this interview, she spoke on how more Chibok girls participated in the recent matriculation of the varsity and how the institution attracts foreign students amidst the security challenge in Nigeria and more.



■ Margee Ensign

that our prospective students met with some of our alma maters and that’s a really important story because they are proof of our education.

So, there are two reasons they are coming back. One, is that our marketing team is doing an outstanding job telling our unique story and our alma maters are everywhere; they are in Canada, USA, Rwanda, South Africa. They are doing really important work and they are sharing our story and they are proof of our education.

In your first tenure as the president of the university, you introduced the law programme, how is it going now?

The law programme is in great demand as you saw on campus. We are building that big law school building because the demand is so great. We have state of the art facilities now. They will even be more up to date when we move into the new building.

The law programme is very innovative for the courses that are taught there. There are some unique courses like gender law and

development, new technologies in law, HIV and medical law, conflict and alternative dispute mediation.

So, we are really offering core courses; a very different approach to law. As you know, every student at AUN has to do what we call a CDV at a community development course, each unit has to design one and the law school CDV course is really unique.

Some of our students are working with prisoners to help to educate them to understand why they are in prison. They even paid the fines for some, so they’ve been released and then in our critical legal education programme, they also offer legal advice to students in the Yola community.

So, that’s how they are living the AUN development mission. I can’t imagine anything more important than working with indigent prisoners and making sure that they are getting the legal advice and sometimes the financial support they wouldn’t otherwise have.

You also introduced a whistleblower App in collaboration with Shehu Musa Yaradua Centre

late last year. Can you tell us what you intend to achieve with that?

Not only did we launch the App which I believe is the first of its kind in a Nigerian university, but we rewrote and updated our safeguarding sexual harassment policy. The App is important because often it’s difficult for people who have been harassed or abused to report.

So, the fact that this is anonymous reporting makes it easier. We have got a whole team monitoring it all the time. We have a very strong structure that receives such reports, that meets with the person complaining as well as the person who is being accused of something.

So, it’s not just the app, but the App is a really important development to help all of us and I hope other universities adopt it.

It is already helping us because students/people are reporting and it’s made the reporting easier and that has opened a big roadblock in places that people don’t know who to go to and they are afraid to report.

Now, nobody is afraid anymore and they know how supportive my administration is. So, some people who have been affected are coming forward and we are dealing with it.

Are there plans to introduce new academic programmes at AUN?

We are going to apply for public health which is a critical, important programme in great need in the middle of this pandemic. We are looking at other innovative data and computer science programmes. So we are launching several new ones approved after application this year.

Over time, we would do medicine, but we wanted to do public health first, because the need for public health in the country and the continents in the world is so pressing and its needed right now and at the forefront of dealing with this pandemic and health challenges in the North East.

Are you considering online learning in the near future?

We are very much hoping to introduce some hybrid which is a combination of online and postgraduate programme in the next month.

You just concluded the matriculation ceremony. How significant is that to the school?

Sure, it’s a really significant and symbolic moment at AUN when every entering class comes in and the matriculation ceremony is important for three reasons; first, we talk about our mission as a development university, secondly, we talk about what it means to have an American style of education in Nigeria and that’s what we expect our students to learn the critical thinking, the problem solving and what they should expect from their education (small classes), close interaction and work with faculty.

And the third thing is the way we pledge to each other. We say we are going to uphold these ideas; we are going to strive for honesty in ourselves and everything we do.

I had many wonderful memories. One was of parents who were wondering if Yola was the place to leave their children and hearing them say “oh my goodness, it’s peaceful, calm and beautiful”. So, seeing parents begin to understand that this is really a learning environment is really an important moment for me.

Is there any other thing you would like to say that I haven’t asked?

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*On behalf of myself and my family,
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on your award.*



Mallam Mele Kolo Kyari
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HOW GOVERNOR BALA MUHAMMAD 'SACKED' HIS COMMITTEE ON SAYAWA CHIEFDOM

It is now well over thirty years since the issue of the Sayawa Chiefdom was recommended by the Justice Babalakin Commission of Inquiry into the Tafawa Balewa Crisis of 22nd April, 1991. Almost all previous State Governments in Bauchi made efforts at creating the Chiefdom. With concessions made by different stakeholders and affected institutions and communities on the matter it has kept dragging to this day because, as it were, the Sayawa people have turned out to be the first and foremost enemies of the Chiefdom with their unjustified insistence that the Headquarters of the Chiefdom must be in Tafawa Balewa Town. All the Committees appointed by the previous State Governments however, recommended that the Headquarters of the Chiefdom be sited at Bogoro because the claims to ownership of Tafawa Balewa by them are not only unfounded but preposterous. All documented historical accounts and evidences and trajectories of ethnic settlements established that the Town was founded by the Fulani. The enactment of the 2014 Law (as amended) on the Creation of the Chiefdom was the closest the government went, but the Sayawa would not allow it because the Law, as per the recommendation of the Late General Ibrahim Sabo Committee, provided that the Headquarters be sited at Bogoro. They thwarted or rather sabotaged the creation of the Chiefdom through litigations. The matter is still before the court.

When Governor Bala Muhammad appointed and subsequently inaugurated his Committee on the Creation of the Sayawa Chiefdom we never suspected that he had any ulterior motive. We believed that, as the leader we took him to be, he was out with a sincere purpose from his speech at the Inauguration Ceremony. We thought he was going to be an impartial leader and arbiter. Our hopes were raised when the Governor indicated that he was determined to, once and for all, address the issue of the Sayawa Chief without taking sides, but would rely faithfully and wholesomely on the recommendations of the Committee. Unfortunately, and sadly too, the Governor has betrayed our trust and confidence in him as an impartial arbiter by coming out to categorically and unambiguously state, in a PDP Stakeholders' Meeting in the Government House on Saturday 29 January, 2022, that he had made up his mind to create the Sayawa Chiefdom and to site its Headquarters at Tafawa Balewa Town. He has thus pre-empted the Committee he appointed to work thoroughly and advise him. A responsible Government, after appointing a Committee of honourable people and persons of high calibre who have had untainted records of integrity and personal reputations on top of whom is an Ambassador, would ordinarily, naturally and necessarily wait for the Committee to finish its assignment and duly submit its report to it. To the best of our knowledge however, the Committee had not submitted its report before the Governor made that public pronouncement and proclamation. With this action, the Governor did not only pre-empt the Committee but also literally and expressly 'sacked' it. The Committee has no business continuing its assignment after the Governor had stated his position. Meaning that, after all, whatever recommendation the Committee shall make he would, with sheer disregard to history, and with flagrant disregard to the principle of justice and fairness, do what he had intended to exactly do. What is even further unfortunate is that the Governor, out of sheer obsession for taking sides with the Sayawa could not even remember that such a pronouncement on the assignment of the Committee was not only pre-emptive but would amount to embarrassing, disgracing and ridiculing the honourable Chairman and members of the Committee. And that was exactly what he did.

Without any fear of contradiction, no Governor in the history of Bauchi State had ever demonstrated this kind of infantile and immature leadership tendency. We are however, not surprised because the action, after all, only appeared to be an outburst of some primordial prejudices against a section of the disputing communities in Tafawa Balewa. At the end of it all, if at all what the Governor stated was what

he will do, he would eventually discover that he had Identified himself with the wrong side of history. He would realise that he had taken sides with aggressors (as confirmed by the Justice Babalakin Report of 1991 and Justice Bala Umar Report of 2001) who unregrettably incessantly killed hundreds of innocent and defenceless Nigerian citizens and indeed, Bauchi State indigenes. He would be seen to be a person who does not have empathy nor sympathy with the other side of the disputants who have had the blood of their mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, daughters and sons spilled in the nooks and crannies of Tafawa Balewa. And it is upon that innocent blood that the Governor would want to reward the aggressors with a Chiefdom.

One very striking thing is that, on the same Saturday (29/1/2022) the Governor made that public proclamation on siting the Headquarters of the Sayawa Chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa an advertorial of The Zaar Council of Elders and Traditional Rulers Forum was published on pages 28 and 29 of the Daily Trust Newspaper. In their usual belligerent tone they threatened in the said advertorial that they would never accept any place as the Headquarters of their so-called Chiefdom other than Tafawa Balewa Town. It would be naive to think that it was a sheer coincidence, but an evidence of the fact that the Governor has been hobnobbing with them even after he had appointed a Committee to work on the matter.

We can not finish this write up without referring to one reason for siting the Headquarters of the Chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa which the Governor has been touting and also mentioned in his pronouncement. He stated that he had intended to do that because if the displaced Muslims return to the Town they would still be killed. So, he would rather relocate them to some other place and then, 'conveniently' site the Headquarters of the Chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa Town. This is yet, another unfortunate statement borne out of some warped mentality and reasoning. It has very clear negative implications as follows:

- (I) That the statement is a further confirmation of the fact that the Sayawa are recalcitrant killers, always belligerent and prone to violence and savagery. Even at that, the Governor would still go ahead to reward them with a Chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa Town (ditto Babalakin).
- (II) That as the Executive Governor of Bauchi State and the Chief Security Officer of the State this pronouncement is a proclamation of failure in leadership and governance. The Governor was thus telling the World that he lacks the political will and the leadership capacity to protect the lives and property of innocent, law abiding and peace-loving citizens of his State. The criminals, who have constituted themselves into law in Tafawa Balewa Town should therefore, continue to have their field day in blood letting.
- (III) That within Bauchi State under his administration and stewardship Tafawa Balewa is a no-go-area and non-habitable for Muslims. And although this situation started since 2011, he is presently the Governor of Bauchi State and is thus essentially, squarely and fully responsible. He has no excuses. He was sworn-in to work with and protect the Nigerian Constitution 1991 (as amended) which, as per the provision of section 10.6 guarantees every Nigerian the right to live peacefully and make a living for himself at any place of his choice, not to talk of his place of origin/birth.

At the end of it all, we have every reason to state that we have lost confidence in the Committee and by extension the Bauchi State Government under the leadership His Excellency, Senator Bala AbdulKadir Muhammad because of his evident bias and partiality.

SIGNED


Shuaibu Saleh Umar,
Magayakin Tafawa Balewa
Chairman,

Tafawa Balewa Town Development Association (TABTODA)


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Once again congratulations.

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Timipre Sylva

Honourable Minister of State Petroleum Resources



EDO STATE GOVERNMENT

February 02, 2022.

THE FULL STORY REGARDING THE EDO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY *THE DANGER OF A SINGLE FRAUDULENT NARRATIVE*

The Edo State Government has noticed that in the past few weeks, a vigorous media offensive appears to have been launched by some characters who lost out in the politics regarding the governorship of Edo State in the last election.

2. The issue of particular interest has been an attempt to create the narrative that there exists a 'crisis' in the Edo State House of Assembly and that such crisis has been orchestrated by the Executive Arm of Government.
3. These persons seek to take advantage of the somewhat short attention span and memory of some unwary persons which make the obvious factual inaccuracies in their narrative seductive.
4. It is therefore necessary to recount for purposes of posterity the sequence of events that led us to where we are now.
5. On the 9th of March, 2019, an election was conducted into the Edo State House of Assembly, in which all 24 seats were won by the candidates of the then All Progressives Congress (APC).
6. In line with the provisions of section 105 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended), His Excellency, the Governor of Edo State, Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki, on the 14th Day of June, 2019, issued a proclamation for the first session of the Edo State House of Assembly to be held on the Monday, 17th Day of June, 2019.
7. This proclamation was duly publicized in official gazettes and in the print and electronic media circulating in Edo State and across Nigeria.
8. It is a requirement of the law that all elected members present themselves to the Clerk of the Assembly, bringing along copies of their declaration of assets upon which they would be sworn-in by the Clerk of the House of Assembly and would subsequently proceed to elect their principal officers.
9. On the said date, 17th of June, 2019, nine elected members presented themselves for swearing-in in accordance with the law, while the others (for reasons best known to them), chose to stay away.
10. The members present therefore were administered with the relevant oath and proceeded to carry on with the business of the House of Assembly.
11. It must be pointed out that the validity of these proclamation and inauguration were challenged before the Federal High Court in suit no FHC/PH/CS/159/2019 and in a considered judgement, His Lordship, the Honourable Justice J.K Omotosho, not only validated the aforesaid proclamation and inauguration of the House of Assembly, but restrained the Governor of Edo State from issuing any other proclamation in that regard.
12. Subsequently, two other members presented themselves for swearing-in and were duly sworn in to take their places in the Edo State House of Assembly.
13. The rogue members-elect of the House of Assembly at the behest of their political patrons relocated to Abuja, living large in five-star hotels under the sponsorship of their said patrons whilst they instituted various cases including suit no B/81/OS/2019 and also invited the two arms of the National Assembly to unlawfully intervene and truncate the smooth running of the Edo State Government.
14. It is a matter of public record that these attempts to secure a political

coup d'etat ultimately failed because of the heroic resistance of the people of Edo State.

15. At the expiration of 181 days of continuous absenteeism and failure to present themselves for inauguration as prescribed by the constitution, the seats of these delinquent members-elect were declared vacant by the Speaker of the Edo State House of Assembly, who subsequently called on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct by-elections into the now vacant seats in order to ensure that the citizens of the affected constituencies have representation in the Edo State House of Assembly.
16. These same recalcitrant members-elect immediately again filed an action at the Federal High Court in Abuja in suit no FHC/AB/CS/1582/2019, seeking to restrain INEC from conducting the said by-election and also seeking to reverse the decision to declare their seats vacant.
17. In consequence of these numerous actions, the absentee members-elect have ensured a stalemate in the resolution of the representation of their constituencies arising from their selfish interests.
18. In the run up to the last Edo State Governorship election, these same members-elect notwithstanding the numerous court actions they had themselves instituted came to Benin under armed police escorts from Abuja and attempted to physically and violently seize control of the Edo State House of Assembly.
19. When they failed in this attempt, they retreated to the residence of one of their sponsors in Benin City, whereat they purported to proclaim their own House of Assembly and even went ahead to elect their own Speaker and principal officers.
20. Before their illegal activities fizzled out into insignificance, they issued orders to banks and other financial institutions, attempting to shut down the activities of the Edo State Government.
21. When they and their sponsors finally lost in their attempt to continue the stranglehold of their godfathers on the governorship of Edo State, they again retreated into their shells and have only recently embarked on a whirlwind tour of media houses and other public establishments in an attempt to spin a false narrative of unlawful exclusion and illegality.
22. One would have expected that persons who submitted their disputes to duly constituted courts in line with the dictates of all civilized societies would pursue their claims before those courts diligently rather than the constant twists and turns by which they attempt to seek extra-judicial sympathy, remedies and political resolution of straightforward legal issues.
23. It has become necessary to make this statement in order to set the record straight and to avoid a situation where lies and fraudulent untruths are repeated so often that they begin to appear like truth.
24. The Edo State Government wishes to assure all concerned that the state is in good health, safe, secure and welcoming of all law-abiding citizens, investors and visitors and this attempt to falsely create an impression of crisis and conflict is not supported by the facts on ground.
25. Interestingly, in the absence of these mischief makers and their godfather, the generality of the people of Edo State have continued to enjoy the benefit of good governance with the three arms of government at peace with one another and working for the common good.


Osarodion Ogie Esq.
 Secretary to the State Government

'Insurgency claims 167 students, 3 teachers in Yobe'

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

Yobe State Government has said the Boko Haram insurgency has claimed the lives of over 167 students and three teachers in the state.

Another 86 students and two other teachers were said to be critically injured following several raids by the insurgents in their futile attempt to eliminate western education in the state.

The deputy governor of the state and

Chairman, Yobe State Education Appeal Fund Raising Committee, Idi Barde Gubana, disclosed this yesterday while briefing newsmen on the progress report of the committee.

Gubana noted that the challenge was what prompted the administration to declare a state of emergency on education.

He said the declaration was followed by convening the education summit and the constitution of the technical

committee for the revitalisation of basic and secondary education.

He said the government aimed at increasing access and equity in basic and secondary education through the establishment of more schools, especially for girlchild and people living with disabilities.

According to him government also intends to focus attention on recruitment, training and retraining and improved welfare packages for the teachers.



■ Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal (right) assisted by his aide de camp, SP Yusuf Ibrahim (right), decorates ASP Mansur Bala with his new rank at the Sokoto State Governor's Lodge, Abuja yesterday

Sanwo-Olu establishes 2 new varsities for Lagos

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu yesterday signed the bills for the establishment of additional two universities in the state into law.

The bills assented to by the governor converted the Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH) to the Lagos State University of Science and Technology while it merged the Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (AOCOD), Ijanikin and the Michael Otedola College of Primary Education (MOCOPED), Epe to become Lagos State University of Education (LASUED).

This is in addition to the existing Lagos State University (LASU), established in 1982 by the first Executive Governor of Lagos State, the late Alhaji Lateef Jakande.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Education, Tokunbo Wahab; the Commissioner for Justice and Attorney-General, Mr Moyosore Onigbanjo (SAN) as well as members of the governing councils and management staff of the tertiary institutions, among others.

Wahab explained that the establishment of (LASUED) and Lagos State University of Science and Technology, would solve issues relating to admission for Lagos State citizens.

Hijab: Kwara students, parents protest continuous denial despite govt circular

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

Female Muslim students and their parents from Oyun Local Government Area of Kwara State yesterday stormed the Government House over the continued denial of the use of hijab by the authorities of Oyun Baptist High School, Ijagbo.

The female students who carried placards to register their displeasure over the development despite the government's circular permitting the use of hijabs and berets to willing students called for the restoration of their rights.

Chanting 'Give Us Our Right, We Want Peace,' the students and the parent barricaded the Government House gate while the protest lasted.

A parent, Taofiq Mustapha, said the female students of the school had been denied entry despite the government's directive.

"We asked the school authority why and they said because they are following the government directive.

"But the directive was that willing students can wear Hijab, beret or nothing on their

uniforms. Schools like St. Claire and other mission schools have complied but when we asked why; Oyun Baptist told us that the school belongs to the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN).

"So we are here to ask if the school belongs to CAN, Baptist or government. The worst part of it is that the school pasted on their signpost the picture of a female student using hijab and crossed it meaning hijab is not allowed," he said

Another parent, Ajibola Yusuf, said, "No parents will condole this, this is injustice. What we want the government to do is to enforce the circular and the constitutional right of everyone."

When contacted, the Kwara State Secretary of CAN, Rev Timothy Reuben Ibitoye, said he wanted to verify the situation before responding.

He had yet to do so at the time of filing of this report last night.

The chairman, Kwara State Teaching Service Commission, Bello Abubakar, who said the protesters also visited the commission, added, "The government is on top of the issue".

Lagos diverts traffic for Shonekan's burial

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Lagos State Government said yesterday it would divert traffic along Inner Marina to Outer Marina by Oando Filling Station by 5am till 6pm on Friday due to the burial service of the late former Head of Interim Government, Ernest Shonekan.

Shonekan died on January 11 at the age of 85.

His funeral activities started on Tuesday with a service of song attended by family and friends who eulogised him.

To ensure a smooth burial programme, the Commissioner for Transportation, Dr Frederic Oladeinde, explained that all adjoining and feeder roads leading to Inner Marina road to Nitel building would be cordoned off.

He advised Motorists to utilise JK Randle Street through Force Road to connect Broad Street and continue their journey as Inner Marina Road/Odunlami Street from Outer Marina Road would be barred from vehicular movement.

In the same vein, Oladeinde stated that motorists descending CMS Bridge to Cathedral Church would be temporarily diverted to UBA Roundabout or Apongbon for onward navigation to other inner parts of Lagos Island to connect their destinations.

Construction of fly-over stirs controversy in Jos

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Construction of a flyover recently announced by the Plateau State Government, around British American Junction, is causing controversy in the area with tenants occupying offices saying they were not issued 'notice to leave' by their landlords.

Our correspondent reports that though some of the construction equipment were brought to the site, offices and centres marked for demolition were still operating.

Tenants in the area said the blockage of the road had created hardship for them as they were not given the notice to leave the area beforehand.

Idris Shogbaden, who owns a pharmacy in the area, said the blockage of the road was sudden and caused lots of hardship.

Jennifer Igah, who is a staff of Daily Trust in the area, said they had been finding it difficult to get to the office.

"Our landlord has not given us the notice to leave. We are just hearing that a flyover will be constructed and just overnight the roads leading to the area were blocked. I park my car far away from my office. We don't actually know what is happening," Jennifer said.

When contacted, the Commissioner for Works, Pam Botmang, said the government had nothing to do with the landlord-tenancy agreement.

"The government in its wisdom has come on air through various platforms to intimate the people that construction would start in the area. I don't think the landlord-tenant issue should be our problem. I am sure they would be able to resolve their problem," he said.

NSCDC withdraws security aides from Rep Shina Peller

Yvonne Ugwuezuoha, Lagos

The security aides of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) attached to the member representing Iseyin/Itesiwaju/Iwajowa/Kajola Federal Constituency, Oyo State in the House of Representatives, Shina Abiola Peller, have been withdrawn.

This was made known in a circular released and signed yesterday by the HOD Administration of the Oyo State Command

of the agency, DCC Sotiyo Igbalawole, on behalf of the state commandant.

Sotiyo, in the circular, however, said the personnel were withdrawn for an 'urgent national security assignment'.

The development came hours after Peller presented a bill to scrap NSCDC, proposing the police to take over the responsibilities of the NSCDC.

The bill seeks to repeal the National Security and Civil Defence Corps (Amendment) Act

2007, establish a transition management committee to superintend over the NSCDC, develop regulations and implement procedures for the transfer of assets and personnel of the corps to the Nigeria Police Force, and other related matters.

The lawmaker made the proposal to the House via the National Security And Civil Defence Corps (Repeal and Transition) Bill 2022, which passed the first reading on Tuesday.

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COMFORT: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS AKUETIEMHE COMFORT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ALEOGHO COMFORT-PAUL IKPEMINOGENA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUDENDIMI ENNA JAPHET** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUDENDIMI ENNA JAAPHET** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

NYITVO: I, was FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **MANASSEH UTIM PAPILO AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS NYITVO DESMOND PAPILO**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE

MUKAILA: I, formerly known as **AMEH OLOBO YUSUF** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUKAILA YUSUF ADEJOH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

AHMAD I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR**, with D.O.B 11-11-1978 now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULHADI AHMAD** with D.O.B 20-05-1997, all former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **ABDULBASI HABIBU** now wish to be known as **HABIB ABDULBASID ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

EMMANUEL: I formerly known and addressed as **ABACHE EMMANUEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EGIEGBABHE SUNDAY EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I was formerly known as **SAIDU UMAR** but now wish to be known and addressed as **SAIDU GARBA** all my former documents to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

UGHASI: I formerly known as Ughasi oku -Etunne John, now wish to be known as Ughasi John - Okuefuna. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **JAMILA DAUDA** now wish to be known and address as **JAMILA MARAFA**. Since all my documents bear the same Name. The general public, NIMC and All Commercial Banks should take note, please

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MUHAMMAD HAFIZU WITH DATE OF BIRTH 10/10/1996 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS HAFIZ SANUSI WITH DATE OF BIRTH 01/01/1999. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERN AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE**

CHANGE OF NAME: I am formerly known and addressed as **ISHAKU DOGARA**. That now wish to be called and addressed as **ISHAKU DOGARA BAKARI**. That I want the management of First Bank and to whom it may concern to please take note.

GEBBE: I formally known and addressed as **SULAIMAN TANKO GEBBE** now wishes to be known and addressed as **TANKO SULEMAN GEBBE** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **YAU IBRAHIM** but now wish to be known and addressed as **YAU ABDULLAHI** all my former documents to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

AGBATSE: I formerly known as **AGBATSE GIDEON GIDEON** and **AGBATSE GIDEON** now wish to be known as **AGBATSE USHAHEMBA GIDEON** with correct date of birth 28th August, 1995. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

HALIMATU: I, formerly known as **ALIMAT YAKUBU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMATU YAKUBU**. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 21/10/1991 instead of 21/10/1992. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISAH I Formerly known and address as **ISAH TUTU** now wish to be known and address as **ISAH YUSUF** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABDULWAHAB: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABDUL ABDULSALAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULWAHAB ALHAJI ABDULSALAMI** and Date of Births **01-01-1962**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I formally known and addressed as **MAIDAMMA IBRAHIM FULANI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **USMAN IBRAHIM** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **NASIRU MOHAMMED** but now wish to be known and addressed as **NASIRU MUHAMMAD ALIYU** all my former documents to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

BUHARI: I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU LADAN BUHARI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMADU BUHARI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINA: I formerly known as **AMINA ISIAQ** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA ISIAKU**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

BELLO I Formerly known and address as **MUHAMMADU BELLO MAMMAN** now wish to be known and address as **BELLO RORO** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly called and address as **ESTHER JINSHINA**, now wishes to be called and address as **ESTHER JINGS JINGINA**, all former documents remain valid general public to please take note

BAKO: I formally known and addressed as **BAKO MUHAMMADU CHIFAMINI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD BAKO** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **AISHA HASSAN** but now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA SULEIMAN** all my former documents to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR NURUDEEN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NURUDEEN ABDURRAHMAN ABUBAKAR**, All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME: This is to inform the general public that **ALAYA-IBRAHIM SHERIFAT ADENIKE** and **ALAYA-IBRAHIM SHERIFAT** refer to one and same person. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

FATIMA I Formerly known and address as **FATIMA ADAMU** now wish to be known and address as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

JAMILA : I formerly known as **FATSUMA YAU** now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMILA LAMIDO**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

SULAIMAN: I formally known and addressed as **SULEIMAN ADAMU** now wishes to be known and addressed as **SULAIMAN ADAMU** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

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

PLANGNAN: I formerly known as **PLANGNAN ABSALOM**, now wish to be known as **ABSALOM GRACE PLANGNAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

I formerly known as **MOHAMMED AISHETU CHENIYA** Now wish to be called as **AISHETU CHENIYAN** all former documents remain valid general public to take note

SUWAIBA : I formerly known as **SUWAIBA SAIDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUWAIBA SAIDU ABUBAKAR** DOB 2-2-1986 not 1-1-1980. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

OYEDELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ENIOLA PEACE OBAMIYI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ENIOLA PEACE OYEDELE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

BALA: I formerly known as **BALA MAIDAHINI HANTSI** now wish to be known as **BALA HANTSI**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

YOHANNA: I formerly known as **YOHANNA MAKERI AJIK**, now wish to be known as **MAKERI YOHANNA AJIK**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

FAVOUR: I, formerly known as **NNENNA AJA ODI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NNENNAYA FAVOUR AJA CHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **1. MOHAMMED SANI LAWAL 2. LAWAL SANI**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **LAWAL SANI**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ABDU : I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDU USMAN SAKDIYA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **OISE, FRANK**. now wish to be known and addressed as **OISE-OGHAEDE, FRANKLIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as **MUHAMMED MUMUNI ONIMISI** ,Now wish to be known as **MUHAMMED ABDULMUMEEN ONIMISI** . All former documents still remains relevant. general public to note

LAITU: I formerly known as **EMMANUEL LAITU**, now wish to be known as **CHOLLUM LAITU EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

SAIDU: I, formerly known as **ABBA MUHAMMAD SIFAWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAIDU MUHAMMAD SIFAWA**. All former documents should remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HARIRA ISYAKU**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **SAADIYYA DALHATU**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

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

KABIRU: I formally known and addressed as **KABIRU ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIRU BAKO ABDULLAHI** . All former documents remain valid. The authority concerns and general public should please take note.

Uchechukwu: I formerly known as Miss Uchechukwu Scholastics Okwoli, now wish to be addressed as Mrs Uchechukwu Scholastica Chidiebere. All former documents remain valid. NIGCOMSAT LTD and the general public to pls take note.

ELIZABETH: I formerly known as **KAZE AZONG ELIZABETH**, now wish to be known as **BULUS ELIZABETH AZONG**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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PAM: I formerly known as **ALEX PAM DANYAM**, now wish to be known as **DANYAM RWANG PAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **AHMAD YAHAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALHAJI MUSA YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

JIBRIN, I formerly known as **JIBRIN UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **JIBRIN UMAR ABDO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **Abubakar Abdu** now wish to be called and addressed as **Abubakar Abdullahi**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

BENJAMIN: I Formerly known as **EZEKIEL JACOB** Now wish to be called and addressed as **BENJAMIN ABOI JULIUS** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

JANET: I formerly known as **NDONGS, JANET PALANG** now wish to be known as **UTOO, JANET KUMADEN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **ONYEUWAOMA SOLOMON CHISOM** with phone number **08162035361** now wish to be known and addressed as **ONYEUWAOMA SOLOMON** with phone number **08146987703**. All former documents remain valid. **STANBIC IBTC BANK** and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MISBAHU Y SANTALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MISBAHU YAHAYA SANTALI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SUNUSI, I formerly known as **SUNUSI ABDULAZIZ MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUNUSI ABDULAZIZ**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as a **HAMZA INUA**. now wish to be known and called as **INUWA HAMZA MUSTAPHA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

ADOKA: I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD NURA** now wish to be called as **ADOKA NURA MOHAMMED** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

HUSSAINI: I formerly known as **USAINI ABBA ABDULAZIZ**, now wish to be known as **HAFIZ HUSSAINI ABDULAZIZ**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

BALAMI: I formerly known as **BUKAR BALAMI**, now wish to be known as **SANI BUKAR BALAMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

BABAGANA, I formerly known as **BABA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **BABAGANA MUHAMMAD GUBIO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MURTALA, I formerly known as **MURTALA ISAH SALISU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MURTALA MUHAMMAD ALHASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

NASIRU, I formerly known as **NASIR YA U M** and date of birth **05/May/1992** now wish to be called and addressed as **NASIRU M YA U** and date of birth **02/04/1992**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SADAM: I, formerly known as **MUSA SADAM ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known and called **SADAM ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: I formerly known as **CHUKA PAUL YOHANNA** on my National Identity card, now wish to be known as **YOHANNA PAUL CHUKA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

FATI: I formerly known as **MRS. FATI UMAR**, now wish to be known as **MRS. FATI VICTOR PORO**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned, federal ministry of agric bauchi and general public should please take note

HASSAN, I formerly known as **ALHAJI HASSAN ZAKARI** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN ZAKARI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BINTA, I formerly known as **BINTA HASHIMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **BINTA ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ADO, I formerly known as **ADO AMADU CHUWASU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADO AMADU**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

RABIU: I, formerly known as **RABIU MUJAHID**, now wish to be known and called **RABIU MUJAHIDDEEN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BAYERO: I formerly known and addressed as **FILAWOS SIMON**, now wish to be called and addressed as **SADIO BAYERO** and my date of birth was wrongly captured as **21/1/1988** instead of **1/5/2001**. All former documents remain valid. The First Bank PLC the General Public should please take note.

AMINU I formerly known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA AMINU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINU MUSTAPHA** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

DSSS, I formerly known as **GSS WUNTI HADEJIA** now wish to be called and addressed as **DSSS HADEJIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as **AHMAD MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANI AHMED HUSSAIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

RUKAYYA, THAT I AM FORMERLY CALLED AS RUKAYYA ALKALI KAWU, NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESS AS RUKAYYA ALKALI MOHAMMED, AUTHORITY CONCERN & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

SAMUEL: I, formerly known as **SAMUEL OMONIYI**, now wish to be known and called **SAMUEL MATTHEW OMONIYI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

GIFT: I formerly known and addressed as **ESSIET PETER BARTHOLOMEW**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BARTHOLOMEW GIFT**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

AMINA I formerly known and addressed as **AMINA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

RUKAYYA, I formerly known as **NANA SA,ADU** now wish to be called and addressed as **RUKAYYA ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BASIRU, I formerly known as **IMRANA BASHIR MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **BASIRU IMRANA MOHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **NWAKO PERPETUA EGBUCHULEM** wish to be known and addressed as **NWAKO PERPETUA** former documents remain valid general public should take note

THADOS: I formerly known as **THADOS JOHN** Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **THADDEUS JOHN**. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

AMINA: I formerly known, addressed as **AMINA IBRAHIM AMINU**, now wish to be called addressed as **AMINA IBRAHIM**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

AHMED: I formerly known as **AHMED SHUAIBU KWAFFA** now wish to be called as **AHMAD SHUAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public to take note

I formerly known as **HASIYA KASIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **SASIYA ABUBAKAR HALADU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

UMAR, I formerly known as **ZAINAB RABIU** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR ABU ISA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BADARIYYA, I formerly known as **BADARIYYA SAIDU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BADARIYYA MUHAMMAD IDRIS** date of birth **1/1/1983**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAMZA: I formerly known as **HAMZA SALIU** Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **AMUZA SALIU**. Former documents remain valid. Public note

BLESSING: I formerly known, addressed as **UMUNEMA BLESSING TRACY**, now wish to be called addressed as **UMUNEMU BLESSING OHALE**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **BELLO MUSA KAWO** now wish to be called and addressed as **BELLO MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **SUWAIBA ADAMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUWAIBA TASIU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

YUNUSA, I formerly known as **YUNUSA SHUAIBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **YUNUSA SHUAIBU HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IDRIS, ABUBAKAR I. SALE** wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IDRIS** former documents remain valid general public should take note

BOLAJI: I, formerly known as **OMOBOLAJI DAMILOLA OGINNI**, now wish to be known as **BOLAJI OGINNI-YUSUFF**. All documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **SAMAILA NEENSHEMKA MATHEW**, now wish to be known and address as **SAMAILA MATHEW NEENSHEMKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SHU'AIBU: I formerly known as **SHU'AIBU ISIAQU 1-1-1990** now wish to be called and addressed as **SHU'AIBU ISYAKU 6-1-1996**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

I formerly known as **GIMBA UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIR UMAR ADAM**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

I formerly known and addressed as **KABIR SHEHU** wish to be known and addressed as **KABIR ABUBAKAR** former documents remain valid general public should take note

ZAINAB: I, formerly known as **ZAINAB I. IBRAHIM** now wish to be called as **ZAINAB IBRAHIM ISHAQ** all former documents remain valid wrongly **DOB 13-7-1995**, correct **DOB 16-7-1995** general public all authority concern should please take note

I, formerly known as **CLEMENT GAIYA JUDE**, now wish to be known and address as **MOSES CLEMENT JUDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD SANI ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **NATAALA SAADU**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

I formerly known as **ISYAKU AUWALU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISYAKU AUWALU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD ADAMU NASIRU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD NASIRU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM MUHAMMAD** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MARYAM MUHAMMAD** former documents remain valid general public should take note

KAMILU: I, formerly known as **KHAMIL USMAN ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known and called **KAMILU USMAN ABDULLAHI**. D.O.B: **12-01-1987**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I, formerly known as **JATO TERFAM** and **TERFA TERFSEA**, now wish to be known and address as **JATO MATTHEW TERFSEA**. D.O.B: **11/03/1999**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULAIMAN, I formerly known as **SULAIMAN BASHIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD BASHIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABDULKADIR MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULKADIR MUSA ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

USMAN, I formerly known as **USMAN SALIHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN SALIHU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ISHAQ ABDULLAHI DANKAMA** my correct Date of Birth is **07/07/1993** old Date of birth is **26/07/1984** all former documents remain valid general public should take note.

KASUMU: I, formerly known as **KASUMU ZAINAB ORIYOMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KASUMU ZAINAB OMOWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HAPPINESS: I formerly known as **HAPPINESS ANULIKA ONYEBUCHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAPPINESS ANN EMGENINI**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HAFSAT, I formerly known as **AHMAD HAFSAT LABARAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAFSAT LABARAN TANKO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **TARMA ASABE HASSAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN ASABE TARMA**. All former documents remain valid stanic IBTC pension, union diagnostic and clinical service **PLC** to note

ABDULMUNAFI, I formerly known as **ABDULMUNAFI TIJJANI BATAIYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULMUNAFI TIJJANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ALIYU SHAMSU** wish to be known and addressed as **SHAMSU ALIYU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

ISIAKA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISIAKA EWATOKE RUKAYAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ISIAKA RUKAYAT AINA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMAYMAH: I formerly known as **MISS. Umaymah Chindo Alhaji, Umamatu Chindo and Umama A. Chindo**, now wish to be known as **MRS. Umaymah Chindo Muslim**. All former documents remain valid. (ATAP) and the general public should take note.

JOY, I formerly known as **JOY AJET** now wish to be called and addressed as **JOY EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AMINA ALI YUSIF** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINA YUSIF ALI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SA'ADATU, I formerly known as **SA'ADATU ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SA'ADATU USMAN ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HAYAT HAMISU** wish to be known and addressed as **HAYATUDEEN HAMISU** and correct Date of Birth is **15/05/1996** not **15/05/1988** former documents remain valid general public should take note

My name was wrongfully written as **IDOWU ADAMS MONDAY** instead of **IDOWU ADAMS ATANDA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IDOWU ADAMS ATANDA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMU: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI AMUN**, now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI ALHAJI AMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MUSA, I formerly known as **UMAR MUSA MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **RICHARD SOLOMON** now wish to be called and addressed as **RICHARD SYLVANUS**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ANIMU, I formerly known as **AMINU SHEHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ANIMU SHEHU UBA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **NAFISA TUKUR HAMISU** wish to be known and addressed as **NAFISA TUKUR** former documents remain valid general public should take note

OLADELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLATOYAN ESTHER OLUWAYEMISI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLADELE ESTHER OLUWAYEMISI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SABIU: I formerly known as **JABIU ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SABIU ISMAIL**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ZAINAB, I formerly known as **ZAINAB A. SHEHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAINAB LAWAN ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **RASHEEDA**, I formerly known as **FAINUSA AUWALI MOHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **RASHEEDA ALI FAGGE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formally known as **AHMADU USMAN NDBADAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN ALIYU AHMAD**. DOB **20-06-1988**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **UMMI TIJJANI** wish to be known and addressed as **SALAMATU TIJJANI** former documents remain valid general public should take note

ADENIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OBEMBE TOLUOPE ADERONKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADENIYI TOLUOPE ADERONKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YABI: I formerly known as **SALAMATU YABI YUNUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YABI HUSSAINI**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ISAH, I formerly known as **HASSAN ISA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

CHIWAR, I formerly known as **CHIWAR YAHAYA BULUS** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIWAR YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formally known as **Dhaifallah Lawal** now wish to be called and addressed as **Dhaifallah Muhammad Lawan** DOB **16-01-1984**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED HABIBA MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED HABIBAT MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

RASAQ: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss SADIQ ADEDOYIN MUIBAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs RASAQ ADEDOYIN MUIBAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HADIZA: I formerly known as **HADIZA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA MUHAMMAD YANA**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MANSIR IDRIS ALIYU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MANSIR IDRIS HORE**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

formerly known as **Shifado Anas** now wish to be called and addressed as **Sani Anas Abbas**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

HAMZA: I, formerly known as **HAMZA ROHEEMAT ADEBAYO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMZA ROHEEMAT**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SEBIOTIMO: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODOLE KEHINDE CHRISTIANAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SEBIOTIMO KEHINDE CHRISTIANAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

This is to inform the general public that **MOHAMMED ABDULRAHMAN DKU, ABDURRAHMAN MUHAMMAD, ABDULRAHMAN MUHD AND MOHAMMED ABDULRAHMAN** refers to the same and one person, but I want to be known and address as **ABDULRAHMAN MUHAMMAD**. All Authorities concerned and general public should take note

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ENO: I, formerly known and addressed as **NKEONYE MARY IJEOMA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ENO MARY IJEOMA ELIJAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHOCHO: I, formerly known and addressed as **TYAVNONGU TERSEER JAMES**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHOCHO JAMES TERSEER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLARIBIGBE: I, formerly known and addressed as **GANIU ZAINAB ABISOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLARIBIGBE ZAINAB ABISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ARRANGEMENT OF NAME EKOT: I, formerly known and addressed as **EKOT DORCAS UDUAK**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EKOT UDUAK DORCAS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKANNI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OWOSENI BASIRAT OLAYINKA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKANNI BASIRAT OLAYINKA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EZRA: I, formerly known and addressed as **JOSHUA IBRAHIM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EZRA YOHANNA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UKEOMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **DAN AMARACHI FAITH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS UKEOMA AMARACHI FAITH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MICHAEL: I, formerly known and addressed as **ANDREW ACHENYO DORATHY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MICHAEL ACHENYO DORATHY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MISTURAT: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINOLA MISTURAT ADEMAYOWA LAVAL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MISTURAT ADEMAYOWA LAVAL-AKINOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLUWABUNMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUWABUNMI CHRISTIANAH AGUNBIADE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUWABUNMI CHRISTIANAH ADELEKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FALORE: I, formerly known and addressed as **FALORE-OHUNENI FAITH OLUWAKEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FALORE FAITH OLUWAKEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IGBASAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALONGE OMOLOLA MARY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IGBASAN OMOLOLA MARY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALOJI-JAMES: I, formerly known and addressed as **SORKPOR ADEDOYIN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ALOJI-JAMES ADEDOYIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MR. IGE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MR. OSUNGBOUNGBE GBENGA CLEMENT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MR. IGE GBENGA CLEMENT**. All former documents remain valid. Royal Exchange General Insurance Company, General public and the Authorities concerned should please take note.

MRS. IGE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLUOTUYE OLUFISAYO ABOSEDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. IGE OLUFISAYO ABOSEDE**. All former documents remain valid. Delmar Medipros Nigeria Ltd, General public and the Authorities concerned should please take note.

SOLEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **BABATUNDE YETUNDE WUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SOLEYE YETUNDE WUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IKOTUN: I, formerly known and addressed as **OSINAIKE OLUYINKA OLUBUSOLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IKOTUN OLUYINKA OLUBUSOLA**, due to change in my marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

NWOSU: I, formerly known and addressed as **CHIZOBA EDEMBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHIZOBA NWOSU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLUBOYE OLUWATOBI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AYODELE OLUWATOBI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

ODEH: I Formerly known and addressed as **ODEY BETHEL ARICHA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ODEH BETHEL ARICHA**. Due to marriage. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME On some of my documents my name appears as **NTIA EMEM THELMA**. While on some of my other documents it appears as **NTIA EMEM PEACE**. I am the same person bearing all the names. All documents bearing all the names remain valid. General public to please take note.

NIYILOLA: I Formerly known and addressed as **AKINSOLA MONSURAT ABIDEMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **NIYILOLA MONSURAT ABIDEMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME **I, YEWANDE LAVAL** hereby declare that **ANTHONY MICHAEL LAVAL** is my brother-in-law was formerly known as **ANTHONY TANIMOLA LAVAL**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ANTHONY MICHAEL LAVAL**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authority concerned kindly take note.

MRS. ONI: I Formerly known called and addressed as **MISS ASIWAJU-ASEGUN FAITH AYODELE**. Now I wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. ONI FAITH AYODELE**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ARAYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OLAYIWOLA ZAINAB AJIBOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ARAYEMI ZAINAB AJIBOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADESINA: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AJISAFE GANIYAT TEMITOPE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADESINA TEMITOPE ESTHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULKABEER: I, formerly known and addressed as **RASHEED AMINAT ABIDEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULKABEER AMINAT ABIDEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SORUNMU: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss YUSUFF ADEBISI RASHIDAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs SORUNMU ADEBISI RASHIDAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLANREWAJU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBESIN YEMI OLUWASEYI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANREWAJU IGBAGBOYEMI JULIANAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AHEMD: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs OYEKUNLE MODINAT ABOLORE (NEE ODERINDE)**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs AHEMD MODINAT ABOLORE (NEE ODERINDE)**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SALAMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINTELU ABIOLA AYOMIDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAMI ABIOLA AYOMIDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

. ISIYAKU I formerly known as **ISIYAKU IBRAHIM RABIU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISIYAKU IBRAHIM HURI**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

ALIYU I, formerly known as **ALIYU MUAZU BABANGIDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU MUAZU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

HASSANA I, formerly known as **HUSSAINA ABDULSALAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSANA ABDULRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED DUNGUS** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED HAMISU MUSTAPHA DUNGUS**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **MUSA ABDUL** now wish to be known as **MUSA ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

I, MUSTAPHA ALI KUSIR do solemnly declare that: The names **MUSTAPHA MALLAM, MUSTAPHA MALLAM UMAR** and **MUSTAPHA ALI KUSIR** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **MUSTAPHA ALI KUSIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

FATSUMA I, formerly known as **HADIZA MUSTAPHA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATSUMA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

AISHATU I, formerly known as **AISHA LAWAN** now wish to be known and called **AISHATU LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

LINUS. I formerly known as **NAOMI NKWABULA**, now wish to be known as addressed as **LINUS NAOMI NKWABULA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

HASSAN I formerly known and addressed as **HASSAN MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN MOHAMMED HASSAN** All former documents remain valid **DOB 01/01/1987 to 01/01/1994** All concern and authority General public should please take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM TELA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ALIYU I formerly known as **ALIYU BELLO DAKU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU DAKU**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

DAHIRU I formerly known as **DAHIRU LAVAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **DAHIRU LAVAL ABU**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

DINATU: I formerly known as **DINATU EZEKIEL** now wish to be known as **DINATU YARIMA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

I formerly known as **AMINU A GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINU GARBA KANOMA**. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should take note.

SHUAIBU: I, formerly known as **SHUAIBU NJBAI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHUAIBU NJOBDI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

DOMINIC: I, formerly known as **KWAJI PHILIP**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DOMINIC PHILIP**. All former documents remain valid. Access bank Plc and general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **BABA GANA JIDDA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA**. All former documents remain valid. With Correct **DOB 25th JULY, 1998** general public should take note

I, formerly known as **LAWRENCE NASAKIN** now wish to be known and called **RIBAH HAYASTONE LAWRENCE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATIMA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA IBRAHIM BALA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

I formerly known as **DAMILOLA FAKOLUJO** now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUWADAMILOLA FAKOLUJO** All former document remain valid General public and any authority concern should please take note.

PATIENCE: I formerly known as **PATIENCE ADANNA NWOYE** now wish to be known and addressed as **PATIENCE OJA KALU** All former documents remain valid. **FCMB PLC** And General public should please take note.

BUSAM: I formerly known as **FATI MOHAMMED** with **D.O.B 1/1/1978**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUSAM MODU** with **D.O.B 1/1/1990**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take notes.

FALMATA: I formerly known as **ZARA ALI MUSTAPHA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

GONI I, formerly known as **ISA BUKAR** now wish to be known and called **GONI ALHAJI BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

HARUNA I formerly known as **HARUNA ABDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HARUNA ABDU** with **DOB:02-06-1975** not **26-03-1974**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

ABBATAR: I formerly known as **ALI ABBA ISA** now wish to be known as **ABBATAR BASHIR**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **MUHAMMED MUHAMMED HUSSAINI** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED HUSSAINI**. With **D O B 01/01/1997 to 10/10/1997**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

MAIMUNAT: I formerly known as **MAIMUNA SAIDU SAMDI** now wish to be known as **MAIMUNAT SAIDU SAMDI**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

UDEZULIGBO I formally known as **UDEZULIGBO ROSELYN** now wish to be known and addressed as **EDWARD ROSELYN** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

UMAR I formerly known as **1.UMAR ISYAKU 2.UMAR ISYAKU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR ABDULLAHI** with **DOB:01-01-1979** not **01-01-1976**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

ADAMU I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ADAMU, D.O.B 01/04/2000** now wish to be called as **BILAL ADAMU, D.O.B 01/03/2000**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

SHEHU. I, formerly known as **ABBA SHEHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHUAIBU SHEHU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

UMAR I, formerly known as **USMAN ALI BARKO** now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED ALHAJI. UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **Musa Ladi Mary**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Musa Ladi**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MARIYA JACOB** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARIYA YAKUBU** All former document remain valid General public and any authority concern should please take note.

SAMAILA: I formerly known as **BAMAIYI AMOS**, with **DOB 02/11/1998**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMAILA GIMBA**. All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 10/10/1996**, General Public Should please take note.

DANJUMA: I formally known as **HAFSATU SULEIMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMSATU DANJUMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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

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

JONATHAN: I formally known as **OGONNAYA ODI OGBONNAYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGONNAYA ODI JONATHAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED MUKHTAR PINDIGA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD MUKHTAR PINDIGA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

SA'ADU I formerly known and addressed as **SA'ADU MOHAMMED BABIYA AND SA'ADU MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **SA'ADU MOHAMMED DIKKO** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

. I, formerly known as **MAKS ASHER** now wish to be known and called **ASHER MAKS OSMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

USMAN. I formerly known as **USMAN SAEED ABBA**, now wish to be known as addressed as **USMAN SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

I, USMAN DAUDA GONI do solemnly declare that: The names **USMAN DAUDA** and **USMAN DAUDA GONI** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **USMAN DAUDA GONI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ABDULLAHI. I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ALHAJI AGOSH**, now wish to be known and called **ABDULLAHI BAGOSHA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MANU I formerly known as **SULEMAN ALHAJI MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MANU ALHAJI BURTALI** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

AUWAL I, formerly known as **AUWAL MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWAL MUHAMMAD YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AISHA: I Formerly known as **Aisha Usman Mohammed** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Aisha Muhammad Muhammad** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ADO: I Formerly known as **ADAMU ISMAIL DOB 10/05/1998** NOW wish to be known and addressed as **SAMAILA ADO DOB 9/05/2004** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I, formerly known as **ABIGAIL JOSEPH ADAMU** and **ABIGAIL ADAMU JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIGAIL ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **USMAN HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN HASSAN BIRMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

BOMOI I formerly known and addressed as **BOMOI YUSUF MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **BOMOI MUHAMMAD YUSUF** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AUWALU BELLO** now wish to be called and addressed as **AWWALU BELLO**. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULRAHMAN YAHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MU'AZU SULEIMAN**. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

ABDULWASIU = I, formerly known and addressed as **JEGEDE ABDULWASIU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULWASIU JEGEDE**. Correct date of birth **28-08-1987**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

SYLVER* - I**, formerly known as ***CHUKWUNYEREM CHRISTIANA IHEOMA. Now wish to be known as ***SYLVER CHRISTIANA IHEOMA***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OGUNLANA* - I**, formerly known as ***OGUNLANA SYLVESTER DELE and ***OGUNLANA SYLVESTER BAMDELE***. Now wish to be known as ***OGUNLANA SYLVESTER OLABANDE***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME* - I**, formerly known as ***GARRICKS REJOICE. Now wish to add ***BRIGGS*** to my name to be known as ***GARRICKS REJOICE BRIGGS***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

JANEFRANCES* - I**, formerly known as ***MISS. JANEFRANCES NNEKA UDOKWU. Now wish to be known as ***MRS. JANEFRANCES NNEKA OKEREKE***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

That during **BNV** registration my name was written as **AKABIKE CHIOMA** instead of **OBODO CHIOMA SALOMI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OBODO, CHIOMA SALOMI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public please take note.

GEOFFREY: I, formerly known and addressed as **GEOFFREY IJONG-AMA GEOFFREY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GEOFFREY BRIGHT GEOFFREY**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, ELIAS OJILE OGBU wish to remove **OJILE** from my names, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGBU, ELIAS**. My correct date of birth is 1st September, 1948 not 1st September, 1946. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

RAPHAEL: I, formerly known and addressed as **RAPHAEL PERCY PENG**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RAPHAEL JOSHUA TARIAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

ISAAC = I, formerly known as **OGODO ELICHEB IREZINA**. Now wish to be known as **ISAAC ELICHEB IREZINA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

MRS LOURITA: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As **Miss LAWRIITA OPARA**, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **MRS LOURITA MUSA**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please take note.

My name was wrongly written as **AMAECHI ULUWNA UGOCHI**, instead of **AMAECHI STELLA UGOCHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMAECHI STELLA UGOCHI**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

ETHELBERT: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKWARA PROMISE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ETHELBERT ONYEBUCHI PROMISE**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

OKEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKEKE MARYROSE CHIZOBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OKEKE CHIZOBA ROSEMARY**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

Mrs : UZODIMMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS. AGOMUO EMMANUELLA NGOZI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs : UZODIMMA EMMANUELLA NGOZI**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

UDUH - I, formerly known as ***OKAKPU CHIOMA CELESTINE***. Now wish to be known as ***UDUH CHIOMA CELESTINE***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ZORGIAZOR - I, formerly known as ***LOVEDAY ZORGIAZOR PEACE***. Now wish to be known as ***ZORGIAZOR PEACE PETER ONYEMA***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **HAUWA'U AHMAD DODO** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA'U YUSUF ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **SAKINA IDRIS** with **D.O.B 10-10-1988** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAKINA MUHAMMAD ABBA** with **D.O.B 10-10-1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MUSTAPHA MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALMUSTAPHA YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

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

LOSS OF DOCUMENT:
This is to notify the general public of the loss of Original Land Title Document belonging to Esai Dangabar of no 19 Ukpabi Asika Street Asokoro who is the rightful owner of a plot of land situated at 164 Birin Gwari Road Shagari Low Cost Barnawa Kaduna State, the said Documents got missing on the 3rd February 2020 while on transit from Kaduna to Abuja, he lost the bag which contains the original of all the title document to the said land. All effort made to trace the missing document proved abortive. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

I, formerly known as **FARIDA IBRAHIM** with **D.O.B 01-01-1990** now wish to be known and addressed as **FARIDA IBRAHIM DABO** with **D.O.B 06-04-1994**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **SAMINU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMINU BELLO** with **D.O.B 01-01-1998**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **EMMANULE ELEJO OMALE** now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL ELE-OJO OMALE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUPPORT ORGANISATION
The general public is hereby notified that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS ARE:
1. YUSUF ABUBAKAR MAITAMA
2. MUKHTAR ADO YAKASAI
3. MUSTAPHA MAMUNU
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.
1. To provide alternative energy support to the communities and assist the needy in the society
ANY OBJECTION TO THIS registration SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION AT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI -IRONSI ST.PMB 198 MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
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WHERE AS the person whose name is set out in the first column here under in stated on the date and place stated in the said column AND WHERE AS the person (s) whose address and claim relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Sokoto for the grant of (LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION) of the personal properties of the said deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said (LETTERS of Administration) will be granted to such person unless a notice to prohibit the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Sokoto Within (TWENTY ONE DAYS) from the date of publication of this notice.
SCHEDULE

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MRS HADIZA ADAMU OF NEPA SOKOTO WHO DIED ON THE 18 TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018 AT KEBBI STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH BIRNIN KEBBI	RILWANU MUSA TANKO OF RIBAH KEBBI STATE SON TO THE DECEASED
HUSSAINI AHMED BASHAR OF AL AUBASH NIGERIA LIMITED WHO DIED ON THE 12 TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AT UDUTH SOKOTO	1. BASHAR HUSSAINI 2. SHARAHU AHMED BASHAR ALL OF KOFAR MARKE AREA SOKOTO SON AND BROTHER OF THE DECEASED
LKITA ANNA IYANG OF FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF ABUJA WHO DIED ON THE 24 TH DAY OF MAY 2012 AT HER RESIDENCE	MISS CHARITY DUNIYA BARNABAS OF SALAME AREA SOKOTO DAUGHTER TO THE DECEASED

DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022
BASHAR IBRAHIM.
AG: CHIEF REGISTRAR

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HADIYA HADIZA SHEHU SHAGARI OF SAMA ROAD AREA SOKOTO WHO DIED ON 12 TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021 AT UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA TEACHING HOSPITAL GWAGWALADA	HON. AMINU SHEHU SHAGARI OF NO. 40 ALI AKILU ROAD SOKOTO SON TO THE DECEASED
MODI NASHARU OF NIGERIA SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS SOKOTO STATE COMMAND WHO DIED ON THE 27 TH DAY OF JULY 2021 AT UDUTH SOKOTO	BELLO ABUBAKAR NASHARU OF OLD AIRPORT AREA SOKOTO SON TO THE DECEASED
BELLO ISAH NAMODA OF USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL SOKOTO WHO DIED ON THE 12 TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021 AT UDUTH SOKOTO	MUHAMMAD BELLO KAURA OF SABARU AREA SOKOTO SON TO THE DECEASED

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BEACON LITERACY FOUNDATION
This is to inform the general public that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION
1. TO PUBLISH PERIODICALLY THE OUTCOME OF OUR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN THE BULLETING OF MULTI CHOICE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.
2. TO RELEASE COMMUNIQUE OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TO MEDIA (SOCIAL, PRINT, ELECTRONIC ETC), GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, POLICY MAKERS AND CONCERNED CIVIL ORGANISATIONS FOR FOR THE OVERALL BENEFITS OF OUR SOCIETY.
NAMES OF TRUSTEES
1. TAMBARI ISMAILA WAZIRI
2. MAHMUD AMINA YABO
3. ABUBAKAR ATIKU YABO
Any objection to the above should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent Maitama, Abuja within 28 days from this publication.
Signed:
SECRETARY

LEGAL NOTICE:
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, JIGAWA STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column. AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of 'Letters of Administration' of the personal properties of the said deceased.
NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Jigawa State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice.
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SANI IBRAHIM OF DUTSE OF DUTSE LGA WHO DIED ON THE 15/5/2018 AT HOME.
MUHAMMED ALI OF NPF KAND COMMAND WHO DIED ON THE 2/6/2021 AT HOME.
DR. HAYATUDDOEN DALHATU GWARZO OF FMC BAKUDU WHO DIED ON THE 10/12/2021 AT HOSPITAL.
HABU DANMAGAJI OF NPF JIGAWA COMMAND WHO DIED ON THE 15/12/2021 AT HOSPITAL.
APPLICANT FOR GRANT
IBRAHIM SANI OF FAGUJI QTRS, DUTSE, THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
AHMED INUSA & AMINA MUHAMMED ALL OF HADEJIA, THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATORS.
JIBRI DALHATU GWARZO OF NO.46 SHARADA, KAND, THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
AHMED ABUBAKAR OF KAZAURE TOWN, THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
DATED 1st FEBRUARY, 2022
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA
(AISHA AHMAD BARURA ESQ.) PROBATE REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHEIK MUHAMMAD NDALIMAN AND SAYYIDAH FATIMAH FOUNDATION
The General Public is hereby notified that the above named foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part F of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020
Trustees:
i. Professor Mohammed Baba Ndaliman - Chairman
ii. Mal Hassan Aliyu - Trustee
iii. Hajiya Amina Mustapha Ndaliman - Trustee.
iv. Mall. Umar Mohammed Ndaliman - Secretary
Main Objectives:
i. To support the downtrodden (youth and women) in need in education (Western and Islamic) through scholarship assistants to the indigents. Priority may be given in areas Islamic education.
ii. To assistance in improving infrastructure in some community-based Islamic educational schools.
iii. Empowerment of the vulnerable and some other forms of interventions.
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Signed
Abubakar Mohammed, Esq.

ADDITION OF NAMES
That my National Identity Card bears GRACE EBIANA OLENEME and my International Passport my name appeared as and EBIANA KOKOMMA OLENEME instead of GRACE EBIANA KOKOMMA OLENEME. That I now wish to add KOKOMMA and GRACE to my names. That OLENEME is my surname, GRACE is my first name while EBIANA KOKOMMA is my middle names. That my correct and full name is GRACE EBIANA KOKOMMA OLENEME. All documents bearing my former names remain valid general public should take note.

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SPORT



■ Rivers United players celebrate after scoring against Remo Stars in the ongoing NPFL season

Ishaq's brace keeps Rivers Utd on top, Remo hold Pillars

..As super-sub Shammassu wins it again for Nasarawa United

By David Ngobua

Rivers United maintained their unbeaten run in the ongoing NPFL season as striker, Ishaq Rafiu's brace earned the 'Pride of Rivers' a well deserved 2-1 victory over Dakkada in their week 10 match at the Adokiye Amaesimaka stadium Port-Harcourt.

Rafiu opened the scoring for Rivers United in the 33rd minute but Dakkada's Emmanuel Ayaosi found the back of the net from a well taken shot to level the scores for his side before the break.

Rafiu then scored the

winning goal and his ninth of the season from the spot in the 61st minute to ensure victory for Rivers United who amassed 22 points to go two points clear at the top.

Remo Stars also kept their unbeaten run intact as they forced Kano Pillars to a 0-0 draw in Kaduna to retain the second position with 20 points.

Meanwhile, teen sensation, Mohammed Shammassu, is proving to be Nasarawa United's super-sub as he came off the bench to finish off Enyimba at the death in the 2-1 victory.

Enyimba took an early lead when Victor Mbaoma scored

the opener in the 13th minute before Tolulope Oluwole levelled the scores five minutes later for Nasarawa United.

Again, young Shammassu got the winner in the third of the five minutes added time to ensure Enyimba suffered the same fate with Katsina United who fell victim to his killer instinct in their week 8 fixture with Nasarawa United.

In Ibadan, it rained goals for 3SC who walloped miserable Heartland 4-0. Daniel Kolawole scored the opener in the 52nd minute, Taofeeq Malomo 77th, Ayo Adejebu 85 and Rafiu Raheem 90th minute.

Abia Warriors were also in an imperious form as they trounced visiting Wikki Tourists 3-0 following a Valentine Odoh's brace in the 37th, 65th minute and Godwin Obaje's header in the 73rd minute.

In Makurdi, Lobi Stars fought back to draw 1-1 with Niger Tornadoes, reigning champions Akwa United were forced to a 1-1 draw by Kwara United, just as Mustapha Salisu's goal for Katsina United dimmed Sunshine stars 1-0 in Katsina.

The remaining week 10 fixture between Gombe United and MFM will be held today at the Pantami stadium Gombe.

Nadal says 21 Grand Slam titles 'not enough'

Rafael Nadal said on Wednesday he is still not satisfied with his 21 Grand Slam titles following his historic triumph at the Australian Open.

Nadal clinched his latest major win in Melbourne after pulling off an incredible comeback from two sets down to defeat Russia's Daniil Medvedev in the final.

The 35-year-old's momentous victory took him to the top of the all-time men's list and one clear of the 20 Grand Slam titles won by Roger Federer, who is injured, and Novak Djokovic, who was controversially deported from Australia before the tournament began.

The Spaniard could now make it 22 at Roland Garros in June, where he has been crowned champion a record 13 times already.

"I have no idea what number of Grand Slams I will have," Nadal said at a press conference at his academy in Mallorca.

"Not long ago I would have signed for just being able to play tennis again.

"I want to be the one with the most majors out of the three of us, I would love that, but I'm not obsessed, absolutely not. Whatever comes is welcome and I don't think 21 is enough to be honest. But you never know what will happen in the future."

Cricket federation satisfied with quality of U-17 zonal championship

The Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF), says it is satisfied with the quality and level of participation at the just concluded NCF/PwC national U-17 zonal qualifiers.

Obalola told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja on Wednesday that the tournament, which ran concurrently at the weekend in some states of the federation, had helped discover more talents for the sport.

He said the feat was evident in the federation's grassroots developmental programme.

"We have a record of 31 states presenting male teams and 25 for females, it wasn't so before now. Presently, we are having states which were not participating before now getting involved," Obalola said.

The NCF official also thanked Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) for sponsoring the event since its inception



four years ago.

Meanwhile, Team Kwara won both male and female events in the North Central finals, while Team Edo became champions also in male and female events ahead of the South South states.

In South West, Lagos were champions in the male event while Ekiti lifted the trophy in the female event.

Team Kaduna snatched the trophy in both male and female events for North West.

For South East, Imo state won the tournament for male and Ebonyi took the gold medals for female, while Gombe claimed the trophies in both male and female events for North East.

The best players in each state of the region would be selected to represent the region in the finals of the event on Feb 15 in Abuja. (NAN).

Plateau Utd stun Rangers to climb into top three

Plateau United moved into the top three of the Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) after a memorable 1-0 away win to Enugu Rangers at the FC Ifeanyi Ubah Stadium, Nnewi.

A 5th minute goal from Buhari Ibrahim was enough for Plateau United to earn all three points; their first away win of the season.

Buhari had capitalised on a goalkeeping error when Bamidele Adeniyi of Rangers misjudged the flight of the ball following a long throw from Plateau skipper Daniel Itodo.

Ibrahim had nothing but an empty net to nod into, silencing the home crowd.

Rangers came close to equalising as they created two chances in quick successions. The first was through



Christian Nnaji whose close range effort was saved by Anozie Ifeanyi.

This action was followed up by a long range effort by former Super Eagles winger Ejike Uzoenyi, with the ball missing the target by a whisker.

At the start of the second half, Rangers coach Abdul Maikaba made three substitutions including taking off Ejike Uzoenyi who was arguably his best player in the 1st half as well as Kenekwaku Agu.

Rangers should have equalised midway through the second half when Christian Nnaji found himself one on one with the goalkeeper only to drag his shot wide to the disappointment of the home fans.

Fidelis Illechukwu's men held on for a memorable win against Rangers who have now gone three matches without a win in the NPFL.



Senegal's Teranga Lions roar into 2021 AFCON finals



■ Teranga Lions of Senegal celebrate their semi-final victory over Burkina Faso last night at the ongoing AFCON in Cameroon

The Teranga Lions of Senegal have qualified for the finals of the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations after defeating Burkina Faso 3-1 last night

Senegal will now be playing the finals the third time in their history and their second in two tournaments as they hope to win the trophy for the first time.

The first-half was 55 minutes long, as a number of

stoppages and injuries disrupted proceedings.

Idrissa Gueye and Cyrille Bayala ran into each other in the opening minutes, resulting in a nasty clash of heads, though both were able to continue.

Bamba Dieng headed just wide for Senegal, before the referee pointed to the spot after Herve Koffi took out Cheikhou Kouyate in the air.

However, after a VAR review, the decision was overturned as replays showed that the goalkeeper did punch the ball away, even if he did then clatter into Kouyate. The collision forced Koffi off.

After twice being denied a penalty by VAR before the break, Abdou Diallo and Bamba Dieng struck in a six-minute period to put Senegal well in control of the

match.

Blati Toure pulled one back with seven minutes remaining to give Burkina Faso hope, but Sadio Mane broke away to cap off the victory with his 29th goal for his country, making him Senegal's joint all-time top scorer as they await their opponent between Cameroon and Egypt who will play today in Yaounde.

Indomitable Lions donate \$85,585 to Olembe stampede victims

The Players of the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon will donate their knockout-round bonuses to the victims of the stampede which occurred at the Olembe Stadium.

The disaster which claimed eight lives and left over 50 injured occurred moments before Cameroon played their Round-16 clash against Comoros.

The win which gave them a spot in the last eight where they ousted Gambia saw each player walk away with \$85,000 but they have now decided to turn it into a donation to the victims of the sad incident.

The team's spokesperson, Serge Leopold Guiffo, confirmed that the players have informed FA President Samuel Eto'o of their decision.

"The Indomitable Lions asked the FECAFOOT president Samuel Eto'o that their bonus of 50,000,000 CFA (\$85,585.63 USD) for their qualification to the last 16 at the AFCON be given to the victims of the stampede that took place at Olembe on the 24 January,

"The request was made after their quarterfinal match against The Gambia in Douala (on Saturday 29 January) and of course, Eto'o agreed, it's up to the players what they do with their money."

Cameroon will be facing Salah-inspired Pharaohs of Egypt for a place in the finals tonight.

Cameroon battle Egypt for AFCON finals berth

AFCON's most successful sides, Cameroon and Egypt who have 12 titles between them will battle one another tonight for a place in the finals to be staged at the Paul Biya stadium Olembe on Sunday.

With the home crowd pushing them ahead, Cameroon have galloped into the semi-final in style and will look to keep the momentum going while Egypt who started the tournament with a defeat will look to continue to ride on their luck.

The Indomitable Lions got their campaign on a winning note with a 2-1 victory over Burkina Faso before cruising to a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Ethiopia four days later.

Having already booked their place in the knockout stages, Cameroon were denied a 100% record in the group stages as they were held to a 1-1 draw by a resilient Cape Verde side in their final group encounter



■ Salah



■ Aboubakar

on January 17.

With seven points from three games, the Central Africans secured smooth passage into the round of 16, where they were drawn against newcomers Comoros, a team they laboured to defeat before claiming a 2-0 victory thanks to a second-half brace from Karl Ekambi in the quarter-finals.

The Indomitable Lions, who are seeking to conquer the continent for a sixth time, are now unbeaten in each of their last nine outings across all competitions and will be

up against Egypt who they last met in the final back in 2017.

Nicolas N'Koulou and Vincent Aboubakar scored second-half goals to cancel out Mohamed Elneny's 22nd-minute opener to win that final.

On their part, Egypt head into today's game as the most decorated side on the continent with a record seven Africa Cup of Nations triumphs and they will look to repeat their 2010 run, when they went all the way before defeating Ghana 1-0 in the final.

CAF slams \$100,000 fine on Egypt ahead clash with Cameroon

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has fined the Egyptian football federation \$100,000 for breaching Africa Cup of Nations media protocols and directives.

The decision from the CAF Disciplinary Board arose following the failure of the team to honour a media press conference on 29th of January ahead of the encounter with Morocco.

"The CAF Disciplinary Board has imposed a fine of 100 000 USD, with 50 000 suspended, to the Egypt Football Association (EFA) for breaching CAF TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations Cameroon 2021 media protocols and directives," a statement read.

According to CAF, there were altercations between Egypt assistant coach Rogerio Paulo Dos Santos Cesar and the President of the Moroccan FA Mr Fouzi Lekjaa.

A general fight followed in which Morocco player Sofian Boufal and Egypt player Marwan Mostafa Daoud were identified.

CAF has imposed two match suspension (Semis and final) for player Marwan Moustafa and a \$5000 fine and Four match suspension for assistant Coach Rogerio Santos and \$10000 fine and have 60 days to pay the 50 000 USD fine.



■ Toko Ekambi

LINE OF SIGHT

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That Senator Bulkachuwa's leaked phone call

“Is someone dying?” he asked. “I thought someone was dying because I have spare lives in my library or trunk so I could fetch one for him.”

The speaker was Senator Adamu Bulkachuwa representing Bauchi North, speaking to a young man identified as Marafa in a recorded phone conversation that this week made the rounds on social media.

It started with a young man who was trying to be respectful, hopeful but insistent and a senator whom one could tell was exasperated but trying to rein in his temper.

Apparently, Marafa has been pestering the senator with phone calls to the point the senator was irritated enough to inform a titleholder to locate the young man and ask him to desist from calling him like that.

It was a doomed conversation, one that was destined for the rocks, one that often dithered on the verge of a cliff but was wrestled back by the sheer will not to escalate the issue.

Marafa got himself a brand-new wife. Or was given one, to paraphrase him properly. He was desperate to inform the senator and called his phone more times than the senator could bear. Bulkachuwa wondered, and rightly so since the two had no personal connection, what Marafa expected him to do with that information. He argued that being a senator does not mean he should be updated on every wedding in his constituency, especially of people he doesn't know.

If Marafa had read Bulkachuwa's verbal cues, the conversation would have and should have ended sooner. But Marafa was hopeful, after all, he did not badger the senator into taking his call to be put off by the man pointedly telling him that he was pestering. So he dragged this conversation on for a whole six minutes and 50 seconds.

“That was the first item, there is more,” Marafa says.

“Okay. Tell me. What is it?” Bulkachuwa was calm.

“I wanted to remind you of that issue of getting me a job?”

Again, Bulkachuwa was blunt. He told Marafa point-blank that “You asked me this before, I told you I can't get you a job. I don't know how to get you a job?”

At this point, the conversation, loosely held together by fraying, but restrained temper (on Bulkachuwa's side) and a barely contained desperation (on Marafa's side) began to unravel. The young man circled and presented his demand that the senator gets him a job because there was “new information.” That information being, of course, that he had been “given a wife.”

“My job does not include people's marriages...” Bulkachuwa began.

“But it does,” Marafa cut in.

“It doesn't.”

“Wallahi it does.”

At this point, the senator almost lost it. I

almost did too listening to the recording.

“Kai! Don't swear in vain if you are a Muslim,” the senator said.

It was painful to listen to. And because Marafa didn't know when to stop. Refused to know when to stop, he pushed on again. Offering an apology and yet circling back to the issue, each time expectant that something would change, make the senator agree to find him a job. In the end, the senator realised he was being goaded into a cyclical conversation and excused himself to go do his job before ending the call.

Now various social media pages have shared this audio recording, each of them framing it differently. For some, it was an “annoying” young man bothering a public servant, for others, it was an “elderly senator doing ‘wulakanci’ or mistreating a young man.

Depending on which side of the divide you

The fact that certain politicians have used their offices to steamroll some people into jobs with government agencies doesn't mean that all politicians are expected and should be expected to do that. Technically, if we are to follow such things by the book, the politicians abusing the due process to secure such jobs for their “people” could constitute ethical breaches. But we don't do anything by the book here so that doesn't really count

are, there are questions and scenarios that this leaked audio throws up.

First, why were we invited into this private moment to witness an embarrassing encounter that should never have happened? Who recorded the audio? Why did he record it? Why was the audio leaked and what did the person who leaked it hope to achieve?

This will need forensic investigation of course but on the face value of it, Senator Bulkachuwa does not look like someone who would leak such audio and doesn't sound like someone who would profit egotistically from this audio being out there. It would be foolhardy for Bulkachuwa or anyone on his team to commit a Fani-Kayode by leaking the recording.

You remember of course how Fani-Kayode's attempt to ridicule a journalist and fire a warning to other journalists with probing questions backfired when his media team released a video of him insulting a journalist for asking that famous who-is-bankrolling-you question.

I doubt that Bulkachuwa would put this out to deter pestilent callers like Marafa.

Marafa on the other hand is young. He initiated the call and one can say he is disgruntled by the senator's rejection of his approach. If he or those close to him leaked this audio, it would be counterproductive because there are legal implications the other party might pursue for being recorded without permission and for such a recording being published with malicious intent. I doubt this would escalate to that though.

But the more culturally significant revelation from this is the ignorance of the duties of various public officials and what one should reasonably demand from them.

Marafa had access to the senator by having his phone number. If he had been calling the senator pertaining to constituency-related issues that are within the legislative duties of the senator, that would have been justified. But to call an elected public official and harass him with personal information about your wedding and demand a job, while insisting against logic that finding one is part of his job description is a faux pas.

Citizens are entitled to demand their elected officials serve them according to their job description and campaign promises.

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Unreasonable expectations like this hoisted on Bulkachuwa justify the habitual abuse of public offices when politicians reach into the treasury to hand out party favours to the likes of Marafas who are being given wives every day and birthing children and lacking money to pay school fees and other such things that people often run to their elected public officers, neighbourhood jagabans and sometimes average joes with.

In the spirit of fairness (and this may be misplaced) one has to make allowance for Marafa. These are tough times in the country, but then again, they've always been tough times in the country. What he did is symptomatic of several deeper underlying issues. First, is the lack of job opportunities to be fought for fairly and won fairly. And secondly the reticence or lack of awareness of young, educated Nigerians to explore opportunities outside of “government work.” It also shows the individualistic dimension our engagements with our politicians take. Not once during this conversation did Marafa mention anything about the constituency. It was frustrating because that was a missed opportunity to perform the duty of a citizen, that of demanding better governance from their leaders. If the average electorate's aspiration for knowing and engaging their elected representatives is to call them with private demands like these, then they have their priorities muddled.

Was Senator Bulkachuwa right to shut down the young man? I would say yes. Clearly, he was on edge and irritated but he did a remarkable job holding it together. In the end, he told Marafa the right thing to do. “If I run for office again, please don't vote for me.”

Well, Mr Marafa, of as yet undetermined address, the power is on your thumb, if you know what I mean.

SPORT REPORT

Barcelona sign Aubameyang as free agent until 2025



■ Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang

Barcelona on Wednesday announced they had signed Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang until June 2025 as a free agent.

“The player will sign a contract until June 30, 2025, with an option to agree departure on June 30, 2023,” said the club on their website, adding that the deal for the 32-year-old included a €100 million buyout clause.

“Aubameyang is a remarkably fast striker and has an eye for goal, having racked up over 300 as a professional. His powerful but accurate shooting have made him one of the most feared goal-getters in the European game,” said the statement.

Man City's Benjamin Mendy's rape trial set for July



■ Benjamin Mendy

Manchester City and France international footballer Benjamin Mendy will face trial in July for the alleged rape and assault of six women, a court heard on Wednesday.

The 27-year-old, who has been suspended by his club, appeared in the dock at Chester Crown Court where he faced a new count of attempted rape.

Mendy now faces nine charges in all, including seven counts of rape, involving six alleged victims.

The trial is expected to last up to six weeks. Thompson scheduled another pre-trial hearing for 11 March.