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Nigerians will henceforth pay more in taxes while electricity rates will also go up in the course of the year as a new law signed by President Muhammadu Buhari to

boost revenue for government comes into effect.

The president yesterday signed the 2020 Finance Bill into law at the Presidential Villa in Abuja. This is

coming nearly two months after the National Assembly passed the bill and forwarded it to the president for

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■ People leave after the Supreme Court adjournment in Abuja yesterday of the governorship election tussles in six states

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SOKOTO SUNNY 32 MAX 19 MIN	IBADAN SUNNY 37 MAX 20 MIN	ENUGU SUNNY 38 MAX 21 MIN	P/HARCOURT PARTLY CLOUDY 31 MAX 17 MIN	LAGOS SUNNY 34 MAX 23 MIN

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## AFRICAN SAYINGS >>

When the roots of a tree begin to decay, it spreads death to the branches.

(Nigeria)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

The greatest conflicts are not between two people but between one person and himself..

- Garth Brooks



## PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



■ Puppeteers from Vision Mechanic rehearse with Scotland's largest puppet, a ten-metre tall sea goddess called Storm, in the grounds of the Museum of Flight, East Lothian in Glasgow, Scotland yesterday

Photo: Jane Barlow/PA

## PRAYER TIMES

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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# FG rescues 23-year-old Nigerian lady trafficked to Lebanon

By Abdullateef Salau

**A** Nigerian woman trafficked to Lebanon, Omolola Ajayi, has been rescued and now in the custody of the Nigerian Embassy in Beirut.

The Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, in a WhatsApp message yesterday, said Ms Ajayi would return to Nigeria soon.

"Update on the viral video of trafficked Nigerian

girl in Lebanon. She is now happily in the hands of the Nigerian Ambassador in Beirut, received warmly and happy to be in safe hands. She will be home soon by God's grace," the message read.

Ajayi, 23, a single mother from Osun State, was fraudulently recruited as a teacher, but sold as a domestic slave in Lebanon.

Her video, in which she pleaded for assistance to be rescued, went viral on social media.

In the video, Ajayi alleged that her employer had tried on several occasions to abuse her without success.

"My plan was to be teaching pupils English Language in Lebanon. On getting here, the person that brought me seized my passport. I was wondering what happened. I later knew I had been sold off to slavery," she said.

"If I am sick, they won't take me to hospital. They will only give me drugs. Half of the people whom

we came here together have died. I am appealing to Femilick Life Support to come to my aid. I don't want to die here. I need help to return home.

"The person I live with wants to rape me but I have been resisting him. He collected my phone and said he would not give me the phone until I accept to have sex with him. It is when he sleeps or goes out that I manage to pick the phone where he keeps it," she added.



■ Officials of the Lagos Environmental Sanitation Corps patrol round streets to ensure Lagos is kept clean, at Yaba in Lagos yesterday

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

## Daily Trust dialogue holds Thursday

By Abdullateef Salau

The 17th edition of the *Daily Trust* dialogue will hold on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

The event, themed "20 Years of Democracy in Nigeria: Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities", would take place at 10am at the NAF Conference Centre and Suites, along the Ahmadu Bello Way, Kado, Abuja.

Senate President Ahmad Lawan will serve as Special Guest of Honour; while former Vice President Mohammed Namadi Sambo will chair the occasion.

Guest speakers at the dialogue are Ekiti State Governor and Chairman, Nigeria Governors Forum, Kayode Fayemi, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and former Governor of Borno State, Senator Kashim Shettima and Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu, Chairperson, House of Representatives

Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration.

Personalities, who have confirmed their participation, include former governors of Akwa Ibom, Jigawa and Katsina States, Obong Victor Attah, Alhaji Sule Lamido and Alhaji Ibrahim Shehu Shema respectively.

Others are a former governor of Plateau State in the Third Republic, Ambassador Fidelis Na'anmiap Tapgun; Second Republic governor of Enugu State, Mr. Jim Nwobodo and a 2019 presidential aspirant under the platform of the People's Democratic Party, Dr. Datti Baba-Ahmed.

Serving and former lawmakers, chairmen of political parties, civil society organisations, development partners and diplomats are also expected at the forum.

Attendance is free, organisers said.

Meanwhile, a day before the dialogue, the 11th *Daily Trust* African

of the Year Award dinner will hold in Abuja.

The event, strictly by invitation, is to honour a humanitarian, Rosalia Mashale, who emerged the 2019 *Daily Trust* African of the Year.

Madam Rosalia, popularly known as Mama Rosie, is helping to save the lives of hundreds of children mostly afflicted by HIV/AIDS in one of the poorest communities in South Africa.

Mama Rosie was selected out of about 400 nominees for her support and dedication to save the lives of the children no one wants.

The 2019 *Daily Trust* African of the Year Award comes with a prize sum of \$10,000.

The award was instituted by Media Trust Limited, publisher of *Daily Trust* newspapers, to celebrate ordinary Africans doing extraordinary things in their chosen fields of endeavour, since 2008.

## I can't get senators with N1bn property as sureties – Maina

By John Chuks Azu

The former chairman of the Pension Reform Task Team, Abdulrasheed Maina, has asked a Federal High Court in Abuja to vary his bail terms in his money laundering trial.

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Meanwhile, the court fixed the trial to today for continuation of hearing.

## N1trn constituency projects: Reps open probe of MDAs over unspent funds

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives ad hoc committee investigating Ministries Departments and Agencies over unspent budgetary funds yesterday in Abuja began its hearing.

Speaker Femi Gbajabamila, who declared the hearing opened, noted that the N1trn, which President Muhammadu Buhari last year alleged was spent on constituency projects for 10 years without results, prompted the investigation.

Gbajabamila insisted that over the years, appropriated funds were not often utilised.

He said the investigation would enable the house to take a critical evaluation of all the funds appropriated for capital and constituency projects in the last 10 years.

"This is not a witch hunt, but a fact-finding assignment with a view to giving us an opportunity to have value for our money and catapult Nigeria to a position of excellence.

Meanwhile, the committee yesterday turned back some officials at the hearing, alleging discrepancies and other anomalies in many documents presented to the committee.

It said the documents presented by the Universal Basic Education Commission, the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) and one other agencies contained contradictory submissions on monetary utilisation and remittance.

Members of the committee observed also that there was no single contract award letter in the documents presented by the UBEC officials.

They therefore requested that the hearing on the documents be put on hold until everything was sorted out, reconciled and re-presented at a later date.

The chairman of the committee, Francis Charles Uduyok, urged the UBEC officials to tidy up the documents and re-present them.

The NDE officials were also told to go back with the documents they brought after they admitted that there were discrepancies.

## Terrorist attack: Buhari commiserates with Niger Republic

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari Sunday evening spoke to Nigerian President Mahamadou Issoufou on the telephone to commiserate with him, the government and people of Niger Republic, over the terrorist attack of January 9, 2020, in Chinagodrar, which killed scores of soldiers in a military base.

Buhari, in a statement yesterday by his media aide, Garba Shehu, voiced sympathy and condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the victims.

The president, who condemned the heinous attack by the terrorists, assured his Nigerian counterpart that Nigeria would continue to work closely with his country and other international partners to overcome terrorism and violent extremism.

He restated that the perpetrators of such cowardly acts and their sponsors deserved no peace and comfort, stressing that Nigeria stood in solidarity with her allies to ensure that justice was served.

# CRIME

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## 2 killed in farmers, herders clash in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Two persons have been reportedly killed in a clash between farmers and herdsmen in Sobe community, Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State.

It was gathered that trouble started on Sunday when a teenage boy was discovered to have been slaughtered in

the bush.

It was gathered that the boy went to the bush to fetch firewood but was allegedly killed by suspected herdsmen.

It was further gathered that upon discovering the corpse, the youths of the area mobilised themselves and attacked the herders and in the process killed one of the herders.

Reacting to the incident, the local

government chairman of the area, Mr. Frank Ilaboya, called for calm.

He said he has informed the state Commissioner of Police, Lawal Jimeta, about the killings and also requested for reinforcement whenever the need arises.

"There is need for everybody to remain peaceful and calm in the community. I have personally spoken to the Odibiado of Sobe, His Royal Highness, Anthony

Ero Aleburu, on the need to mobilise his people to ensure there is no more casualty.

"I have also spoken to and mobilised the security agents in the local government to always be on the standby to forestall further crisis," he said.

Efforts to get reaction from the Edo state command spokesman, Chidi Nwabuzor, was unsuccessful as calls to his cell phone were not answered.



■ The suspects

## EFCC arrests 8 suspected Internet fraudsters in Ibadan

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has arrested eight suspected internet fraudsters in Ibadan, Oyo State capital.

The suspects, whose ages ranged between 17 and 30 years, were apprehended over the weekend at different

locations across the ancient city.

They are Abdulrahman Qozeem, Umoru Ibrahim, Umoru Abdulahi Gregory, Famous Ose Itahma, Umoru Shaibu Pedro, Durrele Oyeniyi, Umoru Evidence and Judge Okoye.

Their arrest, it was gathered, was sequel to series

of intelligence received by the commission concerning their alleged involvement in internet-related crimes.

Items reportedly recovered from them included six exotic cars, various brands of phones, laptops, international passports and several documents suspected to contain false pretenses.

## Accountant gets 18-yr-jail term for defrauding church

A High Court in Yola, Adamawa State, on Monday sentenced the accountant of the Church of Brethren in Nigeria, Ibrahim Aku, to 18 years in jail for defrauding the church of N15.5 million.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) had told the court that Aku defrauded the church of N15.5 million between 2016 and 2018.

The money, the EFCC said, was generated by the church members through offerings, donations and tithes. He pleaded guilty. Delivering judgment, Justice Nathan Musa, convicted Aku on six counts, bordering on forgery and obtaining money by false pretense. He was not given any option of fine.

The judge also ordered the convict to pay back the money as restitution to the church.

He equally ordered that the proceeds of the crime recovered in the course of investigation be sold by appointing valuers to sell and remit same to the church.

Speaking shortly after the verdict, Bello Bajoga, of the Public Affairs Department of EFCC, said the judgment was "on course".

"The convict was entrusted with church money and he ended up diverting the money and forged tellers and presented same as genuine, to serve as evidence of payment of the remittance," Bajoga said. (NAN)

## Man, 42, allegedly kills mother in Imo

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

Tragedy struck at Umuobom in Ideato South Local Government Area of Imo State when a 42-year-old man, identified as Sunday Agwim, reportedly killed his 62-year old mother, Christiana.

A police source from Ideato said the suspect had in the early hours of Sunday, used a hammer and machete to crush his mother's head.

Spokesman of the police in the state, SP Orlando Ikeokwu, who confirmed the incident, said when the suspect was quizzed, he said he never knew what came over him.

Ikeokwu said the police visited the scene of crime, recovered the exhibits and took the corpse to the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital where a team of doctors conducted an autopsy to enable the family to bury the deceased because of the state of the body. He added that the police have launched an investigation into the matter.

## Ex-convict jailed 3yrs for vandalising electricity equipment

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

A Benin Magistrate Court has sentenced one David James to three years imprisonment for vandalising equipment belonging to Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) in Edo state.

The 26-year-old convict, who admitted to have served a jail term of one year and six months in prison for vandalizing cable in 2005, was arraigned on a two-count charge of stealing armoured cable wires and three transformer bushes spindles valued at about N500,000.

James was said to have committed the offence on December 22, 2019 along Upper Ekewan road, Benin. According to the charge sheet, James was caught by members of Bedekeme community in Obaji off Ugbiyoko quarters. The convict, who pleaded guilty to the charge, said he wanted to sell the vandalized items before he was arrested.

Delivering her ruling, Magistrate Mrs. E.A Aghedo, sentenced him to three years imprisonment without an option of fine.

## Doctor, guardian remanded over abortion for 14-yr-old girl

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

A chief magistrate court in Kafanchan has remanded a community doctor, Joe Orukwe and one Godwin Ikechukwu in Kafanchan Custodial Centre for alleged criminal conspiracy and causing the death of an unborn child.

Orukwe, who is the owner of a private hospital, Bethel Clinic in Kafanchan was charged for allegedly aborting a pregnancy for a 14-year-old girl. The girl was said to have been defiled and impregnated by her foster father, Ikechukwu, who later took her to Orukwe to procure abortion for her.

Orukwe and Ikechukwu were however arrested by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Kafanchan Area Command in collaboration with Salama

Sexual Assault Referral Center (SARC), Kafanchan.

Speaking with Daily Trust at the centre's office at Sir Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa Memorial Hospital, Kafanchan, the SARC manager, Grace Yohanna Abbin, expressed dismay over the continuous abuse of children despite the ongoing awareness creation in schools and other gatherings in the LGAs.

"We got to know about the case when a father brought a complain about his 14-year-old daughter being abused, defiled, impregnated and later the perpetrator, Mr Godwin Ikechukwu, facilitated the abortion of the pregnancy of his 14-year-old foster daughter.

"We got both of them arrested after confirming the abortion by our doctor (Dr Bakwot Gilbert)," she said.

She said Orukwe had for a long time been in the business of aborting pregnancy for young girls (minors).

"The owner of Bethel Clinic was given bail a day after his first arrest, being a weekend, to be presented to court the following working day. He did another unsafe abortion to another minor during the weekend of his bail. Both the survivors were treated by our medical doctor. When he realised that the unsafe abortion was again reported to SARC Kafanchan, he left the town.

"He was rearrested on 9/1/2020 by the Area Command of Kafanchan NSCDC headed by Mr John Joseph Eferin, arraigned and remanded by the court on January 10, 2020," Abbin added.



■ From left: Special Guest of honour, Professor Adebajji Akintoye; Keynote speaker, Professor Pat Utomi; Chairman of the occasion, Professor Anya O, Anya; Guest speaker, Professor Wole Soyinka and the royal father of the day, Ezeora the 34th of Akajiogu Igbo, Eze Chukwuemeka-Eri, during the "Never Again conference" with the theme: Nigeria civil war: 50 years after, organized by Nzuko Umunna Ndigbo in Lagos yesterday

Photo: NAN

## Nigerians to pay more taxes as Buhari signs Finance Bill

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assent in November 2019.

The law has paved the way for an increase of the Value Added Tax (VAT) from five per cent to 7.5 per cent.

Daily Trust reports that the 2020 Appropriation Act amounting to N10.59 trillion (\$35bn) is also based on the new VAT rate.

Experts varied on the implication of the new charges with some saying more money for government will boost the economic potentials of the country and

others saying the poor people are already overburdened.

A statement yesterday by the Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina, said with the assent, there will be more revenue to finance key government projects especially in the areas of health, education and critical infrastructure.

Buhari had first announced the signing for the bill into law through his Twitter handle @MBuhari saying the bill was vital to the implementation of the 2020 Budget.

The taxes that will witness noticeable increase include VAT, the Corporate Income Tax, and a plan to reintroduce tollgates taxes.

The new law also stipulates that customers must present their Tax Identification Number (TIN) before they would be allowed to carry out any transactions through banks.

The new law also amended the Petroleum Profit Tax Act, Customs and Excise Tariff Act, Personal Income Tax Act, VAT, Stamp Duties Act and the Capital Gains Tax.

## Electricity tariff may rise in first half of 2020

Economists contacted to comment on the new development say the increase in VAT and other taxes would cause discomfort to many Nigerians as the prices of goods and services will most likely skyrocket.

On raising electricity rate from April 2020, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and the power Distribution Companies

(DisCos) recently rolled out the tariff order which will be implemented by the first half of the year. Analysis of the documents showed that on the average, the increase is between N15 to N20 for all the DisCos.

However due to the shock this electricity rate could create, sources privy to the dealings of the tariff hike plan told one of our reporters

that the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) recommended gradual increase starting from April (to be announced in the June tariff review).

The Minister of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman, had in a recent interview with Daily Trust said power supply was now private sector driven and that there was need for tariff that could cover production cost of electricity.

## Communication tax underway in Nigeria

DailyTrust reports that there are moves to have legislative action to impose a 9 per cent tax on communication services. The communication service tax shall be levied on electronic communication

services like voice calls, SMS, MMS, data usage both from telecommunication services providers and internet service as well as pay per view TV stations.

The federal government

has also announced plans to ensure the return of toll gates on federal highways in the country, but experts believe it will result in increase in transport fare across the country.

## Ovations, knocks greet new tax regime

Analysts spoken to yesterday said the increases may be good for government's revenue base. They, however, observed that the increase would negatively affect the income of average Nigerians, especially if the taxes were not judiciously utilised.

Speaking with Daily Trust,

Sarah Anyanwu who is a Professor of Development Economics, University of Abuja, said the increase would automatically lead to hardship because the level of the increase is not commensurate with the salary increment for civil servants (minimum wage).

Prof. Anyanwu, who is also the President of Nigerian Economic Summit (NES), said Nigerians have doubts as to whether government will judiciously use the money that would accrue.

A research consultant to ECOWAS, Prof. Ken Ife, in a telephone interview said, "We

have the lowest VAT in Africa at 5%. The average is 15% in Africa. Ghana is even 17%. It is higher in many countries."

However, Prof. Ife expressed concern over its effect on consumables. "The worry about that increase is to make sure we protect the poorest people by not putting tax on foods and medicines so that we don't weaken poor people in our community. That is why I'm advising the government to exempt them from the VAT increase," he said.

Another respondent, Audu Aliyu, backed the new tax regime saying, "The capital gain tax reform is also going to encourage Nigerian ownership of businesses which is a good thing. This will curtail capital flight as most foreign companies tend to repatriate their profit abroad which is not good for the economy."

The Executive Director, Nigeria Private Sector Alliance, Barr. Legborsi Nwiabu, advised that the new taxes be used appropriately to impact on Nigerians. "Nigerians particularly the private sector don't want a situation where they will pay tax and still be running on generators," he noted.

Dr. Bongo Adi, an economist and lecturer at Lagos Business School, said the corporate

income tax in Nigeria is less than one per cent.

"Our tax is not up to 5 per cent of our GDP at this moment because the tax steak is still small. Those in the tax book, organizations and individuals still remain small. Of course, the argument still remains that you can't tax poverty. People are poor, disposable income is still quite low. Nigeria's economy is predominantly informal," he noted. Adi said the exemption of businesses with below N25 million turnover from the tax net was a good incentive from the federal government.

His worry is that there are more challenges outside the finance law which make any tax increase a burden.

On presentation of TIN before bank transactions, Mr Adi said, "The requirement of an evidence of paying tax (TIN) before transactions in a bank is good. Tax is about citizens' responsibility which gives them the right to demand accountability."

The Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) also commented on the tax regime. The Director-General, Dr. Muda Yusuf, said the new law may favour small businesses but the VAT increase may have adverse effect on consumers who will bear the increment.

## It is not good to pay more on electricity

President of the Nigeria Power Consumers Forum Mr. Kunle Kola Olubiyo, told one of our reporters that the planned increase in electricity tariffs coupled with those for taxes may lead to hyperinflation.

Olubiyo advised that NERC

should first tackle the liquidity crisis, the poor governance structure and accountability issue. He also called for the effective metering of consumers and improvement in customers services by the DisCos to enhance customer satisfaction.

## Employers caution FG over tax hikes

The Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association (NECA) on its part said the president meant well for the country but that caution must be taken.

The Director-General of NECA, Dr. Timothy Olawale,

said government should not see the private sector as a "cash cow" in its drive to raise revenue, noting that the move will do more harm to the already burdened sector and further impoverish citizens than lifting them out of poverty.

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**DIALOGUE**

# 20 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY IN NIGERIA:

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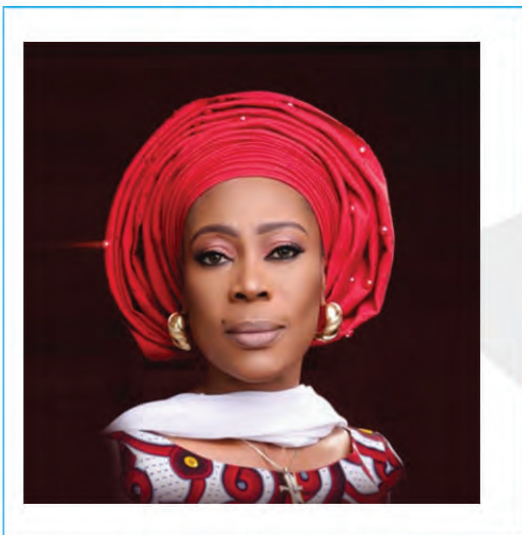


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## Fight Against Boko Haram

Images from Governor Babagana Umara Zulum's distribution of 170 surveillance vehicles to the Nigerian military, police, civilian JTF, hunters, vigilantes involved in fighting boko haram in different parts of Borno state... last Friday Zulum had between June and September 2019 distributed about 200 surveillance vehicles across the 27 local government areas of the state in the fight against the insurgents.



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## National Park Service monitoring 250 migratory elephants - CG

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Conservator-General of the National Park Service, Dr Ibrahim Goni, says the park is monitoring the movement of 250 elephants sighted around Kutila area of the Chad Basin National Park (CBNP), a border between Nigeria and Cameroon, for their protection.

Goni in a statement yesterday, said the new herd was captured through the aerial photo of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Services around Chingurmi-Duguma sector of CBNP a few kilometres from Rann during a humanitarian mission.

He said the service was already partnering with the Borno State Government through the Director of Forests to ensure that the elephants are not killed in line with the initiative of 'Monitoring of the illegal killing of Elephants.'

"The elephants were reported to have destroyed some farms; so, our experts will make sure that they are returned to their habitats safely and as well avoid more damage to people's farms while at the same time keeping them away from poachers," he said.

## Northern govts condole Sheikh Dahiru Bauchi over wife's death

The Northern States' Governors Forum yesterday condoled with Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi, prominent Islamic scholar and leader of the Tijjaniyya Movement in Nigeria, over the demise of his wife, Aishatu Tahir Usman Bauchi.

The chairman of the forum and governor of Plateau State, Simon Bako Lalong, in a condolence message signed by his spokesman, Dr Makut Simon Macham, described Aishatu's death as a huge loss not only to the family but to many who depended on her love and goodwill.

Lalong said the forum shared in the pain and grief of Sheikh Dahiru Bauchi, his family and the entire Tijjaniyya Movement as her death had created a vacuum that would be difficult to fill.

He said the legacies left behind by the deceased would continue to be cherished and her memory honoured for all the good deeds she engaged in, particularly by touching the lives of the poor and less privileged.



■ From left: Head of Trading Business Division, The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), Jude Chiemeka; Chief Executive Officer of NSE, Mr Oscar Onyema; Head, Shared Services Division, Bola Adeeko; and Head of Listings Business, Olumide Bolumole, during NSE's 2019 Market Recapitalisation and 2020 Outlook, at the Exchange in Lagos yesterday

Photo: NAN

## Abiodun to commissioners: You're under public scrutiny

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun yesterday charged his cabinet members to brace up for the challenges of their new offices, saying they were under intense public scrutiny to deliver.

The governor spoke in Abeokuta yesterday at an orientation programme organised for commissioners and special advisers.

He said a lot of burden would be on them to be above board and morally upright, asking them to be role models,

manage expectations and join him in advancing the goals of even development across the state.

Abiodun asked the appointees not to be found wanting in character as they would come under intense public scrutiny and people

would want to probe every of their actions and inaction.

"You are now public servants and have joined the league of politically exposed people. Your conduct, utterances and public personality will now come under intense public scrutiny, so, be guided accordingly."

## FG to ease national service for Nigerian students abroad

By Abdullateef Salau

The Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM) has partnered with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to ease the national service for Nigerian students in the Diaspora who have completed their studies.

The chairman/CEO of NIDCOM, Abike Dabiri-Erewa, disclosed this when he paid a courtesy visit to

the Director General of the National Youth Service Corps in Abuja on Monday, according to a statement from the commission.

She noted that the second and third generations of Nigerian youths in the Diaspora needed to be properly and adequately sensitized on the importance of coming back home and contribute to the growth and development of their country.

Dabiri-Erewa further

requested the establishment of a Diaspora-NYSC Desk Office for stronger and better collaboration between the two agencies.

Meanwhile, NYSC Director-General Brigadier-General Shuaibu Ibrahim assured that the NYSC would create Diaspora Desk Office and engage NIDCOM in robust sensitisation of Nigerian youths in the Diaspora to come back home for National Service.

## Batch A orientation course yet to commence - NYSC

By Maureen Onochie

The National Youth Service Corps has said that Batch A orientation course for 2020 is yet to commence.

Director, Press and Public Relations, NYSC, Mrs Adenike Adeyemi, in a statement yesterday, was reacting to information on the social media that online registration in respect of 2020 Batch "A" Orientation programme had commenced.

She said this was the handiwork of fraudsters. She said the NYSC was yet to release the dates for the activities.

"There are processes to observe, in conjunction with the scheme's major stakeholders before the dates are announced.

"Assuredly, once the activities are scheduled, the public shall be duly notified through advertorials in both the print and social media," she stated.

## AbdulRazaq meets Buhari, seeks support for Kwara development

From Romoke W. Ahmad

Kwara State Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq yesterday at the Presidential Villa in Abuja met and briefed President Muhammadu Buhari on some developmental challenges his administration inherited and the steps taken to reposition it.

The governor, according to a statement by his spokesman,

Rafiu Ajakaye, sought special attention to the federal roads in the state and requested a Federal College of Education.

He also requested that the National Livestock Transformation Programme be fast tracked as Kwara wanted to be an integral part of it, especially the dairy component of the programme.

He told the president that Kwara was already keying

into various developmental projects of the Federal Government, including passing the state's Social Investment Programme Bill that provides for school feeding, soft loans for marketers and conditional cash transfer for the elderly.

The statement quoted Buhari as promising to look into the governor's requests for the development of Kwara and Nigeria as a whole.

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e-mail [opinion@dailytrust.com](mailto:opinion@dailytrust.com)**Eugene Enahoro**[eugeneenahoro@dailytrust.com](mailto:eugeneenahoro@dailytrust.com), 0807 493 2395 (SMS Only)**Electricity Tariff Increase: Paying more for less!**

In Nigeria “419” refers to the section of the Criminal code which covers con-artists and fraudsters. Offences under this section are charged as “obtaining under false pretenses” or “advance fee fraud”. The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) defines advance fee fraud as “a scheme in which victims pay money in anticipation of receiving something of greater value in return...and receive little or nothing”.

In Nigeria irate electricity consumers have taken to using this definition to describe pre-paid meter electricity billing. Their justification is that there is no guarantee any power will be available after electricity units have been purchased, because electricity distributing companies simply don't have the capacity to provide the volume consumers pay for in advance. Truthfully consumers nationwide experience electricity blackout for weeks despite their meters being in credit. As is stands Electricity distribution companies appear not to be under any serious obligation to provide electricity other than how and when they see fit!

The Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) underwent many changes in 2005 with the implementation of the Electrical Power Sector Reform Act which was passed to in order to facilitate what was described at the time as one of the most ambitious privatization programs in the global power industry. The Act unbundled the former Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) into 11 electricity distribution companies (DisCos), 6 generating companies (GenCos) and a transmission company (TCN). It also created the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) mandated to ensure that electricity operators provide quality services to customers through an efficiently managed electrical supply industry which provides stable adequate and safe electricity supply.

After fifteen years the Commission is yet to fulfill this mandate. The abysmal state of electricity supply in Nigeria has been aptly described as a national embarrassment. NERC lists 15 “rights” of electricity consumers including the “right” to electricity supply in a safe and reliable manner; the “right” to properly installed meters for correct billing; and the “right” to be notified in writing before any disconnection can be made. In spite of the fact that these “rights” are regularly breached without sanction, NERC consistently approves tariff increases. The latest increase effective April 1st 2020 means that electricity tariffs have risen by over 300% in five years. Consumers have every right to be upset. They are being asked to subsidize the industry by paying even more in spite of grossly sub-standard service.

NERC themselves previously asserted that DisCos and TCN are responsible for the poor supply despite increased generation. They affirmed appallingly that over half of the electricity generated in Nigeria (58%) is lost and not put to use because of problems with the limited transmission network. As it stands consumers purchasing electricity units are paying for a product which DisCos cannot guarantee to provide. Knowing full well that unpowered pre-paid meters limits their income, they resort to restricting the supply of meters which have been paid for in advance, and busy themselves calculating outrageous

“estimated” bills for electricity not consumed.

It's hardly surprising that irate electricity consumers have taken to referring to DisCos operation as “419”. They are in effect sitting on billions of Naira from consumers on the promise of providing an intermittent service at some indeterminate time in the future! Ironically the key to managing DisCos profitably is aggressive pursuit of income from estimated billing and sales of pre-paid electricity units to be delivered whenever convenient, while simultaneously minimizing both capital investment and expenditure on broken down equipment, supplying meters or actually supplying electricity!

The Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED) claims that the higher tariffs are meant to cater for revenue shortfalls, but a cursory glance at the new tariff regime raises more questions than answers. For reasons yet to be explained the percentage increase isn't uniform nationwide. It ranges from N7.81 in Jos to N20.90 in Port Harcourt. These tariff adjustments habitually ignore the fact that consumers are entitled to recover expenditure which should have been made by DisCos in the first place.

Property owners connecting electricity to their homes are made to pay for poles, electrical cables, fuses, electricity meters and “connection fees”, and sometimes even asked to contribute towards repairs of community transformers. Leading socio-economic development experts contend that electricity is of far more importance than petrol to a modern economy because constant electricity is crucial to modern industry and agriculture. Therefore the requirement for the poorly performing GenCos, TCN and DisCos to all function efficiently is imperative. It's no news that the TCN constitutes a bottleneck as it lacks the capability to transmit the 12,000 mega-watts which GenCos generate.

In their habitual fangled English NERC officials say that they are “working in addressing the DisCos / TCN interface challenge with the aim of freeing up the generation capacity constraints by addressing the bottlenecks inhibiting the flow of energy”. In layman's language this means that the system isn't functioning correctly and customers are being asked to pay for its inefficiency. Perhaps it's time to reassess the botched privatization process which most likely will never lead to the affordable uninterrupted power supply the nation urgently requires to modernize. It's difficult to be convinced that those in authority fully grasp the problem.

The backslapping claim by the Minister of Power that Nigeria is on course to provide 11,000 mega-watts which will give everybody “sufficient electricity” is dismaying to say the least. South Africa which has approximately the same land mass as Nigerian and 130 million fewer people is dissatisfied with the inadequacy of their 51,309 mega-watts installed capacity and plans to add an additional 19,400 of new renewable generation by 2030.

Nigeria should be aiming for 100,000 mega-watts not 11,000! Without better planning and target setting inadequate power supply will continue for the foreseeable future, DisCos will continue to be accused of advanced fee fraud and consumers will continue to be asked to pay more for less electricity.

**Addressing irregularity in the Department of Petroleum Resources**By **Olawale Adesoji**

The Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) is the Technical Arm of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources saddled with the responsibility of regulating all Oil and Gas resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The DPR also handles both the Upstream and Downstream activities in the Oil and Gas Industry. The Department as a Regulator is statutorily mandated to regulate all the activities of the operators in oil and Gas Industry in Nigeria.

The DPR, given its strategic mandate as a key establishment within the nation's oil industry shouldn't be toyed with, especially in the appointment of its head and day to day running.

Days after President Muhammadu Buhari nullified the suspension of the Managing Director of the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) Mrs. Damilola Ogunbiyi by the Minister of Power, Alhaji Saleh Mamman, similar development with graver consequences on the activities and morale of staff of the Department of Petroleum Resources has occurred once again..

All was actually going well for the Department until the recent appointment by the Presidency of an Assistant Director, Alhaji Auwalu Sarki to head the agency, a development which has dampened the morale of staff of DPR. The appointment according to insiders is not in tandem with laid down procedures for appointing head of the DPR and should be reversed.

The DPR like other Ministries, Departments and Agencies has stipulated guidelines for the appointments, promotion, discipline and disengagement. All these procedures are contained in the Public Service Rules in the case of the core public service and conditions of service for statutory agencies.

So, what recently happened in the DPR where a junior Assistant Director was announced as Head of the Department where there are several senior Assistant Directors and Deputy Directors who are eminently qualified for the same position is one act that must be discouraged because of its negative consequences.

Ironically, ahead of the newly promoted Assistant Director are about 22 management staff who are above the person chosen by the Federal Government. This is like a dream and surprise to the entire work force whose loyalty was directed to their various Deputy Directors or Divisional Heads and the Acting Director who acted for six (6) months. The Department is still yet to recover from the unjustly treatment and the entire office complex (Headquarters and Other Zonal Offices in the country were like a grave yard

when the New Director was announced. Until now, nobody can give you a mental picture of where and how the new headship will drive.

In the Civil Service Rule, any officer who acted for a six (6) good months is ordinarily qualified to be appointed as the substantive but we don't understand why the Deputy Director who acted as acting Director was denied and amongst about Fifth teen (15) other Deputy Directors, none was found fit to pilot the affairs of the Department but rather an Assistant Director who was their far Junior was rather super-imposed on them as their new boss. This is morally wrong, totally unacceptable and should be condemned by all good and well-meaning Nigerians. However, some believed that Mr. President was not fully briefed on this issue by his handlers but it is not late to right the wrong in the system, else, the system may be heading and facing eminent total collapse.

o, what recently happened in the DPR where a junior Assistant Director was announced as Head of the Department where there are several senior Assistant Directors and Deputy Directors who are eminently qualified for the same position is one act that must be discouraged because of its negative consequences.

We urge Mr. President to reverse this appointment as it is capable of causing disaffection in the country. We know that the power to hire and fire lies with the President, but in the exercise of this right, the President is expected to act in accordance with laid down procedures. It is in this regards that we call on Mr. President to take a second look at the appointment made at the DPR. Just like the practice in the judiciary and other quarters' too.

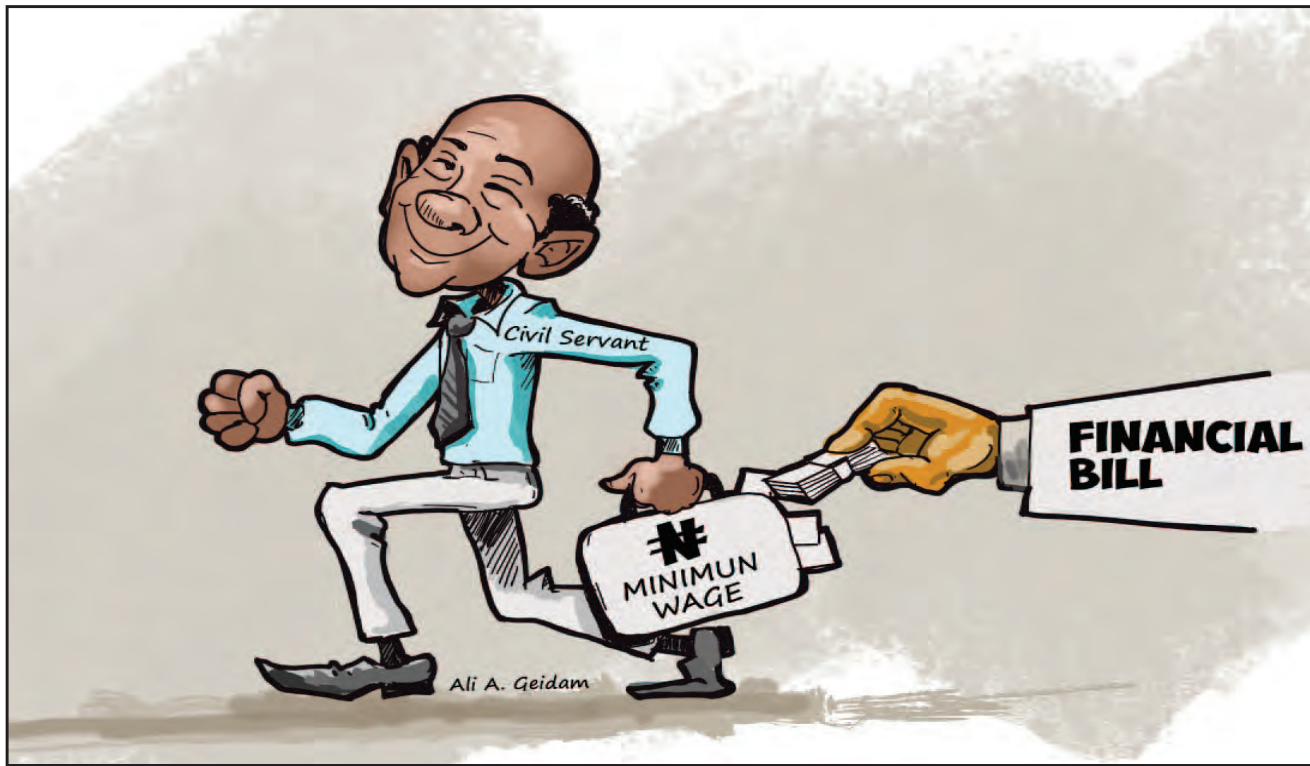
As observed recently in the security forces, the Military, the Police Force and other paramilitary agencies, it may be acceptable as common practice or rule of thumb and peculiar to those organizations but certainly not the civil service or every other organization in the country.

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CARTOON by ALI A. GEIDAM



## KAROTA and the people of Kano

The Kano Roads and Traffic Agency known with its acronym KAROTA was established by former governor Rabiu Kwankwaso in 2012 to sanitise the roads by ensuring every motorist in the state upheld the law.

It is a known fact that roads in Kano are sanitised, the fear of KAROTA has made many citizens to abide by the law, leaving people to drive on the roads of Kano without a law and an institution to regulate the law is a call to recklessness, accidents via rough driving by motorists.

The first Managing Director of KAROTA, Mohammed Diggol, has done so much in bringing this institution to limelight; it has made many motorists to drive with care and caution to avoid arrest for breach of KAROTA laws.

The traffic is controlled through a white line marked on the road, no changing of lane while driving, possession of a driving licence and vehicle particulars, making of calls while driving or eating are part of the KAROTA offences that attract a fine in thousands of naira.

Since Diggol and other MD's that followed - Mustapha Hamza Buhari Bakwana, AIG Mohammed Hadi Zarewa, Arch. Ibrahim Garba Kabara - there was no time that KAROTA witnessed developmental reforms

as we are witnessing in the current administration of Baffa Babba Danagundi.

I was with the MD last week Friday to forward a complaint against a KAROTA personnel that treated me unjustly, a top government official sent a civil servant to seek for favour on a law breaker who engaged a KAROTA official in a fight, gave him a punch and inflicted injury on his face because he felt he had someone at the top to save him from the mess he committed.

The case was brought to the MD in my presence, he handled it fairly and justly. He told the civil servant that the person he wanted to seek favour for must pay the fine. It is in the midst of this that the MD gave me such an example, how top politicians and government officials are supporting law breakers. He assured me that the law is not an exempter of any individual.

His sister was caught for an offence on one of the roads, she called him to get her out but he refused, he assured her that the only thing that will save her is paying the fine for the offence she committed and that's what happened.

However, since the KAROTA personnel are in the habit of collecting bribe, assaulting motorists and lacking in manner of approach,

the MD should organise retreat for all his personnel on matters of how to discharge their duties professionally; how to approach a driver and talk to him/her and how to clarify the offence committed in a professional manner. That will earn the personnel respect from every kind of driver.

Professionalism matters, KAROTA personnel need more training that will guide them well in the discharge of their duties in the spirit of professionalism.

A KAROTA official insulted me and my profession, he thought he was going to go free; I reported him to the MD and explained all that happened, I gave the MD his name and rank. He was brought to the MD's office and after listening to both of us, the personnel was found wanting and a committee was set up to further investigate the matter. This is the same personnel that is in the habit of collecting bribe on the road and if I will mention his name here; many could have come across this rude and arrogant personnel.

With Baffa Babba Danagundi at the helm of this institution, personnel that are in the habit of tarnishing the image of KAROTA institution are having nowhere to go.

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## NCS and revenue collection

That the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) generated N1.341 trillion revenue for the Federation Account in the year 2019, which exceeded the target of N937 billion expected collection by N404 billion, is a heart-warming piece of news.

It is a commendable and exemplary achievement by the NCS that should be the standard and replicated by all other revenue generation agencies in the interest of national development.

The 2019 revenue generated by the NCS is consistent with and represents a continuation of exceeding the revenue generation target set for the organisation by the federal government in the last few years under the leadership of Hameed Ibrahim Ali, a retired Colonel of the Nigerian Army.

It can be recalled that the first record-setting revenue collected for Nigeria by the NCS above N1 trillion was in 2017 under his watch.

That performance in revenue collection was N241.685 billion above the N770.567 billion target for the year. And it by far exceeded the N898.673 billion collected in 2016.

The Comptroller-General retired Colonel Hameed Ibrahim Ali, said the higher revenue collection by the NCS resulted from a resolute pursuit of what is right rather than being populist by compromising national interest to satisfy individual or group interests.

He also linked the continued upswing in revenue collection to the impact of the ongoing reforms in the service, and the implementation of strategic policies.

The strategic policies include the deployment of officers strictly on the standard operating procedure, strict enforcement of extant guidelines by the tariff and trade department, and the automation of the customs process, which has eliminated the inherent corruption in the manual process.

The CGC added that strong stakeholder sensitisation by the NCS has as well contributed in more voluntary compliance, and increased disposition of officers and men to put national interest above personal material gain.

Other factors that contributed to the higher revenue collection are the current partial border closure, which forced cargoes that would have been smuggled to come through sea and air ports.

The NCS as an institution and individual officers who by their roles contributed in the record revenue collection for the country deserve special recognition and appropriate incentives from the federal government, which will in turn encourage personnel in other revenue generation agencies to emulate them.

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## FCTA and arrears of minimum wage

The FCTA has refused to obey presidential order by refusing to pay workers arrears of the new minimum wage. Up till now the staff of the ministry are still accusing the minister of refusing to pay them their three years promotion arrears from 2016 to 2019 and also those for 2017 to 2020. There is also the accusation by some staff collaborating with the ministry officials by using their entitlements to do shady deals for their own benefit.

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## All hail Iran

I sincerely appreciate the admission by Iran of the downing of the Ukrainian airliner as erroneously done by its military in its territory. Despite admitting

the fact by Iran, series of provocative statements by the cause of the disaster, Donald Trump, who directed the provocative assassination of Qassem Soleimani, a highly ranked Iranian officer working in Iraq, may discourage Iran from giving further co-operation.

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## Re: Buhari, APC greet Senate President at 61!

Kindly permit me to use your publication to felicitate with the Senate President, Senator Alhaji Ahmed Lawal, on the occasion of his 61st birthday. The Senate president, having been a member of the National Assembly since the return of democracy in 1999, has so far demonstrated his unflinching

commitment to good governance with the way he has piloted the affairs of his office and the improved legislature-executive relationship. His commitment to the development of the country is unparalleled.

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## Restore our Secret Service values

The state security service known now as DSS is a mess. Imagine, how can huge rifle carrying personnel be in a secret service? Nowadays even tea and Indomie sellers on the street can identify secret service personnel. Let's go back to those days when a secret service personnel disguised in any form in order to gather authentic information for the general security of our country.

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## Diaspora remittances, catalyst for development

**C**hairman and Chief Executive Officer of Nigeria in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), Mrs Abike Dabiri-Erewa, recently announced that Nigerians living abroad remitted about \$25.1 billion into the country in 2018. She told journalists in Abuja while reviewing the activities of the agency that although \$25.1 billion has been remitted, “there are some areas that have not been captured,” which indicates that the actual value of remittance is higher.

The figure announced by Abike-Dabiri tallies with the report by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), which noted that inflow of remittances by Nigerians in Diaspora make Nigeria the highest recipient of Diaspora remittances in sub-Saharan Africa. With the figure, Nigeria becomes one of the top five nations with high remittance inflows globally.

The nation's Diaspora remittances has been on ascendancy. In 2016 and 2017, the remittances were \$19.7 billion and \$22bn respectively, compared with oil export revenue of \$10.4bn and \$13.4 billion in the corresponding years. In 2018, the oil revenue was \$18 billion compared to \$25.1 billion sent back home by Nigerians abroad.

The PwC, a multinational professional services network had earlier estimated that migrant remittances by the Diaspora community to Nigeria could grow to \$25.5 billion, \$29.8 billion and \$34.8 billion in 2019, 2021 and 2023 respectively.

The figures show that over a 15-year period, total remittance flows to Nigeria almost doubled in size from \$18.37 billion in 2009 to \$34.89 billion in 2023.

This is cheery news as Diaspora remittances not only represent a source of relief for households in meeting basic needs but also facilitate the building of resources for increased human capital through funding of education and health care needs of family members. It also means increased physical and financial investments in residential real estate and starting up small businesses.

This shows that in looking for ways of redirecting Nigeria's growth and economic indices, Diaspora remittances is a sure way of strategically repositioning the country for national development.

From CBN records, Diaspora remittances exceed gross oil revenue. It also far outweighs capital expenditure. Nigeria's 2019 capital expenditure budget of \$6.7 billion but remittance inflow was \$25.5 billion. This means that using the 2018 remittance figure of \$25.1 billion, it equated to at least four years of Nigeria's capital expenditures—and still have some change left.

In addition, in 2018, Diaspora remittances equals 84 per cent of the federal government's budget as Nigeria's budget was \$29.9 billion while Diaspora remittances stood at \$25.1 billion.

Also, the remittances were far more than the sum total of all foreign aids and represented a higher single percentage of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and far more than the much trumpeted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

This is the reason why the federal government must fully monitor the remittance of the Diaspora funds to ensure that they are not only reported effectively by the CBN, but also that they don't disappear with the accounting system in the banks in which such funds doesn't appear in their records of foreign exchange inflow that could be sourced officially by genuine businessmen and women.

More importantly, Nigeria must, as a matter of national urgency, utilize the human and material resources of the Diaspora community as catalysts for development. Other nations have effectively used their Diaspora community for the good of the entire nation. Nigeria should not be an exception.

That is why the establishment of Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM) should not just be for the rhetoric only but must fully fulfil its mandate and meet the initial hopes that trailed its establishment. The agency must specifically target Nigerians who are permanent residents, naturalized citizens, second and later generations and work out incentives that could make them look back home as an investment destination.

It may be necessary for the federal government to establish separate Diaspora Ministry that reach out to Nigerians in Diaspora, especially targeting youths through promotion of effective social, economic, educational and cultural awareness of the country, using successful Diaspora and Nigeria-based role models.



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## Labour, employment in first year of Next Level

By William Nwankwo Alo

**F**ew steps recently taken by President Muhammadu Buhari confirmed once more, the unwavering commitment of his administration to the welfare of the Nigerian workers. First is the signing into law of the new National Minimum Wage bill on April 19, 2019 and the commencement of payment to workers on Grade Levels 1-6 in August, three months after. Another is the successful negotiation of the consequential adjustment of the minimum wage and the swift directive of the Federal Executive Council that the payment of the new wages be commenced before December 2019, effective April the same year.

It is important to note at this juncture that though the process leading to the new minimum wage, especially its consequential adjustment was long and tedious, it however brought to the fore, the readiness of the Federal Government for openness in finding solution to numerous challenges that impede the progress of the nation. The Minister of Labour and Employment, Sen. Chris Ngige who is the Chief Labour Officer of the nation, foreshadowed this new disposition of the Federal Government, first by his neutrality as the competent authority in the Nigeria tripartite community in line with the convention of the International Labour Organization (ILO). He also demonstrated this through his quintessential negotiation skills which thawed the ice of impasse that hitherto beleaguered negotiations. The Federal Government had on his advice, laid open its income and expenditure in the 2019 and 2020 budgets to the leadership of the organized labour, to appreciate its position on Ability-to-Pay as an essential accompaniment of Collective Bargaining as provided in the ILO Convention.

On the other hand, the government side of the negotiation led by the Acting Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Dr. Yemi Esan brought thoroughness and statistical finesse on the linear adjustment of figures without unbalancing the equilibrium that exists among different salary scales. The patriotism with which it approached the negotiation stands out. It is to its credit that notwithstanding the inflexible posture which labour leaders initially brought to discussions, the Federal Government's resolve on give and take eventually prevailed, resulting to a win-win for both the government and the organized labour.

Equally, the preference for dialogue over strike and disruption of national productivity by the labour leadership, its acceptance of the critical rudiments of collective bargaining and the imperative of collective sacrifice as pushed by the Minister of Labour and Employment must be commended.

Similarly, another decision by the Buhari administration in the year worthy of mention is the setting up of a Five-Man Presidential Committee on Salaries and Wages and the promise of a future general wage increase. Knowing full well the implications of the astronomical rise of the Federal Government's personnel cost from N1.88 trillion to N3.08 trillion between 2016 to date, the committee will evaluate all the earnings in the public service to ensure that work done and salary earned are synchronized in a manner that factors productivity as a denominator.

Now that the minimum wage and the consequential adjustment are fully implemented by the Federal Government and negotiations for implementation shifted to states, the Ministry did not lose sight of its role in the enforcement of its enabling law. It has therefore put its Inspectorate Department to work and urged the labour unions to establish similar units in its state chapters to join hands

with the Ministry to monitor implementation.

Overall, in discharging its responsibilities, the Ministry has continued to develop strategies geared towards employment generation and wealth creation which are key factors in poverty reduction envisaged in the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) Hence, to open up vast avenues to tackle unemployment, the Ministry is already in liaison with the organized private sector, key ministries and agencies of government with high potentials for job creation. Verily, in compliance with the decision of the Federal Executive Council, it has also commenced the tracking of direct and indirect jobs created through contracts awarded by Federal Government. In another vein, it established the Nigerian – German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration and through it, organized a job fair in Abuja where a number of applicants were directly employed. Plans are under way to hold similar fair in other states of the federation. Furthermore, the Global Youth Employment Forum organized in conjunction with the International Labour Organisation was held in Abuja last August, with youths from sixty-three countries in attendance, making it the first time the summit is held outside Europe in the one hundred years history of the ILO.

Tapping into the changing dynamics of the world of work and realising the elastic opportunities in the blue collar jobs, the Ministry has rehabilitated vocational skills development centres in Lagos, Ibadan, Kaduna, Bauchi, Calabar and Warri, furnishing them with consumables. There is also an ongoing construction of nine specialist skills centres at Konduga, Borno State; Owowo, Kogi State, Alor and Ifite Dunu in Anambra State; Zaria, Kaduna State; Opeffia and Okpokiegbe both in Ebonyi State; Enugu in Enugu State; Lafia in Nasarawa State; and Ibi in Taraba State. Four others sited in other states and billed for 2020 include Jibia, in Katsina State; Ikene and Ijebu-Ode both in Ogun State; Ondo in Ondo State.

Besides, a synergy with other skills centres operated by other Ministries and tiers of government to standardize their operations is being planned the Ministry. It is important to state here that the National Directorate of Employment which is under the supervision of the Ministry has churned out a total of 533,241 unemployed persons on various skills, including vocational, agricultural, environmental beautification, food processing and business training.

The Inclusive Services Delivery and Livelihood Enhancement Programme meant to ease a sustainable means of livelihood to the vulnerable especially in the North East zone, traumatized by insurgency which the Ministry developed in conjunction with the African Development Bank is an expression of its commitment to social responsibility. It has also completed study to enhance the integration and resettlement of internally displaced persons with the Federal Capital Territory and Nasarawa State as pilot.

It is hoped that with increased budgetary provision in the New Year, the Ministry will frontally tackle the mismatch between educational curricular and labour market requirements through collaborative curricular review. Additionally, an innovative dispute apprehension mechanism to tackle the loss in man hours which results from incessant strikes is also top on the agenda. Besides, the Ministry will catalyze investments in the public and private sector in a multi-pronged efforts to unlock massive job opportunities for the people and give fillip to the promise of the President on June 12, 2019 to take one hundred million Nigerians out of poverty in ten years.

*William Alo is the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment*

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On behalf of the family of late Alhaji Sule Kofar Sauri, *Sarkin Fulanin Makau*, Katsina, heartily congratulate and rejoice with **Alhaji (Dr) Umar Mutallab** on his investiture as the Chancellor of the prestigious **Fountain University**, Osogbo, Osun State today Tuesday, 14th January, 2020.

This is another feather to an already crowned cap of golden feather.

May Almighty Allah (SWA) grant you the strength and wisdom with a resounding good health to steer the affairs of the institution.

**Alhaji (Dr) Umaru Abdul Mutallab, CON**

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■ Vice President Yemi Osinbajo (middle) commissions the Aminu Dantata Bridge along Murtala Muhammed Way in Kano yesterday. With him is the state governor, Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje (3rd right), Deputy Governor Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna (left) and Aminu Dantata (2nd left)

Photo: Sani Maikatanga

## Nigeria cannot afford massive poverty – Osinbajo

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

**T**he Vice President Professor Yemi Osinbajo yesterday stated that Nigeria cannot afford a situation where so many of its people are poor and assured that the introduction of national social investment scheme was aimed at reversing such trend.

He made this known in Kano during a one-day official visit to the state to commission

the Alhassan Dantata Bridge in Sabon Gari; Tijjani Hashim Flyover in Kofar Ruwa; and perform the foundation laying ceremony and inspection of some projects embarked upon by the state government.

He noted that to remedy the situation, the federal government has been giving out loans to petty traders under the ‘Tradermoni’ initiative, as well as loans to farmers under Anchor Borrower Programme (ABP) among

other intervention programmes.

He said the federal government intended to involve more farmers as it builds a strong, major economy around agriculture and agriculture value chains.

Kano State Governor Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje told the vice president that due to strong and effective measures taken in the educational sector, the state has recorded drastic drop in the rate of out-of-school children.

## We’ve capable hands to work in Amotekun – Fulani Group

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A Fulani cultural group, Jamu Nati Fulbe association has called on the South-West governors to recruit members of the Fulani community as operatives of the newly launched Western Nigeria Security Network (WNSN) codenamed Amotekun.

President of the association, Alhaji Abdulkadir Salihu, who is also the Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State told our correspondent that Fulani have capable hands that can be recruited as officers of the security outfit.

He said involvement of Fulani men would give them assurance that the Fulani residents in the region would not be target of the new outfit.

Salihu stressed that the Fulani community in the South-West is in the dark about the operation of Amotekun saying “this is a government programme and we cannot stop it and we are not antagonizing the governors

who came up with this initiative. Our appeal is that this should not be turned into a platform solely to target the Fulani herdsmen.”

He also disclosed that the leadership of the Fulani community plans to meet with the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi, to intimate him about their position on the Amotekun operation.

“We were not carried along as a community which is part and parcel of the South-West. Most of us who live in this community have been here for more than 40, 50 years,” he added.

Salihu reiterated that insecurity affects both indigenes and settlers in the region and the Amotekun initiative was a welcome development if it was meant to genuinely tackle insecurity.

He said the Fulani community has also been victims of armed robbery and kidnapping, adding that it is wrong to say it is only the Fulanis that perpetrate crimes. “We have criminals everywhere.”

## Alleged N1.4bn fraud: Usoro to face trial Feb. 11

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

A Federal High Court in Lagos, on Monday fixed Feb. 11, for the trial of Paul Usoro (SAN), Nigerian Bar Association, (NBA) president who is facing charges over an alleged N1.4 billion fraud.

Also mentioned in the charge is the governor of Akwa Ibom State, Emmanuel Udom, who is currently constitutionally protected

through immunity from prosecution.

Usoro is standing a joint trial along with the Akwa Ibom State Commissioner for Finance, Nsikan Nkan; Accountant-General of Akwa Ibom State, Mfon Udomah and Margaret Ukpe.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) is prosecuting the NBA president and others before Justice Rilwan Aikawa on 10 counts

criminal charge.

Usoro allegedly conspired with others to commit the offence within the jurisdiction of the court.

EFCC said the N1.4bn belonged to the Akwa Ibom State Government.

The NBA president allegedly conspired to convert the said sum, which he reasonably ought to have known formed part of the proceeds of unlawful activity.

## Gombe tertiary institutions staff petition assembly over salaries

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

Staff of the four state-owned tertiary institutions in Gombe State have petitioned the state House of Assembly over four months’ unpaid salaries by the state government.

The petition was submitted through the Joint Representative Committee of the affected institutions, signed by Comrades Maikudi Gerson Molta of COE, Billiri; Adamu Ardo Sanda, College for Legal Studies and Islamic Studies, Nafada; Musa Ishaya Samson, College of Health Technology, Kaltungo; and Muhammed Yunusa of State Polytechnic, Bajoga.

A copy of the letter

made available to *Daily Trust* indicated that the staff wanted the legislators and authorities concerned to take appropriate action to resolve the problem.

They lamented that non-payment of salaries for four months which made them incur huge debts stretching several months.

“The non-payment of our salaries for four consecutive months could be better imagined than experienced. Apart from incurring debt, our colleagues who had academic conferences and seminars to attend could not do so within the past four months.

“But despite the sad situation, academic activities are still running in all the affected

institutions because we are passionate to impact knowledge to our younger ones,” the letter read.

They urged the lawmakers to urgently “unravel the circumstances surrounding the non-payment of their salaries, and direct the agency concerned to pay the accumulated salaries immediately.”

However, the state Commissioner of Finance and Economic Planning, Muhammad Gambo Magaji, said the affected staffs will be settled their salary entitlements, adding that the ministry has settled five months salaries of the management of Gombe State University of Science and Technology.

## 26-yr-old bags 3yrs for vandalizing electricity facilities

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

A Benin magistrate court has sentenced one David James to three years in prison for vandalizing Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) equipment in Edo


State.

The accused was earlier arraigned on a two-count charge of stealing armoured cable wires and three transformer bushes spindles valued at nearly N500,000.

James was said to

have committed the offence on December 22, 2019, along Upper Ekewan road, Benin.

Delivering the ruling, Magistrate Mrs. E.A. Aghedo, sentenced him to three years imprisonment without an option of fine.



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# BUSINESS

## CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	POUND STERLING	EURO	YUAN/RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	306	376.1	334.4	42.9	81.5	0.48
Central NGN	306.5	376.8	335.0	43	81.7	0.49
Selling NGN	306.7	376.3	335.5	43.1	81.8	0.50

January 13, 2020

COMMODITIES PRICE	
CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$69.42/b
GOLD	\$1,485
GAS	\$2.296

## BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
<b>BUYING</b>			
	N357	N400	N468
<b>SELLING</b>			
	N360	N404	N471

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE

**AZMAN AIR**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY:  
Kano-Lagos 7:30 a.m., 3:45pm Abuja-Lagos 1:20 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00pm Lagos-Abuja 9:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Abuja-Kano 2:30 p.m.  
Kano-Abuja-Maiduguri 8:15 a.m. Abuja-Maiduguri 9:30 a.m. Maiduguri-Abuja-Lagos 11:20 a.m. Abuja-Yola 11:30 a.m. Yola-Abuja-Kano 1 p.m.  
SATURDAY: Kano-Abuja 8:00am Abuja-Lagos 9:30 a.m.; Lagos-Kano 6 p.m.

**DANA AIR**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY: Lagos-Abuja Departure: 7:02am, 11:07am, 3:30pm, and 5:10pm, Abuja-Lagos 9 a.m., 1:05pm, 5:28pm, 7:08pm  
SATURDAY: Lagos-Abuja 7:02, 11:07am, 15:30pm, 5:10pm Lagos-Uyo: 9:17am Daily; Uyo-Abuja 11:07am daily Abuja-Uyo 1:05pm; Uyo-Lagos 3:03pm  
Lagos- PHC Mon-Friday: 7:20am; PHC-Abuja 9:18am Abuja-PHC 3:30pm  
Daily & Sun, PHC-Lagos 5:28pm

## Factors that will shape Nigeria's economy in 2020 – NSE

The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) yesterday predicted that crude oil price and production, global economy, political stability and business environment were key factors that would determine Nigeria's economic outlook in 2020.

NSE's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Oscar Onyema, made the prediction at the 2019 Market Recap/2020 Outlook in Lagos.

Onyema affirmed that the dynamics of crude oil price and production would continue to influence the capital markets and large economy because of Nigeria's reliance on oil for foreign reserves.

He said the current US and Iran crisis, oil supply shocks and progress in trade negotiations between US and China may exert pressure on crude oil in the year.

According to him, enhanced focus on infrastructure renaissance and promotion of laws that would support the business environment would be key to Nigeria's success in 2020.

"Domestically, market sentiments may be buoyed by a steady and stable recovery

in the domestic economy, alongside continued sustainability in monetary policy," he said.

Onyema said that the signing of Nigeria's Finance Bill 2019 into law and implementation of the 2020 budget might positively impact on companies' earnings and consumer spending.

"Accordingly, the exchange will continue to advocate for business-friendly economic environment, working in conjunction with both the public and private sectors," he said.

On 2019 market performance, he said that the NSE All-Share Index posted a negative return of -14.60 per cent to the year at 26,842.07, having reached a year high of 32,715.20 in February 2019.

He said that the equity market capitalisation increased by 10.55 per cent to N12.97 trillion from N11.73 trillion in 2018, due to sustained primary market activities throughout the year.

Onyema said that NSE indices posted negative returns during the year with the NSE Consumer Goods Index being the

most impacted, declining 20.83 per cent, followed by NSE Main Board Index and NSE Lotus Islamic Index.

He said that the exchange rolled out various new initiatives such as new market structure to enhance liquidity and ensure market stability alongside efficiency to support equity market in 2019.

"Our fixed income market performed exceptionally well in 2019, as market capitalisation increased by 20.42 per cent to N12.92 trillion from N10.72 trillion in 2018," Onyema stated.

He said that capital raising was dominated by the Federal Government which accounted for 60 per cent of bond issuance during the period to finance fiscal and infrastructure deficits.

Onyema said that 2019 saw the groundbreaking listing of Access Bank's N15 billion Green Bond, the first of its kind by an African corporate.

He said that the NSE had facilitated restitution and recoveries worth N1.44 billion for investors in 2019 under its Investors Protection Fund initiative. (NAN)

## FG to carry out survey on ease of doing business in Nigeria

By Abbas Jimoh

The Bureau of Public Service Reform (BPSR) has said that it will carry out a nationwide perception survey and impact assessment on the ease of doing business in the country.

The BPSR Director General, Mr. Dasuki Arabi, disclosed this yesterday in Abuja at a strategic stakeholders meeting.

According to him, the surveys would be on investment constraints in Nigerian business environment; Presidential Executive Orders; Implementation Modalities and their effectiveness; service delivery issues in some selected MDAs; education and transportation sectors in Nigeria.

The survey which is expected to commence today will be carried out in Lagos, Kano, Enugu and FCT using administration of questionnaires, one-on-one interviews and focus group discussion methodology, according to Mr Arabi.

He said the objectives of the survey are to identify the common investment constraints in business environment in Nigeria; benchmarking their operations in line with global good practice; strengthening a better investment climate in Nigeria; and draw lessons from the survey to serve as a basis for further policy development.

On the Presidential Executive Orders in implementation modalities and their effectiveness, Arabi said the survey would identify the level of compliance to regulation on Presidential Orders; obtain baseline data on citizens, businesses and government; and draw lessons from the survey to serve as a basis for further policy development.

## Buhari raises c'ttees for 3050mw Mambilla power project

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

President Muhammadu Buhari on Monday approved the constitution of two committees for the delivery of the 3050 megawatts (MW) Mambilla Hydropower Project in Taraba State.

This is coming after *Daily Trust* published an editorial on the project and followed up with an interview with the Minister of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman.

The committees include the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC) chaired by the minister and the Project Delivery Committee (PDC) chaired by the Director, Renewable Energy and Rural Power Access, Engr. Faruk Yusuf, in the Federal Ministry of Power which will also report

to the minister through the Permanent Secretary, Didi Walson-Jack.

In a recent *Daily Trust* exclusive interview, the minister said survey works for the project have begun, and the project started from the scratch under his supervision when he assumed office in August 2019.

A statement by the minister's spokesman, Aaron Artimas on Tuesday said the members of the IMSC are representatives of the federal government agencies and the Taraba State government.

The agencies are ministries of Water Resources, Environment, Finance, Budget and National Planning, Works and Housing, Justice, Information and Culture, and Mines and

Steel Development.

Others are representatives of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF), National Security Adviser (NSA), the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) and the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS).

The terms of reference of the IMSC include fast-tracking the execution and the project delivery; to review in six months the project engineering and technical design concept for optimal efficiency especially as it will benefit the North-east.

The committee is also mandated to obtain approval of the loan facility from the China Exim Bank for the 85 percent off-shore component of the project based on a reviewed contract price.



■ President Buhari

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

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KUBUWA	07:17	10:07	14:41	18:15	07:14	10:02	14:36	18:16	KUBUWA	08:31	13:04	16:03	20:07	08:28	12:59	15:58	20:04	KUBUWA	07:17	18:15	07:14	18:12	KUBUWA	18:31	20:07	08:28	20:00
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■ From left: Femi Odugbemi, Academy Director, MultiChoice West Africa; Aderonke Adeola, Film Maker/ Producer and Caroline Oghuma, Executive Head, Corporate Affairs MultiChoice Nigeria during the screening of the docufilm "AWANI" by Ms. Adeola at one of the MTF Academy 2020 Film Appreciation Class, in Lagos, yesterday.

## ABCON cautions FG on France's involvement in ECO currency

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Association of Bureaux De Change Operators of Nigeria (ABCON) has advised the federal government to be wary of the involvement of France in the Eco currency project.

Giving this advice in the Association's Quarterly Review for the fourth quarter of 2019 (Q4'19), ABCON's President, Aminu Gwadabe, said Nigeria should critically examine the role of France in the ECO currency project before deciding whether Nigeria should participate.

He described the recent decision of the Francophone countries to change the name of their common

currency to ECO as worrisome and should be seen as an attempt by France to continue its dominant control of the Francophone West Africa country's economies.

The ABCON boss warned: "Nigeria must not adopt the currency with France or Euro as the background promoters to avoid enslaving West Africa economically."

"If the prime objective to facilitate cross border trade and economic development of the member states is still to be achieved, the structure of the system must be built on fundamentals in the sub region to compete with other economic blocks."

"Government is encouraged to

pursue the project with sincerity of purpose based on sound policies devoid of interference from any economic bloc. The central bank of the sub region should be independent to invest its reserves in any world currency to satisfy the interest of constituent states."

Meanwhile, ABCON has called on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to address the various factors threatening the profitability of BDC business in the country.

"A market structure that exposes a BDC firm to unconventional structure, unfair competition and risk must be avoided," he said.

Stressing that the CBN should allow BDCs to determine what to buy and sell.

## 2020: Sigma predicts GDP growth of 2.5%

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Analyst at Sigma Pension has said investor focus has returned to various economic policy proposals aimed at addressing the macroeconomic imbalances across the Nigerian economy.

The Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Pabina Yinkere, in his 2020 outlook, noted that the pressures on fiscal finances increasingly appear evident as the recently passed 2020 budget includes several measures (VAT hikes, introduction of stamp duties and further excise tax increments) designed to raise the federal government's revenues.

He said: "Overall, we believe that the investment landscape in 2020 will be shaped by: A largely favourable global economic environment and relaxed global monetary policy as well as a supportive oil price picture in the first half of the year," he said.

He identified greater impetus for implementation of capital budget as fiscal revenues improve, while also raising concerns

regarding FX reserves and exchange rate outlook.

He pointed to potential inflationary pressures from increases in tax and electricity tariffs.

Yinkere anchored his projection on a more upbeat global economy as trade wars simmer, near term support for oil prices.

He said: "In a turnaround from the weak patch over 2019, global economic performance looks upbeat over 2020 driven by optimism about trade negotiations between the US and China."

"Elsewhere, we see an increased likelihood of an orderly resolution of Brexit though we highlight that the lead-up to the US presidential elections in November could present sizable uncertainty to global financial markets."

"That said, we think any concerns about political risk spillovers are likely to be tempered by further monetary policy accommodation by leading central banks. In all, the IMF expects the global economy to expand by 3.6% up from 3.5% in 2019."

He said for oil prices, the December 2019

agreement by OPEC and its allies to trim 1.7mbpd in crude oil production will keep global crude oil markets finely balanced with near term support for stronger crude oil prices.

"We expect the Nigerian economy to remain on the path of slow recovery in 2020 largely helped by higher oil output, which will help mask the negative impact of tax increases on consumption spending."

"On account of new oil production from the Egina oil field, we see oil sector growth remaining positive over 2020 though we highlight that Nigeria is likely to come under pressure from OPEC members to comply with agreed output reduction quotas (following significant under-compliance over 2019). This might cap upside to oil output which we expect to average 2.1mbpd in 2020," he said.

In the non-oil sector, the expert projected improvement in fiscal spending as well as implementation of the minimum wage increases to support economic activities.

However, he noted that

these gains are likely to be muted by the impact of tax measures (increased VAT and stamp duties), border closures and higher electricity tariffs on consumer disposable incomes.

In all, they expect improvements in economic growth to be marginal and look for 2020 real GDP growth in the region of 2.5%.

"Across other macroeconomic variables, we think imbalances in the external sector where a deficit has materialised will place downward pressure on the exchange rate."

Yinkere said the key risks to the 2020 outlook include: A reversal of the dovish monetary policy posture by the US Federal Reserve which could trigger a sell-off in capital markets across emerging and frontier markets from portfolio outflows.

He also identified a failure of OPEC and its non-OPEC partners to agree to rollover the current production reduction agreement past Q1 2020 which could result in a larger than expected crude supply glut and drive crude prices towards USD50/bbl.

## How NAMA paid over N100m duty on importation of navigational aids – MD

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Nigerian Airspace Management Authority (NAMA) did not get the customs duty waiver it requested to clear the navigation aids at the Lagos seaport, the Managing Director, Capt. Fola Akinkuotu has said.

Akinkuotu disclosed that the equipment worth N1bn was almost getting rusty at the seaport before it paid over N100m to clear the safety critical equipment.

Speaking at the weekend at the agency's headquarters at the Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA), Lagos, Akinkuotu said the equipment, which were at the seaport for about six months were eventually cleared and deployed in the last quarter of 2019.

NAMA as a government agency had applied for customs duty waiver to clear the critical safety equipment, but the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), declined the request, according to the official.

Daily Trust reports that the only waiver enjoyed in the aviation sector is the one granted to airline operators to import aircraft and spare parts into the country.

However, it was learnt that the waiver does not cover aviation

agencies but airlines and specifically on importation of aircraft equipment.

Though NAMA said it made a request to the customs, the NCS said it did not receive such approval granting waiver to the airspace agency.

Spokesman of the NCS, Joseph Attah told Daily Trust Customs only treats an approval for waiver which emanated from the Federal Government.

"If they didn't get approval, it would be treated as a regular import," he said.

According to Akinkuotu, the automation equipment were installed in Lagos, Jos and Ilorin airports, adding that the agency was gradually upgrading the facilities at the nation's airports and stations.

Akinkuotu said: "The equipment were at the seaport for some few months because of issues of customs duty, application for duty waiver and others, but we have cleared them and they have already been installed."

"We didn't get waivers for the equipment and we paid about hundreds of millions of naira for the clearance. The waiver request was not approved. They are part of the automation project."

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Whose exit will many feelings hurt

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**NEWS**

## WACT demands more cargos traffic to Rivers ports

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Barely one month after handling its first gearless vessel and the largest containership to call at Onne Port, Rivers State, West Africa Container Terminal (WACT) has handled another large gearless containership deployed by leading Far Eastern shipping line, Pacific International Lines (PIL).

Before now, only the ports in Lagos were able to handle such class of vessels in Nigeria.

The PIL gearless vessel named KOTA KASTURI with a capacity of 3,081 TEU (twenty equivalent units of containers), berthed at WACT terminal, Onne Port, last week.

The Commercial Manager of WACT, Mr. Noah Sheriff, while speaking during a reception for the vessel, said the berthing of gearless containerships at the terminal supports the desire of Federal Government to open up ports outside the Lagos area to create new opportunities and possibilities for importers and exporters in the Eastern part of Nigeria.

According to him, WACT can handle gearless and large containerships in line with modern trend due to its investment in the acquisition of two Mobile Harbor Cranes (MHCs) worth \$10 million

and other sophisticated cargo handling equipment worth \$4 million last year.

He said: "The significance of our ability to handle these large gearless vessels is that it is opening a new chapter for us such that in the future, more of these vessels will come to Onne. "We are going to get four more cranes, so we will have six cranes here that will be able to handle such gearless vessels within the shortest vessel turnaround time."

"Over the last few years, we reached out to NPA for the dredging of the channel because of increase in cargo volumes. They have been very supportive and I believe that this year we will see dredging in Onne. That will enable us to take up to 11.5 metres draught vessels and handle much larger ships."

Sheriff said the berthing of gearless vessels at Onne port means the terminal will handle more cargos and would also bring about timely delivery of containers to consignees and subsequently to the market.

The East Nigeria Manager for Pacific International Lines (PIL), Mr. James Joshua, said the shipping line deployed the vessel to Onne because of the availability of modern cargo handling facilities at WACT and to evaluate future deployment options.

## Gov Sule tasks traders on reconstruction of Nasarawa Eggon market

From Ibraheem H. Muhammad, Lafia

Traders at the burnt Nasarawa Eggon market have been directed to relocate to a temporary site to enable the commencement of the construction of a modern market to replace the old market. Nasarawa State Governor, Abdullahi Sule, said this when a delegation led by leaders of the traders' association paid him a visit at the Government House.

He said the decision to build the modern market was collectively taken with political and community leaders from the area, stressing that no trader will be made to suffer unnecessary hardship as a result of the exercise.

"I will not allow the construction of the market to commence without ensuring that you have

alternative site to carry on with your daily activities," the governor said.

He said he has since instructed the chairman of Nasarawa-Eggon Local Government Council, Mohammed Danladi, to allocate a temporary site for the traders where they will continue with their activities pending the completion of the project.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Traders' Association, Sule Adu, represented by his secretary, Augustine Achuku, informed the governor about their fear of being displaced from the market without providing them with an alternative place where they will continue with their trading.

Recently, a section of the town's market was burnt down and the governor promised to construct a modern market to replace the old one.

## 666,000 lost out as Customs shortlists 162,000 applicants for aptitude test

By Simon Echefun Sunday

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) said it has shortlisted 162,399 applicants for its aptitude test among the 828,333 that applied for various positions in 2019.

In April 2019 the Service began recruitment for 3,200 officers and men but a statement by the PRO, Deputy Comptroller Joseph Attah the recruitment process is being

challenged by attempts by internet fraudsters to hack and discredit it.

"The Comptroller-General of Customs, Col. Hameed Ibrahim Ali (Rtd), has expressed dismay over the criminal activities of these elements and gave assurances of his determination to preside over a recruitment process that will be credible, transparent and smooth from the beginning to the end," the statement said.

Customs said the shortlisted

candidates have been notified through their email addresses and telephone numbers.

"Consequently, all those notified will do their aptitude tests at a date and centre indicated in their respective notification slips.

"For the avoidance of doubt, NCS recruitment process requires NO monetary payment, hence any such request from any quarter should be regarded as fraudulent and ignored," it announced.

## Air Peace begins Abuja-Warri flights

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Air Peace has commenced Abuja-Warri-Abuja flights in line with the airline's promise to connect many Nigerian cities. The airline's Corporate Communications Executive, Stanley Olisa, who disclosed this in a statement yesterday revealed that the

new connection would be operated daily, saying Air Peace has provided a direct connectivity between the two destinations. He added that the airline kicked-off the new connection in response to requests from Nigerians asking for flight connections between both cities. "Air Peace is determined to interconnect every part of Nigeria. It is

our own way of uniting our nation and promoting healthy socio-economic exchanges between different cities", he said. Olisa stated that the airline has new local and international routes in the offing, including Ilorin, Makurdi, Ibadan, Congo DRC, Congo Brazzaville, Douala and Johannesburg.



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## CONCERNED CITIZENS OF IWOLAND

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### AN APPEAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GOVERNOR GBOYEGA OYETOLA AND EDUCATION MINISTER, MALLAM ADAMU ADAMU

#### Siting of the proposed Federal Government College of Education in Osun State: Appeal for Fairness, Justice and Inclusion

Dear Sir,

**I. Preamble**

We, the people of Iwo land in Osun State, salute the courage and doggedness of President Muhammadu Buhari and his team since 2015 for directing the affairs of Nigeria and for their commitment to the unity of Nigeria in the context of its diversity. The Federal Government under President Muhammadu Buhari has largely checkmated the befuddling security challenges confronting the North East and North West.

We, as a people from Iwo land, commend his efforts in the fight against corruption which remains a major obstacle to good governance. The people of Iwo land are thankful to the Federal Government of Nigeria for conceding one of the six Federal Colleges of Education to Osun State. We wish to appeal to President Muhammadu Buhari, Governor Isiaka Gboyega Oyetola and Education Minister, Mallam Adamu Adamu, for fairness, justice and political inclusion in deciding on the location of the college. This, because, a Fundamental Objective and Directive Principle of State Policy as contained in Chapter II, S. (14) (i) of Nigeria's 1999 Constitution is that Nigeria shall be a state based on the principles of democracy and social justice. The state is also to foster a feeling of belonging and involvement among the diverse peoples of the Federation or of a State or local government.

**2. Who are we as a people?**

Iwoland is made up of three local governments - Iwo, Aiyedire and Ola-Oluwa - with a population, as at the last census in 2006 of 382,696. Iwo Local Government alone has the highest population in Osun State, 191,348. The people of these three local governments are mainly petty peasant farmers, traders and civil servants. The people are peace loving, loyal, easy going and respectful of constituted authority. There are nine Federal Constituencies in Osun State of which Iwo-Aiyedire-Ola-Oluwa Federal constituency is one. However, of all the NINE Federal Constituencies, Iwo is the most deprived regarding the presence of Federal or State tertiary institution as the table that follows shows:

#### LIST OF FEDERAL AND STATE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN THREE (3) SENATORIAL DISTRICTS AND NINE (9) FEDERAL CONSTITUENCIES IN OSUN STATE

OSUN WEST						
S/N	FEDERAL CONSTITUENCIES	TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	LOCATION	LGA	POPULATION	SPECIFICATION
1	EDE NORTH/EDE SOUTH/EGBEDORE/EJIGBO	i. FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, EDE	EDE	EDE NORTH	83,818 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
		ii. OSUN STATE UNI. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE	EJIGBO	EJIGBO	132,515 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		iii. UNITY STATE EJIGBO	EJIGBO	EJIGBO	132,515 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
2	AYEDADE/IREWOLE/ISOKAN	i. OSUN STATE COOPERATIVE	ODE-OMU	AYEDADE	149,569 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		ii. YOUTH DEV. CENTRE, ODE-OMU	ODE-OMU	AYEDADE	149,569 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
		iii. OSUN STATE UNI. COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & CULTURE	IKIRE	IREWOLE	142,806 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		iv. UNITY SCHOOL, IKIRE	IKIRE	IREWOLE	142,806 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
3	AYEDIRE/IWO/OLA-OLUWA	-	-	IWO	191,348 (2006 CENSUS)	-
		-	-	IWO	191,348 (2006 CENSUS)	-
OSUN CENTRAL						
S/N	FEDERAL CONSTITUENCIES	TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	LOCATION	LGA	POPULATION	SPECIFICATION
4	BOLUWADURO/IFEDAYO/ILA	i. OSUN STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (Degree Award)	ILA-ORANGUN	ILA	62,054 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		ii. POLICE COLLEGE	ILA-ORANGUN	ILA	62,054 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
5	ODO-OTIN/IFELODUN/BORRIPE	i. OSUN STATE POLYTECHNIC	IREE	BORRIPE	118,742 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		ii. POLICE TRAINING CENTRE, IRAGBIJI	IRAGBIJI	BORRIPE	-	STATE
		iii. UNITY SCHOOL, IKIRUN	IKIRUN	IFELODUN	-	FEDERAL
		iv. OSUN STATE UNI. COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT & SOC. SCI.	OKUKU	ODO-OTIN	132,078 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
6	IREPODUN/OLORUNDA/OSOGBO/OROLU	i. LAUTECH TEACHING HOSPITAL	OSOGBO	OSOGBO	155,507 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		ii. OSUN STATE UNI. COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT & SOC. SCI.	OSOGBO	OSOGBO	155,507 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		iii. SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY	OSOGBO	OSOGBO	155,507 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		iv. GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE	OSOGBO	OSOGBO	155,507 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
OSUN EAST						
S/N	FEDERAL CONSTITUENCIES	TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	LOCATION	LGA	POPULATION	SPECIFICATION
7	OBOKUN/ORIADE	i. OSUN STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY	ESA-OKE	OBOKUN	116,850 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		ii. OSUN STATE UNI. COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	IPETU IJESA	ORIADE	148,379 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
8	IFE CENTRAL/IFE NORTH/IFE SOUTH/IFE EAST	i. OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY (OAU)	ILE-IFE	IFE CENTRAL	167,204 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
		ii. OAU TEACHING HOSPITAL	ILE-IFE	IFE CENTRAL	167,204 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
		iii. OSUN STATE UNI. COLLEGE OF LAW	IFETEDO	IFE SOUTH	134,490 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
9	ATAKUNMASA EAST/ATAKUNMOSA WEST/ILESA EAST/ILESA WEST	i. FEDERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE	ILESA	ILESA WEST	106,800 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL
		ii. OSUN STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	ILESA	ILESA EAST	105,416 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		iii. OSUN STATE COLLEGE OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY	ILESA	ILESA EAST	105,416 (2006 CENSUS)	STATE
		iv. FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, WESLEY	ILESA	ILESA EAST	105,416 (2006 CENSUS)	FEDERAL

**3. Our Request**

On the basis of the foregoing facts as adduced above and more importantly in keeping with the letters and spirit of Nigeria's 1999 Constitution as amended, and for reasons of fairness, justice, equitable distribution of national and state resources and, in order to promote social inclusiveness, peaceful coexistence and harmony, WE hereby request the Governor of Osun State to deploy his discretion, and that of its executive to site the Federal College of Education already conceded to Osun State in Iwo. This is, because, there is none of the remaining EIGHT Federal Constituencies in Osun State without a Federal/or State tertiary institution. We have no doubt that Governor Isiaka Gboyega Oyetola has a listening ear and is committed to fairness and ethical guidance in the distribution of national and state resources. We also appeal to President Muhammadu Buhari and Education Minister, Mallam Adamu Adamu to encourage Governor Gboyega Oyetola to do utmost justice by locating the proposed Federal College of Education in IWO, a Federal Constituency headquarters where there is no State or Federal tertiary institution.

We also appeal to prominent political leaders in Osun State to remember that the leading light of South-West politics, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, never looked the way of Ikenne in establishing key institutions such as the then Western Nigeria Television Station, the then University of Ife and even the Cocoa House. Awolowo's guiding principles were overriding public interest, promotion of public good, fairness, political harmony and history.

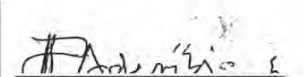
The community will be willing to provide land without compensation for the proposed Federal College of Education, and if necessary, provide an existing structure to be used as take-off for the college.

OUR PRAYER BEFORE PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GOV. GBOYEGA OYETOLA AND MALLAM ADAMU ADAMU IS THAT THE PROPOSED FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BE LOCATED IN IWO, OSUN STATE, TO RIGHT PAST INJUSTICES THAT HAD BEEN METED OUT TO IWOLAND. THANK YOU SIRs.


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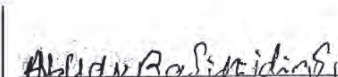
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## NEWS

## Rice distributors urge FG to assist farmers over prices

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Kano

The Rice Distributors Association of Nigeria has called on federal government to do more in encouraging rice farmers to go back to farm for the price of the commodity to crash down in the country.

National vice president of the association, Chief Mrs Lola Solaja, made the appeal

yesterday at the official commissioning of Shamad Concept (Nig) Ltd Rice Mill in Kano.

Mrs Solaja said, this could be achieved by effective monitoring on the federal government policies on food sufficiency such as the ancho-borrower programme, to ensure that the assistance reached target beneficiaries.

The country was witnessing

the proliferation of rice mills, but the question remained where such companies would get the rice to mill.

"The government should also encourage graduates to embrace farming, give them the capital, good seed, fertilizer and the training they need to do modern farming.

"The prices will definitely go down like the telecoms' SIM cards, all we need is for

more people to go back to the farm," she said.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Deputy Managing Director of the company, Alhaji Mohammed Sadiq, said the factory was established 20 years ago and was into different businesses such as oil and gas, oil milling and leather/polythene production.

"Rice milling is

incorporated in line with the federal government's commitment to make Nigeria a producer and a self-reliant country.

We are determined to produce standard quality indigenous rice, considering its economic importance in our day to day consumption for the benefit of the population and economic growth," he said.

## Kaduna Electric unveils taskforce on energy theft

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Kaduna Electric has unveiled a special investigation and prosecution taskforce to crackdown on individuals and organisations engaged in energy theft and meter bypass within its franchise states.

A statement by the spokesman, Abdulazeez Abdullahi said the taskforce comprises officials from the office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, men of the Nigeria Police Force and staff of Kaduna Electric.

During the inauguration which held at the company's headquarter in Kaduna, the Managing Director, Engr. Garba Haruna charged the team to be professional in the discharge of their assignment and to be sincere in their dealings with electricity users.

Represented by Mr Rahul Kumar, the Company's Chief Driving Officer, the MD said the high frequency of meter bypass and energy theft was responsible for lost revenue running into

millions of naira monthly, and partly accounts for the challenges facing the electricity sector. The Team Lead of the taskforce, Mr Aliyu Bamalli, assured that he was confident the team will carry out its mandate diligently and with integrity.

"The mandate of the taskforce has no boundary. They can disconnect any customer no matter how big or small. The taskforce will disconnect any company that engages in any form of energy theft and will seek the prosecution of the company in court," he said.

Aliyu warned customers caught bypassing their meters or engaging in energy theft that they will be prosecuted alongside the staff of Kaduna Electric or the 'NEPA 2' responsible for bypassing the meter or connecting the premises illegally.

The spokesman after the inauguration appealed to customers not to engage in meter bypass and energy theft to avoid the embarrassment of prosecution.

## NCDMB trains 1000 school teachers nationwide

By Daniel Adugbo

The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) has trained over 1000 science teachers in secondary schools across the country as part of its Teachers Development Training programme.

Executive Secretary of the board Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote stated this on Saturday at the closing ceremony of the 2nd phase of the training programme in Katsina State, attended by 270 teachers and organised with support from the state Ministry of Education.

Represented by the Director, Planning Research and Statistics, NCDMB, Mr. Patrick Daziba Obah, the executive secretary promised that the board would increase the pace of continuous development of teachers across the country.

He explained that the board sponsored the retraining programme to create new models in the quest for academic knowledge, adding that trainings given to teachers would enable their students to compete with their counterparts elsewhere

in the world and position them in the knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

He expressed hope that the training of teachers would translate to better performances by their students in WAEC, NECO, JAMB and other national and international examinations and lead to better technical skills and craftsmanship.

He also charged the teachers to ensure that Katsina State emerges as number one state in STEM education and the students among the leaders in the quest for technological and industrial self-reliance. The General Manager, Capacity Building Division, NCDMB, Dr. Ama Ikiru, explained that the board organized a phase 2 of the programme in Katsina because the state government was receptive of the initiative and collaborated effectively with the board. The Commissioner for Education, Katsina State, Dr. Badamasi Lawal, commended NCDMB for sponsoring the retraining of teachers in the state, noting that "it is remarkable that an agency that is based in Bayelsa State will come all the way to train teachers in Katsina."



■ From left: Alhaji Rasheed Yusuf, Doyen of the market; Jude Chiemeka, Head, Trading Business Division, Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE); Oscar Onyema, Chief Executive Officer, NSE; Bola Adeeko, Head, Shared Services Division; and Olumide Bolumole, Head, Listings Business Division, NSE at the NSE 2019 Market Recap and 2020 Outlook session which held at The Exchange, in Lagos yesterday.

Photo: NSE

## AXA Mansard advocates early start to financial planning in 2020

By Chris Agabi

AXA Mansard has advised Nigerians to kick off the year making wise financial decisions in order to achieve set goals in 2020 and starting the journey towards financial independence.

Speaking on this Mr. Alex Edafe, Chief Operating Officer at AXA Mansard Investments Limited explained that "It is important to start taking decisive steps now to foster the achievement of 2020 financial goals".

He said financial goals

differ for everyone and could be short-term (0 - 1 year) such as investing towards the next house rent, school fees, travels, wedding, and automobile among other.

"Medium-term (1 - 5 years) goals will not be limited to investing towards buying a property (land/house/shop), advance/continuing education, starting a business/equity ownership in business(es), future school fees whereas long-term (after 5 years) goals include philanthropy, retirement savings, financial

independence among others", he added.

According to him, key strategies that can be applied for financial success in the new year include "paying attention to one's health, building an emergency fund whilst improving financial literacy, taking insurance on risks you are unwilling to take, getting an extra source of income, automating one's savings and investments, getting out of debt, creating and living within budget, proper recordkeeping of savings and investments."

## Stanbic IBTC announces 'back to school' products

Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC has announced products and services specially designed to make the 'Back to School' season stress-free for parents and guardians.

"As a one-stop shop financial services organisation, Stanbic IBTC has a range of products and services that can give wings to the dreams of children and make paying school fees and purchasing back-to-school

'must-haves' more seamless for parents and guardians", a statement from the company said yesterday.

According to Wole Adeniyi, Deputy Chief Executive, Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc, "With Stanbic IBTC holdings as your financial partner, Back to School preparations are not only easy and seamless for parents and guardians but also exciting and memorable for their children and wards.

As schools commence the new term, Stanbic IBTC customers can send their children back to school with minimal fuss, thanks to the support we provide. As a financial institution that understands the desire of parents to freely give their children's dreams wings to fly, the bank remains committed to driving ease and convenience for all its customers."

## VACANCIES IN A DONOR-FUNDED PROGRAMME

Our client is a five-year DFID-funded programme in Nigeria which commenced operations in May 2016, the programme supports the development of stronger public-sector accountability to deliver public goods and services required for poverty reduction and growth, including to women and girls by strengthening links between governance reforms and service delivery. Our client works through three pillars geared towards the goal of bringing accountable public administration, resource management and delivery of public services at the state level and at the federal level.

Our client is seeking dynamic, dedicated and results-driven individuals to assume the role of Finance & Operations Manager and Reform Facilitator, both positions are located in the North-East office of the programme.

### Finance & Operations Manager:

The Finance & Operations Manager will support the Reform Manager in the budgeting, forecasting, disbursement and accounting for programme funds in the North-East. S/he will support in establishing and ensuring the smooth functioning of all administrative, logistical and security systems. The individual will be responsible for providing financial management guidance and support to the North-East team including preparation of budgets, managing facilities and assets, acting as first point of reference for staff on queries regarding administrative issues and assisting on monitoring security procedures.

### Qualifications & Requirement

Interested candidates for the role of Finance & Operations Manager should have a degree preferably in Accounting, Economics, Business Administration or any similar discipline. S/he must have a minimum of three years of experience in accounting for a donor funded organization. The ideal candidate should have excellent knowledge of operational procedures and accounting standards as well as working excellent knowledge of Microsoft packages especially excel. S/he should also demonstrate excellent negotiation skills, report writing skills and team spirit.

### Reform Facilitator:

The role of the Reform Facilitator is to provide strategic advice for state activities and effective management of specific state technical work. The Facilitator will provide support for improved governance, resource management and service delivery within the state.

S/he will facilitate and deliver state governance reform activities under the guidance of the Reform Manager and the relevant technical advisors whilst ensuring governance reforms are owned and delivered by state governments under their own agendas. The Facilitator will maintain strategic relationships with government counterparts and other relevant stakeholders at the state and local government level, civil society, other reform programmes and development partners. S/he will liaise with key stakeholders to promote experience sharing and learning among BAY and Partner States in areas of reforms supported by PERL.

### Qualifications & Requirements:

Interested candidates for the Reform Facilitator role should have a degree in Economics, Public Administration, Social Sciences or related fields. The candidate should have at least 5 years' experience of managing change in the public sector and a strong track record of delivering results on complex multi-component programmes. Cultural sensitivity and experience in leading successful reform interventions as well as managing diverse teams is required for this role. Understanding of financial and technical delivery, monitoring and evaluation of programme impact and reporting as well as excellent communication skills with the ability to converse in Hausa and Kanuri languages is preferred. A good understanding of the political economy of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States and the ability to develop high quality written materials will also be valuable.

### Terms and Conditions for Employment:

The roles are based in Yobe/Borno with travels to other operational offices in the North especially North East. The programme offers very competitive salary packages; however, local terms and conditions apply.

### Method for Application:

Candidates who meet the above requirements should apply by visiting the Careers page at [www.dai.com](http://www.dai.com) on or before Friday, 24th January 2020. DAI will only contact candidates that are successful at the pre-qualification stage.

More information about DAI can be found on the DAI website; [www.dai.com](http://www.dai.com)

## ELECTRICITY

## Power: Why minister picked five focal areas for sector reform

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Minister of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman assumed office in August 2019 and shortly after making some trips to inspect some major power projects, the minister unveiled a blueprint for reforming the power sector.

The *Daily Trust* in this piece dissects this blueprint targeted at five focal areas covering the sector challenges.

The Federal Ministry of Power in discharging its mandate to provide overall leadership and policy direction to the power sector, to promote efficient and sustainable sector development, as enshrined in the Electrical Power Sector Reform Act 2005 (EPSRA), deemed it fit to take stock of the Nigerian electricity market.

The power sector in Nigeria is a market in transition, and like most privatization efforts observed from international experience, there are teething challenges. Hence, the basic thrust of the blueprint is the need to institute and enhance coordination in the power sector. This will be among government owned agencies, the private agencies and utility firms.

#### Mamman's focal areas for a new power sector

Among the five focal areas for the minister's reform project is that of 'Infrastructural Alignment'.

The blueprint document obtained by Daily Trust notes that, "the first focus of the Ministry is to depress the gap between the available capacity and what ends up being distributed by the Distribution Companies (DisCos), thus significantly reducing the losses and risks associated with undelivered capacity."

To attain this, the document said the Ministry will work with all stakeholders to ensure that government's much welcome Electrification Plan proceeds unencumbered, particularly the earlier phases of delivery which focus on relieving pressure in the transmission and distribution system. That will improve the wheeling capacity of the



■ Hybrid renewable energy plant.

Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) and the DisCos' ability to distribute the excess capacity to ratepayers (electricity consumers).

The next on track is the issue of 'Market Efficiency and Transparency'. To achieve this, the Ministry intends to coordinate with the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), development partners and other stakeholders, to consolidate on a portfolio of activities that could bring the success.

Analysis of the document indicates that some of these activities include the refinement of the commercial, technical, and regulatory components of transaction agreements for the Generation Companies (GenCos) and DisCos; promotion of fiscal discipline and effective utilisation of sector loans including the World Bank Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG), and the Payment Assurance Facility.

The minister will also work to enforce market discipline and contract effectiveness by the regulator in tandem with

establishing a predictable and equitable regulatory regime from the perspective of electricity consumers and investors. It said doing this will lead to unlocked investments as tariffs approach cost reflective levels.

The third focal area is fixing the 'Corporate Governance and Sector Policy Coordination'. The Ministry of Power under the Engr. Mamman-led administration said it was working to ensure that there was the maintenance of a single point of policy direction for governance to be effective. "As such, the Ministry would look to stem the prevalence of disparate policy promulgations" and sustain good sectoral governance.

Next on the blueprint is the 'Increase to Energy Access'. According to the document, energy access is a perennial issue particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa where over half of the 1.2 billion world population without access to electricity resides.

The minister's document however said electrification rate in Nigeria was improving, thanks to the efforts of the federal government

in exploring new rural electrification strategies and novel concepts especially the Energizing Economies and Education Programmes by the Rural Electrification Agency (REA).

"The Ministry recognizes that more can be done to boost electrification rates to closely mimic those of our peers, create viable businesses and well-paying jobs for Nigerians," the document said but added that a limiting factor was the high cost of expanding traditional infrastructure which is also complex and time consuming.

The new approach to deal with this is to go the renewable energy way, it noted. "To power rural communities through mini-grids and micro-grids, the ministry will promote partnerships with the private sector using REA, NERC and its investment promotion unit to optimise regulation and policy to increase access to those that need it the most," it said.

The fifth focal area in the minister's blueprint is the 'Execution of Legacy Projects'. Already the Minister has made some trips in 2019 to assess the portfolio of projects currently

sitting in the books of the Ministry at various levels of progress. The document said it is with the objective of ensuring timely delivery and coordination with other ongoing complementary initiatives.

Among these projects are the 3050 megawatts (MW) Mambilla hydropower, 710MW Zungeru hydropower, the 14 Solar Independent Power Plants (IPPs), 40MW Kashimbilla hydropower, 40MW Dadin Kowa hydropower, and the 240MW Afam Fast Power.

"They will be accelerated and completed within the shortest possible time," the ministry said.

The Ministry said it seeks the support of stakeholders and members of the public to key into the renewed efforts to reposition the sector in the hope of achieving the benefits of the planned market reforms.

"Indeed, we would need all hands on deck to successfully rewrite our privatization experience, as it is observed that every market transitions differently, and we believe, here too, Nigeria is no exception," it noted.

## TCN energizes 100MVA transformer in Ogba Lagos substation

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) has energized a brand new 100MVA 132/33 kilovolt (kV) power transformer installed at the Ogba Transmission Substation in Lagos State. A statement by the spokesperson of TCN, Mrs Ndidi Mbah, said the energized transformer, which was installed under the

supervision of TCN's engineers, has increased the capacity of the substation from 165MVA to 265MVA.

It said: "Prior to the installation of the 100MVA transformer, Ogba Substation had two units of 60MVA 132/33kV transformers and one unit of 45MVA 132/33kV mobile transformer."

To ensure optimal utilization of the newly installed

transformer, a new switchyard comprising 132kV, 33kV and three units of 33kV feeders was equally installed and commissioned.

TCN said with the increase in the substation's capacity, from 165MVA to 265MVA, the substation now has more bulk electricity available for Ikeja Distribution Company (DisCo) to take to its customers within Ikeja Industrial Area, Ogba

- Ijaiye, Agege Pen Cinema, Magoro Cement, Ojodu and Ifako-Ijaiye areas of Lagos.

To optimize the capacity of the commissioned 100MVA transformer at Ogba and other substations feeding Ikeja DisCo, it said, TCN has already imported high capacity conductors and would soon conclude a reconductoring contract that will expand the transmission lines under the

DisCo.

"This will more than double the current capacity of the lines," the statement noted.

The spokesperson said TCN has sustained the implementation of the Transmission, Rehabilitation and Expansion Programme (TREP) under which the capacity of the company will be expanded to 20,000MW by 2023.



# ABCON QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT Q4 2019

## 1.0 GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The global economy for 2019 closing up was showing early signs of stabilization, as central banks easing measures have loosened financial conditions, and a glowing light in the US-China trade war has lowered global policy uncertainty into the New Year. However, while downside risks have subsided at the margin, a strong rebound in global activity is not expected. Across the major economies, there is either limited scope for, or limited willingness to use, additional monetary and fiscal stimulus.

The global data flow remains weak, although there are a few signs suggesting that a bottom is forming.

Global composite PMI is at its lowest level in three and a half years, but the manufacturing subcomponent has been inching higher since the summer.

Many forecasts envisage a further stabilization in global economic activity because the policy environment is turning slightly more supportive.

Most acute phase of global political uncertainty may be over, with the US and China seemingly pulling back from their rapidly escalating trade war, and the risk of a No Deal Brexit receding. But we are also mindful that trade barriers between the US and China remain very high.

The 2020 US presidential election is likely to see a face-off between candidates with very different visions for regulation. Also if the Johnson government that emerges from the UK general election able to pass the Withdrawal Agreement, negotiations over the future relationship with the EU will be fraught.

Meanwhile, trade conflicts and disputes pervade the whole global scenario. See table below.

## 1.2 GLOBAL RISK

Persistent rise in trade crises since the middle of 2019, worsening growth slowdown especially in EMDE's, further declines in business confidence, manufacturing and trade growth have all caused an increase in probability estimates for the Global Downturn, Emerging Markets Slowdown and Global Crisis risk scenarios. In contrast, the recent preliminary agreement between the EU and UK governments on a future trade deal has reduced the risks of No-Deal Brexit scenarios.

According to Global Risks Index, combining scenario probabilities and global output impact, the 3 biggest global macroeconomic risk scenarios over a one-year horizon remain a Global Downturn, and Emerging Markets Slowdown and a Global Crisis.

## 2.0 DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS Q4

Data from the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics showed that GDP growth increased by 2.01, 2.12 and 2.28 per cent in Q1, Q2 and Q3 2019 respectively. In order to boost GDP growth, the MPC in March cut interest rate by 50 basis points to 13.5% per annum first time since July 2016 while holding other measures the same. This was in line with the growth strategy in the real sector as the target for 2019 was 2.3 per cent.

The CBN increased the Loan to Deposit ratio (LDR) from 60 per cent to 65 per cent. This move was to encourage lending to SMEs, retail and mortgage sectors so as to spur growth in the real sector.

CBN restricts purchases of OMO bills to foreign and institutional investors.

Two major telecoms listing in the local bourse: MTN Nigeria and Airtel Nigeria. Yet, year-to-date returns continued to decline: -3.5 to -12.1 per cent in the second and third quarter of the year.

Minimum wage legislation was passed increasing the minimum wage from N18,000 to N30,000.

Nigeria signed and ratified the optimistic African Continental free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), after months of national deliberation.

Two months after signing the AfCFTA, Nigeria shutdown its land borders to neighboring countries. The trade sector experienced a contraction of -1.45 per cent since while the agricultural sector expanded.

## 2.1 GROWTH, INFLATION AND CONSUMER PRICES

The CBN has confirmed that Manufacturing PMI in the month of December stood at 60.8 index points, indicating expansion in the manufacturing sector for the thirty-third consecutive month. The report revealed that all the 14 surveyed sub sectors reported growth in the review month.

Core inflation rate was 11.85% as of November 2019 while a core consumer price was 278.40 points.

## 2.3 FOREIGN RESERVES

Central Bank of Nigeria has revealed that the Nigeria's foreign reserves, which stood at \$43.07bn as of the beginning of January 2019, fell by \$4.45bn to \$38.619bn as of the end of December, 2019. CBN confirmed recently that Nigeria's over-dependence on crude oil for over 60 per cent of fiscal revenue and over 90 per cent of forex inflows meant that shocks in the oil market were transmitted entirely to the economy via the forex markets as manufacturers and traders who required forex for input purchases were faced with dwindling supplies.

## 2.4 NIGERIAN CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

The Nigerian Stocks Exchange (NSE) market capitalization closed the quarter under review at N13.450 trillion from N13.206 trillion at which it opened for trading activities in October, 2019.

The overall market performance measure, All-Share Index (ASI), on the Exchange declined by 2,336.31 points or 7.80 per cent to close at 27,630.56 points as at December, 2019 from an opening of 29,966.87 points in October, 2019.

Generally, sector performance was bearish as all indices closed the period on decline.

## 3.0 PROJECTIONS

### 3.1 GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR Q1 2020

According to the World Bank, "global growth is set to rise by 2.5% this year, a small uptick from 2.4% in 2019, as trade and investments gradually recover". The world body puts advanced economies as a group are expected to drop to 1.4% from 1.6% reflecting persistent weakness in manufacturing businesses.

Emerging market and developing economies [EMDE] to grow to 4.1% from 3.5% last year, if a small number of large emerging economies revamp their economies after recession or turbulence during 2019.

### 3.2 SUMMARY OF PROJECTION OF SOME MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR Q4 2019

S/n	INDICATORS	Q4/2019	Q1/2020	REMARKS
1	Interest rate	13.5	13.5	MPR
2	Inflation rate	11.02	11.10	
3	GDP Growth rate	2.28	2.3	
4	GDP Per capital	US\$2,394.6	US\$2,400	
5	Unemployment rate	23.1	24	
6	Consumer price index	295.5 points	298 points	
7	Business confidence	17.70 points	19	
8	Manufacturing PMI	56.20 points	53	
9	CBN exchange rate	305.40	305	
10	BDC rate	360	360	
11	External Reserve	US\$38.61	US\$40.5	

## 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 4.1 ADVICE TO GOVT:

Nigeria should critically examine the role of France in ECO currency project before further decision to participate. All the 15-member ECOWAS countries had agreed to work collectively towards a single currency regime for the region with several implementation deadlines set and missed since 2000 through repeated failure by member states to meet all key convergence criteria.

But only suddenly, the Ivorian President Alas-sane Ouattara, alongside the French President, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, on December 22, announced the decision to abandon the CFA franc, which is the currency used in eight countries in francophone West Africa.

But particularly worrisome is the declaration by Ouattara, bearing in mind that the concept of ECO was a collective desire and efforts of the entire West African region. A major question is why President Ouattara and France speedily made the announcement before the ECOWAS Heads of State final decision, which usually comes with a legal framework? Very clearly it is to continue with the dominant control of the Francophone West Africa country's economies by France.

Notwithstanding that Nigeria would have benefited immensely as it has the largest economy, market and foreign reserves in the sub region. Nigeria central bank is expected to act as the Central Bank for West Africa hub. Nigeria is expected to play the role of Germany in the European Union. This will catalyze an acceleration of the diversification and growth of the Nigeria Economy and infrastructure to support rapid growth in the sub region.

Thus, ABCON QUARTERLY REVIEW is advancing the following position for Nigeria.

- Nigeria must not adopt the currency with France or Euro as the background promoters to avoid enslaving West Africa economically.
- If the prime objective to facilitate cross border trade and economic development of the member states is still to be achieved, the structure of the system must be built on fundamentals in the sub region to complete with other economic blocks.
- Government is encouraged to pursue the project with sincerity of purpose based on sound policies devoid of interference from any economic block.
- The Central Bank of the sub region should be independent to invest the reserves in any world currency to satisfy the interest of constituent states.

### 4.2 ADVICE FOR BDC SUB SECTOR

The issue of the profitability of BDC business in the light of convergence CBN rate of US\$ cash sales to BDCs and open market buying/selling rates has been in focus for some time now.

An ABCON REVIEW study revealed a market structure that exposes the BDC firm to a rather unconventional structure, unfair competition and risk.

- Monetary authority determines the firm's buying rate, but unconcerned with open end of selling rate even though there is a cap. They should be free to determine what to buy and sell like in any market structure.
- Very clearly, the BDC firm's selling rate is still largely determined by the parallel market rates which is higher in liquidity without any restraint from the authorities to curtail their activities.
- The firm is still largely exposed to several operations and systemic risks which require the appropriate articulation and design of structural adjustments to place the the BDC firm on the right part during the new decade.

Signed:  
Executive Secretary

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



ACROSS

- 1. Conspiracy
- 5. Fabrics with long coarse nap
- 10. Regretted
- 14. Emanation
- 15. Lone-Star State
- 16. Covetousness
- 17. Format a computer disk
- 19. To endure (archaic)
- 20. Apprehend
- 21. Grin
- 22. Ales
- 23. Having three units
- 25. Stealer
- 27. Hankering
- 28. Tempestuously
- 31. Darlings
- 34. Brandish
- 35. "The Matrix" hero
- 36. Hoopla
- 37. Automaton
- 38. Glance
- 39. Genus of macaws
- 40. Mistake
- 41. Close-knit group
- 42. Grasshoppers
- 44. French for "Good"
- 45. Pays attention to
- 46. Bouquet
- 50. Large body of water
- 52. Grieve
- 54. Not against

DOWN

- 1. Applied to a wall or canvas
- 2. Pertaining to the moon
- 3. Small African antelope
- 4. Make lace
- 5. Flower part
- 6. Spiral
- 7. Angle of a leafstalk
- 8. A geographical dictionary
- 9. South southeast
- 10. Ransom
- 11. Crude
- 12. Always
- 13. Colors
- 18. Small islands
- 22. Fowl
- 24. Combustible pile
- 26. Low, flat land
- 28. Grain storage buildings
- 29. Lascivious look
- 30. Oxen's harness
- 31. East Indian tree
- 32. Tropical American wildcat
- 33. Indifferent
- 34. Author
- 37. Electrical or crossword
- 38. Shallow metal containers
- 40. Biblical garden

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (21)



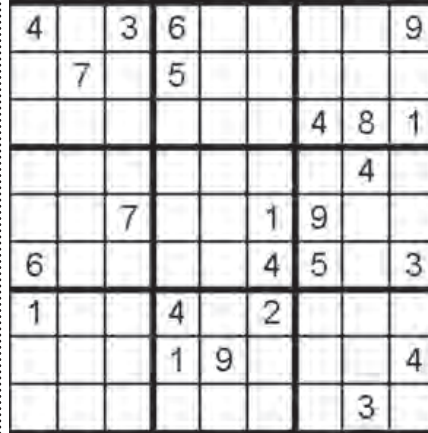
- 41. Sores on toes
- 43. Frothy
- 44. Located in the north
- 46. Papal court
- 47. All excited
- 48. Gander
- 49. Sea eagles
- 50. Smell
- 51. Unwakable state
- 53. Brute
- 56. Crow
- 57. Unhappy

SUDOKU >>

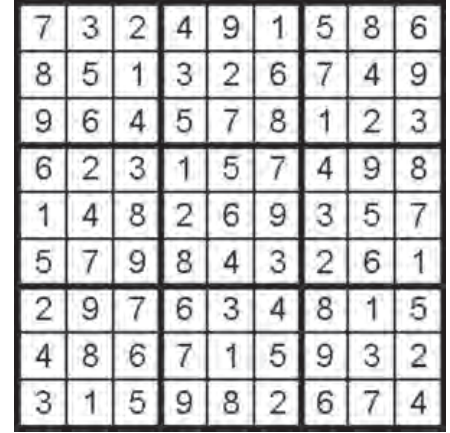
How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 21



SNAPSHOT >>

Hungry burglar breaks into fast food restaurant, made a meal and took a 3-hour sleep



Police in Georgia are on the hunt for a full-bellied burglar who broke into a Taco Bell, a fast food restaurant, in the early hours of Christmas morning, made himself dinner and then brazenly took a power nap (inset). Surveillance footage released this week by the Gwinnett County Police Department shows the man shimmying through a drive-thru window and climbing into the kitchen. The hungry, sweatpant-clad suspect is then seen firing up one of the restaurant's fryers and making himself a meal, which he eats. Possibly biting off more than he could chew, the man then lays down on the floor of the restaurant and curls up in a ball for a 3-hour nap. After awakening from his slumber, police say the man stole a laptop and tablet from inside the Mexican fast-food chain before scampering off into the darkness, sometime after 3am. Police have decided to release the surveillance video this week to enlist public help in identifying the suspect.

Photo: Gwinnett County Police Department

SIGN LANGUAGE >>



■ STUFF ONLY? Look I'm not a stuff, I am a STAFF!  
Photo location: Rhodes, Greece. Spotted by Lawrence Griffiths

— Source: telegraph.co.uk



## JOB VACANCIES

FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in Health, Education, Nutrition, Environment, Economic Development, Civil Society, Gender, Youth, Research and Technology- creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries, all 50 U.S. states and all U.S. territories.

FHI 360 is currently seeking qualified candidates for the positions within SIDHAS and Alive & Thrive projects as listed below.

POSITION TITLE	CONTRACT TYPE	NO. REQD.	PROJECT	LOCATION(S)
Deputy Project Director	Full term	1	Global Fund	Abuja
Project Coordinator	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa, Borno
Technical Officer - Health & Nutrition (Re-advertised)	Fixed term	1	IHANN	Banki, Borno
Technical Officer, Accountability	Fixed term	1	IHANN	Borno
Assistant Technical Officer, Primary Healthcare	Fixed term	2	SNEPCO/IHANN	Dikwa & Damasak
Assistant Technical Officer, Midwifery	Fixed term	2	SNEPCO/IHANN	Dikwa & Ngala
Assistant Technical Officer, Pharmacy	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa
Assistant Technical Officer, Environmental Health	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa
Assistant Technical Officer, Laboratory Services	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa
Assistant Technical Officer, M&E	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa
Assistant Technical Officer, Nursing	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa
Finance & Administrative Assistant	Fixed term	1	SNEPCO	Dikwa
Security Coordinator (Re-advertised)	Fixed term	1	IHANN	Borno

**The Deputy Project Director** as a member of the Program Management Team, the position holder will work with the Project Director to provide oversight, coordination, monitoring and reporting of the Global Fund activities in HQ and the state offices.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- MB.BS/MD/PHD or similar degree with 5-7 years relevant experience with international development programs which includes 5 years of relevant supervisory experience.
- Or MS/MA in social science, public health or related field, MPH preferred, and a minimum of 7-9 years relevant experience with international development programs which includes 5 years relevant supervisory experience.
- Or BS/BA in social science, public health or related field, with a minimum of 9-11 years relevant experience with international development programs which includes 5 years of relevant supervisory experience.
- Familiarity with Nigerian public sector health systems, international donor organizations, NGOs and CBOs is required.
- Demonstrated success in multicultural environments is required.

**The Project Coordinator** will be responsible for providing oversight, coordination, monitoring and reporting of the refugee response project activities in Dikwa. S/he will manage field site staff.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- MB.BS/MD/PHD or similar degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Health Information Management or MBBS/MD or similar degree with 5-7 years' relevant experience with international development programs which includes 5 years' experience with Health program planning and implementation at the community or state level, administration and compliance of a field-based international development or humanitarian program; general program management experience required.
- Or MS/MA in social science, public health or related field, MPH preferred, and a minimum of 7-9 years' relevant experience with international development programs which includes 5 years' experience with Health program planning and implementation at the community or state level working with public and NGO sectors.
- Or BS/BA in social science, public health or related field, with a minimum of 9-11 years' relevant experience with international development programs which includes 5 years' experience with Health program planning and implementation at the community or state level working with public and NGO sectors.
- Prior experience implementing any form of protection support is required, preferably in a camp setting.
- Experience with providing health and non - health interventions strongly preferred.
- Experience working with multiple stakeholders to identify IDPs according to criteria required.

**The Technical Officer - Health & Nutrition (Re-advertised)** will provide technical and programmatic support to implement high quality care and support activities with primary focus on clinical management of integrated medical services at the LGA level.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- MB.BS/MD/PHD or similar degree with 1 to 3 years relevant experience in clinical care with a sound understanding of humanitarian integrated health program delivery in resource constrained settings.
- Possession of an MPH or post graduate degree in a related field is required.
- Familiarity with Nigerian public health sector systems and NGOs and CBOs is highly desirable.

**The Technical Officer - Accountability** will provide technical and programmatic support to implement high quality care and support activities with primary focus on clinical management of integrated medical services at the LGA level.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- MSc/MA in relevant degree with 3 to 5 years relevant experience in accountability, feedback and complaint mechanisms with a sound understanding of humanitarian integrated health program delivery in resource constrained settings.
- Or BSc/BA in Social Sciences, Economics, Business Administration or relevant degree with 5 to 7 years relevant experience in accountability, feedback and complaint mechanisms with a sound understanding of humanitarian integrated health program delivery in resource constrained settings.
- Prior experience working for an International NGO is preferred.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Primary Healthcare** will triage, examine, diagnose and treat patients in need of primary health care at the facility. Based on the diagnosis, the ATO-PHC will prescribe appropriate treatment to patients and suggest follow up as required.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- MB.BS, MD or its equivalent with minimum of 1 year relevant experience in emergency and constrained settings, INGO experience is most desirable.
- Must have a valid practicing license.
- 1-3 years relevant experience in clinical setting.
- Familiarity with Nigerian public sector health systems and NGOs and CBOs is highly desirable.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Midwifery** will assist female patients in all stages of pregnancy, childbirth and post-delivery. He/she will also provide antenatal and postnatal advice and support to women and their families.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- BSc. Nursing, Public health or other closely related field with 1-3 years relevant experience.
- Must be a Registered Nurse/Midwife
- Familiarity with Nigerian public sector health systems and NGOs and CBOs is highly desirable.
- Previous experience working in a humanitarian crisis is highly desirable.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Pharmacy** will prepare medications by reviewing and interpreting physician orders, and dispensing medications by compounding, packaging and labeling pharmaceuticals

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- Bachelor of Science Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy or its equivalent with 1-3 years post national youth service experience managing a PSM cycle, including rational health commodities selection, forecasting /quantification, quality assurance spanning the PSM cycle, warehousing/storage, distribution, and LMIS.
- Must have a practicing license
- Experience working with a humanitarian organization
- Familiarity with Nigerian public sector health system and NGOs and CBOs is highly desirable.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Environmental Health** will provide technical and programmatic support in Dikwa LGA. Under the supervision of the Project Coordinator, the ATO-Environmental Health will supervise project related constructions, monitor and train Community Volunteers on their hygiene promotion to IDPs. Other responsibilities will also include training volunteers and community/camp leaders on safe waste management practices and providing support on activities related to environmental health at the health clinic.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- BA/BS in field related to WASH/Environmental health with 1 to 3 years' post NYSC and relevant experience with a sound understanding of hygiene in humanitarian relief settings.
- Familiarity with Humanitarian NGOs.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Laboratory Services** will be responsible for providing technical assistance and supporting laboratory services to project supported health facilities in Dikwa health facility. S/he will provide technical support on laboratory quality assurance issues at LGA and facility level. S/he will also prepare specimens, follow detailed manual tests, oversee automated analysis tests and report tests results to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- BSc in Laboratory sciences or related field with 1-3 years post national youth service experience in provision of laboratory support.
- Knowledge of advanced laboratory procedures, diagnosis and management related to care and treatment is required with some experience in an humanitarian area preferred.
- Certification of license to practice as a medical laboratory scientist is required.
- Familiarity with Nigerian public sector health system and NGOs and CBOs highly desirable.
- Previous experience working in a humanitarian crisis is highly desirable.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Monitoring & Evaluation** will assist in monitoring and evaluating program activities at the assigned field site. Primary responsibilities include collecting information on project activities in each sector for proper documentation and reporting of activities.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- MB.BS, MD or its equivalent with minimum of 1 year relevant experience in emergency and constrained settings, INGO experience is most desirable.
- BSc/BA in statistics, Pharmacy, microbiology, monitoring and evaluation or in relevant degree with 1 - 3 years post NYSC experience in Monitoring and Evaluation or data management.
- Familiarity with Nigerian public health sector systems and NGOs and CBOs is highly desirable.
- A sound understanding of humanitarian assistance programming is desirable.

**The Assistant Technical Officer - Nursing** will provide nursing care, treatment and follow-up of patients, according to doctors' prescriptions, protocols applied in service and universal hygiene standards/precautions, in order to ensure the quality and continuity of care for the targeted population.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- BSc. Nursing, Public health or other closely related field with 1-3 years relevant experience.
- Must be a Registered Nurse
- Familiarity with Nigerian public sector health systems and NGOs and CBOs is highly desirable.
- Previous experience working in a humanitarian organization is highly desirable
- Understanding of Kanuri is a plus

**The Finance & Administrative Assistant** will be responsible for the provision of accounting, administrative, and logistical support services to the state office.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- University degree in Accounting, Finance or Business administration
- Minimum of 1 - 3 years' post NYSC experience in accounting related to NGOs and community level programs, with increasing responsibility.
- Experience with large complex organization is required, familiarity with international NGOs preferred.

**The Security Coordinator (Re-advertised)** will work with the Country office Security Manager and Response Coordinator for Integrated Humanitarian Assistance for Northeast Nigeria (IHANN) in ensuring FHI 360 programs, staff and assets remain safe and secure from threats.

#### Minimum Recruitment Standards:

- A Degree or HND level education.
- A formal security qualification or security management training work experience in complex environments (minimal 5 years) Ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi ethnic team experience and knowledge of personnel and organizational security issues, threat/risk assessment, security management and security awareness in complex context.
- An ex-service man either from the Nigeria military or Police context or related field work in the North East. Prior experience with the UN system or international NGO is desirable.
- Experience in incident reporting, incident mapping, compilation of security reports and assessments
- Experience in training and coaching national and international staff in safety and security.

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# CITY NEWS

## Fire razes Abuja furniture market

By Terkula Igidi

A fire outbreak has razed down 39 shops, ravaging furniture worth over N21 million at Kugbo furniture market in Abuja.

City News gathered that the fire, which broke out at about 12:00 am, destroyed the City Furniture area of the market located by the roadside between Mogadishu Barracks

and Nyanya.

Victims of the inferno told our reporter that they were alerted about the incident by security guards on night duty at about 12:00am yesterday.

Chairman of the city furniture area, Austin Onuh, who is also a victim, said the incident occurred in the early hours of Monday when all the shop owners had closed.

He regretted that most of the furniture burnt were given

to them on contract by their customers.

"We are yet to determine the cause of the inferno but pieces of furniture worth over N21 million naira have been burnt by the fire.

"Some of us just returned from Christmas and New Year celebrations and started work but this morning we only came to see ashes" he said.

Onuh appealed to FCT Administration, spirited

individuals and corporate organisations to support them.

He also called on the government to provide firefighting facilities to the market so as to prevent a reoccurrence.

Timothy Eze, one of the affected furniture makers, said he has lost not less than N 8 million worth of furniture in his shop.

"Apart from the furniture,

industrial machine, generators with several working equipment worth millions were also burnt"

Another victim, Vincent Ngutsen said over N 7 million finished and unfinished furniture were burnt in his shop located at the same area.

According to him, despite efforts by the people around the area and the fire fighters, they were not able to put out the furniture.

## Kidnapped woman, daughter freed after 12 days in captivity

By Abubakat Sadiq Isah

A house wife, Mrs. Agmada Anyinu and her daughter, Bmazhiyi Anyinu, who were abducted by gunmen suspected to be kidnapers, have regained their freedom after spending 12 days in captivity.

City News had reported that the victims were abducted on Friday, January, 3rd 2019, around 10:47 pm in Nuku village of Abaji Area Council.

Mr. Shekwolo Anyinu, the victims' husband and father, confirmed the release of his wife and daughter during an interview with our reporter yesterday, in which he said no any ransom was paid to the kidnapers.

He said his wife and daughter were released around 9:43 pm on Sunday at Turunku, near Ugya village in Toto local government of Nasarawa state.

He said he was at home when he received a phone call from his daughter, who informed him that she and her mother have been set free by the kidnapers.

Mr. Shekwolo expressed appreciation to his sympathizers, both Christians and Muslims, for their prayers and fasting which he said were effective against the kidnapers who set his family members free.

The spokesman of the FCT police command, DSP Anjuguri Manzah, confirmed the release of the woman and her daughter, saying no ransom was paid.



■ Pupils of Aleita L.E.A. Primary School at Airport Road in Abuja, carry a chair to their classroom as schools resume from New Year holiday in Abuja yesterday

Photo: NAN

## Kidnappings: Apprehension as Kuje chair set to redeploy teachers

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

There is apprehension among primary school teachers in Kuje Area Council of the FCT as some teachers are expected to be posted to rural schools in the area.

Unabated incidents of kidnappings in the rural communities of the area council have created fear in the teachers, City News learnt.

The decision to redeploy some teachers to rural schools was arrived at after a committee set up by the

chairman of the council, Abdullahi Suleiman Sabo, on August 20, 2019, submitted its report to him recently.

The committee report observed that some primary schools in the urban centre are over staffed, while rural schools are under staffed.

The committee, therefore, recommended the redeployment and posting of teaching and non-teaching staff across all the primary schools in Kuje area council.

"All NCE & B.ed holders serving in LEA head office

and clerks with the above qualifications other than HODs, school supervisors and quality assurance should be posted as class teachers," the committee recommended.

Some of the teachers who spoke with our reporter said they were not against the redeployment, but said the insecurity prevalent in the rural communities was a serious threat to their lives.

A teacher, Ismaila Musa, said there was need for the council authorities to put on hold the redeployment pending when

security situation must have improved.

He said it will be 'suicidal' if any teacher was posted to teach in a village despite the incessant cases of kidnappings happening daily in rural areas.

"I don't think it is ideal for the area council authorities to succumb to the recommendations of the committee for now because of the security situation in rural communities, which has affected teaching and learning of the pupils," he said.

## We want to go back home, IDPs beg FG

By Maureen Onochie

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) residing in Gurku, a Nasarawa State village on the fringes of Abuja, have appealed to the Federal Government to restore peace in their homelands so that they can go back.

The IDPs who said they were tired of living under dire conditions in camp, said they

were homesick and wanted to return to their homes in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States.

Speaking yesterday when the President, Defence and Police Officers Wives Association (DEPOWA) Dr. Omobolanle Olonisakin paid a visit to the camp, the coordinator, Yohanna Zidiko, who spoke on behalf of other IDPs said they preferred going back home to resume their normal activities

to earn their livelihood.

He said they were not comfortable in the camp as most of them had no means of livelihoods hence they preferred returning to their bases.

He also said most of the IDPs suffer illness such as malaria and typhoid but have no money for treatment and appealed to the visitors to assist the IDPs in the area of health.

On her part, DEPOWA president, Olonisakin said the government was making frantic efforts for them to return home.

She called for support to the military who had always risked their lives to keep the region and the entire nation safe.

She said the association was dedicated to providing succour to the less privilege in the society by providing the basic needs for them.



# NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL

## INVITATION FOR TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL BIDS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The National Agency For Food and Drug Administration and control (NAFDAC) is the Agency of the Federal Government established by Decree No.15 of 1993 as amended (now Cap. N1, LFN, 2004) and charge with the responsibility among others of regulating and controlling, the importation, manufacture, exportation, distribution, advertisement, and sale of drug, food, chemicals, medical devices, packaged water, detergents and cosmetics, The Agency hereby invites interested reputable and competent companies with relevant experience and good track records to respond to the invitation for technical and financial bids for the following projects

### 2. SCOPE OF WORKS AND SERVICE

Category A Works			
LOT NO	PROJECT TITLE	SCOPE	LOCATION
1	Constructions of Bungalow height office, warehouse, Generator house, car park with drive-in and compound beautification for NAFDAC. KEBBI STATE.	Office block: foundation type, strip footing with isolated columns/bases. Walls. Vibrated sand create-blocks and concrete fascia, Roof carcasses. Treated hardwood timber. Roof covering. Stone coated aluminium sheets. Services UPVC conduit piping for electrical, fire and communication cables. Finishes plaster, board ceiling, cement/sand rendering, porcelain/granite floor. Doors and windows, Aluminium, stainless steel and black steel doors. etc.	Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi state
2	Constructions of Bungalow height office, warehouse, Generator house, car park with drive-in and compound beautification for NAFDAC. KWARA STATE.	Office block: foundation type, strip footing with isolated columns/bases. Walls. Vibrated sand create-blocks and concrete fascia, Roof carcasses. Treated hardwood timber. Roof covering. Stone coated aluminium sheets. Services UPVC conduit piping for electrical, fire and communication cables. Finishes plaster, board ceiling, cement/sand rendering, porcelain/granite floor. Doors and windows, Aluminium, stainless steel and black steel doors. etc.	Ilorin Kwara State
3	Constructions of Bungalow height office, warehouse, Generator house, car park with drive-in and compound beautification for NAFDAC. Ogun State	Office block: foundation type, strip footing with isolated columns/bases. Walls. Vibrated sand create-blocks and concrete fascia, Roof carcasses. Treated hardwood timber. Roof covering. Stone coated aluminium sheets. Services UPVC conduit piping for electrical, fire and communication cables. Finishes plaster, board ceiling, cement/sand rendering, porcelain/granite floor. Doors and windows, Aluminium, stainless steel and black steel doors. etc.	Abeokuta, Ogun state.
4	Constructions of Bungalow height office, warehouse, Generator house, car park with drive-in and compound beautification for NAFDAC. OSUN STATE.	Office block: foundation type, strip footing with isolated columns/bases. Walls. Vibrated sand create-blocks and concrete fascia, Roof carcasses. Treated hardwood timber. Roof covering. Stone coated aluminium sheets. Services UPVC conduit piping for electrical, fire and communication cables. Finishes plaster, board ceiling, cement/sand rendering, porcelain/granite floor. Doors and windows, Aluminium, stainless steel and black steel doors. etc.	Osogbo/ Gbonga Rd. Abere Osun State.
5	Constructions of Bungalow height office, warehouse, Generator house, car park with drive-in and compound beautification for NAFDAC. YOBE STATE.	Office block: foundation type, strip footing with isolated columns/bases. Walls. Vibrated sand create-blocks and concrete fascia, Roof carcasses. Treated hardwood timber. Roof covering. Stone coated aluminium sheets. Services UPVC conduit piping for electrical, fire and communication cables. Finishes plaster, board ceiling, cement/sand rendering, porcelain/granite floor. Doors and windows, Aluminium, stainless steel and black steel doors. etc.	Damaturu, Yobe State
<b>CATEGORY B (CONSULTANCY SERVICE)</b>		<b>EXPRESSION OF INTEREST</b>	
6	Engagement of Broker for insurance of NAFDAC Assets and Properties	The Broker will provide insurance services for the assets and properties of NAFDAC Nationwide.	NAFDAC Offices Nationwide.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Prospective bidders are required to submit the following documents along with their financial bids. Bidders/companies are not allowed to bid for more than one project.

- Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission, namely Certificate of Incorporation, memoranda & Articles of Association, form CAC7, CAC2 (Certify True Copy)
- Tax Clearance Certificate for three years i.e. 2016, 2017, and 2018 (Expiring December 2019)
- Evidence of pension clearance certificate for three years i.e. 2016, 2017, and 2018 (Valid till December 2019) issued by the National Pension Commission.
- Evidence of Registration with the Bureau of Public Procurement on the National Database of Contractors, consultants and service providers, by inclusion Certificate of Interim Registration Report (IRR) Expiring on 31/1/2020 or valid certificate issued by BPP.
- Current Certificate of compliance with the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act 2011(provision) valid till 31st December 2019.
- Current Certificate of compliance with the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF), valid till 31st December 2019.
- Company Audited Accounts for the last three years (2016, 2017 and 2018) duly signed & stamp by ICAN/ANAN licensed Auditors.
- Detailed Company profile, indicating management structure, size, strength and number of Management, Technical & None Technical Staff, includes Names, qualifications and years of experience. Key personnel to be deployed or available for the project must be registered members of ARCON, COREN, CORBON & QSRBN etc.,
- Verifiable evidence of at least three (3) similar assignment or jobs executed in the last five (5) years (Tabulated) with details comprising of Client Name, Brief description of Project, Project location, Contract Value, status of Project as completed or on-going, in addition evidence of award letters, contract agreements, Payment Certificates (if on-going) and completion certificate from clients of projects Tabulated must be shown.
- Evidence of technical resources and equipment to execute the assignment (Copy of proof of ownership or lease agreement must be attached).
- Evidence of financial capability by submission of reference letter from a commercial bank in Nigeria indicating willingness to provide facility to the prospective contractor if the company turns-out to be successful. (Turnover as reflected in financial Statements must correspond with that on the Tax clearance certificate). Please note that banker's letter merely stating

that the applicant is a customer or maintains an account with the bank without commitment is not acceptable.

- For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Compliance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Compliance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner)
- Sworn affidavit:
  - disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the National Agency For Food and Drug Administration and Control the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars
  - that the company is not in receivership/bankruptcy
  - that none of the Directors of the company is an ex-convict in any country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety,;
- Companies responding to engagement of Broker for insurance of NAFDAC Assets and Properties must show the following:
  - Evidence of current Registration and licensed by the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) to operate as an Insurance broker.
  - Evidence of current membership of Nigerian Council of Registered Insurance Brokers (NCRIB).
  - Evidence of registration of membership of Chartered Institute of Insurer (NIA)
- All documents for submission must be transmitted with a covering/forwarding letter under the Company/Firm letter headed paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by corporate affairs commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (GSM), and E-mail Address. The Letter Headed paper must bear the Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the company/firms at the bottom of the page and duly signed by the authorized officer of the company/firm and documents/information must be arranged and submitted in the sequence/order as listed above.

**Note: Failure to comply with the above will lead to disqualification of the bid.**

### 4. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS (CATEGORY A)

Tender Documents in English language containing details of works can be from 8am to 4pm at the procurement unit third floor NAFDAC Headquarters Plot 2032 Olusegun Obasanjo way WuseZone 7 Abuja, upon payment of non-refundable tender fee of N10, 000.00 only per Lot using the Remita platform from any commercial bank of the bidders choice or online direct payment (visit "<http://www.remita.net>"). Please ensure that you obtain evidence receipt generated i.e. Remita Retrieval Reference (RRR) of such payment, which must be presented on collection of bid document.

### 5. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS(CATEGORY A)

Technical and Financial bids documents are to be submitted in three (3) copies each, one original and the other two (2) photocopies in a separate sealed envelope and clearly marked as Technical or Financial with the project name clearly stated, the three envelopes shall be placed in a single outer envelope on or before **12:00 noon on Monday, 24th February, 2020** and addressed to: The Director General (NAFDAC)  
Attention: Head Procurement  
Procurement Unit (Third Floor)  
NAFDAC Headquarters  
Plot 2032, Olusegun Obasanjo Way, Wuse Zone 7, Abuja.

Furthermore, the reverse of each sealed envelope should bear the name and address of the bidder and drop in the designated tender box at the above address. Please note that late submission will be returned un-opened and submission must be hand delivered.

### 6. OPENING OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS (CATEGORY A)

Only the technical documents shall be publicly opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon on Monday, 24th February, 2020**, at the conference room 2nd floor NAFDAC Headquarters Building, Plot 2032 Olusegun Obasanjo way, Wuse Zone 7 Abuja. Interested Service providers/companies and their representatives, civil society organisations and the public are invited to witness the opening process.

### 7. SUBMISSION OF EOI DOCUMENTS (CATEGORY B)

Companies / firms interested in Lot 6 are to submit their EOI documents in three (3) copies one original and the other two photocopies sealed together in an envelope with the titled "Engagement of Broker for Insurance of NAFDAC Assets and Properties" clearly stated on the top of the envelope, addressed and hand-delivered to: The Director General (NAFDAC)  
Attention: Head Procurement  
Procurement Unit (Third Floor)  
NAFDAC Headquarters  
Plot 2032, Olusegun Obasanjo Way, Wuse Zone 7, Abuja.  
on or before 12:00 noon on Monday, 27th January, 2020

### 8. OPENING DATES OF EOI(CATEGORY B)

All EOI documents the opening will commence immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon on Monday, 27th January, 2020** at the conference room 2nd floor NAFDAC Headquarters Building, Plot 2032 Olusegun Obasanjo Way Wuse Zone 7 Abuja. Interested companies/firms and their representatives, civil society organisations and the general public are invited to witness the opening process.

### Notes:

- NAFDAC reserve the right to verify claims made by any service provider/company/firm
- Submitting false document is an offence, which will lead to disqualification and prosecution.
- Category A: Only pre-qualified bidders at technical evaluation will be invited at a later date for financial bids opening, while the financial bids of un-successful bidders will be returned un-opened;
- Category B: Only shortlisted firms will be contacted at a later date for collection of Request for Proposals;
- Bids must be in English Language and signed by an authorized official of the bidder.
- Bidders are advised to visit the site before pricing their financial tender
- Bid submission after the deadline will be returned un-opened.
- NAFDAC is not bound to award contract to any bidder and reserves the right to annul the procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with section 28 of the PPA 2007

Signed  
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# HEALTH

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## Ways to prevent atopic eczema

By Ojoma Akor

**E**czema is a condition that causes inflammation or irritation of the skin. One of the commonest types of eczema is atopic eczema, also called atopic dermatitis.

It is common in children and could improve or go with them into adolescence or adulthood.

According to Dr Haroun Adamu, a consultant dermatologist with the Federal Medical Centre, Abuja, atopic eczema is characterised by rough, dry, itchy and discoloured skin.

He said it affected people of all ages but usually began in childhood and may have different severities into mid-teens. A few people carry it to adult life, he said.

The medical expert said atopic eczema could affect any part of the body but most often affects the inside of elbows, back of the knees, the neck, face and hands, among others.

He added that it could also affect the whole body and that the severity varies.

The symptoms of the condition include rough, dry, hard, itching skin that is sometimes reddish and may later appear dark.

Dr Adamu said atopic eczema could be triggered by harsh weather, perfumes, harsh soaps, detergents, rough clothing and household substances.

The dermatologist said food does not cause eczema but could act as trigger.

"There is a common misconception that if you have eczema then there must be a food you are allergic to. Many people always want to know the type of food they are allergic to that causes eczema. Certain foods can trigger eczema but eczema is not specifically caused by the type of food they eat," he said.

Dr Adamu said stress, some household items, and some household animals and pets could also trigger atopic eczema.

He also debunked the belief that eczema is caused by lack of hygiene.

He said measures to prevent atopic eczema comprise primary prevention and secondary prevention.

He said primary prevention was



aimed at preventing atopic eczema in children who are predisposed to it, while secondary prevention was aimed at preventing the development of 'flare-ups' or escalation of the rashes in people who have already developed it.

The medic said some beneficial measures for primary prevention are breastfeeding babies in the first 46 months of life.

Other helpful measures for primary prevention include administration of probiotic bacteria in pregnant women before delivery, reduction of antibiotics administration in infants, and avoiding infection in infants.

Secondary prevention includes prevention of 'flare ups' in children who had developed atopic eczema. This involves the application of emollient or moisturizing treatments every four to six hours as well as elimination of skin irritants, avoidance of excess sweating, elimination of food allergens in diets if

found to be a trigger, and avoidance of stressful situations.

The dermatologist said there was currently no cure for atopic eczema. However, he said treatment for the condition involves the use of emollients (moisturising treatments), the avoidance of triggers, and use of steroids.

He said emollients help with dry skin. "One of the abnormalities found in skins affected by eczema was lack of lipids or oils that lie between the cells of the skin, so this tends to expose the skin to dryness and allows other things to get into it thereby triggering the rash.

"So the use of emollient moisturisers is a very important part of preventing atopic eczema, especially during the harmattan. There are several types of emollients in the market. The commonest ones are Shea butter and Vaseline," he added.

On avoidance of triggers, he said

people should avoid hard detergents, rough clothing and certain foods if proven to be triggers.

He said: "Everyone has his or her own trigger. All the triggers do not appear in a single person but the common ones are dry weather, chemicals, soaps and detergents."

He explained that the third aspect of treatment was the use of steroids. The steroids are used to treat flares. They are applied on the affected part until the flares go down. They are used on certain parts of the body such as the face, or under the arms and have side effects if not properly administered.

It should be used with sound knowledge on the quantity, type, strength, and part of the body is to be used.

Dr Adamu advised they are better used under the supervision of a physician who monitors, supervises and instructs patients on how to use them.

## Study finds link between smoking, depression

By Olayemi John-Mensah

A new study has found that smoking cigarettes can affect our mental and emotional well-being.

The study, which appeared in the journal of Plos One, revealed that there were clues that point to smoking as a predisposing factor to depression.

The senior and corresponding author of the study paper, Prof Hagai Levine from the Hebrew University-Hadassah Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine in Jerusalem, Israel, explained that depression tended to be twice as

likely among people who smoke than those who do not, but it is not yet clear which causes which.

"Some researchers, however, believe that smoking may lead to depression, not vice versa. What is more, other studies have found that people who had never smoked generally have a better health-related quality of life (HRQoL), as well as less anxiety and depression," Levine said.

To help shed some light on the matter, Prof Levine and his team decided to study the association between HRQoL and smoking among students in Serbia. Few studies have looked into this association in low-

and middle-income countries.

However, more than 25% of people living in Serbia and other Eastern European countries smoke, which is another reason that studying this subject in this population is of interest. Furthermore, about a third of students in Serbia smoke.

The new study included data from two cross-sectional studies that gathered information from two universities: the University of Belgrade and the University of Pristina. The former has around 90,000 students, and the latter has around 8,000.

Of this total, the researchers

enrolled 2,138 students in their study. The students took part in regular health checkups between April and June 2009 at the University of Belgrade, and between April and June 2015 at the University of Pristina.

The participants provided information about their social and economic backgrounds such as their age, social status, place of birth, and parents' education as well as information on any preexisting chronic conditions. They also provided information about their habits and lifestyle, such as smoking status, alcohol use, exercise levels, and eating habits.

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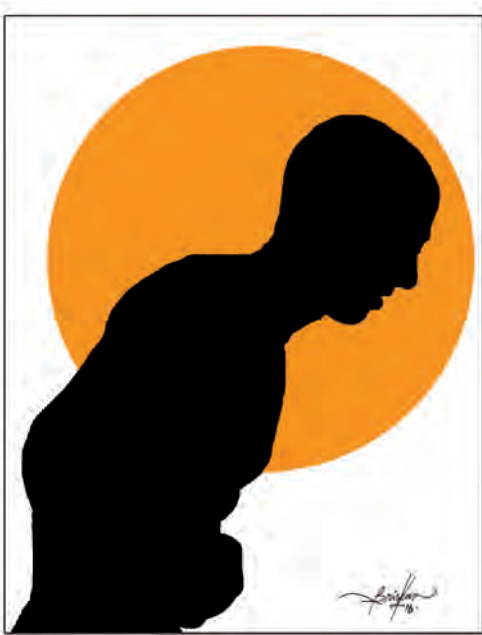
A friend of mine died of Cancer of the Gallbladder

Permit me a space in your weekly health column to ask for information about cancer of the gallbladder. A female friend of mine died recently due to the condition.

Catherine V.

May the soul of your friend have eternal rest.

Regarding your question, Gallbladder cancer is a cancer that begins in the gallbladder which is a small, pear-shaped organ on the right side of the abdomen, just beneath the liver. The gallbladder stores bile, a digestive fluid produced by the liver. Gallbladder cancer is not common.



1. When gallbladder cancer is discovered at its earliest stages, the chance for a cure is very good. But most gallbladder cancers are discovered at a late stage, when the prognosis is often very poor.

2. Gallbladder cancer is difficult to diagnose because it often causes no specific signs or symptoms.

3. Also, the relatively hidden nature of the gallbladder makes it easier for gallbladder cancer to grow without being detected

What are the symptoms?

**Gallbladder cancer signs and symptoms may include:**

- Abdominal pain, particularly in the upper right portion of the abdomen.
- Abdominal bloating
- Fever and losing weight
- Nausea
- Yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes (jaundice)

**What are the causes?**

It's not clear what causes gallbladder cancer. Gallbladder cancer forms when healthy gallbladder cells develop changes (mutations) in their DNA. These mutations cause cells to grow out of control and to continue living when other cells would normally die. The accumulating cells form a tumor that can grow beyond the gallbladder and spread to other areas of the body.

**What are the risk factors?**

- Gallbladder cancer is more common in women.
- Gallbladder cancer increases with age.
- Gallbladder cancer is most common in people who have had gallstones in the past.
- Other gallbladder conditions that can increase the risk of gallbladder cancer include gallbladder polyps

and chronic gallbladder infection.

Gallbladder cancer can be diagnosed via:

- Blood tests to evaluate liver function may help a doctor determine what's causing the signs and symptoms.

- Imaging tests that create pictures of the gallbladder include ultrasound, computerized tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

- Exploratory surgery may be recommended to look inside the abdomen for signs that gallbladder cancer has spread.

- In a procedure called laparoscopy,

the surgeon makes a small incision in your abdomen and inserts a tiny camera. The camera allows the surgeon to examine organs surrounding your gallbladder for signs that the cancer has spread.

- Tests to examine the bile ducts may be recommended to inject dye into the bile ducts. This is followed by an imaging test that records where the dye goes. These tests can show blockages in the bile ducts.

**Treatment options are:**

1. The initial goal of treatment is to remove the gallbladder cancer, but when that isn't possible, other therapies may help control the spread of the disease and keep you as comfortable as possible.

2. Surgery to remove the gallbladder. Early gallbladder cancer that is confined to the gallbladder is treated with an operation to remove the gallbladder (cholecystectomy).

3. Surgery to remove the gallbladder and a portion of the liver. Gallbladder cancer that extends beyond the gallbladder and into the liver is sometimes treated with surgery to remove the gallbladder, as well as portions of the liver and bile ducts that surround the gallbladder.

4. Surgery can't cure gallbladder cancer that has spread to other areas of the body. Instead, doctors use treatments that may relieve signs and symptoms of cancer and make you as comfortable as possible. Options may include Chemotherapy and Radiation therapy.

5. Advanced gallbladder cancer can cause blockages in the bile ducts, causing further complications. Procedures to relieve blockages may help.

Health benefits of eating raw cucumber



By Ojoma Akor

Consuming raw cucumber has many health benefits, according to a pharmaceutical microbiologist and bio technologist, Gurama Gurama A.

Cucumber is a fruit from the Cucurbitaceae family and has a mild, refreshing taste and a high water content.

Gurama said cucumber could help relieve dehydration and was pleasant to eat in hot weather. "People eat cucumber as a savory food, but it is a fruit. It also features in some beauty products. It is scientifically known as Cucumis sativus, it belongs to the same family as zucchini, watermelon, pumpkin, and other types of summer squash," he said.

He said the fruit is full of vitamins A, B, C, K, potassium and manganese which were very essential to the human body.

According to him, cucumbers, typically eaten fresh, are called slicing cucumbers. "Gherkin cucumbers are specially produced to make pickles (also known as pickled cucumbers). These are much smaller in size than the slicing ones. Slicing cucumbers are available throughout the year, but they are at their best between May and July.

Gurama who is also a lecturer with the Faculty of Pharmacy, Gombe State University, explained the following as some of the health benefits you could derive from eating cucumbers:

**Good for digestion**

Cucumber is loaded

with fiber and water which are good in the digestive system. The insoluble fiber present in cucumber is good for your digestion because it adds bulk to your stool hence easy when eliminating it.

**Helps with weight loss**

If you are struggling to lose weight, cucumber is one of the best options. It is low in calories which leave you full all the time hence slowing down your digestion.

**Brain health**

Are you always forgetful and have tried to deal with the situation but in vain? The solution is cucumber. It helps in improving brain health and memory.

**It relieves stress**

Are you stressed or depressed? Consume at least half a cucumber daily and you will be free from it. Cucumber contains vitamins B1, B5 and B7 which are good in dealing with stress.

**Fresh breath**

If you have a bad breath and tried all sorts of mouthwash but in vain, cucumber is the way out. Consuming a raw cucumber will help greatly. It rids bad breath leaving your mouth fresh.

**Prevents kidney stones**

Cucumbers are a perfect blend of both fiber and water. Therefore, they help to protect your body from constipation and kidney stones. Regularly enjoying a cucumber rich salad is a great way to increase fiber intake.

Cucumber is also a good source of vitamin C, silica, potassium, and magnesium; all of which have their health benefits.

Cucumber skin contains high levels of vitamin A, so you will gain more of this nutrient if

you eat the entire thing without removing the skin.

**Healthy eyes**

Cataract is an eye related problem but it can be prevented by consuming raw cucumber. Cucumber has got anti-inflammatory properties which deal with cataracts and any eye related problems.

**Protects your heart**

Cucumber helps in lowering your blood pressure, thanks to the potassium in cucumber. Those who regularly eat raw cucumber have high chances of having a healthy heart compared to those who rarely eat it.

**Hydration**

Consisting mostly of water, and containing important electrolytes, cucumbers can help prevent dehydration during the hot weather months or during and after a workout. Adding cucumber and mint to water can increase water consumption by making it more attractive to drink.

However, dehydration is important for many things including maintaining a healthy intestine, preventing constipation, and avoiding kidney stones.

**Cancer**

As a member of the Cucurbitaceae family of plants, cucumbers contain high levels of bitter-tasting nutrients known as cucurbitacin.

According to an article in the International Journal of Health Sciences, cucurbitacins may help prevent cancer by stopping cancer cells from reproducing. A 133-g cup of chopped cucumber with its skin also provides around 1g of fiber. Fiber may help protect against colorectal cancer!

# STRANGE STORIES

## 'I'm judged because my girlfriend is three feet 10'

With over a foot and a half difference in height, couple Ivoon and Jonathan are used to unwanted attention when they go out in public – but they don't let that stop them going out



■ Jonathan (right) with his partner Ivoon



■ Ivoon and Jonathan with baby Catalina

At 5 ft 4, Jonathan is below the average male height – but he is still over a foot taller than partner Ivoon, who at just 3 ft 10, is classed as a little person.

The couple, who have been together nearly six years and have a two-year-old daughter have even been mistaken for father and daughter.

Jonathan told Barcroft TV: "Sometimes when we're out in public, people would think I have two kids."

Ivoon adds: "Anytime we go out, there's always reactions."

The couple, from Midlothian Illinois, have even developed a code word for when they spy strangers – or 'fans' – taking

photos of them together.

Jonathan said: "It's pretty crazy when you get the guys [have] got the phone right here and they trying to like hide it. We use keywords like: 'Okay I see a fan.'"

Ivoon said: "I just look at them and they'll put their head down and be like, oh man, like they caught me."

Ivoon's height is due to the rare condition she was born with – Fanconi Bickel Syndrome. As a child she used a wheelchair and while she can now walk unaided, she still needs a wheelchair for long distances; she also uses a feeding tube. The syndrome causes a kidney disorder, which in turn affected Ivoon's ability to grow fully and develop strong

bones as she grew up.

She said: "At school I was known as the wheelchair girl. I feel like it did stop me from enjoying my high school years because now that I think back on it, I'm like, those were the worst years of my life just because I was so self-conscious."

"When I was in high school I didn't go to the dances, I didn't go to prom just because I was always ashamed of my legs. I wouldn't wear dresses showing my legs, I wouldn't wear shorts. So I just never did any of that."

Before meeting Jonathan, Ivoon had been in a serious relationship – but she had never gone on a date in public with her 6 ft tall ex.

She said "He was really tall. And I think I was embarrassed myself because he was my first serious boyfriend, I wasn't comfortable with myself yet. So I wasn't ready for what was going to happen in public."

However; with Jonathan, it was different right from the outset of their relationship.

Ivoon said: "Ever since we met, he never excluded me from family events; he always made me feel like I was any other regular person."

"Right away he never made me feel bad about being with him or going out in public."

Connecting through a dating app the pair started messaging back and forth and after a week

agreed to meet up at a party. At this point Ivoon had only posted a profile picture of her face – "I sent him a picture and it was really me, I just didn't send him a picture showing my height or anything", so when Jonathan went to pick up Ivoon in his car he had no idea of her height.

Jonathan said: "I pulled up my car and I had a Caprice so it's set pretty high. She's like, 'I'm on a corner,' I'm like, 'Where at? I don't see you.'"

"So I'm looking at my rear-view and I see this head hovering above the door, then I see the door open, then a person jumped in."

"And I'm looking, I'm trying not to make it obvious. And I'm looking and driving and I see her feet touch my glove compartment, and I'm like... what's going on? And I'm trying to make conversation, she's staring on her phone and I'm like, I kind of got cat fished."

Used to rejection, Ivoon assumed it would be their first and only date.

When they were first dating Jonathan posted a picture on his Facebook profile of the couple taking a selfie in front of a mirror.

Ivoon said: "He had like a few people [comment] 'is that really your girlfriend?' and just like rude remarks from you know people that are not family members. That's why I just limit my social media now and just keep it simple, so I won't get bad comments."

Two years ago, Ivoon and Jonathan welcomed baby Catalina into their family, describing her as their 'miracle baby.'

Ivoon said: "I'm so glad that I have my family now and he gives me so much confidence and I feel secure when he's with me. And even when he's not with me, since I'm a mom now, now I'm her security so I am her safe place."

*Culled from barcroft.tv.com*

## Woman sells cheating husband to his mistress for \$17



■ Edna Mukwana

### ... Buys children new clothes

A Kenyan woman recently made international news headlines after selling her husband to the woman he was cheating on her with for just \$17 (about N6,145).

After catching her husband with another woman right in their matrimonial bed, Edna Mukwana, reportedly kicked him out of their home and prevented him from returning for a week, before offering to sell him off to his mistress for 2,000 Kenyan shillings (approximately US\$20)..

It's unclear whether she actually expected a reply from her husband's lover, but when she got the counter offer of 1,700 shillings (approximately US\$17).. she decided to take it.

She used the money to buy her children new clothes for the New Year.

She explained that she caught her husband sleeping with another woman in their matrimonial bed and did not let him return home for over a week after the confrontation.

She then decided to sell

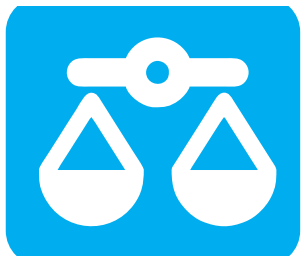
her husband to the mistress, saying:

"My husband is married to alcohol and whoring around. I told the woman who has been misleading him to send me Ksh2000 but she sent me Ksh1700 instead. I have used all the money to buy new year clothes for my children."

Asked if she will accept her husband to return, Edna said:

"I can't. I don't want to get into the new year with the 2019 nuisance."

*Culled from iharare.com*



# LAW

## Legal Quotes >>

Law without justice is a wound  
without a cure.  
- William Scott Downey

By John Chuks Azu

**I**s it wrong for lawyers to represent certain kinds of offenders?

Every lawyer was taught in law school that it is not for you to decide which case to take or not. Every client that comes to you, you should take his or her brief. But the exception is when you have conflict of interest on maybe religious grounds; or certain principles that you have.

You can decide on your own not to take certain briefs. For instance, there are people I know that do not take dissolution of marriage cases. I know a senior lawyer who throughout the time I worked with him, did not take armed robbery cases. Maybe it was because of his personal experience or his fear that he may defend somebody who has committed the offence.

**Does this border on ethics of the profession?**

That is subjective decision for the lawyer to make. There are things I wouldn't want to say. For example, when there is an allegation against someone, maybe from the reports in the newspapers which gives someone an opinion that this person has committed that offence. Even if you have not seen the evidence before the court, but from these reports and some documents flying around, some people can make up their mind not to take such a case.

**Recently, the president called on the leader of the Boko Haram sect, Abubakar Shekau and his members to come out and lay down their arms. Such a man, will you take up his case if he briefs you?**

That is what I said, that it depends on beliefs. It also matters what you do with the case. Do you go in denying even the

## Why lawyers could take Abubakar Shekau's brief – Barr Abdullahi

Ibrahim Abdullahi is a legal practitioner with offices in Abuja and Lagos. He is a specialist in civil, commercial and corporate law. He spoke on the circumstances in which lawyers can defend certain cases like the leader of the Boko Haram Abubakar Shekau's. He also spoke on the establishment of court marshals for enforcement of court orders. Excerpts:



■ Ibrahim Abdullahi

evidence that this is so clear that this person has committed this offence and try all you can to discredit those evidence which are genuine? Or do you just put the prosecution to the strictest proof of those evidence? Or are you there to ensure that person's prosecution follows due process? If your aim is to, by whatever means defeat the course of justice, I think that is wrong. But if it is to ensure that due process is followed in his prosecution and you advise him on the right thing to do, that is right.

So, it depends on how the lawyer defends Shekau. Put the case before the court and let's see what you have; and let's see that his rights are

not being violated in his prosecution. Not because he pays you so much money, you say Shekau has not committed that offence and you do whatever to stop the trial. Even some lawyers go beyond what is allowed to ensure that their client is not convicted. I think that is not right.

**As Nigeria enters a new decade from 2020, are there concerns with the country's adherence to the rule of law?**

Yes, to some extent. There have been several orders given by court which have not been obeyed. And sometimes the people in power select some of the orders to obey. And I think that is unhealthy for the law and even the development

of the country, because if you need investors, and if you need citizens to have faith and believe in this country, laws that are made need to be obeyed. If you don't obey the law, we become a banana republic where everybody will do what they want. Everybody will not resort to courts or to laws but to self-help. And when we have that kind of situation, we are turning ourselves into anarchy, then barbarism. And before you know it everybody will be on his own.

A military man may decide to shoot you or police officer will say he wants to arrest you even if you have valid court order that says he shouldn't do that. Tomorrow the minister of FCT may decide to come and demolish your house or office even though you have a court order that says 'wait let me hear all of this'.

**It has been suggested that lack of institutions that can stand stronger than the individual political leaders is the bane of the rule of law in Nigeria. What do you suggest as a way out?**

The electorate have a role to play in this. They need to elect people whom they feel have shown from their antecedents they will respect the rule of law, and are responsible. They should ensure that these are not people who are known to bypass or circumvent the laws. Aside from the electorate

electing people who have the pedigree and integrity, another way to build strong institutions is for lawyers to practice the law according to the letters of the law. We shouldn't just practice to defeat the aim of justice.

People at the helm of the judiciary can also help by giving judgment according to the law, without fear or favour but based on their conviction of the law; not the judgment that has been procured.

**There is the belief that the legislature should insert clauses in the appointment of heads of regulatory agencies to ensure the individuals are either elected or detached from the executive, at the federal or state levels, so that their loyalty is not to the chief executive?**

Well for now I will stick with what we have on ground. The constitution provides for appointment of persons into various positions in the country. I think the problem is not in the appointment but the people that man the positions. How they come into the positions, whether in the judiciary or executive, I think plays a little role in what they usually do in those positions.

I think what matters most is what they have to offer. That is why we have a lot of problems in the country now. So long as the constitution has not been amended, any other suggestion is invitation to chaos. If you say the IGP

should become elective, they tend to play politics with it.

**Should there be a non-partisan panel voting or electoral college for such appointment?**

Maybe by way of suggestion in the future holders of certain positions such as the attorney general, some people say should be appointed by the judiciary. But you see, the problem with most of these things is that as far as the executive is still in charge of finances to some of these agencies, it is not going to be easy for them to function without the executive.

**Considering what happened in the attempted re-arrest of Sowore in court last year, do you support call for either activist union for judges to collectively boycott cases from parties that disregard court orders or court marshals to ensure the enforcement of court orders?**

If we have to do that, especially the court marshals, my fear is let it not conflict with the powers of the police and prison wardens. If we are going to have a smooth operation of the two, I support that. A court should not just hand over an order which cannot be enforced. It is very demeaning if this kind of situation is allowed to continue, that a judge gives an order and nobody executes it and the judges can't do anything about it.

## NBA begins process for president poll

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has begun preparations for the 2020 presidential election with growing influence for lawyers of the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

Although there have been NBA presidents who were not of the SAN rank such as Priscilla Kuye, Alao-Aka Bashorun, some lawyers believe only a SAN can command respect from other lawyers and to hold government to account.

Speaking on the issue, Lagos lawyer Raymond

Adekunle Olaiya said the foremost quality required to lead the NBA at this critical time is courage coupled the core values of integrity and humility.

He said, "One of the best presidents the NBA has ever had in person of Aka Bashorun of blessed memory was never a SAN, yet he died a distinguished and an archival advocate in his own right. He was a thorn in the flesh of military dictatorship. And since then, the NBA leadership has been marked by a succession of forgettable tenures."

Chukwuka Ikwuazo said being a SAN should

neither be an advantage nor a disadvantage in the election of the president of the Bar. "Every candidate should be judged on the relevant issues of humility, integrity, competence and programmes."

Five aspirants have indicated interest to take-over from the current president, Paul Usoro (SAN), whose tenure comes to an end in August.

It has been zoned to the Western Zone. The aspirants are: Muyiwa Akinboro, Tunde Ajibade, all Senior Advocates of Nigeria. Others are: Awoniyi Alabi, Olumide Akpata and Adesina Ogunlana.

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## Managing client expectation

The duty of a lawyer to represent the interest of his/her client can sometimes be threatened by the expectations of the client being represented. It happens often in the legal profession, where a client briefs a lawyer on a matter, but expects the lawyer to give an impossible result at an unbelievable speed. Take for instance, when a client briefs a lawyer on the day execution is being levied and then expects the lawyer to perform miracle on ensuring that the properties be returned same day.

Or a client briefs a lawyer on recovery of money from a debtor, and expects that since a lawyer is now involved in the matter, the money owed will come out faster, because to the client, since professional fees have been paid, the service rendered by the legal professional ought to yield result.

This expectations of clients sometimes put lawyers under pressure, leading to situations where we find lawyers engaging in one sharp practice or the other to satisfy the expectation of the client or impress the client. To be fair to the lawyer, most especially the younger ones, sometimes the pressure of the client can be so overbearing or frustrating to the extent that a lawyer is tempted to do something that might undermine the image of the profession.

But then, just like a judge is in charge of proceedings conducted in the court room, a lawyer ought to be in charge of how he/she carries out the job of representing a client. It is the duty of the lawyer to manage the client's expectation by ensuring that the position of the law is explained to the understanding of the client, the outcome of which the client might not like, but be sure to explain it to the client.

Many a times, the client's expectation is as a result of ignorance of the law. The client can desire a particular result, and be unaware of the procedures to achieving such result, which is the more reason why a lawyer must make the client understand the operation of the law without giving blind assurances.

This writer was in court one day, and over heard a learned colleague in a conversation with his client. It happened

that he was briefed on a matter after judgment had been entered, and execution levied. To the clients, the properties which execution was levied upon did not belong to the judgement debtor, and so the lawyer should write a letter to the judge to release the properties immediately.

The lawyer explained that he had to file an inter pleader application, giving the other party time to object or not, and a date will be fixed for hearing of the application. This did not go down well with the client, in her words: "Why will the other party object, is it not for the court to check who owns the properties and release them?". The client could not possibly understand why the properties could not be released same day, where such does not happen, the client goes home with the feeling that maybe the lawyer hired, was not good enough.

The expectation of a client can take different forms, and it is something every lawyer must encounter in the practice of law. The idea is to manage such expectation of the client, the best way being to explain the position of the law as it unfolds regarding the matter, by writing a letter if possible after every adjournment explaining what transpired in court and the next adjourned

date.

In order to properly manage client expectation, a lawyer must be careful in giving assurances when accepting a brief, these assurances later become traps for the lawyer, because to the client, you assured him that by a particular time certain result will be achieved; and the time has elapsed yet no result in sight.

A legal professional in the performance of his/her duty ought avoid a situation where the interest of the client is the determining factor on how he renders legal services. The client hired a lawyer for a purpose, and so, as you represent his/her interest, you should be in charge of how you discharge your professional duties.

Godspeed!

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## How Kalu, Adoke spent yuletide in detention

By John Chuks Azu & Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

**Former governor of Abia State, Orji Uzor Kalu and former Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mohammed Adoke (SAN) were the latest VIPs to spend the 2019 festivities behind bars over corruption charges despite attempts to secure their release on bail.**

Beside Kalu and Adoke, former governor of Plateau State, Joshua Dariye and his Taraba counterpart, Jolly Nyame, are also cooling their heels after being sentenced to 10 years and 12 years respectively for corruption.

Kalu was on December 5, 2019 sentenced to a 12-year prison term for diversion of N7.2bn by a Lagos Federal High Court alongside a former commissioner for Finance, Jones Udeogu and his company, Slok Nigeria Ltd.

Sources told *Daily Trust* that he spent only one day at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre in Lagos before he was moved to Kuje Correctional Centre in the FCT on December 7. He later made a post-sentence bail application seeking to be released on medical grounds.

But Justice Abdullahi Liman refused the application, wondering why the haste as the appeal against his conviction on a 39-count charges by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) had not been heard by the Court of Appeal.

Sources close to the former governor said he did not mark the Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Year holidays in a special way. The source said there were no special gifts to the inmates of the correctional centre, as "he

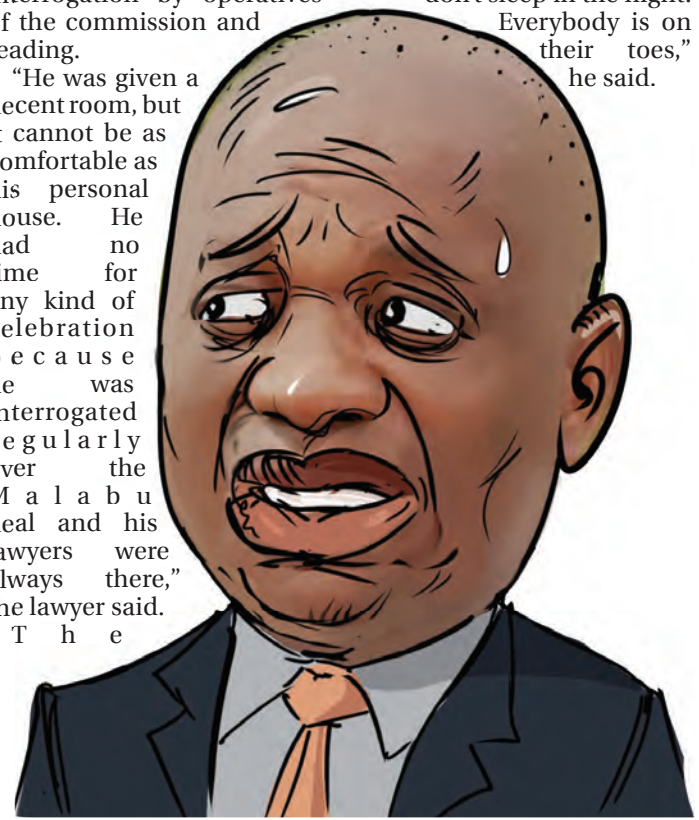
just stayed on his own."

On his part, Adoke was arrested in Abuja on his return from the UAE on December 9, 2019 by the Interpol, his lawyer Mike Ozekhome (SAN) said. He was handed to the EFCC for investigation over the Malabu oil deal. He was later detained despite a court order, according to the lawyer.

Adoke's bail application suffered a setback on December 31 after the presiding judge, Justice Othman Musa, returned the casefile to the Chief Judge of the FCT High Court for reassignment to the court where he will be arraigned. EFCC on January 2 obtained a fresh 14 days from the court pending investigation.

One of his lawyers, who pleaded anonymity, said he spent the yuletide in the EFCC facility in Abuja facing interrogation by operatives of the commission and reading.

"He was given a decent room, but it cannot be as comfortable as his personal house. He had no time for any kind of celebration because he was interrogated regularly over the Malabu deal and his lawyers were always there," the lawyer said.



spokesman of the Nigerian Correctional Service, Francis Enobore, who refused to speak on the condition of Kalu in prison, said the safety and comfort of inmates are of great concern to the service, and as such different kinds of offenders are not detained together.

He said the service will not refuse any gift by VIP inmates and other public-spirited individuals and organisations as the correctional facilities nationwide are having shortage of materials.

"We try as much as possible to ensure that inmates are kept well. If it is not well with the coat, it will not be well with the person wearing it. So how can we maltreat or keep them in poor environment. It will be in our interest to ensure they are comfortable. When they are sick, the officials don't sleep in the night."

Everybody is on their toes," he said.

## Lawyer fault 'imposition' of high court seals for magistrates

By Clement A. Oloyede

A human rights activist, Hameed Ajibola Jimoh, has challenged what he called 'imposition' of high court seals on documents filed at magistrate and district courts in the FCT.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Judge of the FCT, Justice Ishaq Bello, on January 9, the lawyer alleged that the high court seal which was initially meant to be affixed to documents filed at the FCT High Court has now been wrongly mandated to be applicable to all documents filed at magistrate and district courts across the FCT.

"I am aware that since the 1st day of July, 2019, it had become mandatory on all counsel and litigants to obtain (upon the payment of the sum of N200 only, seal of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory-Abuja and affix same on all court documents filed in the registry of the court. I have however observed that inasmuch as this Rule of the Court is only

supposed to be applicable to the High Court (simply), this Rule has been taken beyond prescription and practice and has been wrongly applied and imposed on all magistrate and district courts across the Federal Capital Territory-Abuja despite no Rule/Law invalidating or mandating such imposition or application," he wrote in the letter.

He therefore appealed to the CJ for "a reversal of such misapplication and unlawful imposition of such rule on those inferior/lower courts (despite no Rules/Law permitting same)."

He said unless and until such rule/law for affixing such seal for the magistrate/district courts was made, "the current imposition of the seal of the High Court of FCT's seal on magistrate/district courts as a rule of general application is wrong, unlawful, invalid, without any effect, unconstitutional, unreasonable, unjustifiable in a democratic civil society, null and void."

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This is to notified the general public that. My name was wrongly on my BVN as **NUTAYI OLATUNBOSUN NUTAYI**. Instead of **NUTAYI JAMES**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NUTAYI JAMES**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

This is to confirms that. **OGEGE PATIENCE** and **OGEGE MARY PATIENCE**. Refer to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGEGE MARY PATIENCE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general to take note

This is to confirm that. **DAROSA UKHOKHO ABEDNEGO, DAROSA .U. ABEDNEGO** and **DAROSA ABEDNEGO**. Refer to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **DAROSA UKHOKHO ABEDNEGO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

This is to confirm that. **OKOYOMON EMMANUEL ELOSEMHENGHE, OKOYOMON EMMANUEL**. Refer to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKOYOMON EMMANUEL ELOSEMHENGHE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**TYOTSUGH:** I, formerly known as **COSMAS IHII MATHEW**, now wish to be known and addressed as **TYOTSUGH COSMAS MSUGHTER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**AYUBA:** I, formerly known as **UMARU ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AYUBA UMAR MANU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**MONICA:** I, formerly known as **MONICA MAITALA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MONICA MAITALA LIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**AMADU :** I, formerly known as **ADAMU GESHA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMADU GESHA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**ADAMU:** I, formerly known as **ADAMU MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU SAMAILA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known, called and addressed as **MAYOR AWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AJA AWA MAYOR**. All other documents bearing either of these names remain valid. The concerned authorities and the general public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **HUSSAINI SIKIRU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINI MUHAMMAD** ko. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

**SULAIMAN:** I, formerly known as **SULAIMAN IBRAHIM AUDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SULAIMAN IBRAHIM ABDULLAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **JOSHUA BASSEY MADUABUCHI GEORGE**, **GEORGE JOSHUA BASSEY** now wish to be known and addressed as **GEORGE JOSHUA MADUABUCHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**UMAR:** I, formerly known as **UMAR HAMMADU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR MASU HAMMADU**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**ZAINAB:** I formerly known as **ZAINAB DIKKO IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB IBRAHIM DIKKO**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**EDEH,** I formerly known as **EDEH RUTH** now wish to be known and addressed as **EDEH RUTH NWAMAKA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**AIGBABHIELEA:** Formerly **AIGBABHIELEA DESTINY** Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **ITOYA DESTINY**. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

**SHADARE:** I formerly known and addressed as **OLUWADARE EDWARD OLUWOLE** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHADARE EDWARD OLUWOLE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

I formerly known as **ABDULRAZA SULAIMAN, ABDULRAZIK SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULRAZAK SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**ONOJA:** I, formerly known as **ONOJA PAUL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ONOJA PAUL THANKGOD**. All documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**SHEHU,** I formerly known as **SHEHU DAHIRO** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEHU MALLAM DAHIRO**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**HANNAH,** I formerly known as **HANNAH EHIGOCHO SUNDAY**,25/6/1990 now wish to be known and addressed as **HANNAH SUNDAY**,25/6/1998. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**MUHAMMAD:** I formerly known as **BASAJA UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD SAJE ALI** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

**YUSUF:** I, formerly known as **YUSUF MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HADIZA SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA SANI MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**GLORIA:** I, formerly known as **ACHEM GLORIA ISAAC**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS DANGANA GLORIA DEDOBOJOMA**. All documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**NAJIHA,** I formerly known as **NAJIHA GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAJIHA ALHAJI**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**YAHAYA,** I formerly known as **NDAYAHAYA YANBIU** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA SHEIKH SULEIMAN**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**ALICE:** I Formerly known as **ALICE PEACE AUDU** Now wish to be called and addressed as **ALICE AUDU** All former documents remain valid **ACCESS BANK PLC** Authority concern and the general public to please take note

**SAIDU:** I, formerly known as **SAIDU MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAIDU MUSA GIWATAZO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AISHAT IDRIS BINTA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA IDRIS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**MAIMUNA:** I popularly known and addressed as **MAIMUNA BUNU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MAIMUNA BALARABA BUNU**. All former Documents Remain Valid. First Bank, Access Bank and the General Public to take Note Please.

**SABO,** I formerly known as **SABO GIDADO GASA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SABO GIDADO 1-1-1989**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**MUSA,** I formerly known as **MUSA IDI ABDO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA ADAM YAHAYA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**YAHAYA:** I formerly known as **MOHAMMED DANJUMA** now wish to be called as **YAHAYA MUHAMMAD** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

**PRINCEWILL:** I, formerly known as **REX- OGBUKU, EVA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **PRINCEWILL, EVA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HAUWA'U MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA'U ABDURAHMAN** Dob16/2/1996. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**ISAH:** I, formerly known as **ISAH SUNDAY GIFT** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAH SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I was formerly known as **USMAN USMAN MUAZU** now wish to be known and address as **USMAN MUAZ**. All my former documents remain valid and general public should please take note

**KHADIJA,** I formerly known as **KHADIJA AUWAL BALA** now wish to be known and addressed as **KHADIJA AUWAL NURA**. All my former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public should please take note.

**MOHAMMED:** I, formerly known as **SANI HAMZA MAHUTA**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED SANI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MOHAMMED MOHAMMED NDAKO** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MOHAMMED MOHAMMED NDAKODO** ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as **BABAYO ABUBAKAR AND BABAYO ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED** Dob3/7/1991. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **SULAIMAN YAKUBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULAIMAN YAKUBU SULAIMAN**. DOB 15/1/1997. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I was formerly known as **Danlami Hassan idris** now wish to be known and address as **Danlami Hassan**. My date of birth is 19th August, 1960. All my former documents remain valid and general public should please take note.

**ADAMU,** I formerly known as **ADD HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU HARUNA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**ABUBAKAR:** I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SANI** now wish to be called as **ABUBAKAR SADIQ SANI** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **YISA JIYA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **C P HARUNA JIYA PAUL** ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as **MUSA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA ADAMU AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**ABDURRAZAK,** I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR AMADU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDURRAZAK HALADU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **UWANNAN ABDULRAU UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **UWANNAN ABDULRAU**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

I **YAHAYA** formerly known as **BERNARD CHRISTOPHER YAHAYA** now wish to be called as **BERNARD CHRISTOPHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public should please take note.

**HALIMA:** I formerly known as **HALIMA IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALIMA BISOLA IBRAHIM** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MARYAM MOHAMMED YANNA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MARYAM MOHAMMED** ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as **KABIR SALISU** now wish to be known and addressed as **KABIR SALISU RUMA** also my correct date of birth is 13th July 1995 not 1st Jan 1987 and 13th July 1988. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**ADAM,** I formerly known as **AMINU NUHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAM AMINU NUHU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ARMAYAU MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **ARMA YAU**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**MUHAMMAD** formerly known as **ASHIRU MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **ASHIRU GARBA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**HASSANA:** I, formerly known as **HASSANA OYIZA STEPHEN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSANA OYIZA MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

VERIFICATION OF NAME: **FATIMA:** I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **AISHA IBRAHIM** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **FATIMA MUHAMMAD LIMAN** ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINED VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as **SAFIYYA NURA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAFIYYA NURA SAYYADI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**UMAR,** I formerly known as **UMAR MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR MUHAMMAD GADAU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **DARAMOLA DORCAS JOY** now wish to be called and addressed as **DARAMOLA JOY FERANMI**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**MUSTAPHA,** I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA ALHASSAN MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA ALHASSAN**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**AMINAT:** I formerly known as **Miss AMINT ABDULKAREEM** now wish to be called and addressed as **Mrs AMINAT ABDULKAREEM OBAMERO** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

VERIFICATION OF NAME: **AISHA:** I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **AISHA ABUBAKAR SALISU** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **AISHA ABUBAKAR ZAAMBE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINED VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as **SAMINU HABIB, SAMINU HABEEB** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMINU HABIBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**ABDULMAJID,** I formerly known as **ABDULMAJID INUWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULMAJID INUWA MUSA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABDULKARIM ISAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM IDRIS MUSA**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**SARATU:** I, formerly known as **SARATU NASIR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SARATU NASIR IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**BALA:** I, Formerly known as **BALARABE HARUNA CHAFE** and **BALA HARUNA** and **BALARABE HARUNA**, I now wish to be called as **BALA HARUNA TSAFE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

VERIFICATION OF NAME: **FATI:** I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **FANNA USMAN** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **FATI ALHAI MODU**. MY WRONG DATE OF BIRTH WAS 03/01/1983 & CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 01/01/1990. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINED VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as **ABRAHAM OJONUGWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS WILFRED OJONUGWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**ABU,** I formerly known as **ZAINAB GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABU ALHAI GARBA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **KHADIJA YAU 9 -11-1988** now wish to be called and addressed as **HADIZA YAU DAHIRU**. 18-10-1988. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**CYNTHIA:** I was formerly known as **CYNTHIA IFEANYI ANI**, 26th may, 1982 and 23rd NOV, 1988 now wish to be known as **CYNTHIA ANI** And 23rd NOV,1990. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**PETER:** I, formerly known as **joey peter**, now wish to be known and called **PETER LADI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**KWAKA:** I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **KWAKA JIBRIN** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **KWAKA JIBRIN SHUAIBU**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINED VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR** also my correct date of birth is 1st July 1996 not 1st January 1995. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**MUKHTAR,** I formerly known as **MUKHTAR MUHAMMED MIKO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUKHTAR JAFAR IBRAHIM**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ZAHARADEEN MUHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **DINI M. SAFIYANU TUNUBO**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**MURNA:** I, formerly known as **AGNES DOGO MAKAMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MURNA MONDAY**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**YUNUSA:** I formally known as **YUNUSA JAMILA YUNUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUSA JAMILA SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

**DAVID:** I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **PATIENCE ORIAKO DAVID** AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESS AS **DAVID PATIENCE ONAH**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINED VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**HASSAN:** I, formerly known as **HASSAN AMADU ADI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN AMADU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**ADAMU,** I formerly known as **BASHIR GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU GARBA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HAJIR ABDULMUMINI MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAJIR ABDULMUMINI**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**DEBORAH:** I formerly known as **DEBORAH ADEBIMPE KINGSLEY** now wish to be called as **DEBORAH ADEBIMPE SALVO** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

**ABBAS:** I was formerly known as **ABBAS ISHAK** now wish to be known as **ABBAS ISHAKA ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**CHIKI:** I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **CHIKI WAJIR** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & ADDRESSED AS **CHIKI FREDRICK BEM**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. THE CONCERNED AUTHORITY & THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLS TAKE.

**UMAR:** I, formerly known as **SANI HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR DAUDA HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**IBRAHIM,** I formerly known as **IBRAHIM ABDUL AHMAD, IBRAHEEM ABDO** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ABDO KURMA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ZAINAB MAGAJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAINAB IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

**OLAYINKA:** I formerly known as **ESTHER OLAYINKA TAIWO** now wish to be called as **OLAYINKA HASSAN** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

**GARBA:** I, formerly known as **MUKHTAR ILIYASU GARBA, ILIYASU GARBA MUKHTAR**, now wish to be known and called **GARBA MUKHTAR ILIYASU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**ACHUA:** I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **ACHUA TERESE ASAAGA**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & ADDRESSED AS **ACHUA GABRIEL TERESE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. THE CONCERNED AUTHORITY & THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLS TAKE.

**SARAH:** I, formerly known as **SALAMATU HARSASI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SARAH DANASABE**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**IBRAHIM,** I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI YAHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM YAHAYA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**HAUWA,** I formerly known as **HAUWA BALA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA BELLO MADAWAKI 12/11/1982**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**NAFISAH:** I formerly known as **NAFISAH MODUPEOLUWA SALAWU ABDULRAHMAN** New name **NAFISAH MODUPEOLUWA SALAWU** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

**JAMILU:** I, formerly known as **JAMILU AMINU**, now wish to be known and called **JAMILU DAHIRU AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I formerly known as **RIMA KABIR UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALMA KABIR UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**AISHATU:** I, formerly known as **AISHATU TINKA SALEH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU TINKA SALIHU**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**MUDASSIR,** I formerly known as **MUDASSIR HAMZA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUDASSIR HAMZA KANTSI**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**JANNAT,** I formerly known as **NA'IM ABDUL SALEH** now wish to be known and addressed as **JANNAT ABDUL SALEH**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**SAMUEL:** I formerly known as **SAMUEL A. ANN SIJU** now wish to be called as **SAMUEL ANN SIJU** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note .

**JOHN:** I, formerly known as **MOMOH ORUMA**, now wish to be known and called **JOHN CHIDE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

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SOMEFUN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OGUNLEYE DEBORAH...

ADESORO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AJIBODE...

WHENU: I, formerly known and addressed as JIMOH SUNDAY...

OLORUNTOBA: I, formerly known and addressed as OSISANYA NIHINLOLA...

OLUWABUNMI: I formerly known and addressed as OGUNTYASE FLORENCE...

NASIRU: I, formerly known as NASIRU HALIMAT SADIYAT...

GREEN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss EGBEJIMI...

ADEBAYO-OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as OMOLARA...

ANAEZIONWU: I, formerly known and addressed as KALISTUS ROMANUS...

ADENUSI: I, was formerly known and addressed as ODUBENA...

ALI: I formerly known and addressed as MUSA SAMARI...

AKPODUADO: I was formerly known as OGHENETEGA AKPODUADO...

ADDITION OF NAME BABATUNDE: I, formerly known and addressed as BABATUNDE...

ADEBAYO-OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as OJO MICHEAL...

ADU: I, formerly known and addressed as OLAOSEBIKAN...

Mrs. GANIYU: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. RUFAT ADIJAT...

BABI: I formerly known and addressed as VICTORIA BABI...

FALMATA: I formerly known as Miss Falmata Ali B...

DAVID-OBANUBI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss IMAFIDON...

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES ADELEKE: This is to notify the general public...

OHERE: I, formerly known and addressed as OHERE BLESSING ALICE...

PADONU: I, formerly known and addressed as PADONU NIFEMI JOHN...

BAJAMA: I formerly known and addressed as AHMED ABDUL...

ZAINAB: I formerly known as ZAINAB TUKUR...

OGUNGBADE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AFONJA...

FOLARANMI: I, formerly known and addressed as FOLARANMI YUSUF...

Mrs. IBUJOKE: I, formerly known and addressed as IBUJOKE FLORENCE...

ODORSEY: I, formerly known and addressed as PAUL PROMISE UDUAK...

DAUDA: I formerly known as DAUDA YUSUF...

MUHAMMAD: I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD SAFIYULLAH...

ADEGBILE: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. KOFOWOROLA...

Mrs. SHITTU: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. MAHMUD...

Mr. CHIBUIKE: I, formerly known and addressed as Mr. CHIBUIKE...

SUNDAY: I, formerly known and addressed as SUNDAY O. URIETO...

IJAI: I Formerly known as SUNDAY JOHN...

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as MOHAMMED AFAK BOTT...

KADEJO-ADELAJA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss KADEJO...

ADEBOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBOLA ELIZABETH...

OWA: I, formerly known and addressed as USMAN SEFINAT...

Formerly known as SUWAIBA MUSA...

ISHAKU: I Formerly known as ISAAC ENOCK...

CHINBES: I, formerly known as CHINBES LEKIT ISHAYA...

AZEEZ: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. ABASS OLAMILEKAN...

ADEJUMOKE: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. ADEJUMOKE...

CORRECTION OF SURNAME: Mr. AYINLA...

Formerly known as IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD SABO...

UMARU: I formerly known as UMARU MOHAMMED...

SANDY: I, formerly known and addressed as UDOSORO INEMESIT...

OLAYIWOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AKINPELU...

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM MUSA KAWU...

ONAOLAPO: I, formerly known and addressed as OMOTOSO...

Formerly known as IBRAHIM PAUL...

AMADU: I formally known as ABDULRAHMAN AHMADU...

MADUKA: I, formerly known and addressed as MICHAEL JOSEPHINE...

SANYAOLU: I, formerly known and addressed as SANYAOLU...

OKOH: I, formerly known and addressed as OKOH COLLINS...

AKINFUNSO: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINWALE...

Formerly known as OWUSO PHILOMENA...

USMAN: I formerly known as MOHAMMED USMAN...

ONAWOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLADEJI...

OMOTUNDE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OYEWALE...

SHOMADE: I, formerly known and addressed as OLANREWaju...

WURAOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as WURAOLA...

MARYAM: I, Formerly known as MARIAM DANTSOHO...

COMFORT: I Formerly known as COMFORT KOJI...

ALABI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss KOWO REBECCA...

ODIAKAOSE: I formerly known and addressed as DAMILOLA...

CONFIRMATION OF NAME NIKE: That I OLANIKE KUDIRAT...

AJBOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as HASSAN OPEYEMI...

Formerly known as ABDULLAHI USTAS...

SANI: I formerly known as SANI PAUL MBAYA...

CONFIRMATION OF NAME THAT I FALADE...

ADA: I formerly known and addressed as OBADINA ADA...

AKINBIAMIYORIN: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. EGBETOLA...

Mrs. LARAI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss LARAI...

Formerly known as RAMATU HUSSAINI...

NASURU: I Formerly known as ABUBAKAR ADAMU...

OYINDAMOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OGUNKOLA...

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES: That I, BALOGUN ADETOLA...

Mrs. TOSIN: I, formerly known and addressed as OLADESU...

YUSUPH: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBOYE...

Formerly known as MARK DAVID...

BELLO: I formally known as BELLO MAITRADE...

OYEDOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss POPOOLA...

OLAYENI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLAYENI AMIRAT...

ENEH: I, formerly known and addressed as EZEKWERE...

MOTUNDE: I, formerly known and addressed as BABATUNDE...

HADIZA: I formally known as HADIZA ADAMU...

MUSA: I formally known as ABDULRAHAMAN MUSA...

SOREMEKUN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OBADEYI...

AKINTOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEJO ADEWUMI...

GIFT: I, formerly known and addressed as GRACE NIMDUL...

ABDULKAREEM: I formerly known as KAREEM JIMOH...

SHUAIBU: I formerly known and addressed as ABUBAKAR...

SUNDAY: I formally known as SUNDAY CHUKWU...

OGUNSOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OKUNOWO...

UGWUEBUNAM: I, formerly known and addressed as UGWUEBUNAM...

Mrs. REBECCA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss UDEME...

JANE: I FORMERLY KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS...

SALE: I formerly known and addressed as HARUNA SALE...

NAFISA: I formally known as NAFISA UMAR...

**TALATU** I formally known as **TALATU UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI GIRMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ISHAKU** : I formerly known as **YAKUBU MUSTAPHA TADA** now wish to be known as **ISHAKU MUSTAPHA TAKWASHE**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**FANTA**: I Formerly known as **FATIMA FANTAJI SHAAIBU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FANTA SHUA'IBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DANJUMA**: I Formerly known as **EUNICE DANJUMA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU DANJUMA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**BUBA**: I, formerly known as **KOKARI MONDAY BUBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BUBA MANU MAJI**. All former documents remain valid. And my correct DOB is **25-09-1996** not **23-09-1991**. General public should take note.

**BALKI**: I Formerly known as **HAFSAT ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BALKI ABBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JEGA** I formally known as **NUSAIBA AMEEN MAI JEGA** now wish to be known and addressed as **NUSAIBA MUHAMMAD AMINU** All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note.

**SALE** : I formerly known as **SALE MUSTAPHA** now wish to be known as **SALE MUSTAPHA TAKWASHE**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**CHRISTY**: I Formerly known as **CHISTY RAFAEL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHRISTY YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**YUSUF**: I Formerly known as **DAVID YUSUF KOKCHAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **VURUKPE YUSUF KOKCHAR** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**ZARA**: I Formerly known as **ZARA ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ZARA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NANA**: I formally known as **NANA KURA SHEHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **NANA KURA SHEHU UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note.

**MARYAM**: I formerly known as **GRACE WADA** now wish to be known as **MARYAM IBRAHIM**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**BAWA**: I Formerly known as **BAWA ZANNA MUSTAPHA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BAWA GANA ZANNAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KURJE**: I Formerly known as **AISHATU KURJA IBRAHIM AND AISHATU IBRAHIM** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU IBRAHIM KURJE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**BASHIRAT**: I, formerly known as **BASHIRAT YUSUF A.** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHIRAT YUSUF ALHAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**MUSA** : I formerly known as **MUSA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**DAHIRU**: I formerly known as **DAHIRU JAFARU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MALLAM DAHIRU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**BELLO** : I formerly known as **BELLO GAZAWA** now wish to be known as **BELLO BULAMA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**HADIZA**: I formerly known as **HADIZA ADAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ALI YAMA'A**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IBRAHIM**: I Formerly known as **IBRAHIM MOHAMMED** Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MOHAMMED GWASKARA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ZAINAB**: I, formerly known as **ZAINAB ALHAJI HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**ALI** : I formerly known as **ALI USMAN** now wish to be known as **ALI AUDU USMAN** With DOB **01 / 01 1987 to 01 / 01 / 1991**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**I, MAGAJIYA MAI KOSAI**, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names **MAGAJIYA MAI KOSAI** and **ZAINAB MOHAMMED** are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as **MAGAJIYA MAI KOSAI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**MARTIN** : I formerly known as **MARTIN APAGU** now wish to be known as **MARTIN APAGU JILAI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**MARYAM**: I Formerly known as **MARYAM KAMSULUM IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM KAMSULUM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SAAD**: I Formerly known as **Yusuf Dauda** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Saad Muhammed** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**SHAIBU** : I formerly known as **IDRISA USMAN** now wish to be known as **SHAIBU LIMAN**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**ISA**: I formerly known as **AHMED ISHAQ** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED ISA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**USMAN** : I formerly known as **USMAN AHMADU** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN AHMAD WADAS**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**FATIMA** : I Formerly known as **FATIMA ADAM KYARI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABBA KYARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MANU**: I Formerly known as **MOHAMMED USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MANU** DOB **15-9-1994** NOT **23-9-1994** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADAM**: I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM ISAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAM ISAH GASI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**ATTA**: I, formerly known and address as **FATIMA ALHAJI KADAI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ATTA ALHAJI KADAI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I, ISMAIL MOHAMMED KANUMBU**, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names **ISMAIL MOHAMMED** and **ISMAIL MOHAMMED KANUMBU** are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as **ISMAIL MOHAMMED KANUMBU** with D.O.B **5/6/1999**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**TIMOTHY** : I formerly known as **TIMOTHY TIZHE**, now wish to be known as **TIMOTHY GREGORY**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**BUNU**: I Formerly known as **MAIMUNA BUNU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MAIMUNA BUNU ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**TIJJANI** : I formerly known as **TUJJANI MUSTAPHA ZANGERI** now wish to be known as **TIJJANI MUSTAPHA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**TARAJIM** I formerly known as **MAINA KAKU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MAINA KAKAU TARAJIM** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HADIZA** : I formerly known as **HADIZA ABDULRAHAMAN** now wish to be known as **HADIZA A. ABDULRAHAMAN**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**BILKISU**: I Formerly known as **BALKISU ISA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BALKISU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FATIMA**: I Formerly known as **RASHIDA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABDULLAHI** DOB **10-10-1995** NOT **1-1-1994** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**BUKAR**: I, formerly known and address as **BABA GANA BUKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHIR ZANNA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABDULAZIZ** I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ABDULAZIZ MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid. With DOB **01/01/1990** General public should please take note.

**BAJA**: I, formerly known and address as **USMAN MOHAMMED**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN MOHAMMED BAJA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ZARA**: I Formerly known as **BAWA GANA ZANNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ZARA ALI**. All former documents remain valid. With DOB **3/4/1972** TO **12/3/1980**, general public should please take note.

**FATIMA**: I Formerly known as **TALATU KUMBIYA KUMBIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA BASHIR** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AYUBA**: I, formerly known as **AYUBA KWAMAWA SAJOS** now wish to be known and address as **AYUBA YUSUF SAJOS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**CHINTA**: I, formerly known and address as **HAJJA GANA CHINTA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YAGANA MODU CHINTA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KARU** I formerly known as **FATSUMA MUHAMMAD ZARMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATSUMA MUHAMMAD KARU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ZAINABU** :I formerly known as **ZAINABU ABUBAKAR USMAN** now wish to be known as **ZAINABU ABUBAKAR**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**FADIMATU**: I Formerly known as **FALMATA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FADIMATU MOHAMMED SANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**GIRA**: I Formerly known as **GIRA LAWAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GIRA LAWAN SHETTIMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MURTALA**: I, formerly known as **HIRAH J. FAFARI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALA LAMIDO**. All former documents remain valid. And my correct DOB is **06-05-1986** not **02-03-1986**. General public should take note.

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

**MODU** I formerly known as **ABTCHA MODU KELLUMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MODU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**LADATICHA** :I formerly known as **LADI VICTOR** now wish to be known and addressed as **LADATICHA LOTHAN ABANYI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**DAVID**: I Formerly known as **ALHAJI MANLY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DAVID CHARLES**. All former documents remain valid. With DOB **15-01-1995**, general public should please take note.

**ADAMU**: I Formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ADAMU CHULLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**YUNUSA**: I, formerly known as **LAUBAU YUNUSA MANGORO** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAUBAU YUNUSA MONGORO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KENNETH** - I, formerly known as **EKOR CHRISTOPHER OGAR**. Now wish to be known as **EKOR KENNETH NWACHUKWU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**KAZIR** I formerly known as **HAUWA MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA MUSA KAZIR** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FADIMATU** : I formerly known as **HAUWA HAMMAN** now wish to be known as **FADIMATU HAMMAN BISLAVI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**ADAMU**: I Formerly known as **HASSAN MAGAJI ALHAJI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU GALADIMA HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UMAR**: I formerly known as **ALI KAANA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FANNAMI UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AUWAL**: I formally known as **AUWAL MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWAL MOHAMMED HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note.

**BARINOR** - I, formerly known as **SYLVERNUS SUNDAY DUJEE**. Now wish to be known as **SYLVERNUS BARINOR DUJEE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**GASAMU** I formerly known as **SALEH MAILAFIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALEH MAILAFIYA GASAMU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALI** : I formerly known as **MOHAMMED HUSSAINI** now wish to be known as **ALI USAINI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**SALISU**: I formerly known as **IDRISA SALIHU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRISA SALISU**. All former documents remain valid. With Old DOB **17/1/1992** to **NEW DOB 3/1/1991**, General public should please take note.

**IBRAHIM**: That I am formally known and called **IBRAHIM MUSA** now wish to be called and address as **IBRAHIM MUSA GANGUM** with correct date of birth **07/10/1998** and general public to take note.

**KALTUME**: I Formerly known as **KALTUME MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KALTUME MUHAMMAD YERIMA**. All former documents remain valid. With DOB **01/01/1972**, general public should please take note.

**NWOGU**: I, formerly known as **FYNEFACE NDUBUI SI NWOGU**. Now wish to be known as **KALTUME NDUBUI SI DANIEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**ABBA**: I, formerly known and address as **MAMMAN ABBA KYARI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ABBA KYARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUSA** : I formerly known as **MUSA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **MUSA MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**GOLD**: I, formerly known as **MAUREEN GOLD**. Now wish to be known as **GOLD IGBIGIMINASIARI GOLD**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**HADIZA** : I formerly known as **HADIZA MOHAMMED SALEH** now wish to be known as **HADIZA MOHAMMED**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**FADIMATU** : I formerly known as **HAUWA HAMMAN** now wish to be known as **FADIMATU HAMMAN BISLAVA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**RIFKATU**: I Formerly known as **RIFKATU BABA DUNYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RIFKATU DUNYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**USMAN**: I, formerly known as **UMAR ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULAIMAN ABUBAKAR USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

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

**ALEX**: I, formerly known as **ALEX YOUNG IKECHUKWU**. Now wish to be known as **ALEX YOUNG ABBEY**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**AHMED** : I formerly known as **AHMED ISA DAUDA** now wish to be known as **AHMED ISA**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**ALI** : I formerly known as **MOHAMMED HUSSAINI** now wish to be known as **ALI USAINI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

**AIMU**: I Formerly known as **AIMU MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AIMU MUSA NDIRPAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MURNA**: I, formerly known as **MURNA ENGLAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURNA BAHAGO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

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

**ADDITION OF NAME**: I, formerly known as **GODWIN VICTORIA**. Now wish to add **EFFIONG** to my name to be known as **EFFIONG VICTORIA GODWIN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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**GLORIA:** I, formerly known as **MISS. GLORIA SEDE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. GLORIA OMOH EMMANUEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**NDIDI:** I, formerly known as **OLUCHI UWASOMBA**. Now wish to be known as **NDIDI OLUCHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**OKWUKWE:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **TABUGBO FAITH OMAH**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **JOHN TABUGBO FAITH OKWUKWE**. My date of birth was wrongly written as 3rd **OCTOBER 1996** my correct date of birth is 3rd **OCTOBER 2005**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ANGEL:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **CHUKWUMGBA SAREMA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **CHUKWUMGBA ANGEL SAREMA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME:** I, **MS. SALAMI AYISATU IBILOLIYA**, wish to confirm that **MS. SALAMI AYISATU IBILOLIYA, RAIMI IBILOLIYA AYISATU, SALAMI AYISATU** and **RAIMI AYISATU**. That my correct name is **MS. SALAMI AYISATU IBILOLIYA**. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

**OLUSOLA:** I, formerly known as **MISS. NWAOGUEGBE CHINASA BRIDGET**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OLUSOLA CHINASA BRIDGET**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**NWOKO:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **IGBINOSA-ERHABOR AMARACHI RUTH**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ERHABOR AMARACHI NWOKO**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**REUBEN:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MICHAEL JOHN FUBARA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **JOHN REUBEN FUBARA**, my date of birth was wrongly written as 7th **SEPTEMBER 1998**, my correct date of birth is 6th **JUNE 2000**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NKEREAWAJI:** That I was formerly known as **RICHARD IFEANYI FRANCIS**. That I now wish to be known as **NKEREAWAJI RICHARD FELIX**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**NWOGU:** I, formerly known as **MISS. ELEANYA IFECHUKWU ABIGAIL**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. NWOGU IFECHUKWU ABIGAIL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

**IHEKORONYE:** I, formerly known as **IFEANYI FELIX**. Now wish to be known as **IHEKORONYE HYGINUS NDUBUISI**. That my correct date of birth is 8th August, **1989**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**OZEMONI:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **AMADI JOY LOVE** and **AMADI JOY OZEMONI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **AMADI OZEMONI JOY**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HERBART:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **ALBERT ROSE ALBERT**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **HERBART ROSE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IFAH:** That I was formerly known as **IFEANYI DANIEL FELIX**. That I now wish to be known as **IFAH DANIEL FELIX**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**EMMANUEL:** I, formerly known as **NLENEE NDANANEBARI ALEXANDER**. Now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL MDANANEBARI ALEXANDER**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

**CHIDIEBERE:** I, formerly known as **MISS. ASIERI FLORENCE ELELEGI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. CHIDIEBERE FLORENCE ELELEGI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**ENYI:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. AJOKPAUWU PATIENCE EFE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. PATIENCE ENYI EFE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OGUNTOYE:** I, formerly known as **MISS. OLUWADAMILOLA OPRAH AKINOLA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OGUNTOYE OLUWADAMILOLA OPRAH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**REMOVAL OF NAME:** That I was formerly known as **AMARACHI THOMPSON UHUEGBU**. That I now wish to remove **UHUEGBU** from my name to be known as **AMARACHI THOMPSON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the Loss of **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY NO. LKN/CON/IND/97/10** issued in the name of **NAKUDU NIGERIA LIMITED** situated at Chalawa Industrial Estate, Kano State is declared missing. All efforts made to trace the said Certificate of Occupancy proved abortive. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

**DIMRPA:** I, formerly known as **MISS. BOB GOLD IHUOMA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. DIMRPA GOLD IHUOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MADUFOR:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **KELECHI CHIKWADO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **KELECHI CHIKWADO MADUFOR**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NLEBEDIM:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. NJOKU VICTORIA OBUUNWA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. VICTORIA OBUUNWA CYRIL NLEBEDIM**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MURRAY-BRUCE:** I, formerly known as **SILAS RINMICIT ESTHER**. Now wish to be known as **MURRAY-BRUCE RINMICIT ESTHER**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the loss of **original Certificate of Occupancy Plot no.618 with file No. LKN/Res/92/6176/TP/UDB/54A** situated at Dorayi Karama in Gwale Local Government of Kano State, belonging to **Salisu Alasan Danbatta**. All efforts to trace the said documents have proved abortive. The General public and all relevant authorities should take note. If found please Return to the nearest Police Station.

**JOHN:** I, formerly known as **AUGUSTINE ASHIRI**. Now wish to be known as **JOHN ASHIRI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**YOBACHI:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **NWESHI DANIEL ANAYO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ANAYOCHUKWU DANIEL YOBACHI**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UMELO:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. NWOKEM TOCHI CHRISTIANA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. UMELLO TOCHI CHRISTIANA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME:** I, **MFON CHRISTIAN PETER**, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written as **MFON CHRISTIAN INEMESIT** instead of **MFON CHRISTIAN PETER**. That my correct name is **MFON CHRISTIAN PETER**. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**DURU-TOM - I,** formerly known as **MISS. UKAH CHIGOZIE FAUSTA**. Now wish to be known as **DURU-TOM CHIGOZIE FAUSTA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**FESTUS:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. EBINIMI ROSE AJEMIGI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. EBIMINI FESTUS SATURDAY**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ILYAS:** That I was formerly known called and addressed as **BALOGUN AFUSATU ASAKE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **BALOGUN AKINKUNMMI ILYAS**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALONGE:** I, formerly known as **ALONGE FAYOKEMI LISA**. Now wish to be known as **ALONGE FAYOKE ELIZABETH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**LOSS OF LETTER OF GRANT:** On 17th April, 201 at about 13:25hrs, One Alhaji Mohammed Makintami 'M' of Enugu Road Old G. R. A Maiduguri reported at the state intelligence Bureau (SIB) Police Headquarters Maiduguri " that, on 12th April, 2017 he lost his Letter of Grant Number NE/602 Hence his report. ACTION TAKEN: The complainant is advised to go to court of law and swear to an affidavit to enable obtain replacement from the authority concern.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
I, Danlami Ibrahim of Yakasai village of Soba Local Govt. Area wish to inform the general public of the loss of my Original documents as following:  
**1. Certificate of Statutory Right of Occupancy with Nos. KDL/40429 bearing Mr. Dominic Benedict Barde located at No. G8 Matar Road Nasarawa Kaduna**  
**2. Certificate of Statutory Right of Occupancy with Nos. KDL/40428 bearing Mr. Dominic Benedict Barde located at No.2 Market Road Unguwan Gwari, Kawo Kaduna issued by Kaduna State Geographical Information System.**  
The said documents got loss on 20th June ,2019 while on transit along Kofan Doka Zaria to Yakasai village and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above addressed. The general public particularly KADGIS to please take note.

**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(s) are set out in the second column hereunder claimed the 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 such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Gusau, Zamfara State within TWENTY ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication of this NOTICE.  
SCHEDULE:-  

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
HAMZA ABDULLAHI GUSAU OF F.M.C GUSAU WHO DIED ON 27 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018 AT F.M.C GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE.	NAFISA KASSIM C/O. ALIYU HAMZA (MINOR) UNGUWAR TOKA GUSAU THE SON AND DAUGHTER OF THE DECEASED.

  
Dated this ...13TH...day of JANUARY, 2020  
PROBATE REGISTRY  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE.  
**BELLO MUHAMMAD KUCHERI**  
PROBATE REGISTRAR

**HADEEYATULKHAIR FOUDATION**  
The general public is hereby notified that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
1. FATIMA MUFIDAH IBRAHIM FARI  
2. FATIMA YUSUF IDRIS  
**AIMS & OBJECTIVES:**  
1. To educate and provide assistance to the less privilege  
2. To help people in every life improvement in the area of health, educa-on, humanitarian, religious and cultural focus to improve and develop the people for produc-ve life improvement in Nigeria and other parts of the world.  
3. To help men, women, youth and children in liOing themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty.  
4. To create core programs and events for philanthropic endeavor for humanitarian and economic empowerment to liO people's economic status to remove them out of poverty.  
Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission plot 420, Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi street, Maitama, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVISION**  
WHEREAS the person whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate the date and at the place stated in the said column,  
AND WHEREAS the person(s) who claimed relationship to the deceased and whose addresses are set out in the second column hereunder has applied to the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, Maiduguri for a grant of "Letters of Administration" of the personal properties of the said deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said "Letters of Administration" will be granted to such person(s) unless a "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry, court of Justice, Maiduguri within TWENTY-ONE DAYS from the date of this notice Deceased  

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	APPLICATION FOR GRANT
LATE JOHN MAMARHYEL Who died on 3rd September, 2019	JOB MAMARHYEL & HAZIEL JOHN MIDALA of Moduganari Area, Maiduguri Lawful Son/Brother/Next of Kin of the deceased.

  
DATED AT MAIDUGURI this 25th day of September, 2019  
PROBATE REGISTRY  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
MAIDUGURI  
**PROBATE REGISTRAR**  
HADIZA D. S MAGAJI

**ALL GRAINS AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS, MILLERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA**  
The general public is hereby notified that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
1. SADIYA IBRAHIM MUSA  
2. HAUWA SHEHU TAHIR  
3. ALIYU SISA MUKHTAR  
4. TASIYU IBRAHIM  
5. SANI DANJUMMAI UMAR  
6. MAIJIDDA SHEHU  
**AIMS & OBJECTIVES:**  
1. To bring maximum co-operation among members.  
2. To assist the needy in the community.  
Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission plot 420, Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi street, Maitama, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

**GRASSROOT SOCIO ECONOMIC FORUM**  
The general public is hereby notified that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
1. RABIA ESHAK.  
2. MUHAMMAD SANI ZANGO.  
3. MUDASSIR IDRIS ABUBAKAR.  
4. KABIRU SANI JARUMAI.  
**AIMS & OBJECTIVES:**  
1. To promote transparency and accountability in the provision of social services.  
2. To work with donor partners to initiate programs and projects for social and economic empowerment.  
Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission plot 420, Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi street, Maitama, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION ZAMFARA STATE**  
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NOTICE is hereby given that the LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Gusau, Zamfara State within TWENTY ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication of this NOTICE.  
SCHEDULE:-  

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
SABINA JOHN IRENEOUS OF FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE GUSAU WHO DIED ON 18/06/2019 AT MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI WASE SPECIALIST HOSPITAL KANO.	KUBE LIVINGS SOKOTO ROAD OFF SOKOTO CEMENT GUSAU ZAMFARA STATE THE SON OF THE DECEASED

  
Dated this .....8TH...day of JANUARY, 2020  
PROBATE REGISTRY  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE.  
**BELLO MUHAMMAD KUCHERI**  
PROBATE REGISTRAR



## AROUND THE WORLD

### PAKISTAN

#### Death penalty for ex-president thrown out

A court in Pakistan has overturned the death sentence handed down to former president Pervez Musharraf by declaring the legal process unconstitutional.

Gen Musharraf had challenged the formation of special court which found him guilty of treason last December.

On Monday, the Lahore High Court sided with the exiled general, who seized power in a 1999 coup and was president from 2001 to 2008.

The decision meant Gen Musharraf was "a free man", one prosecutor said.

Who is Pervez Musharraf?

"The filing of the complaint, the constitution of the court, the selection of the prosecution team are illegal, declared to be illegal... And at the end of the day the full judgment has been set aside," the government prosecutor, Ishtiaq A. Khan, explained to news agency AFP.

He added there was "no judgment against him any longer". The long-running case - which relates to Gen Musharraf's suspension of the constitution in 2007, when he declared an emergency in a move intended to extend his tenure - could still be retried in another court.

### ETHIOPIA

#### PM shrugs off Trump's Nobel complaint

US President Donald Trump should take his complaint about being overlooked for the Nobel Peace Prize to the award organisers, Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the 2019 winner, has said.

Mr Abiy said he was not aware of the criteria used to select him. He was credited for his move to make peace with neighbouring Eritrea.

Mr Trump said last week that he had "saved a country" from a big war, a possible reference

to his work on another dispute involving Ethiopia.

Abiy told reporters during a press briefing in South Africa that he was "not working for the prize" but for "peace in the region".

"I don't have any clue about the criteria, how the Nobel committee selects an individual for the prize," he said.

"If President Trump complained it must go to Oslo not to Ethiopia," he added.

### LIBYA

#### Heads of Libya's warring sides in Russia for talks

Talks in Russia aimed at agreeing on an unconditional and open-ended ceasefire in Libya failed to achieve a breakthrough on Monday and have been adjourned for the night.

The head of the UN-supported Government of National Accord (GNA), Faye al-Sarraj, signed a draft ceasefire agreement, while Khalifa Haftar - commander of the eastern-based Libyan National Army (LNA) - requested more time to consider it.

"They have a positive

view of the document and asked for extra time until the next morning to decide," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said of Haftar and his delegation. "I hope they will make a positive decision. Russian and Turkish representatives will continue to offer their assistance."

Turkey and Russia, which back opposing sides in the conflict, urged the factions on Monday to sign a binding truce to end a nine-month-old war and pave the way for a peaceful settlement.

### MALAWI

#### Chief justice reports bribe offer in election case

Malawi's Chief Justice Andrew Nyirenda has asked the country's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to investigate bribery attempts targeting judges presiding over the presidential elections case.

Justice Nyirenda wrote to the bureau that there had been attempts to bribe the five-judge panel that is hearing the petition.

ACB director Reyneck Matemba confirmed to several newspapers that the complaint came from the chief justice and said that investigations had started.

He told the Daily Times

newspaper that the bureau had the names of those involved in the bribery but refused to disclose them.

Mr Matemba said the allegations were being looked into urgently before the determination of the court case.

The petition challenging President Peter Mutharika's win was filed by the candidates who came second and third in the May 2019 election.

President Mutharika was declared the winner with 1,940,709 votes, followed closely by the MCP's Lazarus Chakwera with 1,781,740.

### IRAN

#### 'Clerics get lost!': Iran protests rage on for a third day

Protesters denouncing Iran's clerical rulers took to the streets and riot police deployed to face them in a third day of demonstrations after authorities acknowledged shooting down a passenger plane by accident.

Video from inside Iran showed students on Monday chanting slogans including

"Clerics get lost!" outside universities in the city of Isfahan and in Tehran, where riot police were filmed taking positions on the streets.

Images from the previous two days of protests showed wounded people being carried and pools of blood on the ground. Gunshots could be heard, although the police

denied opening fire.

Officers had been given orders to "show restraint", the chief of police said.

US President Donald Trump, who raised the stakes last week by ordering the killing in a drone strike of Iran's most powerful military commander, tweeted to Iran's leaders: "Don't kill your protesters."



Students from various colleges under the aegis of National Students Union of India (NSUI) hold a national flag during a protest rally against India's new citizenship law in Bangalore yesterday

Photo: AFP/ Manjunath Kiran

### NIGER

#### Army chief sacked after 89 soldiers killed

Niger's army chief Gen Ahmed Mohamed has been sacked, four days after militant Islamists killed 89 soldiers in an assault on a military base, inflicting the biggest loss on the military in a single day.

Gen Mohamed's dismissal, along with that of three other top officers, was announced by state

radio following a meeting of the cabinet. Gen Mohamed's tenure of more than two years has been marked by a sharp increase in attacks by militants linked to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State (IS) group. He has been replaced by Maj Gen Salifou Modi.

Niger declared three days of mourning following Thursday's

killing of the 89 soldiers at Chinegodar camp in the western Tillaberi region. Last month, 71 soldiers were killed in an attack on the Inates camp in the same region. Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou is currently in France with the leaders of four other former French colonies hit by the insurgency in the Sahel.

### ZIMBABWE

#### China accuses West of 'Cold War' against Zimbabwe

China's foreign minister has accused Western powers of waging a "Cold War" against Zimbabwe, as he condemned the sanctions imposed on the economically embattled southern African state.

Wang Yi held talks with President Emmerson Mnangagwa in Zimbabwe's

capital, Harare, as he rounded up a five-nation tour of Africa.

Zimbabwe has been under US and European Union (EU) sanctions for more than two decades because of alleged human rights abuses.

Mr Wang called for the sanctions to be lifted, and pledged to continue helping

Zimbabwe to stabilise its economy. Zimbabwe has said it will submit funding proposals for at least half a dozen projects, but did not elaborate.

In a tweet, the deputy information minister, Energy Mutodi, said Mr Wang's visit was a "slap in the face" for the UK, EU and US.

### DR CONGO

#### Troops 'seize rebel camp'

The military in the Democratic Republic of Congo said it has captured a rebel camp in the east of the country from where many attacks were planned.

The camp, known as Madina, is in a forested area and was used for more than two decades by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF).

Its capture is a significant setback for the rebels but comes at a heavy cost for the military.

On Sunday officials said at least 30 soldiers were killed in the fighting which also left 40 rebels dead.

Attacks against civilians have increased in recent months following the launch of an army offensive against the ADF in October.

### SAUDI ARABIA

#### 184 people executed in 2019: Rights group

Saudi Arabia executed 184 people in 2019, the most in a calendar year in six years, human rights organisation Reprieve has said, calling it a "grim milestone" for the kingdom.

Of the executions announced by the Saudi Press Agency last year, 88 were Saudi nationals, 90 foreign nationals and six people were of unknown nationality, a statement released on Monday by Reprieve said.

The group said 37 people were executed by the Saudi government on a single day on April 23, including three who were children when they had committed their alleged offences.

### SLOVAKIA

#### Ex-soldier admits to killing journalist

One of four suspects in the 2018 murder of Slovak journalist Jan Kuciak and his fiancée admitted to the killing in court on Monday.

Miroslav Marcek, a 37-year-old former professional soldier, told the jury at the Special Criminal Court in the western city of Pezinok near Bratislava: "I am guilty ... I knocked on the door, Mr. Kuciak opened, I shot him in the chest."

Referring to Kuciak's partner, Martina Kusnirova, Marcek continued: "Unfortunately, I saw that there was one more person, she ran into the kitchen and [I] shot her there."

**NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE** MARKET CAP. **▶ N15.287TR (0.74%)** ALL SHARE INDEX **▶ 29.633POINTS (0.74%)** MARKET TURNOVER **▶ 348.2MN SHARES**

Monday, January 13, 2020

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
<b>246.92 0.07%</b>	<b>392.72 -0.70%</b>	<b>588.94 -0.42%</b>	<b>130.76 0.30%</b>	<b>1,244.59 -3.17%</b>

NSE GENERAL INDEX		COMMODITIES PRICE	COMMODITIES PRICE
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE
<b>BANKING</b>		<b>CRUDE OIL (BRENT)</b>	<b>\$71.76</b>
ACCESS BANK PLC	375,002.13	10.55	-2.31
UNION BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	297,534.97	8.70	3.57
ZENITH BANK PLC	681,303.92	21.70	-0.69
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>		<b>NATURAL GAS</b>	<b>\$2.61</b>
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	260,240.87	7.25	-5.23
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	2,597,235.87	127.60	10.00
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>		<b>COPPER</b>	<b>\$2.81</b>
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	1,123,311.48	298.90	8
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>		<b>GOLD</b>	<b>\$1,284.1</b>
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	2,930,967.27	172.00	-
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	241,616.93	15.00	-2.60
<b>OIL AND GAS</b>		<b>SILVER</b>	<b>\$14.650</b>
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	346,005.40	588.00	-0.25
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REIT)</b>		<b>SUGAR</b>	<b>\$12.21</b>
SKYE SHELTER FUND PLC	1,710.00	85.50	-
UNION HOMES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)	10,175.81	40.70	0
UDRC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	9,338.94	3.50	-12
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>		<b>COCOA</b>	<b>\$2,314</b>
NIGERIA ENERGY SECTOR FUND	411.91	552.20	-
VALLUEALLIANCE VALUE FUND	3,312.39	103.20	-
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>		<b>LIVE CATTLE</b>	<b>\$114.000</b>
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	440.00	6.00	-
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	62,958.06	66.00	-
PRESCO PLC	52,250.00	52.25	-8.17
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	1,770.00	0.59	-
<b>DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES</b>		<b>COTTON</b>	<b>\$75.46</b>
JOHN HOLT PLC	217.92	0.56	-
S C O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	43,086.87	1.06	0.94
U A C N PLC	31,838.33	11.05	7.80
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>			
ARBICO PLC	521.24	3.51	-
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION</b>			
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	28,842.00	21.85	-
ROADS NIG. PLC	165.00	6.60	-
<b>REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT</b>			
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	2,598.40	1.00	-
<b>AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS</b>			
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-
<b>BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS</b>			
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	7,672.91	0.98	-
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	242.22	0.89	-
GUINNESS NIG PLC	66,149.56	30.20	-
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	79,081.93	9.20	-
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	448,226.36	56.05	-
<b>FOOD PRODUCTS</b>			
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	177,600.00	14.80	-1.33
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	95,538.84	23.30	1.30
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	8,088.80	1.02	-4.67
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	766.26	4.30	-
NASCION ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	39,741.58	15.00	-
UNION DICOM SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-
<b>FOOD PRODUCTS-DIVERSIFIED</b>			
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	17,842.92	9.50	-9.95
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,165,125.42	1,469.90	-
<b>HOUSEHOLD DURABLES</b>			
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-
VITAFDAM NIG PLC	6,104.12	4.88	1.67
<b>PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS</b>			
P Z CUSSENS NIGERIA PLC	23,227.29	5.85	-
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	103,410.10	18.00	-5.26
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>			
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	143,126.50	7.80	-
FIDELITY BANK PLC	65,193.29	2.25	-0.44
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	927,082.15	31.50	-1.41
JAIZ BANK PLC	19,446.40	0.66	-3.03
STERLING BANK PLC	54,413.89	1.89	-5.03
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	177,636.59	6.10	-
UNITY BANK PLC	8,416.32	0.72	-
WEMA BANK PLC	27,773.62	0.72	1.41
<b>INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES</b>			
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	5,336.26	0.77	-1.30
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	22,050.00	2.10	2.44
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,414.60	0.42	-
CONTINENTAL REINSURANCE PLC	22,820.04	2.20	-
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	8,101.23	0.55	-5.17
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,123.80	0.29	7.41
LAW UNION AND ROCK INS. PLC	2,148.17	0.50	-
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	3,840.00	0.48	4.17
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	2,234.55	0.20	-
NEM INSURANCE PLC	11,986.74	2.27	-
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	2,960.40	0.55	-
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,333.75	0.20	-
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,500.18	0.22	-
STACO ASSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	0.20	-
UNION DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-
UNIVERSAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-
VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-
WAPIC ASSURANCE PLC	4,817.79	0.36	2.78
<b>MICRO-FINANCE BANKS</b>			
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	3,109.83	1.36	9.68
ABBIEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	4,200.00	1.00	-
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,796.93	1.39	-
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>			
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	9,200.00	4.60	2.00
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,997.09	5.95	-
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	540.00	0.36	-
FOMB GROUP PLC	38,021.20	1.92	-4.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,697.97	0.33	-
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	446,461.11	42.50	-
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	15,660.00	2.61	0.38
<b>HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS</b>			
EKOICORP PLC	2,418.21	4.85	-
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	710.63	0.20	-
<b>MEDICAL SUPPLIES</b>			
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS</b>			
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	5,737.49	2.75	1.85
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	6,756.70	5.65	6.60
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	3,743.76	2.17	-
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	968.57	0.51	-8.93
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-
<b>COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS</b>			
COURTEVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	852.48	0.24	4.35
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	1,323.81	0.45	-

<b>GAINERS</b>	MTNN	11.6	10.00
	UACN	0.8	7.80
	GLAXOSMITH	0.35	6.60
	UBA	0.3	3.57

<b>LOSERS</b>	PRESCO	-4.65	-8.17
	BUACEMENT	-2	-4.88
	SEPLAT	-1.5	-0.25
	CADBURY	-1.05	-9.95



# INSIDE POLITICS

## PoliQuote

“So, the notion that if you allow governors to do this, they would abuse it to intimidate opponents, fine, let them try and intimidate opponents. One of the reasons why this (Amotekun) is regional is that we don't want anyone to reduce it to a machinery of oppression against their people” - *Ekiti State Governor, Kayode Fayemi*

## Why I lost my ward in LGs poll – Gov Bello

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# Gov'ship tussle: Tension in Bauchi, Sokoto, Imo as S/Court resumes hearing today

By John Chuks Azu (Abuja), Hassan Ibrahim (Bauchi), Rakiya A. Muhammad (Sokoto) Jude Aguguo Owuamanam (Owerri) & Yusha'u A. Ibrahim, (Kano)

**T**ension is high in Bauchi, Sokoto and Imo states ahead of today's resumption of hearing of appeals challenging elections of seven governors at the Supreme Court.

The seven outstanding governorship appeals before the apex court include the elections of governors Umar Ganduje (Kano); Waziri Tambuwal (Sokoto); Emeka Ihedioha (Imo), Ahmadu Fintiri (Adamawa); Bala Mohammed (Bauchi); Samuel Ortom (Benue); and Simon Lalang (Plateau).

Governor Ganduje's election is being challenged by Abba Kabiru Yusuf (PDP) who is contending that he was winning the election in majority of the local governments in Kano before it was declared inconclusive and a rerun ordered by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

He also alleged widespread irregularities in the March 23 rerun election in the state.

APC's Ahmed Aliyu is challenging the election of Governor Aminu Tambuwal. He is alleging over voting and other irregularities in the election. Aliyu polled 511,661 votes against 512,002 votes by Tambuwal after conclusion of collation in the rerun.

Governor Emeka Ihedioha's election is being challenged by the APC candidate, Hope Uzodimma, the Action Alliance

## • Kano, Adamawa, Benue, Plateau calm



■ Gov. Bala Mohammed

(AA) candidate, Uche Nwosu and candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) Ifeanyi Ararume.

Although the allegations of irregularities in the election by the AA and APGA against Ihedioha were dismissed by the Court of Appeal, there was a dissenting judgment in favour of Uzodimma's appeal.

### CJN forced to adjourn hearing

At the hearing of the Kano governorship appeal yesterday, the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Tanko Muhammad, retired to his chambers after complaining about the congestion in the court hall.

Supporters of governors of Kano, Sokoto, Bauchi, Adamawa, Imo, Benue and Plateau states had thronged the court premises as early as 6am.

Director of Litigation of the Supreme Court, Ibrahim Gold asked persons who had no serious business in the court room to leave.

The CJN was again forced to stand down and eventually



■ Gov. Emeka Ihedioha

adjourned the proceedings over the ill-health of one of the justices on the panel, Justice John Inyang Okoro.

Other justices on the seven-member panel were Sylvester Ngwuta, Olukayode Ariwoola, Kudirat Kekere-Ekun, Amiru Sanusi and Uwani Musa Aba-Aji.

### Bauchi

The battle for the soul of Bauchi State erupted at the court premises when persons believed to be supporters of Governor Bala Muhammad pelted the convoy of the former governor, Mohammed Abubakar, with water bottles after he came out of the court and raised his hands in a sign of 'four plus four'.

Reports show there is anxiety in the state.

Meanwhile, former governor Abubakar of the APC has described the attack as a "last minute ditch effort" by Governor Mohammed to influence the outcome of the governorship tussle before the Supreme Court of Justice."

In a statement by his

media aide, Ali M. Ali, the former governor called on his supporters to remain calm to what he called "resort to uncivilised conduct from supporters. Such shameful conduct is reflective of the violent behaviour of their benefactor."

But the state Commissioner of Information and Communication, Dr Ladan Salihu, denied the allegations, saying he must have been pelted by his own supporters who felt shortchanged by his administration and his hand sign of '4+4', which is an attempt to return to office.

### Sokoto

In anticipation of the outcome of the Supreme Court judgment in the appeal by the APC governorship candidate, Ahmed Aliyu, challenging the election of Governor Tambuwal, the police have beefed up security in the state.

The adjournment of the appeals on Monday stirred more speculations in the state that the move is to enable the appellants curry favour from the judiciary.

But Governor Tambuwal, through his media adviser, Muhammad Bello, urged his supporters and people of the state to exercise patience following the adjournment of the case.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Ibrahim Kaoje, has assured the people of the state on keeping the state safe and secure, for all law-abiding residents to conduct their lawful businesses.

He said the command

had deployed one thousand conventional and plainclothes police officers across the state.

Kaoje said adequate measures had been taken to ensure that peace reigned before and after the hearing.

### Imo

There is anxiety in Owerri, the Imo State capital and environs over today's hearing at the Supreme Court.

Our correspondent reports that supporters of all the parties are upbeat as they have turned to prayer warriors, and pouring invectives on one another.

The police have warned supporters on both sides to exercise the highest degree of order and decorum in their jubilation on the outcome.

In a statement, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Orlando Ikeokwu, warned against breakdown of law and order.

"In view of the Supreme Court judgement on the Imo State governorship election, the Imo State Police command, in conjunction with other security agencies in the state, wishes to express its readiness to ensure safety and security of members of the public during and after the judgement," he said.

### Kano, Adamawa, Benue, Plateau calm

Reports from Kano, Adamawa, Benue and Plateau indicate that there is calm in the four states.

Our reporters observed that business places such as markets, shopping malls, banks, filling stations were conducting their normal businesses.

# APC National Secretary to emerge February

By Muideen Olaniyi

A new National Secretary of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) will emerge during a meeting of the party's caucus in the North East geo-political zone expected to hold in February 2019.

The Zonal Secretary, Abubakar Sadiq, disclosed this yesterday after a meeting of the APC North East Zonal Executive and State Party Chairmen held at the party's national secretariat in Abuja.

## • Position micro zoned to Yobe, Borno

"The position was officially declared vacant late last year and we have to micro zone it to the two states of Borno and Yobe.

"We have directed the two states involved to meet and endorse a candidate for the position. They will present the endorsed candidate for final confirmation during our next zonal caucus meeting latest by next month

February for final recommendation and presentation to the national leadership of the party," Sadiq said while addressing journalists after the meeting.

Two key contenders for the position are Architect Waziri Bulama, the Deputy Director General of the APC Presidential Campaign Council, who hails from Borno State; and a former

interim National Secretary of the APC, Alhaji Tijani Musa Tumsah, who is also a member of the APC Board of Trustees (BoT).

A communique jointly signed by North East APC National Vice Chairman Comrade Mustapha Salihu and Publicity Secretary Ilyazu Habeeb said Senate President Ahmed Lawan had been endorsed as the Chairman APC North East caucus and the party leader in the North East zone.

## INSIDE POLITICS

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## 2023: Are Atiku, Tinubu in secret moves to float 3rd force?

By Saawua Terzungwe

Tongues are wagging over recent meetings between former Vice President Atiku Abubakar and National Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Ahmed Bola Tinubu.

There are permutations in the nation's polity as political pundits believe that a meeting of such heavyweight politicians at a time the 2023 general elections are under discussion in the country must have a political undertone.

Tinubu, a former governor of Lagos State and power broker in the APC, has met twice with Atiku - on December 14, 2019 and January 11, 2020.

The meetings were short but the general consensus is that the two political gladiators are "cooking a political meal."

**Atiku, Tinubu met at Abuja airport**

What is believed to be the first meeting between the two political bigwigs took place on December 14, 2019, when they reportedly ran into each other at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

Tinubu was reportedly on his way to Minna, Niger State, to receive a doctorate degree award from IBB University, Lapai, when he met with Atiku, presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the 2019 general elections at the Abuja airport.

Atiku was attending his son's wedding in Kaduna, but the two politicians exchanged banter and had a brief meeting at the airport before departing.

The meeting was said to have lasted for just few minutes, but pundits argue that a minute was enough for politicians of such high status and pedigree to discuss top issues.

Tinubu's spokesman, Mr Tunde Rahman, also shared a picture of the encounter on his Facebook page.

The caption of the picture as posted by Rahman read, "Asiwaju Bola Tinubu and former Vice President Atiku Abubakar exchanging views when they ran into each other at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja."

**Atiku, Tinubu met at wedding**

Similarly, Tinubu and



■ Atiku Abubakar



■ Ahmed Bola Tinubu

Atiku reportedly met last Saturday, during the wedding of a former chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Nuhu Ribadu's daughter, in Abuja.

Saturday's meeting was the second time Atiku and Tinubu were spotted together under one month.

But what they might have deliberated on is what is causing a stir within the nation's political space.

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo also graced the occasion among other dignitaries.

**Why the polity is twitching**

There are speculations in the social media that Tinubu, Atiku, Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State, former Senate president Bukola Saraki and Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State have an agenda to float a new political party or revive an existing one as part of the 2023 calculations.

A former minister of Information and governorship candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in the 2019 elections in Nasarawa State, Labaran Maku, was also alleged to be part of the team angling for a third force. Maku, however, on Sunday debunked the claim.

This has sent the polity twitching especially as there is a saying that in politics there are "no permanent enemies but permanent interests."

The meetings also generated concerns considering that both Tinubu and Atiku allegedly worked in the build up to the 2015 general elections, for the emergence of Buhari as president when the latter

was still in the APC.

Similarly, there are agitations in both APC and PDP over zoning of the 2023 presidential ticket of both parties.

The major political actors from the South in both parties are agitating for power shift to the South while some northern elements are clamouring for the retention of power in the North come 2023.

The situation, according to analysts, is dicey and especially as both parties have not reached any decision on the matter, apparently because of the inevitable intrigues and power play.

**Atiku, others dispel claims**

The Special Adviser to Atiku on Media, Mr. Paul Ibe, could not be reached at the time of filing this report but he had told some journalists last Saturday, that the meeting between Tinubu and Atiku had no political undertone.

"When people are invited to a wedding fatiha, nobody should make undue interpretation beyond that, otherwise, every other meeting at every other wedding or social event will be interpreted one way or the other.

"How can there be a political undertone? Has wedding become a place for political meeting? The same way people across political divides attended the wedding fatiha of Atiku's son two weeks ago in Kaduna is the same way he attended Ribadu's son's wedding fatiha," Ibe said.

**Analysts react**

A political Analyst from the South West, Chief Jackson Lekan Ojo, said it was good for the two political giants to meet in order to define their ambition and determine their direction.


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Tijjani Bukar  
**REGISTRAR**

## NEWS &gt;&gt;



■ Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

## Lagos assembly screens 3 commissioner-nominees Thursday

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Lagos State House of Assembly has fixed Thursday for the screening of three commissioner-nominees of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

The three commissioner-nominees earlier screened by the House Ad hoc Committee last Friday included Mr. Ganiyu Ayuba, Mr. Olugbenga Oyerinde and Bamigbose Martins.

The assembly had on August 16 rejected three of the nominees presented to it for approval by Sanwo-Olu, necessitating their replacement.

The house also invited nominees for the Civil Service Commission and Lagos State House of Assembly Service Commission (LAHASCOM) for final screening.

Giving the report of the eight-man Ad hoc Committee on Screening of Governor's nominees during plenary yesterday, the chairman, Rotimi Abiru said all the nominees met the criteria of the committee.

Abiru stated that all the nominees were screened by the committee on December 13, 2019 and that they all answered questions put to them and provided all the necessary documents.

While some members sought clarifications on the specific performances of the nominees, the Speaker of the House, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, said there was no need as they would be invited to the house.

"The nominees would still be invited by the house to defend their nominations and this would give us an opportunity to know their ability and capability," Obasa said.

The eight other nominees screened by the committee included three for the state House of Assembly Service Commission and five for the state Civil Service Commission.

Those screened for the Assembly Service Commission included Hon. Akeem Bello, a former member of the 8th Assembly; Hon. Kabiru Lawal, a member of the House 2007-2015 and Mr. Richard Osungboye.

The nominees screened for the state Civil Service Commission were Mr. Babatunde Seriki, a former member of the House; Hon. Avoseh Suuru, Mr. Adesina Odeyemi, Mrs. Olubunmi Fabanwo and Mr. Kamarudeen Olorunoje.

# Why I lost my ward in LGs poll – Gov Bello

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

**G**overnor Abubakar Sani Bello of Niger State yesterday said his party, the All Progressives Congress (APC), lost his ward during the local government election, "because of imposition of candidate".

He made the assertion while addressing the newly elected local chairmen at the closing of a 3-day retreat held for them in Kaduna.

He said it was due to the wrong candidate imposed by 'some people' in his ward in Kontagora,

that the APC failed to secure the councillorship position, stressing that if he, as the state governor let it be, why then would the chairmen not swear in the councillors from the opposition.

Bello said imposition of candidates often led a party into losing elections and also forced some candidates to abandon it and run on a different political party platform.

Governor Bello therefore urged the chairmen to settle their political differences, adding that divergent political views would always arise and create challenges in the

discharge of their duties with their vice chairmen and legislators.

He said APC does not only represent change but also stands for fairness, fair play and justice.

He deplored the refusal of some local government chairmen to swear in their vice and councillors, saying such action is wrong and against the rule of law.

"The rule of law is key. For those of you that have deliberately or mistakenly refused to swear-in councillors because they come from opposition party that is wrong," he said.



■ Gov. Abubakar Sani Bello

# Calls for by-election as Kalu spends 40 days in prison

From Linus Effiong (Umuahia) &amp; Abbas Jimoh (Abuja)

Forty days after a former governor of Abia State, Senator Orji Uzor Kalu (APC, Abia North), was sent to prison, some of his constituents have petitioned the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) demanding for the conduct of a by-election to fill the vacuum created by his incarceration.

Kalu, the Chief Whip of the Senate was on December 5, 2019 found guilty by a Federal High Court in Lagos on fraud charges and remanded at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre.

His conviction and sentencing to 12 years in jail came 12 years after the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) filed N7.65 billion fraud charges against him. EFCC filed the charge in 2007.

Apart from his absence at the Senate chamber, the annual December parley between the people of Abia North and their senator was not held. The parley, our correspondent reports serves as an avenue for "stock taking"



■ Prof. Yakubu Mahmood

## No vacancy – INEC

between the lawmaker and his constituents.

Our correspondent reports that the parley started during the era of Senator Ike Nwachukwu in the Senate and was sustained by the late Senator Uche Chukwumerije and the immediate past senator, Chief Mao Ohuabunwa.

During the face to face interactions, stakeholders asked questions and made suggestions on issues affecting their senatorial district.

Speaking on the matter, Barrister Ukpai Ukaire said the people are worried and have served a letter to INEC to fix a date for by-election.

"This is because going by Section 166 of the 1999 Constitution, he has vacated his seat following his conviction for fraud by a competent court.

"We may have to go to court and compel them to fix a date because we can't be without a senator," he said.

The petition was submitted to INEC on December 10, 2019 in Abuja.

The petitioners hinged their demand on the provision of Section 66(1) (c) and Section 68(1) (b) of the 1999 Constitution, and their rights to participate in the democratic governance of Nigeria through duly elected representatives.

"No person shall be qualified for election into the Senate or House of Representatives if he is under a sentence of death imposed on him by any competent court or tribunal in Nigeria or a sentence of imprisonment of fine for an offence involving dishonesty and fraud," the petitioners quoted.

They maintained that, "Kalu, the incumbent senator from the 5th of December 2019, being the date he was convicted of fraud and sent to

prison, that was the same date he vacated the seat. For that reason, you (INEC) have the duty to fix a date for a by-election to fill the vacated seat."

A political analyst, who does not want his name in print, said there are two perspectives to Kalu's case: the legal and the political perspectives, he said.

He said the embattled senator has the right to appeal the decision of the court even up to Supreme Court.

"The Court of Appeal is yet to decide his case, also there is the aspect of the law which gives power to the Senate president to declare the office of any senator vacant, if he fails to attend sitting after 60 days; so it's just one month, and so too early to declare his seat vacant.

"On the political perspective, the people have the right to initiate a recall process after due process his followed," he said.

**No vacancy -INEC**

Meanwhile, INEC has said that there is no vacancy in Abia North Senatorial District despite Kalu's incarceration.

INEC National Commissioner and Chairman Information and Voter Education Committee (IVEC), Mr. Festus Okoye, told Daily Trust on Monday in Abuja that there is no legal reason for now for the commission to conduct a fresh election in the senatorial district.

"The commission conducted election there and declare a winner. As far as we are concerned, there is no vacancy in that senatorial zone.

"The commission cannot just go to any constituency to conduct fresh election due to protest by some people. The commission can only act if it received a letter from the Senate President that there is a vacancy," Okoye.

# DPR urges calm over oil polluted wells in Benue community

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Makurdi zonal office of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) has urged residents of Kpejnde/High-level community in Naka town of Gwer West Local Government Area in Benue State to remain calm as expert investigation commences on pollution of hand-dug wells with substances suspected to be petroleum products.

*Daily Trust* reports that residents of the community had raised an alarm a fortnight ago that over 40 wells were

polluted by oily substances which has resulted to hardships in sourcing drinking water in the households.

The residents had blamed the pollution on a nearby fuel filling station in the vicinity which they alleged might have leaking underground tanks which results to a spillage.

However, the DPR Deputy Controller in Makurdi office, Engineer Gabriel Adagba, who visited the community at the weekend alongside supporting DPR officials and engineers from Prompt Engineering to carry out a manual and scientific

investigation of the suspected leakage from underground storage tanks have exonerated the filling station.

Adagba appealed to members of the community to exercise patience as further extensive survey will be carried out within the range of about 2 kilometers radius to determine the root cause of the pollution since the initial test conducted on the filling station's tanks did not indicate any leakage.

He disclosed that the fuel station was temporarily shut for 48 hours as a matter of procedure to determine the

existence of leakage from the storage tanks that spills into the wells but that no evidence to that effect was found.

Adagba added that samples of the substance have already been taken for further investigation and that residents of the community have been advised to desist from using the wells to avoid any unfortunate outcomes.

On his part, the leader of Prompt Engineering, Engr Albert Uduokang, who also conducted scientific evaluation on the five storage tanks involving AGO, DPK and PMS to investigate possible

rust on the underground tanks and pipes, gave the filling station a clean bill of health.

The DPR further ordered a complete shutdown of the affected wells for safety of the households in the community and its environs until sources of the spillage are identified in view of likely indications that the spill may have occurred from a distant source that flows through an underground water table.

The local government authority was in this respect advised to provide the affected communities alternative source of water for daily use.

## Niger govt to train 8,893 education managers

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

About 8,893 education managers and teachers are expected to benefit from the pre-2017/2018 training programme organised by the Niger state government.

Executive Chairman of Niger state Universal Basic Education Board Dr Isah Adamu made this known during a press briefing to kick start the training in Minna at the weekend.

Adamu said the training programme will be streamlined to cover other schools and accommodate more teachers.

He said the training programme would aid teachers to master their subject specialisation, adding that "The state is spending N404 million on the training and 8,893 education managers and teachers will participate."

He further assured that "Managers and teachers will be equipped with skills and resources to effectively teach reading, writing and other necessary training required. 3,513 will be trained on jolly phonics, 2,650 in cluster training for primary school teachers, 1,125 for science and mathematics teachings, 360 in ICT, 300 care-givers and teachers on the use of Reggio approach."

He added that the training is sponsored under the 2017/2018 UBEC PTD intervention fund in collaboration with the Niger state Universal Basic Education Board.

"We hope that 533,580 pupils will benefit as a multiplier effect of the teachers trained and we are hoping to scale it up in the next programme depending on the resources at our disposal," he said.



■ Pupils of Baptist Primary School during their resumption from the Christmas and New Year holidays in Keffi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State yesterday

Photo: NAN

## Labour issues Kebbi govt ultimatum on salary adjustment

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Birnin Kebbi

The Kebbi State chapter of organized labour has called on the state government to constitute a committee within 3-weeks on consequential adjustment of civil servants salaries in the state.

This was contained in a

communique jointly issued on Monday by the chairmen of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC), Umar Halid and Hussain Maisamari respectively, in the wake of the unions' executive council meeting in Birnin Kebbi.

The labour commended the effort of the state government for approving the payment of

N30,000 minimum wage for workers, but however called on the government to look into the issue of the 2019 unpaid leave grant of the state's workers, as well as related adjustments pertaining the salary increment.

"The government should within three weeks form the committee for the review of the new minimum wage and

consequential adjustment.

"All categories of workers such as local government authorities, local government education secretariats and health personnel should be included.

"The state government should also consider the payment of annual increment to civil servants in the state," the communique noted.

## Kogi govt constitutes minimum wage committee

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

Kogi State Governor, Alhaji Yahaya Bello has approved the constitution of a 14-man committee for negotiation on modalities for the implementation of the new national minimum wage in the state.

A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Onogwu Muhammad on Monday in Lokoja said the gesture was in line with the government's concern for welfare of civil service in the state. Reacting when the N30,000

minimum wage bill was signed, the governor said "laws are made to be obeyed and we are sure the Federal Government will make it convenient for states to pay the new minimum wage."

At the moment, the monthly wage bill of workers in the state government employ is within the region of about N2.5 billion, while the monthly allocation from the FAAC to the state hovers within the region of N2.5 billion to N2.6 billion.

Also, the internally generated revenue accruing to the state on monthly basis is about N1.3 billion.

## Plateau JN Secretary, Alhassan Shu'aibu, dies at 82

From Lami Sadiq, Jos

The Secretary of Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) in Plateau State, Alhaji Alhassan Shu'aibu has died in Abuja at the age of 82 after a protracted illness.

A statement by the Plateau State Chapter of JNI and signed by the Public Relations Officer, Sani Mudi stated that the deceased died Sunday night and was buried in Abuja on Monday afternoon.

He said until his death, late Shu'aibu had served as a Permanent Secretary in the Plateau State Civil Service and later transferred to the federal civil service where he served

until his retirement.

He also held various appointments including Chairman Warri refinery, member NNPC Board of Directors, Commissioner representing the North Central in the Niger Delta Development Commission among others.

The statement also noted that the deceased had rendered longstanding services to Islam in many ways, particularly in the Plateau State executive council of JNI where he deployed his enormous administrative skills, diplomacy and vast knowledge for the benefit of the Muslim Ummah at both state and national levels.

# Lagos tarries on 'restricting' motorcycle, tricycle operations

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Lagos State Government clarified yesterday that it has not taken a decision on the operation of commercial motorcycles and tricycles in the state.

Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso, explained that the government would not be taking "definitive

action" on the Okada and Keke riders without consulting the stakeholders.

Daily Trust reports that the state government had vowed to curtail the activities of operators of commercial motorcycles popularly known as Okada riders who have taken over the highways.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu recently hinted that the state government had taken a final decision on the "menace"

of commercial motorcycles and tricycles but this would be discussed with the security apparatuses in the state.

Twice, the Security Council met at the Government House without the definitive action reeled out. After another four-hour Security Council meeting chaired by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and attended by all commanders of security agencies in the State, the commissioner said

the Government's delayed action against restriction of motorcycles and tricycles was informed by the need to achieve a generally acceptable solution to the menace.

*Daily Trust* gathered last night that following government's move against the operation of the commercial motorcycles and tricycles, various unions stood up to confer with the government which informed the government's decision to

hold on.

The Security Council, the Commissioner said, is currently considering the suggestions and recommendations submitted to the Government before coming up with definite plans on the Okada issue.

He said the ongoing enforcement of the extant Traffic Laws and Okada restriction will go on, pending the final decisions of the Security Council.

## Scarcity of cooking gas hits Ebonyi

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakiliki

Scarcity of cooking gas has hit residents of Ebonyi state following the closure of not less than 16 major stations in Abakiliki and its environs.

Governor David Umahi had last week directed immediate shutdown of all illegal gas stations and outlets in the State.

Umahi insisted that all gas stations and outlets must meet the approved standard set by the State Capital Territory Development Board (ACTDB) and Department of Petroleum Resources, (DPR).

This development has caused untold hardship to consumers of the product as hundreds were on Monday spotted in the streets and major roads of Abakiliki searching for the product.

Daily Trust observed that 9 out of the 10 major stations visited in the capital city among which were, Hariz, Dandilas, Lopa, among others were under lock and key with the state government instruction.

Our correspondent who went round Abakiliki metropolis essentially the major roads like Ogoja road, old Enugu road and its surroundings observed that major stations could not survive the clampdown by the state government.

A gas attendant affected by the directive, Mr. Chukwudi (second name withheld) told Daily Trust on Monday that the closure was not due to environmental compliance but largely the huge tax rate introduced by the state government.

He alleged further that the new tax rate spans over 43 million annually for major gas stations in the state.

Findings revealed that some consumers who could not lay their hands on the product have reversed to the use of kerosene.

At the point of filing in this report, many consumers were roaming the streets in search of cooking gas.



■ From left: Lagos State's Attorney-General/Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo; Secretary to State Government, Mrs. Folashade Jaji; Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso and Commissioner for Transportation, Dr. Frederic Oladeinde, during a news conference on advocacy and enforcement of traffic law in Lagos yesterday

Photo: LASG

## Operation Amotekun is our brainchild, says Ebonyi State

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakiliki

Ebonyi State Government has said Operation Amotekun security outfit constituted in the South-West was its brainchild.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Border Peace, Mr. Stanley Emegha, stated this in an interview with journalists in Abakiliki.

He explained that the South East

security outfit operation is led by retired Gen. Obi Umahi who is an elder brother to Ebonyi State governor.

He noted that by the end of January, the security efforts and plan of the region would have been made clearer.

"The launch of Amotekun in the South West is what is already in vogue in Ebonyi State, in particular, and South-East, in general. This is so because traces of insecurity like kidnapping, car-snatching,

armed robbery, are no longer found in Ebonyi State.

"The actual region the governor of Kano was talking about for this security initiative, is the South-East, not the Southwest. What they have done is they have just copied what is already in existence in Ebonyi.

"This kind of security strategy is being put in place and has been made possible by the South-East Security Consultant, Gen. Obi Umahi (retd)."

## Interfaith forum establishes early warning, response units in Plateau

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

In an effort to address the incessant crises in Plateau State, the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP) at the weekend established an early warning, early response, mediation and interreligious dialogue units. The units which comprise members of both the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and the Jama'atu Nasrul Islam (JNI) are expected to serve as avenues to address human rights violations being disguised under the cover of religion.

Members of the mediation units would also shoulder the responsibility of documenting updates about any measure taken to prevent, counter and respond to instances of

incitement, and also initiate joint statement and responses, including coordinating actions through social media.

Speaking at the event held at both the CAN and JNI secretariats in Jos the state capital respectively, the co-chairman of IDFP and central coordination council, Muhammad Jameel Muhammad, said peaceful coexistence is topmost priority.

He said the mediation units will serve as avenues and platforms for all voices to be heard, foster interreligious engagement, engage in persistent and ongoing dialogue with religious groups, including those who hold extremist views, and further encourage the development of interfaith seminars.

## N20m market: Anambra protests imposition of leadership

Titus Eleweke, Awka

Ogboji community in Orumba South local government area of Anambra state has protested the imposition of leaders at the newly constructed market in the area.

The market was built by the community through the N20 million project initiative of the governor Obiano administration.

The people of the area who protested at the government house, Awka on Monday, lodged an allegation of imposition of a new leadership for the market by the immediate-past President General.

Speaking on behalf of the community, Neville Uchendu said the area had enjoyed peaceful coexistence, but however regretted the current crisis which emanated from bad

leadership.

He said that a 9-man caretaker committee of reputable persons of the community had been set up to find a lasting solution to the crises and restore peace to the area.

He appealed to the governor to approve the committee for inauguration in view of the high profile and pedigree of its members.

"Ogboji has been known for peace. But there have been crises in the past six years due to bad leadership. But we have resolved to put an end to it and restore peace to the community.

"The problem emanated when the outgone President General started selling over 90 shops in the market.

"The lock-up and open shops were sold for N200,000 and N50,000 respectively to non-indigenes of the community.



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## 'We're privileged to have Oshoala' – Barca coach Cortes

Barcelona coach Lluís Cortes has congratulated Asisat Oshoala for winning the African Women's Player of the Year award for the fourth time.

Oshoala initially joined the Spanish outfit on loan from Chinese side Dalian

Quanjian a year ago before being handed a three-year permanent deal last summer.

"Having the best African player (Asisat Oshoala) in my team means a lot," Cortes told Goal.

"She earned the award and they aren't giving her for who she is but based on merit. This in part

benefits us, from her success and her individual performances.

"We are privileged to have her because she is a very different player with a different physical form in comparison to any other player in the league.

"Having such a unique player that's so different from what you can find on

the national market is an advantage for us and it's our responsibility to know in what moment to play her.

"The moment when maybe another player can perform better but we are very happy with her. Her attitude and her game coming back from the holidays has been excellent and we hope this continues."

# Onwuasonaya confident Plateau Utd will soon reclaim NPFL top spot

By David Ngobua

**H**ome-based Eagles midfielder, Uche Onwuasonaya has expressed confidence that Plateau United will soon reclaim leadership of the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League, NPFL, season from Lobi Stars.

On Sunday, Plateau United were forced to 0-0 draw in Jos by Akwa United paving the way for Lobi Stars who earned a 1-0 win over MFM in Makurdi to move to the top of the table.

The draw with Akwa United was Plateau United's second at home since the 2019/2020 season kicked-off in November 2019.

The first was the 0-0 draw that marked the resurgence of former champions, Kano Pillars.

In a telephone chat with *Daily Trust* yesterday, Onwuasonaya who joined Plateau United from Kwara United said there is no panic in the camp of the 2017 NPFL champions.

According to him losing the top spot to Lobi Stars is a temporary setback so nobody in Plateau United is losing any sleep.

He also said his team will go all out for the maximum points against Sunshine Stars in Akure in a midweek match



■ Plateau United's midfielder, Uche Onwuasonaya (L) celebrates after scoring the opening goal in the 4-1 thrashing of Enyimba at the New Jos stadium in Jos.

while hoping for Lobi Stars to slip in Port-Harcourt against Rivers United.

"We are not worried that Lobi Stars have taken our position on the table. We wanted to remain at the top but our draw against Akwa United caused the setback

for us.

"Our plan is to storm back to the top as soon as possible. We shall fight for victory in Akure in order to reclaim the top position in case Rivers United beat Lobi Stars in Port-Harcourt.

"So to answer your

question, there is no panic in the camp of Plateau United," he said.

Plateau United have so far won seven, drawn four and lost three matches to amass 25 points, two less than table toppers Lobi Stars of Makurdi who have a game in hand.

## Sports minister bankrolls Oyo Unity Cup

By David Ngobua

The Minister of Sports and Youth Development, Sunday Akin Dare is sponsoring the maiden edition of Oyo Unity Cup which kicks-off on January 25 at the Soun stadium in Ogbomosho town.

According to the organisers, the tournament will feature teams across the 14 Federal Constituencies of Oyo State, the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) and the Nigerian Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

The 16 teams for the competition which will run for 3 weeks will be pitched in four groups with the winner of each group progressing to the next round.

Dare who spoke on the importance of the competition said the aim is to promote grassroots football and discover new talents in Oyo State.

"Don't forget Seyi Olofinjana was discovered in this manner in Ogbomosho and he went ahead to play for the Super Eagles.

"There are many Olofinjanas in Oyo and the tournament will unveil them. This is just a starting point," he added.

Members of the Organizing Committee for the competition while acknowledging the kind gesture of the minister noted that the tournament would boost local football clubs in the State and help in the discovery of young talents.

## Akpeyi named Nigerian Goalkeeper of the Year

The 33-year-old player won the accolade at the inaugural Ballers Awards ceremony which is a new initiative to recognise homegrown Nigerian talent.

Akpeyi beat Omonia Nicosia keeper Francis Uzoho and El Kanemi Warriors shot-stopper Adamu Abubakar to the award.

The former Chippa United player was Nigeria's first-

choice keeper at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations finals in Egypt.

The Super Eagles finished third in the tournament having eliminated Bafana Bafana in the quarter-finals.

Akpeyi has managed to maintain his great form after returning to Chiefs at the beginning of the current campaign.

The towering player won the PSL Player of the Month for September/October 2019 having displaced Itumeleng Khune as Chiefs' number one.

Akpeyi could not attend the awards ceremony at Victoria Island, but he took to Instagram to express his delight at winning the accolade.

"I want to thank you for

nominating me to be the best goalkeeper of the year and I want thank the organizers who made this possible," said Akpeyi.

"Thank you for this prestigious award. It is quite unfortunate that I won't be around to receive this award myself due to club engagements and I want to say well done to all the nominees,

they have done extremely well in their personal Capacities and in their clubs and countries.

"Thank you to everyone who has belief in me, it is because of you that I have come this far and I promise to give my best."

Chiefs will be away to Black Leopards in a PSL match at Thohoyandou Stadium on Saturday.

## Djokovic insists no clear favourite for Australian Open

Defending champion Novak Djokovic insisted there are no clear favourites for the next week's Australian Open despite his ominous start to the season.

The world No 2 was in fine touch at the ATP Cup, leading Serbia to victory over 23 other nations in the new men's team event, overpowering Davis Cup champions Spain in the final in the early hours of Monday.

His march included wins over dangerous Canadian Denis Shapovalov, world No 5 Daniil Medvedev and his long-time rival, the top-ranked Rafael Nadal.

Despite this, and Djokovic's dominance at Melbourne Park, where he has won the season-opening Grand Slam seven times since 2008, the Serb said there were plenty of players capable of being crowned champion.

"Look, the last hardcourt



■ Novak Djokovic of Serbia in action at the just concluded ATP Cup 2020

Grand Slam was in New York, and Rafa won it," he said of the US Open final where Nadal edged Medvedev in five sets.

"So, you know, I think it's really open, the Australian

Open or any other Slam.

"I don't think there are really clear favourites. You have obviously Federer, Nadal, myself because of the experience and everything and the rankings that we get

to be probably named the top three favourites.

"But then you have Medvedev, (Stefanos) Tsitsipas, Dominic Thiem that are really showing some amazing tennis."

## NBBF moves Total Division one tip off to January 29

By David Ngobua

The Nigeria Basketball Federation has moved the tip off date of the Total Division One league from January 20 to January 29.

According to the NBBF, the decision was taken due to the Zonal Elimination of the 2020 National Sports Festival which will hold around the same time.

The official memo sent to participating clubs by the Secretary General of the NBBF, Afolabi-Oluwayemi Olabisi revealed that arrival date for teams and officials will now be on the 27th of January with competition to start on Wednesday, 29th. He also disclosed that the technical session with the participating teams will hold on Tuesday, January 28.

14 teams will be competing from the Savannah Conference while 9 teams will battle for glory from the Atlantic Conference at the Indoor Sports Hall of the National Stadium in Lagos.

The battle for slots into the Premier Basketball League for the 2020 league season will end on February 10 with 4 teams gaining promotion into the elite league.

## Akeredolu woos organizers of American football in Nigeria



■ Players of Lagos Marine Football American Club - Mainlanders and Islanders - in a group photograph after an exhibition game in Lagos on Sunday, January 12.

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

Governor of Ondo State Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, has urged the Nigerian American Football Association (NAFA) and Lagos Marine American Football Club to consider visiting his state for talent hunt.

He also promised to partner the organisations to use sports to grow wealth and promote peace in Nigeria.

The governor who was represented by the State Commissioner for Sports and Youth Development, Mr. Saka

Yusuf Ogunleye spoke at the maiden edition of American Flagship Football exhibition game held at National Stadium, Surelere, Lagos.

The Exhibition game was played between Lagos Marine Islanders and Lagos Marine Mainlanders. The Mainlanders scored 28 points while the Islanders scored 6 points.

The governor assured that he would use his connections across the length and breadth of Nigeria to revolutionise the growth of American Flagship Football Game in the country.

## Gobert says red-hot Utah Jazz can get even better

Even though the Utah Jazz are on their biggest roll in two years, their center Rudy Gobert believes they can get a lot better.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 31 points and Rudy Gobert added 21 points and 14 rebounds as the Jazz beat the Washington Wizards 127-116 on Sunday for their ninth straight victory.

Utah overcame a 15-point deficit in the third quarter to win for the 14th time in 15 games and climb into a tie for second place in the Western Conference with the Denver Nuggets.

"It is pretty good, but we feel like we can be a lot better," Gobert said. "The goal is not just to be second in the West, but be the best team in the West at the end of the playoffs."

## Kosgei to defend women's London Marathon title

Kenya's women's marathon world record holder Brigid Kosgei is to join her compatriot Eliud Kipchoge in defending their respective London Marathon titles on April 26, organisers announced on Monday.

The 25-year-old, who set a new world record of 2hr 14min 04sec in Chicago last October to smash Briton Paul Radcliffe's old mark by more than a minute, will face a daunting challenge from a host of compatriots in defending her crown.

The 2018 London Marathon winner Vivian Cheruiyot, three-time Berlin Marathon champion Gladys Cherono, current world champion Ruth Chepngetich and Joyciline Jepkosgei, the 2019 New York City Marathon champion are all slated to compete.

"Last year was an incredible year for me and it started by winning in London," said Kosgei in a statement issued by the organisers.

"Coming back will be very special and I hope it can be the start of another memorable year."

## Barty still on top but gap narrows ahead of Australia Open

Ashley Barty holds on to top spot in the WTA rankings released Monday but Karolina Pliskova has narrowed the gap heading into the Australia Open.

Dumped out of the Brisbane International in straight sets last week, Barty retains a comfortable cushion of 1 607 points over the Czech, who went on to win the Brisbane title for the third time in four years on Sunday.

Barty is aiming to become the first Australian to win her home Grand Slam since Christine O'Neil in 1976 and continues her preparations this week in Adelaide.

Naomi Osaka of Japan, beaten by Pliskova in a marathon semifinal at Brisbane, moves up one place to third at the expense of Simona Halep, who is also fine-tuning her Australian Open challenge in Adelaide.

## Secret of Lobi Stars' success under Idoko revealed

By David Ngobua

The impressive run of Lobi Stars football club of Makurdi in the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League season has been attributed to the powerful prayer life of the vice-chairman of the club, Mike Idoko.

After recovering from a shaky start when they lost their opening match of the campaign 1-3 at Plateau United, the pride of Benue have so far amassed 27 points from 12 matches to take over the leadership of the NPFL table from

Plateau United.

Reacting to the good run by the Gbenga Ogunbote tutored side, a member of the Media department of the club, Austin Tyowua told Daily Trust that Lobi Stars are succeeding because of the ceaseless prayers of the club's vice-chairman.

He said "One thing most people don't know is that Lobi Stars have a prayer warrior in Mike Idoko. Our vice-chairman is strong in prayer. He prays without ceasing.

"I know everybody in the club is

committed to the success of Lobi Stars but we cannot undermine this aspect of prayer.

"No human being is perfect. Idoko may have his shortcomings but nobody can deny the fact that he is very prayerful. So if you ask me, his prayers have contributed greatly to the success of Lobi Stars in the ongoing season," he explained.

Lobi Stars are aiming to remain on top of the table as they battle Rivers United on Wednesday in Port-Harcourt.



■ Kyrie Irving

## Kyrie: I missed basketball so much

Kyrie Irving said he had missed basketball so much after returning from a two-month injury lay-off to power the Brooklyn Nets to victory over the Atlanta Hawks with a near-perfect shooting performance.

Irving had not played in two months and all he did in his return was make 10 of 11 shots in the best shooting night of his career.

Irving made a career-best 90.9 per cent of his shots after missing 26 games with a shoulder impingement. His shoulder looked fine and his handle looked as good as ever while he dribbled his way around a hopeless Atlanta defense.

"Hell of an experience to play in front of these fans again," Irving said in an oncourt post-game interview. "I really missed the game of basketball. I'm really grateful to be out here. I worked extremely hard to get back. We have got a long season ahead of us and a lot more goals to accomplish. It started tonight and we have got to continue to do it."

## Denmark skipper Kjaer joins AC Milan from Sevilla

Denmark captain Simon Kjaer has joined AC Milan on a six-month loan from Spanish club Sevilla with an option to buy, the Serie A side announced on Monday.

The 30-year centre back has already started training and should be available for their midweek Italian Cup last-16 tie against SPAL at the San Siro, Milan said.

Kjaer had been on loan at Serie A club Atalanta since last September but had played just six times for the Bergamo side.

He also previously played for Italian clubs Palermo and Roma.

Kjaer has captained Denmark since 2016, scoring three goals in 95 appearances.



■ Simon Kjaer

# Abraham promises 'beautiful football' at Stamford Bridge

**T**ammy Abraham insists Chelsea will play "beautiful football" at Stamford Bridge for the rest of the season after finally ending their frustrating run on home turf.

Frank Lampard's side suffered successive Premier League home defeats against Bournemouth and Southampton before beating Burnley 3-0 on Saturday.

It was a welcome result for Chelsea in front of their own fans after several disappointments in

west London this term.

Lampard had questioned whether Chelsea had the "balls" to break down defensive opponents, but Abraham says the way they ripped apart Burnley proved they can be entertaining and successful.

"We do have to do that. The fans want to come and watch beautiful football and recently in our home games we haven't been giving them that," Abraham said when asked if Chelsea felt a responsibility to excite their fans.

"You could see that we played beautifully against Burnley though and the fans were behind us.

"I think we had been coming to Stamford Bridge recently and it was just a bit too slow. Against Burnley we showed that we started sharp and it continued throughout the game."

Arsenal, Manchester United and Tottenham are all up next for the Blues at the Bridge, leaving Abraham and company well aware they must not suffer a drop in standards.



■ Chelsea leading goal scorer, Tammy Abraham

## Record breaker Aguero will 'die scoring goals', says Pep

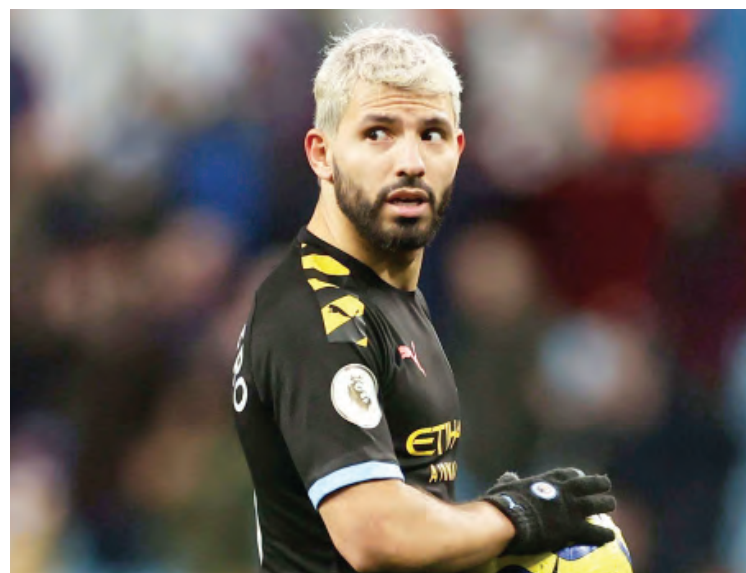
Sergio Aguero, fresh from breaking two more goalscoring records in Sunday's 6-1 thrashing of Aston Villa, will "die scoring goals", according to proud Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola.

The 31-year-old Argentine international broke the record for the number of goals by a non-English player, previously held by Thierry Henry, and hat-tricks (breaking Alan Shearer's mark) in the Premier League with his 12th treble to take his tally to 177 goals since he made his Premier League debut in 2011.

Victory still left defending champions City 14 points shy of league leaders Liverpool - who also have a game in hand - but Guardiola was keener to eulogise about Aguero.

"It's an honour to be here the day he achieved that, hopefully he can score more. He will die scoring goals," purred Guardiola.

"Sergio is one of the best, no doubt. The best is Messi, but the rest? Sergio is absolutely one of them."



■ Sergio Aguero

## Weight lifted for Serena as Melbourne beckons

The length of time Serena Williams held her arms aloft after clinching her first WTA title in almost three years spoke volumes on Sunday as the American prepares for the latest tilt at a 24th Grand Slam title in Melbourne next week.

The celebration after her Auckland Classic victory was not as effusive as some of her previous 72 title wins, and the \$43,000 winner's cheque, which she donated to Australia bushfire relief efforts, was a drop in the ocean for someone who has won almost \$93 million in career

prize-money. But the victory was highly significant in that it ended the worst title drought of her career. Since winning her 23rd Grand Slam at the 2017 Australian Open, Williams had lost all five of her five previous finals, four at majors, a run that made the most dominant player in the modern era look fallible.

"It's pretty satisfying to get a win in a final," Williams told reporters. "That was really important for me."

"I want to build on it. Obviously it is a step towards the next goal in Melbourne."

## Djokovic closes gap on world No 1 Nadal in new rankings

Novak Djokovic's win over Rafael Nadal on Sunday not only helped Serbia secure the ATP Cup in Sydney but enabled him to close the gap on the Spaniard in the new ATP rankings released on Monday.

Djokovic won all eight of his matches last week and beat his rival 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) in the final to close the gap between the world's top two players to

just 510 points as the tour heads towards the first major of the season, next week's Australian Open in Melbourne.

At the start of the year, the gap stood at 930 points.

The other beneficiary of last week's action was the Russian Andrey Rublev who climbed five places to 18 on the back of his victory in Doha, the third title of his career.

## AC Milan counting on Ibrahimovic boost in Italian Cup

AC Milan will be counting on the Zlatan Ibrahimovic-effect to rescue their season in the Italian Cup starting this week.

Five-time winners Milan begin their quest for a first Cup trophy since 2003 at home with a last 16 tie against SPAL.

Ibrahimovic, 38, scored on his first start back with Milan on Saturday in a 2-0 win at Cagliari which lifted his side to 10th place.

"I'll celebrate like a God at San Siro, not here," said

Ibrahimovic after his first goal in the Milan jersey since May 2012.

Coach Stefano Piolo said that although the Swedish star was "not yet 100 percent" he was "an important point of reference who stimulates and encourages his teammates".

AC Milan, 10 points off the Champions League places, are favourites at home, but bottom side SPAL shocked Torino 2-1 last month for just their third win this season.



■ Zlatan Ibrahimovic

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## A leading light of Northern Nigerian public service

Last week we picked snippets from the book written by Abdurrahman Okene, In the Service of My Country, showing his beginnings from Okene, to the heights he reached in the Northern Nigerian public service. His career trajectory is a study of the growth of Nigeria's public service from the difficult days of the colonial times to what it became at independence. In the North, as regional self-independence approached in the other half of the 1950s, it became apparent to the fledgling government of the Premier, Sardauna Ahmadu Bello that the higher rungs of the administrative cadre in the Northern Region public service was totally dominated by the white British overlords. The importance of this cadre cannot be overemphasised as the cadre was the only avenue for all civil servants then to reach the very top of the civil service. There was not a single northerner in that cadre despite having many capable hands across the professions, particularly in education, where the likes of Abdurrahman Okene were playing leading roles.

Something had to be done fast. The Sardauna convinced his cabinet to put out a notice in the official government gazette that in preparation for self-government the administration required people of experience and proven track record in other sectors to come into the civil service. Abdurrahman Okene did not see the need to apply because he did not want to leave the teaching profession which he loved so much. He was, however surprised to receive an official letter from the Premier's office asking him to apply.

He wrote: "Thirty of us sat for the examination and went through the interviews. During the interview at the Public Service Commission in Kaduna, I was asked only one question: 'Having done so much for education and with your name as reference point in education here in the north, why would you want to leave now and come into administrative service?' The panellists made so much of the question that it looked like they were doing me a favour taking me into the service. I felt annoyed that they could have a contrary opinion of me and said: 'Mr. Chairman, sir, let me assure you that I prefer my teaching profession to any other. The reason you see me here is because my ministry told me that there were goods to be delivered in administration and they felt that I was the right man to deliver those goods.' That was all I said and the interview ended on that note."

When the results were released four of them were selected and transferred into administration as Senior Assistant Secretaries; Ali Akilu, who became

Secretary to the Premier and Head of the Civil Service, Yahaya Gusau, who was appointed the Secretary to the Cabinet, later Permanent Secretary in many ministries and would much later be a minister in the military government of General Yakubu Gowon and Abdurrahman Mora who was in the Ministry of Health, who would later hold the post of Permanent Secretary in many Federal Ministries.

Abdurrahman Okene was posted to the Ministry of Agriculture, but for starters he was retained in the Premier's to take charge of Protocol duties in the conduct of the all-important celebrations for self-government that took place in March 1959. He performed the assignment with such aplomb that the Premier gave him a medal of commendation at the end of the celebrations. In due course he made the rounds of the top of the administrative cadre as a Resident (equivalent now to a governor) of Zaria and Sokoto

**Northern Region's cabinet, I often had to work late into the night. At such times the Sardauna, without my notice visited my family gave them gifts and reassured them that I would be home soon. Indeed, it became a routine that each time I arrived home from late night in the office I would be greeted by the phrase: 'The Sardauna was here.' I later learnt that he did this to the families of all the senior officers who worked directly with him**

Provinces. He was the pioneer Provincial Secretary of the newly-created Sardauna Province which had just joined Nigeria from Cameroun Republic. Later he was moved to Bauchi where the coup of 1966 caught him.

In all he did in the Northern Nigerian civil service he looked at the Sardauna as his number one role model. He wrote: "In the civil service, there were some people that excelled in the art of administration that I admired and did everything to emulate. The late Sardauna, was one of such persons. You would admire him when you came closer to him. Indeed, no matter how hard you tried to provoke him, he never gave to anger. Rather he would turn it into humour. He did not force loyalty out people. You simply found out that he was so endeared to you that the best you could do was to offer him 100% loyalty. He taught me how to have interest in the affairs and wellbeing of people that worked with me especially my subordinates. For instance, when I was secretary to the Northern Region's cabinet, I often

had to work late into the night. At such times the Sardauna, without my notice visited my family gave them gifts and reassured them that I would be home soon. Indeed, it became a routine that each time I arrived home from late night in the office I would be greeted by the phrase: 'The Sardauna was here.' I later learnt that he did this to the families of all the senior officers who worked directly with him."

The assassination of Sardauna was an unexpected shock to, not only Abdurrahman Okene and his colleagues, but to the whole north. He wrote: "The death of Sardauna became a rallying point for most of us. It kept the north united. And for those of us in the civil service it engendered in us a will to succeed in our assignments as a tribute to the eternal legacy of the Sardauna."

When states were created in May 1967, Abdurrahman Okene was a Provincial Secretary Bauchi Province and was saddled with the responsibility of being the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service (SMG) of the newly created North-Eastern State (comprising the present Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe states). In April 1968 he was transferred to his home state, Kwara State as SMG and worked closely with the Military Governor, Col David Bamigboye to put the new state on a sound footing before retiring from the civil service in 1970.

At retirement he was inundated with other offers to serve in higher capacities. There wouldn't be space to list the public institutions he headed or was a member. Suffice it to say that he was at one time or the other Chairman of the Police Service Commission, Nigerian Population Commission, Union Bank and was also Pro-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan. He capped all these with serving as Minister of Internal Affairs during the Babangida regime. He was also a prominent member of all the constitutional conferences in that period.

Abdurrahman Okene was proud to be a Nigerian. He wrote: "Nigeria, my country, has always had a pride of place in my heart. I am proud to be a Nigerian - a country that offered me an identity and fertile opportunities to develop to where I am today." He was also proud of his Okene origins and his royal heritage and devoted a good piece of the book extolling that. Above all he was proud to be a northerner and he was one of those that could always be counted upon to protect what they perceived as northern interest. During the national crisis of 1993 following the annulment of the June 12 elections, when the unity of the country was threatened, it was Abdurrahman Okene and his colleagues that rallied round helping to save the situation. He was the prime mover of the Northern Elders Forum (NEF). He took the initiative to write to selected leaders in the north. He convened the meeting and presided over it, along with fellow compatriots, Ambassador Jolly Tanko Yusuf and Justice Mamman Nasir. They worked together to make the NEF a permanent feature, a vital pressure group and non-partisan.

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## Bencic advances as injured de Minaur out of Adelaide



■ Belinda Bencic

World No 7 Belinda Bencic won her first match of the season Monday, but there was agony for Alex de Minaur as the men's top seed pulled out of the Adelaide International in Australia.

The Swiss 22-year-old, a wildcard entry who lost her opening match of the year last week in Shenzhen, beat good friend Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-4, 6-4.

Kerber, a former No 1 who took a long three-month off season, won the tournament in 2018 when it was played in Sydney, defeating Ashleigh Barty in the final.

## Dabo joins SPAL from Fiorentina



■ Bryan Dabo

Burkina Faso international Bryan Dabo has signed for SPAL from fellow Serie A strugglers Fiorentina on loan, both clubs confirmed on Monday.

The 27-year-old French-born midfielder joined Fiorentina, which have an option to buy at the end of the season, from Saint-Etienne in January 2018.

The former Montpellier and Blackburn Rovers player has not featured for the Tuscan side this season.

He scored two goals in 33 games for the club, who are 14th in the league after beating SPAL 1-0 on Sunday. SPAL are bottom of the table.