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Students of Seed of Life Nursery and Primary School, Eleyele, Ibadan washing their hands before entering the School premises as they resume for 2021 academic year in Ibadan yesterday

Photo: NAN

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### WEATHER

<b>ABUJA</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 37 MAX 22 MIN	<b>KANO</b> SUNNY 33 MAX 14 MIN
<b>SOKOTO</b> SUNNY 34 MAX 17 MIN	<b>IBADAN</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN
<b>KADUNA</b> SUNNY 35 MAX 17 MIN	<b>MAIDUGURI</b> SUNNY 34 MAX 15 MIN
<b>ENUGU</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN	<b>P/HARCOURT</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 29 MAX 18 MIN
<b>JOS</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 31 MAX 14 MIN	
<b>LAGOS</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 34 MAX 24 MIN	

(Temperature in centigrade)

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

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water

Maintain social distancing

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Practice respiratory hygiene

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

**NCDC toll free numbers**

Call 080097000010 | SMS 0809555577 | Whatsapp 07087110839

### AFRICAN SAYINGS >>

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito

**(Tanzania)**

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

"Without a customer, you don't have a business -- all you have is a hobby"

- Don Peppers

### PHOTO OF THE DAY >>

■ Kimono-clad young women wearing protective face masks leave their Coming-of-Age Day celebration ceremony at Yokohama Arena Yokohama, Japan yesterday

Photo: Issei Kato/Reuters

### PRAYERS TIMES

CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:37	12:44	3:58	6:27	7:32
ENUGU	5:39	12:42	3:56	6:22	7:27
KADUNA	5:36	12:43	3:57	6:25	7:30
KANO	5:31	12:38	3:52	6:21	7:26
KATSINA	5:33	12:44	3:58	6:29	7:34
LAGOS	5:54	1:00	4:14	6:40	7:45
MAIDUGURI	5:14	12:21	3:35	6:03	7:08
P/HARCOURT	5:50	12:52	4:06	6:27	7:32
SOKOTO	5:44	12:52	4:06	6:35	7:40

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

### STOCK INDEX AS AT MONDAY 9, 2021

GAINERS	ARDOVA	MAYBAKER	BERGER	JAPAUFGOLD	ROYALEX
OPEN	17.95	3.59	8.05	1.06	0.25
CLOSE	1.60	0.32	0.70	0.09	0.02
CHANGE	9.79	9.79	9.52	9.28	8.70
LOSERS	CUTIX	BOCGAS	CAVERTON	LINKASSURE	DEAPCAP
OPEN	2.16	11.39	1.84	0.61	0.21
CLOSE	-0.24	-1.26	-0.14	-0.03	-0.01
CHANGE	-10.00	-9.96	-7.07	-4.69	-4.55

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## Buhari, others mourn as Kontagora dies at 65

By Muideen Olaniyi (Abuja), Romoke W. Ahmad (Minna), Hope Abah Emmanuel (Makurdi), Lami Sadiq, Kaduna, & Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Former Military Administrator of Benue and Kano States, Col. Aminu Isah Kontagora (rtd.) is dead. He was 65.

Kontagora died of COVID-19 related complications in the early hours of Monday at a health facility in Abuja.

He was a career military officer who served in many leadership positions and military formations across the country.

Colonel Kontagora, born 1956, was a military administrator of Benue State, for two years between August 1996 and August 1998 during the regime of General Sani Abacha.

He then served as military administrator of Kano State from September 1998 to May 1999 during the transitional regime of

General Abdulsalami Abubakar.

He was also a former governorship aspirant in Niger State under the platform of the PDP in 2015.

President Muhammadu Buhari commiserated with the family of Col. Kontagora, who, he said, lived a life of sacrifice and dedication to the betterment of others, and making remarkable impacts.

President Buhari, in a statement issued on Monday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, urged family, friends and associates to accept the will of God, and find solace in Kontagora's good works.

Buhari, who said Col. Kontagora's experience, wisdom and cherished political support will be sorely missed, prayed that the Almighty God will forgive his sins, and accept his soul in eternity.

In a condolence message, the Secretary to the Government of Niger State (SSG), Ahmed

Ibrahim Matane, described the late Col. Kontagora as a complete gentleman and military officer who would be remembered for his enduring commitment to the development of Benue and Kano States during his tenure as military administrator.

"Late Col. Aminu Isah Kontagora was a respected officer who spent his life in the service of the State, country, and humanity. His death was a great tragedy and a monumental loss to the Niger State at this very critical period of our history," he said.

He prayed that the Almighty Allah (SWT) grant the soul of the deceased eternal rest, reward him with Jannatul Firdausi and give the entire family the courage to bear the irreparable loss.

The Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), in a statement issued by its National Publicity Secretary, Emmanuel Yawe, said Kontagora fully supported the forum during his lifetime.

Former Minister of Communications, Major General Tajudeen Olanrewaju, rtd, described Kontagora as "a patriot and a shining star in the Artillery Corps when I had the privilege to command this very significant arm of the Nigerian Army."

**Benue declares today work-free**

Benue State Governor, Samuel Ortom, has declared today as work-free day and directed that flags in the state be flown at half-mast in honour of Kontagora.

Ortom, in a statement by his spokesman, Terver Akase, described the death of Colonel Kontagora as a great loss to Nigeria and Benue State, in particular, stressing that his footprints in the state have remained indelible.

He sympathised with the government and people of Niger State over the death of their illustrious son and prayed to God to grant his soul eternal rest.

## Tension as Kwara director found dead in office

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

There was tension among the staffs of Kwara State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development over the death of a director of veterinary yesterday.

The director, identified as Dr Khalid Ibrahim Ndaman, was found dead in his office.

It was also gathered that Ndaman was well and sound before news of his death broke.

DailyTrust learnt that a staff of the same ministry, who had an official matter with him, found his lifeless body in his office.

"The staff knocked on his door, but no response. After some time, he went inside. There was a pending official matter since Friday that he needed to conclude with him, so he needed to see him.

"Having waited outside and no response, the staff went inside the office and met him resting his head on the table. He greeted him, no response until he moved close and touch him to realise that he's already dead," a source at the ministry explained.

The spokesman for Kwara State Police Command, Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the incident.

"I'm aware of the incident. For now, it's a case of sudden natural death until we complete the investigation. We will brief the press depending on the outcome of our findings," he said.

## Prof. Oke appointed LASU acting VC

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The Senate of the Lagos State University (LASU) at an emergency meeting yesterday elected Professor Oyedamola Oke as the new Acting Vice Chancellor of the institution.

Professor Oke was before his election the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration.

He emerged acting VC after polling 61 votes, defeating the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Professor Wahab Elias, who polled 51 votes.

He is expected to act for 45 days pending the appointment of a substantive vice-chancellor.

Professor Oke took over in acting capacity from Professor Olanrewaju Adigun Fagbohun (SAN), whose tenure lapsed on January 10, 2021, as the eighth substantive vice chancellor of the institution.

The new acting VC is a Professor of Plant Pathology and a former Dean, Faculty of Science.

He joined LASU as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Botany in 1984, and rose through the ranks to become a professor in 2004.



People queue to register for National Identification Number, at the National Identification Management Commission office along Adebayo Road, Ado-Ekiti yesterday. Photo: NAN

## Gombe monarch, 'Mai Tangale' dies at 72

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

The 15th Mai Tangale in Gombe State, Dr Abdu Buba Maisharu II, has died at the age of 72.

He died on Sunday evening at the Federal Teaching Hospital (FTH), Gombe after a brief illness.

The Secretary to the State Government, Professor Ibrahim Abubakar Njodi, confirmed the death in a statement yesterday.

Njodi described the death of the paramount ruler as a monumental loss to the Tangale Chiefdom, Gombe State and the nation as a whole.

Prof. Njodi prayed for the repose of the deceased's soul and condoled with members of the late monarch's immediate family, the Tangale chiefdom and the entire

people of the state.

Dr Maisharu II was a first-class monarch presiding over the Tangale Chiefdom with headquarters in Billiri LGA of the state.

He tested positive for COVID-19 positive in May 2020, but he was treated and recovered after 12 days.

The statement added that burial arrangements will be announced in due course.

Meanwhile, Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya, in a statement, said the demise of the traditional ruler at this time is a great loss to the Tangale traditional council and people and government of the state.

He described the late Mai Tangale as a highly-respected monarch, whose 19-year reign on

the throne helped in promoting unity and peace in Tangale land as well as attracting significant development and progress to his people.



Late Dr Abdu Buba Maisharu II

## DSS uncovers plots to incite religious violence in Nigeria

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Department of State Services (DSS) yesterday said it has uncovered plots by some yet-to-be-identified individuals along with some foreign allies to cause religious violence across the

country.

It named Sokoto, Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Rivers, Oyo, Lagos as well as states in the southeast as targets.

DSS Public Relations Officer, Peter Ifunanya, in a statement, said part of the plans by the group was to use their

foot soldiers to attack some worship centres, religious leaders, personalities, key and vulnerable points.

He urged Nigerians to be wary of these antics and shun all divisive tendencies aimed at inciting or setting them against one another.

"While the Service pledges to collaborate with sister agencies to ensure that public order is maintained, those hatching these plots are warned to desist from such in the interest of peace, security and development of the country," he added.

## Gunmen kidnap petroleum dealer in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

Gunmen have reportedly kidnapped a petroleum dealer, Alhaji Suleiman Akinbami, at one of his filling stations along Ijan/Ikare road in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

Witnesses said Akinbami was abducted around 9 pm on Sunday.

Ekiti State Police Commissioner, Tunde Mobayo, who confirmed the incident, assured that the police would do its best to rescue the victim.

Mobayo quoted the victim's wife, Mrs Mariam Akinbami, as saying that the gunmen quietly approached her husband, ordered him into his Toyota jeep and whisked him away to an unknown destination.

## 28 insurgents killed as 6 soldiers die in Yobe ambush

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

Twenty six Boko Haram terrorists were killed by Nigerian troops on Saturday hours after they killed at least six soldiers in an ambush in Yobe State.

But military authorities in Yobe said one soldier was killed and another one injured.

Credible sources said the soldiers were on their way for an induction ahead of their deployment to the battle fields in the North East when the terrorists laid siege on the highway.

It was learnt that the terrorists ambushed the troops at Gonan Kaji, a village in Gujba Local Government Area along the Damaturu-

Biu Road.

One of the sources said six soldiers died at the spot of the ambush and many others injured.

"The terrorists attacked our troops who were heading towards Buni Yadi and then retreated towards the dreaded Alagarno village," he said.

The Nigerian Army under "Operation Tura Takai Bango" confirmed that troops deployed soon after the ambush killed 28 terrorists.

In a statement by its acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brigadier-General Benard Onyeuko, noted that soldiers from headquarter and those from 27 Task Force Brigade, Buni Gari, and other from Special

Forces Training School, Buni Yadi, repelled the attack.

"The soldiers tactically manoeuvred the criminals and engaged them with superior fire power resulting in high casualty on the terrorists.

"In the same vein, one Boko Haram gun truck was destroyed with its occupants while another gun truck was captured from the fleeing criminals. Other equipment captured from the criminals include: 2 Anti -Aircraft guns, 13 AK 47 Rifles, 4 extra magazines and a vulcanizing machine."

"Regrettably, one gallant soldier paid the supreme price while one other soldier was wounded during the encounter," he said.



■ An Okada rider ferries a woman and her load across a wooden bridge along Katcha-Baro road yesterday.  
Photo: Abdulaziz Abdulaziz

## We're deploying you all to Sambisa forest, Buratai tells recruits

By Idowu Isamotu

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Tukur Buratai, yesterday told the recruits currently undergoing training to be ready to go to Sambisa forest to face the insurgents.

Buratai said this during the final screening for 80 regular recruits at Falgore forest training camp in Kano State.

He asked them to drop the offer if they were not ready to be disciplined, loyal and go to where they would be deployed to.

He said lessons drawn from experiences in the field had made it imperative to recruit the best in order to avoid a faulty process that could lead to "faulty training and subsequently, faulty operations."

"The Nigerian Army is not ready for that again. As such, you must make up your mind that you are ready to serve your country as a soldier and you should be ready, anywhere you are deployed, after your passing out. All of you will go to Sambisa at the end of your depot training.

"If you're not ready to move to Sambisa and other parts of the country, and of course, our border areas to defend our country from any act of aggression, then you have not started.

"It's not yet late, if you have any doubt, if you're not ready for discipline and loyalty at any point, then you can stand up and go. There is no room for laziness and indiscipline in the army and no room for malingering," he said.

Buratai said all screening

for recruitment, selection and commissioning would henceforth be conducted in the Falgore forest. "This is where we'll select those that'll become cadets and be trained as officers as well because, at the end of all the training, the officers and soldiers will operate together under the same condition. As such, all must be subjected to a similar process of recruitment and selection."

A total of 6,000 applicants, drawn from the 36 states, have been undergoing screening at the new training ground for enlistment into the army. At the end of the final fitness test, which involves a 10-kilometre-run, successful candidates will proceed to the Nigerian Army Depot, Zaria, for training.

## We've checkmated terrorists – Military

The Defence Headquarters says the military has checkmated terrorists in the northeast.

Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche, stated this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Monday in Abuja.

He said the open display of powers and authority by the Boko Haram members no longer existed in the northeast, adding that no single district or community could be said to be under the control of the insurgents.

"The issue of bombings that even spread to other places like Abuja, Kano, Niger and Kogi States, including their slipper cells no longer exist.

"What about suicide bombing, which is one of the signs of terrorism? It was rife and even at our checkpoints they come and detonate bombs as well as public gatherings; all these have been nipped properly.

"If you put all these together, I can tell you that terrorism has been checkmated.

"However, the signs are still there with isolated action here and there; common with terrorism," he said.

Enenche said that history had shown that terrorism was a very resilient type of enemy activity against the people, adding that the type of terrorism in Nigeria was not a smart one, but rooted in the state of mind of a group of people.

He said the Boko Haram and ISWAP forms of terrorism were hybrid threats that had become protracted with immediate and remote causes.

According to him, the actual terrorism started about 10 years ago, it gained momentum and as it were, the state actors then were not clear about the motive, because of other issues that came up.

He said the actions of the Federal Government and the military since 2015 had greatly checkmated the intensity of terrorist activities across the country and the northeast in particular. (NAN)

## COVID-19: NDLEA suspends screening of 5000 candidates

By Abbas Jimoh

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency has suspended the screening of the applicants in its ongoing recruitment exercise.

The spokesman of the agency, Jonah Achema, said yesterday that this was in compliance with the directive of the Attorney-General of the Federation, Abubakar Mallami.

The agency had last week announced the release of the list of 5,000 shortlisted candidates who were to

proceed to its academy in Jos for final screening and enlistment, but the Mallami ordered the suspension of the exercise given the current and alarming wave of COVID-19 pandemic across the country.

"The agency is prepared to seek advice from the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 on the public health implications of such an exercise, especially as it relates to the adequacy and possibility of strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols," Achema said.

## Alleged laundering: Adoke stranded in UAE over COVID-19 – Lawyer

By John Chuks Azu

Lawyers to a former Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mohammed Bello Adoke, yesterday told a Federal High Court in Abuja that he had been stranded in the United Arab Emirate after initially testing positive for COVID-19.

Adoke is facing 14-count charges of alleged money laundering valued at N527 million, alongside businessman, Abubakar Aliyu, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

At the resumed hearing yesterday, lead defence counsel, Kanu Agabi (SAN), informed the trial judge,

Justice Inyang Ekwo that Adoke, who was granted permission to travel abroad for medical examination on December 11, 2020, was stuck in the UAE.

Agabi apologized on behalf of Adoke for his absence and informed the court that although the defendant has now tested negative for the virus, he has been unable to get flight back to the country to face his trial.

"He is now negative after the treatment but he was unable to get flight to the country. Happily, he will return tomorrow, January 12, 2021," Agabi said.

Justice Ekwo adjourned the matter to March 1 and 4 for trial continuation.

# We're running out of treatment facilities – FG cries out

By Abbas Jimoh

The Director-General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, yesterday raised the alarm that Nigeria had reached a critical level where hospital capacity could no longer cope with more serious COVID-19 cases.

According to him, health workers may be forced to make tough decisions.

Dr Ihekweazu gave the warning in Abuja at the briefing of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19.

He also urged those in the frontline to maintain “a higher index of suspicion for COVID-19.”

The NCDC boss said health workers should not rule out COVID-19 even while treating malaria patients.

According to him, “The country has reached a critical level where the hospital capacity will no longer be able to cope with more serious COVID-19 cases and health workers would be forced to make tough decisions.

“We need to protect our more vulnerable citizens. We all have to take responsibility, this is not for NCDC, PTF or government alone,” Ihekweazu said.

*Daily Trust* reports that many senior citizens have died from COVID-19 complications in the last few days while many others are in critical condition.

Dr Ihekweazu warned that the virus was spreading fast, causing mild symptoms in some and severe illness/death in others.

He said many people had continued to experience fatigue and other symptoms even after recovery from the virus in the country.

The NCDC DG regretted that in the last four weeks, Nigeria recorded a spike in the number of new COVID-19 cases.

“We have now reported over 100,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Nigeria. This is a stark reminder of the reality we live in now, a virus that has affected over 100,000 lives and led to over 1,300 deaths within 11 months in Nigeria,



■ Chairman Presidential Task Force, Boss Mustapha

with millions more globally.

He said those organising large gatherings indoors were not only putting themselves and guests at risk, but the staff who had limited choice but to serve.

“By going to clubs, you are putting your parents at risk. The 100,000 cases and over 1,000 deaths are not just numbers. These are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children, friends whose deaths will be mourned and the pain of their loss deeply felt. The response starts and ends with the people of this country,” he said.

National Coordinator of the Taskforce, Dr Sani Aliyu, said though not a threat, they might be compelled to impose another lockdown because of the rising cases of the second wave of the COVID-19 in the country.

He warned that if they started recording huge numbers of deaths and the health system could not cope, then the task force will be left with no choice but to announce another lockdown.

According to him, the decision for a lockdown is not in the hands of PTF but in the hands of all Nigerians.

“We know the impact it has had on our economy and the country. It is very difficult and makes life difficult for everybody. But the reason, why we are worried about the numbers, is because at some

point if the numbers continue to trend in this way, our health system will get overwhelmed and it is not just about those people that will die from COVID, it is people like you and me that might have underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, malaria and other treatable conditions that may not be able to access health services.

“In as much as I have been told that I am threatening a lockdown, I am just saying the fact that we need to comply with these protocols, make sure we use our masks, physical distancing and hand sanitiser.

“There are countries in the world that are currently opened, their airports, businesses are opened but they make sure everybody wears a mask and they have been able to keep their numbers down,” he said.

He added that the PTF was currently reviewing the COVID-19 protocols.

“We have had discussions with state governors including a review of curfew hours particularly to address the issue of nightlife and entertainment, which is also driving the current numbers and once this review is completed, an announcement will follow with regards to the curfew,” he said.

On his part, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha,

emphasised that facilities for the treatment of critical cases of COVID-19 infections “remain very limited in Nigeria”

He cautioned that the citizens’ best bet “is to avoid infections completely.”

He said the current wave of infections was swift and virulent and no one knows how long it will last.

“In Nigeria, we have crossed the 100,000 cases mark and now rank second in the number of new cases, the 4th in cumulative cases in Africa and 5th in cumulative deaths. Last week, Nigeria recorded over 9,000 cases. Realistically, if the numbers are estimated and the numbers missed, the numbers would be in a much higher region. There is no state in Nigeria that is immune to this pandemic even if reports are not coming out of such states,” he said.

He listed factors responsible for the rise in numbers of cases from November 2020 to include increased local and international travels, business and religious activities, and reopening of schools without strict compliance with COVID-19 safety measures.

He said the PTF had continued to receive inquiries about the issue of testing before travelling out of Nigeria, noting that the protocol required in-bound passengers to test, not

more than 96 hours, before boarding flights to Nigeria.

Mustapha said the pilot exercise on the use of Rapid Diagnostic Test-Kits would be rolled out in five tertiary health institutions in Abuja next week.

## Mulls extending school resumption

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, said the earlier resumption date of January 18 was not sacrosanct.

He said: “When we decided on that date, it was just a target towards which we were working. And of course, we are giving it a review given what is happening in the country. Today, at the PTF meeting, we looked at the rising figures and decided that probably we should take another look at the date.

“The January 18 resumption date is not sacrosanct as it is subject to constant review in view of prevailing epidemiological circumstances. We are reviewing it. In view of the rising cases, today we have considered it at the meeting of the PTF and tomorrow, the ministry is going to take it up. So, most likely it’s going to be reviewed,” he said.

The Minister of State for Health, Olorunnimbe Mamora, said the rising cases of COVID-19 infections and the 18,699 active cases were imposing an enormous burden on the nation’s health facilities.

“Many of the active cases may require care in one of the treatment or isolation centres thus imposing enormous burden on our facilities,” Mamora said.

“In the last 24 hours, 1,024 new confirmed cases were recorded in 17 states with 8 deaths. The case fatality rate stands at 1.36 per cent.

“So far, we have tested a total of 1,025,560 people with a positivity rate of 9.8 percent. Our testing rate in the last few weeks has increased as we continue to engage states to scale up their case finding and testing. We are working to meet our target of testing two million Nigerians within the shortest period,” he said.

## Over \$30m loan available to private healthcare providers in Nigeria, other countries

A new emergency loan facility of over \$30 million dollars is available to private and Small and Medium Enterprise health providers in Nigeria and four other high malaria burden African countries.

The Open Doors African Private Healthcare Initiative loans will support healthcare providers in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda to continue offering essential health services, including malaria treatments, to more than five million Africans, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The facility was created by the Health Finance Coalition, a group of leading philanthropies, investors, donors and technical partners focused on mobilising significant private investment to achieve transformative healthcare impact in Africa.

“Private sector healthcare providers deliver nearly 50 per cent of all healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa, including life-saving interventions such as early malaria diagnosis and treatment, ante-natal care and routine vaccinations.

“If left unaddressed,

these vital health needs could overwhelm already overburdened health systems and add to the loss of life during the pandemic.

“Projections in 2020, for example, estimated that moderate disruptions in treatment seeking could lead to as many as 100,000 additional malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa.

“As countries have shut down sectors of their economies and asked citizens to remain at home to slow the spread of COVID-19, all health providers have seen a decrease

in demand for services.

“For private healthcare providers, this also means decreased revenues, putting them at risk of closing during a time when access to care is already a challenge,” a statement by the Global Health Strategies said yesterday.

According to the statement, of the five million patients that the loan facility can impact, almost three million are low-income patients, and approximately 2.4 million are women and 1.4 million are children, who are disproportionately at risk of

malaria and other infectious diseases.

“The loan facility will be managed by Malaria No More and loans will be administered through the Medical Credit Fund, a non-profit health investment fund.

“Loans are expected to average \$17,000 per provider to help stabilise operations, buy essential medical equipment, including personal protective equipment, and finance small-scale construction to protect patients from COVID-19 infection.” (NAN)

# Thank You MR PRESIDENT

**His Excellency,  
President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR,**  
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed  
Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
Presidential Villa,  
Abuja, Nigeria.



**MUHAMMADU BUHARI (GCFR)**  
President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces  
Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Your Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, on behalf of the people of Adamawa, Taraba and indeed the entire North-East Geo-Political zone, we immensely THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU for assenting to the Bill I sponsored on "MODIBBO ADAMA UNIVERSITY, YOLA (Establishment Bill 2020)."

This followed the motion I tabled on the floor of the senate on the urgent need to establish Medical School at Modibbo Adama University of Technology and upgrade the Federal Medical Centre, Yola to a Teaching Hospital on the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, that was unanimously supported by my colleagues for which I am grateful to the entire members of the National Assembly, especially the President of the Senate, Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan and my Distinguished colleagues.

Your Excellency, your assent to the bill has made Modibbo Adama University, Yola a conventional University, allowed to run all approved National

Universities Commission Programs. While the University shall remain leading in Technology, the new law will make the University run broader programs with enhanced opportunities for our people in these difficult times.

Your Excellency sir, I personally remain eternally grateful to you on this singular act, as it is a dream come true. This started way back in 2011-2015 when I represented Yola North, Yola South and Girei Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives. Unfortunately, it never materialized.

Your Excellency, it is on record that at every available opportunity the people of Adamawa in particular made this request to you. The present Governor, Right Hon. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri led a delegation of notable indigenes to further support the move I initiated. Similarly, the Lamido of Adamawa and indeed all well-meaning people of the region kept requesting and urging you to consent to the request.

That you have now assented to the Bill, clearly and practically shows you are indeed a listening father, a pragmatic leader, someone with a touch of human feelings, who always listens to the cries of his people and gives them their desires.



On this note Your Excellency, for short of words we simply say a big thank you once more.

USOKO, MIN YETTI, ALLAH BARKIDIN

Yours Most faithfully,



**Senator Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed (Binani)**  
Adamawa Central  
(On behalf of the People of Adamawa)


**Distinguished Senator**  
**AISHATU DAHIRU AHMED BINANI**  
 Senator Representing Adamawa Central  
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**NO. OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Deep Freezers – 250
2. Laptop Computers – 150
3. Sewing Machines – 375
4. Grinding Machines – 150
5. Car Wash Machines – 100
6. Aluminum Fabrication Tools – 150

7. Electrical Installation
8. Vulcanizing Machine
9. Hair Dressing Tools – 36
10. Inter Locks Tools – 23
11. Generators – 264
12. Digital Cameras – 100
13. Welding Machines – 153

**NO. OF BENEFICIARIES & L.G**

- ❖ Yola North 293
- ❖ Gombi 289
- ❖ Yola South 234
- ❖ Hong 134
- ❖ Girei 251
- ❖ Fufore 119
- ❖ Song 232
- ❖ Organisations 115

**Total of beneficiaries – 1,667**

This is Distinguished Senator Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed (BINANI) Adamawa Central in action, starting the New Year (2021) with mega distribution of items to 1,667 youths and women as part of her Constituency Projects activities. The Senator strongly believes in job creation and empowerment programmes as a solution to unemployment and security challenges.



**Prof. Tahir Mamman**  
APC National Interim Committee Chairman

**Sen. Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed Binani**  
Senator, Adamawa Central



**5 KVA Tiger Generator**



**Hair Dressing and Vulcanizing Machines**



**Presentation to one of the beneficiaries**



**Presentation to one of the beneficiaries**



**Pressure Washing Machines**



**Laptop Computers**



**Presentation to one of the beneficiaries**



**Plumbing Equipment**



**Some of the beneficiaries**



**Presentation to one of the beneficiaries**



**Aluminum fixtures fabrication tools**



**Some of the beneficiaries**



**Electrical installation tools**



**Deep Freezers**



**Sewing Machines**

# Bade Emirate Council

**Congratulates**  
*Sardauna Bade* @ **62**



His Royal Highness the Mai Bade, Alhaji Abubakar Umar Suleiman, the Bade Emirate Council and the entire people of Bade Emirate, rejoice with His Excellency President of the Senate **Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan PhD, CON (The Sardauna Bade)** on your 62nd birthday anniversary.

The Bade Emirate Council is very proud of you as an illustrious son who has consistently contributed to the development of the emirate.

We pray to Allah to continue to guide, protect, preserve and bless you with many years ahead, good health and energy, amin.

The people of Bade Emirate assures you of our collective support at all times. We are so proud of you Sardauna!

Happy Birthday.

Signed  
**Alh. Muhammad G. Gagiyo,**  
Hon. Commissioner of Budget and  
Economic Planning,  
Yobe State.  
*(Zanna Dujima of Bade)*

**Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan** PhD, CON,  
*(The Sardauna Bade)*  
**President of the Senate,**  
**Federal Republic of Nigeria**

# EYE ON BORNO

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Three days in Damasak...

## How Zulum fed 10,000 IDPs, enrolled 1,163 out-of-school children, equipped 1,200 dry season farmers

**B**orno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, was in Damasak, a former Boko Haram stronghold on three-day humanitarian activities from Saturday to yesterday (Monday).

Damasak, headquarters of Mobbar Local Government Area in Northern Borno, is in the shores of Lake Chad in Northern Borno and it was captured by Boko Haram insurgents before it was liberated with citizens now resettled by Zulum.

During his stay in Damasak, the governor supervised the distribution of food combination to 10,000 internally displaced families in need of support. Each of the 10,000 families

received 25kg of rice 25kg of beans, 25kg of maize and 5 litres of cooking oil as part of interventions before they could generate livelihoods for themselves in Damasak.

Zulum also launched the distribution of water pumps, fertilizer, seeds, chemicals and five thousand naira cash to each of 1,200 irrigation farmers embarking on food cultivation this dry season.

The governor also supervised the enrollment of 1,163 children of Internally Displaced Persons into primary schools.

The pupils, who hail from Guzamala and Abadam Local Government Areas in Northern Borno, had been out of

school since the displacement of their parents and guardians by Boko Haram following attacks on communities they lived.

Governor Zulum appealed to parents to allow their children enroll in schools.

He noted that where functional schools are provided by government, social welfare assistance from government will eventually be restricted to parents who allow their children and wards to attend schools whether western or combined curriculum of Islamic and western education.

The governor also addressed secondary school students in Damasak and those who wrote their senior schools certificate examinations, in

preparation for higher institution.

He promised all of them government's support to help them actualize their dreams in life.

Zulum traveled with Senator Abubakar Kyari, the senator representing Northern Borno, who is also an indigene of Damasak. Also on the trip was the state caretaker chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Ali Bukar Dalori; the Commissioner for Agriculture, Engr Bukar Talba and some stakeholders with affiliation to Mobbar LGA.

The delegation returned to Maiduguri on Monday afternoon with Zulum going straight to work, attending to different matters.



■ Photos of Governor Babagana Umara Zulum supervising enrollment of IDP children into schools, distribution of food to displaced families and equipping of dry season farmers with farm inputs... at the weekend in Damasak, Northern Borno. Seated with Zulum were Senator Kyari (2nd right) APC chairman, Dalori (2nd left) and Agric Commissioner, Talba (1st left)



## YOBE STATE GOVERNMENT

# 62 *Hearty Cheers* to a Great Patriot!



His Excellency  
**Sen. Ahmad Lawan, PhD, CON**  
*(Dan Masanin Bade)*  
President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria

The Government and Great people of Yobe state heartily felicitate with Your Excellency, Senate President Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan (CON) PhD, on this very special occasion of your 62nd birthday anniversary.

Your Excellency, you have invested so much of your life in service to our dear fatherland to make Nigeria a better and prosperous nation.

Your footprints in the political scene are visible with lots of achievements. Your stewardship as President of the senate has been peaceful, developmental and centered on the interests of Nigerians.

As a representative of the people of Yobe state, you have done the state proud. As a Democrat, you have always contributed to the growth and shaping of Nigeria's democracy. And as a patriot, you are serving Nigeria with great passion.

On behalf of my humble self, the government and good people of Yobe state, I pray to Almighty Allah (SWT) to grant you many more years, good health and increased wisdom to make more contributions to Nigeria and humanity.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday.



**Signed**

**Hon. Mai Mala Buni,**

Executive Governor,  
Yobe state.  
Chairman

APC Caretaker/Extraordinary National Convention Planning Committee.



## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

# Happy Birthday

On behalf of the Management and Staff of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), I felicitate with Your Excellency, the President of the Senate and Chairman, NILDS Governing Council, Sen. Ahmad Lawan, CON, PhD, (*Sardauna of Bade*) on the occasion of your birthday.

Your life has been an enviable legacy of achievements, marked by a determination to promote national consensus on critical issues affecting our well-being as a nation. As a leader who is committed to building a strong, virile and stable legislature in Nigeria, I commend your solid contributions in pursuit of these noble ideals and objectives.

As you celebrate, I pray that you will enjoy many more years of good health, to enable you continue to offer selfless service to our nation, Nigeria.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations, Sir.



**Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan PhD, CON,**  
President of the Senate,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Signed  
**Prof. Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman**  
Director General,  
National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies



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**HEARTY  
CHEERS**  
to a Patriot!



**AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN** PhD, CON  
President of the Senate,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Today, I join millions of Nigerians to wish the President of the Senate, Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, happy 62nd birthday.

The President of the Senate has been a worthy partner and a dependable ally in the task of nation-building.

I consider Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan a democrat and a patriotic Nigerian who believes in delivering good governance to the Nigerian people using the Legislature.

In the past one and a half years with him as the Chairman of the National Assembly, we have worked harmoniously to take the country forward.

As you mark your 62nd birthday, I wish you God's guidance and protection.

Signed:

**Rep. Femi Gbajabiamila**

Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria.





**Bangs**

**Of the Gavel for**

# MR. SENATE PRESIDENT



**P**resident of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan Ph.D, CON as you mark your 62nd birthday anniversary today, I, on behalf of myself, family and the entire people of Kano North Senatorial District rejoice and wish you many more blissful returns in good health.

Under your leadership, the welfare, interest and general well-being of Nigerians are paramount.

With the giant strides, robust and people oriented legislative interventions, including the passage of developmental bills under your leadership, sir the parliament is playing critical role in addressing the challenges hindering the development of our country.

Sir, I'm proud to be part of this ongoing revolution in the parliament.

I pray Allah SWT for sound health, divine guidance and protection for you to consolidate on your achievements in the parliament.

Amin Ya Allah

Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns, Sir.

**His Excellency**

**Sen. Ahmad Lawan, PhD, CON**

*(Dan Masanin Bade)*

President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria



**Signed:**

**Senator Barau I. Jibrin**  
APC, Kano North Senatorial District  
Chairman Senate Committee on Appropriations



# hearty cheers to the **SENATE PRESIDENT!**

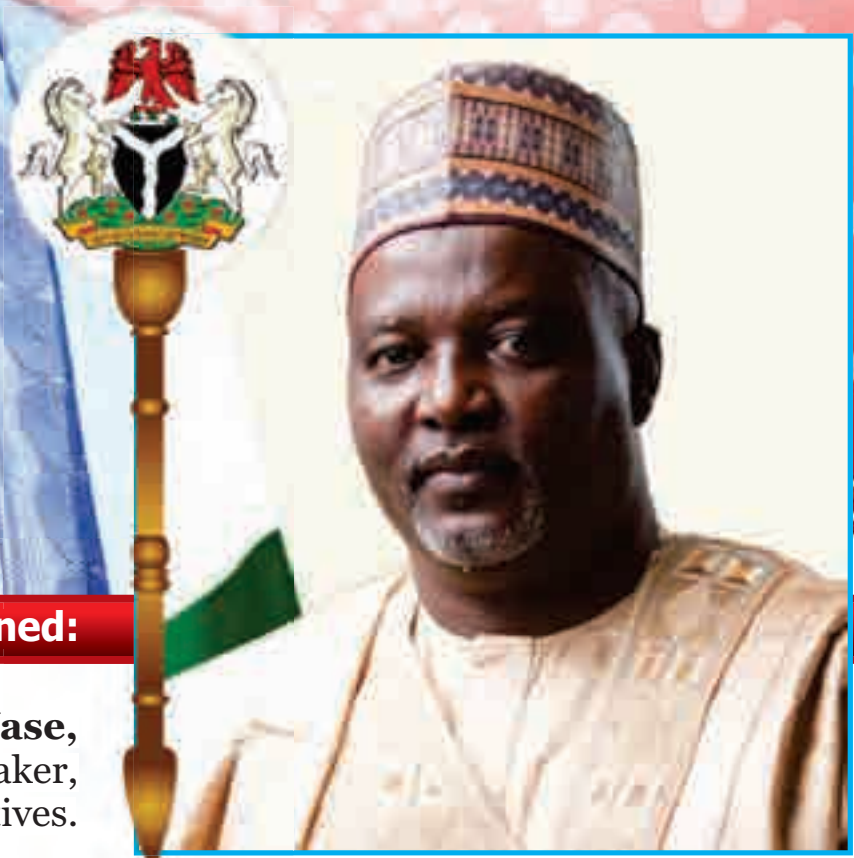


**O**n behalf of my Honourable colleagues and constituents, I heartily rejoice with an astute administrator, trusted and dedicated lawmaker, patriotic politician and charismatic leader, Distinguished Senator **Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan**, President of the Senate and Chairman of the National Assembly, as he clocks **62 years**.

As you celebrate your birthday today, may Allah grant you good health, renewed strength and wisdom to steer the ship of leadership of the Senate and continue to contribute your quota to the sustenance of our democracy and development of the nation.

Happy birthday!

**His Excellency**  
**Sen. Ahmad Lawan, PhD, CON**  
*(Dan Masanin Bade)*  
President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria



**Signed:**

**His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Ahmed Idris Wase,**  
Deputy Speaker,  
House of Representatives.

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# HEARTY CHEERS TO A PATRIOT



**SENATOR AHMED LAWAN**  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**O**n behalf of my family and friends. I heartily felicitate with our indefatigable President of the Senate, Distinguished Senator Ahmed Lawan on this auspicious occasion of your 62nd birthday.

Your vast pool of parliamentary knowledge as well as your uncommon commitment, focus and determination to make a difference in the task of rebuilding Nigeria cannot be downplayed.

We pray that the Almighty Allah continues to grant you wisdom, guidance and good health in the task of discharging your legislative interventions.

*Happy Birthday*



Signed  
**Haj. (Dr) Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu.**  
Minister of State  
Federal Capital Territory

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## USA Elections 2020: Democracy Wins and Trump Loses!

Prior to US President Donald Trump's supporters violently storming the US Legislature on January 6th 2021, America was respected as a world leader in the practice of democracy. Democratic elections are supposed to reflect the will of the people, but ultimately they stand on two pillars; firstly the integrity of the processes, secondly the willingness of the loser to accept the result.

Similar to most Nigerian politicians who lose elections, Trump challenged the first, and defied the second, thereby denting America's reputation as a bastion of democracy. The world recoiled in shock from Trump's attempt to unconstitutionally and forcibly overturn election results. Words like 'coup' and 'rigging' were introduced into US political language as the nation became the butt of many jokes.

In reference to their record of participating in or encouraging unconstitutional changes of government in developing nations, the trending joke is that; "Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the United States had to organise a coup at home this year!" Perhaps the most sarcastic of all trending jokes is that; "If the US saw what the President of the US is doing in the US, the US would invade the US to liberate the US from the tyranny of the US President!"

The storming of the legislature by Trump supporters wasn't simply a peaceful demonstration which got out of hand; it was a coordinated attack, orchestrated by an outgoing president who incited passions with his continuous false claims of winning the elections in the belief that if you repeat a lie often enough, everybody will be convinced it's the truth. Trump will be remembered in history in infamy for treasonably inciting insurrection and calling on his supporters to come to Washington and forcibly change the election result. They responded by congregating, invading the legislative buildings, smashing windows, fighting and killing police officers, vandalising lawmakers' offices and threatening their lives.

Trump "patriots" literally defecated on US democracy as they occupied offices and smeared excreta around the US Capitol Hill building complex. Trump proved the United States is disunited! Many non-Americans find it difficult to comprehend how a man with his obvious character flaws was elected president in the first place. Understanding his success requires knowledge of America's history of white supremacy, racism, and exploitation.

Originally occupied by so called "Native Americans", the land was invaded by white colonialists who massacred them in genocidal wars, forcefully seized their lands, brought in slaves from Africa to work for them virtually free of charge and build a nation without really paying for land or labour. Following their defeat in the 1960's Civil Rights Movement white-supremacists went underground. As a backlash to Obama being the first black president, Trump, a bona fide racist, was elected. He re-emboldened racists to appear in public bearing firearms and became their hero. It's no surprise that 60 of his 62 election lawsuits were targeted at annulling African-American votes! Trump shunned rational argument preferring to appeal to the basest prejudices of his supporters.

Clinical psychologists serially warned that he was narcissistic and unfit for high office and as he openly exhibited his egoism and ignorance, world leaders saw through his charade, unintelligence and lies and openly mocked America. Meanwhile, his supporters believed his lies. Regrettably, in spite of his well documented character defects, many Christians support Trump even though he doesn't go to Church and cannot quote a single phrase in the Bible! He sacrilegiously referred to himself as "the chosen one". Pentecostal leaders in both the US and Nigeria will have to redefine

themselves in the wake of their decision to side with him, cast the election as "good versus evil" and, quite ridiculously, claim that not voting for Trump was a "mortal sin".

Christianity is supposed to be about love and compassion, not hateful racist bile. Trump understood well the cult of personality and tapped into poorly educated white people's "respect" for any person espousing a combustible mix of open racism and religious bigotry. By championing prejudice, he earned 70 million votes, making it evident that there is a legion of religious bigots and undemocratic white-supremacists in America.

Despite separating Mexican children from their parents and locking them up in cages, banning Moslems, castigating Black Lives Matter supporters, while making the poor poorer and the rich richer, 45 percent of Republicans approved of his failed "coup attempt", and 70 million Americans as well as the majority of Whites (57 percent) supported his re-election. Regardless of his shameful loss in both the Electoral College and the popular vote, Trump is unlikely to walk quietly into the sunset. After declining to attend President-Elect Biden's inauguration, he is expected to continue throwing tantrums, cursing everyone, kicking against the system, manufacturing every conspiracy theory imaginable, causing trouble and destroying institutions.

The sad truth of Trump's reprehensible behaviour, and a sobering thought for African countries trying to protect their "nascent democracy", is that while the defences of the physical structures of governance can be strengthened, doors reinforced, fences put up, surveillance increased etc, democracy itself cannot be guarded against leaders who walk the corridors of power and who, despite taking an oath to uphold the constitution, refuse to do so.

The Donald Trump problem will go away but America's problem remains. They must ensure that never again will a person with stunted intellect, disrespect for the constitution, absurd ego, a lack of decorum, and deficiency of self-control be allowed to occupy the White House. Perhaps now Americans have learnt that you cannot put a crown on a clown and expect him to behave like a King! The skills required to build skyscrapers are different from those required to lead a free people in a democracy.

Good business leadership is driven by extreme self-centeredness which Trump has in abundance. Good political leadership requires extreme selflessness, the kind that the likes of Nelson Mandela had in abundance but Trump never had. The world is a safer and better place without him in the White House. As for President-Elect Joe Biden, Trump left the USA in ruins as he did most of his failed business ventures. It's left to others to clean up the mess. Their lost international standing will be easily regained through sensible leadership, but their retrogression in social harmony will be less easy to redress.

It will be difficult if not impossible to convince the majority of Americans who are peace-loving to "re-unite" with race baiting insurrectionist White Supremacists, who are committed to their cause of making America white again. All said and done, it's no surprise that Trump's presidency failed. Despite being enamoured by his opinion of his intelligence, he has serially failed in so many of his undertakings in life perhaps he now understands that you learn nothing if you think you're right all the time! To cover up his latest failure, he tried his best to rubbish American democracy but fortunately for the world, democracy prevailed and he lost. In the process, he lost the White House, lost the Senate, lost the House of Representatives, lost the popular vote, lost the Electoral College, lost 60 law suits and lost five lives in his attempted coup.

## AKK gas pipeline: Arewa needs exigent regional industrial reform policy

By Abdulhaleem Ishaq Ringim

On 13th July, 2020, the BusinessDay published an editorial titled "Nigeria's AKK-Pipeline project lacks economic viability". In the editorial, the renowned business newspaper examined the Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano (AKK) Gas Pipeline project, its host region (Northern Nigeria) and the country's economic realities and concluded that the project lacks economic viability, citing challenges such as lack of industrial capacity to off-take the gas and insecurity among others as the reasons buttressing their conclusion.

Naturally, as passionate northerners, and considering the timing of the report being barely a month after the official launching, we immediately debunked such a poking editorial and tagged it as another stereotypical attempt by the "Lagos Interests" to ridicule the north and stand in the region's path towards becoming the next industrial hub of the country and experiencing unprecedented economic development.

However, it is almost one year after and I make bold to say I have gathered enough reasons to call out The north and ask; Is economic development really part of our regional agenda?

For context, Nigeria is endowed with enormous natural resources, the most dominant and abundant of which is GAS. Nigeria holds Africa's largest gas reserves and stands 9th in the world largest gas reserves ranking holding about 188 trillion cubic feet of gas in its proven reserves.

Nigeria since the discovery of crude oil in the late 60's has maintained a mono-product economy. But with the unsteady and unhealthy volatility of crude oil prices in the global market, there have been serious agitations for economic diversification especially towards manufacturing by aggressively pursuing industrialisation options (of which GAS is a major catalysing factor).

It is on this basis that the government sought to develop a robust network of gas transmission (from gas reserves/production/gathering centres to demand centres) throughout the country through the Trans-Nigerian Gas Pipeline (TNGP) project and enhance its export potential through the broader Nigeria-Algeria Gas Pipeline Project (Trans-Sahara Gas Pipeline).

The Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano (AKK) Pipeline Project is a section of the TNGP with a dimension of 40-inch x 614km and a capacity of transporting about 3,500 cubic feet daily. The project was launched by President Muhammadu Buhari on the 30th of June, 2020, with an expected completion period of 24 months.

The cost of the project is about \$2.8 billion, 85 per cent of which will be financed through a sovereign guaranteed loan facility to be provided by the China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinosure) at London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) interest rate plus 3.7 percent and a repayment period of 12 years while the 15 percent will be financed by NNPC (equity).

This massive project is expected to stimulate, or rather rejuvenate the northern moribund industries and usher in new ones, improve electricity generation, unlock over three million jobs and enhance the domestic utilisation of gas as proposed by the Nigeria Gas Master plan.

While I still frown at the BusinessDay editorial for rendering the project economically non-viable, it is with the same passion that I would like to call the attention of governments in northern states to a statement made by Milton Friedman,

one of the great economists of the 20th century, that "One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programmes by their intentions rather than their results."

The north should understand that the gas sector, unlike the oil sector, is driven by market forces and devoid of governmental interventions especially in the downstream sector. The pipeline construction might be completed within the stipulated period but the only guarantee for gas to continually flow through those pipes is if there is consistent demand by an effective downstream sector.

To be able to fully take advantage of this massive project, there is need for the constitution of a robust and sustainable gas off-take portfolio and a display of commitment (to boost the suppliers' confidence) by the different actors in the downstream sector ranging from the Strategic Domestic Sector (e.g power plants) to the Strategic Industrial Sector (e.g fertilizer and petrochemical plants) and the Commercial Sectors (industries that use GAS as fuel e.g steel, cement manufacturers, textile industries etc).

This could be done through the development of a northern regional industrial policy that will seek to explore our industrial and manufacturing comparative advantages and coordinate the private sector into setting up the necessary gas off-take industries (and rejuvenating existing ones) around those advantages that will guarantee consistent demand for the gas. This will surely boost the confidence of the gas suppliers to be able to commit to a consistent supply of gas through the AKK corridor.

It is sad to learn that almost one year from the commencement of the project, no single investor has indicated interest in setting up a gas plant along the AKK corridor by submitting a Final Investment Decision (FID). And only Kano and Kaduna states, out of all the states in the north that are potential beneficiaries, have set up mechanisms to effectively leverage such a massive opportunity. Kano has set up the Kano State Gas Pipeline Project Delivery and Gas Industrialisation Committee while Kaduna State government has stated its commitments during the KADINVEST 5.0 Summit titled "Infrastructure, Industrialisation and Innovation".

The Northern Governors' Forum and other relevant stakeholders should see ample reasons why there is need for "Arewa Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit" that will aim at converging all relevant stakeholders in one room to brainstorm issues around Northern Nigeria's industrialisation potential and develop an industrial policy for the region that will ensure effective transformation of our potential into reality. Arewa should pursue conscious political economics that will make an industrial hub out of the region and sustain it.

We should start seeing independent power plants, fertilizer, petrochemical and textile industries indicating genuine interest through the submission of FIDs. We cannot afford to lose this opportunity for it has the potential of partly solving some of the deep-rooted challenges facing us including poverty, unemployment, insecurity etc. With an effectively utilised AKK pipeline, the north will surely become Nigeria's next industrial hub and would experience whirlwinds of unprecedented economic development.

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## Why Trump must be impeached again

American democracy has seen a sea of negative freedom since the era of Trumpism. Like Nigeria, there appears to be no consequences for bad behaviour in the United States of America in recent times. The problem heightened once Donald J. Trump began his presidential journey, as he continues to saddle the polity with poisonous conspiracy theories, naked lies, race-baiting, divisive politics, and other manners of immoral and criminal behaviours.

The most startling was when he declared in the middle of the 2016 presidential campaign that he could commit murder and go scot-free. "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, okay?"

The apparent lack of accountability prompted me to publish the piece: "Trump: How the Weird Can Win the US Presidential Poll", accurately predicting that the Republican was coasting to victory, because "the almighty media have gone gung-ho with the Trump mania, which is understandable because of the entertainment value." I concluded that it was naïve to assume that his "radical style will not continue to gain currency moving forward. The American media have a way of elevating eccentric behaviours to a pop culture."

It did not come as a surprise, therefore, that none of Trump's behaviour, no matter how un-presidential, could stick, as the bozo marched on to victory. His

supporters did not seem to care that Trump broke with tradition by refusing to release his income tax statement. Many Americans did not care to rebuke Trump when he began to peddle the falsehood that there was "large scale voter fraud happening on and before election day" of 2016, once he noticed the polls showing him trailing in the battleground states. It did not matter that over 25 women accused him of sexual misconduct, some of which were captured on tape.

Before the media could realize their failure to hold him accountable, the damage was already done. Mr. Trump had already tapped into a visceral anger provoked by 9/11, decades of job flights, as well as gay marriage controversies, to hoodwink millions of gullible voters, most of who were Americans without college education, promising them heaven and earth, claiming who he is not, and eventually lying himself all the way to the White House.

The growing lack of consequences for bad behaviour in the country explains why the Republican-controlled Senate declined to remove President Trump from office after he was impeached by the House of Representatives for soliciting foreign interference to help him win the 2020 U.S. presidential election. It also accounts for why Trump would undermine the American democracy once again by fabricating the pretext that the 2020 presidential election was rigged to favour his opponent and rightful winner, Joseph R. Biden. The same

negative freedom is why the narcissistic president would lie about COVID-19 and exacerbated the spread of the virus for selfish political interest.

The most tragic is that every Trump behaviour, no matter how insane, had become the new norm, and many of his party members are competing to become the heir apparent to immoral kingdom. Therefore, none of his actions should have come as a surprise.

But there comes a time nonsense paves way to commonsense. Trump's attempted coup on January 6, 2021, where he incited armed insurgents to take over U.S. Congress in order to overturn free and fair presidential election of 2020 is the most dangerous threat to the concept of democracy. The consequence must not be business as usual.

The posterity calls on the United States to protect democracy and "Make America Great Again" by impeaching Donald Trump once again. Though the clown has less than two weeks in office, his impeachment and banishment from future elective office will deter his apologists, as well as other dictators around the world from contemplating any trumpish behaviour. Moreover, having reigned as the temple of modern democracy, America must save the system of government by demonstrating serious consequences for those who desecrate it.

*Dr. SKC Ogonnia writes from Houston, Texas*

## A short note on Bauchi politics

Many a times, observers of political developments in Bauchi State from outside are impressed by the complexity of its politics and the sophistication of its voters. However moving close, the political complexity and voters sophistication soon disappear and one is left with lots of disappointments courtesy of the insincerity of our politicians and the ill-informed voters.

Most of Bauchi politicians either have no capacity, of course in terms of the ability to understand the exigencies of both politics and governance, or are insincere, in terms of their principles and ideologies as well as in upholding public trust. That is why, when they exhibit their incapacity characterised by insincerity during parties primary elections, the electorate are mostly compelled to choose between the devil and the deep blue sea.

A mixture of a good dose of incapacity and insincerity remains one of the reasons why most of our politicians are nomads; always on the move in search of greener pastures. Most of them have travelled, at least once, across party border lines, not for God and country, but for devil and self. As a result, Bauchi State has little to show in terms of development of whatever sort.

Since the return to democracy in 1999, the state has earned billions of Naira from federal allocations and internally generated more billions of Naira as revenue but to the chagrin of all, there is virtually nothing to show for it. Many of our politicians were financially in the middle-class category of the economy before joining government, but they come out of it in abundance despite that they are not known to have started any business enterprise even if it is at Bauchi Central Market.

And worst of it, the electorate are always ill-informed of the real motives of the politicians. We, therefore, allow them to control our instincts. And by that, they get the desired results. They win, we lose. But we don't see it that way. We join them in the euphoria of victory; our victory, their victory.

*Mukhtar Jarmajo is a public affairs commentator.*

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## Re: Nigeria short of teachers

I wonder if the figure is not more than what was given by UBEC. There are many primary schools in the rural areas of states in the North where buildings exist but only few teachers are there. The shortage of qualified teachers hampers educational standard. We need NCE holders to teach in our schools.

*Sule Musa Dutse - 08060743\*\*\**

## Gov. Okowa, we need more doctors

Governor Ifeanyi Okowa should please employ more doctors for General Hospital Ogwashi-Ukwu. The hospital has few doctors who cater for a high number of patients who come to seek for medical attention.

*Feyisetan Akeeb Kareem - 08035612\*\*\**

## Attention Gov Bala Mohammed

With due respect I would like to ask our governor, Sen Bala Mohammed, why the government is constructing houses meant for Misau at the Faculty of Law, Misau campus. Why did you not construct those for Azare at Gadau campus? Government should treat all sides equally. We are begging for explanations.

*Mahmoud Rufa'i, Shettiman Misau - 07088114\*\*\**

## We need electricity in Miga

The residents of Miga town have been in total blackout for 12 years. The absence of electricity has affected both social and economic activities in the town. We are therefore, appealing to Governor Muhammadu Badaru Abubakar to please get into the matter.

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## Obnoxious hike in electricity tariff

The unprecedented hike in the tariff of electricity by government and electricity distribution companies last week was insensitive and obnoxious. Though the Minister of Power, Engineer Sale Mamman, quickly reversed the 50 per cent increase purportedly approved for DISCOs by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), he added that the increment would be implemented after an ongoing negotiation with the Organised Labour.

Coming barely four months after the 100 per cent increase in electricity tariff in September 2020, last week's sudden increase came as an ugly shock to Nigerians. Apparently, it was in reaction to the harsh response to the increment that the minister suspended its implementation to "allow for the outcome of all resolutions from the committee to be implemented together," referring to the Joint Ad-Hoc Committee on the disputed increase in September. It is difficult to reconcile the economic reality of Nigeria and the living condition of the Nigerian public with the incessant increases in electricity tariff.

Though the minister attempted to allude to the template of electricity tariff, the increase would apparently deepen poverty among electricity consumers in multiple ways. Apart from draining their low income and alarmingly devalued Naira, the suspended tariff, if implemented, would lead to an increase in the cost of manufactured goods. Profit-seeking producers of consumer goods would pass the electricity cost to the ordinary Nigerian whose earning power does not increase with inflation. For NERC, DISCOs and government, it could make economic sense to increase the tariff, but the step runs contrary to the economic principle of Pareto Optimality, which insists that policy measures must not make country's citizens worse off than they were before their implementation. The reverse of this principle has been the case in Nigeria.

The reactions of stakeholders to the tariff hike have shown that there is lack of transparency in either the template being used to justify increases or in the consultation process. While the Minister of Power told Nigerians that there was an ongoing consultation with Organised Labour on this increase, the President of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Comrade Ayuba Wabba, claimed last week's tariff increase was not on the table.

In his elaborate response to the minister's claim, Comrade Wabba said, "The position of Labour is that we have found out some loopholes in the templates used to do the increase, including the one in September 2020. We all agreed that there is a need for a committee to do a holistic job, including the review of privatisation, which is one of the items on the agenda. Also, the cost of gas, which they used as a template to increase (the former tariff should be looked into). On this one (last week's increase), there was no discussion. We are not privy to it; we are not part of it. That is why we said it should be suspended. What we are dealing with at committee level or any dialogue with Labour is the increase that was done in September, not this new increase... Any insinuation saying dialogue is going on over this is not correct."

From every indication, electricity tariff increases are done in a clumsy manner. We call for a holistic review of the template being used for this increase. In that review, not only the Organised Labour, but the private sector, especially the Manufacturing Association of Nigeria (MAN), and the National Assembly should be well represented. It is also important to scrutinise how the Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading Plc subsidises electricity to ensure that the processes involved are transparent and devoid of corruption. Though NERC is the regulatory agency for the electricity sector, it is becoming obvious that the body is not independent, as it seems to operate on the whims and caprices of the Minister of Power and other powerful stakeholders in the sector.

We are firmly behind the government in its efforts to stabilise and boost the electricity sector. However, such efforts should not impoverish the Nigerian public who are under tremendous pressure from hyper-inflation, inexplicable devaluation of the Naira, poor infrastructure, and the lack of social services that could cushion the effects of the deteriorating economy.



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# Lawan@62: A man of candour and focus

By Ola Awoniyi

High political office is surrounded on all sides by distractions. Experience best teaches this. It is not enough to take into the office a vision and a mission, you will find once there, enough to take you off track, to test your character and agenda. Many failed not because they were not prepared or well-meaning. They did because they no longer saw the goalpost once they found themselves on the playing field.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan is apparently conscious of that reality. He believes a political leader must stand for something, to guide and focus their time and energy. A leader who does not stand for something falls for anything. And such is easily distracted. Because Lawan stands for something, he has resolutely focused on what took him from the ivory tower into politics and on all that he believes in as a public servant.

Since his emergence as the 14th President of the Nigerian Senate in June 2019, Senator Lawan's stand on any issue is an open book. His candour means that he takes a firm position even on controversial issues. And he defends his positions without playing to the gallery or fear of a backlash. Such is called courage of conviction.

Take the proposition in Nigeria for a part-time or unicameral Legislature at the national level. The proponents were often led to it by what they hear about the "jumbo pay" of federal lawmakers and the 'generous' funding of the National Assembly. Lawan, not too long ago, challenged them to a public debate.

"I am not here to defend the National Assembly but I'm here to encourage a debate on what the National Assembly means to us as a country or what our legislature means to us as a country and as a people. If you don't like the set of members in the Ninth National Assembly, change all of us in 2023. Get better people but help support the system to function because that is your protection," Lawan said at an in-house event in Abuja. Unfortunately, no one has picked up the gauntlet for a healthy national conversation on the issue.

In the Senate, Lawan's leadership style projects him as only the first among equals. He always asserts that he owes his emergence as the President of the ninth Senate to the Grace of God and the votes of his colleagues across party lines. And that has been his strength

and guiding principle in his roles as the presiding officer in the Senate. His focus has been to foster harmony among his distinguished colleagues in the Upper Chamber so that they can deploy their time and energies to working together for Nigerians and the good of their country.

This is evident in the seamless passage of bills and adoption of resolutions on critical national issues. In the Senate, every member knows they have the liberty to express their views but also a responsibility to respect the views of others. That has created for them a nice work environment where respect begets respect.

Lawan is also a firm believer in the imperative of inter-chamber cooperation. Even as the Chairman of the National Assembly, Lawan refers to the Speaker of House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, as his "brother

**Lawan will not deviate from a path that has led to obvious progress. Having gained much experience in the parliament, he does not want the threat to governance posed by needless confrontation between the Legislature and the Executive. He has opted to promote harmony in governance for the good of the people**

and friend." That must explain why they often find a common ground on key national issues. And that also accounts for the smooth passage of critical bills through their two chambers.

Lawan is also convinced of the merit of a harmonious relationship between the Legislature and the Executive. This has drawn him sometimes caustic criticisms but he has stood his ground and is unapologetic.

The benefits of harmony between the two elected arms of government are there for objective eyes to see from the past one-and-a-half years. It has bred mutual respect among the arms and reciprocity in the way each treats submissions from the other. Executive proposals are now treated without undue delay while bills passed by the National Assembly are receiving prompt presidential assent. That wasn't the story before the ninth Assembly.

Signing the 2021

Appropriation Bill into an Act on the eve of the New Year, President Muhammadu Buhari revealed that the 2020 budget achieved 97.7 performance, despite the unforeseen havoc of COVID-19. This unprecedented success was facilitated by the early passage of the appropriation bill by parliament and the prompt assent given it by the President. There is a reasonable expectation that the 2021 budget will perform even better, having become law before the start of the year. In the past, budgets drag into the middle of the year and routinely recorded low performance.

Lawan will not deviate from a path that has led to obvious progress. Having gained much experience in the parliament, he does not want the threat to governance posed by the needless confrontation between the Legislature and the Executive. He has opted to promote harmony in governance for the good of the people.

And he has taken his message of harmony beyond the gates of parliament and government and out to the larger political field. Only last month, he appealed to the South East geopolitical zone to continue to work with the other zones towards and beyond 2023 in building the Nigeria of our common dreams.

The Senate President canvassed national unity at Igbere in Abia State where he was honoured with a chieftaincy title. Lawan made it clear at the event that every part of Nigeria is needed to make the country work.

Hear him: "Let's unite ourselves in this state and indeed in the South East. Let's face common agenda of being in the center of Nigeria. In fact, let's even attempt to be the leaders of Nigeria because it is a valid aspiration.

"Let's not stay away from being part of the real center of action in Nigeria. That we can achieve when we sit together and talk among ourselves. Time is of essence. Nigeria needs all of us to be united. Nigeria needs all hands to be on the deck. Nigeria needs the effort of each and every part to make it work and we can make it work."

The Yobe State-born politician is providing purposeful leadership at the National Assembly and helping in building an environment conducive for national development. This is just a tribute to wish him a happy 62nd birthday.

Awoniyi is Special Adviser on Media to the Senate President

# BUSINESS

**CBN EXCHANGE RATES**

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

**COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 10, 2021)**

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

**BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES**

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

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

**T**he 11 electricity Distribution Companies (DisCos) have installed only 525,120 meters in the last two years, just as about six million power consumers languish under estimated billing as of 2020.

The low installation figure is 7.5 per cent of the DisCos' contracted supply of 7.6m meters between 2019 and November 2020.

According to a statistics report on the metering status from the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), the meters were installed under the Meter Asset Providers (MAP) regulation which began in 2019, and the National Mass Metering Programme (NMMP) initiated in October 2020.

The breakdown of the statistics shows that under MAP, the 10 DisCos (without Yola) targeted installing 6,588,971 meters but just 508,812 units were installed from 2019 to November 2020.

The DisCos also failed the 1 million metering target they had set for December 2020 under the NMMP which started in October 2020. Just 16,308 meters were installed by only seven DisCos as five others did not deploy meters as of November.

Of this figure, 1,958 meters were installed in October 2020, while the other 14,350 meters were installed in November.

Among the seven DisCos that deployed, Abuja installed 8,941 meters from 101,186 targets while P/H installed 6,818 from 77,070 meters; Jos installed 345 from 88,538; the other DisCos installed less than 100 meters out of

## DisCos install only 525,000 meters in 2 yrs

over 100,000 targets.

Analysis also revealed how the DisCos installed 525,120 meters (7.5%) from a planned 7.6m target from 2019. Ikeja DisCo has the most ambitious metering target as it contracted 1.181m meters but only installed 165,015 units.

Abuja DisCo is the next with a 1.002m meter target and 158,894 units installed. Enugu DisCo contracted to procure 713,926 meters but has installed just 67,920 of them.

Yola DisCo operated by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) contracted 749,376 meters but there was no record from NERC on what it has installed so far.

In descending range of installed meters, Ibadan DisCo targeted 1.093m meters but only installed 37,714 units; Eko DisCo targeted 283,178 units but has installed 35,427 meters.

Port Harcourt DisCo relatively performed well compared to its target; it promised 214,394 meters and has deployed 34,928 of them; Benin DisCo was to procure 664,646 meters but just 10,148 meters have been installed.

The least performing DisCos are Kano, Jos, and Kaduna. Kano targeted 562,747 meters but installed only 3,165 meters as of November 2020; Jos promised 588,538 meters but only 4,284 of them were installed; Kaduna Electric has an ambitious 536,957-meter target but just 7,535 units have been installed.

Further analysis shows that 10 of the DisCos installed in 2019, as Yola was left out, installed 122,737 meters. Abuja DisCo led after installing 63,002 units; Ikeja installed 22,818; Enugu did 17,372 meters and P/H DisCo installed 7,699 meters.

Others in the mid-range were Eko (5,386), Ibadan (4,376), Benin (1,169), and Kaduna (878). The least installation figures in 2019 were from Jos DisCo (15 meters) and Kano DisCo (22).

In 2020, the NERC statistics showed that the 10 DisCos installed 336,812 within 10 months. 103,780 meters were installed in the first quarter; the figure dropped to 67,746 meters in Q2, it rose to 125,311 meters in Q3, while 39,975 meters were deployed in October 2020.

Ikeja DisCo led during the 10-month period with 112,262-meter installations, followed by Abuja DisCo (84,262 units), and Enugu (44,595). The lowest installation was at Kano DisCo (2,821 meters), Jos (3,554), Kaduna (5,829), and Benin (7,777).

In November 2020, the DisCos failed to meet their monthly deployment target in spite of their renewed efforts on the mass metering programme with a target of one million meter installation by December 2020. Yola DisCo, which had not deployed any meter before but targeted 11,111 meters in November, failed the target.

## CAC unveils e-process for firms' certification

By Francis Arinze Iloani

The Registrar General of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Alhaji Garba Abubakar, said the Commission has launched an electronic process for company registration and certificate generation.

Addressing journalists in Abuja on Monday, he said CAC launched the enhanced Company Registration Portal on January 3, 2021, that now processes all applications for company registration online in line with the new Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA).

The new CAMA recognises the right of individuals to process company registrations without engaging lawyers or even chartered secretaries.

He said all registered customers of the CAC, who register companies on behalf of the public, must revalidate their registrations before the end of March through electronic process.

On the commission's performance, Abubakar said he inherited N6 billion liability and that 80 per cent of it has been cleared.

He also said N700bn tax liability has been settled while N2.7bn operating surplus has been remitted to the coffers of the federal government.

Abubakar further said two promotion exams were held in 2020, where 258 staff got promoted for 2019 and 190 staff for 2020, adding that over N330 million salary differentials for the promoted staff was paid last year.

## FG loses N5.4tr to tax evasion by multinationals in 10yrs

By Chris Agabi

The Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) has said Nigeria lost over \$178 billion (about N5.4 trillion) through tax evasion by multinational firms between 2007 and 2017.

Executive Chairman, FIRS, Mr. Muhammad Nami, disclosed this in Abuja on Monday at a 'Workshop on Effective Audit of Multinational Corporations for Domestic Revenue Mobilisation in Nigeria,' organized by FIRS and the Tax Justice Network.

He also said in

a bid to stem illicit financial flow out of Nigeria and improve tax compliance rate in the country, the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) created 35 additional Tax Audit Units in the country last year.

Although the FIRS head said some multinational corporations were "leading in tax compliance in various sectors" he, however, expressed worries that "many rich Multinational Corporations do not pay the right taxes due from them, let alone pay their taxes voluntarily."

Nami also cited a

2014 report by the High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa, which stated that Nigeria accounted for 30.5 per cent of money lost by the continent through illicit financial flows.

He further stated that with the signing of the 2021 budget of N13.588tr on December 31, 2020 by President Muhammadu Buhari and given the recent decline of oil resources, taxation is expected to continue to shoulder the Government's budget performance like it did in 2020.



■ From right: Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Umar Farouq, and the Director General, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Imaan Sulaiman Ibrahim, when the DG paid a courtesy visit to the minister in Abuja on Monday.

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

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## NEWS

## Stock market begins week with N16bn gain

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The domestic equities market began trading this week with eight basis point (bps) gain as the benchmark index advanced to 40,150.78 points. The market capitalisation advanced by 16 billion to settle at 21.2 trillion while the year to date return improved to -0.3 per cent. The positive performance was driven by buying interest in Zenith (+0.8%), International Brewery (+2.5%) and Flourmill (+2.8%).

Activity level varied as volume traded rose marginally by 0.7percent

to 335.7m units while value traded fell 31.8% to 2.5bn. The most traded stocks by volume were Mbenefit (104.2 million units), Mansard (24.3m units) and Wapco (14.4m units) while Okomu Oil (462.8m), Zenith (344.7m) and WAPCO (320.5m) topped by value. Performance across sectors was bullish as 3 of 6 indices under review gained, 1 lost and both the AFR-ICT and Industrial Goods indices closed flat.

Investor sentiment as measured by market breadth fell to 1.1x from then 3.5x recorded previously as 27 stocks advanced against 24 decliners.

## Firm energises Lagos clinics

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

ZOLA Electric Nigeria said it has donated solar power systems to some Primary Health Centres (PHC) in Lagos State.

It said it was to provide uninterrupted power supply for the improved operations for the centres to help fight the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commenting

on this, the acting Managing Director, Mr. Olufemi Ashipa, said: "This donation is a gesture that takes into recognition that this pandemic has hit vulnerable communities disproportionately hard across the world."

The company said it has also trained the recipients to optimise the power systems' output.

## Polaris lauded on dollar payments

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

A cross-section of customers have commended Polaris Bank has been commended by some of its customers for its payment of US dollars for money transfer while complying with the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) policy directive.

In a statement by the bank, cited some of the customers one of whom is Mrs. Osaretin Efosa. At a branch in Benin, Edo State, she said she received money remitted to her for the very first time from her son in the United States of America. "The money transfer attendant I met in the branch received and attended to me well and in less than five minutes I was counting dollars with my own hands," she said.

Mr. Segun Adetiloye from a Lagos branch said he doubted that the Bank would comply even after receiving a notice on the remittances.

"Polaris Bank made my Christmas and new year celebrations memorable," was the excited remark from

Okechukwu Nnamdi in Osogbo, Osun State said: "I received dollars sent to me by my younger brother in America live and direct."

## 9mobile appoints technical head, others

By Zakariyya Adaramola

9mobile has appointed a Chief Technical Officer (CTO), Deputy Chief Technical Officer, and Director of Strategy within its Senior Management team.

Juergen Peschel was appointed CTO; Baqi Salihu, Deputy CTO, and Karn Gulati as DoS, it said.

Peschel with over 25 years of experience will oversee the evolution and integration of the company's technical functions.

Salihu who has over 18 years' experience will support the CTO as deputy.

In his remarks, the Chief Executive Officer, 9mobile, Alan Sinfield

## Lagos-Ibadan rail: COVID-19 'sacks' 70% of workers

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The workforce for the Lagos-Ibadan rail line has dropped by 70 per cent following COVID-19 spike as the January target for the commissioning may not be feasible.

Minister of Transportation, Mr. Rotimi Amaechi had hinted on this in a recent television interview after he had earlier set January 2021 to commission the \$1.6 billion project. Findings by Daily Trust yesterday also revealed that the workforce on the site had been reduced to about 30 per cent.

China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation

(CCECC), the contractor working on the project, took the decision which had been communicated to the Ministry when some workers tested positive for the virus.

Commercial operations have commenced on the project with the train doing a daily return trip. A source working with the contractor said while work is still ongoing, the workforce has reduced.

"The second wave is really affecting the pace of work and like the Minister also said he is definitely not far from the truth. Yes some workers have tested positive for COVID-19 but I can't ascertain the number," the source said.

Amaechi said yesterday that 60 staff working on the project have been infected by COVID-19 while trying to complete the project.

According to a statement by his media aide, Taiye Elebiyo-Edeni, the minister during a television interview said: "First let us admit that over 60 of our staff, not ministry of transport staff, but the staff working on the rail project have been infected by COVID-19, luckily nobody has died and I pray nobody will die."

"I really want to congratulate those that achieved that feat, we were to inaugurate the first week in January. We had to stop those doing minor completion because of the rise in COVID transmission."

## FG urged to unify rates for forex remittances

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Association of Bureaux De Change Operators of Nigeria (ABCON) has said the unification of exchange rates will help to maximise the economic benefits of increased remittances inflow into the economy.

The Association stated this in its quarterly economic review for the fourth quarter of 2020. While commending the recent policy measures introduced by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to improve inflow of remittances, by allowing beneficiaries to collect proceeds in foreign currency, ABCON noted that, "the fundamental problem is not the payment of foreign currency to beneficiaries but a fallout of multiple exchange rates in Nigeria's foreign exchange market."

It said its survey shows that a large percentage of beneficiaries require Naira for domestic commitments in Nigeria. Upon collection of foreign currency cash or drawing from their domiciliary accounts, they do the conversion usually unofficially where the exchange rates are higher.

"Though the authorities are able to capture figures of the inflows from the data of the International Money Transfer Operators (IMTOs) for statistical purposes, utilization of the foreign exchange may still flow into the unofficial/informal sector for capital

flight and other uses not marginally expedient for the growth of the forex market.

"Thus, a major policy trust should focus on unification of exchange rates and diversification of the operational base to achieve a competitive outlook," it noted.

Meanwhile, the Association has called on the federal government to sustain efforts on the single currency (Eco) project for the West African region stressing that the proposed currency is critical to Nigeria's quest for economic diversification.



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NEWS

## FG signs N744.4bn pact for Kano-Maradi rail line

By Chris Agabi

The Federal Government yesterday signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Mota-Engil Group on the construction of \$1.959 billion (about N744.42bn) standard gauge rail line from Kano to Maradi in Niger Republic.

The Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi signed the contract on behalf of the Federal Government;

while the Managing Director, Mota-Engil, Antonio Gvoea signed on behalf of the contracting firm, a statement signed by Eric Ojiekwe, the Director, Press and Public Relations, Ministry of Transportation, said.

The new railway corridor, to be located in northern Nigeria, will run through three states: Kano, Jigawa and Katsina and through Niger territory as far as Maradi. Other cities that will be affected by the rail line in Nigeria are: Danbatta,

Kazaure, Daura, Mashi, Katsina and Jibiya.

The 283.750 kilometre rail line besides developing freight and passenger transport as it will be integrated with road transport, will make a great contribution to the local economy as well as an important development in the social sector.

The project duration is for 36 months and the contract type is Engineering, Procurement and Construction.

## Power users owe Kano DisCo N17.5bn bills

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Management of Kano Electricity Distribution Company (KEDCO) has said over N17.589 billion was yet to be collected from its customers between January and December, 2020.

According to a statement by the Head, Corporate Communications, KEDCO, Ibrahim Sani Shawai, the uncollected bills was as a result of zero payment, under-payment, half payment and part payments.

The DisCo said if the outstanding sum is cleared, there will be improved service delivery in terms of power

distribution in the interest of customers.

It urged customers to pay the outstanding bills as it will only accept full payment for electricity supply.

"We are in business and we are also accountable to other partners financially and the expectation for KEDCO from the market is 100 per cent remittance," said the MD/CEO of KEDCO, Dr. Jamil Isyaku Gwamna.

He further urged customers to pay their outstanding and current bills to enable the DisCo remit to the market to guarantee satisfaction for its partners and improve power supply services.

## Coca-Cola appoints Olajide as MD

By Chris Agabi

The Coca-Cola Company has announced the appointment of Alfred Olajide as its new Vice President and Managing Director for its Nigeria Operations.

In a statement, the company said Olajide replaces Yebeltal Getachew whose tenure ended on December 31, 2020.

Olajide brings several years of experience to bear in his new role, nine of which were at the Coca-Cola Company having served in different capacities.

In August 2020, The Coca-Cola Company announced a global restructuring with its 17 business units compressed into nine operating units.

Announcing the change in structure, the company Chairman and CEO, James Quincey, said it will shift marketing to drive more growth and "put execution closer to customers and consumers while prioritising a portfolio of strong brands".

On his appointment, Olajide said: "These are very exciting times for the global Coca-Cola

business, and I look forward to contributing my own quota to a business I love so much, especially at such an interesting time as this. Nigeria is a huge market, and I am optimistic about the growth we can

achieve together with our bottling partners."

Alfred holds a First-Class Bachelor's Degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and an MBA from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom.

## Stanbic offers business support schemes

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC has highlighted its solutions to support businesses in Nigeria this year.

A statement by the bank said the solutions also allow organisations to take advantage of joint partnerships without the risk of losing capital.

Commenting on the offerings, Wole Adeniyi, Chief Executive, Stanbic IBTC Bank PLC, said the solutions were designed to support SMEs and address its customers' trade and financial needs.

"Over the years, Stanbic IBTC

Holdings PLC, has remained at the forefront of providing financial solutions to business enterprises in the country, while offering Nigerian importers access to its global presence through its Africa China Agent Proposition (ACAP)," Adeniyi said.

Targeted at business owners who import goods from China or have trade dealings with China, ACAP, through Stanbic IBTC Bank PLC, links Nigerian importers to Chinese exporters, facilitates payments and ensures the successful completion of their trade dealings.

## INTELS empowers 40 women

From Eugene Agha Lagos

INTELS Nigeria Limited, has trained another 40 women under its Women Empowerment Programme Scheme Synergy (WEPSS).

Through the scheme initiated in 2013, the firm will train 5,000 women over 20 years. At least 1,400 women have been empowered.

At the graduation ceremony held at the Federal Lighter Terminal, Onne Port, Rivers State, the Managing Director of INTELS represented by the Regional Human Resources Manager, Mr. Michael Ndon, said WEPSS was designed to make the beneficiaries "future employers".

"This year has particularly been a difficult year because of COVID-19. We thank the team of trainers who, during this period, were able to get the training done and we are now witnessing the

graduation."

The Project Manager for WEPSS, Nancy Freeborn, expressed satisfaction with the follow-up exercise carried out on trainees who have graduated from the scheme; many of whom she said are now engaged by reputable fashion

houses.

The Best Graduating Student of the WEPSS 2020 Batch 'A' training, 28-year old Ruth James Imabong, was rewarded with start-up kits, which include an industrial sewing machine, chair, scissors, box of tailors and a measuring tape.

### VACANCY

1. Application are invited from qualified candidate for the posts of accountant and internal auditor for a hospitality outfit in Kaduna. Applicants should meet the following conditions;

- a) Must have a degree in accounting from a recognized institution
- b) Must have at least 4 years working experience in hospitality outfit.
- b) Must be honest and hardworking

2. Application with curriculum vitae and passport photographs should be forwarded before 20 January 2021 to the advertiser P O BOX 9795 Kaduna.

The advertisement is a colorful banner for Skyline University of Education. At the top, it says 'DAILY TRUST' and 'Skyline University of Education'. Below that, it features the university's logo and the text 'BUILD A FUTURE YOU ENVISION' in large, bold letters. Underneath, it says 'ADMISSIONS OPEN' and 'FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC SESSION'. It also lists the 'SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY' and 'SCHOOL OF ARTS MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES'. At the bottom, it includes the Skyline IELTS logo and contact information: '+234 816 111 1113, +234 809 999 2290' and 'www.sun.edu.ng | No. 2, Zaria Road, Kano, Nigeria'.

The notice is from the Federal Ministry of Education, Federal Secretariat Phase III, Abuja, Nigeria. It is titled 'CORRIGENDUM' and 'RE: LIST OF VISITATION PANELS TO FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES AND INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRES'. The text states: 'The General Public is hereby informed that the above advert published yesterday, (Monday, 11th January, 2021) in this paper, erroneously published the names of the Panel Secretaries of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria as Pharm M. A. Audu instead of Mr. Kunle A. Adedeji and that of Federal University, Otuoke as Mr. Abu A. Ingawa Instead of Mr. Haruna Lawal Ajo. We regret any inconvenience this might have caused. Signed: Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Education'.



# 62 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**O**n behalf of the National Chairman, All Progressives Congress (APC), Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC), H.E. Governor Mai Mala Buni and teeming members of our great Party, we join family, friends, associates, constituents and federal lawmakers of the 9th National Assembly in celebrating the President of the Senate and Chairman of the 9th National Assembly, H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan on his 62nd birthday.

The APC family celebrates an experienced, cerebral, dexterous and patriotic federal lawmaker who as Chairman of the 9th National Assembly is enshrining a best practice, particularly in legislative-executive relations in Nigeria. In partnering with the executive, the 9th National Assembly under the watch of H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan has chosen to work for public good and national interest.

Commendably, H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan's collaborative leadership of the 9th National Assembly has achieved and sustained the long-eluded December-January budget cycle in an equally multi-partisan National Assembly. This has ensured better national planning.

At party level, H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan is a valuable partner-in-progress who is supporting the Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC) mandate to reposition our great party and ensure peace, unity and true reconciliation across party ranks. H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan inputs as member of the tripartite executive/legislative/APC consultative committee has ensured good governance and accelerated implementation of the Next Level Agenda.

The APC family prays for good health and wisdom as the Senate President continues to contribute to national development and the growth of the APC.



**H.E. SEN. AHMED IBRAHIM LAWAN, CON**  
Chairman of the 9th National Assembly/  
President of the Senate  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

**SIGNED:**  
**Sen. John J. Akpan Udoedeghe Ph.D.**  
National Secretary  
Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning  
Committee (CECPC)  
All Progressives Congress (APC)



**PRESS RELEASE BY THE MANAGEMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS OF OCEAN MARINE SOLUTIONS LIMITED**

The attention of the Board of Ocean Marine Solutions Limited [OMS] has been drawn to several Petitions written to various Government Agencies and widely circulated online, written, authored and orchestrated by Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni, a former Director and shareholder of OMS.

The Board of Directors of OMS with a view to setting the records straight and to prevent Government Agencies, Clients of OMS and the general public from being misled by the false stories hereby states as follows:

1. That Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni is no longer a Director of OMS and any of its Associated Companies having resigned from OMS since August, 2018.
2. That Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni is no longer a shareholder of OMS and its Associated Companies having sold and transferred all his shares and interests to Wells Property Development Company Limited for valuable consideration since 2018.
3. That Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni has not been involved and connected in the management of OMS since 2018 when he resigned from the Board and sold his shares.
4. That Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni became aware in September, 2020 that the Chairman of OMS Capt. [Dr.] Idahosa Wells Okunbo had health issues and was undergoing treatment in London and has since that time started making false claims that he is still a part of OMS.
5. That the Board of OMS has implicit and unshaken confidence in all the steps taken by Capt. [Dr.] Idahosa Wells Okunbo in managing the affairs of the Company and the lofty heights to which he has taken the Company.
6. The Board commends and appreciates Capt. [Dr.] Idahosa Wells Okunbo for his selfless and personal efforts in managing the affairs of the Company and the use of his personal resources in meeting operational financial shortfall in the Company.
7. The Company states unequivocally that its accounts are in good and correct order and its funds are intact and not missing, misappropriated or otherwise mismanaged.
8. The Board has passed a vote of confidence on Capt. [Dr.] Idahosa Wells Okunbo.
9. Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni is a meddlesome interloper who is seeking to blackmail Capt. [Dr.] Idahosa Wells Okunbo at this time of his ill-health for financial benefit.
10. Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni has no interest whatsoever in OMS and its affairs and is hereby advised to steer clear from OMS and its Associated Companies.

Dated the 11th day of January 2021

*Signed*  
**Management**



**THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**  
**THE COMPANY AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, CAP C20 LFN 2004**  
**PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**  
**OF**  
**OCEAN MARINE SOLUTIONS LIMITED**

**RC: 679323**

At the board meeting of Ocean Marine Solutions Limited held at its head office at No. 31A Evo Road, G.R.A Phase II, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State, the following issues were discussed:

1. The attention of the Board of Ocean Marine Solutions Limited [OMS] has been drawn to several Petitions written to various Government Agencies and widely circulated online, written, authored and orchestrated by Dr. Olatunde John Ayeni, a former Director and shareholder of OMS.
2. The Board of OMS has decided to set the records straight and to prevent Government Agencies, Clients of OMS and the general public from being misled by false stories.


In view of the foregoing, the following resolutions were proposed and duly passed:


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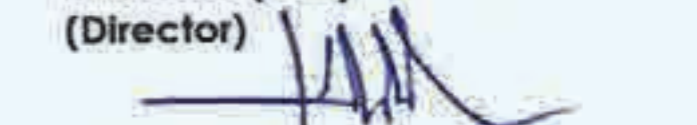
Dated this 17 day of DECEMBER 2020

  
Mr. Garth Dooley  
(Shareholder)

  
Rear Admiral Aminu  
Oyone Ikloda (Rtd)  
(Director)

  
Mrs. Mnena Bara-Hart  
(Company Secretary)

  
Rear Admiral Joseph Omozuya  
Aikhomu (Rtd.)  
(Director)

  
Mr. Oyelakun Oyekunle  
(Director)



# Happy Birthday To An Icon



We the undersigned, on behalf of the entire Distinguished members of the 9th Senate felicitate with our leader and President of the 9th Senate, **DISTINGUISHED SENATOR AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN, CON, SARDAUNAN BADE**, on his 62nd Birthday Anniversary.

Your leadership has given birth to a united and purposeful Legislature that has demonstrated its commitment to work assiduously for the people in their quest for greater security and prosperity. We pray to the Almighty God to protect and guide you in the years ahead.

**Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, CON, Sardauanan Bade**

*Congratulation!!!*

Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege  
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi  
Sen. Orji Uzor Kalu  
Sen. Eyinnaya Abaribe  
Sen. Robert Ajayi Boroffice

Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi  
Sen. Philip Aduda  
Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha  
Sen. Sahabi Alhaji Ya'u.

**For and on behalf of all Distinguished members of the 9th Senate.**

# BUSINESS

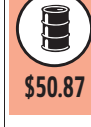
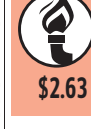
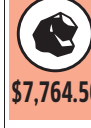






**NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE** MARKET CAP ▶ N20,994,046TR (0.08%) ↑ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 40,150.78POINTS (0.08%) ↑ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 335,699,532BN SHARES

Monday, January 11, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
				
<b>258.15</b> <b>0.85%</b>	<b>406.42</b> <b>0.19%</b>	<b>590.88</b> <b>0.46%</b>	<b>205.99</b> <b>-0.72%</b>	<b>2,005.19</b> <b>0.00%</b>

**NSE GENERAL INDEX**

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
<b>BANKING</b>					
ACCESS BANK PLC	323,461.55	9.10	0.55	273	8,885,574
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	304,374.85	8.90	0.56	191	12,053,590
ZENITH BANK PLC	811,599.36	25.85	0.78	426	13,360,081
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	265,625.17	7.40	-0.67	174	7,708,704
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,362,565.56	165.20	-	123	164,959
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,834,114.17	225.00	-	157	481,887
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	359,203.84	22.30	-1.12	193	14,383,138
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,333.08	8.05	9.52	20	191,005
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,709,148.32	80.00	-	107	669,656
CAP PLC	14,000.00	20.00	-	26	195,174
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	0	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,935.93	2.44	-	1	5,000
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
<b>EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION</b>					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	291,927.35	496.10	-	66	33,399
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	0	0
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,540.00	0.70	-2.78	68	4,173,037
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	0.54	24	4,976,917
PRESCO PLC	72,000.00	72.00	1.41	19	336,934
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	1	500
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	5,430.00	1.81	6.47	84	4,539,173
<b>DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES</b>					
JOHN HOLT PLC	198.47	0.51	-	2	18,964
S C & A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	39,022.07	0.96	-2.04	69	5,319,416
U A C N. PLC	21,465.66	7.45	-0.67	59	1,228,270
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION</b>					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	28,353.60	17.90	-	45	207,643
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
<b>REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT</b>					
UCAC PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	15,590.37	0.84	-1.18	51	2,991,560
<b>AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS</b>					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
<b>BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS</b>					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	7,986.09	1.02	-	5	4,236
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	40,522.08	18.50	2.49	82	1,343,993
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	189,914.82	7.07	2.46	65	1,080,097
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	463,820.32	58.00	-	48	218,847
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	235,042.09	19.35	1.04	173	3,202,697
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	112,555.42	27.45	2.81	59	2,122,338
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,516.24	1.20	-1.64	41	2,046,790
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,201.07	6.74	-	9	4,329
NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	38,416.86	14.50	-	16	70,191
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CAOBYRY NIGERIA PLC	16,903.82	9.00	-	29	59,675
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	45	10,077
<b>HOUSEHOLD DURABLES</b>					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFODAM NIG PLC	11,257.60	9.00	0.56	63	1,568,052
P Z CLISSONS NIGERIA PLC	20,646.48	5.20	-	27	383,089
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	75,834.07	13.20	-	72	863,519
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	119,272.08	6.50	-1.52	68	1,607,063
FIDELITY BANK PLC	77,652.46	2.68	2.29	134	13,381,146
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	966,814.24	32.85	-0.45	357	9,585,553
JAIZ BANK PLC	21,508.90	0.73	4.29	62	3,202,697
STERLING BANK PLC	57,868.74	2.01	-0.50	41	1,255,961
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	154,339.99	5.30	-	61	424,019
UNITY BANK PLC	8,065.64	0.69	-1.43	41	1,613,035
WEMA BANK PLC	28,159.36	0.73	-1.35	40	2,062,711
<b>INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES</b>					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
AICO INSURANCE PLC	23,154.06	1.12	2.68	43	2,012,439
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	41,400.00	1.15	-3.36	107	26,342,225
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,318.40	0.31	-3.12	6	257,909
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	11,263.16	0.62	-	5	236,691
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	10,796.26	0.45	-	61	9,161,138
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	0	0
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,636.44	0.36	-2.70	32	1,616,257
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	1,000.00	0.61	-4.69	12	1,249,337
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	3,351.82	0.30	7.14	68	104,162,853
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,075.80	2.30	-	11	53,120
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	6	4,942,553
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,096.18	0.46	-	2	400,000
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,600.50	0.24	-4.00	22	2,604,480
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,272.89	0.20	-	2	35,100
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	1.00	-	0	0
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	1	1
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-	1	49,080
<b>MICRO-FINANCE BANKS</b>					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,001.62	1.75	1.16	17	259,824
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	3,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,000.00	7.00	0.29	60	1,033,132
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,408.91	5.85	-	5	8,899
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	315.00	0.21	-4.55	4	641,959
FOMB GROUP PLC	62,972.62	3.18	-2.15	82	10,450,825
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,286.34	0.25	8.70	10	1,741,250
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	22	50,075
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	28,980.00	4.83	-3.40	142	4,321,305
<b>HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS</b>					
EKOCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,137.00	0.32	-	2	3,968
<b>MEDICAL SUPPLIES</b>					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	2.04	2	169,686
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS</b>					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,284.30	4.45	-1.11	39	397,603
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,610.31	7.20	2.86	46	1,570,025
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	6,193.59	3.59	9.79	21	517,524
NEMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	4,178.15	2.20	-8.64	41	1,140,516
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
<b>COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS</b>					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	816.96	0.23	4.55	10	703,348
<b>COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS</b>					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	0	0
<b>IT SERVICES</b>					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	1	500
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	211.68	1.96	-	2	494
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	326.67	0.66	-	4	150,123
CHAMS PLC	1,080.09	0.23	-4.17	26	674,691
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	1	11
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>					
ARTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	18	1,813
<b>ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS</b>					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC	3,804.46	2.16	-10.00	30	950,000

COMMODITIES PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
<b>CRUDE OIL (BRENT)</b>				
	<b>\$50.87</b>	-	-	-
<b>NATURAL GAS</b>				
	<b>\$2.63</b>	-	-	-
<b>COPPER</b>				
	<b>\$7,764.50</b>	-	-	-
<b>GOLD</b>				
	<b>\$1,877.59</b>	-	-	-
<b>SILVER</b>				
	<b>\$25.77</b>	-	-	-
<b>SUGAR</b>				
	<b>\$0.15</b>	-	-	-
<b>COCOA</b>				
	<b>\$1,710.0</b>	-	-	-
<b>LIVE CATTLE</b>				
	<b>\$1.12</b>	-	-	-
<b>COTTON</b>				
	<b>\$0.76</b>	-	-	-

**GAINERS**

ARDOVA	1.6	9.79%
PRESCO	1	1.41%
FLOURMILL	0.75	2.81%
BERGER	0.7	9.52%

**LOSERS**

BOCGAS	-1.26	-9.96%
CUTIX	-0.24	-10.00%
UCAP	-0.17	-3.40%
GUARANTY	-0.15	-0.45%



(FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND NATIONAL PLANNING)  
**OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION**

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

# INVITATION TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL TREASURY WORKSHOP

The Accountant-General of the Federation hereby invites all Directors of Finance and Accounts, Directors of Internal Audit in all MDAs, all Commissioners of Finance of the 36 States & FCT, all Accountant-Generals of the 36 States & FCT, all Revenue Generating Agencies and other relevant stakeholders to a **3-day National Treasury Workshop**.

### THEME:

## COVID-19 AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: IMPLICATIONS ON THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL TREASURY.

**Date: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

**Venue: Ibom Icon Hotel (Formerly Le Meridien Hotel) Uyo, Akwa Ibom State**

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

	DATE	EVENT	TIME
DAY 1	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	Arrival and Registration of Participants and other Formalities	12noon – 6:00pm
DAY 2	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	Opening ceremony and Paper Presentation	8:00am – 4:00pm
DAY 3	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	Paper Presentation session and closing ceremony	9am – 4pm

#### Special Guest of Honour:

Hon. Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning  
**Mrs. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed**

#### Chief Host:

**His Excellency, Chief Emmanuel Udom**  
Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State

- The overall **Objective** of the Workshop is to brainstorm on how to effectively develop strategies for managing national economies in the face of pandemics and other global disasters, using the challenges posed by the Covid-19 in Nigeria as a case study.
- In order to maximize the attainment of the above objectives, Resource Persons will be engaged to broaden the perspectives of participants on the appropriate roadmap for achieving financial and economic stability for the nation.

**\*Covid-19 Protocols and guidelines as given by the Presidential Task Force on Covid-19 will be strictly complied with\***

SIGNED:

**Ahmed Idris** FCNA

Accountant-General of the Federation



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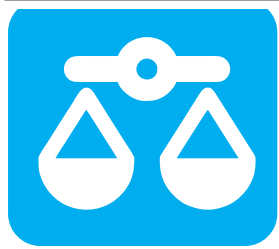
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**His Excellency  
Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan PhD, CON,  
President of the Senate  
Federal Republic of Nigeria**



**SIGNED:**  
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CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# LAW

## Legal Quotes >>

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- Benjamin Disraeli

# Demolitions and constitutional powers of govts

By John Chuks Azu

**L**awyers have criticised state governors who order the demolition of properties without exhausting legal options, arguing that such abuse of power is mostly informed by political reasons.

They further submitted that whether the process of acquisition and development of a property was legal or not, state governments cannot take over or demolish it arbitrarily.

The latest demolition was carried out by Governor Nasir el-Rufai of Kaduna State on December 31, 2020 at Asher Kings and Queens Restaurant in Kaduna over allegations that the eatery was intended to be used for a 'sex party'.

The demolition, carried out through the Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Agency (KASUPDA) at its location in Barnawa, was alleged to have been conducted despite proof that the management of the restaurant had no knowledge about the purported 'sex party'.

Also, the state government was alleged to have unlawfully demolished houses around Alhudahuda College in Zaria in August, 2015.

Similarly, Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi of Enugu State on Friday August 14, 2020 pulled down a twin duplex belonging to one Jonathan Emejulu two days after he demolished the perimeter fence of the Akanu Ibiam International Airport.

The man was said to have dared the government in erecting the fence near the airport, with the Minister for Aviation, Hadi



Sirika condemning the encroachment on the airport fence.

Also in May 2020, Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State demolished two hotels, Edemete Hotel and Prodest Home, over allegations of breaching COVID-19 lockdown.

In May 2014, the Governor Willie Obiano-led Anambra State government demolished three houses belonging to dreaded kidnappers in the state, including a N17 million bungalow at Aguleri in Anambra East Local Government Area.

This followed a similar demolition of a house

alleged to belong to a kidnap kingpin in Ihiala, Uli Local Government Area as was in other locations of the state.

Section 43 of the Nigerian Constitution, 1999 provides that every citizen of Nigeria shall have the right to acquire and own immovable property anywhere in Nigeria.

Beside other conditions in which a property is taken over by government, Section 44 further provides thus: "No moveable property or any interest in an immovable property shall be taken possession of compulsorily and no right over or interest in any such property shall be acquired compulsorily in any

part of Nigeria except in the manner and for the purposes prescribed by a law."

Reacting, the Executive Director of Citizens Advocacy for Social and Economic Rights (CASER), Frank Tietie, said the proper procedure before demolition is to issue notice, which is a fundamental condition precedent before a demolition process is initiated.

"The purpose of notice issued by the authorities to any land occupant is to allow all affected persons time to make representations about any legal or equitable interest they have on the property in the principle of fair hearing," he said.

Tietie added that arbitrary demolitions such as have been witnessed in the country are driven by abuse of political power and to punish political enemies.

Speaking in the same vein, Hameed Ajibola Jimoh Esq said the procedure for demolition, even where the person in possession lacked valid documents, was to serve notice to enable the individual evacuate his property.

He added that limitation applied in many states under the limitation laws, which prevent government from taking over land from a person in occupation for 20 years.

"Therefore, in this regard, any demolition of any structure on such land belonging to the occupant is illegal, null and void, since the occupant has by the limitation of the law become the owner having occupied the land for a continuous period of 20 years," he said.

Also speaking, E.M.D. Umukoro Esq listed the conditions which must be fulfilled before a land is demolished or taken over by the government to include: notification in a conspicuous part of the building, reasonable time given to the affected person, and compensation.

He said the underlining consideration, whether under the Land Use Act or Regional Planning Laws, must be for overriding public interest such as for projects like school, mass housing, construction of roads, railway etc.

He added that where the property poses danger, public health, or the property encroaches on government land, the government will be right to demolish such property following the above procedure of notifying the would-be affected citizen and getting a court order.

The lawyers, however, recommended that victims of illegal demolition should pursue legal action.

Tietie said "victims of illegal demolitions must seek compensatory orders in court. We must ensure that courts are urged to further award exemplary damages personally against any official, not government, that is directly responsible for any illegal demolitions."

For his part, Umukoro said "any victim has the legal right to approach the court and get justice for such arbitrariness done by the government. If the government wakes up one morning and demolishes a citizen's property it is the height of irresponsibility and wickedness."

## #EndSARS: Panel lists Abugu's murder case against police for hearing

By John Chuks Azu

The Judicial Panel of Inquiry into alleged abuses by the former Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), a unit of the Nigeria Police, has listed the petition from the family of the slain youth corps member, Ifeoma Abugu, on the list of alleged abuses for hearing.

The hearing, which was expected to hold on Monday, January 11, has been rescheduled through a message by officials of the panel, retired Supreme Court justice, Justice Buba Galadima, to a date soon to be communicated to the

parties.

Also, Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu of the Federal High Court in Abuja has fixed February 9 for hearing in the fundamental rights enforcement suit filed by the family against the Nigeria Police Force.

Others joined in the suit are: the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Inspector General of Police, the Commissioner of Police for FCT, Officer Commanding Special Anti-Robbery Squad of FCT, DSP Melai Isaac, Inspector Enlemali Agbede and Sergeant Ezekiel Agbede.

Abugu died in police

custody following her arrest in lieu of her fiancé at Wumba village in Lokogoma, Abuja on September 10, 2020.

In the suit filed by their lawyer, Ifeanyi Mamah, the family is demanding an award of N3.3 billion in exemplary damages against the police for allegedly acting in "contravention of Section 7 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015; Section 34(1) and 35(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended 2011), and Articles 6 and 5 of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights."

## Why lawyers protested against judiciary in Ebonyi

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakaliki

The protest by about 20 lawyers in Ebonyi on Thursday was over alleged delay by officials of the court to transmit the records of an appeal filed over the dissolution of the State Working Committee of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The protesting lawyers were led by Barrister Luke Nkwegu to the office of the Chief Judge of the state, Justice Anselem Nwigwe, alleging deliberate delay in the transmission of the records.

The working committee, led by Barr. Onyekachi Nwebonyi has been challenging the caretaker committee led by Hon. Fred Udogu following the former's removal after the defection of Governor Dave Umahi to the All-Progressives

Congress (APC).

Nwebonyi brought the suit against the National Working Committee (NWC) and the caretaker committee of the party to the court late last year where he was granted an order restricting the caretaker committee from functioning.

Also in a letter written to the chief judge by the caretaker chairman, Udogu, after the preliminary ruling on December 21, 2020, said the Notice of Appeal filed by his counsel, Ken Njemanze (SAN) seeking for motion for stay of proceedings at the high court, has not been processed.

Udogu blamed the action on the high court's failure to transmit records of the proceedings to the Court of Appeal, Enugu Division.

## CO-CREATED CONTENT

# Why FG accelerates disbursement of youth investment fund to meet 500,000 job target

The Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, on Thursday, October 15, 2020, flagged off the application for the N75 billion Nigeria Youth Investment Fund (NYIF) recently approved by the Federal Government.

The Fund, approved by the Federal Executive Council on July 22, 2020, is being implemented in partnership with the Central Bank of Nigeria, Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning and disbursed through the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) Microfinance Bank – NMFB.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Governor, Godwin Emefiele was quoted to have said the Nigerian Youth Investment Fund (N-YIF) would be funded through the NIRSAL MFB window – with an initial take-off seed capital of N12.5 billion.

The Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Sunday Dare, said that the loan, provided under the NYIF, has an interest rate of 5% per annum and a tenor of 5 years with a moratorium of up to 12 months.

The N-YIF aims to financially empower Nigerian youths to generate at least 500,000 jobs between 2020 and 2023.

## 239 beneficiaries get N166 million in pilot disbursement

The Ministry of Youth and Sports Development driven Nigeria Youth Investment Fund (NYIF) has successfully completed its pilot disbursement of loans totaling N165,700,000.00 to 239 beneficiaries ahead of the processing of the over three million applications so far received.

Application data showed that a total of 3,120,107 have registered for the NYIF Pre-Assessment/Training to benefit from the N75 billion three-year financing for youth owned businesses and ideas.

Of the about 1000 processed as part of the pilot disbursement, a total of 94 were disqualified from the NYIF loan after training, as a result of existing COVID 19 or AGSMEIS loan that they have benefitted from.

A total of 500 applicants have been invited by NMFB to apply for the NYIF loan after training and successful due process check while loan application by the applicants is at various times and the application is open until the applicants are able to provide all the requirements and complete the process.

Out of the 500 invited for the loan application, only a total of 393 have completed the loan application process and applied for the loan out of which a total of 293 applied early and their loan was processed and sent to CBN for approval at a total sum of N191,700,000.

On approval by CBN, a total of 239 have been successfully disbursed at a total sum of N165,700,000.

Explanation provided to the Ministry by NMFB gave reason for the disbursement to only 239, out of 293, as being because transfer failed to the account numbers of the affected applicants, due to the type of their account that does not receive deposit beyond a certain sum and system failure. These will be contacted and the



■ CBN headquarters Abuja

process repeated.

The relatively low number of trained beneficiaries compared to the number of applications was as a result of the non-availability of funds as there was no budgetary provision for the exercise in the year 2020, which compelled the Ministry to provide the training within its existing capacity instead of using Entrepreneurship Development Institutes (EDIs).

The Ministry will scale up the number of applicants being trained once it is on board EDIs now that it has funds for training in the 2021 budget. The increased number of training will begin as soon as late January.

However, the process announced by the Ministry showed that applicants that have been screened for basic KYC and confirmed as not presently benefitting from similar initiatives from government would be invited to submit business proposals, following which those whose proposals meet the requirements for the loans would be selected for the free training and then be given the loans ranging from N250,000 for individuals to N3,000,000.00 for registered businesses.

The CBN said that the major objective of the fund was to address fragmentation of youths initiatives that prevent assessment of impact.

“The plan targets young people between 18 and 35 years and details the needed actions required to support business establishment, expansion and consequent employment creation for youths in critical economic and social sectors,” it stated.

The apex bank said that the fund was dedicated to investing in the innovative ideas, skills and talents of Nigerian youths.

## Eligibility criteria for informal business enterprises

A huge percentage of youth are engaged in the informal sector. Accordingly, the NYIF will facilitate the transition of informal enterprises owned by youth into the formal mainstream economy where they can be supported comprehensively, build a bankable track record; and be accurately captured as active participants in economic development.

An eligible youth must fulfil the following conditions: Be a youth within the age bracket of 18-35 years.

Have business/enterprises domiciled and operational in Nigeria. Has not been convicted of any financial crime in the last 10 years. Has a valid Bank Verification Number (BVN) and Possess Local Government Indigene Certificate.

## Formal business enterprises (Youth Owned Enterprises)

These are enterprises that are legal entities duly registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).

Documents Required: Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (Certificate of Incorporation and Form CAC 2A); Business questionnaire; List of Directors with BVN numbers; Evidence of regulatory approvals (where applicable); (v) Tax Identification Number (TIN). Cooperative societies duly registered with the relevant government authorities and members of Commodity Associations that fall within the eligible age bracket are also eligible to participate.

## Ineligible Applicants

Applicants currently enjoying NMFB loans, including the Targeted Credit Facility (TCF) and Agribusiness/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme (AgSMEIS) loans that remain unpaid are NOT eligible to apply.

Beneficiaries of other government loan schemes that remain unpaid are also not eligible to participate.

## Training

Applicants shall undergo a compulsory entrepreneurship training arranged or approved by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development.

## Eligible activities/businesses

Legally allowed activities in the sectors or focal areas listed below shall be eligible: Technology/ Innovation; Agriculture and related value chain; Green Economy and Renewable energy sector; Manufacturing, Hospitality/ Tourism; Construction; Logistics and supply chain; Healthcare value chain and Creative sector, Trading and Services. Others may be determined by NYIF/CBN from time to time.

However, preference shall be given to enterprises that will support the growth of priority sectors, specifically those identified by the Economic and Recovery

Growth Plan ERGP and the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan.

## Types of facilities

Term loan (for asset acquisition/improvement)

Individual (Unregistered business)

Shall be determined based on activity/nature of project subject to the maximum of N250,000.

Registered Businesses (Business name, Limited Liability, Cooperative, Commodity Association shall be determined by activity/nature of project subject to the maximum of N3 million (including working capital).

## Experts want training, disbursement decentralized

Ken Ukaoha, a trade lawyer and specialist on International Trade and Development Law who is also the president of the National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS) said: “Most of the renowned associations like NANTS, Manufacturers and the National associations of commerce and Industry, mines and agriculture have youth wings that can fast track training and disbursement of these funds to the target audience.”

He said even though a number of persons have come out to apply, a lot of youths still have apathy for government intervention because of past experience and this may discourage those who should really benefit from this intervention.

He said: “We must move away from wanting these guys to come searching for us. They don’t trust us enough and we cannot blame them.”

“If we want these funds to work because they are well intended and have the capacity to lift us out of the woods, but we must change our approach. Some of these targets already have the training before they get into what they are doing. What they need is the funds for scaling, we cannot lump these once in the pool with budding entrepreneurs.”

Other Analysts warned that unless effective recovery mechanisms are fully implemented, default on loan repayment plans could increase the level of nonperforming loans in the banking industry.

Managing Director/Chief Executive, Credent Investment Managers Limited, Mr. Ibrahim Shelling said, “At least it will provide some access to cheap finance for youths, who were probably unable to get funding from banks and other institutions to fund their business ideas. Hopefully, it will lead to a number of small businesses springing up to help spur growth in the country.”

“However, like with other intervention funds, those that critically need the funds will most likely not be able to access it for a number of reasons i.e. lack of knowledge of the opportunity, lack of confidence to apply, inability to meet conditions etc.

“Also, there is likelihood that there will be high non-performing loans (NPLs) in the future as a result of a huge number of defaulters.”

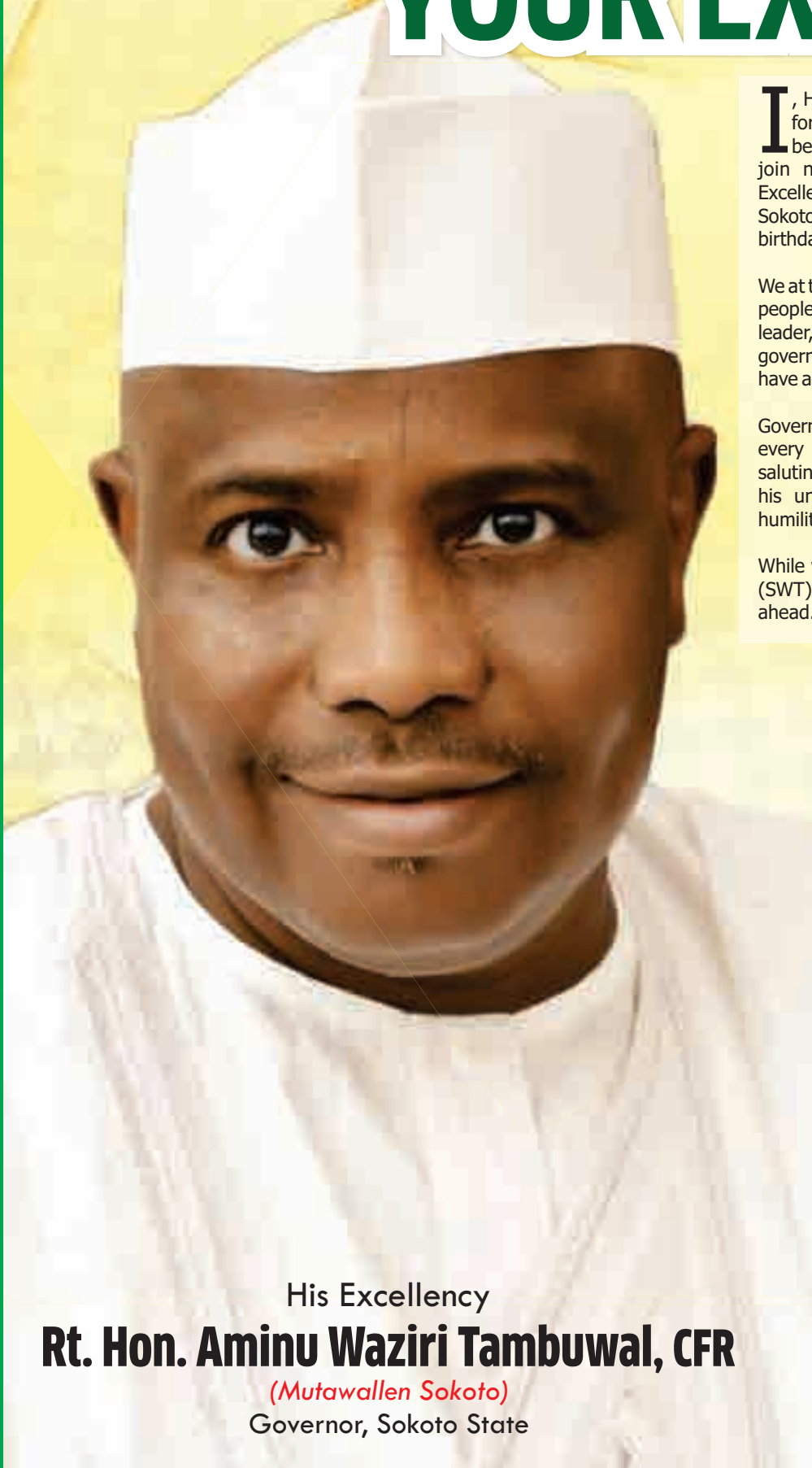
“Even though the funds are supposed to be to start businesses, a number of youths may likely consume these funds to meet lifestyle expenses.”



**MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND SURVEY  
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**YOUR EXCELLENCY**



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

**I**, Hon. Aminu Bala Bodinga, Commissioner, Sokoto State Ministry for Lands, Housing and Survey Sokoto, wish to wholeheartedly, on behalf of my humble self, management, and staff of my Ministry, join numerous friends and well-wishers to felicitate with His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR (Mutawallen Sokoto), Executive Governor, Sokoto State, on his 55th landmark birthday celebration.

We at the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey Sokoto, and the good people of Sokoto State are all blessed to have His Excellency as a leader, being someone who believes in the rule of law, good governance and committed to providing dividends of democracy that have a direct and positive bearing on the lives of people.

Governor Tambuwal has changed the narrative and philosophy that every politician is a good spokesman, not a good worker, hence, saluting His Excellency for fulfilling his campaign promises. Similarly, his unique virtues, such as selflessness, kindness, truthfulness, humility and benevolence, make him distinctive at all times.

While wishing His Excellency a happy birthday, I pray to Allah (SWT) to bestow upon him, good health and many fulfilling years ahead. Amin.

—● **Signed** ●—



**Hon. Aminu Bala Bodinga**  
Honourable Commissioner  
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey  
Sokoto state

# PLATEAU RESCUE UPDATE

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## Vindicating Governor Lalong from the Plateau LGs minimum wage uproar



■ Governor Simon Bako Lalong

In recent weeks, motorists plying some roads within the Jos-Bukuru metropolis in Plateau State experienced disruptions arising from blockage of strategic roads within the metropolis and high ways resulting to inconveniences and untold hardships.

The blockage of the roads was carried out by Local Government Workers who are said to be demonstrating and demanding for the implementation of the new minimum wage for their members.

In ventilating their anger, the Local Government workers had severally blocked the Jos-Abuja high-way causing heavy gridlock.

Some of the protesting workers also blocked the road leading to the state secretariat on a daily basis for about a month thereby denying state civil servants access to their offices.

The protesting local government workers recently clashed with a combined team of security operatives who were instructed to stop workers from proceeding with the perpetual minimum wage protest at the state secretariat in Jos.

Worried over the development, the National Union of Road Transport workers in the state expressed sadness over the constant blocking of some major roads in the state by the protesting local government workers.

Alhaji Yusha'u Mohammed, the state Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURITW), who made this known while presenting their letter of complaint to the state Government in Jos, said "As a responsible privately driven organisation, they were saddened by the recent development in the state as well respected unions like the NUT, NULGE and NANNM would take the law into their hands by blocking major roads in the state thereby disrupting vehicular movement in the name of labor demand.

He also said that "while we respect and support the right to protest and demonstrate, we condemn the molestation of innocent citizens, who are equally bestowed with similar right to free movement.

The NURITW boss in Plateau further said that: "On the 1st and 2nd of December 2020 the protesters who are staff of Local Government blocked the state and Federal Secretariats road, their action was not only a breach of our fundamental rights as citizens but impacted negatively on our operations and commercial vehicles were left stranded and passengers frustrated, yet on the 6th of December 2020, the protesters advanced to Old Airport roundabout and blocked all the roads connecting to the roundabout, which we equally suffered same fate". He also said that similar incidents were recorded in Riyom, Mangu, Pankshin and Shendam LGAs.

Meanwhile, the Plateau state government recently cleared the air on issues of the striking Local Government workers. A statement signed by Dan Manjang, the Commissioner for information and communication and made available to newsmen in Jos reads that "For over a month now, employees of Local Governments in Plateau State have embarked on protests, barricading the entrance of the Joseph Gomwalk Secretariat, blocking roads and causing untold hardship to the public as well as harassing Government officials by calling them names, threatening them and their families.

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

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

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

In the first place, it is common knowledge that the administration of Hon. Simon Lalong is labour friendly, especially when it comes to the payment of staff salaries, pension, gratuity and other emoluments as this has earned him the indelible name "GOVERNOR ALERT" bestowed on him by no other group than the entirety of Plateau State workers.

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

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

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

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

Therefore the conduct of Local Government employees who have embarked on a wild campaign of calumny, mischief and misrepresentation of facts to the effect that the Governor is

holding the implementation of its 30 thousand minimum wage according to the Information Commissioner is to say the least, most uncharitable and unfortunate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Plateau State Government according to Manjang would therefore, for the sake of clarity and emphasis, again state categorically that the administration of Governor Simon Lalong recognises that there are three tiers of Government in Nigeria, in this case, Local, State and Federal. The Governor is irrevocably committed to ensuring the tiers of Government particularly the Local Government enjoy their financial independence and other provisions of the autonomy.

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

Dan Manjang also said that "That the Governor has done everything possible as a father to wade into the lingering crisis but the Local Government Staff have continued to stifle this

effort, even when their Union officials have advised them to give them a chance to negotiate the matter. They rather prefer to play to the gallery and misinform the gullible while allowing clandestine interests to use them for pecuniary motives."

The state government also advises Local employees to redirect their grouse to the right channel which is the Local Government Councils.

"It is their sole responsibility to negotiate and implement not only the minimum wage, but other allowances they wish to offer them. This is more so, that the allocation of Local Government is paid directly into the accounts of the Local Governments by the Federal Government and not warehoused with the State Government."

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

The state Government further appealed to the Local Government employees to show maturity and understanding by interfacing with their employers (Local Government Councils) as henceforth, no disruption of public peace or Government activities will be tolerated.

In a related development, Governor Lalong has said that Local Governments in the State enjoy autonomy and control their resources.

Lalong made this known while speaking at the flag off of the Special Public Works Programme in Plateau State.

Lalong said "The State Government has no hand in it. Whatever amount within the law that is negotiated and agreed to by both parties is final and not subject to any approval by me."

In his words "Despite my efforts to ensure industrial harmony and improve the lives of civil servants in the State, the Local Government employees appear determined to mislead and misdirect their anger towards the State Government with a view to rubbish our good work. This is sad and unacceptable. Plateau State belongs to all of us and we should not try to destroy it on the altar of politics and parochialism".

He advised the aggrieved workers to take their anger to their employers for negotiation emphasizing that the State was facing difficult times because of COVID-19 which has affected the economy and other aspects of our lives.

He warned that "This is not the time to play games and further put the fragile economy of the State in jeopardy. Let us apply wisdom and allow good reason to prevail. We should rather channel our energies towards generating revenue internally both at the State and Local Governments so that we can not only be able to pay salaries as and when due, but also carry execute projects that will make the lives of the people better."

Meanwhile, the Plateau State Head of Civil Service, Mr. Izam Azi has directed all Civil Servants performing their duties in the Joseph Gomwalk Secretariat, hitherto prevented by protesting Local Government Council Staff, to report to work.

Mr. Azi hinted that Directors in the various Ministries have been asked to ensure workers under their departments report for work immediately as directed. He thanked the State Civil Servants for not confronting their Local Government Council counterparts who blocked the entrance of the Joseph Gomwalk Secretariat for the past four weeks until the intervention of the security agencies who secured the gate.

On the efforts so far made to meet the demands of the Local Government Council Staff, the Head of Service said that negotiations were ongoing and the matter almost resolved between the 17 LGC Chairmen, Labour and the technical committee on relativity and consequential adjustments.

The Head of Service pointed out that the Council chairmen have accepted the payment of the N30,000 minimum wage for workers on grade levels one to six, while the issues involving workers on levels seven to sixteen are being sorted out by the technical committee for final implementation.

The Head of Service hinged the strike action on misunderstanding and misinformation as the State Executives of Labour were aware of the several negotiation efforts with most of the demands met. Normalcy has returned as civil servants were seen carrying out their normal duties.

# HURRAY

*our governor is*

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I, Murtala Abdulkadir Dan'iya, the Chairman and Chief Executive officer of M Square Integral Motor, on behalf of myself and the entire members of my family felicitate with Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR and Matawallen Sokoto on his 55th birthday anniversary.

We are indeed proud of your quantum of achievements as a Governor of our dear state, especially how you have been uplifting the standard of living of our people through intervention in area of human capital development, physical infrastructure and combating insecurity, through continuous support to security agencies in the state as well as input in finding solutions to national security in public discourse.

We pray Almighty Allah will continue to endow you with the skills, wisdom, knowledge and good health so that you will continue to lead our state to a greater height and unleashing your potentials for the overall benefit of the people of this country, particularly citizens of Sokoto state.

GOVERNOR  
**AMINU WAZIRI  
TAMBUWAL, CFR**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR SOKOTO STATE



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**MURTALA ABDULKADIR DAN'IYA,**  
Chairman/CEO  
M Square Integral Motor,



**PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
SOKOTO STATE CHAPTER**

# Congratulatory Message

**T**his is to convey our congratulatory message to our visionary leader, political reformer and Chairman of our Governors' Forum as well as vice Chairman of the Nigeria Governors Forum, **Rt Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR (Matawallen Sokoto), the Executive Governor of Sokoto state** on the occasion of his 55th birthday anniversary.

There is no doubt that your leadership qualities cannot be matched with any as for the first time, the state is witnessing unprecedented transformation which is cutting across all the sectors of our economy.

And for this reason, our great party is profoundly proud of your sterling qualities, wisdom and the quantum of democracy dividends that the people of the state and indeed Nigeria have been enjoying by your feats in various areas of administration and statesmanship.

We pray Almighty Allah will continue to endow you with the stamina and skills to continue unleashing your potentials for the overall benefit of the people of this country, particularly citizens of Sokoto state.



SIGNED:  
**Hon Bello Aliyu Goronyo**  
*Chairman Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)*  
*Sokoto State Chapter*

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# CITY NEWS

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## COVID-19: Ogun opens oxygen therapy centre

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Ogun State government has opened an Oxygen Therapy Centre to avoid a scarcity of the life-saving consumable.

The centre, located within the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Ibekekodo, Abeokuta consists of 20 beds of high dependency capacity.

The Commissioner for Health, Dr. Tomi Coker, in her address, on Monday, said the centre would ensure that the state does not run out of oxygen like some states are experiencing at the moment.

"We are responding appropriately to contain and curtail this second wave," she said.

"The Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) Isolation Centre is at 90 per cent capacity right now which means that people have to take cognizance of being responsible for their own health," she added.

The commissioner, however, pointed out that Ogun has tested over 50,000 residents which is the 1 per cent of its population as stipulated by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

"Ogun is one of the leading states in the number of tests carried out. We've actually hit one person of our population which is the stipulated number prescribed by NCDC for all states.

"We have tested over 50,000 residents of Ogun State given that our population is about 5.8 million. We are now heading to 2 per cent. Out of the over 50,000 tested, we have about 2,500 positive cases," she stated.



■ Lagosian boarding vehicles to their various destinations at Berger yesterday.

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

## Tanker explosion: Lagos bridge remains closed as repair work begins

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Following last week's tanker explosion along the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway in Lagos, the Apakun/Airport Bridge affected by the inferno has remained closed as the state government commenced work on it and other adjoining roads yesterday.

A tanker loaded with 40,000 litres of petroleum collided with a trailer resulting in an explosion which impeded movement on the expressway.

The bridge was later closed down to enable the authorities conduct integrity tests on it before it would be reopened.

Work, however, commenced yesterday with the government appealing to motorists to cooperate with the contractor.

The Commissioner for Transportation, Frederic

Oladeinde, also asked motorists to make use of alternative routes pending the outcome of the tests and reopening of the bridge.

According to him, motorists from Mile 2 to Cele on Apapa-Oshodi Expressway, approaching Iyana-Isolo through Daleko Bridge, will need to make use of Aiye and Osolo way to Asa Afariogun through 7&8 to access International Airport Road.

"Motorists from Toyota will make use of the service lanes by Armed Forces Resettlement Centre to BOC Gases on old NAFDAC Headquarters, through a U-turn at Cappa on Agege Motor Road to Bolade/Oyetayo Street (Oshodi-Isolo Local Govt Secretariat) through Bolade on Apapa-Oshodi Expressway via Charity in order to reach International Airport Road," he said.

He added that motorists from Bus Terminal 2 Transport Interchange inwards Charity on Apapa -Oshodi Expressway can connect International Airport Road from Toyota through Anthony Oke to Ikorodu Road on the service lanes and return via Anthony Oke inwards Oshodi Oke to Charity and connect International Airport Road.

Oladeinde said the state traffic management officials (LASTMA) would be deployed to the aforementioned corridors to control and manage traffic flow along the axis during the course of the diversions.

"The LASG is assuring the motoring public that the Airport Bridge shall be opened for use as soon as the tests or requisite intervention makes it safe and secure to do so," he said.

## Court dissolves 1-year-old marriage over lack of love

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A Grade 1 Area Court sitting in Gwagwalada, Abuja, has dissolved the one-year-old marriage between Ali Adamu and Hussaina Bulus.

The presiding judge, while delivering judgment, ordered Hussaina Bulus to observe *iddah* for three months.

Hussaina, who resides in Kiyi village of Kuje Area

Council, had filed a complaint before the court demanding the dissolution of her marriage with her husband, Ali Adamu, over lack of love and interest.

The husband, Ali Adamu, who replied to the court summons, urged the court to grant her prayers, and the court dissolved the marriage.

Similarly, a housewife, Hauwa Abdulkarim, who resides in Anguwar Dodo,

has also asked the court to dissolve her seven-year-old marriage with her husband, Boyi Adamu, over lack of love.

The husband, Boyi Adamu, who resides in Rafin-Zurfi community, who was in court, said he was still interested in his wife and the presiding judge adjourned the matter till January 18, 2021, to enable the couple to settle the matter among themselves.

## QUICK READ

FCT

### Bizman docked for smashing customer's windscreen

A businessman, Julius Oguniyi, on Monday appeared in a Karu Grade I Area Court, FCT, for allegedly smashing his customer's windscreen.

The police are charging Oguniyi with criminal trespass and mischief.

He, however, pleaded not guilty to the offences.

The prosecutor, Ayotunde Adeyanju, told the court that the complainant, Steve Olaye, reported the matter at the Karu Police Station on Dec. 7.

Adeyanju alleged that the defendant went to the complainant's house and smashed his Toyota Sienna windscreen with a stone.

He said the defendant claimed that the complainant refused to pay for a job he executed for him.

He said the offence contravened sections 348 and 327 of the Penal Code.

The Judge, Anas Isah, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N500,000 with two sureties in like sum.

### Teenager in court for stealing employer's motorcycle

A teenager, Godwin Simon, who allegedly stole his employer's motorcycle worth N231,000, on Monday appeared in a Grade I Area Court, Karu, FCT.

The police charged Simon, who resides in Nyanya, Abuja, with criminal breach of trust and theft.

The prosecution counsel, Ade Adeyanju, told the court that the defendant was entrusted with a motorcycle for commercial purpose.

He alleged that the defendant who failed to remit the N7,000 agreed on, later reported the motorcycle stolen.

The prosecutor said the matter was reported at the Nyanya Police Station by the complainant, Agaba Daniel.

He said the offence contravened sections 312 and 287 of the Penal Code.

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

The judge, Anas Mohammed, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N300,000.

EKITI

### Woman, 23, appears in court for receiving stolen property

A 23-year-old woman, Afuye Christiana, on Monday appeared in an Ado-Ekiti Chief Magistrate Court for allegedly receiving stolen property. Christiana, whose address was not given, is facing a charge of receiving stolen property.

The prosecutor, Insp. Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court that the defendant committed the offence in November 2020 in Ikere-Ekiti.

Akinwale alleged that the defendant received 32 inches LG plasma television set from one Olaoye Toyin, one of the stolen items looted from the Police Divisional Headquarters, Anaye, in Ikere-Ekiti.

He said the offence contravened Section 427 of the Criminal Code, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012. Akinwale urged the court to adjourn the case to enable him to study the case file and assemble his witnesses. Christiana, however, pleaded not guilty.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr Lanre Owoloso, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N75,000 with two sureties in like sum.

The case was adjourned to Feb.16 for hearing. (NAN)

## FCT primary school teachers to resume strike if authorities renege on agreement

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Wing of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) has called on the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to commence implementation of the new minimum wage and

payment of arrears of primary school teachers in the territory.

Acting secretary of the FCT NUT, Comrade Margaret I. Jethro, who made the call while speaking with newsmen at the Teachers House in Gwagwalada, yesterday, said the union was expecting that the teachers' minimum wage

and their arrears would be paid by end of January, 2021 as agreed.

She said the union had written a letter of reminder to the Minister of State for FCT, Hajiya Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu and the acting Secretary for Education on the need to ensure that the agreement reached with the

six area council chairmen on the implementation of the minimum wage and payment of arrears is adhered to.

According to her, the suspension of strike action embarked upon by primary school teachers in October and November 2020, was as a result of the FCT minister's intervention.



# CRIME

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## Corps member in police custody for hacking man to death

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

A corps member serving in Akwa Ibom State, Chidinma Pascaline Oduma, has allegedly hacked a man, Akwaowo Japhet, to death in his house.

The 26-year-old corps member allegedly committed the crime on Sunday and was caught while trying to jump the fence of the compound where the man lived.

It was learnt that an irate mob caught her, beat and stripped her naked after Japhet's corpse was found.

Eyewitnesses claimed that Oduma macheted and killed her victim after several cuts on his stomach and face.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Odiko Macdon, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police, Andrew Amiengheme, has ordered that investigation be carried out on the incident.

He stated that the matter which was brought to the attention of the police via a distress call would be charged to court after investigations are completed.

Macdon said, "On Sunday around 11 am, we received a distress call from our control room, and so we had to send our policemen to No 219, Abak road,

where one Chidinma Pascaline Oduma, a corps member, was at the verge of being lynched by an irate mob, but the police rescued her.

"When we carried out preliminary investigations, she informed us that Akwaowo Japhet of No 219, Abak Road, Uyo, took her to his house. And while in the house, this Akwaowo Japhet picked up a machete and attempted to kill her.

"She said she dispossessed him and used the same machete on him which led to his death. So we had to recover the corpse and rescue the lady who should be about 25 or 26 years old.

"The lady has been arrested by the police and she is in our custody. The Commissioner of Police, Andrew Amiengheme, has ordered a discreet investigation into the alleged murder, and as soon as the police are done with the investigation, the matter will be charged to court."

Reacting to the incident, the Akwa Ibom State Coordinator of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Mr Julius Amusan, said he was informed of the incident on Sunday evening.

He stated that the report of a female corps member hacking a man to death was unbelievable and unusual, but that the police

had confirmed the incident.

"She is a serving Batch A Corp member in Uyo Local Government Area. The information on the matter did not get to me until 5 pm on Sunday evening when somebody called to inform us that a female corps member killed her lover.

"When the report came, I doubted it because it sounds strange that a female corps member would kill a man. It sounded unbelievable; it is something very unusual.

"I made a call to the police headquarters and at that time, they were unable to give me details of the incident. It was when I got to the police that we were able to establish what really happened. It is very unfortunate that such a thing would happen.

"We would not be able to say what actually happened and the incident surrounding it. We depend on the police reports because we are not eyewitnesses.

"According to an investigation, the lady and the boy were not into any previous relationship. Yesterday (Sunday) was the first day of their meeting. It was said that yesterday, the girl returned from church, and later went out to buy bean cake," Amusan stated.



Police paraded suspected bag snatchers in Lagos, yesterday

## Tricycle rider, 3 other suspected robbers burnt to death in Calabar

Eyo Charles, Calabar

A tricycle rider whose name was not immediately known was burnt to death Sunday night on Mayne Avenue by Inyang Street in Calabar for allegedly robbing a resident.

Similarly, two other suspects were also set ablaze in Atu Street while another was killed in similar circumstance in Efoanwa Street in Anantigha, close to Calabar South LGA of the state.

The three separate incidents happened before the curfew which commences from 10

pm till 6 am in Calabar.

A fellow tricycle (Keke Napep) rider who apparently knew the burnt Keke rider but did not give his name said, "He suddenly stopped riding Keke. I don't know that he had gone into stealing. The economy is hard but stealing is not the best option. Just look at the way he died, so bad. He was struggling, so they broke his legs, before putting tyres on him and lighting the fire".

According to residents who expressed shock, the man killed on Efoanwan Street used to stay in the

neighborhood yet he also robbed his neighbours.

*Daily Trust* that the people decided to end the life of the suspect, alleging that whenever he was arrested by the police, he would always come out and will still continue with his stealing.

The charred corpses were yet to be evacuated at the time of filing this report.

Irene Ugbo, the PRO of the state police command, said even though she was not aware of the lynching, it was criminal to embark on jungle justice.

## Customs intercepts cannabis, other contraband worth N148.6m

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Operatives of the Customs Strike Force Zone "C" have intercepted 66 sacks of weeds suspected to be cannabis Sativa allegedly being moved to an undisclosed warehouse in Edo State.

The operatives also intercepted 54 cartons of medicaments, six bales of second-hand clothing, 18,640 pieces of wristwatches, 40 bales of wrappers, eight sacks of children wears and 30 bags of rice among others in an effort

to clampdown on items that have great consequences on national security and economy.

A statement issued on Monday by the Deputy National Public Relations Officer of the Nigeria Customs Service, Assistant Comptroller, Abubakar Dalhatu, revealed that the team leader Deputy Comptroller Yusuf Musa put the cumulative amount of the seizures at N143.628 million.

Dalhatu disclosed that the seizures which were made from various locations in Edo State were based on credible

information from reliable customs sources.

"Items recovered by the team include: 66 sacks of cannabis Sativa weighing 1056 kg, 54 cartons of medicaments, six bales of second-hand clothing, 18,640 pieces of wristwatch, 40 bales of wrapper, eight sacks of children wears, 14 cartons of female slippers, 40 bales of wrapper and 30 bags of foreign parboiled rice (50kg each). The Duty Paid Value (DPV) of the aforementioned seized items stood at N143, 627, 748.20," he said.

## One killed after N2.5m POS robbery in Plateau

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

One person was killed while three others were injured after robbers attacked a POS kiosk in Dangi town of Kanam Local Government Area of Plateau State, making away with N2.5 million.

However, the deceased's name given as Muhammad Haruna was alleged to have been shot dead by a soldier operating in the area.

The attack on the POS centre was said to have occurred around 8:30 pm when robbers disguised as customers attacked the owner of the centre and robbed him of over N2m.

Shapi'l Sambo, a youth leader in Wase LG from where the deceased hails accused personnel of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) of killing Haruna, who, in the company of a friend, was returning from Jarmai town to Wase after attending a wedding ceremony.

The youth explained that "The deceased and one other Musa Shehu who were riding on a motorcycle were on their way to Dangi around 9: pm when they sighted people with touch lights. They thought those flashing lights were armed robbers and they quickly made a U-turn and as soon as they turned, one of the soldiers at the checkpoint opened fire on them, resulting in the death of Muhammad. Shehu was injured and is currently receiving treatment at Teaching Hospital in Bauchi."

But the OPSH's spokesman,

Major Ibrahim Shittu, who confirmed the incident, said the personnel of the operation in the area were on patrol along the said road following the POS robbery.

He said, "On January 8, at about 8:30 pm, there was a robbery at a POS point behind Central Market where four armed robbers on bikes with AK 47 rifles charted away N2.5m and shot one Mr. Aminu, the owner of the POS shop. Our troops in conjunction with other security agencies pursued the robbers who escaped and later we dominated the area with patrols.

"One of the robbers was later arrested and handed over to the police. On January 9, bikes moving at high speed on the road passed our troop's location, and the area commander quickly alerted the troops at Kemsingi checkpoint to stop and search the bikes. On sighting the troops, they tried to escape and troops engaged them and four of them sustained gunshot wounds. The suspects were rushed to the General Hospital, Dangi. Two were treated and discharged while two others were referred to Bauchi Teaching Hospital for further treatment. In the process of moving them to hospital, one died," Major Shittu added.

The youth leader however called on the authorities concerned to investigate the matter and bring the soldier in question to book, adding that there was serious tension following the killing of Muhammad.

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



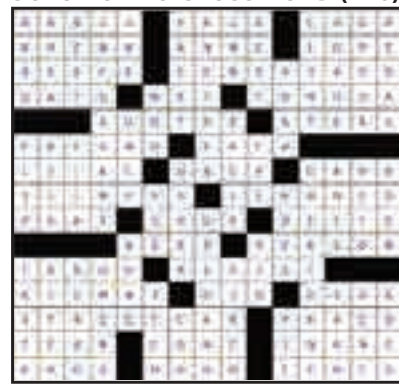
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- 5. Grouch
- 9. Dairy product
- 14. She, in Nice
- 15. Mister (Ger.)
- 16. Soup dipper
- 17. Portal
- 18. Respect
- 20. Pranks
- 22. Recipe verb
- 23. Baseball's \_\_\_ Williams
- 24. Microwaves again
- 26. Hardwood tree
- 28. Do again
- 31. Spanish cheers
- 35. Texas shrine
- 39. Afflictions
- 40. Aggravate
- 41. Atoll material
- 42. River (Sp.)
- 43. Poke fun at
- 44. Fair
- 45. Vow
- 46. Sheik's wives
- 47. Penn or Connery
- 48. Make glad
- 50. Mimic
- 52. More regretful
- 57. Ruckus
- 60. Desertlike
- 63. Sewing item
- 64. Rule

Down

- 67. Breaks bread
- 68. Succinct
- 69. Albany's canal
- 70. Injection
- 71. Greasy streak
- 72. Dissolve
- 73. Long periods
- 1. Fragrant wood
- 2. Unattended
- 3. Slow-moving mammal
- 4. Scary
- 5. Morally pure
- 6. Apple color
- 7. Tentacles
- 8. Englishman, informally
- 9. Nurse \_\_\_ Barton
- 10. Lab animal
- 11. Rewrite text
- 12. African lily
- 13. Fix
- 19. Uprisings
- 21. Yuletide tune
- 25. Type of staircase
- 27. Seoul's country
- 29. Select group
- 30. Oahu greetings
- 32. Perjurer
- 33. More
- 34. Appear
- 35. Experts
- 36. Great affection
- 37. Precinct
- 38. Heavenly dish
- 43. Yonder
- 45. Puccini work
- 49. 14-line poem
- 51. More ashen
- 53. Actress \_\_\_ Witherspoon
- 54. Potato state
- 55. Rock star \_\_\_ John
- 56. \_\_\_ and crafts
- 58. Regard
- 59. Fairy tale monster
- 61. Article
- 62. Urgent
- 65. UN member
- 66. Frying need

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (176)



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 176

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SNAPSHOT >>

## Meet The Tribe That Buries Its Dead By Burning And Eating Their Flesh



The Yanomami tribe who are also known as Senema or Yanam are mostly found in parts of Brazil and Venezuela. The people of this tribe do not give much attention to modernization as they continue to practice and believe in their tradition and culture. So, among others, instead of sending off their dead by giving them befitting burial like we know, the Yanomami people do theirs differently as they practice a ritual known as 'endocannibalism'. Endocannibalism is the practice whereby the flesh of a dead person is eaten by those who are from the same tribe or community. The Yanomami tribe believe that the soul of a person needed to be protected even after death and that is done when the corpse is burnt and eaten by the relatives. They burn the corpse, leaving only the bones which is then grounded into a powder solution and then mixed with the ashes of the corpse. They use the powder to prepare banana soup, a local delicacy, which is eaten by the relatives of the deceased. They believe the dead can only attain eternal peace when this whole ritual is done.

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# QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT Q4 2020

## 1.0 GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The major economies like the USA, UK, China and others have managed and emerging from the pandemic and lockdowns with relatively little long-term economic damage, thanks to substantial monetary and fiscal support. Wage subsidies and job retention schemes have prevented unemployment rates from rising significantly in most countries. In the United States, corporate bankruptcies and delinquency rates on consumer loans were lower in the Q4 2020 quarter than the same period in 2019. The hospitality, tourism, transport and retail sectors have been hit hard, but the overall balance sheet damage to corporates and households has been relatively limited despite the large lockdowns.

The most notable damage from the pandemic is rising government debt. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects that gross government debt for the G71 economies will rise by 23% of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2020. High debt makes government finances vulnerable to rising interest rates. This is unlikely to be a significant problem in the next couple of years, but it will matter when spare capacity is eventually exhausted, and inflation starts to rise.

There is speculation that governments will soon start to trim deficits through tax hikes and lower spending, slowing the recovery. This seems unlikely anytime soon. The chart below shows that despite the increase in debt levels, net interest expenses are projected to trend lower for all the major economies. By 2023, Japanese government net interest payments are expected to be close to zero, despite gross debt in excess of 250% of GDP. Two-thirds of Japanese government debt has a negative yield.

Governments will come under pressure to reduce deficits only after bond yields rise meaningfully and markets question debt sustainability. We expect fiscal austerity and tighter monetary policy still for some to come.

## 2.0 DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS Q4 2020

Interestingly, IMF in its 2020 World Economic Outlook, using the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as yardstick has rated Nigeria as the best economy in Africa. It also ranked Nigeria as one of the world's 26 top economies with an average GDP of \$442,976 million.

Countries are sorted by nominal GDP estimates from financial and statistical institutions, which are calculated at market or government official exchange rates.

Nominal GDP does not take into account differences in the cost of living in different countries, and the results can vary from one year to another based on fluctuations in the exchange rates of the country's currency.

A major domestic development during Q4 2020 was the reopening of four critical land borders which have been shut since Aug. 20, 2019. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Government had in August 2019 closed the land borders which were investment generators and revenue sources for the movement of goods. Of course the borders were closed based on genuine reasons which included smuggling of arms and light weapons, drug peddling and unguarded influx of prohibited items into Nigeria's trade environment through the borders.

The National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS) however stated that the closure had serious implications on trade competitiveness and exports to galvanize revenue necessary for the revival and stability of domestic economy in view of the menace caused by COVID-19 on the nation's purse.

We give here under performance of other indicators during the quarter:

Money	Last	Reference	Previous	Range
<b>Interest Rate (%)</b>	11.5	Dec/20	11.5	6 : 14
<b>Cash Reserve Ratio (%)</b>	27.5	Jan/21	27.5	1 : 31
<b>Money Supply M0 (NGN Million)</b>	2659710	Nov/20	2498978	193939 : 2659710
<b>Money Supply M1 (NGN Million)</b>	14820224	Nov/20	14166856	396992 : 14820224
<b>Money Supply M2 (NGN Million)</b>	36504517	Nov/20	35690619	648507 : 36504517
<b>Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)</b>	35360	Dec/20	35430	63.22 : 62082
<b>Deposit Interest Rate (%)</b>	4.05	Aug/20	4.31	2 : 27
<b>Lending Rate (%)</b>	11.76	Aug/20	14.99	6 : 37.8

Nigerian Money Market indicators Q4 2020  
Source: CBN Statistics

Prices	Last	Reference	Previous	Range
<b>Inflation Rate (%)</b>	14.89	Nov/20	14.23	-2.49 : 47.56
<b>Consumer Price Index CPI (points)</b>	350	Nov/20	345	14.36 : 350
<b>Core Consumer Prices (points)</b>	309	Nov/20	307	69 : 309
<b>Core Inflation Rate (%)</b>	11.1	Nov/20	11.1	0.49 : 19.28
<b>Food Inflation (%)</b>	18.3	Nov/20	17.38	-17.5 : 39.54
<b>Cpi Housing Utilities (points)</b>	318	Nov/20	316	7.8 : 318
<b>CPI Transportation (points)</b>	312	Nov/20	308	68.5 : 312
<b>GDP Deflator (points)</b>	219	Sep/20	214	0.6 : 219
<b>Inflation Rate Mom (%)</b>	1.6	Nov/20	1.54	-3.5 : 8.93

## 2.1 FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENT

CBN during Q4 2020 gave new operational guidelines for the receipt of diaspora remittances. The main point of the new guidelines directed agent banks (Deposit Money Banks) in Nigeria will be responsible for all payment to beneficiaries/recipients either in foreign currency cash (US\$) or into the beneficiaries/recipients' domiciliary account in Nigeria.

The new guidelines now stop International Money Transfer Operators (IMTO) from sending money to Mobile Money Operators and also stopped the integration of payment services providers to IMTO accounts. CBN also stopped switches and processors from receiving foreign remittances in Naira.

The Payment Service Providers (PSP) were directed to cease integrating their systems with IMTOs going

forward and must prevent commingling of remittances with other legitimate transactions. IMTOs are required to immediately disclose to beneficiaries that they exercise discretion to receive transfer in foreign currency cash or directly into their domiciliary accounts.

A central reporting portal for all foreign remittances to be managed by the Nigerian Interbank Settlement System (NIBSS) is currently under development to improve visibility of foreign remittance flows.

Though this development is highly laudable, the fundamental problem is not the payment of foreign currency to beneficiaries but a fallout of multiple exchange rates in Nigeria's foreign exchange market. A survey carried out by ABCN quarterly revealed that a large percentage of beneficiaries require Naira for domestic commitments in Nigeria. Upon collection of Foreign currency cash or drawing from their Domiciliary accounts as the policy provided, they do the conversion usually unofficially where the exchange rates are higher. Though the authorities are able to capture figures of the inflows from the data of the IMTOs for statistical purposes, utilization of the foreign exchange may still flow into the unofficial/informal sector for capital flight and other uses not marginally expedient for the growth of the forex market.

Thus, a major policy trust should focus on unification of exchange rates and diversification of the operational base to achieve a competitive outlook.

## 3.0 OBSERVATIONS AND PROJECTIONS

### 3.1 GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR Q1 2021

Experts have predicted a positive medium-term outlook for economies and corporations. Most economies are experiencing the early post-recession recovery phase of the cycle. The reflection is an extended period of low-inflation, low-interest rate growth that favors equities over bonds. Morgan Stanley is projecting a strong global GDP growth of 6.4% for 2021 propelled first by emerging markets, followed by reopening economies in the U.S. and Europe.

Geopolitics could also deliver negative surprises from China, Iran or Russia as the new Biden administration takes power in the U.S.

Overall, the following asset class performance implications for 2021 are projected:

- Equities should outperform bonds.
- Long-term bond yields should rise, though with steeper yield curves likely limited by continued low inflation and central banks remaining on hold.
- The U.S. dollar will likely weaken given its counter cyclical nature.
- Non-U.S. equities to outperform given their more cyclical nature and relative valuation advantage over U.S. stocks.
- The value equity factor to outperform the growth factor.
- A return to normal by the second half of the year should help extend the rotation that began in early November 2020 away from technology/growth leadership toward cyclical/value stocks. During the COVID-19 pandemic, technology and growth stocks enjoyed tailwinds from a boost to earnings and lower discount rates. These tailwinds should become headwinds once a vaccine is available and lockdowns have been eased. This should allow the normal early-cycle recovery dynamics to resume, with investors rotating towards relatively cheaper value and non-U.S. stocks that will benefit from the return to more normal economic activity.

### 3.2 SUMMARY OF PROJECTION OF SOME MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR Q1/2021

S/N	INDICATORS	Q4/2020	Q1/2021	REMARKS
1	Interest rate	11.5	11.5	MPR
2	Inflation rate	14.89	15.5	
3	GDP Growth rate	- 3.66	- 3.0	
4	GDP Per capital	US\$2,001	US\$1,950	
5	Unemployment rate	27.1	29	
6	Consumer price index	350 points	375 points	
7	Business confidence	-17 points	-10 points	
8	Manufacturing PMI	50.5 points	56 points	
9	CBN exchange rate	380	420	
10	BDC rate	395	450	
11	External Reserve	US\$35.36	US\$36.0	

### 4.1 RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### 4.2 ADVICE TO GOVT:

##### • ECONOMIC:

Government need to boost spending to reduce the risk of permanent damage to the economy from the shock of the global pandemic, which has resulted in contractions in GDP that are unparalleled in modern history for most economies. Fiscal policies will need to boost growth to prevent the loss in output from becoming permanent.

Most Central banks worldwide as a reflection of the scale of economic damage from the pandemic are evolving policies pointing to a prolonged recovery process. The Federal Reserve for instance has signaled that it will keep interest rates at rock bottom until at least the end of 2023. The European Central Bank also has extended its pandemic emergency purchase programme until March 2022 while reinvesting its proceeds by continuing to inject cash, until at least the end of 2023. Both central banks are indicating they are supporting the economy with loose monetary policy for the next three years. While a rigidly similar approach cannot be applicable for a developing economy, a pandemic recovery process dictating a medium term stability approach must be employed.

##### • FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET:

Considering the current trend of depreciation of the Naira, gradual depletion of the nation's foreign reserves, insatiable demand for foreign exchange, over dependence of the economy on crude as a major source of foreign exchange and the consequent inflationary effects, there is the need to evolve a medium to long term policies to reverse the trend which could lead to a collapse of the system in the face of an unprecedented shock especially with the prospective global intention of divergence from fuel as a source of energy.

We are recommending two dimensions of diversification: (i) trade diversification which focuses on exporting new or better products, or to new market and (ii) domestic production diversification (i.e. cross-sectoral rebalancing of output, driving the reallocation of resources across industries and within industries between firms to increase total factor productivity). Thus, a careful consideration of the subregions market where Nigeria has a dominant strength should be explored. Closing the ECOWAS market is directing them to Chinese and European markets.

The common currency for the subregion gives Nigeria a large market hence it was upturned by the European power as the system was about to take off. Government should not give up on the project.

### 4.3 ADVICE FOR BDC SUB SECTOR

BDC sub-sector need to undertake a total structural re-engineering of operations through improved technical training of operators to be able to cope with the emerging realities of the foreign exchange markets in developing economies. The process should encompass full automation of operations to be able to operate migrant remittance activities. Total review and repositioning of models of operations to reflect greater transparency, efficiency and inbuilt aggregate economic development goals should be drawn and presented to the authorities for consideration.

Signed:  
Executive Secretary



# INSIDE POLITICS

## PoliQuote

The struggle to ensure a more perfect federation is a lifelong enterprise to which each generation must resolutely commit – **Vice President Yemi Osinbajo**

## 2023: Okorocha mulls new political alliance

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

Ahead of the 2023 general elections, a former governor of Imo State, Senator Rochas Okorocha, yesterday called for a new political alliance to address the challenges facing the country.

Okorocha, who spoke at the inauguration of a road project constructed by the Rivers State government in Emouha LGA of the state, said the good people in both the ruling APC and opposition PDP should come together to make Nigeria great.

He said it is time for people of like-minds who desire the best for Nigeria to join forces to make the country great.

“In this dispensation, there are many bad people in APC, many bad people in PDP. I think the good people of APC and good people of PDP must come together for the purpose of making Nigeria great.



■ Okorocha

“Let us bring all like-minds, all great people of Nigeria together. Rather than complaining, let us come together to make this country greater and greater as it should be,” he said.

He said Nigerians must embrace each other no matter the political affiliation and break the barriers that

make it difficult to work together as Nigerians for the good of the country.

“What brought me here today is not party. What brought me here today is love and friendship. I am not of PDP, I am of APC. But the time has come when we must break the jinx of party division and begin to embrace brotherhood and friendship and be able to state what is good and what is bad,” Okorocha said.

He said political power is a trust which can only be justified when used for the common good. He noted that the masses of Nigerians are not asking for too much from their leaders other than the basic necessities of life.

He said leaders who are unable to provide basic amenities such as electricity, water and roads must be considered failed leaders.

Earlier, Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State counselled members of APC in the state to discard politics of bitterness.

## Why party chairmen shouldn't take sides in our feud – Kaduna speaker

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Speaker of Kaduna State House of Assembly, Yusuf Zailani, has cautioned chairmen of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Kaduna Central Senatorial district to beware of any illegal forum or issuing statements that are against the constitution of the party.

The feud between the speaker and Senator Uba Sani (APC, Kaduna Central) has polarised the APC in Kaduna Central Senatorial district.

Zailani, through a statement issued by his political adviser, Ismaila Shuaibu Sabon Birni, said, “Our attention has been drawn to a publication of purported resolutions reached at a meeting of seven APC chairmen of Kajuru, Chikun, Kaduna South, Kaduna North, Birnin Gwari, Igabi and Giwa on the unfortunate altercations fuelled by an aggrieved section of the party leadership.

“We note that whereas party leaders, especially those at the grassroots, are expected to set the example by providing leadership in line with the values of our party, the local government chairmen, in this case, chose to be guided by personal whims not minding that their conduct will rub off on the image of the party.

“By flagrantly slackening the accepted standards of fairness, these seven local officials have selfishly set the foundation for arbitrariness and impunity in dispute arbitration among party members,” he said.

## Zamfara lawmakers resume sitting in primary school

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

Zamfara State House of Assembly, yesterday, resumed legislative activities at the Government Special Primary School (GSPS) in Gusau, the state capital.

The lawmakers had relocated from the assembly

complex to the school in March last year following renovation work at the legislative building.

Upon resumption, yesterday, the House standing committees commenced their various engagements, even though there was no plenary.

Welcoming his colleagues

from recess, the speaker, Nasiru Mu'azu Magarya, urged them to be more proactive, diligent and purposeful in the discharge of their legislative responsibilities.

On the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the speaker urged his colleagues,

management and staff of the assembly to strictly abide by all the safety protocols and guidelines against the coronavirus.

It could be recalled that the House went on recess on December 11 last year after deliberations on this year's budget.

## My life in danger over Atiku's campaign debt – NCP boss

By Joshua Odeyemi & Saawua Terzungwe

The chairman of a socio-political organisation, Nigeria Continuity and Progressive (NCP), Dr. Lawal Sambo Ismaila, has said his life is in danger over a N500 million campaign debt incurred while working for the PDP candidate, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, for the 2019 general elections.

Ismaila said the pressure became more intense after the over 200 groups that worked with him to execute the campaign contract got a hint that Atiku had

promised to make an out-of-court settlement and pay the debt in full.

The money is, however, yet to be paid into their bank account as promised.

According to him: “Over 200 groups spread across the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory were contracted by our organisation, NCP, thinking that the money in question would be paid immediately, but to no avail.

“We went to an Abuja High Court to help us recover the money, and they promised to pay us the debt without further delay,

even though we are still in court.

“We gave them our UBA account details but till today, the money has not been paid.

When contacted, Atiku's Special Adviser on Media, Paul Ibe, told our reporter to speak to the PDP, the platform upon which the former vice president contested, for a reaction.

But when contacted over the phone, PDP's National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, referred our reporter back to Ibe, saying he should be the one to respond.

## Congress: APC warned against imposition of excos in Plateau

From Ado Abubakar Musa Jos

The leadership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Plateau State has been cautioned against the imposition of executives in the forthcoming ward, local government and state congresses of the party.

Alhaji Dahiru Ibrahim, a stalwart of the party, said the warning became necessary to avoid any crisis that might affect the chances of the party in the 2023 general elections.

Speaking to journalists in Jos, the state capital, he said Dahiru said as a stakeholder with a sincere democratic mission in

the APC, the party should heed to his call.

“We have to caution our party leadership at this stage to block all loopholes that may create any faction or litigation as the final option at the disposal of those that may be shortchanged or denied a level playing ground in the coming congresses,” he said.

## APC, PDP bicker over Makinde's foreign trip

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Pacesetter Initiative (TPI), a group within the Oyo State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), yesterday, slammed the state governor, Seyi Makinde, over his reported trip to the United States.

Although there was no official confirmation on the governor's overseas trip, impeccable sources have it that he (Makinde) left Nigeria on December 31, 2020 to unite with members of his immediate family who are permanent residents of Houston, Texas.

The group's coordinator, Afeez Bolaji Repete, and Director of Organization, Olawale Sadare, while speaking with journalists in Ibadan, frowned at what they called a height of insensitivity and ineptitude on the part of Makinde.

Repete said: “Gov. Makinde's

trip to the United States, this time, came at a time his government needed to arrest the surging challenges of insecurity bedevilling virtually every part of the state as residents of Ibadan, Oke-Ogun, Ibarapa, Ogbomoso and Oyo were gnashing their teeth on account of coordinated hoodlum attacks, kidnappings, killings and other organised crimes.”

Reacting, the spokesperson of the PDP in the state, Akeem Olatunji wondered when it became an offence to travel abroad during annual leave.

“Is it a crime to travel on annual vacation? There was no crisis before he left Nigeria. He has not spent up to a week because he was around late last year. It is true he travelled but there is government in place. We are now in a global village, so he can direct the affairs of the state from anywhere. If they have nothing to say, let them shut up,” he said.

## Fire kills 3 family members in Kano

Richard P. Ngbokai, Kano

A fire outbreak has killed three family members at Rijiyar Zaki, Ungogo Local Government Area of Kano State.

It was gathered that the

incident occurred at about 3.18 am yesterday at a popular Rufar Shehu area.

The victims were identified as Hauwa Musa, 25; Mubarak Musa, 13, and Salamatu Musa, 20.

The Kano State Fire Service

confirmed the incident but said investigations have commenced to establish the cause of the inferno.

A statement by the Public Relations Officer of the Service, Alhaji Saidu Muhammad Ibrahim said:

“The inferno was controlled and quenched by our officers and three persons trapped in the building were rescued unconscious and taken to Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital for medical assistance where the victims

were confirmed dead.”

Ibrahim, therefore, advised residents of Kano metropolis and beyond to always be cautious in dealing with fire and other inflammable objects especially during the dry season.



Public Works programme (774,000 Jobs) of the Federal Government in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State yesterday.

Photo: NAN

## 1,163 Borno displaced kids return to school

Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri

Borno State Government yesterday said 1,163 children, whose primary education was truncated after their families were displaced by Boko Haram insurgency seven years ago have returned to

classrooms in Damasak, Mobbar Local Government Area.

A statement said Governor Babagana Umara Zulum supervised the school enrollment campaign.

The statement signed by the governor's adviser

on public relations and strategy, Isa Gusau, quoted Zulum as appealing to parents to enroll their children in schools.

The governor said: “Where functional schools were provided by government, social welfare assistance from the

government will eventually be restricted to parents who allow their children and wards to attend schools whether western or combined curriculum of Islamic and western education.”

## ‘Soldiers arrested our vigilantes as criminals in Oyo’

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Chairman, Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in Oyo State, Alhaji Ibrahim Jiji, yesterday appealed to the state government to release

46 Fulanis in police custody.

He said the arrested Fulanis were not criminals but members of Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), who are securing people in Ibarapa land.

Jiji, who stated this at a

press conference in Ibadan yesterday, said the arrested vigilantes were among the people invited to rescue some kidnap victims in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of the state.

“The 46 vigilantes that were

arrested have been useful for the state for many years. All the 46 vigilantes are not criminals; they are the people arresting criminals. Even those criminals arrested by our men are with police as we speak,” he said.

## COVID-19: We'll stop train services if -Minister

By Idowu Isamotu

The Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi, says Lagos-Ibadan and the Abuja-Kaduna train services would be closed if any case of COVID-19 is detected.

Amaechi, who spoke yesterday on a Nigeria Television Authority's morning show: ‘Good Morning Nigeria’ said it was expedient for Nigerians to learn how to live with COVID-19 by observing all highlighted protocols

and guidelines to avoid contracting the virus.

He said: “If the Lagos-Ibadan passengers flout the COVID protocols, we'll stop the train (services). Don't forget that we convey about 4,000 passengers in a day on

the Abuja-Kaduna rail line.”

He said rise in the number of COVID-19 cases had delayed the inauguration of the Lagos-Ibadan service, saying President Buhari would virtually inaugurate the \$1.6bn project expected to be completed this month.

## Police complete probe, await DPP advice on Ogun Commissioner accused of sexual harassment

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Ogun State Police Command said it has concluded investigation into allegation of sexual harassment against the suspended Commissioner for Environment, Abiodun Abudu-Balogun.

The command, however, said it is awaiting legal advice from the state's Department of Public Prosecution (DPP)

for possible trial.

A 16-year-old secondary school girl, Barakat Mayowa Melojuekun, had accused Abudu-Balogun of sexual harassment at his residence in Ita-Otu, Ogun Waterside Local Government Area of the state.

Abudu-Balogun was suspended from office pending the conclusion of an independent investigation into the allegation.

The state police command yesterday disclosed that it has completed and submitted the report on its investigation on the allegation to the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) for a legal advice.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, who disclosed this in Abeokuta, was silent on the details of the report.

Oyeyemi said a legal

advice from the DPP would determine whether the commissioner would be charged to court or not.

Meanwhile, Wife of Ogun State Governor, Mrs Bamidele Abiodun, has denied keeping the teenager in her custody.

Her spokesperson, Kemi Oyeleye, said: “It is not true. We have been hearing about it since last week, but it is not true.”

## Girl, 18, sets boyfriend ablaze in Benue

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

An 18-year-old girl yesterday allegedly set her boyfriend, Chidinma Omah, ablaze at Zaki-Biam Street in Wadata suburb of Makurdi metropolis in Benue State.

This is the fourth incident within the space of three months of persons setting themselves or lovers on fire in the state.

Daily Trust gathered that the teenage girl, Esther Alex, carried out the act at about 2:00 am on Monday.

It was learnt that neighbours, alerted to the scene following a loud scream by the victim, helped to rescue the young man, who is said to be severely burnt and has been taken to the Federal Medical Center in Makurdi for treatment.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Benue Command, DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident, saying the 18-year-old poured petrol around the victim's one-room apartment before setting it on fire.

Anene said the girl has been arrested by the police. “We don't know yet why she did that. We are yet to question her but I can confirm that she (girl) has been arrested and just brought to our custody,” the PPRO said.

## 7 missing Kano children found in Anambra, Enugu

From Sani Ibrahim Paki, Kano

Kano State Government yesterday said more missing children suspected to have been stolen from the state were discovered in Anambra and Enugu.

The state's Commissioner for Information, Malam Muhammad Garba told BBC Hausa on Monday that some of the parents of the children have since recognised them.

He said the committee established by the state to uncover frequent cases of missing children discovered them after visiting some orphanage homes in Anambra and Enugu States.

“We snapped and videotaped these children in search of their parents and five parents have already recognised their children from the video,” Garba said.

He said the state was now trying to ascertain the claims of some parents for the children to avoid handing them over to the wrong ones, adding that efforts were being made to ensure their safe return soon.

In 2019, the Kano State Police Command arrested one Paul and his wife, Mercy, who were accused of stealing some children from Kano and taking them to Anambra State and subsequently changing their names and religion.

Daily Trust reports that mothers of some of the missing children protested recently over what they described as the state's negligence to reunite them even after discovery.



■ Member Senate Committee on Army, Sen Suleiman Abdul (R) consoling one of the wounded Officers during the visit of Senate Committee on Army to Nigerian Army Reference Hospital in Kaduna yesterday. Photo: NAN

## Why Nigeria can't produce COVID-19 vaccines - FG

By Abbas Jimoh

Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Faisal Shuaib, yesterday explained that Nigeria could not produce COVID-19 vaccines because the massive investment needed to do it had not been done for many decades.

He spoke in Abuja yesterday at the briefing of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19.

"There are questions around why Nigeria is not producing COVID-19 vaccines. I want to put on record that the process of producing a vaccine is very complex and complicated. It requires massive investment that has not been done for many decades," Faisal said.

He said: "In the 1960s, we used to make yellow fever vaccines in this country. In the 90s, we decided to change analogue ways of making yellow fever vaccines to more recent

technologies. However, that transfer of technology never happened and that's why we did not continue to make vaccines.

"There are genuine ongoing efforts by the federal government to restart the process of vaccine production. This will take a long process, but it takes a long and complicated process.

"It takes about 10-15 years to start producing vaccines, but the journey of a thousand mile begins with one step".

## We're not getting funding for COVID-19 research, others -NIPRID

By Ojoma Akor

Director-General, National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development, Obi Adigwe, says the agency is not getting the requisite funding for research and production of pharmaceutical products for COVID-19 and other diseases.

He told newsmen in Abuja yesterday that the agency had identified an active ingredient in its product niprimune that could be used in the treatment

and management of COVID-19.

He said the agency had written letters to at least 30 development partners, Nigerian philanthropists and foundations, and telecommunication companies for support on the research, but that it was only an organization in Burkina Faso that had promised to help take the product to the next level.

He said researchers at the agency felt the pain of the lack of support when the same product was approved by the government of Thailand a few days ago for

COVID-19 treatment.

He said leaders and those who had the financial wherewithal in the country to support the agency seemed struck with things coming from abroad than harnessing their own.

"There's no developed country in the world that does not spend somewhere between 1 and 5% of their GDPs on research and development. Those countries spend 100 times per capital of what we spend as a country on research. We're nowhere near we need to be."

## Buhari to Obiozor: Be a unifying force beyond Igboland

● His emergence will advance Igbo's cause - Ikimi

By Muideen Olaniyi & Saawua Terzungwe

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday advised Professor George Obiozor, the new President-General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, to be a "unifying force beyond his immediate constituency."

Buhari, in a statement by his media aide, Garba Shehu, congratulated Nigeria's former Ambassador to the United States, Israel and Cyprus on his election.

Buhari urged him to deploy his immense experience within and outside government to forge greater unity of the country.

"Given Prof. Obiozor's rich background, especially, in international affairs and pan-

Nigerian commitment, I have little doubt that his election is well-deserved and will serve not only the interest of Ndigbo, but also that of his fatherland.

"We need all hands to be on deck for this country to move forward in peace and unity," he said.

Meanwhile, a former Minister of External Affairs and chieftain of the People's Democratic Party, Tom Ikimi, yesterday said Obiozor would use his wealth of experience and vast network to advance the cause of the Igbo nation.

In a congratulatory message, Ikimi said the Igbo nation had made a better choice with Obiozor's election at this crucial period of the nation's history.

## Police parade Lokoja-Abuja kidnap kingpin, others

By Idowu Isamotu

The Nigerian Police Force yesterday paraded some arrested suspects, including a kidnap kingpin, Mohammed Ahmadu, operating along the Lokoja-Abuja; Abuja-Kaduna highways and other major highways in the North-Central States of the country for various criminal activities.

The suspects, arrested by the operatives of the Special Tactical Squad of the police for armed robbery, kidnapping, cattle rustling, car theft and other violent crimes, said they had collected ransom running into hundred million of Naira from their victims.

The police also arrested five members: Godspower Ebogie 'm', Samede Miracle 'm', Efosa Rowland a.k.a Double 'm', Michael Ifeanyi Egwuatu 'm' and Ifeanyi Ewurum a.k.a Rati 'm', all of an armed robbery syndicate who have their criminal network and base spread across Edo, Delta, Ondo and Lagos States.

Parading the suspects at the headquarters of defunct Special Anti-Robbery Squad in Abuja, Force spokesman, Frank Mba, lamented how they (police and other security operatives) were dealing with growing security challenges on daily basis, describing the kidnapppers as "monsters".

He explained that the Force, in its renewed commitment to advance the gains recorded in the fight against crimes in the country, particularly in the ongoing year 2020, arrested no

fewer than 18 criminal suspects in 2021 for the offences list above.

According to him, eight AK47 rifles, one SMG sterling gun, 236 AK47 ammunition, 12 pieces of SMG sterling gun ammunition, two Toyota Camry Saloon Cars, 2006 and 2014 models (already released to the owners), were recovered from the suspected criminals.

Daily Trust reports that notable among the arrests is that of one Abubakar Umaru alias Buba Bargu, 'm', 35 years, a native of Kato Shiroro area of Niger State.

Investigations by the police team revealed that Abubakar is a member and armourer of a gang that had carried out several kidnap for ransom operations along Lokoja-Abuja; Abuja-Kaduna highways and other major highways in the north-central states.

Abubakar's group carried out the abduction of a 30-year-old Mohammed Ahmadu 'm', a kidnap kingpin and leader of another notorious kidnapping group in the north-central when he came to their hideout in the forest to sell live ammunition to the group.

Ahmadu told newsmen that he was held and shot in the hand until his gang members paid a ransom of N1,555,000.00 only for his release.

Five AK47 rifles, five magazines and 120 rounds of AK47 ammunition were recovered from Abubakar Umaru at his hideout in the forest.

## Court grants Sowore N20m bail

By John Chuks Azu

A Chief Magistrate Court in Abuja yesterday granted bail to the convener of #RevolutionNow movement, Omoyele Sowore and four others charged with him.

Magistrate Mabel Segun Bello,

in the bail application ruling, ordered Sowore to produce a bail bond of N20m and two sureties, one of whom must be a civil servant of not below the rank of grade level 12 in like sum.

She directed that the sureties be resident in Abuja metropolis with landed property and

verifiable address.

She also directed Sowore to report physically to the FCT High Court registrar every Monday and Friday until the determination of the case against him.

As for the four other defendants, the magistrate

ordered them to produce a bail bond of N1m each and one surety in like sum each.

The Nigerian Police had arraigned Sowore before a Chief Magistrate Court in Wuse Zone 2, Abuja on three-count First Information Report of criminal conspiracy, unlawful assembly

and inciting public disturbance following his arrest on Friday's New Year eve in Gudu, Abuja.

The co-defendants are: Peter Williams, Sanyaolu Juwon, Emmanuel Bulus and Damilare Ademila.

The case was adjourned to February 5 for hearing.

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**SALAMI: I'** formerly known and called SALAMAT SALAMI, now wish to be known and addressed as SALAMI SALAMAT OHUNE. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IDRIS: I** formerly known as Surajo Abdullahi, but now wishes to be known and addressed as Aminu Idris. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**RUFA'I: I,** formerly known as AHMAD RUFA'I ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as AHMAD RUFA'I MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MONDAY: I** formerly known and known and addressed as. OCHIANE PICCOLO. Now wish to be known and addressed as. OGHIANE PETER MONDAY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

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

**BAKO: I,** formerly known as IORPANDE NGOHILE, now wish to be known and addressed as BAKO NGOHILE RACHAEL. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ATIMAH: I'** formerly known and called OTARU AVOSUAHI RAHANATU, now wish to be known and addressed as ATIMAH AVOSUAHI RAHANATU. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CHIOMA: I** formerly known as CHIOMA BLESSING ONWUASOANYA but now wishes to be known and addressed as MRS. CHIOMA BLESSING MBANUSI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note please.

**SUCCESS: I,** formerly known as EZEZUE CHINEDUM LOTACHUKWU, now wish to be known and addressed as EZEZUE CHINEDUM SUCCESS LOTACHUKWU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SA'ADU: I** formerly known as TALATU MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as TALATU SA'ADU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

**TRUST: I,** formerly known as ADAMU DOGARA, now wish to be known and addressed as TRUST ADAMS. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AHMED: I'** formerly known and called NAALLAH SAADAT ATIMAH, now wish to be known and addressed as AHMED SAADAT ATIMAH. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUSA: I** formerly known as Adamu Musa M., but now wishes to be known and addressed as Adamu Suleman Musa. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UCHENNA: I,** formerly known as OCHIGBO EHIKOWOICHO PREVAILER ECHEZUNACHI, now wish to be known and addressed as UCHENNA EHIKOWOICHO PREVAILER ECHEZUNACHI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IDRIS: I** formerly known as ZAINAB SANI now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

**JAMILU: I,** formerly known as RUKAYYA JAMIL, now wish to be known and addressed as RUKAYYA TUKUR JAMILU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**VICTORY: I'** formerly known and called ORIAKHI VICTORY EBOSELUME, now wish to be known and addressed as ORIAKHI-OLADOTUN VICTORY EBOSELUME. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAMES:** The names MARY TERESA MAYANGE and MAYANGE MARY DOMINIC all refers to one and the same person. Henceforth, I wish to be known and addressed as MAYANGE MARY DOMINIC. All documents bearing either of the names remain valid. Concerned authorities and general public should take note.

**VICTOR: I,** formerly known as NNAMANI SUNDAY VICTORY, now wish to be known and addressed as NNAMANI VICTOR SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**GRACE: I,** formerly known and addressed as OLAWUMI ADIJAT MORONKE now wish to be known and addressed as OLAYERI GRACE MORONKE OLAWUMI. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**LAMIDO: I** Formerly known and address as MAIAKWAI MAGATAKARDA. Now wish to be known and address as MAIAKWAI MUAZU LAMIDO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FATIMA: I,** formerly known as SULE FATIMA, ABDUL FATIMA now wish to be known and addressed as SULEIMAN FATIMA ABDUL. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MICHAEL: I'** formerly known and called OGUNDOKUN MICHAEL ADEBOWALE, now wish to be known and addressed as MICHAEL ADEBOWALE. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADAMU: I,** formerly known as HASSAN ADAMU MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU HASSAN MOHAMMED with DOB 07 07 1998. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**IGHIORELU: I** formerly known and addressed as UNOAKHE LAURA IGHIORELU, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ANEVHO ERIC LAURA IGHIORELU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**AGNES: I** formerly known and addressed as. INAEDE AGNES AKHAZIMEYE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. IGEMOKHAI AGNES. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**SHEHU: I** Formerly known and address as ALTINE YABO. Now wish to be known and address as ALTINE SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**OLAJUMOKE: I,** formerly known as MISS OKE OLAJUMOKE ABOSEDE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ADEYANJU OLAJUMOKE ABOSEDE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AMOS: I'** formerly known and called MARTHA HARUNA GARBA, now wish to be known and addressed as MARTHA IDARA AMOS. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I was bearing Abubakar Isa but now I wish to know and address as Abubakar Isa Adamu. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**IYEGBE: I** wish to state that IYEGBE SUCCESS IDAGBEYANSE is one and the same person as IYEGBE SUCCESS. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**JOY: I** formerly known and addressed as. UDOH JOY FATIMA. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKIOTU JOY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as IBRAHIM SULEH SAMBO, now wish to be call and address as SULE IBRAHIM, with date of birth 01/01/1971. All former documents remains valid. Authority concern and General public should take note.

**OLISA: I,** formerly known as OKEKE OLISA EMMANUEL now wish to be known and addressed as JOSEPH EMMANUEL OLISA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**GUBIT: I'** formerly known and called MANGSAT ANDY JOEL, now wish to be known and addressed as GUBIT NANLE EZEKIEL. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**RACHEAL: I** Formerly Known And Addressed As TAIWO ABIMBOLA RACHEL Now Wish To Know And Addressed As ABIMBOLA RACHEAL AJAO. All Former Document Remain Valid. Concerned Authorities And General Public Should Please Take Note.

**VICTOR: I,** formerly known and addressed as OLADEHINDE VICTOR IBUKUN now wish to be known and addressed as OLADEHINDE VICTOR ADURAGBEMI. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ABASS: I** formerly known and addressed as. AGUNU ABDUL-LATEEF ODION. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ABASS ABDULLATEEF. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as HARUNA SALEH now wish to be known and addressed as HARUNA SALEH MAMMAN all my documents remain valid. authority concerned and General public should take note.

**AHMED: I,** formerly known as TALBA ALHAJI MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as AHMED T. MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SANI: I** formerly known as SANI ABUBAKAR TOTAL, now wish to be known as SANI ABUBAKAR ALIYU. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public please take note.

Hadiza: **I,** formerly known as Zainab Idris, now wish to be known and addressed as Hadiza Idris. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**EGWUDA: I,** formerly known and addressed as EGWUDA FORUNATUS IKO-OJO now wish to be known and addressed as EGWUDA OJONILE. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**RAMOTU: I** formerly known and addressed as. SAMUEL REHIMAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as. UDUZE RAMOTU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as ABBATI YUSUF now wish to be known and addressed as AHMAD YUSUF SALEH. all my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note

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

**AKPI: I,** FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AKPI ROBERT & AKPI GODWIN NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS AKPI TERNA ROBERT. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**SULAIMAN: I,** formerly known as SULE JALO, now wish to be known and addressed as SULAIMAN ABDULLAHI IGUDA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**APEH: I,** formerly known and addressed as JACOB RUTH EJIBO now wish to be known and addressed as APEH RUTH. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**FAVOUR: I** formerly known and addressed as. MISS ENOJIE ONOSETALE FAVOUR. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS IWELOMEN ONOSETALE FAVOUR. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as MANU MARY ORIAKU AND MANU (OZUNKWO) MARY ORIAKU Now wish to be known and addressed as OZUNKWO MARY ORIAKU All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**JOY: I,** formerly known as ACHIGBO JOY CHIGOZIE, now wish to be known and addressed as ACHIGBO JOY CHINAGOROM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME. AKASE: I,** FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AKASE BENJAMIN BEMGBA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS AKASE BENJAMIN BEMGBA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**AKAA: I** formerly known as Kaa Mzamber Patience, now wish to be known as Akaa Patience Date of Birth 14th December, 1986 not 14th December 1981 or 1982. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

**PRECIOUS: I** formerly known and addressed as. HARUNA PRECIOUS AYEGBENI. Now wish to be known and addressed as. HARUNA PRECIOUS. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**ROBBINSON: I** formerly known and addressed as. AHMED HARRISON ROBBINSON. Now wish to be known and addressed as. AHMED ROBBINSON. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known as KOLEDOWO KAFILAT ADENIKE now wish to be known as MAKANJUOLA KAFILAT ADENIKE. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I, formerly known as Miss ADEOLA OLANIKE ONI now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ADEOLA OLANIKE AJEWOLE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**BEMSHIMA: I** WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS CHAGBE TERNEGE JOSEPH AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS BEMSHIMA DONDO STEPHEN. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**CECILIA: I,** formerly known as UWAGBALE CECILIA, now wish to be known and addressed as CECILIA VICTOR IREBHUDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**STANLEY: I** formerly known and addressed as. INUSA SEDI. Now wish to be known and addressed as. HARUNA STANLEY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MISS ABDULRAFIU BUSHIRAT OPEYEMI now wish to be known and address as MRS ABDULRAFIU BUSHIRAT OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as JAMES UNASHI YUNANA JAMES UNASHI YUNANE now wishes to be known and addressed as JAMES YUNANA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

**ROSE: I,** formerly known as ROSE MALGWI, now wish to be known and addressed as ROSE PETER. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

**VHISHIMA: I,** FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED VHISHIMA JACINTHA MBAKEREN. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS VHISHIMA KEREN JACINTHA AND I WAS BORN ON 1ST JANUARY, 1997 AS EVIDENCED ON MY NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD. A FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**ESTHER: I,** formerly known as ESTHER ELIYA, now wish to be known and addressed as ESTHER ILIYA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**SALLAH: I** formerly known as IBRAHIM ILIYA now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ILIYA SALLAH. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

Change of name; I am bearing the names of SHEHU HUSSAINI and HUSSAINI SHEHU, now wish to be called SHEHU HUSSAINI ALHAJI all Documents remains valid general public should take note

I formerly known as JONATHAN CALEB now wishes to be known and addressed as AGULU EKENE CALEB All former documents remain valid general public to take note

**HAJJA: I,** formerly known as HAJIYA LAWAN YERIMA, now wish to be known and addressed as HAJJA LAWAN YERIMA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

**IBRAHIM: I** formerly known as Sarah Peter Shekwogaza now wish to be known as IBRAHIM Sarah Peter. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public please take note.

**MUHAMMAD: I,** formerly known as MUHAMMAD UMAR. With d.o.b 10\_12\_1993, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD. With d.o.b 10\_12\_1995. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**NAFISA: I,** formerly known and addressed as NAFISATU ABUBAKAR RABIU now wish to be known and addressed as NAFISA ABUBAKAR RABIU. All former documents remain valid. Union Bank and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MARYAM ABDUL ALIYU now wish to be known and addresses as MARYAM ABDULLAHI ALIYU my correct and proper date of birth is 14th April, 1995, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as BASHAR IBRAHIM DOB 01 01 1988 now wishes to be known and addressed as BASHAR IBRAHIM ZOGIRMA DOB 02 03 1985 All former documents remain valid general public to take note

**ABASIYYA: I,** formerly known as ABASIYA MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ABASIYYA JANAI DU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

**AJAYI: I** formerly known as Olanrewaju Yetunde Abiola now wish to be known as Ajayi Abiola Yetunde. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public please take note.

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

**SAIDU: I** formerly known as AUWAL SAIDU now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD AUWAL SAIDU DOB 21/8/1985 All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as HARUNA MUSA now wish to be known and addresses as IBRAHIM RABIU, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

**NURA: I,** formerly known as AMINU IBRAHIM, now wish to be called and addressed as NURA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

**Bank Details**

Pay into any of the Accounts:  
Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD.

Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

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

<p><b>Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc</b> Account No: 0000913253 Sort Code: 221081552</p>	<p><b>Bank: First Bank Plc</b> Account No: 2002911690 Sort Code: 011084060</p>	<p><b>Bank: UBA Plc</b> Account No: 1007117397 Sort Code: 033080013</p>	<p><b>Bank: GTBank Plc</b> Account No: 0024570856 Sort Code: 058083231</p>
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ADAMU: I, formerly known as ADAMU UMAR, now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU SAIDU. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MARYAMU: I formerly known as ANGAI MARY, now wish to be known as ANGAI MARYAMU AYUBA. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

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

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

SHATU: I formerly known as SHATU IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as SHATU SHAWA. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

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

MARYAMU: I formerly known as MARYAMU YUSUF, now wish to be known as MRS. MARYAMU IKHANGLIAH APLAKAH. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

NASIRU, I formerly known as NASIRU A NAKIRA now wish to be called and addressed as NASIRU BAKURA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HAFSAT: I, formerly known as HAFSATU YAHAYA, now wish to be known and addressed as HAFSAT YAHAYA ADAM. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

HABIBA: I formerly known as HABIBA SANI TAHIR now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBA TAHIR JIBRIL. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

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

ABIGAIL: I formerly known as BATA ABIGAIL MEG, now wish to be known as GYANG ABIGAIL MEG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

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

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

FATIMA: I formerly known as GANIAT SHADE SALAUDEEN now wish to be called as FATIMA FOLASHADE IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid my correct date of birth is 28/10/1976 general public all authority concern should please take note.

HASSANA: I formerly known as HASSANA ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as HASSANA HARUNA. All former documents remain valid UBA Bank and general public should please take note.

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

PETER: I formerly known as JUDE PETER, now wish to be known as ADOGA PETER JUDE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

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

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

RASHIDA: I was formerly known and called RASHIDA SALIHU M and RASHIDA SALIHU MUKHTAR, now wish to be known addressed as RASHIDATU SALIHU MUKHTAR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as YUSUF HUSSAINI SHUAIBU now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

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

MUSA: I formerly known as LUZAR MUSA now wish to be known as GODE MUSA EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid, First Bank Plc and the general public should take note.

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

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

SALAMATU: I, formerly known as SHALOM KUMA GYUSE, now wish to be known and addressed as SALAMATU SHALOM MAUDE. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OSHE: I formerly known as OSHE TAIYE now wish to be called and addressed as OSHE TAIYE JUDITH. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MARYAM: I, formerly known and addressed as SAIDU HASSAN MARYAM, now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM YAHAYA ZAYYAD. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

GRACE: I formerly known as HENRY GRACE, now wish to be known as GAMBO GRACE HENRY. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as SHAMSIYYA ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as SHAMSIYYA IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public should please take note.

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

NOH: I, formerly known as NOH RUTH, now wish to be known and addressed as NOH RUTH DOOSHIMA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

LYDIA: I, formerly known as ESU LIMERA EBAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS LYDIA UJAH ALEXANDER. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

INUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as INUWA ADAMU, now wish to be called and addressed as INUWA ADAMU MAIGORO. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

JUMMAI: I formerly known as DANJUMA JUMMAI on my National Identity Management System Slip, now wish to be known as JUMMAI BUTNAP. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as ANAS KABIR now wish to be known and addressed as ANAS KABIR SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public should please take note.

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

HADIZA: I formerly known as HADIZA BALA MANDARA now wish to be called and addressed as HADIZA BUKAR KACHALLAH. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

JAMEELAH: I was formerly known and called JAMILA IBRAHIM and JAMEELAH KABIR MUHAMMED and now wish to be known as JAMEELAH IBRAHIM MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I, ISAAC ADAMU DANAZUMI, the Pastor and Chairman of ECWA Sabon Layi Birshi Gandu, Bauchi. That our CHURCH was formerly bearing ECWA 2 RAFIN ZURFI, but now change to ECWA SABON LAYI BIRSHI GANDU. That all former documents remain valid and constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

PETER: I formerly known as MONDAY MUSA, now wish to be known as PETER A. ALANS (JP). All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I formerly known as Sani Musa now wish to be known as Musa Sani Kabiru. All former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public to take note.

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

ZAINAL-ABIDIN: I, formerly known as HAIDAR ABDULKADIR SIDI, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAL-ABIDIN ABDULKADIR AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

DOGARA: I formerly known as KANDE LABARI now wish to be called and addressed as DOGARA KANDE LABARI. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

BADI'ATU: I, formerly known and addressed as ALHASSAN BADATU, now wish to be called and addressed as ALHASSAN BADI'ATU. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

NDUMARI: I formerly known as ELIJAH NDUMARI GODWIN, now wish to be known as ELIJAH NDUMARI IJU-KING. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

BASHIR, I formerly known as UMAR BASHIR 20/5/1967 now wish to be called and addressed as BASHIR USMAN 20/5/1987. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RAFIATU: I, formerly known as RAFIATU ISMAIL, now wish to be known and addressed as RAFIATU ISMAIL ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

THEODORA: I formerly known as OBETTA THEODORA CHIEBONAM now wish to be called and addressed as THEODORA CHIEBONAM OBETTA. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

JUMMAI: I, formerly known and addressed as RAKIYA KANTIOK, now wish to be called and addressed as JUMMAI SINTALI, and the correct DOB is 07/04/1975. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

PANLONG: I formerly known as TAMSIN PANLONG EMMANUEL, now wish to be known as THAMSON PANLONG EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known as ISMAILA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as ISMAILA ABDULLAHI YOLA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note.

I Formerly known as IMURANA BAWA, now wish to be call and address as IMRANA BAWA, Union bank and general public should take note.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as ADAMU ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and called ADAMU TUKUR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AUTA: I formerly known as AUTA BULUS NYAM, now wish to be known and addressed as AUTA BULUS INYAM. All former documents remain valid. UBA and general public should take note.

MARYAM, I formerly known as FADILA IBRAHIM 01- JAN 1996 now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM UMMAR 17TH MARCH 1990. All former documents remain valid. FIRST BANK and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as SUWAIABA GANARE now wish to be called and addressed as RAKIYA HASSAN. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

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

MATHEW: I formerly known and addressed as CLEMENT SUNDAY now wish to be called and addressed as MATHEW YOHANNA. All former documents remain valid the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMAD: I, formerly known as MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and called MOHAMMAD MAMAN LAGOS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

SANDA: I formerly known as PATIENCE EMMANUEL, now wish to be known as SANDA UFWALAL DANJUMA. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

I formerly known as YAU MALLA YAU now wish to be called and addressed as YAU ISAH. 01/02/1987. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

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

GIWA: I, formerly known as GIWA SHAKIR MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as GIWA SHAKIRU BOLA. All former documents remain valid. Federal Road Safety Commission to note.

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

ULAN: I formerly known as GYANG ULAN DAVOU, now wish to be known as GYANG, ULAN. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

NURA, I formerly known as NURA SHEHU SULEMAN now wish to be called and addressed as NURA SHEHU SANI 10/02/1999. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as YAKUBU ADAMU YAKUBU now wish to be called and addressed as YAKUBU ABDULAZIZ ADAMU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

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

VICTORIA: I, formerly known as QUEEN LINUS, now wish to be known and addressed as VICTORIA LINUS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ASADIYAT: I, formerly known as AYODEJI SADIYAT TAIYE, now wish to be known and called SADIYAT TAIYE AGBOOLA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

JOSEPH: I formerly known as SAMSON DANLADI, now wish to be known as DAKOGOL JOSEPH ELIAS. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as NURA SHEHU SANI 10/02/1999 now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF MUHAMMAD. 28/11/1998. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ADAMU HASSAN HASSAN ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ADAMU HASSAN. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

SAMIRA, I formerly known as SAMIRA MUHAMMAD With Date of Birth :01/01/1985 now wish to be called and addressed as SAMIRA ABDULLAHI With Date of Birth: 02/11/1985. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HARUNA: I, I Formerly known as HARUNA SHEKARI Now wish to be called and addressed as HARUNA THADDEUS. All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

KHAMISU: I, formerly known as ZAINULL KHAMISU ALIYU, now wish to be known and called KHAMISU ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ESTHER: I formerly known as MISS. ESTHER JOHN NUGU, now wish to be known as MRS. ESTHER SAMUEL SOH. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI MOHD now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

I formerly known as AHMAD AHMAD IDRIS & AHMED IDRIS AHMED now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD MANNISIRU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

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

TONGDYEN: I Formerly known as TONGDYEN DAPUS Now wish to be called and addressed as TONGDYEN SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

HELEN: I, I Formerly known as HELEN ZABULUN Now wish to be called and addressed as HELEN EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

BAHO: I formerly known as MUSA M. ADAMU, now wish to be known as BAHO NANHWO. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I was formerly known as USMAN A. BALA now wish to be known and called as USMAN BALA GURUN. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

I formerly known as DR ZAKAR YAKUBU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULMAJID YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR JAMARE. now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. FIRST BANK LTD and the general public should please take note.

YOHANNA: I Formerly known as YUSUF Y. GOJE Now wish to be called and addressed as YOHANNA YUSUF SAMBO DOB From 6/7/1996 to 8/9/1999 All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

SAIDU: I Formerly known as SAMIR MUHAMMED Now wish to be called and addressed as SAIDU ABDULLAHI MAMUDA. All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

SARAH: I formerly known as SARAH DACHOLLOM TOJE, now wish to be known as SARAH DACHUNG TOJE. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I was formerly known as Abdullah Makafi Ahmad. I now wish to be known and called as Abdullahi Abdullahi Umar. My Old DOB: 09/03/1995 New DOB: 01/01/1993. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

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

I formerly known as Pink Peacock Hotel/Restaurant now wish to be called and addressed as RED CHINA RESTAURANT & HOTEL LTD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BLESSING: I Formerly known as BLESSING JOHN YOBA/A Now wish to be called and addressed as BLESSING JOHN. All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

ADESUYI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEPOJU IKEOLUWA FIKAYO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADESUYI IKEOLUWA FIKAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YAKUBU: I formerly known as YAKUBU BOT GWON, now wish to be known as RWANG YAKUBU BOT. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

SABITU, I formerly known as SABITU ABDURRAHMAN 20-10-1992 now wish to be called and addressed as SABITU DAHIRU USMAN 22-06-1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

That I was formally being called and address as IKILIMA INUSA of the same address, but now I wish to be called and address as IKILIMA YUNUSA of the same address. All former document should valid. The authority should concerned.

MURJA: I formerly known as MURJA SANI now wish to be called and addressed as MURJA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**EDHOIGHO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **EDHOIGHO ENIFOGHO EWOMAZINO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EDHOIGHO ENIFOGHO FEGOR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OLANIWAO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **OLANIWAO OLATUNBOSUN OLAWALE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANIWAO OLATUNBOSUN OLAWALE**. That I was born on 22nd day of January, 1986 not 31st day of December, 1985. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**SUNDAY:** I formerly known and addressed as **omolade Edwin** as on my account and **omolade omolade Edwin** as on my bvn. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Sunday Edwin omolade**. My date of birth was wrongly written as **26-05-1974** instead of **26-05-1977**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

**IBRAHIM:** I formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM BAMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM SA'IDU**. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

**UDENWA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **UDELUWA GRACE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **UDENWA GRACE EMONENA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OJO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **WELLINGTON TOBI MOTUNRAYO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OJO TOBI MOTUNRAYO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**CLIFFORD:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ADETUTU OLUWABUNMI ADEBIBIGBE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADETUTU OLUWABUNMI CLIFFORD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

**AHMAD:** I formerly known as **GONI KUR AHMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD GONI KUR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**WASIU:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ETTI WASIU AKANNI DUROSINMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **WASIU AKANNI DUROSINMI-ETTI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**AKANNI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **SOLAGBADE OLABUKOLA ADEBOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKANNI OLABUKOLA ADEBOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**VICTORIA:** I formerly known and addressed as **IDOWU OLAMIDE VICTORIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JOHN VICTORIA OLUCHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

**BELLO:** I formally known as **BELLO UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SADIQ** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**TAIWO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **TAIWO IBRAHIM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **TAIWO IBRAHIM AKOREDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OGUNSOLA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **OLASUPO OLABISI NAFISAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNSOLA OLABISI NAFISAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME:** In some of my document my name was written as **ROBINSON ABEL OBEHI WONDER** also appear as **ROBINSON ABEL OBEHI**. I am same person bearing the names. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

**UMAR:** I formally known as **UMAR NAZIRU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR NAZIRU UMAR** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**AYANGBOLA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **AYANGBOLA MUKAILU IYANDA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AYANGBOLA OLAMIDE MUKAILA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ADE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs AKINFEE VICTORIA BUSOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Miss ADE YEYE VICTORIA BUSOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ELUEM:** I formerly known and addressed as **OKOH PRINCE CHUKWUYIEM** Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGOM PRINCE ELUEM**. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

**IDI:** I formally known as **ATTAHIRU IDRIS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR IDI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME KOSEMANI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **KOSEMANI KAZEEM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KOSEMANI KAZEEM OLAADUA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**IDOWU:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AJIBADE SHERIFAT AFOLASHADE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs IDOWU SHERIFAT AFOLASHADE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**EZEOKA:** I formerly known and addressed as **Uba Chibuzor Linda** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Ezeoka CHIBUZOR Linda**. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

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

**NNAJI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **CHUKS N. CHUKS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NNAJI CHUKS PATRICK**. That my correct date of birth is 28th day of June, 1993 not 28th day of June, 1994 as it is written on my Bank Verification Number. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OLATUNDE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNLE MODUPEOLUWA FEYISOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLATUNDE MODUPEOLUWA FEYISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**BALA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **LUKMAN BALA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BALA LUKMAN MUHAMMED**. That I was born on 5th day of June, 1994. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ALI:** I formerly known and addressed as **YAHAYA SABO ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ALI**. All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 03/04/2001 TO 01/01/2001**. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**JAMIU:** I, formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD TOYYIB ARISHEKOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMIU TOYYIB ARISHEKOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OGUNLEYE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADEBAYO SIKIRAT OMOWUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OGUNLEYE SIKIRAT OMOWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ORENUGA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **AMOKO ROSELYNE IYABO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ORENUGA ROSELYNE IYABO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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

**EZEONYE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ELE VERA ANTHONY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EZEONYE VERA ANTHONY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**AZUKA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **AFOLABI SARAH OLUWAFUNKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AZUKA SARAH OBIAJULU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ADEYEMI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEYEMI KHADIJAT ADETOUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEYEMI KUBURAT ADETOUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**SANI:** I formerly known as **UMAR YUSIF**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AMADI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **AMADI IFUNANYA MERCY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AMADI CHIMUANYA MERCY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**MRS AYEYOLA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss TOYIN SHUKURAH OYINKANSOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs AYEYOLA SHUKURAH OYINKANSOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

That my name was wrongly arranged and spell on my Bank Account and **BVN** as **IBRAHIM ADEYE VICTOR** instead of my correct name as **ADAI VICTOR IBRAHIM**. Henceforth, I now wish to be known called and addressed as **ADAI VICTOR IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ABBA:** I, formerly known as **UMAR MAMMAN** now wish to be known and called **ABUBAKAR ABBA MAINA**. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

**AMATA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **OKORO JOSEPH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AMATA JOSEPH**. That I was born on 27th day of August, 1978 not 12th day of August, 1971. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**DEREK:** I, formerly known and addressed as **DEREK OLUWATOBI ABOGHO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **DEREK OLUWATOBI WHYTE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**PEACE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss PEACE IJEOMA OKOYE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs PEACE IJEOMA MANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ATIYAYE:** I formerly known and addressed as **KHADIJA YAU HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA MOHAMMED ATIYAYE**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

That my correct name is **ZAKARIYAH ISLAMIYAH DAMILARE** and not **OLANREWaju ISLAMIYAH .D**. That my date of birth is 2nd day of April, 1998 not 2nd day of April, 1997. All former documents remain valid. Bank and General public please take note.

**ADELUOLA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ADELUOLA OLABANJI .O**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADELUOLA OLABANJI OLUODOTUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED SHEFU RUTH GLORY & DOB 8/08/1994 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS JOSEPH GLORY & DOB 20/05/1997 GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE**

**MOHAMMED:** I formerly known as **ABDULKADIR MOH'D**, now wish to be addressed as **ABDULKADIR MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME OZIMEDE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **PHILLIPS HENRY**. That I wish to add **OLUWAGBOTEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OZIMEDE PHILLIPS OLUWAGBOTEMI HENRY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**LUKA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **LAYO ASABE SALISU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **LUKA LAMO JAMUSU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**I formerly known as DIKKO GLORY HANNATU** now wish to be known as **DIKKO HANNATU IBRAHIM**. All former document remain valid, public to take note.

**SHEBA:** I, formerly known as **SHEBA PHILEMON** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEBA HABILA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**OKUNOWO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss MUSTAPHA OLUWASEUN OLAMIDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OKUNOWO OLUWASEUN OLAMIDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**BAMIDELE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **BABALOLA COMFORT SOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BAMIDELE COMFORT SOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**YOHANNA:** I formerly known as **YOHANNA MIGILA BOYI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YOHANNA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid, General Public Should please take note.

**ABDULLAHI:** I formerly known as **YAYA ABDUL** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. **ZENITH BANK PLC** and General Public Should please take note.

**BUKOLA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss BUKOLA APASE ADEKUNLE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs BUKOLA ADEKUNLE PETER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ADEKOYA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **IZIOKHAI GRACE OLOHITIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEKOYA GRACE OLOHITIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**MARI:** I formerly known and addressed as **MADU MARI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MODU MARI**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

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

**ADEOYE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OGBU MARY AGBO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADEOYE MARY AGBO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ONELE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ONELE EBERE EMMANUEL** and **ONELE EMMANUEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ONELE EMMANUEL OSHINE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**SULE:** I formerly known and addressed as **LAMARAN ADAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SULE**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**AHMED:** I formally known as **AHMED LUKMAN OLALEKAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LUKMAN ASHIRU AHMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**DECLARATION OF AGE:** That I **KOLAWOLE ADISA OLONADE** was born on 26th day of June, 1972 not 30th day of December, 1975. That my date of birth is 26th day of June, 1972. All former documents remain valid. Federal Road Safety Commission and others public please take note.

**OBADINA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **OLANIYAN TITILAYO ADEOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OBADINA TITILAYO ADEOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**YAHAYA:** I formerly known and addressed as **NASIRU MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISA HUSSAINI YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**MARIYAM:** I formally known as **YAKURA ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARIYAM ALI TELA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**IDOWU:** I, formerly known and addressed as **TORIOLA BASIRAT ABIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs IDOWU BASIRAT ABIKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**EZE:** I formerly known and addressed as **Miss Vivian Chinedu Okwara-Ononihu**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs. Vivian Chinedu Eze**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

**JAMILU:** I Formerly Known As **JAMILU NALADO** now wish to be known and addresses as **ABDULHAFIZ JAMILU NALADO** all former Documents remain valid general public should take note

**SULEIMAN:** I formerly known and addressed as **SULEIMAN YAHAYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of certificate Of Occupancy, Situated at Gulwa, Area in Wamakko of Sokoto Sokoto, State, plot No.78 And 179 Bearing the name of Bala Shuaibu 'M' Issued to him by Sokoto State Land and Survey Sokoto. All efforts made to trace the said missing document proved abortive. If Found kindly Return to the nearest police station. Authority Concern and General public should please take note.

**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KANO STATE PROBATE DIVISION KANO.**

WHEREAS the person whose names is set out in the first column here under died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column. AND WHEREAS the person(s) whose names and address(es) is/are set out in the second column hereunder claim relationship to the said deceased and has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Kano State for the grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the personal Property of the said deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to the said applicant unless a NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry of High Court of Justice Kano within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this Legal Notice.

**DECEASED**  
**IBRAHIM INUWA,** Late of Gwangwazo Qtrs. Kano. Died on 6th March 2020 at Home.  
**ABDU ADO SHEHU,** Late of Satatima Qtrs. Kano. Died on 27th December 2020 at Home.

**APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT**  
**AISHATU IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD,** of Sani Mainagge, Gwale L.G.A Kano. The Proposed Administratrix of the said Deceased.  
**N A Z I R U ABDULRAHAMAN,** of Satatima Qtrs. Kano. The Proposed Administrator of the said Deceased.

**DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**

PROBATE REGISTRY HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KANO STATE.  
SGD: ABDULLAHI ADO BAYERO PROBATE REGISTRAR

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that the industrial Union known as "National Association of Barbers and Cosmetology Employers of Nigeria" (NABCEN) is now known as "National Association of Hair and Beauty Practitioners of Nigeria" (NAHBPON) with effect from Monday 30th November, 2020. All government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, private sector organisations and the general public please take note.

All transactions entered into with the former name remain valid. General public take note.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LOSS OF ALLOCATION DOCUMENTS**

The general public is hereby notified of the loss of original documents covering the ownership of plot number 1902 situated at Kabusa in Abuja Municipal, Federal Capital Territory belonging to Nasiru Garba Masallaci of Number 60, Sani Mainagge quarters, Gwale local government area. A copy of affidavit obtained from Kano state high court by Mr Masallaci and sent to Kano Focus indicated that the said documents were lost at Wuse II Abuja on February 20, 2016. The affidavit reads in part " I Nasiru Garba Masallaci, Male, Adult, Muslim, Nigerian citizen of No. 60 Sani Mainagge quarters, Gwale LGA, Kano state Nigeria do hereby make oath and state as follows: "That I am the declarant herein and the rightful owner of the plot No. 1902 situated at Kabusa in Abuja Municipal - FCT- Nigeria. "That the said plot allocated to me by AGIS Federal Capital Territory Abuja -Nigeria. "That the said document covering the ownership of the said plot got lost while in my possession at Wuse II - Abuja on 20 February, 2016 and all effort made to trace it proved abortive. "That I therefore want the authority concern to take note. "That the affidavit is now required for record and official purposes. "That I make this solemn affidavit in good faith, believing same to be true to the best of my knowledge and by virtue of the Oath Act, 2004. SIGNED Nasiru Garba Masallaci

**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION ZAMFARA STATE**

WHEREAS the person whose names and address are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column. AND WHEREAS the person whose address(es) are set out in the second column hereunder claimed relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above court for a grant of "LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION" of personal property of the said deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that the LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to each person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice Zamfara State within TWENTY ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication of this NOTICE.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	SOBRIALS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
YUSUF SALE OF TUDUN WADA PREMIER ROAD (GUSAI) ROAD (GUSAI) WHO DIED ON 29-06-2000 AT PREMIER ROAD (GUSAI) ZAMFARA STATE.		1. AFRAH YUSUF 2. ZAINAB YUSUF OF TUDUN WADA PREMIER ROAD (GUSAI) THE DAUGHTERS OF THE DECEASED

Dated this...11TH...day of JANUARY, 2021

PROBATE REGISTRY HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE GUSAI, ZAMFARA STATE.  
BELLO MUHAMMAD KUCHEBI PROBATE REGISTRAR

**ABBA** : I formerly known as **ABBAS MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **ABBA SALISU**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**ONWUCHEKWA** - I was formerly known as **MISS NWEKE MAUREEN IJEOMA**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS ONWUCHEKWA MAUREEN IJEOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**IBEANUSI**: That I was formerly known as **EKENKIKI JOSHUA CHIKIOKE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **IBEANUSI JOSHUA CHUIJOKE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUSA** : I formerly known as **MOHAMMED SULEIMAN** now wish to be known as **MUSA BULAMA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**COCO-BASSEY** - I was formerly known as **COCO-BASSEY SNOW-WHITE EKPA**. That I now wish to be known as **COCO-BASSEY SNOW-WHITE ASUQUO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**SARO**: That I was formerly known as **MISS. MGBARA LEKIA CONFIDENCE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. SARO LEKIA CONFIDENCE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AL-AMIN** : I formerly known as **AL-AMIN IDRIS MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **AL - AMIN MOHAMMED**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**AKUIYIBO** - I was formerly known as **KPEH OGOBA OKORITE**. That I now wish to be known as **AKUIYIBO OGOBA OKORITE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MRS. EDMOBI** = I, formerly known as **MISS. OKAFOR, QUEENETH OTUWACHERE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EDMOBI, QUEENETH OTUWACHERE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MARIA**: I formerly known as **PAUL CHAGWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARIA PAUL CHAGWA**. All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 27/09/1994**, General Public should please take note.

**ORUGBO** - I was formerly known as **MISS. MOSES HANNAH**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. ORUGBO HANNAH AWANA-OBONG**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**SUNDAY** = I, formerly known as **GEORGE EKAETTES AMOS**. Now wish to be known as **SUNDAY QUEEN ANIEKAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**HAJJA**: I formally known as **HAJJA AMSA BUKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJJA AMSA ALIRAM**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**OBI** - I was formerly known as **MISS. OPARAH VIVIAN CHIKA**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. OBI VIVIAN CHIKA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MRS. EJIOGU** = I, formerly known as **MISS. NLEMDIM OJIUGO CATHERINE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EJIOGU OJIUGO CATHERINE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**FAVOUR I**, formerly known as **TOCHKUWU MBAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **FAVOUR MBAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MRS. KALU** = I, formerly known as **MISS. WILLIAMS IFEOMA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. KALU STEPHEN IFEOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MRS. EVELYN** = I, formerly known as **MISS. EVELYN OBENE OR MISS. EVELYN EZIOKWU OBENE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EVELYN REUBEN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I. GODWIN MUSA MOHAMMED** do solemnly declare that, the names **GODWIN MUSA MOHAMMED, GODWIN MUSA MUHAMMAD** and **MUSA GODWIN MUSA** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **GODWIN MUSA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

**NWAMBU** - I was formerly known as **EMMANUEL CHINYERE**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. NWAMBU CHINYERE OKECHUKWU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MRS. EJIOGU** = I, formerly known as **MISS. NLEMDIM OJIUGO CATHERINE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EJIOGU OJIUGO CATHERINE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**ABDULRAHAMAN I** formerly known as **ABDULRAHMAN YAHAYA** now wish to be known and address as **ABDULRAHAMAN IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**COLLINS**: I was formerly known as **COLLINS CHUZURU ALOZIE**. That I now wish to be known as **COLLINS CHIGOZIE ALOZIE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**OJO** - I, formerly known as **BROWN WILLIAMS FESTUS PETER** as it appears on my ARM Pension Account, **OJO, SHEVI PETER** as it appears on my BVN and **OJO, OLUSEVI PETER** as it appears on my Access Bank Account, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **OJO, OLUWASEYI PETER**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUSTAPHA** : I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA KUMSHE ABBA** now wish to be known as **MUSTAPHA ABBA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**OGAR**: That I was formerly known as **ELEMI BENEDICTA GEDONI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. OGAR BENEDICTA GEDONI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MARYAM USMAM** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM USMAN** All former documents remain valid. Access bank and General public should please take note.

**REJOICE** : I formerly known as **REJOICE AUDU JORO** now wish to be known as **REJOICE GODFREY SULE**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**IDAGU**: That I was formerly known as **MISS. AGATHA OHOTU**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. IDAGU AGATHA OHOTU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MARYAM AMINU BUHARI GALADIMA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM AMINU GALADIMA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HABU** : I formerly known as **HABU KOLEH** now wish to be known as **HABU KOLEH GWIO KURA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**OKENDA**: That I was formerly known as **MISS. OBI ESTHER ADANNE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. ALERUCHI ESTHER OKENDA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **AMINA ABUBAKAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA LABBO WITH D.O.B 01-01-1992** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KALO I** formerly known and addressed as **TAYYO KALO** now wish to be known and addressed as **TAYYO KALO** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**I, MESSAN SIMON FRANK**, During the creation of my BVN with GT BANK my name was incorrectly written as **SIMON FRANK** instead of **MESSAN SIMON FRANK**. That my complete name is **MESSAN SIMON FRANK**. That **MESSAN** is my additional name that I now wish to be known called and addressed as **MESSAN SIMON FRANK**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **MISS OTUYA ASHIONYE RUTH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OBANUA ASHIONYE RUTH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known and addressed as **MISS. JOY CHINYERE OHAKWU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. JOY IKECHUKWU OKENE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I, KARIBI NANABOKEFIYE ODUMA** . That on my Bank Account Details/BVN I used the name **KARIBI NANA**. That my first name was wrongly written as **NANA**, instead of **NANABOKEFIYE**. That I now wish to add **"ODUMA"** to my names. That my full and complete name is **KARIBI NANABOKEFIYE ODUMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **IBRAHIM UMAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FODIYO ALHAJI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MRS. KENDRA** = I, formerly known as **MISS. KENDRA BARIMENE GEORGE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. KENDRA LEYIRA VINCENT**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**DESTINY**: That I was formerly known as **UBELE PHILIP PETER**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **UBELE PHILIP DESTINY**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note

**I**, formerly known as **HARUNA UMAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMZA RABUI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MRS BROWNSON**: I, formerly known, called and addressed as **MISS WACHUKWU LOVETH NKEM**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. MFON LOVETH BROWNSON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DAVIES**: That I was formerly known as **MISS. AYANABA ERNEST FIALA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. AYANABA DAMIETE DAVIES**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MUHAMMED ILISHA SHARHABILA TALATU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SHARHABILA MUHAMMED ILISHA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MFON**: I, formerly known, called and addressed as **BROWNSON UWAKMFON OTU**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **BROWNSON MFON OTU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EBIRIEN**: That I was formerly known as **HARRY MARY PATIENCE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **EBIRIEN MARY HARRY**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **UBAIDA ABUBAKAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **UBAIDA ABUBAKAR BUNZA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**: I, **OPARA MONICA CHINWEDU**, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written on my BVN as **OPARA CHINWEDU** instead of **OPARA MONICA CHINWEDU**. That my correct name is **OPARA MONICA CHINWEDU** and my correct date of birth is 16th June 1978. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MRS. ONU** = I, formerly known as **MISS. EMMANUEL NKEIRUKA PATIENCE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. ONU EMMANUEL NKEIRUKA PATIENCE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **IBRAHIM UMAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FODIYO ALHAJI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UBANI-SAMUEL** - I was formerly known as **MISS. UGWU OGECHUKWU PRECIOUS**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. UBANI-SAMUEL OGECHUKWU PRECIOUS**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**GOODLUCK**: That I was formerly known as **SAMPSON KINGRAW OGUNKA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **OGUNKA GOODLUCK NWAOBILOR**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OPARA** - I was formerly known as **SABINUS ONWUZURIKE ANOZIE**. That I now wish to be known as **OPARA SABINUS ONWUZURIKE**. and my correct date of birth is 10th April, 1971. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I, BEN PRISCA CHIZARAM**, That during the registration of my (BVN) and ACCOUNT details with **DIAMOND BANK** I use the name **PERIBO THIA CHINAZA**. Which I want to change to **BEN PRISCA CHIZARAM**. That I now wish to be known called, and addressed as **BEN PRISCA CHIZARAM**. All document bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

## NATIONAL CASH TRANSFER OFFICE REQUEST FOR BIDS

**Issue Date:** 11th January, 2021  
**Credit No:** 5831 NG  
**IFB No.** NCTO/NCB/NCS/RFB/2021/1  
**Title:** Procurement of Payment Service Providers for National Cash Transfer Program

- The Federal Republic of Nigeria has applied for a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of National Social Safety Net Project (NASSP) and intends to apply part of the funds under the National Cash Transfer component. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract to cover payments for Procurement of Payment Service Providers.
- The National Cash Transfer Office (NCTO) a component of National Social Safety Net Project (NASSP) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Procurement of Payment Service Providers at the following Three Packages of A-C made up of 11, 9 and 3 Lots/states of the country where the services were ongoing and are expected to continue:
- The amount of Bid Security shall be as follows:

**PACKAGE (A): Provision of Payment services in any of the following 11 States beginning from September 2020:**

Lot	State	Bid Security Amount (NGN)	Bid Security Validity (Days)	Bid Validity (Days)
1	Abia	5,256,000	88	60
2	Akwa Ibom	5,256,000	88	60
3	Bayelsa	5,800,500	88	60
4	Rivers	1,549,600	88	60
5	Edo	1,190,700	88	60
6	Ogun	502,000	88	60
7	Imo	1,577,200	88	60
8	Zamfara	10,584,000	88	60
9	Kebbi	2,589,200	88	60
10	Ondo	835,650	88	60
11	Ebonyi	2,073,000	88	60

**PACKAGE (B): Provision of Payment services in any of the following 9 States beginning from July 2020:**

Lot	State	Bid Security Amount (NGN)	Bid Security Validity (Days)	Bid Validity (Days)
1	Anambra	2,707,400	88	60
2	Benue	3,662,700	88	60
3	Ekiti	2,230,400	88	60
4	Kano	6,465,600	88	60
5	Katsina	7,527,000	88	60
6	Kaduna	3,596,700	88	60
7	Nasarawa	3,854,000	88	60
8	Osun	2,074,000	88	60
9	Oyo	2,073,000	88	60

**PACKAGE (C): Provision of Payment services in any of the following 3 States beginning from November 2020:**

Lot	State	Bid Security Amount (NGN)	Bid Security Validity (Days)	Bid Validity (Days)
1	Yobe	5,327,200	88	60
2	Sokoto	3,888,000	88	60
3	Enugu	2,301,500	88	60

- The contracts which will end December 31st, 2021 will commence disbursement from the months stated in each of the three packages with possibility of extension (if necessary) for another term of 12months subject to good performance; and shall include but not limited to a) Providing cash-out points, b) Providing non-cash services, c) IT infrastructure to support payments, d) Cash based disbursement in remote/rural locations, and e) Merchandise based disbursements in remote/rural locations.
- To be eligible for the award of contract, bidders must meet the following criteria:
  - Has successfully executed during the last five (5) years electronic payment including transportation and disbursement of cash to any state in Nigeria; and
  - Has achieved the underlisted minimum Annual Volume of Service in any of the last five years:

- PACKAGE (A)**
- LOT 1 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Abia State) ==N3,600,000,000.0
  - LOT 2 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Akwa Ibom State) = N3,600,000,000.00
  - LOT 3 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Bayelsa State) == N3,600,000,000.00
  - LOT 4 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Rivers State) == N1,047,336,000.00
  - LOT 5 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Edo State) ==N840,000,000.00
  - LOT 6 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Ogun State) == N250,944,000.00
  - LOT 7 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Imo State) ==N1,001,376,000.00
  - LOT 8 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Zamfara State) ==N7,200,000,000.00
  - LOT 9 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Kebbi State) ==N1,826,568,000.00
  - LOT 10 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Ondo State) ==N663,216,000.00
  - LOT 11 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Ebonyi State) ==N1,036,488,000.00

- PACKAGE (B)**
- LOT 1 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Anambra State) ==N1,353,672,000.00
  - LOT 2 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Benue State) -N2,034,816,000.00
  - LOT 3 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Ekiti State) == N1,249,488,000.00
  - LOT 4 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Kano State) --- N3,802,680,000.00
  - LOT 5 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Katsina State) == N4,427,592,000.00
  - LOT 6 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Kaduna State) == N1,712,712,000.00
  - LOT 7 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Nasarawa State) == N2,030,736,000.00
  - LOT 8 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Osun State) == N1,662,288,000.00
  - LOT 9 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Oyo State) ==N1,289,352,000.00

- PACKAGE (C)**
- LOT 1 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Yobe State) == N7,461,000,000.00
  - LOT 2 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Sokoto State) ==N2,178,048,000.00
  - LOT 3 NCTO/NCS/2021/1 (Enugu State) ==N1,152,576,000.00

- Audited account for the past three (3) years.
- Bids will be considered per Lot. Bidders may quote for one or more complete Lots, as bids will be evaluated and awarded on a lot-by-lot basis. Note that the number of contracts to be awarded will depend on the financial capacity of the bidder. Bids for part of a Lot will be considered non-responsive.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document during office hours of 0900 to 1700 hours at the address given below:  
**76 Ali Akilu Crescent, State House, Abuja.**
- Interested eligible bidders may purchase a complete set of bidding document in English Language upon the submission of a written application on bidder's letterhead to the address below and proceed to pay a non-refundable fee of Twenty Thousand Naira (N20,000.00). The method of payment will be through REMITA PLATFORM in favour of "National Cash Transfer Program". The receipt/Teller should be accompanied by a letterhead of the desirous party requesting for transmittal of the documents giving reference to the "RFB Number" and "Title" of the bid.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 12:00 noon local time on January 25, 2021. Bid submitted electronically can be passworted, but Bidders must make the password available at the time of bid opening.
- Bids opening will hold at Chariot Hotel, Asokoro, Abuja, on January 25, 2021, Time 12noon Prompt.
- Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened after 12:00 noon local time on January 25, 2021 in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who wishes to attend at the address in Paragraph 9 above. All bids must be accompanied by a security of not less than the amount stated in the table above for each lot.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ag. Project Coordinator**  
National Cash Transfer Office  
76 Ali Akilu Crescent, State House, Abuja.



# SPORT

World's oldest football player, Miura extends Yokohama contract

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■ Aisha Falode

## NWFL postpone Match Day 5 league games

By Olusola 'Jide @jide\_olusola

The Nigeria Women Football League has postponed the Match Day 5 games following the inability of all the 14 clubs to meet up with directives of the league management on COVID-19 protocols.

It will be recalled that the NWFL had directed the clubs to submit fresh results of their players for collation and

validation.

According to the Chairperson of the NWFL, Aisha Falode, in a statement said these measures are being put in place to prevent an increase in infections as well as putting the league into disrepute.

"The NWFL do not want to take a risk with any of the clubs going by the fresh wave of increased COVID-19 infections due to the new variants of the deadly disease, which have left more people dead in Nigeria than before."

"We are currently verifying and validating results sent in by some of the 14 clubs not up to half of the clubs in the league.

"We are also going to verify the authenticity of the test centres sent in by the clubs from the Federal Ministry of Health and the relevant state's Ministry of Health, going by the reports that some clubs are going to unapproved centres to conduct the test.

"Tests from unapproved centres will be rejected after verification and the clubs involved suspended

from the league.

"The postponement of the league by one week is due to the tasking process of collation and validation. Because of this, the board of the NWFL found imperative to postpone the Week 5 matches to allow the Secretariat to complete their job on the ongoing COVID-19 test on clubs concerned," she said.

Falode further stressed that all the clubs must submit the genuine results or will be suspended indefinitely.

# Sponsors scramble for National Principals' Cup

The proposed National Principals' Cup football competition tentatively expected to kick off in February is attracting interest from many sponsors across the country.

The competition is being organised by Hideaspus in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development

It was learnt that reputable banks and multinationals have been calling the organisers on the modalities for the title sponsorship and other windows available in the competition.

"Companies are discussing with us on what it takes to be part of the event but we are looking at the logistics of a nationwide event and so we are not rushing into it. All the same, we are happy about the response from the public so far but in the days ahead, the public will also see how eager we are to take off," a member of the organising team said.

The Minister of Sports, Sunday Dare, shortly before the New Year reassured that the ministry was committed strongly to the National Principals Cup because of its importance.

"We rely on this event to



■ The Sports minister, Sunday Dare flanked by sports stakeholders during the unveiling of National Principals' Cup trophy last year.

bring back the lost glory in football at age-grade level especially now that our U-17 and U-20 teams now struggle in continental competitions," Dare said.

Meanwhile, the organisers of the tournament have enjoined all the Nigerian public and private secondary schools to commence

registration in order to be eligible to participate in the inaugural edition of the National Principals Cup.

The official website of the National Principals Cup www.principalscup.ng has been opened to Nigeria's public and private schools.

Interested schools have been urged to register their

schools and student-athletes before the portal is closed for registration at a date to be announced later.

The National Principals' Cup is a talent hunt programme aimed at bringing out young talented footballers from the tender age with the aim of taking them to greater heights.

## Premier League confirms 36 COVID-19 new cases

The Premier League says 36 players and club staff have tested positive during the latest rounds of testing for COVID-19.

The league conducted 2,593 tests across two rounds over the past week.

Between 4 and 7 January, there were 27 new positive tests and nine more were found during testing between 8 and 10 January.

The number is a slight decrease in the 40 positive tests following last week's rounds of testing.

The news comes on the day Tottenham's Premier League match at Aston Villa was postponed because of coronavirus cases in the Villa camp, and after Scottish football below the Championship was suspended for three weeks from midnight because of the rising number of cases.

Last week, Villa manager Dean Smith and his first-team squad had to isolate and their training ground was closed following 14 positive tests at the club. They fielded a side featuring academy players in the 4-1 FA Cup defeat by Liverpool last Friday.

There has been a sharp surge in cases during the past two weeks. Last week's total of 40 was more than double the number of the previous week, while the total of 76 since 28 December is higher than the total positive cases from the previous six rounds combined.

## Trump National stripped of 2022 US PGA Championship

Trump National in Bedminster has been stripped of the US PGA Championship in 2022 as its organisers felt using the course as host would be "detrimental".

The PGA of America voted to terminate the agreement on Sunday.

US President Donald Trump,

who owns the course, has been accused by Democrats and some Republicans of encouraging last Wednesday's riot in Congress.

A representative for the Trump Organisation said they were "incredibly disappointed" with the decision.

"It has become clear that conducting the PGA Championship at Trump Bedminster would be detrimental to the PGA of America brand and would put at risk the PGA's ability to deliver our many programmes and sustain the longevity of our mission," said PGA

of America President Jim Richerson.

"It was a decision made to ensure the PGA of America and PGA professionals can continue to lead and grow our game for decades to come."

The course in New Jersey, one of 17 courses around the world owned by Trump, was

due to host the major in May 2022.

Another of his properties, Trump Turnberry in Ayrshire, Scotland, has not been selected to host an Open Championship by the R&A since Trump bought the resort in 2014 - with the host venues now finalised up to 2024.

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## NIN registration - The mark of the beast

You cannot convince any real patriot that General Muhammadu Buhari's regime does not mean well for the nation and its citizenry. To harbour such thoughts is sacrilegious sedition. Every fortnight, government wakes up with a brain wave and because we are the best materials for all sorts of experiments, rolls out policies meant to test our loyalty, resilience and since we won't stop breeding - help cull the unwanted numbers.

Nigerians are resilient lots. You would not subject citizens of some other nations to a quarter of what Nigerians are subjected to without risking mass insurrection.

Our friend, Alhaji Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim, aka Sheikh Pantami, is a consummate patriot and tech guru. You can't take that from him. His friends and followers attest to these facts that he is not just a man of letters, but a giant of faith too. In Nigeria, your secular titles either bow before your ecclesiastical titles or enhance it. In Nigeria, a man of faith is worth much more than the science of life.

So, I believe that Sheikh Pantami means well because, as a man of faith, he would have run any policy through divine lenses before dropping them as gems at the Federal Executive Council for approval. Thus, his projects get presidential and divine endorsement.

Critics, who would not know the road to salvation even if you dropped them at the gates of heaven and hell, swear that people of faith are too much in a hurry to implement a divine mandate that they sometimes fail. They swear that these people either do not hear well or they do not wait for the full instructions before acting. Due to much deprivation, men of faith sometimes sleep on duty. Daily Trust editors want us to believe that Sheikh Pantami and his men were not fully awake when they 'discovered' that rested SIM cards were being recycled and sold by itinerant vendors.

In other words, the precious man-hours we spent queuing to register our SIM cards in the years of the locusts were just attempts to make sedentary citizens get up and exercise. It took a team of restless reporters to draw the attention of the giants at the National Communications Commission, NCC to the illegality happening under their nose. Of course, like the dynamic institution that they are, they sprung into action, stopped the 'illegal sales' and ordered an audit of registered SIM cards. This is why, given an opportunity to choose between having a government without a press or a press without a government, the ruining regime would choose the former. There would be peace on earth when reporters write what they're told.

So, to punish Nigerians for waking

up a sleeping ombudsman, Sheikh Pantami's officials issued a new directive - two weeks to link all SIM cards with National Identification Numbers, NIN. SIM registration is done by phone providers supervised by NCC, while identification issues are on the exclusive list of the National Identity Management Commission, NIMC supervised by a different ministry. Interagency cooperation in Nigeria is as symbiotic as the relationship between a legal wife and her husband's sidekick. As for NCC, it could only be trusted to stay on top of any serious matter for a fortnight, not longer.

In the midst of a virulent pandemic that sends the president into hiding,



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a government agency orders over 200 million citizens to troop out, socially distance, queue with their face masks, hand sanitisers and spray to link their SIM cards to their NIN registration. Nobody made the connection between mobbing and the spread of the coronavirus. It is not beyond people of faith to believe that COVID-19 is a punishment for the earth's sinfulness, after all, the holy books say - the soul that sinneth, it shall die; want to live forever steer clear of sin.

Bumbling and bumbling as usual, the regime realised it had made a deadly mistake. Out came the conflicting signals - you didn't need to queue up after all, if you had done your Bank Verification Number, BVN, then you have a NIN number - only you didn't realise it.

Recharge, send a text at your own cost (yes, government taxes us for their own stupidity everyday) and get the magic number. If you choose the queue, NIN registrars are on strike because, without salary, they spend their own cash trying to make the government look good - no more.

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We must inflict pain - we changed car registration plates in pain, get our national passports in agony, renew it in torment, registered for SIM, BVN, NIN and voters cards - all in distress. Why?

When would there be a one-stop-shop for our identity needs? Why can't we get the cards we are due in the post? Why can't we get messages in our inboxes reminding us to update our information on our birthdays or three months ahead with reminders in-between as other nations do?

In the light of the controversy that migration has generated recently, it is now settled palaver that if you jet out - (like Andrew of Buhari's yesteryears), you burn your passport of patriotism. So, in all the planning, nobody remembers Nigerians in the diaspora. We love their dollar remittances but loathe their inclusion. We have embassies and emissaries across the globe but they do not influence policy decisions.

General Buhari's December 1983 quote rings through for him in 2021 - This generation of Nigerians and indeed future generations have no other place they can call home - we shall stay here and salvage it together. If you live abroad, forget it.

Of course, Nigeria first exempts the General and his family. While making the statement in 1983, Buhari kept his contract with his London doctor for himself and his family. He has kept it since he was petroleum minister. His patriotic wife Aisha, went to Dubai for a medical procedure and discovered that the air in Dubai is less toxic than the one in the Presidential Villa where she had to fight power-mongering cousins and in-laws. The first son, Yusuf was airlifted to Germany for proper treatment. To paraphrase Babatunde Raji Fashola, - may our patriotism never be questioned. So, if you queue for NIN registration, you're taking the mark of the beast from a ravaging pandemic and in Nigeria, only death is free!

Footnote

Here's a welcome note to New Britain the one that helped build and sustain the EU for decades but severed its links two weeks ago. It Brexited but has a foot in. Why? Even Stanley Johnson, father of Brexit Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has applied to reclaim his French citizenship. His mother is French and he argues he'll always be European. He was a former EU parliamentarian and staff. The Johnsons are as divided as the British are of Brexit!

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## World's oldest football player, Miura extends Yokohama contract



■ Kazuyoshi Miura

The oldest scorer in Japanese professional football Kazuyoshi Miura will still be playing aged 54 after extending his contract with Yokohama FC for another season.

Miura turns 54 on 26 February, the day before the 2021 J League campaign begins is the world's oldest football player still actively playing.

The former Japan striker joined Yokohama in 2005 and will play his 17th season for the club. He scored 55 goals in 89 games for Japan and has played for Serie A side Genoa, before stints in Croatia and Australia.

## British athletics coach, Cowan dies at 58



■ Lloyd Cowan

Athletics coach Lloyd Cowan, who helped Christine Ohuruogu to the Olympic 400m title in 2008, has died aged 58.

Cowan represented England in the 110m hurdles at the 1994 Commonwealth Games before becoming a coach.

As well as the Olympic title, Cowan coached Ohuruogu to 400m silver at London 2012 and 4x400m relay bronze in 2008 and 2016.

Cowan also guided England's Andy Turner to Commonwealth and European 110m hurdles titles in 2010 and coached his son Dwayne, who won a 4x400m bronze at the 2017 World Championships.