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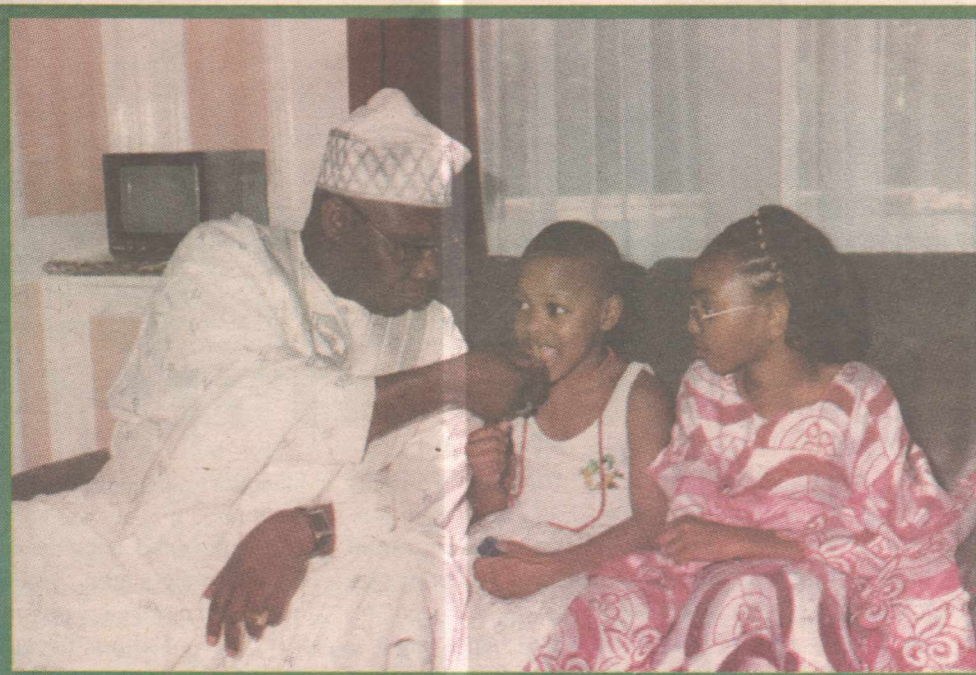
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President Olusegun Obasanjo feeding some Nigerian children at a reception held for him in the Nigerian Chancery at Brussels in Belgium over the weekend.

Ex-gov in court over N240,000

From Dare Oyewole,
in Kaduna

Justice Esther Inuwa, sitting at the Kaduna High Court, is to unravel the mystery of how a Central Bank crossed cheque purportedly got into the Bank account of the former Military Administrator of Taraba State, Col. Yohana Mamman Dickson (rtd), as hearing on the matter commences on August 1, 2001.

The cheque, number 1054 for the sum of N240,996.00 issued on December 4, 2000 in favour of Sati Dashon Gumut Industries Ltd, Jos, Plateau State, was allegedly lodged and

cashed by the former military administrator at the Ahmadu Bello Way, Kaduna, branch of the Bank of the North.

According to a statement of claim filed by the plaintiff, Sati Dashon Gumut Industries Ltd, the Bank of the North acted in utter negligence by allowing the former military administrator to cash a crossed cheque on his account number 29061 using the name Mamman Bashiru Yohana.

Giving the genesis of the stolen cheque in its 10-point

statement of claim, the plaintiff said sometime in October, 2000 the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna, awarded it a contract for the supply of household items amounting to N240,996.00 and that upon completion of the contract, a CBN crossed cheque dated December 4, 2000 for the amount was issued in its name.

The plaintiff averred that it does not operate any account at the Ahmadu Bello Way, Kaduna, branch of Bank of the North or any of its branches nationwide and that it does not intend to operate one.

"The aforesaid cheque
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2003 ELECTIONS

Buhari chairs Rimi's campaign launch

Muhammad Buhari, chairman of the launching of posters and souvenirs for the presidential campaign of former Kano State Governor,

From Aliyu M. Sulaiman, in Kano and Mustapha Isa Kwaru

Alhaji Abubakar Rimi, has again asked Nigerians to elect only honest leaders.

The former Head of State

'No Nigeria without Middle-Belt'

By Leke Adelere, in Jos

The former national chairman of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Solomon Lar, has declared that "without middle-belt, there would be no Nigeria"

when other parts of the country were on the war path and busy demanding the breaking up of the nation into ethnic enclaves, it was the Middle-Belt that served firmly to ensure the preservation of a united and indivisible Nigeria.

He added: "The Middle-Belt is the only region that has never called for or mooted the idea of secession in Nigeria."

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Lar made this declaration on Saturday at the grand reception organised by the Middle-Belt Forum and restoration mandate at the university of Jos in honour of the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Monday Manguwat.

Continuing, the one time governor of old Plateau State said "The Middle-Belt is the cord that binds the Nigerian project; that serves as a moderation against total integration and this region has paid its dues in all spheres of our national life - be it social, political or economic."

Chief Lar recalled that

said he was in Kano to rejoice with Rimi for the doctorate degree he recently got from the University of Calabar and to attend the launching of an organisation named the Youth Awareness for Rimi 2003.

Alhaji Abubakar Rimi said, at a press conference later, that he was in earnest about wanting to become the president of Nigeria and not angling for a bargaining chip, and that he withdrew from the 1999 race not because he was given money but on instruction of his party, the PDP.

"My party, PDP wrote to me that it has decided on zoning policy in favour of the South," he said.

According to him, the proper launching of his campaign would take place in Abuja and that he was moved to seek the presidency because of the deteriorating condition of Nigerians which was why he now criticised the Obasanjo administration.

"I did not know that after Obasanjo assumed office as president he would not improve the living standard of the citizens. I did not support the idea because it was not democratic and it was not

Arm police not soldiers - AD chairman

By Reuben Yunana

National chairman of the Alliance for Democracy (AD), Alhaji Ahmed Abdulkadir, has said Nigeria should arm

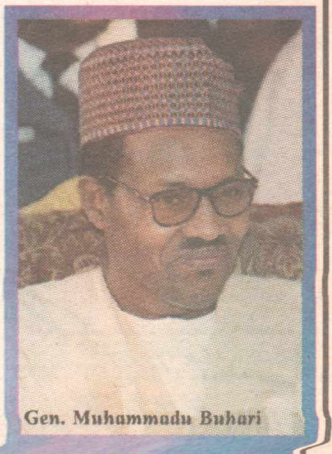
their candidate, Lawal Aliyu Abubakar, and Christians backing their own, Usman Ishaya, for the union's presidency.

Daily Trust further learnt that when the electoral panel

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Alhaji Abubakar Rimi



Gen. Muhammadu Buhari

FCE Yola closed down over religious crisis

The Federal College of Education (FCE) Yola, has been closed down following a violent students' demonstration in the college.

Investigations revealed that the riot resulted from a

dispute over the students union election which led to claims and counter-claims of victory by the two opposing camps.

The election took a religious dimension, with Muslims mainly backing

its policemen instead of its soldiers.

Addressing journalists at the AD secretariat at the weekend, Alhaji Ahmed said the allocations to the police and the Ministry of Defence in the supplementary appropriation bill recently passed by the National Assembly should have been swapped.

The Ministry of Defence got N23 billion in the supplementary budget and Alhaji Ahmed said it should have been given the N3 billion

approved for the police which he said was too meagre.

"It is a sad development that an institution that is supposed to safeguard our lives and property thereby encouraging foreign investment is ridiculed by an allocation of only N3 billion in the supplementary budget," he lamented.

He called for refocusing of attention to internal security, which he said was in a shambles rather than laying

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NEWS

High Commission protests killings, assaults on Nigerians in Britain

The Nigerian High Commission in London on Friday expressed displeasure at the rising tide of gruesome murders and maiming of Nigerians in Britain, particularly children.

In a report to the British Home Office which was made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in London, the High Commission expressed "deepest concern at the recent high incidence of cases of fatal attacks on Nigerians in Britain under questionable circumstances.

"These cases present a disturbing coincidence in the manner in which they follow one another", the High Commission said.

It added that it was constrained to "bring these development to the attention of the Home Office, the public, the Nigerian community in the U.K. as well as Nigerians at home and to request for "an intervention or any necessary action" to stem the tide.

The High Commission stated that in the past one year, there have been attacks of varying magnitude on

Nigerians, with the month of July accounting for three of such occurrences.

It listed victims of the attacks, who included 17-year-old Olusola Akinkunle Agoro, who was stabbed to death by a gang of boys on November 18 last year, and ten-year-old Damilola Taylor, who bled to death from a stab wound on November 27, 2000.

The rest are: Bunmi Shagaya, 11, who drowned during a school trip to France; Jude Akapa, 15, who suffered a fatal blow to his head last week, and Ernest

Ogbonnaya, 15, who was attacked by 14 boys during school hours at Whitefield School, Brent Cross, North London on Wednesday last week.

Ernest, who is the son of Peter Ogbonnaya, head of information service at the High Commission, was horribly brutalised, as his forehead was ripped open, the High Commission said, adding that the hapless boy was still in hospital.

The High Commission therefore, urged the Home Office to intervene and "arrest this ugly situation."



Chief Mrs. Stella Obasanjo, (Enyim Nnedioranma Ahaba of Asaba) (left), the Asagba of Asaba, Professor Edozien and his wife, Chief (Mrs) Edozien, dancing during the 10th anniversary celebration of the coronation of the Asagba of Asaba in Asaba, Delta State... recently.

FG imports HIV drugs

As part of its determination to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic and manage adequately those already infested with the virus, the Federal Government will in the next two weeks take delivery of a consignment of

Anti-Retro-Viral drugs (ARVS). The national Coordinator, AIDS Control Committee of the Federal Ministry of Health, Dr. Sanusi Gwarzo,

who revealed this to *Daily Trust* at the weekend said the ministry will commence massive treatments across the nation as soon as the drugs arrived. "In the past years, we only counselled AIDS patients. We told them to take

it easy. Now, we are very grateful to God Almighty that AIDS patients will soon have access to drugs at affordable prices." Dr. Gwarzo said. It was to prepare grounds for immediate take-off of treatment, that the ministry organised a two-day workshop for clinicians on the use of the Anti-Retro-Viral drug will not be sold in the open market or in the hospitals but will be properly controlled and managed by clinicians, pharmacists and others in the system who participated in the training workshop.

laboratory personnel. So for them to do this, we are giving them initial training so that when these drugs come in, we can use them without any fear of them being abused," Dr. Gwarzo said.

On the gains of the African AIDS conference held in Nigeria last April, the national Coordinator said the entire purpose of the summit was to mobilise leadership in Africa, which has been achieved.

He said more leaders in the world have become committed in the war against AIDS as exemplified in the recent United Nations summit on AIDS and the opening of a Global Fund for AIDS.

Earlier in his remark at

Vice-Chancellors, Pro-Chancellors commend NUC boss

The Committee of Pro-Chancellors (CPC) and Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) comprising all the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, have issued a joint letter of commendation to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Munzali Jibril, OFR, for the able manner he has been conducting the affairs of the commission.

In a move unprecedented in the history of the relationship between the NUC boss as a regulator of the University System and the Vice-Chancellors, the CPC and CVC said in the letter to Professor Jibril, that "members unanimously agreed that a letter of commendation

should be sent to you to express the appreciation of Pro-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities for the able manner in which you have conducted the affairs of the Commission."

The letter, signed by the Secretary-General of the CVC, Professor G.A. Umezurike, added that "there is no doubt that your humility, high sense of duty, intelligence, good human relations, and above all, deep understanding of the problems of Nigerian Universities were some of the qualities responsible for the catalogue of achievements recorded by the commission."

It also expressed appreciation of the CPC and CVC

over the Executive Secretary's cooperation with them.

The CPC and CVC commendation is coming on the heels of the excellent manner the Executive Secretary facilitated the successful negotiation and agreement between the Federal Government and ASUU which brought to an end the most recent ASUU strike.

practiced anywhere in the world," he said.

"We know him as a good man but were not aware that after he became president, he will change his mind, we voted him with intention of developing the country, so it is not our fault rather that of the president," he concluded.

Rimi was quoted by the BBC Hausa Service as saying that Nigeria was full of crimes ranging from armed robbery and theft among others due to the bad leadership of the present administration and that the country needs leaders who will solve these problems.

Former governor, Rimi explained that the campaign items which included posters, stickers, and souvenirs were launched because of the high demand from his supporters and were produced in millions for sale all over the country.

He explained further that he would later go round the

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country making consultations with PDP leaders, elders and supporters on his plan to contest the presidency come 2003.

He added that those expelled from the party were people who offended the party.

He said it would be irresponsible for any party member to look the other way when the party was drifting after the struggles to form the party and get leaders elected.

"I am a member of the board of trustees of the party, we are the leaders of the party, we are the founding fathers of the party and we have a responsibility to guide and guard and protect the names and integrity of the party and the government of the party," Rimi said.

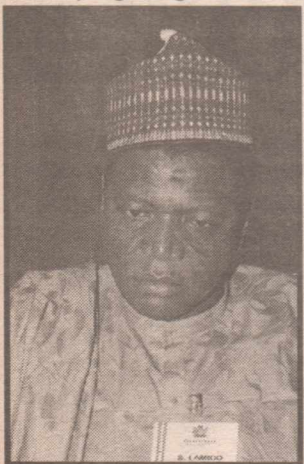
Also at the launching were Alhaji Bature Abdulaziz, Chief launcher who was represented by Alhaji Umar Abdulaziz.

Others include members

of the National Assembly, like Farouq Mohammed Lawan, Senator Kura Muhammad, Barau Jibrin, and Dr. Ahmed Jalingo.

Also at the launching was the chairman ALGON Kano State, Comrade Aminu Abdulsalam, former Kano Speaker, Abdullahi Gwarmai, Tarauni Local Government Chairman, Alhaji Kabiru Sanda, Alhaji Zannah Dujuma of Borno, Talban Bauchi, Col. Ja'afaru Isa (rtd), representatives of Maryam Abacha, Danmadamin Daura, Ibrahim Tahir, Aminu Inuwa and Alhaji Ubali Shitu on behalf of Jigawa State government.

About 10 million naira was realised at the launching with the highest donation of N2 million from the Chief launcher, Alhaji Bature Abdulaziz, Zannah Dujuma donated N1 million while members of the House of Representatives donated N250,000 each.



Alhaji Sule Lamido, Foreign Affairs Minister.

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was stolen by an unknown person and it (plaintiff) reported this incident to the police in Jos on February 7, 2001," the plaintiff further stated.

According to the plaintiff, the said cheque was lodged, received and cleared by the Bank of the North at its Ahmadu Bello Way, Kaduna, branch office knowing fully well that it (plaintiff) did not maintain an account with the bank.

It averred that the bank paid the proceeds of the said cheque to fictitious, faceless and unidentified Mamman Bashir Yohanna in questionable and unjustifiable

manner.

The plaintiff said that the bank in utter negligence unexpected of a prudent bank and in flagrant violation of accepted banking practice, allowed someone else other than it (plaintiff) to cash the cheque.

It said by reason of the negligent act of the Bank of the North, its (plaintiff) business has been put into serious jeopardy as it has not been able to execute several other contracts for want of funds.

The plaintiff is therefore claiming from the bank the sum of N240,996,000 representing the value of the

crossed cheque issued in its favour and which the bank collected knowing fully well that it did not maintain any account with the bank.

The plaintiff is also claiming interest also on the amount at the rate of 27 per cent per annum from February 7, 2001 until judgement is given and thereafter at 10 per cent per annum until the judgement debt is fully liquidated.

It similarly asked for N9.5 million as general damages.

The defendant in the suit is one Major Sylvester Danladi (rtd)

NEWS

Failed politicians may disrupt 2003 elections

Governor Bukar Abba Ibrahim of Yobe State has hinged the success of next year's national population census and future elections on the ability of the government to curb the proliferation and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons in the country.

Speaking when members of the National Committee on Proliferation and Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons visited him on Friday in Damaturu, Governor Ibrahim observed that some, "failed politicians who wish to create tribal and ethnic empires for themselves," have allegedly imported arms into the country to disrupt government programmes.

He said prior to 1980, proliferation and trafficking in small arms was not a problem in the country, but that in the last two decades, the situation has changed, due to the outbreak of wars and tribal conflicts, both within and

outside the West African sub-region, "making it easier for dubious Nigerians to possess weapons." According to him, the sub-region has an estimated seven million small arms in circulation, which is jeopardizing the security of lives and proper.

The governor, however, said Yobe has never experienced ethnic clashes, adding that the people were co-

existing peacefully, even though it has its "fair share of armed banditry and cross border robbery activities, due to the porous nature of our borders."

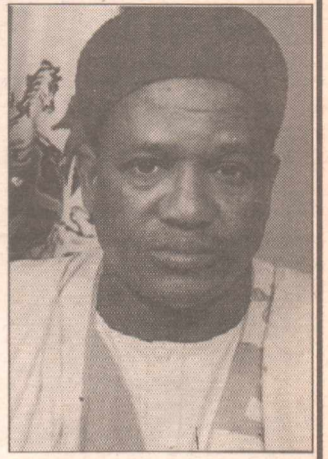
He, therefore, called for concerted efforts to check the illicit importation of arms, stressing that those found to be involved in the illegal act, must be brought to book, regardless of their positions or

-Governor

social status. Earlier, the leader of the committee, Group Captain Olabode Olagoke, had said proliferation and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons were on the increase in Nigeria, resulting in a corresponding rise in armed robbery activities, communal clashes and transnational banditry.

The problem, he said,

informed the decision of the Federal Government to set up the committee to collate information on the menace, recommend appropriate measures, and oversee the implementation of decisions aimed at eradicating it. He observed that the effects of arms proliferation on the people was "more dangerous than even the AIDS scourge."



Gov Bukar Ibrahim

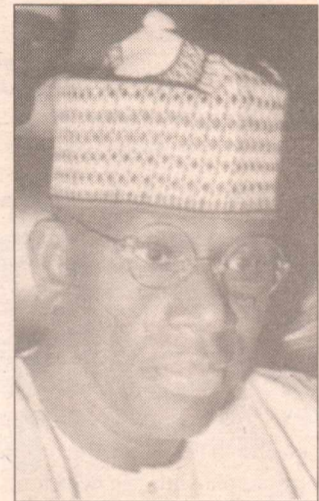
Kogi re-absorbs indicted commissioner

A former Commissioner for Works in Kogi State, Ralph Sabo, indicted for financial misappropriation by the Justice Olusuyi Commission of Inquiry, has been cleared and re-absorbed into the state's civil service.

Announcing this at the end of the state Executive Council Meeting in Lokoja, the Commissioner for Information and Culture,

Hajiya Salamatu Atimah, said the re-absorption of Sabo followed the rejection of the findings of the judicial commission. She said in the course of revisiting government's white paper on the matter, the State Executive Council discovered that the former commissioner was not given a fair trial.

"In view of this development, government has directed that Sabo's period of absence in the service be converted to leave of absence without pay," Atimah said.



Gov Mohammed Lawal

The commissioner also announced that the state

government had approved the award of a N313.5 million contract for the rehabilitation of 11.5 km of township roads at Egbe.

The State Executive Council also approved the award of a contract for the furnishing of the conference hall of the state secretariat at the cost of N5 million, she said. Hajiya Salamatu said the government further directed that fertilizer be sold to farmers at N1,000 per 50kg bag for NPK brand; UREA brand at N950, while SSP brand should be sold at N850 per 50kg bag in the current cropping season.

Tor Tiv, Emir of Lafia call for peace

From Buhari Bello, in Jos

The Tor Tiv, Dr. Alfred Torkula, and the Emir of Lafia, Alhaji Mustapha Agwai, have called on the warring communities in the ongoing crisis in Nasarawa State to stop further bloodshed and embrace peace.

The two traditional rulers, who made the call at the end of their joint reconciliation committee meeting held recently, said there was no need to continue fighting one another as violence does not help any situation.

According to Dr. Tokula, there is every need for the proper resettlement of all displaced people who return to their abode. The traditional ruler further explained that a campaign has already started in enlightening the Tiv community to return to their homes as normalcy has gradually returned to the area.

The Emir of Lafia, Alhaji Mustapha Agwai in his contribution, assured the people in the state that efforts were being made to ensure safe return of all victims of the crisis.

Oba of Ilorin? Never, say Ilorin elders

The Ilorin Emirate Chief Forum (IECF) has vowed never to allow the crowning of a Yoruba Oba in Ilorin while condemning the persistent call for the installation of such an *oba* in the Kwara State capital by the banned Odua People Congress (OPC).

The IECF said, through its General Secretary, Alhaji Salihu Woru Mohammed, "it would not happen even in a thousand years. Forever and ever, it is foreclosed".

The forum called on princes, princesses, sons and daughters, mallams and *Ulamas* of Ilorin emirate to rise up to the challenge posed by what it described as "miscreants called OPC members" and confront them courageously whenever they re-surface.

He said Ilorin Emirate Chief Forum was fully prepared to protect and defend the present emirate system of administration, "come rain or shine. We will protect and preserve Ilorin. We are even prepared to go to war in the process. We declare publicly

From Abdul Laro in Ilorin

that no group could claim monopoly of violence."

The general secretary wondered why despite the stated ban on OPC members by the federal government, "the notorious group still operates, disturbing people and creating tension with impunity".

Mohammed solicited the support of the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Maccido Mohammed and all emirs from the North in the "historic fight" against the OPC infiltration of Ilorin. He also called on the people of the state and residents of Ilorin to join hands with Governor Mohammed Lawal's administration so that the dividends of democracy will continue to go round.

Only last week, the wanted leader of OPC, Gani Adams, sneaked into Ilorin to address a meeting of zonal coordinators of the militant OPC. In the address, he vowed that the installation of a Yoruba *oba* in the town was a matter of time.

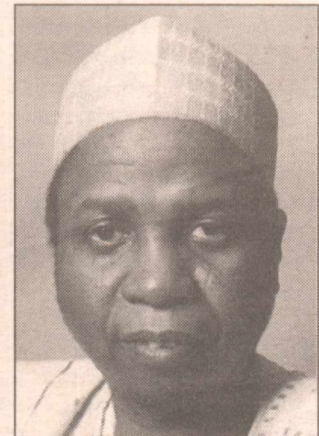
HOS charges parastatals on pensions

The Head of Service of the Federation, Alhaji Mohamed Yayale Ahmed, has charged all federal government parastatals and agencies to ensure prompt implementation of the enhanced pension and gratuity schemes to avoid the psychological stress any delay may cause pensioners.

Speaking at a maiden meeting of Chief Executive Officers of federal government parastatals summoned to brainstorm on pension matters, last week in Abuja, Yayale expressed the government's concern over "the spate of complaints by pensioners over non-payment or delay in the payment of pensions and gratuities."

According to him, "the

situation is clearly against the policy of government



Alhaji Mohamed Yayale Ahmed,

towards alleviating poverty in the country."

The head of service, who urged the heads of parastatals and agencies to appraise themselves of all relevant circulars and regulations on pension matters between January 1997 and March 2001, also directed the parastatals to replicate the recently structured processes and operations that had hitherto hindered the smooth processing retirement benefits.

David-West advocates death penalty for oil bunkering

A former Minister of Petroleum Resources and later Power and Steel in General Muhammadu Buhari's regime, Prof. Tam David-West has called for death penalty for anybody who engages in illegal bunkering in the country.

Prof. David-West made the call at the sixth memorial lecture organised by the Rivers State branch of the Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE) in honour of late Engr. Souza-Okpo Fabiri, a founding father of the society in the state.

David-West who was a guest lecturer at the occasion, stated that oil bunkering was one of the major sources of pollution, that has gone unhighlighted over the years.

From Wisdom-Uduak Patrick, in Port Harcourt

He disclosed that during his tenure as the Minister for Petroleum, he had a running battle with illegal bunkerers as their activities, apart from being environmental hostile, were also a major source of drain in government revenue.

He further disclosed that to stem the menace, "I suggested it to the then Head of State, General Buhari (rtd), to promulgate the Decree 20 of 1984 which made it an offence punishable by death."

He said the decree became necessary, when it was discovered that there were over 4,000 illegal bunkering operators in the oil industry as against 27 licenced ones.

governors clamouring for resource control today were bunkerers yesterday and their agents are still doing it for Canthone Channel, in Rivers State," he averred.

The former Education Commissioner for Rivers State said he has drawn the attention of the state Governor, Dr. Peter Odili, to the activities of illegal activities in the state at the channel, "but I am not sure something has been done because last week when I went there for a study, I still saw them."

David-West informed the audience that Nigeria was losing some \$2 million each day through illegal bunkering, "and the political will to fight is just not there."

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NEWS



L-R: The Governor of Anambra State, Dr. Chimoroke Mbadinuju, Governor of Nasarawa, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu and Governor of Adamawa State, Mr. Boni Haruna during their meeting with President Olusegun Obasanjo on the Conflict Management/Restoration at the State House, Abuja... yesterday. Pix: Kennedy Egbondje.

Man bags one year for committing adultery with lunatic

A man, Abubakar Aliyu, arrested for committing adultery with a female lunatic in Sokoto, has been sentenced to 100 strokes of the cane in addition to one year imprisonment.

The Judge of the Upper Sharia Court II, Alhaji Bawa Sahabi Tambuwal, who ordered the caning of the culprit publicly, said the police had caught him in the act.

According to the judge,

the sentence was passed on him "based on the directive of Allah and his prophet as enshrined in the Holy Qur'an."

In another case, one Bashiru Bello of Digar-Agire area of Sokoto metropolis was jailed for six months for reportedly using charms to steal property worth N13,180.

Mrs. Fatima Dange, the Chief Magistrate at Court II, who passed the judgement,

said she jailed him in order to serve as a deterrent to others.

Bello was sentenced to six months imprisonment without the option of a fine, while the judge warned him to stop using the words of Allah in committing crimes.

However, the magistrate pointed out that the convict could file an appeal to the state High Court, if he was not satisfied with the judgement.

Minister urges women to participate in national politics

The Minister for Women Affairs and Youth Development, Hajiya Aisha Ismail, has called on women to come out and participate fully in national affairs as the country consolidates her democratic gains.

She made the call while declaring open the fifth regular meeting of the National Council on Women Affairs and Youth Development in Eket, Akwa-Ibom State recently.

The minister urged women to ensure that in the forth-coming council elections, they control up to 40 per cent of the local govern-

ment councils in Nigeria, adding, "this is not impossible, after all, women enjoy a considerable numerical advantage over men."

Hajiya Aisha said Nigeria belongs to everyone irrespective of gender and equal opportunities must be given to every group to partake in the ongoing national development efforts.

While declaring that the era when women were made to play the second fiddle was over, she advised them to resist all attempts by any person or group of persons to reduce them to beggars,

"where the political parties in the country refused to consider women for higher office, women should organise themselves to form a political party," he said.

The Special Adviser to the President on Women Affairs, Chief Titi Ajanaku, also enjoined the women folks to rise to the numerous challenges which the new dispensation offers.

Also speaking at the occasion, the wife of the Akwa-Ibom State governor, Mrs. Allison Attah, challenged women to come up with viable plans that would transform the lives of women and youths in the country.

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He commended the roles played by the Middle-Belters at all times and urged citizens of the region to continue in the same vein so that Nigeria can fulfil her destiny as a truly great, prosperous and united nation.

Chief Lar describes the appointment of Prof. Manguwat as timely and a welcome development, adding that "his appointment would help the institution into a model citadel of learning."

The former Police Affairs Minister observed that universities that were established at the same time with

UNIJOS have since been mobilised to their permanent sites and traced the lack of meaningful development in the university to a grand design by certain elements who are bent on frustrating the actualisation of the Middle-Belt dream.

Prof. Monday Manguwat, the new vice-chancellor, in his response, thanked the Federal Government, members of the University of Jos community and organisers of the reception that he will leave no stone unturned in justifying the confidence reposed in him.

He implored the entire staff, students and the host communities to guard the prevailing peace jealously "as no meaningful development can take place in a system of chaos."

Prof. Manguwat equally urged them to exhaust all avenues of dialogue in setting contending issues instead of employing violence or industrial actions as first option. "Incessant strikes or cycles of violence do nothing but retard development. In line with the prevailing democracy outside, let's turn a new leaf by imbibing the culture of dialogue and diplomacy," he concluded.

Aikhomu escapes lynching

From Shehu Abubakar, in Benin City

Retired Admiral Augustus Aikhomu, who is also the national leader of the Fourth Dimension Nigeria (FDN), a political association which is fast gaining grounds in the South-South political zone, narrowly escaped being lynched yesterday as youths under the aegis of Edo Youths Vanguard (EYV), in their thousands stormed Saidi Centre Hotel, Benin City, venue of an FDN meeting.

In the ensuing fracas, over 30 participants were wounded and some vehicles were destroyed thereby obstructing the FDN meeting.

Earlier, the FDN had scheduled its meeting for 12 noon at the conference hall of the hotel while the Edo Youths Vanguard were to hold theirs in a different hall within the same hotel by 10 am of the same day.

At about the time the FDN meeting was to start, the situation became so tense that FDN members were not comfortable with the presence of members of the vanguard, as they believed that the youths were PDP sympathisers contracted to disrupt the meeting.

The FDN members who were mostly community leaders drawn from the six South-South states, had to vacate the venue of the meeting to Admiral

Aikhomu's house for safety. When the youths were alerted that the FDN members were moving to another location, they immediately came out from their meeting and stormed the conference hall of the hotel, venue of the FDN meeting where luck ran out for some FDN officials left behind.

Despite the presence of a detachment of men of the Nigeria Police Force, over 30 FDN officials were beaten mercilessly and dispossessed of their wallets, money, wristwatches, jewellery and other valuables.

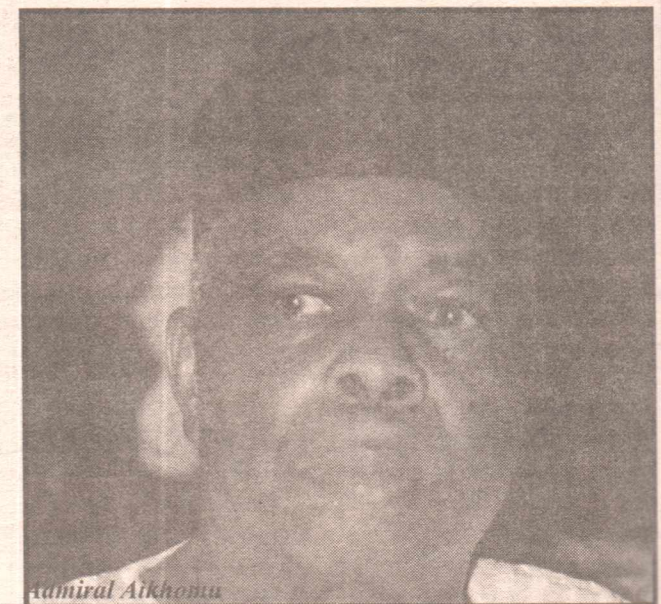
An eyewitness, Mr. Kennedy Eguason, who claimed to have come for the meeting from Asaba in Delta State, told Daily Trust that he saw the windscreens of vehicles shattered and three

FDN members were attacked with machetes, bottles and dangerous objects.

Rtd. Admiral Aikhomu was saved from the mob when a few metres from the venue of the meeting, some FDN faithful alerted him. He consequently made a quick retreat to his house.

At the time of filing this report, most of the seriously wounded FDN officials and others who escaped the mob attack were seen assembling at Admiral Aikhomu's house which is under very close watch by armed naval personnel.

Though there was no official statement from either of the groups, it was generally believed that the ruling PDP is not comfortable with the FDN, which in the past few months, has been poaching thousands of PDP members in the state.



Admiral Aikhomu

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was set to announce the results, a group, which sensed electoral failure, seized the result slip and tore it to shreds alleging that there were irregularities in the conduct of the election.

This drew the ire of the opposing group which immediately protested such an action, chanting, "We no go gree! We no go gree!! We no go gree!!!"

Daily Trust gathered that the charged atmosphere later degenerated into a violent demonstration in which some property of the college were vandalised.

The students poured outside the college gates and

blocked the main road linking Yola and Jimeta, burning tyres and smashing windscreens of vehicles in the process.

Our correspondent who visited the scene saw the rampaging students burning used tyres at the gate of the college.

Armed policemen, led by the Assistant Commissioner of Police (operations) and a Divisional Police Officer, Mr. M. Abdullahi, had to use teargas to disperse the rioting students.

While some students were arrested and thrown into police vehicles, most were, however, busy packing

their baggage and fleeing the college.

The Provost of the College, Dr. Mustapha Abba, and some principal officers were said to have gone to Abuja to defend the college's budget at the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), when the crisis erupted.

Daily Trust learnt that other officers available at the college decided to close it when they realised that the protest had turned violent.

The college gate stayed closed at the weekend while policemen and other security personnel maintained a close vigil.

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emphasis on arming the military as if the country was at war.

According to him, government neglect of the Nigeria police was the cause of calls from certain quarters for the creation of state police.

"If the Federal Government is not concerned about

our internal security then it is time we should start agitating for the establishment of state police to replace the under-funded, under-equipped, under-trained and under-paid national police force."

The party chairman expressed shock that a money-guzzling project like the Na-

tional Identity Card Scheme which had been on for over 20 years was allocated N18 billion in the supplementary budget.

"The government should refocus on funding the police rather than voting money for projects like National Identity Card which is being used to siphon money by public officers," he said.


 DAILY TRUST

EDITORIAL

Milosevic's days of reckoning

On July 3 an unrepentant and defiant Slobodan Milosevic appeared before the International War Crimes tribunal at The Hague. The former Yugoslav president rejected legal aid and said the trial was "politically motivated" while in Belgrade, his supporters demonstrated against the tribunal.

His extradition to The Hague the previous week to face charges of crimes against humanity, genocide and violations of the laws of war as stated in the United Nations' charter is seen by many as the triumph of justice. More so, since he is the first head of state to be brought before the tribunal on such account.

In the 13 years that he ruled over Yugoslavia, Milosevic brought untold hardship to the people and greatly retarded the country's capacity for economic development. His thirst for power and his uncontrolled aggression led to the disintegration of the Yugoslav Federation with the secession which gave birth to the independent states of Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia. The number of lives lost during the senseless wars run into hundreds of thousands.

In 1995, the Milosevic regime carried out the massacre of about 7,000 Bosnians in the town of Srebrenica and the killing of thousands more Croats in the worst case of ethnic cleansing witnessed in Europe since the Second World War. These killings are beside other condemnable atrocities perpetrated by the Serbs including rape, looting and the cold-blooded murder of women and children. The Kosovar Albanians are worst off in terms of their experiences of Milosevic's tyrannical tendencies as he was responsible for the displacement of over 740,000 and the murder of hundreds more in the villages of Velica Kusca, Djakovica, Izbica and Recak among others.

The persistence with which the tribunal is discharging its duties in ensuring that all those indicted are brought to book – including Milosevic – is indeed commendable. This is in spite of the fact that the present leadership in Yugoslavia and Serbia only agreed to hand over the dictator in return for international aid.

We are also not unmindful of the discriminatory process and double standards employed by such bodies. For instance, in spite of the fact that certain reports indicted the incumbent Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, for the 1982 massacre of over 120 Palestinian refugees in Sabra and Shatila camps in Lebanon, nothing has been said of prosecuting him, not to talk of renegades such as Sierra Leone's RUF leader Foday Sanko who is also indicted of war crimes.

Daily Trust believes the trial in The Hague must be a yardstick for the international tribunal on Rwanda sitting in Arusha, Tanzania signalling that some African leaders and warlords should beware that there is always a day of reckoning. Some of them have wreaked far more calamities on their own people for their inordinate ambitions than the Milosevics, Karadjics and Mladics.

MONDAY COLUMN

Re: The First Lady Syndrome

By Mohammed Lawal Is-Haq

The First Lady Syndrome (FLS) is a cliché that came into Nigeria's political lexicon since 1985 during the General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida's regime. His wife Maryam Babangida hit the limelight on his assumption of office as the First Military President of the country. Her pet programme: *Better Life Programme*, and her flamboyant mode of dressing (especially her head gear) became the talk of the time signalling the beginning of what is now referred to as the FLS. Since then wives of subsequent leaders from Chief Ernest Shonekan to Chief (Gen.) Olusegun Obasanjo followed with one programme or the other in order not to be left out in the pomp and pageantry, fame and flamboyance associated with the FLS.

The FLS has been (and is still) a subject of serious criticism from many notable Nigerians. For instance, Professor Wole Soyinka, the Nobel Laureate described the FLS as a duplication of the task of governance at the top "a duplication which takes place in the subtle, overt, vulgar and ostentatious manner." While Chief Gani Fawehinmi, the Lagos Lawyer regards the FLS as unconstitutional thus illegal. In his characteristic manner, the lawyer went a step further and filed an action against the initiator of the FLS challenging the legality of her action in court. Malam Muhammad Haruna in his Wednesday Column of the highly read paper *Daily Trust* (13/6/2001) published from the seat of power also joins the bandwagon of the critics of the FLS.

Initially the various offices of the First Ladies from Federal to State used to have direct allocation of fund from the public coffers. Following criticisms, the FLS turned to seeking funding for their projects from outside budgetary allocations. There the problem of FLS vis-à-vis corruption lies. If really the anti-corruption crusade of the present Obasanjo administration is to make any meaningful impact, the issue of funding of the First Ladies project outside the budgetary allocations must be addressed critically.

The term "corruption" as defined by the Corruption Practices and Other Related Offences (CPORO) Act 2000, in section (2) "include (but not limited to) bribery, fraud and other related offences." However, the same Act gave an executive and almost all encompassing definition of the word "gratification." In the light of the definition of gratification in the same Act, "donations" to the various projects of the First Ladies is nothing but gratification thus an offence under the Act.

A simple explanation will suffice here. Lets take a scenario whereby an appeal fund is set up by a given first lady. Invitations are extended to both Government and Private sectors. The purpose of the fund is to set up an orphanage which will necessitate a construction of the orphanage, and the supply of bedding materials, etc among other things. A Chief Ex-

ecutive of a construction firm is made to be the Chief Launcher at the occasion, whereby he makes a substantial "donation" to the fund to the admiration and gratitude of the First Lady in question. Invitation for tender for the construction of the proposed orphanage is made and the Chief Launcher bids. Certainly, no other bidder for the same project stands a chance of securing the contract behind the Chief Launcher. The contract is the "dividend" of his donations.

Similarly, it is not a hidden fact that some contributors to such out-of-budget allocations usually give their contributions with strings attached either overtly or covertly. The manifest/potential for corruption in such arrangement need no further elaboration. Thus, as observed by Malam Haruna in his column while quoting Professor Soyinka that "There is a blackmail going on, a blackmail against the Corporate Institutions against other tiers of government which are made to kowtow, to recognise... and I don't give a damn whether people say 'oh we are raising private funds here and there, for private functions'. No I don't buy that kind of casuistry." Given the scenario (above) as well as the trend of events that characterises the funds being set up by the three tiers of government, one could not help but agree with the conclusion of Mohammad Haruna that, "...the fact is that many Corporate organisations, Parastatals and Governments feel obligated to contribute to the foundations set up First Ladies even though there is widespread cynicism about the objectives of the First Ladies in running those foundations." What this conclusion means is that such corporate organisations and individuals stand the risk of losing a lot in terms of contract and other benefits if they fail to contribute to the First Ladies pet programmes. It is noteworthy that section (19) of the CPORO Act 2000 provides that it is an offence for a "Public Officer" to use his office or position to gratify or confer any corrupt or unfair advantage upon himself or any relation or associate of the public officer or any other public officer. Though the Act refers to "Public Officers" in the section, it is submitted that the First Ladies' offices and their activities, by implication should fall within the definition of Public Officers as per section (2) of the Act. This is because all First Ladies perpetuate their programmes by virtue of being married to the President of the Federation, State Governors or Local Government Chairmen, all of whom are Public Officers as defined by the Act.

It is therefore my humble but firm submission that the office of the First Lady in whatever tier of government in Nigeria today is not only undesirable, but an unnecessary and dangerous "duplication of the task of governance" as well as an avenue of perpetuating corruption. The disadvantages associated with the office out-weighs, by several tons, any seeming or anticipated advantages.

Hence the President, Chief Obasanjo should make good his promise to phase out the First Lady Syndrome, which will be setting up good examples for the other tiers of Government in the country to follow. Otherwise, the anti-corruption crusade of this administration will be nothing but a mere Act added to the voluminous other Acts/laws dealing with corruption now lying obsolete and ineffective in our various law libraries.

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 LETTER OF THE DAY

Well-done, but...

It is only in *Daily Trust* and *Weekly Trust* newspapers that one finds educative, entertaining objective, unbiased and most current reporting. In fact, *Daily Trust* has been the most current national newspaper in Nigeria not even in the North because most times, the reporting or news of today in *Daily Trust* is what other papers report two days after, e.g. in *Thisday*, *Punch*, *Tribune*, *New Nigerian*, *Vanguard*, *Champion*, *Anchor*, etc.

Therefore, I must say well-done and congratulations to the entire members of staff for a job well-done especially the reporters. They are doing a wonderful job. However, I want Media Trust to improve on the cartoon column, at times the cartoon is not understood and at times understood but not educative or entertaining (funny) which it should be. Thank you Media Trust for re-introducing the lovely column on your Wednesday editions (Al-Bint) diary from

the beginning, I hope it shall be cut off along the line just as MS Farouk.

Lastly, I say a big well-done and thank you to the following columnists, Mohammed Haruna, Paul Mamza, Mike Kwanashie, Al-Bint, Ms Farouk, Nick Dazang, Bulama Mustapha and others too numerous to mention. *Allah ya saka da Alherin Sa, Ameen.*
Murjanatu A. Sa'eed
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Opinion

The failure of Ebirra leaders

By Kabir Abaukaka

Our Ebirra nation of today is witnessing a drift in the prosperity of our people. One recalls with nostalgia, our ability as a people in the early independence days to produce the likes of George Uru Ohikere a federal minister, Abdulmalik Atta the first Nigerian high commissioner to Britain, his brother Abdulzeez Atta who was secretary to the federal government and Raji Abdullah a nationalist who ranked with Anthony Enahoro and Joseph Tarka who were icons of the struggle for Nigeria's independence. Today, our fortunes are best described as either retrogressing or stagnating.

The genesis of this drift can be traced to the late seventies; it experienced a growth that can be likened to, or put side by side that which the Western civilization climbed through till today. This growth progressed as if by mathematical progression. Of prime potential and fertile avenue are our cultural festivals which are naturally combatant, the festivals were soon used to settle scores by political and rival groups with casualties.

The nation's dwindling economy, the failure of Ajaokuta and Itakpe steel projects to take their rightful position, and the inability of our elders, political leaders and our members of the academia to fathom the imminent consequences that may result explains why we are where we are today. Our youths apparently unemployed, dangerously educated and stack illiterates are now viable tools for heinous crimes like arson, daylight robbery and hired assassins. The recent crisis involving two of our communities which claimed lives and destroyed properties of our innocent traders, I see as the mother of all crises in Ebirra land.

Having said all these, I tend to remember the words of a German pastor who witnessed the holocaust who said: "When the Nazis came looking for communists, I didn't talk because I wasn't a communist, when they imprisoned the social democrats, I didn't talk because I wasn't a social democrat, when they came looking for the Jews, I didn't talk because I wasn't a Jew, when they were looking for Catholics, I didn't talk because I wasn't one, but when they came looking for me there was no longer anybody to protest". I wish to remind our traditional and political leaders that your children will ask you about your role in the development of our people.

Our situation is indeed a pathetic one, pathetic in that the Okene local government chairman who should have been the first to react, withdrew into his shell when the crisis raged on, the same goes for our state and National Assembly representatives who all took sleeping pills when the opportunity to defend the people whose mandate they are enjoying came. This they did because they didn't want to dance on banana peels in a the rainy season. You have all failed while your counterparts from other geographical zones were busy working round the clock to fulfil their electoral promises, you were there shying away from your responsibilities. When shall we stop having the "I support" representatives? Benchwarmers indeed.

In Voltaire's book of philosophical dictionary, he opined that: "The pleasure of governing must certainly be exquisite if we may judge from the vast number who are eager to be concerned with it". Agreed, the governor is reaping from the crisis, left for him he would be contented if the crisis continues till 2003, what happened to our number two citizen when the crisis was conceived, hatched and grew, what about our commissioners, legislators at local state and the national legislative units? May almighty God forgive you all.

I grudge all our political front liners because I can't hid it, I am jealous of their counterparts from other states who have not slept for a day since the inception of this government in their bid to fight for the welfare of their people. For instance, the Niger Delta Development Commission Bill was passed into law even with the president not assenting. This was possible through the collective efforts of their youths not even as skilled or volatile as ours, who constituted themselves into pressure and mobilization groups, through peaceful and even violent demonstrations on the one hand and the unity of their political leaders, traditional chiefs and royal fathers on the other.

A panacea to this problem is simply apologies and reconciliatory moves by all beginning from our Ohinoyi and the senator, after all, the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo has said sorry to Nigerians and legislators times without number, not because he is afraid of anyone but because he wished to carry everyone along. Therefore, the Ohinoyi, the senator, all state and National Assembly members, the local government chairmen, traditional rulers and other prominent indigenes should mobilize themselves in creating a forum for reconciliation and finding a permanent solution to the crisis.

My message to our elders is simply: it is not how long you live that matters but how well, after all Martin Luther King died at 39, he is still remembered today for his service to humanity. What about George Washington who died about a century ago and he is still remembered for what he did for America.

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Dalhat Sidi: Man with a large heart

By Abubakar Sadiq Ahmed

I must start with a word of caution. I'm not a praise singer, by this implication, I was never paid to do what I am about to embark upon. Neither am I a politician (of course I am a politician by Aristotle's definition of all men as political animal) but I am not one by Nigerian definition. And I am not even sure whether what I'm about doing would go down well with the subject of this write-up.

Alhaji Dalhat Sidi, or "Sidson" as we called him then, is presently, the Sokoto State Commissioner for Water Resources.

My first contact with him was during the 1978/79 academic session when we were enrolled into Government College, Sokoto, presently, Nagarta College, Sokoto. While at school, though belonging to different school compounds, I was attracted to Dalhat by his sense of humility and modesty, so were many others attracted to him as well. For instance, while Dalhat came from a very rich home (if I am not mistaken his father is one of the richest men in Sokoto today) but he remained very indifferent and was hardly carried away by his father's wealth and thus quite freely interacted with us from the less privileged homes. Particularly, I remember one 'Yarkafoje' (named after his home town, a remote village somewhere around Talata-Mafara) who

became an integral part of Dalhat's family then. You see them (Dalhat, Yarkafoje, Abdullateef Balogun and several others) trooping to Dalhat's home every weekend. Dalhat made most of us an integral part of him that not even his younger ones at home could speak to any of us with disrespect. His home was a kind of a meeting ground.

On leaving school, Dalhat proceeded to the U.K. for further studies. But I tell you, every end of year, Dalhat's home wore a festive mood. Usually, this was when Dalhat returned home on holidays. And it was in one of those periods, precisely in 1986, when Dalhat invited me to the U.K. along with a friend, Abubakar Maidamma. While in the U.K., Dalhat did more than accommodate us. I remember I broke down and was hospitalised with acute malaria fever. The hospital bill gulped most of the money we had then. It was Dalhat who settled most of my hospital bills and provided for most of our financial needs that facilitated our safe return to Nigeria. I was then an undergraduate at University of Sokoto.

But what baffled me during the trip was Dalhat's consistency and unchanging nature. One would have expected, as is usually the case, Dalhat's exposure to the

western world with its attendant individualistic tendencies would have changed him and by this implication he should have dumped us in the cold as is quite the happening even within our shores especially in places like Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt and sometimes, even in Kaduna (the so-called *bariki* as Hausas put it) where strangers are not welcomed. And if you dare come, then you are on your own.

Thereafter, we lost contact with Dalhat, especially, following my graduation. I had to move out of Sokoto to settle in one of the *barikis* - Kaduna. Where until recently, somewhere in September, 2000, I met Dalhat, at Arewa House, during a Northern states' workshop on privatisation. He was then Sokoto State's Commissioner for Commerce.

It was during our conversation that Dalhat displayed his usual characteristics of offering to pay my registration fees and other cost to pursue my doctorate degree programme in UniJos without my asking.

This he translated into action when one Saturday, I received a call inviting me to Sokoto, where he handed over to me my registration fees, with an assurance that I should not hesitate to call for anything so long as it is needed for the successful completion of my course.

This singular act may not

be a surprise to those who do not know the financial and other implications of pursuing a doctorate degree, to be funded by an individual. But sure, those who do, will be carried away by this singular gesture. My surprise knew no bounds and I was forced to discuss with our colleagues at school. But the colleague's encounter with Dalhat was even more dumbfounding. From his narration, he has built and presently, owns a house in Sokoto by the special grace of God and thanks to Dalhat, who provided him with the financial support.

A keen observer of events in Sokoto would agree with me that Dalhat's presence is always seen in things involving the youths. For instance, Dalhat does not only play football, he is a lover of sports and at most times, partly funded tournaments in horse racing and football.

Definitely, such a person with such a large heart can be entrusted with position of leadership. And, indeed, I see his appointment as a commissioner as a gesture in appreciation of his many laudable efforts and contribution to the people of Sokoto. And from what I have gathered, Dalhat is living up to expectation. I, therefore, pray that before he ends his tenure as a commissioner, he be entrusted with higher responsibility, probably, contest a higher office.

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How to fight poverty and corruption

By Benjamin Abu

In its drive to alleviate poverty, the federal government has evolved so many policy statements aimed at reducing poverty. One of such was on Agriculture to boost food production and the second was on Industry in order to boost industrialisation.

In its determination to boost food production the federal government reorganised some of its owned agencies by way of merging the Peoples Bank, Family Economic and Advancement Programme (FEAP) and the Nigerian Agricultural and Co-operative Bank (NACB) into a new organisation called "The Nigerian Agricultural Co-operative and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB)" with a take-off grant of N4.5 billion. To actualise this policy, the federal government recently appointed a seven man board members for the immediate take off of the newly merged organisation. Given the rainy season at hand, one expects that the impact of this laudable policy statement will have a meaningful impact in the people especially allowing our peasant/small and medium scale farmers access to loanable funds that will not only boost food production but will bring down the high cost of food items in the market.

However, the only unforeseeable problem that could hinder the much-expected impact of this policy is that the allotted sum of N4.5 billion is too small to boost food production nationwide in view of the fact that previous governments in the last 15 years. Secondly, given our teaming population of about 120 million about 80 percent are poor and are living in rural arrears without access to loanable funds to cultivate our vast lands.

Therefore, there is the need to increase the capital grant on agriculture to about N50 billion to enable the newly appointed NACRDB board headed by Alhaji Bello Falalu in order to deliver this laudable policy on agriculture more effectively.

The new agric bank should open up rural branches to enable our rural dwellers whose major occupation is farming an access to loanable funds and tractors for farming to increase food production.

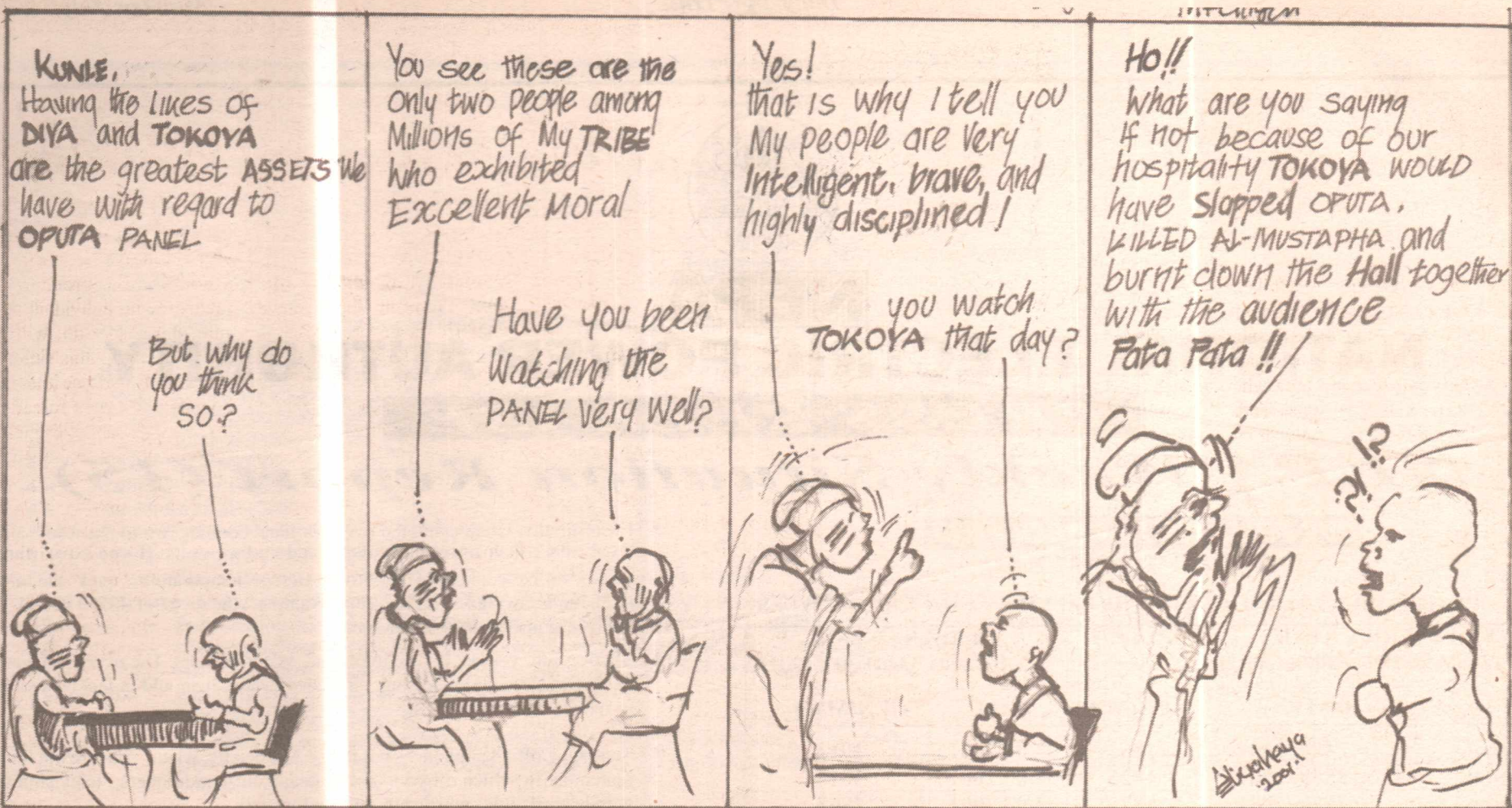
To boost industrialisation and alleviate poverty by providing employment, the federal government on 17th November, 2000 announced the proposed merger of the Nigerian bank for Commerce and Industry (NBCI), the Nigerian industrial Development Bank (NIDB) and the Nigerian Economic and Reconstruction Fund (NERFUND) into a new organisation called "The Nigerian Industrial Bank" with a take off grant of N50 billion to boost industrialisation through availability of loans to small and medium scale entrepreneurs nationwide. Although the new bank is yet to take off but in its determined effort to actualise this policy statement, the federal government through the Honourable Minister of Industry recently announced the new structure of the proposed industrial bank which includes the opening of 36 branch offices and promised the immediate take off of the bank when the necessary logistics are put in place.

However, one problem that could militate against the success of these policies is in the sphere of corrupt

practices in our daily endeavours despite government concern in establishing the anti-corruption commission to deal with such a monster called "corruption." First, it is on record that a sum of N10 billion was earlier earmarked by the present government for poverty alleviation which in turn could not yield any meaningful impact owing to the ways the funds were mismanaged. Secondly, in the second phase of poverty alleviation programme some of our elected governors and top government officials were reported to have shared the poverty alleviation Youth Employment Scheme forms among themselves thereby denying the equitable distribution of these forms to the unemployed Nigerians especially in the rural areas. Thirdly, in the fight against corruption, the government did not recommend any capital punishment for those who have contributed to mismanaging the affairs of such agencies in the past.

The fight against corruption will be a success only when individuals and employees especially civil servants are encouraged to speak, write and provide useful information to government through the present Anti-Corruption Commission. They should be assured that they will not be humiliated, intimidated, harassed and or retrenched from their workplaces on account of that. Government therefore has the Herculean task of providing the conducive environment that will enable employees, especially the lower cadre, to feel free in exposing corruption practices.

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YOUR LETTERS

Trying times for the North

For the North, the once most united and politically conscious segment of the Nigerian society, trying and testing times are here again. With political enemies within and without the region holding the fort with the aim of frustrating any effort at reviving its failed political machine, making sure that the engine is completely knocked, there can never be such times as these.

From all indications the new roles assumed by Northerners in the present government are those of sycophants, hypocrites, errand boys (apologies to Ndigbo), corrosive and destructive elements. Those in the government are orchestrating disunity among the people and others ready to abuse the sensibilities of the people to satisfy their paymasters while others are ever available to defend the indefensible in the government. There's never a time the North has danced naked in the public to the

music of the destructive orchestra masterminded by the government than now.

If the intention of these plots is to serve a purpose, then the purpose is nearly been achieved. With our standard bearers of transparency and purposeful leadership being rubbished in the eyes of the public by the press, with the political appointees from the region portrayed as the most corrupt and incompetent in leadership qualities, and their heroes nationally tagged as villains, the North had ultimately been laid at the nadir of its fortunes. Personally, I am not concerned about who enters or goes out of the Obasanjo's government and initially the fall outs with Obasanjo coincidentally fell under my umbrella though mine was on principled positions. That is why I find it reprehensible for Alhaji Musa Musawa in a BBC chat advising the government of the day over the appointment of Mallam Murtala Aliyu as the new minister of state for

power and steel. In the spirit of brotherhood I expected Alhaji Musawa's restraint in that matter. I am being dishonest for not expressing my disappointments about his submissions. There's no doubt that Aliyu's appointment is well deserved considering his professional and managerial skills and considering the fact that he is a young, energetic and dynamic person. Similarly, I expected Chief Solomon Lar to first find out from General Buhari what he was alleged to have said in Sokoto before asking the president to suspend General Buhari from the Council of State.

More disturbing are petitions by individuals to General Gowon over the appointment of Col. Hameed Ali as the Secretary General

of the A.C.F. which I believe is uncalled for, considering the substance of the personality in question. My appeal to all Northerners is that they should be able to forget their differences by imbibing the spirit of forgiveness. For instance, what crime did Buhari commit that Alhaji Umaru Dikko cannot forgive? What is between General Buhari and General Babangida that cannot be forgotten? Our leaders should borrow a leaf from notable Northerners like General Gowon who exhibit high attributes of steadfastness and restraint. Leaders should only talk when necessary and with caution, these credentials are what made late general Shehu Musa Yar'Adua the greatest politician of his time. **Paul Mamza, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.**

Has pilfering stopped in government?

I read with in-depth interest the opinion of Pastor Segun Bello-Osagie, a marketing communications consultant in the May 6, 2001 edition of *The Punch* on pilfering. His position that those of us who castigate people like Babangida and Abacha are not saints, appears coated with some elements of truth given the situation in the country today.

His assertion that many of those who enriched themselves to the tune of millions of naira during the Abacha reign, are the same persons demonising those that helped them feather their nests is direct to the point.

The heightening level of hypocrisy and sycophancy in

our system is worrisome. A close look at the list of people heading government parastatals today definitely suggests that those calling the shots are the same people who dubiously enriched themselves in past governments. Really, this class of Nigerians are the people who give contracts to their surrogates, engage in over-invoicing of contracts, mobilising contractors with the knowledge that those awarded such contracts lack the technical competence to execute the projects. Yet we complain about Abacha and Babangida.

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A word for Nigerian filmmakers

Let me confess that what really got me to write this piece is the Nigerian style of acting. Those moviemakers just exploit us and give us that scrap excuse for a movie, featuring the worst set of actors ever. With those acting skills, I am sure the Koma people will send them out of their village and call them bushmen.

Let me start with the movie writes. I wonder if it is only one person that writes all those movies or they all have the same low-level mind as they say great minds think alike and so do foolish ones. I believe that a writer should always create real characters not caricatures.

What Nigerian scriptwriters write doesn't make sense. In this new millennium instead of thinking of new technology, and using their media to preach unity and civilised deeds, they are there featuring voodoo, barbarism and series of unprovoked violence. Do they want children to think that that is all their parents do in the privacy of their bedrooms, they don't even write stories that reflect true morals and culture. Please those writes should go back to school, that is if they ever went to one.

Secondly, the producers. If we have a scarcity of talent in this country or is it that they made promises to their uncles that they must find

jobs for their unemployed cousins from the village? I mean or are the producers trying to punish us for the offence of buying their movies, please I am pleading on behalf of all Nigerians. Is it a crime that we try to be patriotic and buy your scrap or why please? Those people don't deserve the name actors.

I mean gone are the days of true Africans acting real African dramas, gone are the days of Things Fall Apart. Gone are also the days of Cockerow At Dawn, New Masquerade. I must admit and so will most of you had the privilege of such dramas that things have really fallen apart in Nigerian

entertainment.

Money doesn't come easy you know, it is not by duping us of our hard earned 350 naira for a part of a movie and 700 naira for the whole movie that you make profit, you must be willing to risk a little too. Or do you think the Americans just wake up with two cameras, a car, a bunch of unemployed relatives with two weeks deadline to finish a movie? Please it is time you realise that we are in the new millennium: the days of disco dancer stunts are gone. Come of age and stop giving us these sorry excuses you have for films.

Mairamri A. I., Mississippi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, FCT.

Well-done Amodu Shaibu, Super Eagles

That millions of Nigerians all over the world are proud and happy with the performance of the Super Eagles against Sudan (1/7/2000) in the Africa 2002 World Cup qualifying series is stating the obvious. The victory is not only that of the Super Eagles but a confirmation of the fact that somebody somewhere has been playing with Nigerians' intelligence by pushing the country to recruit foreigners as technical advisers thereby wasting billions of our scarce naira. It also proved that our local football technicians, if given the required support and financial incentives, will perform what their foreign counterparts do or even better.

It is now on record that the present technical crew led by Amodu Shaibu have won four matches out of the four so far played by the Eagles. I am sure, with the necessary support, the crew can take us to the Japan/Korea 2003 and do the country proud.

Muhammed Lawal, Al-Haq Chambers, 84/4 Yandoka Street, Box 536, Jos.



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NEPA Weekly Situation Report (15)

OUR BULLETIN FOR WEEK NO.15:
(01/07/2001 TO 07/07/2001)

1. PEAK DAILY GENERATION FOR THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WEEKS

PREVIOUS WEEK (24/06/2001 TO 30/06/2001)			CURRENT WEEK (01/07/2001 TO 07/07/2001)	
DAY	DATE	GEN(MW)	DATE	GEN(MW)
Sunday	24/06/2001	1863	01/07/2001	1913
Monday	25/06/2001	1825	02/07/2001	1818
Tuesday	26/06/2001	1875	03/07/2001	1863
Wednesday	27/06/2001	1901	04/07/2001	1816
Thursday	28/06/2001	1918	05/07/2001	2029
Friday	29/06/2001	2008	06/07/2001	2047
Saturday	30/06/2001	1908	07/07/2001	2048

2. PROJECTED AVERAGE PEAK GENERATION FOR THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WEEKS

PREVIOUS WEEK (ACTUAL) (01/07/2001 TO 07/07/2001)	CURRENT WEEK (FORECAST) (08/07/2001 TO 14/07/2001)
1933MW	2191MW

3. PEAK WEEKLY GENERATION FROM EACH POWER STATION IN THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WEEKS

STATION	PREVIOUS WEEK (ACTUAL) (01/07/2001 TO 07/07/2001)	CURRENT WEEK (FORECAST) (08/07/2001 TO 14/07/2001)
KAINJI	120MW	121MW
JEBBA	185MW	185MW
SHIRORO	260MW	260MW
EGBIN	855MW	855MW
SAPELE	252MW	252MW
AFAM	27MW	30MW
DELTA	303MW	303MW
IJORA	NIL	20MW
CALABAR	1MW	1MW
ENRON	60.3MW	62MW
TOTAL	2063MW	2089MW

(Low water level at Kainji, Jebba & Shiroro)

4. PROJECTED AVERAGE DAILY GENERATION FROM EACH POWER STATION IN THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WEEKS

STATION	PREVIOUS WEEK (ACTUAL) (01/07/2001 TO 07/07/2001)	CURRENT WEEK (FORECAST) (08/07/2001 TO 14/07/2001)
KAINJI	119MW	120MW
JEBBA	164MW	185MW
SHIRORO	254MW	260MW
EGBIN	852MW	855MW
SAPELE	244MW	250MW
AFAM	7.3MW	30MW
DELTA	232MW	303MW
IJORA	NIL	20MW
CALABAR	.4MW	1MW
ENRON	61.5MW	62MW
AVERAGE TOTAL	1934.2MW	2087MW

(Low water level at Kainji, Jebba & Shiroro)

5. AVERAGE ESTIMATED DAILY NATIONAL DEMAND FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2001= **3500MW**

6. HYDROLOGY

Lake water level at Kainji, Jebba and Shiroro is low at this period of the year hence reduction of generation output from the hydro based Power Stations.

ENERGY SAVING

BELOW ARE SOME USEFUL TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN SAVE ENERGY, BY:

- Ensuring, for example, that when they are in use, your refrigerator or freezer is not overfilled. They operate more efficiently and economically only when filled to capacity.
- Making sure that your refrigerator or freezer is not set to run colder than necessary. We recommend that you always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- Ensuring that when using the oven for meal cooking, try to use it for a full meal rather than using both oven and surface units. If you have three dishes to be cooked at slightly different temperatures, pick the mean temperature to cook all three. (For example, the mean of 325, 350 and 375 degrees temperature is 350 degrees).
- Making sure you do not use oversized water heaters. The oversized water heater wastes energy heating unneeded water. It should in fact be avoided to reduce your initial cost.
- Switching off all appliances not in use. Especially, when you are not home, remember to switch off your water heater, air-conditioners, television sets or indeed all lights you do not need before dark.
- Switching off security lights.
Switching off street lights during the day
- Ensuring that when cooking with the electric cooker you use pots or pans that match the ring sizes.
- Using energy-saving bulbs
- Ensuring that you do not fill the electric kettle just to make a cup of tea. Use just enough water to cover the ring. Hot water kettles come in different sizes, you may choose the one to meet your needs.

Next, we serve you the power demand and energy consumption of some domestic appliances:

APPLIANCE	TYPE	RATING	POWER DEMAND IN KILOWATT (KW)	RATED CURRENT IN AMPERES (AMPS)	NO. OF HRS. TO CONSUME ONE UNIT OF ELECTRICITY (i.e. 1 KWH)
Water - heater	50 litre	1200watt	1.2	5.2	0.8
	100litre	2500watt	2.5	11	0.4
Cooker (4-plate With oven)	Small	6000watt	6.0	26	0.2
	Regular	8000watt	8.0	34	1.2
	Large	10500watt	10.5	45	0.1
Single-plate Cooker	Portable	1800watt	1.8	7.7	0.6
Fan	Table	0.08HP	0.06	0.25	1.7
	Standing	0.1HP	0.7	0.3	1.4
	Ceiling	0.3HP	0.2	0.9	4.5
Air-Conditioner	Small	1.5HP	1.1	4.7	1
	Medium	2HP	1.5	6.5	0.7
Refrigerator	Small	0.2HP	0.15	0.6	7
	Medium	0.25HP	0.19	0.8	5
	Large	0.3HP	0.22	0.9	4.5
Television- (Black & White)		200watt	0.2	0.9	5
Television (Colour)		300 watt	0.3	1.3	3

- 1000watt = 1 Kilowatt (1KW)
- 1 HP = 0.746 Kilowatt
- 1KWH = One unit of electricity = 1KW x 1 HR. i.e. 1 Kilowatt used for 1 hour.

Finally, we appeal to all our esteemed customers and all good Nigerians to endeavour to report faults promptly wherever and whenever they occur. There are faults sections and complaints centres in all our 56 district offices spread across the country. Only such prompt reports can enable us attend to faults promptly to make life a lot easier for you.

We thank you for your understanding and patience.

LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF OUR COUNTRY.

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TRUST INTERNATIONAL

Foreign & Diplomatic

Egyptian-Libyan plan is the way out

- Sudanese envoy

The Sudanese government has accepted unconditionally the Egyptian-Libyan initiative for peace in Sudan. The high point of the peace plan is the formation of a transitional government representing all the political forces in Sudan. The Ambassador of Sudan to Nigeria, **Abdelrahim Khalil** discusses this plan with Foreign Desk Editor, **Kevin Ebele Adinnu**.

After the last time we spoke, certain things have happened in Sudan. Latest is the nine-point programme by Libya and Egypt, which your country accepted unconditionally. Tell us about this Libyan-Egyptian initiative.

As you well know, two years ago, Egypt and Libya presented an initiative to achieve national reconciliation and peace in Sudan. It was concentrated on bringing all parties in the conflict in Sudan - the government and the opposition inside and outside Sudan - together in a national conference where Sudanese can openly discuss the issues and agree on a plan for achieving national reconciliation and unity of the country.

Different meetings took place during the last two years until two weeks ago when the Egyptians and the Libyans came with a concrete proposal based on the consultations and discussions they had with different parties in Sudan and with the other regional and international bodies which are concerned about the Sudanese issue.

This nine-point plan in a way caters for all the concerns of the Sudanese parties regarding the issue of unity in Sudan, the issue of the equality of citizens in Sudan, the issue of the relations between the region and the state; decentralisation of power; democratic and plural system in Sudan; the war and how to stop it, also the issue of distribution of power and wealth, and even the development of all parts of Sudan.

The nine points actually include all these concerns and they have been presented by Egypt and Libya to the government as well as the opposition elements. The government has openly declared its unconditional acceptance of the proposal. Equally, the opposition forces - internal opposition parties like the Umma Party and other parties within Sudan - have accepted it. The NDA (the National Democratic Alliance) which groups the opposition outside Sudan and the SPLA (the Sudanese People's Liberation Army) have also accepted it.

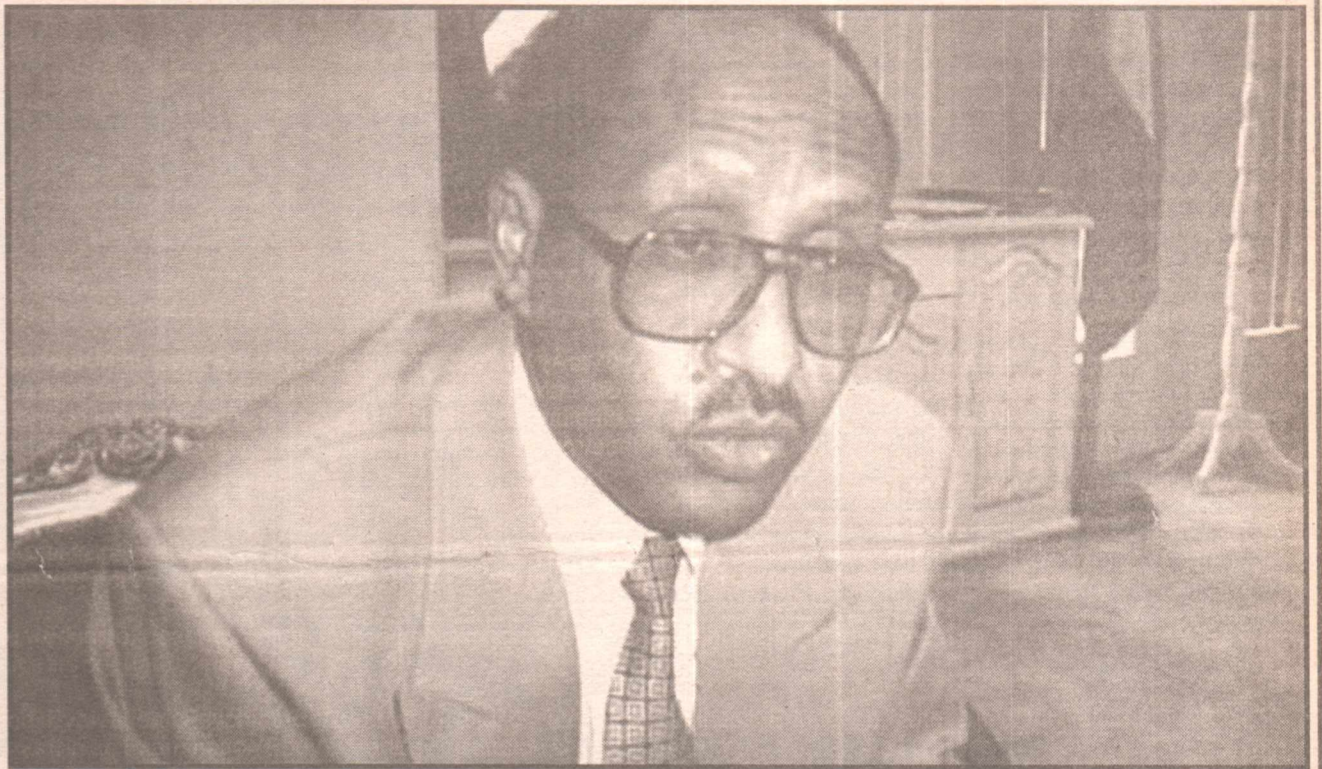
All these parties have written giving their replies in writing to the Egyptian-Libyan group, which is supposed to follow the implementation of these proposals.

All these groups have accepted the proposal. We are interested in SPLA's position. What is their commitment to the nine-point programme?

As you know, the SPLA is a part of the NDA. So in the meeting of the NDA in Cairo last week, which was attended by senior representatives of the SPLA, the group accepted it and has given its reply in writing to the Egyptian-Libyan committee.

However, after that, some statements were made by the SPLA that they have some conditions and certain things that they want to include in the proposal. They spoke about self-determination and the relations between the state and the region, and the issue of coordination between this initiative and the EGAD initiative.

These statements were made by some SPLA representatives but in the written acceptance, which was given by the NDA and



Khalil

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by the groups, which are within the NDA, they have not given any conditions. Of course, different parties have spoken about the observations and clarifications that they have. I think, what the two countries - Egypt and Libya - are trying to do is that, you know, the plan provides for a national conference to be attended by the representatives of all parties in Sudan - government and opposition. They are supposed to discuss and elaborate on these nine points in order to bring it to applicable programmes to be implemented.

So, they are saying that any side which has some observations or proposals can make them only in the conference. Discussion is open on all these different issues. Any party which has any amendments or proposals can make them during the discussions but it is prerequisite that they have to first accept the nine points as integral as they are.

Let us go back to 1997. The government and the SPLA signed a peace agreement. SPLA split into two soon after and John Garang refused to abide by the agreement. Now, Garang's SPLA is part of NDA. What gives you the encouragement that he will play ball this time around?

Well, I think the SPLA has always been manoeuvring and avoiding getting into specific commitments. Even before 1997, you recall here in Abuja when we had the Abuja rounds of negotiation in 1991/92 with the support of the Nigerian government at that time, the two parties actually reached an agreement and it was ready for signing but at the last minute, Mr. John Garang came from abroad and instructed his delegation not to sign.

After that, many agreements were not honoured by the SPLA. That's actually a real problem. We hope that this time, with the international weight, which is being put behind this plan by these two countries and regional countries that pressure will be brought on SPLA in order to abide by any agreement reached. I think that's the important thing and that's why we in Sudan believe that all African countries, especially countries like Nigeria, which are acquainted with the problem and have played a role in order to achieve peace in Sudan, should bring their weight and support to this initiative in order to make all parties abide by whatever agreement which will be reached in the national conference.

One of the recommendations in the nine-point programme

is that there would be a transitional government. I recall that Omar al-Bashir just won an election. Does that mean that his government will be set aside for a transitional government that will accommodate all the interests to run the country?

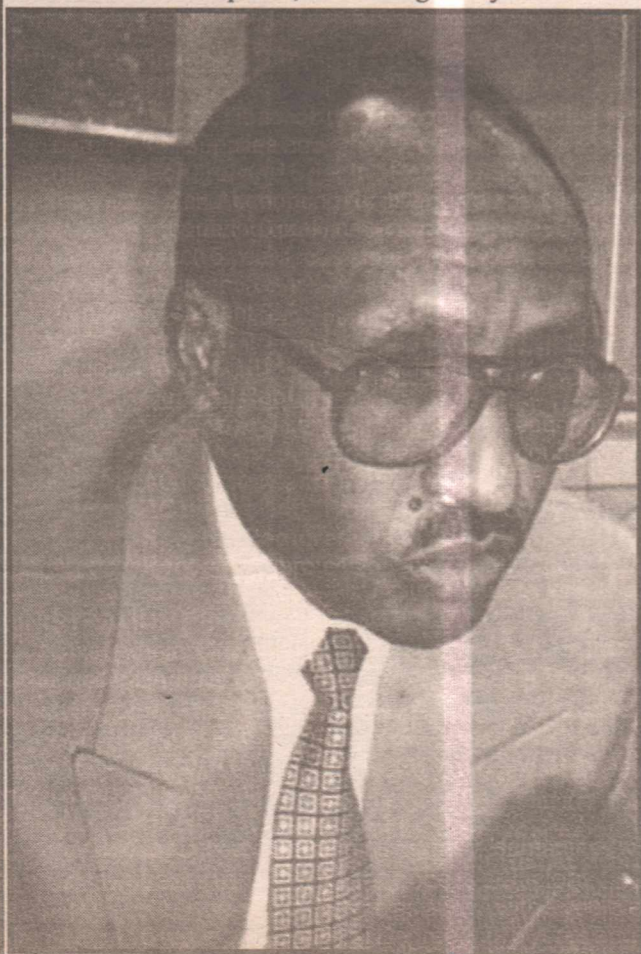
Now, the government has accepted the principle of establishing a transitional government, which includes the representatives of all political forces in Sudan. How that is going to be done and what form it will take, I think, is an issue, which will be discussed when the parties meet in a conference.

But the government has willingly declared that it is ready to establish a transitional government that all political forces inside and outside Sudan could participate in. This government will be a limited government for a certain time in order to prepare for a general election whereby the parties will compete and then at the end of that period, the party which wins the election takes over the government.

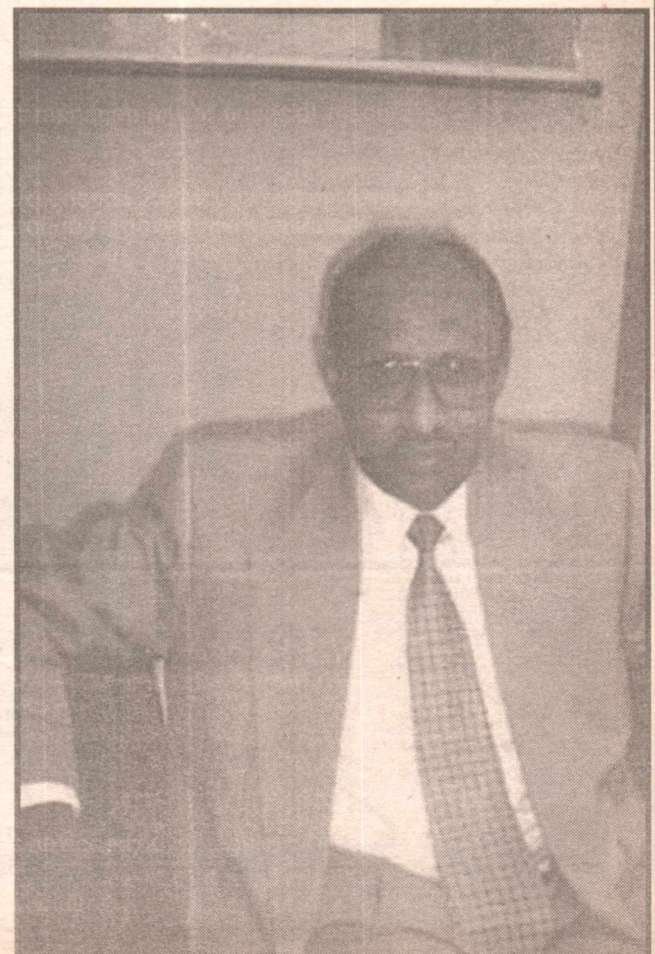
On a final note, do you have faith in the latest initiative?

I think we should be optimistic. It is quite clear to everybody that military means will not resolve the problem for anybody.

We hope that the other side, especially the SPLA is now convinced that they cannot achieve anything by military means and that this plan constitutes an opportunity for all parties in order to get together and to find a final peaceful solution.



"We are optimistic."



"We have agreed to a transitional government..."

TRUST INTERNATIONAL

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

Clan fighting claims 20 in Somaila

Heavily armed rival militia factions have clashed in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, killing at least 20 people, mainly civilians.

Witnesses said fighters loyal to the warlord, Musa Sudi Yalahow, battled gunmen loyal to the interim government in the Sana area of the city.

The fighting later subsided. A market in the district suffered heavy damage and stray bullets also hit a Koranic school, homes and restaurants, the witnesses said.

Hundreds of people fled Sana as the fighting raged.

Five of the deaths occurred when an anti-tank round hit a bar in the city's Bakara market, Reuters news agency reported.

The latest clashes followed the deployment of government troops in the area on Friday.

A BBC correspondent in Somalia says Mr. Yalahow was angered by the presence of the authorities' forces on what he regarded as Abgal clan territory, despite their having been invited by other clan elders. He denied shelling other areas of the city.

He is one of a number of warlords opposed to the interim government, which was set up last year at a conference in Djibouti.

Previous heavy intra-clan fighting has left at least 15 people dead and more than 40 injured.

In an effort to maintain order, President Abdulkassim Salat Hassan's fledgling government set up a 2,000-strong police force in June, the first since former President Mohamed Siad Barre was toppled in 1991.

But parts of Mogadishu remain in the hands of warlords opposed to the government.

Ogunkelu blames conflicts on bad policies

By Musa Aliyu

The Minister for Cooperation and Integration in Africa, Chief (Dr.) Abimbola Ogunkelu has identified poorly articulated policies as the cause of most conflicts.

In a keynote address delivered on his behalf by Mr. Adegbayo at the opening ceremony of a national seminar on conflict resolution in Africa, in Abuja late last week, the minister suggested a critical analysis of such conflicts for resolution and prevention of future occurrence.

According to him, Nigerians no doubt increasingly understand the nature of conflicts, their causes and the various factors that sustain them.

The task of cooperation and integration of the states and peoples of Africa, a fundamental constituent of his ministry's mandate, he said, can only be achieved where there is sustained peace.

Peace, continued the minister, is only attainable if conflicts are kept within manageable level.

He stated that the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), which was established primarily to promote peace and enhance the resolution of conflicts, had a dual mandate.

These mandates, according to him, include seeking to understand the complex nature of conflict and contributing by way of advice and mediation in the practical solution of conflicts.

These functions, like every theory and practice are inseparable and complementary, he further stated.

In a related development, Dr. Sunday Ochoche, IPCR Director-General had in his welcome address, at the seminar noted that Africa's great threat to peace, collective security, stability and unity is conflict, in all its guises.

Visit crises areas - Governor urges leaders

By Kevin Ebele Adinnu

The Governor of Bauchi State, Alhaji Ahmed Adamu Mu'azu has advised those in authority to always personally visit crises areas as a first measure to douse such crises.

Speaking while on a visit to the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Abuja over the weekend, the governor advised leaders to even ignore security reports if need be to save lives.

The governor narrated that

his prompt presence at the scene of the recent Sayawa/Tafawa Balewa crisis stopped it from escalating beyond control.

"Husbands are being killed. Children are being orphaned. Leaders should always act fast to enthrone a troubleless society," Alhaji Mu'azu added.

The Bauchi State governor said he was in Abuja to rub

minds with the Federal Government towards understanding ways and means of resolving such conflicts, describing the experience as wonderful.

In his remark earlier, the Director-General of the Institute, Dr. Sunday Ochoche said the institute was always ready to collaborate with various tiers of government in conflict resolution.

Conflict resolution, he

said, was the primary objective of the institute, adding that it would always facilitate collaborative work among states and between states and civil society in the cause of peace, conflict management and resolution.

The Bauchi State governor's visit coincided with that of Academic Associate Peace Works (AAPW), an international non-governmental organisation, to the institute.

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South African to pay HIV damages to wife

The South African High Court has ordered a man to pay his wife nearly 1.0 million rand in damages for infecting her with HIV, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The Sunday Times said acting judge, Naren Pandya, had awarded a Durban housewife 958,689 rand (\$116,400) for pain and suffering, in the first case ever in which a married woman had claimed damages after her husband intentionally infected her with the AIDS virus.

The woman, who was not named, met her husband, a businessman, while on holiday in Mozambique in 1995 and they married three years later. She said her husband, who was sick from the time they met, had kept his HIV status a secret from her.

South Africa has one of the highest rates of AIDS infections, with one in nine of its population estimated to be HIV positive.

TRUST INTERNATIONAL

World Report

Storm kills 33 in South Korea

A storm brought heavy rains to South Korea overnight, triggering landslides and flooding that killed at least 33 people, government officials said yesterday.

Fourteen people were missing, including eight tourists who were swept away in rain-swollen streams in Kapyong, a camping resort 22 miles northeast of Seoul, authorities said.

"We can't be sure yet whether there are more unaccounted casualties. We just hope there aren't," said Park Jong-yoon, a spokesman at the National Disaster Prevention and Countermeasures Headquarters.

South Korea's all-news cable channel, YTN, said 36 people died and 15 were missing nationwide.

Up to 12.2 inches of rain had fallen in Seoul and Kyonggi, a populous province surrounding the capital.

The rain let up in the afternoon, but forecasters urged people in southern South Korea to brace for downpours of as much as 4.8 inches in the evening.

"Heavy rains are expected in the southern region as the seasonal rain front is moving south," said the state Korea Meteorological Administration in a news release.

Nearly 15,000 homes in the northern part of South Korea had been flooded. By yesterday afternoon, some residents were returning to clear garbage, mud and debris from their homes.

Rivers that had risen

above their banks and spilled onto roads receded, leaving overturned cars in their wake.

Three of Seoul's seven main subway lines temporarily halted service to some stations because of flooding. One of the lines resumed full service early yesterday, and the other two were expected to be running trains to all stations by early Monday, officials said.

In Seoul, 20 people were killed, including 11 who

died after being electrocuted by streetlights submerged in floodwaters, officials said. Three people died in Incheon, west of Seoul.

Among 10 people killed in Kyonggi were Ahn Taesuk, 51, his wife Lee Junghee, 53, and their 14-year-old son Hyun-jin, who were found dead in their basement house, buried by a mudslide, officials said.

Disaster officials said they were working to gather details of the dead or miss-

ing. About 9,000 disaster officials have been mobilized, and 1,050 military troops have been dispatched to storm-damaged regions to deal with emergencies, the government said.

Yesterday's fatal rain came less than a month after South Korea's worst drought in nearly 90 years.

During the March-June period, South Korea received only 3.7 inches of rain, the lowest since it began compiling meteorological records in the early 20th century. The average rainfall for the period is 11.4 inches.

Russian cargo plane crashes

A Russian cargo aircraft has crashed at a military airfield outside Moscow, killing all 10 crewmembers.

Russian Defence Ministry officials said the Il-76 jetliner lost height soon after take-off from the Chkalovsky airfield, 30km from the capital, crashed into woods nearby and burst into flames as it hit the ground.

The plane, owned by car-

rier Rus, was on a charter flight carrying 40 tonnes of building materials to the Arctic city of Norilsk.

It was not clear whether there were any passengers on board.

The crash raises further questions about the safety of Russian aircraft just 10 days after a passenger plane crashed near the Siberian city of Irkutsk killing 145 people.

Indian, Pakistani leaders meet

The leaders of India and Pakistan met Saturday in the shadow of the subcontinent's most famous monument, hoping to find a way out of more than a half-century of enmity.

While India wanted to discuss many issues in the talks, which have no formal agenda, it was clear that the disagreement over which country Kashmir should have joined in 1947 was the fundamental issue facing Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf.

"I believe both sides in principle agreed that this is one dispute that has to be settled," Pakistani Foreign Secretary, Inamul Haq, said on the eve of the first summit meeting between the countries in more than two years.

Indian newspapers sounded an upbeat note, in contrast to often-acrimon-

ious comment in the days leading up to the meeting in a hotel near the Taj Mahal, the famed monument to love.

Musharraf flew into Agra earlier and was due to visit the monument with his wife later in the day.

"To Agra, with a smile

high-altitude battlefield on the Siachen glacier where Indian troops are maintained at great expense by air and both sides suffer from the extreme conditions.

"Candour eases summit tension," said *The Asian Age*. But its list of key questions for the summit leaders was

trol. Musharraf, to the annoyance of India, demonstrated his country's traditional position that the future of Kashmir should be decided by a referendum among Kashmiris, meeting separatist leaders privately in New Delhi on Saturday.

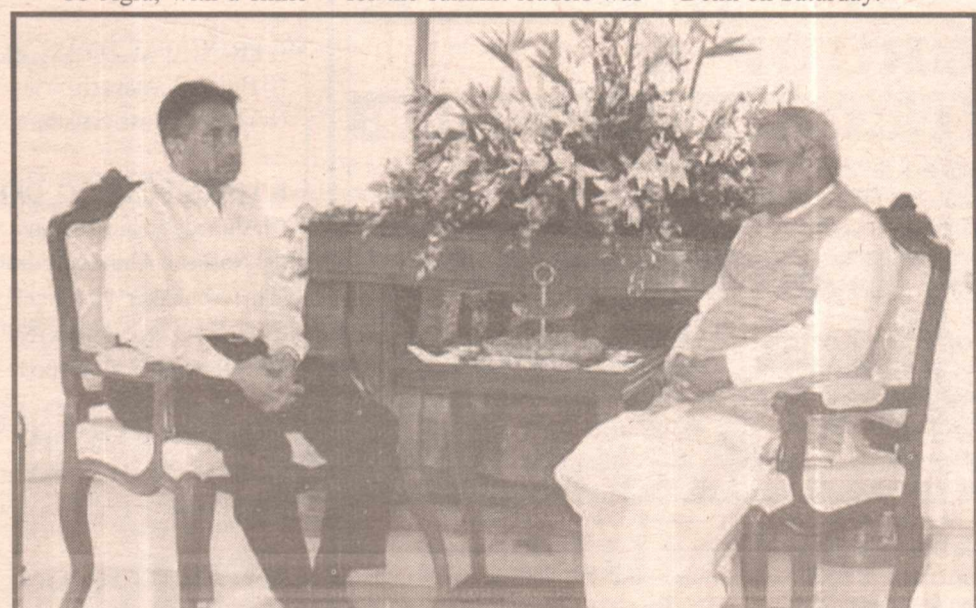
to my discussions with Indian leaders on establishing peaceful, tension-free and cooperative relations between our two countries," he said in a statement.

"I will be looking forward to a meaningful, frank and substantial discussion, urging them to join hands with us in resolving the dispute in accordance with the wishes of the Kashmiri people," he said.

The Pakistani general had mainly a day of ceremony and nostalgia on Saturday, reviewing an honour guard at the president's elegant sandstone palace and, despite monsoon drizzle, paying homage at a riverbank shrine to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of India's independence.

Gandhi was assassinated in 1948, deeply disappointed by the partition of Hindu-majority India and Islamic Pakistan, which unleashed one of the greatest migrations in human history and a frenzied bloodbath in which up to one million people were killed.

Musharraf, who was born in Delhi but migrated to Pakistan with his family after the partition, also visited his ancestral home in the dilapidated streets of old Delhi.



Indian Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee (right) and Pakistan's President, Pervez Musharraf yesterday.

on the face of the General," said the headline across the front of *The Indian Express*, describing Saturday's inaugural day of Musharraf's visit as "the soft sell" before hard talking begins in Agra.

There was mounting speculation of an agreement to pull back troops from the

whether a process would begin to solve the Kashmir problem.

Pakistan terms the violence inside Indian-held Kashmir an indigenous rebellion to which it gives only moral support. India accuses Pakistan of aiding those fighting to end Indian con-

But Musharraf, the army chief who seized power in 1999, also stressed on his arrival in the Indian capital on Saturday morning that he was ready to show flexibility about how to end the 54-year-old dispute.

"I have come with an open mind and look forward

US begins missile defence test

A US interceptor missile has hit a dummy warhead over the Pacific Ocean in a boost for President Bush's controversial missile defence system.

It was the first test of the "hit-to-kill" system since George W. Bush took office, and the first of a total of four tests to be wholly successful.

US military officials at Kwajalein Atoll cheered and clapped as an enormous white flash marked the impact 230km above the Earth.

But environmentalists condemned the tests, saying they threatened to re-start a global nuclear arms race.

A modified Minuteman II intercontinental-range missile equipped with the mock warhead took-off from Vandenberg air force base in California at 0239 GMT.

The only apparent problem was a short delay in starting the launch, for which protestors from the environmental organisation Greenpeace claimed responsibility.

The interceptor was fired 21 minutes later from Kwajalein

Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

It managed to disregard the decoy that the Minuteman was carrying and smash into its intended target, the dummy warhead, at 0309GMT.

"We believe we have a successful test in all aspects... the kill intercept was confirmed by all of our sensors," said Lt General Ronald Kadish, speaking at the Pentagon.

But in a word of caution he warned that it would take around two months to fully analyse the results of the test.

Of the past three tests, two were total misses, and even the partially successful test had technical problems.

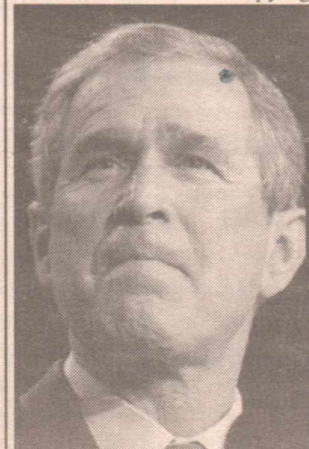
Greenpeace has voiced its outright opposition to the programme, and said a group of its activists had landed near the launch pad and delayed the launch for as long as 40 minutes.

Spokesman William Peden told the BBC: "We will use every opportunity to make it quite clear that we want the Star Wars programme stopped."

Greenpeace also said that Pacific island states still waiting for compensation for nuclear tests carried out decades ago by France and the US were being put at risk again.

US welcomes China's expulsion of academic

The United States has welcomed China's decision to deport, rather than imprison, an American academic of Chinese origin, Li Shaomin, who was convicted of spying



George W. Bush, US President.

for Taiwan.

"We welcome China's decision to release Mr Li so that he can be reunited with his family," a US State Department spokesman said.

The case of Mr Li, a professor at Hong Kong's City University, had been "a matter of great concern to many people in the United States," the spokesman said.

The decision to deport him came a day after China was chosen to stage the summer Olympics in 2008. Mr Li, 44, was convicted on Saturday after a trial that lasted less than five hours.

The case had soured Sino-US relations and had been raised with the Chinese by President George W. Bush.

The US spokesman said

Washington was pressing for the release of five other detained Chinese-born academics.

Mr Li, a US citizen who teaches business studies in Hong Kong, was arrested during a visit to China in February and was being held on what human rights groups said were politically-motivated charges.

The Chinese official news agency Xinhua did not say when Mr Li would be deported.

An official Chinese report said he was found guilty and would be deported, but made no mention of a sentence and gave no further details of the case.

An American diplomat was present at the closed trial, but foreign media were barred.

Mr Li, 44, has been in detention since February 25 when he was picked up by police in the southern city of Shenzhen, just north of Hong Kong, and detained without explanation.

Odd World

Football-sized tumour removed from man's spleen

A team of Saudi doctors has successfully removed a tumour the size of a football from a Saudi patient's spleen, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said on Saturday.

The 65-year-old man was in stable condition after the surgery, which the SPA said was rarely performed in the kingdom.

It said the medical team had taken six hours to remove the tumour which had attached itself to the man's pancreas, intestines and stomach.



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GROUP A

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1. Local Govt. Chairmen & Vice - Chairmen.
2. Local Govt. Councilors (Elected).
3. Secretary & Head of Personnel Management to Local Govt.
4. Treasurer, Auditors & Senior Accounting Staff of Local Govt.
5. Chairmen, Members, Directors & Staff of Local Govt. Service Commissions
6. Directors & Staff of Bureaux for Local Governments
7. Auditors - General & Staff for Local Governments.

VENUES / DATES:

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| 1. North West Zone | (Central Hotel, Kano): | 16th - 18th July, 2001. |
| 2. North Central Zone | (Nigerian Mining & Geosciences Auditorium,
Near VOM Junction, Bukuru - Jos): | 19th - 21st July, 2001. |
| 3. North East Zone | (Zaranda Hotel, Bauchi): | 23rd - 25th July, 2001. |
| 4. South East Zone | (Nike Lake Hotel, Enugu): | 26th - 28th July, 2001. |
| 5. South South Zone | (La - King Auditorium, 267,
Stadium, Rd., Port Harcourt): | 30th July - 1st Aug., 2001 |
| 6. South West Zone | (Premier Hotel, Ibadan): | 2nd - 4th Aug., 2001 |

GROUP B

NON - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS:

(States Civil Service/Ministries; Directors, Dep., & Assistant Directors of Personnel & Human Resources, Federal / States Govt. Parastatals, Hon. Members & Directors of State Houses of Assembly, National & State Exco Members of the three Registered Political Parties, etc.)

VENUES / DATES:

(National Universities Commission
(NUC) Auditorium, Maitama, Abuja) - Mon. 6th - Wed. 8th Aug., 2001.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To develop the skills needed to **manage & lead** the most critical resource in government & public sector - PEOPLE.

COURSE FEE PER PARTICIPANTS:

₦15, 000.00 ONLY in Bank Draft
or Cash in favour

THE ECONOMICS INSTITUTE, at the venue.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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The Presidency, Radio House, PMB 279, Garki - Abuja. Tel: 09 - 2343447 Fax: 09 - 2343453
2. Director General / Chief Executive, THE ECONOMICS INSTITUTE
(A Resource Centre for Economic & Business Studies)
Plot 787, Malumfashi Close, Area 11, Garki - Abuja. Tel: 09 - 2349439; 09 - 2346236; 090 - 808499



KARU AREA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KAPDA) KARU

Sani Abacha Road Off Abuja - Keffi Road Mararaba, Karu Nasarawa State.

KAPDA/IOFF/84/VOL.1/X

6/7/2001

INVITATION FOR INTERVIEW.

The under listed candidates who applied for employment with Karu Area Planning and Development Authority (KAPDA) are hereby invited to appear before the Board for an interview as follows:-

1. ADMINISTRATION: 25/07/2001

Snr. Administrative officer GL12

- (i) Usman Aliyu Oboshi
- (ii) Ahmed Mohammed Sanusi (iii) Tani Julius Bala (Mrs)
- (iv) Mahammed Audu (v) Danlami Mohammed

2. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER GL09 25/07/2001

- (i) Dahiru M. Ibrahim (ii) Yahaya A. Oballa (iii) Sabo Dikko Yahaya
- (iv) Isa Usman Ambaka (v) Muhammed Bashir

3. CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY: 25/07/2001

(COMPUTER LITERATE):

- (i) Liatu Makama Zaki (ii) Abdulmunini Okusa (iii) Mahammed S. Umaru (iv) Margret Gambo
- (v) Suzuna Akawu (vi) Emi Kasuwa (vii) Arikya Kabiru Isa (viii) Onyenobi Vena C.

4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GL12: 25/07/2001

- (i) Ismaila Jibrin (ii) Zakari D. Alla-kayi (iii) Adamu Mu'azu Allu
- (iv) Idris Ishag Idu (v) Shaba Musa Umar

5. ACCOUNTANT GL09: 25/07/2001

- (i) Osekweyi Onuku Abisabo (ii) Adigigi I. Asabe (iii) Yahaya O. Aliyu (iv) Fetus Ubugala
- (v) Muhammed Sule Ishakpa (vi) Awalu Mohammed (vii) Umar Ali Mohammed

6. PRINCIPAL TOWN PLANNING OFFICER GL12 25/07/2001

- (i) Bulus G. Atara (ii) Alh. Umar Saidu Nasarawa (iii) Isa Daudu Guma
- (iv) David Musa Galadima

8. TOWN PLANNING OFFICER GL09:

- (i) Ahmed Ibrahim (ii) Auta Sunday M. (iii) Ibrahim Suleman (iv) Ahmed A. Yakubu Ubangari
- (v) Nafisatu Ahmed Abdullahi (vi) Sodangi Y. Abdullahi (vii) Aliyu Usman Ayuba
- (viii) Abubakar Abdullahi
- (ix) Bala Odago Abe (x) Suleman M. Suleiman (xi) Aliyu U. Ohyaba (xii) Saidu Abdullahi
- (xiii) Ibrahim Y. Bello (xiv) Mohammed Adamu Haladu (xv) Shaba Musa Umar

9. HIGHER TECHNICAL OFFICER PLANNING GL08 26/07/2001

- (i) Anzaku Micheal (ii) Nathaniel A. Ebi (iii) Yahaya B. Usman (iv) Atabo Bawa
- (v) Ibrahim A. Buba (vi) Istifanus A. Yohana

10. ARCHITECTURE: 26/07/2001

Architect GL09:

- (i) Ahmed Ibrahim Dallah (ii) Nema Musa (Miss) (iii) Anjo Mohammed Bala
- (iv) Mohammed Bako (v) Barde Kaymoud A. (vi) Allan Joseph Usman

11. LAND OFFICER GL09: 26/07/2001

- (i) Umaru Osu Ujih (ii) Yakubu Suleiman Abdullahi (iii) Paul J. Usman
- (iv) Usman Danji Dilayi (v) Umar Mohammed Galadima (vi) Abubakar Sadiq Avah

12. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: 26/07/2001

ADPHS GL10:

- (i) Alh. Ibrahim Omake

13. ENV. HEALTH GL08-09 26/07/2001

- (i) Christopher Abari (ii) Abdullahi O. Odeh (iii) Sabo S. Guguwa
- (iv) Anthony K. Nanza (v) Madalla G. Solomon

14. TECHNICAL OFFICER SURVEY, PLANNING, BUILDING GL07 26/07/2001

- (i) Yakubu A. Galadima (Building) (ii) Ibrahim Rilwanu Sidi (Building)
- (iii) Mohammed Ahmed (Survey) (iv) Vincent M. Kujeson (Electrical)

VENUE: KAPDA Temporary Office Nimco Housing Estate Old Karu Road, Karu.

DATE: 25th And 26th July, 2001. (As appeared against the post applied)

TIME: 11 :00Am Prompt Daily

NOTE: Candidates are requested to bring with them the original copies of their Credentials. Candidates are also advised to make arrangements for their transportation to and from Karu. Only Candidates that are successful in the interview will be communicated.

Signed:

Arch. Haladu Abubakar

General Manager

BUSINESS DAY

Lufthansa to provide internet services on flights

Lufthansa Airlines has commenced plans to provide high speed internet connectivity services on its long-range flights world-wide. The internet services are being planned in collaboration with Boeing aircraft company.

Executive Board member of Deutsche Lufthansa, Wolfgang Mayrhuber and Scott Carson of Boeing have recently signed an agreement to this effect at the Paris Air show at Le Bourget. Both partners want to equip the first commercial Boeing 747 jet with the system in 2002, then ensure internet access as a regular component of Lufthansa in-flight service from the following year.

In a statement made available to *Business Day* in Lagos, the airline stated that Boeing and Lufthansa agreed to find out more about passengers' online habits and interests, saying it will be particularly valuable for business travellers to make flight and hotel reservations from their own notebook while airborne.

"Our passengers will find working conditions on board that are comparable to the familiar online applications on ground," stressed Mayrhuber. "We

From Shakirat Abdulmajeed, in Lagos

have, therefore, made a deliberate decision to rely on global, highly efficient and future-oriented broadband technology rather than the very restrictive narrowband solution which has limitations on capacity and speed.

"Narrowband technology, on the other hand, can only handle pure text messages because of the significantly slower data transmission rate in addition, it does not permit real-time access to the internet but only the downloading of a limited number of internet pages which have been stored before departure."

"Realising that this ambitious project requires an extensive financial and technical planning, it will be necessary to set up a global satellite and data network for people on travel while extensive certification is required for the use of the frequency band and on-board installations," added the statement.

Lufthansa has long been the industry leader in terms of digital data exchange between aircraft and ground. Virtually all its aircraft are equipped with satellite-on-ground-based radio data link system.

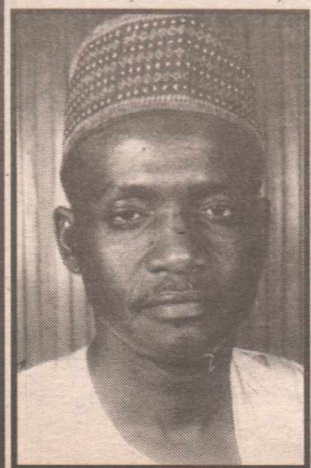
Expert predicts doom for Calabar free zone

A maritime technocrat, Chief Buhari Bubah has warned that the objectives for which the Federal Government established the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in Calabar, may remain a futile attempt.

Bubah, a former manager of the Apapa Port told *Business Day* in an interview that political considerations, instead of economic factors, led to the citing of the EPZ in Calabar.

According to him, the investors would not risk investing in the area because the shallow depth of the Calabar Port has been its bane and would confine to discourage services-minded investors from making use of the much hyped opportunities offered by the zone.

Bubah, recalled how, in



Mustapha Bello, Commerce Minister

From Samson Ojo, in Lagos

1982 the then President Shehu Shagari government wanted, according to him, for political reasons, to site the Aluminium-Smelting plant at Adamawa, despite the fact that no raw material was discovered there.

Bubah disclosed, "It was the instance of an inter-ministerial committee that led to the setting up of the plant at that Abasi, Akwa Ibom State.

Bubah also spoke on the plans by the administration of President Olusegun Obasanjo to privatise the parts and said that it was unwise for government to sell the ports as such would have far reaching implications for the economy and security of the country.

according to him, the only area in which Nigeria has a stake of present in the maritime subsector, since the liquidation of the Nigeria National Shipping Line (NNSL) is the ports.

Bubah said: the only thing we have in our maritime industry now is the sea ports. "If we begin to share the sea port to others, it means we don't have anything maritime and that is the way to make the country wretched."

He dismissed the position of government that corruption is one of the

The Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund's (NSITF) investment portfolio has reached a market value of N8 billion, even as its book value is estimated at N5 billion.

NSITF Managing Director, Dr. Mohammed Abba Aji, who made this disclosure at an interactive forum with financial journalists in Lagos stated that the fund has big plans for the Nigerian workers and the unemployed.

According to him, by the year 2002, the fund will introduce unemployment benefit, saying "the Board of NSITF is currently working towards increasing the number of benefits" to workers.

Aji said that NSITF scheme which was established by virtue of

NSITF investment portfolio hits N8b

From Bright Ewulu, in Lagos

convention No. 102 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is a positive one that has contributed overly to the betterment of the lives of Nigerian workers.

NSITF Executive Director (Finance & Investment), S. E. Akpan in his delivery entitled "the investment profile of NSITF" revealed that the fund in order to meet worker requirements has investments in the money market, capital market and real estates.

According to him about 38.50 percent of its

investment totalling N1.9 billion is invested in the capital market while 14.72 percent (N752 million) is lodged in the market.

The highest portion of the investment amount amounting to 46.88 percent (N2.3 billion) Akpan disclosed was shored into property/real estate.

On the overall accounting position of the fund, the director said in 2000 its capital gains "amounted to slightly over N500 million as against N376 million in 1999," which he said represented N124 million or 33 percent.

Said he: "the average yield on our active portfolio



Mohammed Abba Aji, NSITF Managing Director

in 2000 was about 13.03 percent which is about 3.03 percent above the estimated average yield provided in our actuarial evaluation report in 1999."

NLNG, Enron sign gas sales agreement

Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Enron for sale of liquefied natural gas volumes from the 4th and 5th trains.

With this move, it is apparent that the NLNG's expansion programme, otherwise known as the NLNG Plus, is on course.

General Manager, External Relations NLNG,

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, in Lagos

Siene Allwell-Brown in a statement made available to *Business Day* disclosed that under the terms, Nigeria LNG will deliver 1 BCMI



Ribwanu Lukman

year to Enron when the NLNG Plus commences production in 2205.

The project specification contract for these trains, she said, was awarded in March this year, while the Final Investment Decision (FID) is planned for early next year.

According to her, each of the two trains in the NLNG Plus project will have a capacity of four million tonnes per annum of LNG and up to 0.5 million tonnes per annum of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

She added that the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract will be awarded in the first quarter of next year.

On completion of the NLNG Plus project, Allwell-

Brown disclosed that NLNG will have an overall production capacity of 17 million tonnes per annum of LNG and two million tonnes per annum of LPG.

NLNG, which commenced commercial operations in October 1999 with its two train 5.9 million tonnes per annum base project, has a third train which is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in late 2002.

NLNG is a Nigeria Joint Venture Company with Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) having 49 percent shares, while its other shareholders include Shell (25.6%), Total Fina Elf (15%) and Agip (10.4%).

Weather halts Shell's containment work in Rivers

Containment efforts by the Shell Petroleum Development Company Nigeria Limited (SPDC) on the recent oil spill in Ogbodo Communities of Rivers State are being frustrated due to rainfall and fast moving rivers in the areas.

The company's External Relation Manager, East Mr. Donald Sotoibi Boham who disclosed this to *Business Day* in Port-Harcourt during a chat with newsmen that, containment efforts have therefore been concentrated along the new Calabar River in an attempt to minimise further spread of the spill.

A 28-inch Nkpoku/Rumuekpe Trans-Niger-Pipeline (TNP) near Ogbodo in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State busted, sending oil spillage across the areas recently.

Shell, according to Boham, upon receiving the report of the spillage two weeks ago, prompting mobilised oil recovering and containment equipment to the areas in a bid to quickly contain it.

From Wisdom Patrick, in Port-Harcourt

The company however alleged that, the initial delays experienced in the recovering exercise was entirely caused by some members of the communities. "But the containment exercise commenced later with the deployment of booms at strategic locations," he said.

It was also gathered that to be able to contain the spillage, all fields producing into the attended line were immediately closed, "while the attended trunk line" was isolated at Rumuekpe and Nkopolun manifolds with crude directed into the 20-inch line," he stressed.

Boham told *Business Day* that since the incident happened, intensive oil recovery efforts has been sustained and approximately 7,000 barrels of crude oil have so far been recovered.

He stated further that, a joint investigation team, comprising representatives of SPDC, the State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Federal Ministry of Environment, the

Directorate of Petroleum Resources (DPR) and community representatives has visited the site.

"The team established that the affected areas were mainly along the Ogbodo creek areas, located down stream of the new Calabar

River and the adjoining swamp."

Meanwhile, provision of potable drinking water to the affected communities, which started soon after the receipt of the spillage report, was still going on when *Business Day* visited the affected communities.

Sierra-Leone seeks NSE's aid to set-up stock exchange

The Sierra-Leone government is seeking ennoblements from Nigeria to help her set up a standard stock exchange in country.

Director of Bank of Sierra Leone, Francis Roberts who is currently on a visit to Nigeria for this purpose stated at the Nigeria Stock Exchange (NSE) that the mode of operation of his country's exchange is similar to Nigeria's.

According to him, this infers that Nigeria stock exchange appears to be in the best position to offer them the needed direction.

Robert who was

accompanied by Mohammed Mansaray, divisional head, Bank of Sierra Leone, said the main purpose for their study tour was to visit the Central Security System.

He appealed to the management of NSE to assist them in setting up a stock exchange in Sierra-Leone.

It would be recalled that the Director General of the NSE, Dr. Ndi Okereke-Onyike disclosed the plans of NSE management to link up with other exchanges in the West African sub-region and beyond in order to expend the nation's capital market, adding that this would ensure cross border listing.

BUSINESS DAY

Nigerian Stock Dealings (NSE)

Price List as at 13/07/2001

COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE	DEALS	VOLUME	VALUE
7UP	6.00	6.00	0.00	5	5,750	34,500.00
ABOSELAB	0.67	0.67	0.00	2	2,000	1,340.00
ACCESSBANK	1.25	1.31	0.06	12	189,095	245,859.45
ADSWITCH	1.03	1.03	0.00	1	14,600	15,038.00
AFPRINT	1.12	1.12	0.00	8	114,150	128,909.50
AFRIBANK	8.70	9.00	0.30	38	477,743	4,138,322.27
AFROIL	0.23	0.23	0.00	1	5,000	1,150.00
AGIP	30.00	30.00	0.00	42	41,262	1,239,404.27
AGLEVENT	1.18	1.18	0.00	3	5,010	5,911.80
AIICO	3.70	3.60	0.10	6	11,780	43,438.00
AP	19.34	19.34	0.00	21	257,689	4,983,075.26
ASHAKACEM	13.12	13.77	0.65	23	83,010	1,107,281.45
BATA	0.35	0.34	0.01	7	18,455	6,324.70
BCC	4.79	4.79	0.00	2	1,000,312	4,791,494.48
BERGER	2.60	2.70	0.10	5	17,400	46,635.00
C&ILEASING	1.43	1.36	0.07	4	27,670	37,631.20
CADBURY	23.40	23.42	0.02	57	212,793	4,994,410.14
CAP	3.00	3.00	0.00	1	266	798.00
CCNN	3.07	2.30	0.00	1	125	383.75
CFAO	2.30	7.00	0.00	1	48	110.40
CHARTERED	7.00	1.03	0.00	17	136,150	915,400.00
CHALLARAM	0.99	0.50	0.04	1	448	461.44
CHRISTLIB	0.50	0.65	0.00	1	9,846	4,923.50
CMB	0.68	2.14	0.03	3	3,950	2,567.50
COOPBANK	2.14	1.65	0.00	5	5,600	11,984.00
CORNERST	1.71	1.13	0.06	3	18,000	29,700.00
COSTAIN	1.13	1.99	0.00	11	54,817	61,943.21
CRUSADER	1.99	6.35	0.00	1	200	398.00
DELGLAS	6.40	15.00	0.05	3	7,000	44,450.00
DNMEYER	15.40	2.41	0.40	14	26,778	410,50.42
DUMEZ	2.41	3.30	0.00	1	200	482.00
DUNLOP	3.36	1.55	0.06	22	46,310	151,638.32
EKOBANK	1.54	3.41	0.01	3	12,028	18,603.12
ECOCORP	3.41	1.28	0.00	1	300	1,023.00
ETERNAOIL	1.25	1.42	0.03	1	100,000	128,000.00
EVANSMED	1.36	1.88	0.06	3	9,500	13,070.00
FIRSTALUM	1.88	23.36	0.00	11	51,970	97,543.10
FIRSTBANK	23.36	17.15	0.00	67	388,992	9,086,853.12
FLOURMILL	17.40	6.30	0.25	24	23,845	408,239.45
FSB	6.00	0.72	0.30	17	91,214	553,675.98
GOLDEREW	0.72	5.70	0.00	7	60,000	42,145.12
GUARANTY	5.70	38	0.00	33	271,719	1,548,798.30
GUINNESS	38.70	70	0.00	30	282,267	10,688,040.64
HALLBANK	5.09	4.99	0.10	2	20,000	98,450.00
IGL	5.29	5.55	0.26	10	22,880	124,932.82
IMB	1.90	1.90	0.00	39	430,278	81,907.86
INLANDBANK	1.56	1.56	0.00	5	25,500	39,150.00
JBERGER	47.00	44.66	2.34	4	3,001,007	134,026,844.62
JOHNHOLT	1.79	1.85	0.06	16	115,108	208,215.98
LAWUNION	1.57	1.55	0.02	1	10,000	15,500.00
LEVBROS	24.25	25.00	0.75	67	317,408	7,830,966.60
LIBERTY	2.21	2.21	0.00	2	37,800	83,538.00
LIONBANK	1.49	1.51	0.02	10	36,213	54,773.38
LIVESTOCK	3.79	3.79	0.00	1	921	3,490.50
LONGMAN	5.00	4.75	0.25	2	6,000	28,500.00
MANNYBANK	1.92	1.89	0.03	10	66,800	126,555.50
MAY&BAKER	2.80	2.80	0.00	1	1,000	2,800.00
MOBIL	64.01	65.00	0.99	12	13,213	848,413.48
NAL	5.11	4.88	0.23	74	1,139,049	5,706,154.12
NB	27.80	26.42	1.38	65	304,619	8,210,195.09
NBC	20.39	20.41	0.02	46	191,453	3,907,037.24
NCR	2.09	2.08	0.01	1	4,796	9,975.68
NESTLE	62.50	60.00	2.50	24	397,695	24,308,774.82
NIG-GERMAN	2.53	2.53	0.00	1	1,000	2,530.00
NIGERINS	5.00	5.00	0.00	14	11,700	58,500.00
NIWICABLE	2.17	2.17	0.00	2	2,212	4,800.04
NOLCHEM	37.81	35.92	1.89	4	959	34,447.28
OKOMUOIL	9.00	9.45	0.45	1	3,000	28,350.00
OWENABANK	3.14	3.00	0.14	9	74,000	230,680.00
PFIZER	5.44	5.44	0.00	7	20,000	108,800.00
POLYPROD	0.50	0.50	0.00	3	10,000	5,000.00
PRESTIGE	2.20	2.10	0.10	2	2,925	6,162.50
PZ	13.70	13.21	0.49	41	44,611	604,936.08
ROYALEX	4.86	5.10	0.24	7	17,351	88,321.62
RTBRISCOE	1.35	1.29	0.06	2	6,118	7,892.22
SAVANNA	1.22	1.16	0.06	9	21,300	25,426.00
SCOA	1.90	1.81	0.09	8	3,999	7,238.19
SKBEECHAM	2.20	2.20	0.00	15	66,316	143,331.60
SUNNINS	0.65	0.65	0.00	2	1,260	819.00
TEXACO	62.50	62.00	0.50	22	50,683	3,172,030.50
TIB	2.64	2.64	0.00	14	642,471	1,643,662.73
TOTAL	66.99	67.00	0.01	12	47,151	3,156,719.66
TRADEBANK	1.04	1.04	0.00	1	211	219.44
TRIPPLEG	1.27	1.27	0.00	2	2,300	2,921.00
UAC-PROP	2.80	2.84	0.04	31	379,655	1,075,953.75
UACN	3.55	3.38	0.17	83	665,591	2,293,257.05
UBA	13.50	14.15	0.65	134	1,644,935	22,219,999.98
UBN	37.20	39.06	1.86	243	1,743,870	67,171,345.85
UNIONDICON	15.40	16.15	0.75	4	5,595	89,916.75
UNIPETROL	41.10	41.50	0.40	24	30,551	1,267,239.36
UNTL	2.95	2.95	0.00	17	146,802	440,274.86
UTB	4.62	4.45	0.17	18	118,800	532,077.00
VINLEER	3.11	3.11	0.00	1	500	1,555.00
VITAFOAM	4.10	4.30	0.20	16	36,794	156,722.20
WAPCO	38.00	38.00	0.00	283	727,425	27,688,541.70
WAPIC	1.50	1.51	0.01	1	705	1,064.55
WEMABANK	2.75	2.62	0.13	27	1,103,837	2,955,055.17
TOTAL				1,971	17,861,659	367,705,624.25

Nigerian Stock Dealings (NSE)

Gainers/Losers as at 13/07/2001

Gainers			
COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE
UBN	37.20	39.06	1.86
MOBIL	64.01	65.00	0.99
UNIODICON	15.40	16.15	0.75
LEVBROS	24.25	25.00	0.75
ASHAKACEM	13.12	13.77	0.65
UBA	13.50	14.15	0.65
OKOMUOIL	9.00	9.45	0.45
UNIPETROL	41.10	41.50	0.40
FSB	6.00	6.30	0.30
AFRIBANK	6.70	9.00	0.30
IGL	5.29	5.55	0.26
ROYALEX	4.86	5.10	0.24
VITAFOAM	4.10	4.30	0.20
BERGER	2.60	2.70	0.10
EVANSMED	1.36	1.42	0.06
JOHNHOLT	1.79	1.85	0.06
ACCESSBANK	1.25	1.31	0.06
UAC-PROP	2.80	2.84	0.04
CHELLARAM	0.99	1.03	0.04
TETERNAOIL	1.25	1.28	0.03
CADBURY	23.40	23.42	0.02
NBC	20.39	20.41	0.02
LIONBANK	1.49	1.51	0.02
WAPIC	1.50	1.51	0.01
EKOBANK	1.54	1.55	0.01

Losers			
COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE
NESTLE	62.50	60.00	2.50
JBERGER	47	44.66	2.34
NOLCHEM	37.81	35.92	1.89
NB	27.80	26.42	1.38
PZ	13.70	13.21	0.49
DNMEYER	15.40	15.00	0.40
FLOURMILL	17.40	17.15	0.25
LONGMAN	5.00	4.75	0.25
NAL	5.11	4.88	0.23
UACN	3.55	3.38	0.17
UTB	4.62	4.45	0.17
OWENABANK	3.14	3.00	0.14
WEMABANK	2.75	2.62	0.13
HALLBANK	5.09	4.99	0.10
PRESTIGE	2.20	2.10	0.10
AIICO	3.70	3.60	0.10
SCOA	1.90	1.81	0.09
C&ILEASING	1.43	1.36	0.07
CORNERST	1.71	1.165	0.06
SAVANNA	1.22	1.16	0.06
DUNLOP	3.36	3.30	0.06
RTBRISCOE	1.35	1.29	0.06
MANNYBANK	1.92	1.89	0.03
CMB	0.68	0.65	0.03
BATA	0.35	0.34	0.01

Summary of Transactions

	OPENING	CLOSING	% AGE CHANGE
MKT.	620,626,287,553.80	617,656,410,965.72	0.48
INDEX	10,497.43	10,447.20	0.48
DEALS	1,970		
VOLUME	17,861,629		
VALUE		367,704,484.25	
No. OF COMPANIES			97

Summary of Transactions

17.86m shares worth N36.7m traded at NSE last Friday

Trading reports collected from Abuja Area Office of the Nigerian Stock Exchange indicated that a total of 17.86 million shares valued at N36.70 million in 1,970 deals were traded on the floors of the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

There were no transactions in the Industrial Loans/Preference Stocks sector and the Federal Government Development stocks sector.

Price Movement:

The Nigeria Stock Exchange All Share Index closed that day at 10,447.20, a decrease of 0.48 percent. The index opened at 10,497.43. While the market capitalisation closed at N617.66 billion, a decrease of 0.48 percent, it opened at N620.63 billion.

The bulls tied with the bears on the floor, with a total of 25 companies gaining and losing in their share prices.

Gains were recorded in the Banking, Petroleum Marketing, Food/Beverages & Tobacco, Building Materials, Agriculture, Chemicals and Paints, Industrial & Domestic Products, Insurance, Chemicals and Paints, Industrial & Domestic Products, Insurance, Chemicals and Paints, Healthcare, Conglomerates, Real Estate and the Commercial/Services sub sector.

Union Bank Plc led the price gainers, as it appreciated by 186 kobo to close the day at N39.06 per share, followed by Mobil Plc, which appreciated by 99 kobo to close at N65.00 per share.

Other price gainers include Uniondicon and Levbros (75 kobo apiece); Ashakacem and UBA (65 kobo apiece); Okomu oil (45 kobo); Unipetrol (40 kobo); FSB and Afribank (30 kobo apiece); IGL (26 kobo); Vitafoam (20 kobo) and Berger (10 kobo).

Losses were recorded in the Food/Beverages & Tobacco, Construction, Petroleum Marketing, Breweries, Conglomerates, Chemicals and Paints, Printing & Publishing, Banking, Insurance, Managed Fund, Automobile and Tyre, Packaging and the Footwear sub sectors.

Nestle Foods Plc led the price losers, dropping by 250 kobo to close at and N60.00 per share, followed by JBerger Plc, which lost 234 kobo, to close at N44.66 per share.

Other price losers include NOCHEM (189 kobo); NB (138 kobo); PZ (49 kobo); DN Meyer (40 kobo); Flourmill and Longman (25 kobo apiece); NAL (23 kobo); UACN and UTB (17 kobo apiece); Owena Bank (14 kobo) and Wema bank (13 kobo).

Privatisation UPDATE

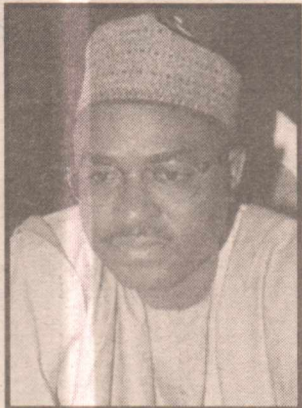
Nigerdock shops for N6b reactivation fund

Nigerdock Nigeria Limited is shopping for a \$45 million (about N6 billion) financial bail-out from the Federal Government to help reposition it for the proposed privatisation.

Privatisation Update learnt that Nigeria's pioneer ship building and repair yard, which had allegedly been plunged into a deep financial crisis by its former Managing Director, Dr. Victor Nnamdi Ozobia, who is currently facing charges of stealing money belonging to the organisation at the Igbosere Chief Magistrate Court, Lagos, has forwarded a request for financial assistance in the form of a soft loan to the Federal Government.

From Samson Ojo, in Lagos

Privatisation Update sources at the Federal Ministry of Transport disclosed that that present management of the ship repair yard is asking the



Isa Yuguda, Min. of State for Transport

Federal Government to grant it a loan of about \$45 million. The money, the source, (a management staff) explained, was needed to put the company on a sound financial footing in readiness for the proposed privatisation.

Privatisation Update gathered further that the request, which has already been tabled before the weekly Federal Government meeting has already received the first hearing.

Sources at the ministry told Privatisation Update that after the first hearing, the Federal Government requested that the shipyard forward to it details of the expenditure profile and the specific capital projects the proposed loan would be tied to.

Privatisation Update reliably learnt that Nigerdock has already complied with the request, and has accordingly forwarded same to the Federal Government through the Transport Ministry.

Investigations by Privatisation Update revealed that the company is currently operating below capacity due to the dearth of plant equipment. Nigerdock's incumbent chief executive, Engineer Nkpubre Okon Nkpubre, refused to confirm the loan request but admitted that efforts were in top gear to reposition the company in readiness for the proposed privatisation.

One of such efforts, he said, was to replace obsolete equipment with modern ones. Nkpubre also spoke of plans to launch the company into full-scale ship building.

"I want Nigerdock to go into construction of ocean going vessels. We also hope to concentrate on offshore construction," he said.

CCNN to raise N1b from rights issue

The management of Cement Company of Northern Nigeria (CCNN) has concluded arrangements to raise about N1.05 billion through a rights issue of part of its shares.

The rights issue to be carried out has already been approved by all the company's shareholders at its last annual general meeting held two months ago.

According to a press release signed by the Public Relations Manager of CCNN; Alhaji Ibrahim Argungu, a total of 348,560,415 (348.5 million) shares of 50 kobo each would be offered to existing shareholders in the ratio of nine new shares for every previously held, yielding gross proceeds of N1.05

From Abdulfatai Abdulsalami, in Sokoto

billion.

The release further disclosed that approvals for the registration and listing of the new shares have been obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), adding that the issue is being handled by Investment Banking and Trust Company Limited (IBTC).

These, according to the release, are expected to open or commence on 30th July 2001 and that the shares will be sold to the public at N3.00 per share.

The chairman of the company, Mr. Alf Karlsen disclosed that the proceeds of the issue would be used to fund part of the comprehensive rehabilitation and technical upgrade of CCNN's as part of the efforts aimed at turning around the fortunes of the company.

Mr. Karlsen further disclosed that after completion, the productive capacity of the plant could be greatly increased, adding that this would enhance profitability and increase returns to shareholders in the long run.

The chairman also stated clearly that the organisation is projecting to record further losses in year 2001 and 2002, before breaking even in the year 2003, stating further that there would be no dividend payable until after year 2003.

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Nigeria Airways loses market share

From Bright Ewulu, in Lagos

The Nigeria Airways has further lost its market share to private domestic airlines both in the number of passengers and cargo lifting.

Nigerian Airways market share which stood at 3.6 percent in 1999 dropped further down to 3 percent last year as the private airlines captured the remaining 97 percent of the market.

This was made plain in the latest report from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) which stated that "the number of passengers, freight tonnes, mail and cargo tonnes-kilometres airlifted by the Nigeria Airways on domestic routes recorded declines compared with their levels in the preceding years by 5.7, 3.6, 4.3 and 1.7 percent to 8.2,000,634.2, 89,000 and 4.8,800, respectively."

The report stated that passenger and aircraft kilometres flown by the national carrier also recorded a low, decreasing by 6.0 and 1.7 percent to 6.3 and 1.6 million respectively.

On the international routes, however, Nigeria Airways performance rose in the African counts in terms of passenger carried and passengers-kilometre flown by 15.0 and 5.9 percent over its preceding year records to stand at 23.0 thousand and 18.0 million.

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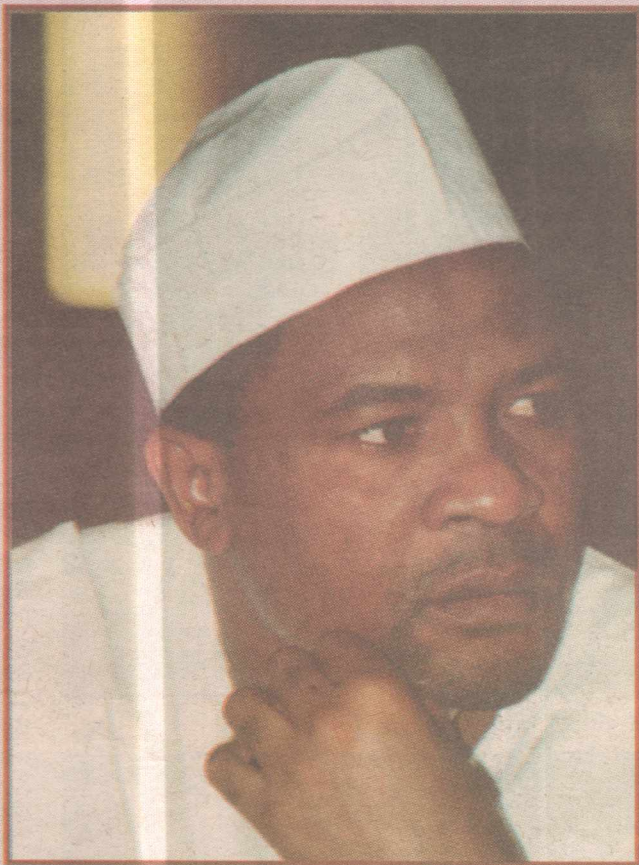
INTERVIEW

How we will eradicate poverty -NAPEP boss

Dr. Abdullahi Aliyu, the permanent secretary in charge of the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) is an engineer by training. After a first class bachelors degree in engineering, he took a doctorate in mechanical engineering in 1983. But Dr. Aliyu is not new to poverty alleviation, because he was the director-general of the Family Economic Advancement Programme (FEAP) from 1997 to its scrapping. In this interview which he granted to our reporter **Ikenna Emeka Okpani** he reveals that NAPEP is a closely woven fabric of inter-related schemes and programmes whose ultimate aim is to see all Nigerians out of reach of poverty.

Sir, the Federal Government decided to bring all its poverty eradication effort under a single coordinating unit the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP), which led to the scrapping of FEAP and other institutions handling such projects, so we would want to know what you think made government take such a decision?

As you are aware before this administration came to power all previous administrations in Nigeria have been made efforts at poverty alleviation or eradication. Unfortunately, not much success was recorded by most of these institutions. There were a number of problems associated with most of the programmes and institutions established previously, one of the key observations was that, there was too much duplication of efforts, there was institutional rivalry and there was no effective coordination and collaboration between the various institutions and various tiers of government. Another major problem observed was that most of these institutions were usually not given a target. To address these issues, the federal government therefore set up a committee, chaired by Alhaji Ahmed Joda, which was charged with the responsibility of streamlining and rationalising all the poverty alleviation institutions in the country. The committee took about six months to complete its assignment and made consultations at the federal, local government and the community levels. At the end of the exercise, about nine institutions were wound up, six institutions were merged and about nine other institutions were strengthened in such a way that they could take effective control in particular sectors of poverty eradication. After that, another committee, chaired by Professor Ango Abdullahi, was set up and charged with the responsibility to formulate all the relevant programmes and policies of the federal government on poverty eradication and reduction. That committee also took about six months. After that, another committee chaired by Professor A. B. Borisade was also established, to come out with a youth policy and the youth empowerment



Dr. Abdullahi Aliyu

is only an aspect of the programme, so what is the administration of this programme putting in place to ensure that the YES programme does not overshadow other aspects of these poverty alleviation programmes?

The entire National Poverty Eradication Programme has four schemes, the Youth Empowerment Scheme, the Rural Infrastructure Development

Scheme, the Social and Welfare Services Scheme and the Natural Resource Development and Conservation Scheme. The Youth Empowerment Scheme is very important and I believe for now we are giving more emphasis to it than the other three schemes. We are doing that because we have now formulated these four schemes, we have gone through what the federal government has done or has been doing in all these four areas or four schemes and we have noticed that a lot of budgetary provisions have already been made for the Rural Infrastructure, Social Welfare Service and the National Resource Development and Conservation Schemes, through the various ministries' budget. Not much has been given to the issue of the Youth Empowerment and that is why for

this year we have made a budgetary provision for an intervention programme of about N10 billion for the Youth Empowerment Scheme and N4 billion each for the other three schemes. So, we have done that, it is not that we are giving priority attention, it doesn't mean we are sidelining the other three schemes and giving priority attention to the Youth Empowerment Scheme, no, we want all the four schemes to be implemented concurrently.

Sir is the youth employment scheme expected to kick-off by July.

Yes, so also all the other three schemes.

Recently, there were complaints concerning the distribution of forms for the YES programme by state directorates of employment. So we want to know how you are going about it?

We planned to produce a total of about five million forms for the registration of participants under the youth empowerment scheme. Those forms are designed only for registration purposes, it doesn't mean that whoever completes that form this year and registered with us will be provided with something. We have produced those forms in such a way that we can keep the record of all the unemployed and it is from such data now that we are going to be providing services for all the unemployed, maybe for the next few years. When we started with the distribution of the forms you know how Nigerians are always eager whenever any new thing comes on stream. We started collecting, I think about 50,000 or 100,000 forms from the company printing these forms and we were not able to collect the bulk of these forms at the same time... when we started, there were problems because there were shortages of these forms, but now, we have received a large consignment of these forms. I doubt very much if such complaints are still existing, because we have designed a system whereby we have a number of avenues for the distribution of the forms at the local government level, at the state level and at the federal level.

Recently the members of the coordinating committee went on a tour of the zones to educate people on the programme. We want to know how successful the mission was?

The mission that we started conducting last week or about two weeks ago was a mission that was designed right from the beginning of the programme whereby we want to take along all the important stakeholders in this programme. One of

the most critical and important stakeholders in the implementation of this programme are the local government councils. Since the programme was introduced, we were able to brief a number of important organisations such as the National Assembly, the executive governors and the chairmen of political parties and a host of others.

The local government council chairmen are very many, a total of about 774, so we will not be able to call them to Abuja for such briefings and that is why we arranged to make it on zonal basis so that we reach each of these people based on their zones, we address them, we brief them on the implementation of the programme so that we'll be able to carry them along. The whole purpose is that we want these councils to see it as a sort of complimentary effort whereby the federal government, the local government and the state government should be able to collaborate and integrate whatever they are doing for the betterment of our people.

Talking about local governments, we understand the programme has a co-ordinating unit at state and local government levels. We want to know how they are supposed to work, their responsibilities and control at the local and state levels?

One of the major problems that has been noticed in the implementation of the Poverty Alleviation or Eradication Programme is that there is no effective monitoring of whatever government wants to do. A situation may arise whereby the federal government says we are going to establish so and so things, so and so items for so, so villages. There is no system to provide feedback for the federal government, whether that thing has been achieved or not, so at the end of the day what the federal government has decided is that each state of the federation is going to establish what we call the state coordinating committee. And it is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the monitoring of projects within that state. Also at each local government council, we are going to establish local government monitoring committees charged with the responsibility of ensuring monitoring of federal government projects being implemented in each local government area and also since they are very close to the people they should be able to link up with the relevant groups and find out their needs and then report back to us.

Basically, that was the whole idea and where we think they will operate has already been detailed in the blueprint and is summarised as follows; once these committees are set up there is a chairman and about 15 members. Out of these, are representatives from local government area councils, the traditional rulers are represented, the market women are represented, the NGOs and com

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In dire need: Rural roads are to be built under the Rural Infrastructure Development Scheme

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Continued from page 17 munity groups are represented, the religious groups are also represented. They could be meeting at least once a month to monitor and evaluate progress of projects being executed for the common people and then, they will package the reports and recommendations through the state coordination committee to the national secretariat of the poverty eradication programme.

We will also want to know, what the response to this programme has been especially from the remote areas?

It is too early, it is too early for now to make such assessment. You remember the poverty eradication programme was approved in January, between January and June we want to ensure that we sensitise people about the programme. So we are still in that process, that is why we are hoping that once we finish that sensitisation then, by early July, all the programmes of the National Poverty Eradication Scheme will now take off.

Sir, the blueprint of the mandate of the Poverty Eradication Programme is to set annual targets for those institutions that are also involved in the process of the poverty alleviation, we want to know the relationship between those institutions and the programme?

I think these are the new innovations now introduced into the system. There was no coordination, there were no targets being usually set for most of these institutions and that is why the National Poverty Eradication Council, chaired by Mr. President is established and that council's targets will be set for each of those 14 ministries as members of the council. Now, it is left for the honourable minister who is a member of that council to now go back and give various targets to all his relevant agencies and the ministry itself, so that he can now report back to the council whatever he had done and whatever he has achieved.

The programme is also supposed to work with such organisations like the UNDP, the World Bank and other international donor agencies and non-governmental organisations. We want to know how far the programme has gone in this direction sir?

I think we have gone very far, especially with the UNDP, we have been able to brief almost all the international donor agencies in Nigeria. The UNDP, the World Bank, the DFID, JAIKA, and the Japanese agency and a host of other embassies' international donor partners. I believe we have received and we are being received very well by most of these international donor agencies and they have pledged their support for the implementation of the programme.

Sir, there is this problem of food scarcity in the country now, we want to know the programme NAPEP has for agriculture because we

understand that we have been neglecting agriculture and one would have thought that government will use this opportunity to reverse the situation.

That is a very interesting

roads and other important infrastructures for effective agriculture. I think with these two programmes under the schemes, we would be able to say that we have made adequate arrangement to

tural Co-operative and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB) and that is a bank that was developed through the merger of FEAP, NACB and the People's Bank of Nigeria. The bank that will be respon-

round, find, evaluate and assess all the existing institutions and centres that can be used for the training both under CAP and the MAP. The committees have since submitted their reports and I can really say that the response was excellent. This year, we are trying to train a total of 100,000 youths. So far, we have identified centres that can provide training for about 200,000 youths under the Capacity Acquisition Programme. Under the Mandatory Attachment Programme, we are planning to attach about 50,000 youths this year and we have vacancies of about 100,000 for that. I think we are doing very well, and the response has been excellent.

Sir, you once said in one of your public outings, that this scheme will have to do something like a road map for the whole country, we want to know the relevance of such to Nigerians?

(Laughs) that's very interesting, as I mentioned to you earlier, all the four schemes of the National Poverty Eradication Programmes are schemes that are designed to cover all the institutional landscape of poverty alleviation or reduction. What you are talking about now is what we are zeroing in on from the Rural Infrastructure Development Scheme and under this scheme we have four important programmes, The Rural Transport Programme, the Rural Energy Programme, the Rural Water Programme and the Rural Communication Programme. Under the Rural Transport Programme, we have development and construction of rural roads. This year I doubt very much if we have made adequate budgetary provisions to go into detailed construction of rural roads, but we have provided for each local government area and we want to know the connection of the existing rural roads so that we can build on it in the following years. That is the whole idea. We just want to know where we are, so that next year we can make budgetary provisions for expansion of such roads.

Sir, we want to know your visions for the programme. What you intend to achieve at the end of the day, what your record will look like?

(Laughs.) Thank you very much, I believe Nigeria is a very big country I believe Nigeria is very vast and diverse in culture and in so many other things. I believe we have resources, which can make our people comfortable.

I am implementing this programme with the hope that within the shortest possible time every Nigerian will have a steady income, every Nigerian or every part of the country will have good roads; potable water, constant electricity or power supply, good educational institutions, high quality health care facilities, good recreational facilities anywhere you can be, so that at least everybody can be proud of being a Nigerian. We do hope, if we consistently implement these schemes, by the year 2010 we will be able to reach this target and once we are able to provide these facilities to all Nigerians by the definition of absolute poverty, then we have eradicated absolute poverty among Nigerians, that is my target.

Thank you very much sir.
You are welcome.



Erosion control to make rural infrastructure more long lasting



Sewing machines distributed by a state government under the Poverty Alleviation Programme, precursor of NAPEP.

question and if you remember, right from the beginning I told you that the National Poverty Eradication Programme Schemes are multi-dimensional. Under each of these schemes, we have various programmes of implementation, each of which we believe is a priority. Under the social welfare services scheme there is a very important programme called the Farmers Empowerment Programme. That Farmers Empowerment Programme is supposed to provide credit and agricultural inputs to the farmers, in such a way so that we would be able to boost agriculture.

Under the Natural Resources Development and Conservation Scheme we have another important special programme, which we call the Agricultural Resource Development Programme and this is the programme that is supposed to explore and provide agricultural infrastructure like development of farmlands, development of farm

assist our farmers, and in the long run we would be able to boost agriculture through such programmes.

Again Sir, the issue of credit is said to be central to the success of the programme, what is being done about strengthening banks like the NACRDB?

You are quite aware that the first committee set up by the federal government under Joda was for the streamlining and rationalization of the poverty alleviation institutions. One of the key areas that was given adequate attention was the issue of micro credit delivery. Before, so many institutions were involved in micro credit; FEAP was involved, NACB was involved, PBN was also involved and sometimes even NDE. So what government decided was to ensure that there is only one agency now responsible for micro credit.

Agricultural micro credit will be handled by the Nigerian Agricul-

ture Bank for Industry and this is a bank that is an offshoot of the three merged existing banks - NERFUND, NBCI and NIDB. So I think we are already making serious efforts in these directions.

Sir, if we may go back to the youth empowerment scheme, we understand that there are trainers that are going to be approved for the CAP programme, we want to know how the response has been from such industries?

Under the youth empowerment scheme we have two important programmes for skill acquisition, one is called the Capacity Acquisition Programme (CAP) and is mainly for non-graduates and is usually an acquisition programme for about one year. Then we have the mandatory attachment programme, which is a long term training programme for about two years and is usually for graduates. What we did is to set up committees, one for each of the six zones, to go

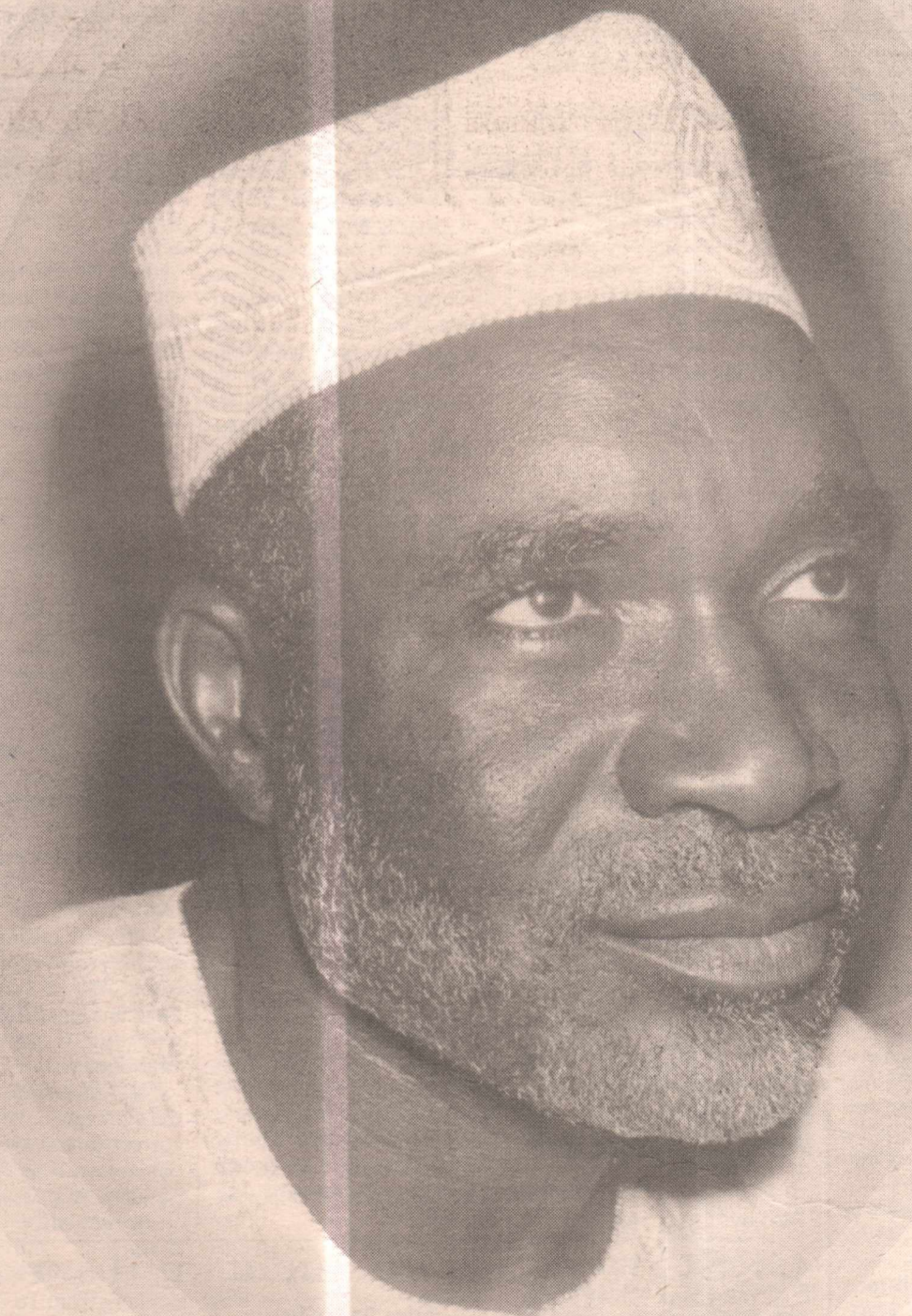
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NEWS

Bungudu people urge Gov Sani to fulfil electoral pledge

The people of Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State, have called on the state government to as a matter of



Gov Ahmed Sani

urgency, ensure the fulfilment of the promises it made to them during its gubernatorial campaign.

The call was made by the chairman of Bungudu Progressive Union, Alhaji Bello Ibrahim, in Gusau when the latter paid a courtesy call on Governor Ahmed Sani.

According to the chairman, the governor promised them that he will construct roads, hospitals and culverts among others,

From Salisu Zakari Maradun, in Gusau

but nothing has been done two years into his administration.

He explained that Bungudu town, which is one of the biggest local government headquarters in the state, is yet to enjoy the services of the government.

The chairman also explained that currently the local government is lacking in developmental projects and physical infrastructure, which is one of the reasons why it has been isolated.

He drew the attention of the governor to the fact that unless the state government intervened the local government will in the next few months be a no-go area due to lack of good roads and drainages in the headquarters and the surrounding villages.

Alhaji Bello Ibrahim further explained that there is the need for the government to justify the support the people of the area gave to the governor during his campaign.

The union however, appealed to the state

government to provide the local government with enough medical care services by constructing hospitals and dispensaries.

To solve the problem of power failure in the town, the union also called on the government to provide them with two additional transformers so as to ensure power supply to supplement the already existing ones.

PDP stalwart praises Gov Lawal over dev. projects

The success recorded within the past two years of Governor Mohammed Alabi Lawal's purposeful and result-oriented administration is more than the sum total of past administrations since Kwara State was created in 1967.

Alhaji Musa Woruyo, chairman of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Baruteen Local Government Area of Kwara State made this assertion at a press conference in Ilorin where he announced his change of political camp to the All Peoples Party (APP) in the state.

Alhaji Woruyo, who decamped to the APP along

From Abdul Laro, in Ilorin

with his teeming supporters, said their declaration came as a result of Governor Lawal's wonderful and dynamic achievements recorded within two years of his tenure in the state.

This, he, said, included construction of roads, sinking of boreholes, building of hospitals, and televisions viewing centres, adding that the rural development efforts coupled with vivid manifestation of the hardwork, selflessness and dedication to the socio-economic change in the state were a clear testimony that "Governor Lawal is a man of the millennium."

Work resumes at Makurdi cattle market

Work have resumed on the Makurdi cattle market, three months after soldiers of the 72 Battalion, Nigerian Army, Makurdi, sacked labourers constructing paddocks in the market.

Acting on the directives of Col. U. H. Udokwere, Commander of the 72 Battalion, armed soldiers surrounded the project and threatened to manhandle any worker found at the project site again.

In a report submitted to the state government after the invasion, Col. Udokwere, averred that "it was a security risk to site the cattle market near the barracks," and that "the presence of cattle near the barracks poses health hazards to the soldiers and their families."

However, Fulani

From Terna Doki, in Makurdi

herdsmen who have been operating a small cattle market in the area said the action of the soldiers was based on prejudice because, having realised that the intended cattle market would jeopardise the Okigwe cattle market in Imo State, the Ibo community in Makurdi influenced Col. Udokwere to frustrate the establishment of the market.

The Fulani cattle dealers complained that doing business at the Okigwe cattle market was frustrating as robbers frequently deprive them of money or unsold cattle.

Based on the strength of Col. Udokwere's report, the state government commissioned professionals to determine the truth or

Illegal proliferation of arms more dangerous than AIDS - Gen. Igoche

The effects of proliferation and illicit arms dealings have been described as more devastating than the scourging effect of HIV/AIDS epidemic.



President Obasanjo

Chairman, National Committee on Proliferation of Arms and Illicit Arms Trafficking, General J. I. Igoche, disclosed this in Katsina while on a familiarisation tour.

Afenifere scribe berates Kwara police

Chief Ayo Opadokun, the Secretary-General of Afenifere has condemned the Kwara State Police Command for disrupting last week's Kwara Yoruba Forum conference billed for Ilorin, the state capital.

The Afenifere Secretary-General told *Daily Trust* in an exclusive interview in his office in Lagos that the police action was shocking, barbaric, provocative and tantamount to an open declaration of war

falsehood of the claims from the army unit.

However, reports say that the investigations did not discover any security risk or health hazard as alleged by the soldiers.

In his submission, Torhile Gundo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Animal and Forestry, said "the cattle market near the barracks had been there several years before the establishment of the army unit," stressing that animals still move around freely in the barracks.

Also speaking, Makurdi council chairman, Hon. Michael Shaaho, said the land used for the cattle market does not belong to the army unit and went ahead to read out a letter from 44 Division, Nigeria Army, Enugu and geographical map from hands and survey to back up his claims.

The Bayero University, Kano has committed over N1 million for the commencement of a College and University Affiliation Programme (CUAP) through the Emporia-Nigeria Project, United States of America (USA).

The university has also established an information technology centre in the Department of Library Science and also procured a vehicle for the affiliation activities.

The project is designed to build the capacity of libraries in Nigeria, and to position

BUK commences affiliation programme

From Jamilah Nuhu Musa, in Kano

them as agents of democracy in their environment.

Other objectives of the programme include the building of technology capacities of participating institutions so as to communicate via cyberspace; and to revise their teaching methods to enhance technology, global studies and civil society components.

The programme will also encourage students to participate in cross-cultural and international professional networks as well as assess the impact of civil education workshops on services of local public libraries and civil organisations in Nigeria.

The BUK library and information science department, its ABU Zaria and University of Maiduguri counterparts are to benefit from the programme.

From Hassan A. Karofi, in Katsina

Represented by Group Captain O. A. Olagoke, General Igoche said that the number of people dying daily from armed robbery attacks, trans-border banditry, especially in the North-East and in inter-ethnic clashes was as a result of such illicit trafficking.

He urged government to

learn from the experiences of sister African countries who went to sleep while large quantities of illicit arms found their ways into wrong hands.

"As long as large quantities of illicit arms are in the wrong hands, there may be no future for our nascent democracy," he warned.

General Igoche warned on the consequences that could befall this nation

should disgruntled groups be allowed to acquire arms illegally and use them to cause disturbance in different parts of the country.

He called on the public to send any memoranda that could help the committee unravel the activities of illegal arms dealers so that the country could be safeguarded against such evils.

SSANU gives FUT, Minna ultimatum

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), local wing of the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna, has given 21 days ultimatum beginning from last Friday, to down tools if the Federal Government refuses to meet their demand.

Daily Trust gathered information to this effect last Tuesday barely one week after the Academic Staff

From Kasim Sule, in Minna

Union of Universities (ASUU) had ironed out their differences with the Federal Government and has consequently resumed work.

When *Daily Trust* called at the office of the chairman of SSANU FUT Minna chapter, Mr. I. C. Ogbonnaya, on several occasions, he was said to be away.

But his secretary, Mallam Habeeb Mohammed,

confirmed the rumour, though insisting that SSANU was not competing with ASUU as some believed.

Mallam Mohammed told *Daily Trust* that the disparity in the salary scale by two bars between ASUU and SSANU was resolved three years ago when the military was in power.

According to him, during the period, their arrears were paid and since then their salaries had been at par with each other.

However, he questioned the rational behind the sudden reversion to the old system when the academic staff enjoyed superior salary.

Mallam Habeeb Mohammed reiterated that SSANU was not in any way envious of ASUU over the recently concluded negotiation between the latter and the Federal Government, but asked the government to show fairness and justice given that the two categories of staff possess the same qualifications and work in the same environment.

He, therefore, called on the Federal Government to correct this anomaly as the administrative staff were equally important as the academic staff.

From Samson Ojo, in Lagos

on the law abiding Yoruba people in the state.



IG Mustiu Smith

He said: "The conference was lawfully put together by

the Yoruba Forum to discuss issues affecting Yoruba people of that state.

"In doing so, the organisers were merely exercising their constitutional rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression."

Chief Opadokun, a legal luminary, explained that the action of the police demonstrates the plight of the Yoruba in Kwara State.

According to the Afenifere scribe, prominent Yoruba leaders, including Senator Abraham Adesanya, were billed to address the meeting, but the leaders stayed away when reports reached them that the police were set to disrupt the programme.

CRSG to sack fraudulent civil servants

The Cross River State government said it is poised to apply the civil service regulations in the state to the letter and has vowed to sack civil servants with records of fraud and indiscipline.

The government, however, assured on the provision of funds for the payment of entitlements of civil servants who intend to retire voluntarily from service.

Governor Donald Duke, who announced this recently in a state-wide broadcast to the people, added that government has, however, changed the idea of downsizing the workforce in

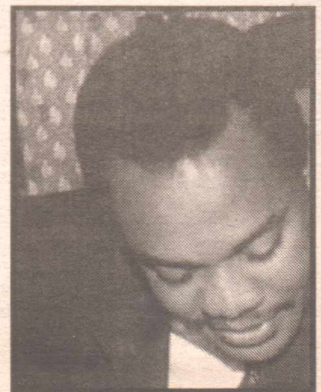
From Bassey Ita, in Calabar

the interest of peace and to calm the uproar which it has generated in the state.

Duke stated that the issue of downsizing which became the best option for moving the state to a higher pedestal was being misconstrued, conceding, however, that it was "only meant to lead to the recovery, both in financial terms and in getting the best for our state and people."

The governor announced that despite the poor financial resources of the state, government has increased the housing allowances of

workers from 16 per cent to 20 per cent, the development he said has raised the minimum wage from N5,500 to N6,500.



Gov Donald Duke

INSIDE POLITICS

Kalu supports registration of new parties

The Abia State governor, Dr. Orji Kalu, has called on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to make provision for the registration of more political parties to safeguard democracy in Nigeria.

"If we must safeguard this nascent democracy from being hijacked by the military, we must keep retired army officers busy by registering more political parties," he said in Ilorin.

The Abia chief executive made the remarks while answering questions from newsmen at the swearing-in ceremony of a newly appointed special adviser by Gov. Mohammed Lawal.

He noted that retired military officers dominated political organisations being formed in the country, thereby posing serious dangers to the nation's democratic rule.

"I don't want to see any military take over and the only thing that can stop them is good governance and transparency on the part of the present civilian adminis-

tration," he said.

Kalu, who spoke in the presence of Gov. Lawal, a retired military officer, urged the civilian rulers to take the people seriously by catering for them.

He ruled out the possibility of him contesting the next presidential election in the country, stressing that he had no ambition to do so for now.

The governor said he had no knowledge of the presidential posters purportedly

being circulated in Abuja.

Kalu, who said that the news of the posters was embarrassing, added that "I don't know my enemies who pasted the posters; infact I have complained to my colleagues.

"Tomorrow is still far and I believe that it will take care of itself. I am ready to go back to what I know how to do best; that is making money," Kalu said.

He jokingly said that he would drag the Kwara governor into PDP, while Lawal responded by saying that Kalu's coming to Ilorin was

preparatory to luring him into APP.



Gov Kalu

The speaker of Ebonyi House of Assembly, Mr. Julius Ucha, has urged governors of the south-east states to intervene in the affairs of the Nigeria Cement Company, Nkalagu, (NIGERCEM) to prevent it from total collapse.

Ucha, who spoke at the weekend in Abakaliki, said that something drastic needed to be done to avoid the collapse of the cement industry as well as save the workers from starvation.

NAN reports that the company, jointly owned by the south-eastern states and the federal government, had been producing below installed capacity.

The company has also been unable to draw from a standby \$100 million dollar loan from the African Development Bank (ADB) as a result of its inability to fulfill the requirements.

Ucha noted that wives of NIGERCEM workers recently

Ebonyi speaker decries NIGERCEM neglect

protested to the Assembly as a result of the 18-month salary arrears owed their husbands and pleaded for its intervention.

The speaker said that the problem was partly due to poor management, adding that Ebonyi government, on its part, had been showing concern on the plight of the workers.

Ucha said that if resuscitated, the company would be of great economic benefit to the state.

The speaker also called on the state ministry of works to fill pot-holes on the roads in Abakaliki metropolis, including the one leading to the House of Assembly.

Rivers Assembly summon oil companies

The Rivers State House of Assembly, disturbed by the constant environmental degradation in the state, has summoned multinational oil companies operating in the state for explanations.

The Speaker of the State Assembly, Mr. Chibukwe Amachi, in an exclusive chat with *Daily Trust*, said the action has become necessary in view of poor environmental management by some of the companies.

"The issue of environment in the state has become a source of constant worry to the State Assembly and we are determined to tackle it headlong until our

* Over environmental pollution

From Wisdom Patrick, in Port Harcourt

dream of a harmless environment in the state is realized."

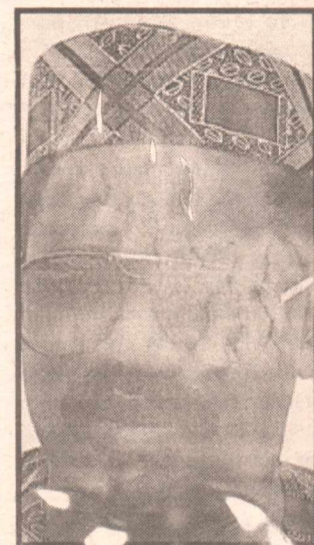
Amachi said already, letters of summons to the affected companies have been dispatched while their responses were still being awaited.

He argued that the delay in responding to the letters would not be viewed by the house as a sign of refusal by the affected organization to appear before it.

atable consequences.

The Niger Delta was of late been under severe review in term of environmental degradation by international agencies like the United Nations Fund for Environment (UNFE).

Oil companies in the state have been branded as the number one environment polluters by the UN body, which also described them "as the worst environment rapists because of incessant oil and gas leakages."



Gov Egwu

Kogi Assembly renames varsity after Audu

The Kogi State Assembly has passed a bill renaming the Kogi State University, Ayangba, Prince Abubakar Audu University.

The bill, sponsored by students of the university, received the support and blessings of members of the state assembly who, at the third reading of the bill, concluded that Gov. Audu deserved to be immortalised.

During the debate, Mr.

Simon Atadoga, representing Dekina/Baraidu constituency, said that Audu was prudent to have established a state university using the state's scarce resources.

The majority leader, Alhaji Alhassan Aadaekok Abdurrahman Dangana, commended the students for taking advantage of the current democratic dispensation to sponsor a bill and urged them to continue to press for their demands through demo-

cratic means rather than through violence.

He also urged the students to eschew anti-social vices such as cultism, drug-abuse, examination malpractices and armed robbery, which he said, were acts capable of tarnishing their image.

The students had, on May 10, travelled 125 kilometres from Anyagba to government House Lokoja, to commend the governor for establishing the university and called for the renaming of the institution after the him.

They argued in the bill they sent to the State Assembly that if Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Ambrose Ali University, (AAU), Ekpoma and Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, could bear the names of their initiators, Kogi State University should also bear the name of its initiator.

The Kogi State University foundation stone was laid by President Olusegun Obasanjo on November 30, 1999 and by October 27 last year, when the president inaugurated the institution, it already had 86 lecturers, 260 non-academic staff, 1,500 students and was affiliated to Harvard and Wilberforce Universities in the U.S.



Gov Audu

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FG approves NITEL development plan

President Olusegun Obasanjo has approved a one-year development plan for the Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) to enable it provide services to the public as a way of meeting the government promises to the citizens.

The Minister of Communications, Dr. Bello Mohammed disclosed this, last week, while addressing a joint meeting of NITEL management and union leaders, in Abuja.

Dr. Mohammed stressed that; President Obasanjo in line with his transparency policy would not part with NITEL were things provided done properly.

He added that President Obasanjo is not the type of person who could be easily misled.

Dr. Mohammed also dismissed the fears of the unions that the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) had taken over the running of NITEL, stressing that there was no such plan and NITEL was still run by NITEL board, under the supervision of the ministry.

He alleged the fears of loss of jobs of workers of NITEL, resulting from its privatisation process, stressing that the welfare of the workers would not

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be sacrificed on the altar of privatisation.

He announced that even after privatisation, there would be a grace period during which the core investors must not tamper with the management and staff



President Obasanjo

structures of the company.

The minister, however, restated government commitment of the Obasanjo administration to the policy of privatisation in line with the trends worldwide, stressing that the project would be executed with utmost transparency.

As the meeting was called by the minister to iron out differences between government

and NITEL workers, regarding the handling of the NITEL's privatisation programme, the minister called on the staff of NITEL to rededicate themselves to duty.

The Minister of State, Alhaji Adekunle Elewi, the Permanent Secretary, Professor Bawuro Barkindo, directors,

and top management of NITEL as well as, representatives of the National Union of Post and Telecommunications Workers and the Senior Staff Association of statutory corporations attended.

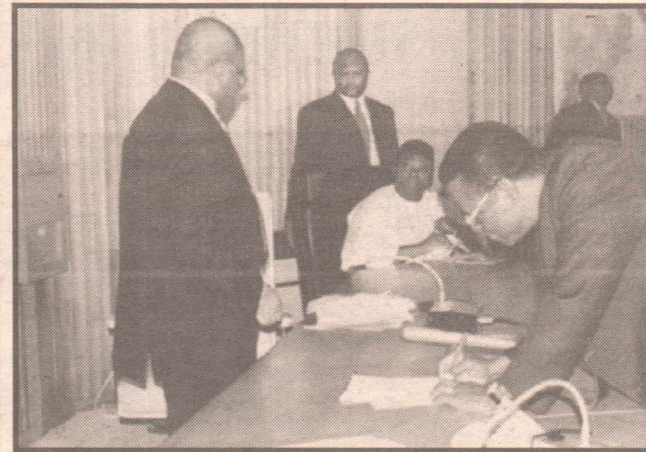
The meeting followed an earlier one held in Lagos on June 25th 2001, by the leadership of the ministry with union leaders, following the threat of NITEL workers to embark on a strike action.

NOTAP signs technology development memorandum with Akwa Ibom government

The National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) has signed a memorandum of un-

derstanding with the Akwa Ibom State government.

A statement signed by Mr. Solomon D. Nshem, the Princi-



Dr. David Okongwu signs the MOU, while Gov. Victor Attah looks on

pal Public Relations Officer of NOTAP, said that the memorandum was signed penultimate week, in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Mr. Solomon said that the Akwa Ibom State governor Obong Victor Attah noted that the memorandum of understanding will not only facilitate the rapid growth and development of the state in promoting commercialisation of indigenous research and innovation but would also bring to focus those research results which are worthy of incubation.

Governor Attah pledged government support for Science and Technology projects and thanked the NOTAP team for its willingness to assist the state to develop its technology.

A science and technology fund would soon be established in Akwa Ibom State and the fund would also be used to enhance science and technology research originating from the state, Governor Attah said.

Earlier, the Director-General of the NOTAP, Dr. David Akosa Okongwu, commended the Akwa Ibom State government for its foresight and leading role in science and technology development in Nigeria.

He praised the state government for allocating a substantial part of the 2001 budget for science and technology development.

He also expressed happiness with the state government over the 3.3 million Naira support given to two investors, the Eniang Brothers and Oron Textile Mills to help promote and facilitate their technologies.

Dr. Okongwu also paid glowing tribute to the governor for pioneering the establishment of a sound technological foundation for the state, which would help promote socio-economic development, wealth creation, employment and competitiveness at the national and international levels.

Minister urges NITEL to meet deadline on GSM

The Minister of Communications, Dr. Bello Mohammed has urged Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) to ensure that all necessary facilities are put in place to meet the August 9th rollout deadline for Global Satellite Mobile (GSM) communications system operation.

The minister stated this, last week, while receiving the report of the Technical sub-committee of the presidential task force on inter-connection

of (GSM) operations, in Abuja.

Dr. Mohammed further said that talks would be entered into with communications contractors handling projects for the NITEL's interconnectivity capacity to ensure that the deadline was met.

He said that the committee was charged with the responsibility of working out a feasible technical modality for interconnecting the GSM operators with a view to meeting the rollout date

of August 9th, 2001.

The minister's directive followed fears over NITEL's technical capacity to meet the interconnectivity needs that would arise from the GSM operation, a ministry of communication source said.

In another development, government announced the award of a N1.54 billion contract to SIEMENS for expansion of primary switch centres, the ministry source said.

MIS offers free equipment service

The Branch Manager of Management Information System (MIS), Miss. Iquo Esim has said that the company would offer free equipment services on Hewlette Packard (HP), International Business Machines (IBM), and Agilent Products to the public.

She dropped this information to *Daily Trust* last week, in Abuja,

stressing that it is absolutely free.

However, she advised information technology equipment users to bring their faulty products to MIS and get the free service.

Stressing that the free service is available at MIS workshop in Abuja but the offer ends on Saturday 29th December 2001.

Furthermore, the only criteria is, you are

expected to pay for all spare parts to be replaced or provided, he said.

She added that all HP and IBM printers, plotters, scanners, personal computers, test and measurement equipment plus medical equipment would be serviced without receiving the cost of workmanship on repairs, she said.

You and your computer

By Hassan Idris

How to operate your computer

As an electronic device, you need to first of all turn on your computer. This is the first step of getting it to work for you.

However, proper turning on the computer system components in the right way could help to prolong the life of your system.

In our previous publication you read about Hard Disk drives, Floppy Disk drive, Power surge, and the following is about how to operate your computer.

Remember that starting your computer is also called 'booting up' your system. The computer was manufactured to accept and provide instructions from the operating system program, automatically.

After putting on the computer, it performs a Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to check its ability to communicate with other system components.

Depending on how your computer was manufactured, you may see a Disk Operating System (DOS) prompt. That was the earliest type of computer program that drives and control the computer. Microsoft MS-Dos is a Disk Operating System which comes in different versions e.g. MS-Dos 5.0, 6.0 or higher.

Start your computer

1. Make sure the floppy disk drives are empty, if not, the computer will try to start itself reading from another drive and cannot open up the programmes successfully. Even it would not give start up instruction. This takes a longer time to restart.

2. Make sure the power surge protector (which is like the normal adaptor socket but it suppresses and protect power supply), strip is plugged into the socket, very well so that all system components are plugged into the surge suppressor sockets. Then, turn on the surge protector.

3. Turn on the computer monitor power supply next. Usually, the power switch has a vertical/(white hash mark) on the top hand and an O (circle) on the bottom side of the other half. To turn on the monitor, press down, (showing the I mark).

4. Next, if you have a printer, to turn it on is necessary. The power switch is on the back or right side. Press it on and make sure that the on-line light indicator is showing ready.

5. Now is the time to turn on the system unit. Just find the on/off switch on the back of the computer or right in front of the computer and turn it on by depressing the 'On' (1 vertical hash mark position).

6. After that, you should watch the monitor and you will of course see several self-test messages that the computer will show on the screen. After the self-test by the computer, normally, you will see the prompt for the system's Disk Operating System (DOS) and on the modern computers, you will see windows program which the latest version of operating and controlling the computer system.

Shut down at the end of the day

To begin with the guided tour of how to start and shut down your computer system becomes imperative for effective utilization of the system.

Step 1: Save all the files by click file icon and then save, click save button.

Step 2: Click the file icon and go to the close icon in the dialogue box. Click close or press (cont., + alter, + delete) keys on the keyboard.

Step 3: After closing all the files and programmes you should click on the start icon and go to the exit program icon and click on that to exit from the programme for you to shut down.

Step 4: You will see a dialogue box displaying:

- < Shut down
- < Restart
- < Restart in MS-DOS mode.

Step 5: Select the shut down icon and click that to shut the computer down.

Step 6: Switch off the on/off button of the computer system.

Step 7: Switch off the on/off button of the power surge protector or powers suckets including stabilizers.



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Samsung plans faster DDR memory

Samsung Electronics has begun sample production of its fastest DDR SDRAM chip to date.

The new chip can operate at speeds of up to 300 MHz and has a capacity of 128 megabits. The DDR SDRAM chip offers a data transfer speed of 2.4 gigabits per second, according to Samsung.

The company originally announced the development of the 300-MHz DDR SDRAM chip in May, although at the time officials said it would have a capacity of 64 megabits when it reached mass production. Samsung plans to release that product in the third quarter of this year.

DDR memory can transfer data at twice the speed of conventional SDRAM chips. The technology is currently competing with a proprietary memory interface technology developed by Rambus, called RDRAM, for dominance in the high-end computer memory market.

Because high data transfer speeds are the key feature of both technologies, each targets the high-performance graphics and video markets in addition to high-end PCs and workstations.

Proponents of DDR memory say the standard offers an evolutionary approach to improvements over today's popular mainstream memory technology, SDRAM. Plus, they suggest DDR provides better performance at a small price premium. Proponents expect that premium will continue to shrink as manufacturers continue to ramp production.

RDRAM, on the other hand, requires memory manufacturers to pay creator Rambus a licensing fee. That licensing fee, combined with

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higher production costs, means RDRAM has traditionally carried a high premium compared to SDRAM. While RDRAM prices have declined noticeably in recent months, it still carries a significant price premium. Despite its higher price, early PCWorld.com tests show RDRAM offers little performance improvement over SDRAM or DDR when used in systems with Intel's Pentium III processor. Currently, systems using Intel's Pentium 4 chip work with RDRAM only.

RDRAM is also plagued by its creator's tarnished public image. Rambus has infuriated much of the memory industry by filing lawsuits claiming ownership of basic patents to SDRAM. Rambus

recently lost its first case, which was against Infineon Technologies.



Bill Gate

Amazon Halts Preorders for Windows XP

Amazon.com on Tuesday closed the shutters on its page offering preorders for Microsoft's Windows XP operating system, admitting that it had made a mistake by taking the orders too far in advance.

Amazon began taking advance orders for the operating system on Monday, and in the process published pricing for the product even though Microsoft had not officially released that information. Amazon priced Windows XP Home Edition at \$199.99 for the full version and \$99 for an upgrade; Windows XP Professional carried

a \$299 price tag.

"We made a mistake by taking preorders too early," Amazon spokesperson Ling Hong says. Amazon will offer the software again closer to the announcement date, when Microsoft makes final pricing available, Hong says. "Those were preliminary prices."

Those who did preorder Windows XP may actually get a pricing break. If Microsoft's pricing ends up being higher than the Amazon price, customers who preordered the software will be charged the lower price, Hong says. If Microsoft's pricing turns out

While many online shops are struggling to find customers, travel sites are doing a booming business.

While many pioneering e-commerce categories have vanished from the face of the Web, travel increasingly appears to be taking off.

More than 20 million

Online travel agents make millions

Americans have purchased airline tickets or made other travel arrangements on the Web, according to a new study from researcher PhoCusWright. In fact, travel is now the top-selling e-commerce category on the Internet.

Half of these consumers made their very first online travel purchase last year, helping the industry ring up \$14.5 billion in online sales. In 2003, U.S. consumers will spend more than \$40 billion and online bookings will account for 17 percent of total U.S. travel purchases, PhoCusWright estimates.

Sixty-two percent of travel-related sales online came from the purchase of airline tickets. And airline ticket sales will continue to dominate travel-related bookings. In 2003, 60 percent of travel-related dollars online will come from the purchase of airline tickets, followed by hotel reservations, which will account for 17 percent of sales.

Online travel agents booked the most sales last year with \$7.1 billion in revenues. Travel agents will continue to see the largest inflow of travel-related bookings throughout the forecast period, with \$19 billion in sales in 2003.

Intel Stops Shipments of 900-MHz Xeons

A glitch discovered in one of Intel's Xeon server processors caused the chip maker to announce it has stopped shipments of the chip.

"We are temporarily withholding shipments of the Pentium III Xeon 900-MHz [processor] with 2MB of L2 cache," says Intel spokesperson Bill Kircos.

The problem stems from a write problem with the chip's register that can create an endless data loop, requiring a server reboot. The problem does not corrupt data and to date no end-users have been affected by the glitch, Kircos says.

The glitch was initially reported by one of Intel's major computer manufacturing partners with clout equal to a Dell Computer or Compaq Computer, Kircos says, who was unable to confirm a specific computer maker.

"In this case a customer reported a sighting, and we investigated it and were able to replicate it. We were hoping to ad-

dress it through a workaround and keep shipping," Kircos says.

Instead of a workaround or software patch, Intel will replace the Xeon chip with a 700-MHz version of the same.

Introduced last March, the 900-MHz Xeon, a high-performance back-end server chip, has shipped in relatively small numbers. Intel hopes to resume shipping a debugged version of the 900-MHz Xeon in August, Kircos says.

Dean McCarron, an industry analyst at Mercury Research in Scottsdale, Arizona, says there is little cause for alarm.

"This is more business as usual," McCarron says. "It's showing [Intel's] testing processes are working, which is a good thing compared to some previous chips that have gotten out of the door. And being a server product, it's probably getting a very strong amount of scrutiny on top of that."

MicronPC Launches TransPort XT Notebook

Balanced between desktop replacements and ultralights, notebook offers configuration choices.

It's business as usual at MicronPC, which has launched the TransPort XT notebook, the first mobile product introduction since Gores Technology group bought the business.

The TransPort XT should appeal to many mobile users, including government employees, small business users, and students, says Clint Burgess, a company spokesperson. It's not a super-light notebook, but it's not as heavy as a desktop

replacement, either. Weighing just over six pounds, it is intended to strike a careful balance between strong functionality and easy mobility, Burgess says.

The TransPort XT replaces the company's TransPort LT line. MicronPC is taking orders now, and the first shipments go out July 16.

You can configure the TransPort XT to your liking, choosing Intel Pentium III or Celeron processors, a range of

memory configurations, and several different hard drive sizes. One of MicronPC's recommended configurations sells for \$2199. It includes an 800-MHz PIII chip, 128MB of SDRAM, a 20GB hard drive, an 8X DVD drive, a floppy disk drive, and a 14-inch display. Add Office XP and the cost rises to \$2399.

All TransPort XTs come with MicronPC Services, including a three-year standard Advanced Portable Exchange that offers users a replacement notebook, shipped to their location the next business day.

Burgess says the new TransPort XT—and its MicronPC Services warranty—is intended to reassure customers that they can expect the same level of high-quality products the company has always offered, Burgess says.

He acknowledges that some customers have expressed concern over Micron Electronics' decision to sell its computer business to Gores Technology in May.

Microsoft Secures Deal With VeriSign

Microsoft's Hailstorm is getting added security. The Wall Street Journal has reported that on Tuesday, Microsoft and VeriSign will announce an agreement in which VeriSign will supply extra security for Microsoft's upcoming set of Internet services.

Hailstorm is Microsoft's set of services that will be included in Windows XP and become the key building blocks for its .Net initiative.

A spokesperson at Microsoft confirms that the software giant would be announcing an agreement with VeriSign later but she was unable to disclose any details of the deal. VeriSign could not immediately be reached for comment.

Microsoft's Hailstorm, announced last March, is described by the company as a new XML-based platform that lives on the Internet and is designed to give users more control over their personal information. Microsoft

said it will release a Hailstorm beta tool set in the third quarter, with products due out sometime in the first half of 2002.

The service includes Passport, an authentication system that will sign users on to applications and services running on .Net notification and collaboration tools. Passport is included in the upcoming version of Microsoft's operating system, Windows XP, which will be released on October 25.

There have been questions concerning why companies and organizations should trust Microsoft with all of the data that it would collect from customers who make use of Hailstorm. It was a question that Microsoft Chief Executive Officer Steve Ballmer addressed at the InfoWorld CTO Forum in San Francisco last month.

"More people trust us with their personal information every day than any other company in the world," Ballmer answered,

noting that millions of customers who use the company's free e-mail service Hotmail store personal information with Microsoft.

But Ballmer did add that Microsoft would likely ease security concerns by taking a "federated approach," in which Microsoft governs corporate partners that can help ensure that corporate and personal data is not compromised.

"We do need partners who will provide value-added security services," he said in his speech, describing Microsoft's role in Hailstorm as a go-between. "You will see us partner with third parties."

Microsoft has partnered with California-based VeriSign in the past, but there have been blunders. Last March, VeriSign admitted to issuing two code-signing certificates bearing the name "Microsoft Corporation," but the application for them was found to be fraudulent.

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NABTEB with Headquarters in Benin City, Edo State is a parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Education established by Law (Act 70 of 1993) to conduct craft - level examinations and certify candidates in technical and business trades as well as screen and admit students into Technical Colleges in Nigeria. The craft level examinations under reference was hitherto conducted by WAEC, the RSA of London, and City and Guilds of London Institute. In the face of ever increasing candidate enrolment, and expanded schedules across the nation, the Board has decided to invite applications from suitably qualified **internal** and **external** candidates for the following vacant positions:

1. Department of Test Development

1.1 DIRECTOR - HATISS 15

The Director of Test Development is responsible to the Registrar/Chief Executive of the Board for the day-day running of Test Development and validation activities of the Board; initiating and implementing policies in respect of functions assigned to the Department at the highest level of competence and efficiency.

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A good First Degree with at least 21 years cognate working experience out of which 5 years must have been spent at senior Management level. Masters Degree with 18 years or Doctorate Degree with 15 years cognate experience

(b) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT

Applicants who specialized in Measurement and Evaluation, Psychiatric, Curriculum and or Technical/Business Education, with sufficient field background and exposure in Educational Assessment in an Examination Body or Tertiary Institution shall be favoured.

1.2 TEST DEVELOPMENT OFFICER II - HATISS 7

(A) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for this position must have a minimum 2/2 first Degree in Education and must have completed NYSC or formally certified as exempted.

(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT

Only applications with specialization in any of the following Areas/Trades may be shortlisted for interview.

(i) **General Education:** English, Biology

(ii) **Business Education:** Office/Secretarial Option.

(iii) **Engineering Trades:** Metal Work, Basic Electricity, Auto Electrical, Fabrication & Welding, Refrigeration & Air-conditioning, Instrument Mechanics, Foundry, Electrical Installation, Marine Engineering.

(iv) **Miscellaneous Trades:** Cosmetology, Catering Craft, Leather Trade, Hotel & Catering Craft.

(v) **Construction Trade:** Plumbing & Pipe Fitting.

2. Department of Test Administration

2.1 DIRECTOR - HATISS 15

The functions and responsibilities are essentially the same as for Director, Test Development.

The focus, however, will be on smooth conduct and adequate supervision of NABTEB Examinations in the field.

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Same as for Director, Test Development.

(b) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Same as for Director, Test Development but the Director of Test Administration's area of Specialization may include Planning and Administration with adequate exposure and experience in field administration of examinations.

2.2 Test Administration Officer I (TAO I) - HATISS 8

2.3 Test Administration Officer II (TAO II) - HATISS 7

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

TAO I - First Degree 3 years

TAO II - First Degree with NYSC completed or certified exempted.

(b) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants with First Degrees in Education will be favoured while others with single honours degree in subjects examined by the Board plus relevant teaching experience may also be short-listed for interview.

3. Department of Finance & Supplies

3.1 DIRECTOR - HATISS 15

To function as Head of Department and be responsible to the Registrar/Chief Executive on all aspects of prudent management of financial resources, purchasing, supplies and other financial matters of the Board.

(a) General and Specific Requirements

B.Sc. (Accounting) or its equivalent plus 21 years cognate experience, Masters Degree with 18 years cognate experience OR recognised professional accounting qualifications of ICAN, ACCA, ACA, ANAN with not less than 18 years experience in Government, or quasi-government establishment of which 5 years must have been spent at Senior Management level.

3.2 Chief Accountant (CA) - HATISS 13

3.3 Senior Accountant (SA) - HATISS 9

3.4 Accountant I (AC I) - HATISS 8

3.5 Accountant II (AC II) - HATISS 7

(b) General Requirement

CA - First Degree in Accounting or its equivalent with 12 years cognate experience. Masters with 9 years.

SA - First Degree in Accounting or its equivalent with 6 years cognate experience. Masters with 3 years.

AC I - First Degree in Accounting or its equivalent with 3 years cognate experience.

AC II - First Degree in Accounting or its equivalent with NYSC

(c) Specific Requirement

Recognised professional accounting qualifications of ICAN, ACCA, ACA, ANAN, etc.

4. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

4.1 Chief Admin. Officer (CAO) - HATISS 13

4.2 Principal Admin. Officer (PAO) - HATISS 11

4.3 Senior Admin. Officer (SAO) - HATISS 9

4.4 Admin. Officer I (AO I) - HATISS 8

4.5 Admin. Officer II (AO II) - HATISS 7

4.6 Computer Systems Analyst II - HATISS 7

(A) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

CAO - First Degree in Humanities with 12 years cognate experience, Possession of Masters Degree is an added advantage in which case 9 years relevant experience is sufficient.

PAO - Same as above with 9 years experience for First Degree holders and 6 years for Masters Degree holders.

SAO - First Degree with 6 years and Masters with 3 years cognate experience.

AO I - First Degree with 3 years cognate experience



AO II - First Degree with NYSC completion or certified exemption.
 CSA-II - B. Sc. (Computer Science), NYSC.

(b) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Holders of Degrees normally not below 2nd in Arts & Social Sciences or membership of Registered Professional bodies will be favoured where applicable. Applicants must display demonstrable evidence of strong inter-personal, communication and problem solving skills with knowledge in policy, public service rules and procedures.

4.7	Chief Engineer (CE)	-	HATISS 13
4.8	Senior Engineer (SE)	-	HATISS 9
4.9	Senior Architect (SA)	-	HATISS 9
4.10	Higher Estate Officer (HEO)	-	HATISS 7
4.11	Higher Executive Officer (GD)	-	HATISS 7

CE - First Degree in Civil Engineering with 12 years cognate experience or practical involvement in the handling of Projects Design, Execution and Utilities. Possession of Masters Degree will be an advantage in this case with 9 years cognate experience.

SE - First Degree in Elect/Electronics Engineering with 6 years cognate experience or Masters Degree with 3 years experience.

SA - Masters Degree in Architecture with 3 years experience in project supervision and management.

HEO - HND (Estate Management) or equivalent qualification with NYSC or certified exemption.

HEO (GD) - HND with NYSC or certified exemption.

(b) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT**

In addition to general requirement, membership of a professional body, COREN etc. is required.

Demonstrable adequate knowledge of Design Engineering Skills, Project Management Principles and best practice of equipment maintenance and ability to enthrone maintenance culture.

5. **PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

5.1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR - HATISS 14

The Deputy Director shall function and perform duties in a complementary capacity to those shouldered by the Director of Personnel Management, i.e. responsibility for all Personnel functions of the Board; selection, recruitment, training, welfare and disciplinary matters.

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

First Degree in the Humanities with at least 18 years cognate working experience. Masters Degree with 15 years or Doctorate with not less than 12 years cognate working experience.

(b) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT**

Same as for positions in the Department of Administration including membership of the IPM, NIM or other relevant professional bodies.

6. **DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER**

6.1 Chief Computer Systems Analyst/Programmer - HATISS 13

6.2 Principal Computer Systems Analyst/Programmer - HATISS 11

6.3 Network Engineer I (NE I) - HATISS 8

6.4 Network Engineer II (NE II) - HATISS 7

6.5 Programmer II (Prog. II) - HATISS 7

6.6 Technologist II (Tech. II) - HATISS 7

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Chief Computer System Analyst/Programmer - First Degree (Computer Science or Numerate Science) With 12 years cognate experience

Principal Computer System Analyst/Programmer - First Degree (Computer Engr) with 9 years cognate experience

NE I - B. Sc. or HND (Computer Eng.) or Electrical/Electronics with minimum of 3 years cognate experience

NE II - Same as above but NYSC certification only.

Prog. II - B.Sc. (Computer Science) Numerate Science or equivalent Qualification.

(b) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT**

Applicants who are members of recognised Professional Computer Bodies and have previous experience in the handling of Examination processes would be favoured.

7. **DEPARTMENT OF MONITORING, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

7.1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR - HATISS 14

The Deputy Director shall function and perform duties in a complementary capacity to those shouldered by the Director of Monitoring, Research and Statistics research, examination field operations, publications, etc.

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

First Degree in Education with at least 18 years cognate working experience. Masters Degree in Education with 15 years or Doctorate Degree in Education with not less than 12 years cognate experience.

(b) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT**

Same as for Director of Test Development but with emphasis in field experience relating to monitoring and evaluation and/or demonstrable capacity to design and execute related educational research activities. Computer literacy will be an advantage.

7.2 Chief Monitoring and Research Officer - HATISS 13

7.3 Senior Monitoring Officer - HATISS 9

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

CMRO - First Degree in Education, Statistics, Economics or other relevant field with minimum of 15 years; Masters Degree with 12 years and Ph.D. with 9 years cognate experience

SMO - First Degree in Statistics, Economics or other relevant field with 6 years; Masters with 3 years cognate experience.

(b) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT**

Applicants with Education Degrees with emphasis in Curriculum Studies or Degree in subjects examined by the Board will be favoured. Researched Publications in reputable Journals will also be an added advantage.

8. **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

As generally applicable in the Federal Public Service and sister examination bodies in Nigeria.

9. **METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Application should be in 12 (twelve) copies to be accompanied by the same number of Curriculum Vitae and photocopies of relevant credentials and addressed in one single envelope marked "Application for Employment" to:

**The Registrar,
 National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB)
 Ikpoba Hill, P.M.B. 1747, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.**

10. **Referees:** Confidential Reports on applicants from at least two of the three Referees to be listed on their Curriculum Vitae should reach the above address by the Closing Date.

11. **Closing Date:** Three weeks from the date of this publication.

Note: The following classifications would normally constitute the minimum required of applicants:

Degree 2nd

HND Lower Credit

ND Upper Credit

Applicants who do not meet specified requirements need not apply, please.

Arts & Entertainment

Barenboim breaks Wagner taboo

The conductor Daniel Barenboim has broken a decades old Israeli taboo by conducting a piece by Richard Wagner at the annual Israel Festival.

At the end of a concert in Jerusalem on Saturday night, Mr Barenboim told the audience that as an encore, the orchestra would play a piece from Wagner's opera "Tristan and Isolde," inviting anybody who objected to leave.

The piece received a standing ovation from most of the audience, but some angry protesters left the hall banging doors and shouting "fascist!" "Juden raus!" ("Jews out" in German) and "go home!"

Wagner was Adolf Hitler's favourite composer and inspired Nazi cultural propaganda. There has always been an unwritten ban on his music being played in Israel.

Stravinsky instead

Originally, Mr Barenboim planned to perform "Die Walkure" at the festival, but an anti-Wagner backlash forced him to conduct compositions by Igor Stravinsky instead.

Before the surprise encore on

Saturday, Mr Barenboim, who was raised in Israel, appealed to the audience in Hebrew.

"I said I had something personal and private to say to them from my heart," Barenboim said.

"I told the audience, 'I don't want to offend anyone and if there are people who don't want to listen please leave the auditorium,'" the 58-year-old conductor told Israel Radio.

He said he made his decision to lead the Berlin Staatskapelle in the performance when he heard a mobile phone ringing to the tune of a Wagner composition during a news conference he gave in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

"The telephone's ring was 'The Valkyries' of Wagner and I thought: if it can be heard on the ring of a telephone why can't it be played in a concert hall?"

Barenboim said.

He told the protesters, that the decision to play Wagner was his own, and asked them not to be angry with the orchestra or festival's managers.

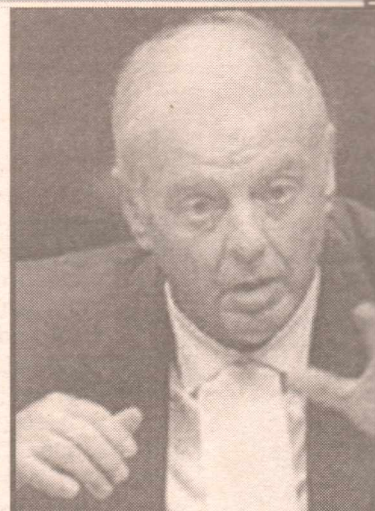
Concert

Jerusalem's Mayor Ehud Olmert told Army Radio that Barenboim's behaviour was "brazen, arrogant, uncivilised and heard on a phone, why not in a hall" in-

sensitive" and that the city would have to reconsider its future relations with the conductor.

And the Israel director of the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Ephraim Zuroff, said what Barenboim did amounted to "cultural rape."

"That's exactly what he did, he tried to seduce the Israeli public. The Israel public refused, he raped us," Zuroff was quoted by Reuters as saying.



Barenboim: "If it can be heard on a phone, why not in a hall"

Mr Barenboim is not the first to break the Wagner taboo. Last year the Israeli Rishon Letzion orchestra, conducted by Holocaust survivor Mendi Rodan, played Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll."

Although that were protests at that performance, it was considered a lesser offence, since it was not part of the national annual cultural festival.

In 1981 the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra almost played a piece from "Tristan and Isolde", but conductor Zubin Mehta stopped the performance when a Holocaust survivor jumped onto the stage, opened his shirt and showed scars inflicted in a Nazi concentration camp.



Wagner was a known anti-Semite and Hitler favourite

Sir Elton opens Lebanon festival

Pop star Elton John played a concert in Lebanon on Saturday night, marking the start of the country's festival season.

Every year the festivals manage to attract more internationally renowned artists to perform in two

Festival

venues.

Pop singer Sting, a play set to the music of the Carmina Burana, the flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia, The Hunchback of Notre Dame musical -these are but some of the performances that will take place this summer in Lebanon.

The Beiteddine festival is set in an old magnificent Lebanese palace in the mountains south of Beirut.

Egypt's pyramid of Chephren re-opened to the public

Pyramids, was re-opened to the public after nearly two years' restoration work there.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Zahai Hawass, Director of the Giza Plateau, as saying that the closure had

Pyramid

been routine and that restoration of the inside of the pyramic, damaged by humidity and salination, had been successfully completed.

Hawass also announced the opening to the public of three new tombs belonging to senior officials from 4th and 5th dynasties.

One tomb, said Hawass, belonged to the son of the 4th dynasty King, Chephren, another a priest of the 5th dynasty King, Cheops, and the third to a 5th dynasty supervisor of the royal court. (DPA/NAN)

Nigeria Artists have identified neglect of Arts by various government as the bane of Art development in the Country.

Giving a talk at the Millennium Art Expo tagged '20-2000, in Lagos; Renowned Artist, Mr. Kolade Oshinowo who was Guest Speaker lamented "no government bothers about how artists do their work, welfare, the government wants only the finished product."

According to him, a number of artists go through untold pains trying to do something for the country, yet don't get recognition. He observed that

Art Exhibition in Lagos

Rakiya A. Muhammad, in Lagos

it is when they go abroad that they are celebrated.

Mr. Oshinowo however, said despite that, the governments do not respond to their yearnings they would not be deterred in giving their best for the country. Also speaking at the occasion, a distinguished artist, Chief Segun Olusola who spoke on behalf of the Art Community Commended the sponsors of the programme, AES Nigeria Barger Limited, for their efforts,

stating "AES has come into the terrain of Art support at a time when it is needed most."

In an Opening Remark, Mr. Norman Bell, Business Manager, AES Nigeria Barger Ltd., the Operator of the Lagos Power Project, disclosed that the Company held the event "to promote and give everybody the opportunity to enjoy Nigerian contemporary Arts and Cultures."

As the Arts Exhibition also included Polio Eradication Support initiative

through voluntary donation from the guests at the occasion, Mr. Bell stated that it was part of the reasons they sponsored the programme.

Among leading artists whose works feathered at the Exhibition were Aina Onabolu, Yusuf Grillo, Ben Enwonwu, Tola Wewe and Akinola Lasekan.

Others include El Anatsui, Bruce Onobrak peya and Abayomi Barber. The Expo which featured Nigeria's 20th Century art development spanning 80 years, 1920-2000, was organized in promotion of Nigeria's Indigenous art and Culture. The exhibition was put together by Sacl consulting.

Art Master

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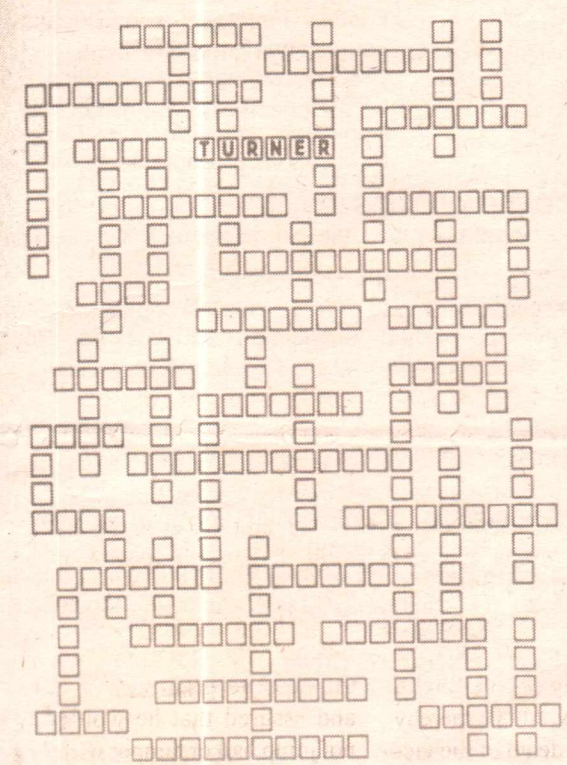
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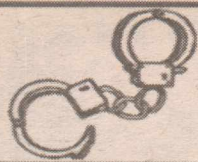
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Crime & Punishment



Idah high court commences murder trial

An Idah High Court in Kogi State has commenced the trial of one Okolo Achemaje, allegedly involved in the murder of Umoru Bamaiyi sometime in November, 1998.

After four sittings and the apparent inability of the police to effect the re-arrest of the remaining eight suspects involved in the murder case, the High Court Judge, Mr. S.S. Idajili, decided to continue with the case.

Justice Idajili maintained that "if the police refused to or cannot act according to the law by re-arresting other suspects allegedly involved in the act, let the complainant write to the Inspector-General of Police about the development."

The eight suspects wanted by the police are; David Nwadike, Iboyi Iyegwewu, Rapheal Boyi and Joel Boyi. Others are; Udalar Joseph, Thomas Amaji, Emmanuel Nwaleke and Edogo Nwajo.

From Adelanwa Bangboye, in Lagos

Earlier, the court had on April 12, 2001 issued a bench warrant to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), in Onyedega, Ibaji Local Government Area of the state, Mr. James Akinyemi, for the re-arrest of the murder suspects but the warrant was returned to the court unexecuted on June 8, 2001.

This was contained in a



Gov. Abubakar Audu

letter dated June 8, 2001 with Reference No. CB 3390/KGS/IB/Vol.1/24 written to the court where the DPO, Mr. J.O. Akinyemi, stated that "the suspect could not be traced."

It was after receiving the

said letter from the DPO stating the inability of the police to re-arrest the remaining eight suspects involved in the murder case that Justice Idajili on June 13, 2001 ruled for the commencement of the case with one of the suspects, Okolo

Achemaje, who is now in detention.

Daily Trust gathered that contrary to police claim that the suspects could not be traced, three of the suspects were seen when the police went for their arrest, but their arrest could not be effected

because the policemen were not armed.

At the resumed sitting on July 5, 2001, two principal witnesses - Yahaya Umaru and Mohammed Abu Bamaiyi testified before the court and were cross-examined by the defence counsel, Barrister N.A. Tanko.

Further hearing has been fixed for July 23, 2001.

Lagos police nab two over murder of DPO

The police in Lagos have nabbed two suspects who were alleged to have participated in the brutal murder of one time Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Bariga Division, Mr. Afolabi Amao, a superintendent of police (SP), after nearly half a year of investigations.

Briefing newsmen in his office, Mike Okiro, the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, said that his men while working on a security report, adopted and fine-tuned some modalities which have been developed and transformed into the official investigation report of the incident.

Daily Trust gathered that

some members of the Odua People Congress (OPC) had on January 9, 2000 at about 7:00 p.m. stormed the Bariga Divisional Police Station armed with dangerous weapons, demanding the release of one suspect earlier arrested with arms.

However, when their demands were not met, they reportedly ransacked the police station and whisked the DPO, Mr. Amao (SP), to an unknown destination.

According to Okiro, the DPO was later killed while his service pistol and walkie-talkie were stolen.

He also added that the corpse was allegedly thrown into the Lagos lagoon on the

Third Mainland Bridge. All efforts to recover the corpse of the late DPO for burial has failed.

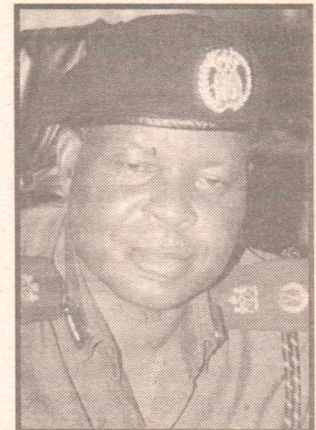
Daily Trust gathered that some of the OPC members who were alleged to have taken part in the brutal murder were arrested and consequently charged to court, where they were ordered to be remanded at Ikoyi Prison.

Okiro said that on January 8, 2001 at about 3:00 pm. detectives acting on a tip-off arrested one Adewale Akudu.

Following his interrogation, the suspect confessed to have participated in the murder of the late DPO and also mentioned some of his

colleagues now wanted by the police.

Okiro said further that Adewale Akudu led detec-



Mike Okiro, Lagos Police boss

tives from the State C.I.D., Panti Street, Yaba to Bariga where another suspect - Fatai Olaniyan, alias Ejo (snake), was eventually arrested and that he has made useful statements regarding the murder of Mr. Amao.

According to Okiro, effort is on to arrest the remaining suspects alleged to be among the participants in the various crimes and in possession of the late DPO's service pistol and walkie-talkie.

Doctor cleared of unethical practice

The Medical and Dental Practitioners' tribunal sitting in Lagos has asked an Owerri-based medical doctor, Dr. Emmanuel Nwigwe, who was standing trial over the castration of one Akujobi Ani Obikwere, an unmarried young man to "go and sin no more."

Dr. Edmundson T. Akpabio, Chairman of the tribunal, held that the seriousness of the surgical procedure, the age of the patient, prevarication over payment, and the shortness of time, has put Dr. Nwigwe in the uncomfortable position of being tried in the proceedings.

According to him, "great caution by the accused person was eminently called for. We cannot, however, say that in these circumstances and in the state of current

medical practice, this was infamous."

"We cannot convict this doctor as charged, but we are certain that this experience and the criticism that we have uttered are sufficient reproach. We feel that both



Prof. ABC Nwosu, Health Minister

the profession and the original complainant are sufficiently vindicated in this manner."

Specifically, the accused

doctor was alleged to have manifested incompetence in his failure to diagnose the patient's poor psychological status. The patient's father had testified before the tribunal that his son was mentally unfit.

It was also alleged that the accused failed to give proper advise to the patient on the risks involved in the treatment (sterilisation) requested when the accused rushed to conduct an irreversible procedure resulting in sterilisation within three days of first consultation by the patient without requesting for a visit and counselling session with the "spouse" of the patient.

Dr. Nwigwe was further alleged to have utilised sterilisation rather than a conservative approach to achieve family planning objectives.

The offence was said to have been committed at the accused doctor's Eziefule Clinic, in Owerri, Imo State, between November 11 and 15, 2000.

According to the pros-

ecutor, Gani Kassim, the accused doctor conducted himself infamously as a professional contrary to Rule 11 of the Rules of professional conduct for medical and dental practitioners in Nigeria

Robbers snatch N1m council salary

The Ajingi Local Government Area Council of Kano State has reportedly lost over N1 million meant for staff salaries and allowances to robbers.

Authoritative sources at Ajingi Local Government Secretariat said the incident happened last week when the council withdrew money from Tropical Commercial Bank in Gaya Local Government Area of the state.

According to the source, when the council collected the money, it started paying the staff immediately but because of the many people on its payroll, it could not complete the exercise that day.

The source added that the remaining money was kept in the council's treasury to continue payment the following day.

However, the thieves apparently got wind of the money and broke into the secretariat at about 2:00 a.m. vandalising property and stealing the money from the strong room in the process.

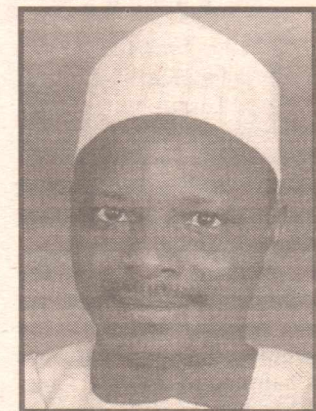
Sources at the secretariat said that during the operation, the police constable on guard at the secretariat was tied with ropes while the remaining night watchmen were drugged.

According to Daily Trust source, the robbers who were about 30 in number were armed with guns and other sophisticated weapons.

The chairman of the council, Alhaji Tini Lawan, confirmed the incident, pointing out that the council had lodged a formal complaint with the police and that investigation was still

going on. He said no arrest had been made.

Tini said that the local government had also written to the office of the permanent secretary, special services and counselling affairs directorate, Government House, Kano, informing it of the incident.



Gov. Musa Kwankwaso

Driver in court for causing death of four

A commercial vehicle driver, Joseph Ochei, has appeared before an Abuja chief magistrate court charged with causing the death of four persons including a nine-year-old blind girl.

The prosecutor, Mr. Philips Akogwu, told the court that "at the accused person on July 8 this year drove a vehicle with registration number BK 296 LSD dangerously along Shehu Shagari Way, Abuja, thereby causing the death of the victims.

The victims' names, the court was told, were Halima

Yusuf, 9, Muhammad Lawal, 23, Adamu Isa, 16 and Umar Danladi, 21.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the one-count charge of causing death by dangerous driving contrary to section four of the Federal Highway Decree 4 of 1971.

He said it was an act of God that "their days had come to an end."

Counsel to Ochei, Mr. Kanayo Oguakwa, prayed the court to grant him bail and assured that he would not jump bail or tamper with police investigations.

Oguakwa said that the deceased persons ran into the

vehicle while it was on the fast lane, adding that the accused had been in detention since the day of the incident.

"The accused has dependants. Any refusal to grant him bail would jeopardise the welfare of his family," Oguakwa pleaded.

In her ruling, the magistrate, Mrs. Grace Inyang, granted Ochei bail in the sum of N100,000.

She ordered that the impounded vehicle of the accused be released as soon as the vehicle inspection officer completed his report on the case. Hearing was adjourned to August 20, 2001.

Man, 37, remanded for robbery

A 37-year-old security guard, Gbenga Oshiwoga has been remanded in prison custody by an Abuja Chief magistrate court for allegedly robbing his neighbour.

The prosecutor, Mr. Sani Yakubu, informed the court that the accused was arrested on April 5 this year, after one Mr. Ike Nwosu reported to Garki police station that an armed robbery gang attacked him and his family on the same day.

Yakubu quoted Nwosu as saying that the accused, along with eight others now at large, invaded his residence at Zone D, Apo Quarters, and robbed

members of his family of cash and property valued at N393,500.00

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge and repeatedly told the court: "I am not a thief."

The case was adjourned to August 30 for further hearing.

Meanwhile, in another robbery case, a middle-aged man, Maikasawa Ali, who had machete cuts all over his body, was also ordered to be remanded in prison custody.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Ayuba Adekunle, alleged that Ali, a security man at the Aso Quarters, Jikwoyi, Abuja, was

sighted forcing himself through a window into the apartment of one of the residents of the quarters, Mr. Peter Agbonika.

Adekunle told the court that Agbonika, as a result, inflicted injuries on the accused with his machete while the other members of the gang escaped.

Counsel to Ali, Mr. Tony Unachukwu pleaded for bail saying that Ali was an innocent victim pushed into the room by robbers after their operation.

Presiding magistrate, Mrs. G. Inyang ordered that the accused be given medical treatment and adjourned to August 28, 2001 for hearing.

Abuja News

Bwari emerges best council in FCT

The Bwari Area Council has emerged the best Local Government Area in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) for the year 2000.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Federal Capital Territory, Dr. Babangida Aliyu, representing the FCT Minister, Engr. Muhammad Abba-Gana, presented six motorcycles and N500,000 to the Area Council at an award ceremony in Abuja last week.

The Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) which was the runner-up received five motorcycles from the Minister while the third place, went to Kwali Area Council which got four motorcycles.

In the keynote address delivered on his behalf by the Permanent Secretary, the Minister said the objectives of the award included enhancing productivity, healthy competition and reward of excellence.

He said that as the third tier of government, the local government system were an important vehicle for enhancing greater participation in governance at the grassroots level, adding that it is in accordance with this policy that the Federal Government in the year 2000 instituted the local government of the year award for all local governments in the 36 states

By Emmanuel Ande

of the federation and the FCT.

The minister pointed out that the bulk of the population of the Federal Capital Territory live and work in rural areas under degrading conditions of poverty and want.

"If the lots of these rural people should be improved then our local government have to be up and doing in order to give quality service that will touch the lives of all local inhabitants positively" he maintained.

He said the establishment of the local government of the year is in furtherance of the Federal Government's belief that healthy competition can bring out the best in the local governments.

While describing the competition for the prizes as keen, Engr. Abba-Gana remarked that all the six Area Councils in the FCT put up their best during the year under review.

In his welcome address, the Director, Area Council Service Commission, Mr. O.B. Adams, remarked that politicisation and corruption of the bureaucratic system occurred during the long years of military interregnum and oil boom.

He expressed delight that the present civilian government was taking measures to revitalise the

government structures at different levels.

The Chairman, Ministerial Committee on the year 2000 Area Council Merit Award, Alhaji

Muhammad Sadiq Yusuf, in his speech, listed the criteria for selection of the award winners.

Among these were level of internally generated

revenue, maintenance of existing services, execution of capital projects; effective payment of staff's salaries and waste management.

AMAC tasks NAPEC on rural poverty

By Austine Odo

The Chairman, Abuja Municipal Area Council, (AMAC) Chief (Mrs.) Esther John Audu (JP), has charged the National Poverty Eradication Committee (NAPEC) to fine-tune areas of need in different communities depending on their peculiarities.

The chairman, who was represented by the council secretary, Mr. G.S. Koce, during a courtesy visit by the FCT NAPEC Co-ordinating Committee last week, suggested to the committee to make sure that

adequate consideration is made for rural communities due to the devastating effects of joblessness on the social life of the people.

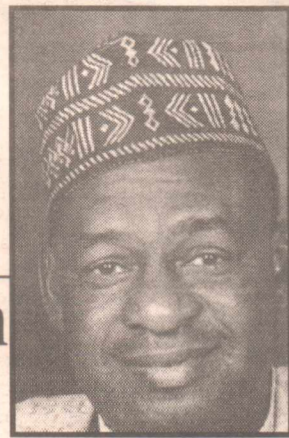
She also called on the committee to ensure speedy take-off of the Poverty Eradication Programme with a view to curbing dependence and promoting self-reliance in the society.

Mrs. Audu who praised the Federal Government for efforts being made to free Nigerian Youths from the shackles of poverty,

suggested that the programme officers should sensitise beneficiaries of the programme and enlighten individuals to initiate non-governmental organisations that could mobilise rural communities on the need to assist in establishing training centres to keep the youths busy at all times.

In his speech, the committee chairman, Alhaji Musa Tale, said NAPEC would soon provide facilities for its programmes in several parts of the FCT.

He appealed for AMAC's assistance to ensure success of the scheme.



Engr. Abba-Gana, FCT Minister

Conference calls for improved mass education in FCT

By Hameed Bello

Participants at an adult education conference have recommended the improvement of efforts by the FCT Agency for Mass Education to enhance government's education programmes in the Federal Capital Territory.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the two-day conference whose theme is "Mobilising effectively for mass Education," the participants suggested that in addition to the establishment of an inspectorate department to determine curriculum and teaching ethics, a uniform syllabus should be provided to specify each subject.

Participants also recommended the promotion of information technology and closing down of illegal extra-mural centres in the FCT, adding that commercial schools be placed under secondary education and not under the Agency for Mass Education.

The conference, which was convened to find ways of realising excellence in secondary schools, extra-mural centres, technical and vocational training centres in the FCT, also called for the use of English as the medium for mass education programmes.

It was held with the goal of promoting quality adult education and gainful extra-mural education within the FCT.



Prof. Borisade, Education Minister

Minister gets kudos for FCT

The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Engr. Muhammad Abba-Gana, has been given a pass mark for the sanitation and beautification of the Federal Capital, Abuja.

Making the commendation during a visit to the minister at the weekend, the National Chairman of the PDP, Chief Barnabas Gemade, who led 20 members of the PDP National Executive Committee to the minister, said Engr. Abba-Gana had brought "tremendous maturity and experience" to bear on the administration of the nation's capital territory.

He particularly praised the minister for his handling of delicate issues like demolition, resettlement and enforcement of the FCT master plan.

Chief Gemade, however, urged the minister to take urgent measures towards curbing the menace of street trading and indiscriminate parking of vehicles on the walk-ways. He suggested the enacting of what he called "municipal by-laws" or simple ministerial

proclamations to check the problem, adding that it might get worse as the city population grows larger.

The PDP chairman described Abuja as a quasi-state, stressing that the FCT ministry carries more responsibilities than other ministries.

In his address, Engr. Abba-Gana called for greater respect and regard for politicians by bureaucrats. He remarked that the long years of military dictatorship calls for proper orientation of servants to view politicians in a more positive way.

The FCT minister pledged his total loyalty to the ruling party which he described as a pace setter. Among dignitaries that accompanied the PDP chairman were the PDP National Secretary, Dr. Okwesilize Nwodo, the FCDA Chairman, Senator (Dr.) Olu Alabi, the Special Assistant to the President on FCT matters, Mrs. Olajumoke Akinjide-Balogun and the Deputy National Chairman (North) of the PDP, Alhaji Abubakar Iro Dan Musa.



A group discussion by a group of pastoralists in Dutse, Bwari Area Council, Abuja, recently

NDE set to recover loans

Disturbed by a backlog of debts, the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) is striving to recover over N371 million it disbursed as loans to young entrepreneurs in the country since the late 1980s.

The loans department of NDE in Abuja is currently updating data on loans given to beneficiaries since the organisation was set up by the Babangida administration in 1987.

Sources close to the agency said the NDE had disbursed more than N500 million as loans while only N129 had been recovered by the year 2000.

Reviewing NDE's activities at a meeting last week in Abuja, the board of

the directorate agreed that the huge amount of outstanding loans was unhealthy for the scheme, which was set up to reduce unemployment in the country by assisting young persons to be self-employed.

A source said that most of the beneficiaries might have absconded with the loans in pursuit of other means of livelihood outside the country, while others had left their businesses for further studies.

"We are still keeping the certificates of some of the beneficiaries, who are graduates, at the headquarters of the State Security Service as collaterals but this has not stopped them from absconding with the funds of the directorate," the source

said.

Apart from assisting the young university graduates to set up businesses, the NDE scheme is also designed to give secondary school leavers training to acquire necessary skills to make them employable or to be self-employed. However, the programme was hampered by poor co-ordination as the agency failed to compile accurate data on loan beneficiaries.

At present, the agency is co-ordinating the Youth Empowerment Scheme of the Olusegun Obasanjo administration, under the National Poverty Eradication Programme.

Abuja News

Satellite residents decry demolition threat

Amidst growing speculations of an impending demolition of some shanty towns within the Federal Capital Territory, residents of Kado and Jabi villages, the areas purportedly earmarked for the exercise, have appealed to government to devise a more humane approach to the issue.

Speaking with the *Daily Trust* in separate chats at the weekend, some of the residents are of the view that an outright demolition of the shanty towns would cause an explosive accommodation problem in the FCT, such as was never envisaged by the authorities.

"This would cause more harm than good," said Julian Nwafor, a house wife who

By Austine Odo

operates a restaurant at Kado village, I want to see a situation whereby



FCT Minister, Engr. Abba-Gana

government would come up with a humane plan of reconstructing the shanties by setting minimum buildings standards, constructing new in-roads, and providing basic modern infrastructure, instead of completely demolishing such towns.

Also raising his own opinion, Mr. Eddy Okoye, a commercial mini-bus driver, said government should in the true spirit of democracy, embark on a gradual reconstruction of the towns, saying "the population of these shanty towns put together is by far more than the one in Asokoro, Wuse and Garki put together. The government should have known this earlier, even

during the plan and initial entry into Abuja."

Mr. Oliver Ibok, a resident of Idu, wondered where government expected the huge population of shanty residents to go, when according to him, the 2,000 housing units in Jibi is not even enough for only Jabi inhabitants to occupy. He told *Daily Trust* that it would amount to denial of the basic right to shelter, for government to ever conceive such a plan, talk less of executing it. According to him, government in the first place, made "a disastrous mistake by allowing shanty towns to exist, "knowing fully well that Abuja will witness an influx of people from other parts of the country."

He suggested that a gradual phasing out of the shanties through organised rural development schemes without necessarily sending people out of their homes is more reasonable.

Illegal mining flourishes in FCT

Illegal mining activities have been flourishing in the Asokoro district of Abuja for sometime now, the extent to which officials of the relevant ministries can hardly determine, an investigation has revealed.

According to reliable sources, such activities have resulted in substantial losses in revenue which should have accrued to the federal government as royalties.

The sources attributed the losses to inadequate facilities and manpower which the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development required to effectively police the minefields in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

An official of the

ministry said that just two weeks ago, its mines department, in conjunction with the police, was to carry out a raid on the illegal mining sites at Asokoro, where tantalite, a mineral used in the production of computer chips and mobile telephones, is being mined.

"Incidentally, the police carried out the raid without the knowledge of the mines department and so, the raid failed to produce the desired result," the source.

The official stated that although the police made some arrests, their action did not go down well with the department which later declined to furnish the police with the mineral act needed to prefer charges against the suspected illegal miners.

The official stressed that for "sanity to be restored to the mines field, government would have to return to the days of mines field police which existed till 1970s."

Investigations further revealed that the big construction companies that operated quarry services in the FCT do not pay correct royalties to the government.

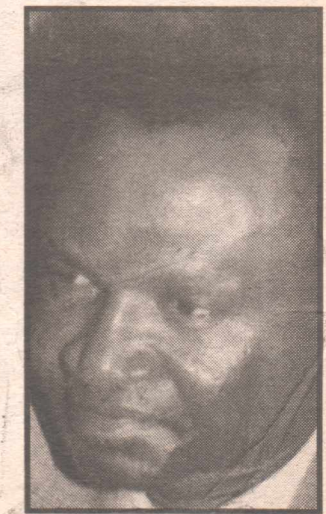
Sources said the government's losses had translated to "handsome benefits for certain officials."

Reacting to the allegations, the Director of Mines in the ministry, Mr. Muhammad Amate, dismissed them saying: "they are completely unfounded."

He however, agreed that there was no means of actually knowing the exact amount of granite and chippings which the construction firms produced on a daily basis.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Mr. Michael Ojo, was not available for comment.

Dr. Vivian Ogah, FCT chairman on solid minerals, said that his committee, set up by the federal government and empowered to quash the activities of illegal miners, had not been able to start work "because of administrative bottlenecks."



Minister of Solid Minerals, Agabi

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2008 Olympics bid

Beijing wins despite odds

By Patrick Andrew

Against vicious campaigns of calumny largely based on poor human right records, China, the most populous nation on earth was Friday awarded the hosting rights of the 2008 Olympic Games

Before the 121 members of the International Olympic Committee reached the decision, moral pressure was exerted on the members and their conscience put to task. Subjective views and sentiments were expressed bordering largely on their capability to select the best of the five bidding cities to host the Games.

The contentious argument against China with a population of 1.3 billion people inevitably was the recurrent human rights abuses and mass executions of communist dissidents. Anti communist regimes mounted opposition that required pious suavity to dispel, moreso with the question of democracy's place in communist China commanding considerable attention.

The IOC members acted in concert with the precedents set in 1936 and 1980 when against all odds, its predecessors awarded Berlin and Moscow the hosting rights of the Games. The IOC in deciding to turn a blind eyes to the complaints against China evidently acted in harmony with the charter of the Olympic movement vis-à-vis to jettison politics from sports.

Though political consideration is hardly divorced from sports, the IOC chose not to compromise its charter by endorsing China overwhelmingly despite these adum-

brated inadequacies. Beijing the host city designate, has come a long way. Beaten by Sydney for the 2000 Games, by just two votes, apprehension substituted buoyancy while logistics and excellent facilities consideration ran second to subterranean moves.

It yielded dividends with Beijing securing 59 votes in the second and final round after nicking 44 ahead of Paris and Toronto which secured 22 and 18 votes respectively. The victory of Beijing, which keeps the Olympics on the progressive slat now however, elicited mixed reactions from people. To the Chinese, victory signalled acceptance of China and a vote of confidence on its people, policies and administration.

The people's Daily an official communist mouthpiece said, "the Olympics has chosen Beijing, and the world looks with favour upon China." The Beijing Morning Post saw in the choice a commercial and investment haven for prospective sponsors of the Games, a consideration it argued IOC eggheads could not have ignored for political reasons.

In Washington though, there were rare expressions of hope, supports outrage and dismay. White House spokesman, Ari Fleischer, said that the Bush administration hopes China would show a 'modern' face. "The president believes that the Olympics is a sporting event, not a political event. But having said that, this now is an opportunity for China to

showcase itself as a modern nation."

Similarly, French president Jacques Chirac who was in Moscow to enhance Paris chances, said the decision in favour of Beijing should encourage China to improve its record on democracy and human rights noting that it would not urgar well for China to continue without let up in her pursuit of communist ideals in isolation of universally recognised reality.

But Francois Loncle, the French lawmaker chose to draw parallels with the decision to hold the 1936 Games in Nazi, Germany and the then

Soviet Union - Moscow in 1980. "Communist China will use the Games as a powerful propaganda instrument destined to consolidated its hold on power," he reasoned.

Yet others were quick to opine that the Beijing Games may create the needed vista for democracy and relaxation of the firm grip on the people by the communist leaders. They noted the recapitulation of Russia nine years ago to fully embrace democracy and the rule of law.

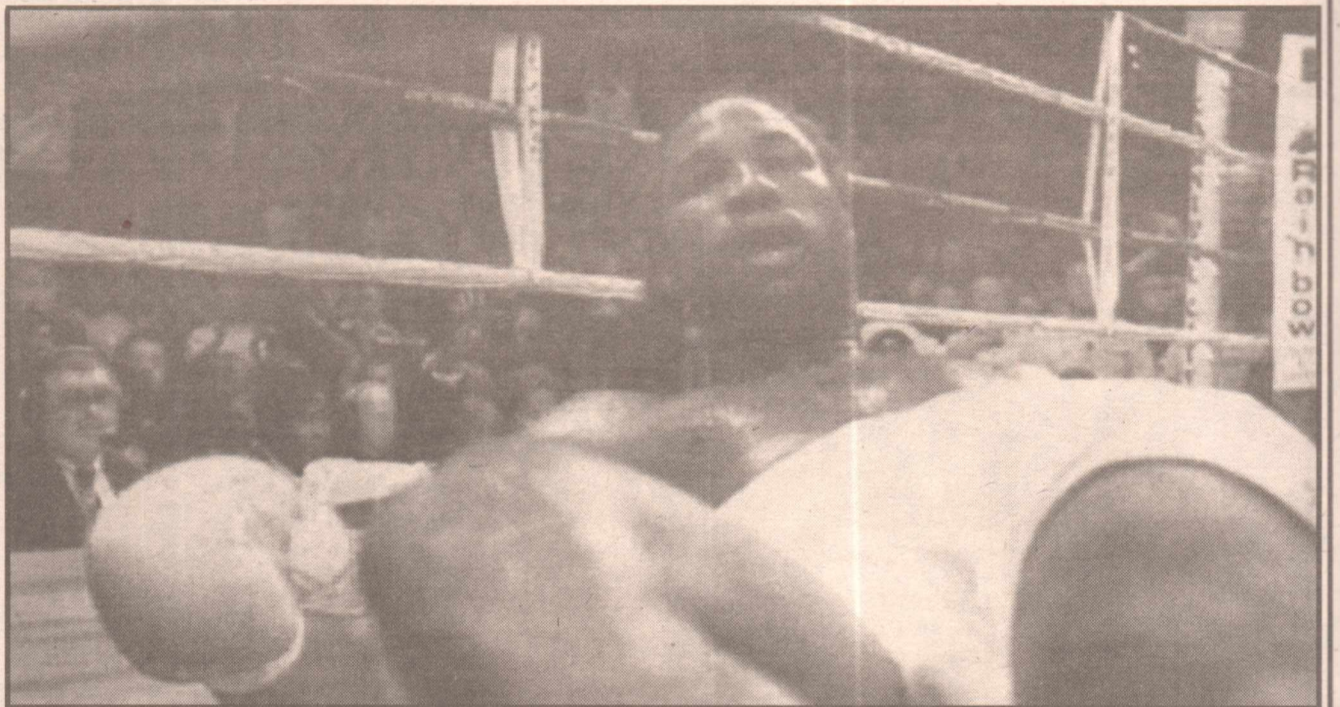
In savouring the hard won victory, the Chinese people staged an all night party with revellers gathering

on the infamous Tianannen Square to celebrate. Soon after the announcement of the decision, hilarious Chinese celebrated with fireworks and natural display in a most stunning way.

Capturing the mood of the people particularly to douse the flurry of complaints against her human right records, Peking, swiftly moved to polish its international image and ease the strains with Washington by convicting a Chinese-America scholar but ironically ordering his expulsion. The convicted, Li Shaomin, was arrested for

spying five months ago in Shenzhen, a southern city in China. His judgment was swift and portends perhaps a new thinking in Peking.

Albeit Africa was less visible in the political manoeuvring of host city of the 2008 Olympic Games, her tacit support was inevitable. Africa though ravaged on all fronts by socio-economic and political problems, hopes someday to produce a country buoyant enough and politically stable to seek to host the world. Then her years of silent and overt support shall be required.



Floored: Former World Heavyweight Champion, Lennox Lewis, went down hard in a title defence bout against Hasim Rahman.

...budgets \$22 billion for Olympics

The government of the city of Beijing will spend \$22 billion over the next five years to improve social infrastructure in preparation

for the 2008 Olympic Games. Beijing city which was awarded the hosting right of the Games ahead of Paris, Toronto Osaka and Athens

is said to have more than the basic infrastructure required.

However, the 121 members of the International Olympic Committee voted overwhelmingly for Beijing in spite of complaints of human right abuses and mass execution of communist dissidents.

Beijing city government, in order to allays fear expressed over inadequate infrastructure, quickly announced an impressive budget for construction of basic social infrastructure including roads, information technology gadgets, cleaning up of smoggy environment and improving living conditions of the people.

Meanwhile, the Beijing Olympic Committee is being inundated with offers of cash proud Chinese who are determined to ensure that the 2008 summer games lacks nothing.

The Beijing Youth Daily reported yesterday that the committee had received several telephone calls from individuals offering cash donations and other items. The flood of calls overwhelmed telephone operators who were relieved by committee members.

Beijing, renowned for the women conference in 1995 has a population of 12 million people.

Who succeeds Samaranch?

Barely three days after voting overwhelming for Beijing to host the 2008 Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee executives will today elect a replacement for its outgoing president Antonio Juan Samaranch.

Samaranch, who has been on the saddle for 21 years will bow out of the presidency at the 112th IOC session holding in Moscow today.

On the fringe to assume the position are five individuals with dwarfing influences in the IOC executive. They are Anita Defrants, a black American, Un Young Kim, South Korea, Richard Pound of Canada, Jacques Rogge from Belgium and Pal Schmitt of Hungary.

Unlike the 1950 election in which Juan Samaranch had feeble opposition, the five candidates aiming at the prime job have varying influences and backing to make prediction an ordeal and an uphill task.

Un Young Kim, the founding president of the International Taekwondo Federation and president of the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games in Seoul 1988 is considered a strong candidate.

But weighing heavily against his candidature is the salt City Lake Scam in which he was alleged to have been a beneficiary through his son who got partly paid for a job.

The black American, Anita Defrantz and Olympic hero participated in the Montreal Games. Noted not for her Olympic victory but

for her determination to persuade president Jimmy Carter to rescind the decision for the to boycott the Moscow-1980 Games.

Anita's greatest opposition may be her sex for though the world has adjusted its stance on women to it would be hard to sell her the largely male-dominated body, her sterling qualities notwithstanding.

Belgium Jacques Rogge has the Olympic flames burning in his veins. He took part in three Olympic Games, he has been an IOC member since 1991 and president of the European Olympic Committee.

The winner of several international tournaments has no Olympic medal round his



Havelange was instrumental to the election of Samaranch in 1980.

neck though Jacques may garner the support of Europe but hardly enough to swing the presidency.

Pal Schmitt has to his credit two Olympic gold medals. Said to be trustworthy and a Hungarian whose strength of character has been the deciding factor in several of his country's victories, would have to look beyond the former communist block for encore.

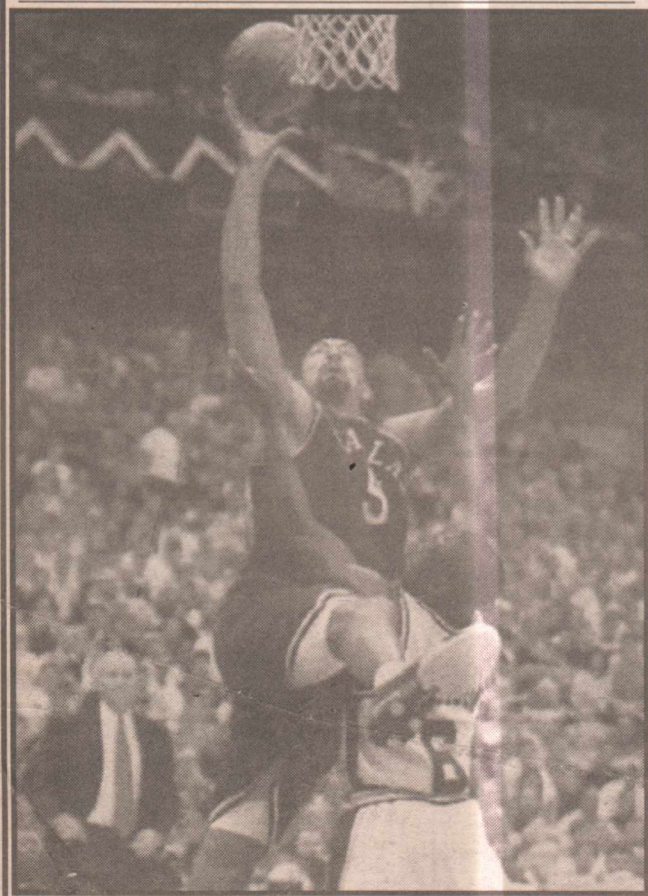
Richard Pound, the guy with perhaps the best chances participated in the memorable Rome Games, memorable for the controversy, which surrounded the 100m that he participated.

Dick Pound as commonly called, is in the front burner. He escaped the scam of Salt Lake City, a development that enhance his person in the estimation of many.

Pound, with the victory of Beijing may have tactically narrowed Kim's chances for not a few would want to hand the hosting rights and presidency of the IOC all to Asia.

It is instructive though that for the first time in the history of the Olympics five persons with incontrovertible influences and dwarfing Olympics records are competing for the presidency of the IOC.

Whoever, emerges winner may have to rely on the cooperation of all to equal the bogus record of Antonio Juan Samaranch.



Dallas Maverick forward Juwan Howard (5) soars over San Antonio Spurs guard Avery Johnson (6) in the fourth quarter of their Western Conference semifinals game in San Antonio...recently.



SPORTS



Anyim dangles N12m for grassroots soccer

Perhaps inspired by President Olusegun Obasanjo who recently sponsored an inter-collegiate soccer fiesta, the President of the Senate, Anyim Pius Anyim has doled out N12 million for a soccer tournament throughout the country.

The tournament to be tagged Senate President's Cup

By Patrick Andrew
will be competed for by non-proleague players in all the 36 states of the federation including the Federal Capital Territory.

Though the format that will be adopted was yet to be arrived at, Patrick Ekeji, the Acting Director of Sports Development in the

Sports Ministry said, the tournament will likely involve all the local government areas, and zones in the country.

"We hope each of the six geopolitical zones will produce a champion that would later vie with each other for the Senate President's Cup," he said.

Ekeji, who disclosed that

an organising committee will soon be set up to streamline the format for the tournament, noted that the Governor's Cup model may be adopted even as he suggested that states without such tournament have to adopt a device for the event.

The Acting Director of Sports Development said the tournament would exclude all players who have participated in proleague as was meant only for amateurs.

"The intention is to create an avenue for the discovery of young talents who would eventually mature to find their bearing in the proleague. The focus on the grassroots then is deliberate especially as the drift now is to reinvigorate grassroots and inter-collegiate sports," Ekeji said noting that the Senate President was an advocate of grassroots sports.



Yakubu Mohammed of Mokwa LGA contesting the ball with Franas Ogundare of Borgu LGA during the Niger State Governor's Cup played at Bako Kontagora Memorial Stadium, Minna.

Amun hunts for U-23 players

Coach Fanny Amun recently appointed to handle the national U-23 team has begun to comb the nooks and crannies of the country for players.

Amun reputed for discovering green horns since his appointed has been visiting various soccer venues to scout for talents.

As usual, coach Amun said he was interested in only players with vitality, ball skill and willingness to learn and adapt

to instruction. The former assistant coach of the Super Eagles, however, does not want to be hasty about assembling already discovered talents. Amun wants to scout further with a view to selecting the crop of players who would eventually make his squad.

The coach, whose successes with the U-17 is legendary, would however sustain the usual phase camp-

ing over a stretch of time.

Trustsports learnt that coach Amun has received the blessings of COJA to scout for the best and initiate programmes that would facilitate the attainment of set objectives.

Nigeria did not participate in the finals of the 7th All Africa Soccer Games in Johannesburg, South Africa having been knocked out in the qualifying rounds.

Liberia pips Sierra Leone in Freetown

George Weah came off the bench as a second-half substitute to reignite Liberia's World Cup dream in Freetown on Saturday.

Following the defeat to Ghana in their previous World Cup assignment a fortnight ago, Weah quit the national team, claiming that the fans had insulted his mother.

But he had a change of heart when President Charles Taylor intervened, and the former World Footballer of the Year once again underlined his importance to the Lone Star with a well-taken goal on 75 minutes.

The first half was littered with stray passes, but the match came alive in the second period as Liberia poured forward in search of a goal.

The victory means that the pressure is back on leaders

Nigeria who play Ghana in their final qualifying match at the end of July.

Anything other than a win would have seen Liberia kiss their World Cup hopes goodbye.

So, not for the first time, Weah came to the rescue of his beloved Liberia.

There was tight security for the match between the two neighbours, whose relations remain tense amid continuing rebel activities.

Liberia denies supporting rebels in Sierra Leone who killed and maimed thousands of people in a ferocious 10-year campaign to seize power.

Liberia condemned a United Nations decision to uphold a travel ban on leading officials, denying its foreign minister, Monie Captan, the chance to watch the World Cup qualifier.

"The foreign ministry is taken aback by the (UN sanc-

tions) committee's refusal to give consideration to the Liberian Government's request," a statement from Mr Captan's ministry said.

However, the Liberian Sports Minister, Max Dennis, did travel to Freetown for the match.

The UN travel ban took effect against Liberia in May, to punish the government of President Charles Taylor for its alleged support for the Sierra Leone rebels.

Abubakar thumbs up state governors

The Secretary of the proleague department, Mallam Salihu Abubakar has thumbed up state governors who were present at the Super Four League series, which ended penultimate weekend.

Abubakar said the presence of the governors ginged the participating teams who gave in their best to the delight of the soccer fans that were on hand to watch the matches.

The scribe said he was impressed with the huge

crowd that patronised the games, noting that it gave credit to hype and quality of play exhibited by the competing clubs.

On the governors, Abubakar observed that the presence of Orji Uzo Kalu, Chimarokee Mbadinaju, James Ibori of Abia, Enugu and Delta States respectively, and other dignitaries indicated justified the hype generated by the Super Four, which was won by Enyimba FC of Aba.

He said that the quality of play exhibited by the teams was a plus to proleague and a marked progress of domestic football.

Enyimba, with NPA of Warri and Gombe United picking the CAF and WAFU cups tickets, won the Super Four tournament designed three years for the production of a credible club for the Champions League Cup, which has remained elusive.

The participating clubs shared 40 per cent of the proceeds realised from gate-takings in addition to N300,000 participation fee doled out by the sponsors.



U-17 players in a light work at the Ahmadu Bello Stadium, Kaduna. The Eagles will participate in the World U-17 championship in Trinidad and Tobago in September.

Kadiri Ikhana declared "wanted"

Former Super Eagles defence ace and chief coach of Sunshine Stars, Kadiri Ikhana has been declared wanted by five clubs.

Ikhana, who led the Sunshine Stars to gain promotion to the elite division is on the wanted list of Lobi Stars, Elkanemi Warriors, Plateau United, Sharks all in the top division and Yobe Stars a lower division club seeking relevance.

Though Ikhana has not specifically indicated interest in any of the job offers, he has, however, lamented the cruel act melted on his counterpart Alphonsus Dike, by irate fans of Sharks FC, a statement that implies his disinclination for the Port Harcourt soccer outfit.

The chairman of the Elkanemi Warriors had contacted the former Eagles player, who had coached Katsina United and BCC Lions. Trustsports learnt Alhaji Bashir Abisso made contact with the coach during the Super Four play-off even as his compatriots have sent in several emissaries to lure him to accept their offers.

Sunshine of Akure had topped the division two B and went on to defeat Kano Pillars 4-2 in the play-off to determine the champions of the lower division.

Minus the N600,000 the club won for beating Pillars, it equally collected N300,000 participation fee as did Super Four league participants, NPA, Rangers, Gombe and Enyimba. Enyimba event-

Senegal stalls Morocco

Morocco's charge towards next year's World Cup finals in Japan and Korea stalled in Dakar on Saturday when they lost 1-0 to Senegal.

Senegal's hard-fought win blew the qualification race in group C wide open and ensures an exciting finale.

The Moroccans needed just a single point to join South Africa and Cameroon in next year's finals in Japan and Korea.

Seventh goal But the Senegalese had other ideas and collected maximum points through a fine goal by El Hadji Diouf after 17 minutes.

It was Diouf's seventh goal of this qualifying campaign, much to the delight of the 60,000-strong in attendance.

Morocco lead Group C with 15 points from their eight fixtures. Senegal and Egypt both have 12 points with one game remaining.

Egypt play north African rivals, Algeria and Senegal visit Namibia in those final matches, as the group goes down to the wire.

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Aku insists on reshaping NFA

Sports Minister, Ishaya Mark Aku, has reiterated his commitment to restructure the NFA along professional lines.

The minister said his goal is to see an NFA that is structured in concert with FIFA's professional standard.

Aku who detested the lack of professionalism in management and financial drive by the current leadership at the Glass House said government was bent on total reorganisation of the structures therein to make for efficiency and productivity.

Speaking through the Acting Director of Sports Development Unit, Mr. Patrick Ekeji, Aku observed that the lack of professional management by the leadership has been responsible for the parasitic disposition of the NFA with the resultant insolvency.

"The Minister of Sports and Social Development wants an NFA that is professionally structured along FIFA lines with the drive for financial independence. An NFA that would be in a position to loan money to the ministry as against the current practice where it depends entirely on the ministry for fund," he said.

The minister regretted that there was manifest administrative ineptitude exhibited by the leadership of the secretariat, a situation that has not facilitated any meaningful management of football with the commercial

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 drive that is needed.

"When the obvious is done, then, something that ought to be is not simply happening in the NFA, but with the present dispensation where you are challenged, you are forced to wear your thinking caps and we expect the NFA to respond positively," he noted.

The minister's comment was a confirmation of his earlier presentation to the House of Representatives Sports Committee at which he argued passionately for restructuring of the NFA along professional ambit and outside the purvey of civil service bureaucracy.

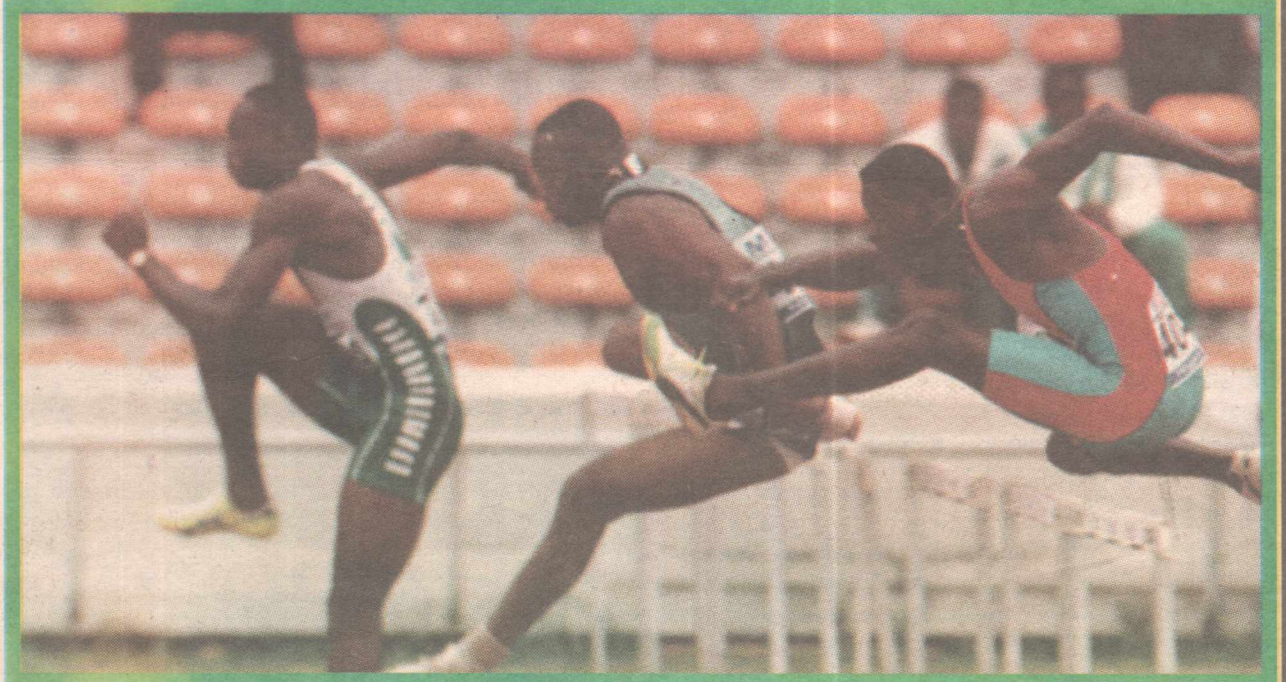
Aku who has been bent on dispensing with the present leadership of the secretariat to make way for professional managers with competence and mercantile acumen insisted the drastic overhauling of the present structure was inevitable.

The reasons adduced aside from the afore mentioned were to free government from unnecessary expenses, and refocus football purely as a business venture.

The minister has in the quest to achieve the set goal directed that a new programme for the board of the NFA be drawn with a view to reducing the present bloated membership of the board probably to no more than six.



Ghana's Black Satellites in a dingdong affair with their Spanish counterparts during Nigeria '99. The Super Eagles will later this month engage the Black Stars in a make or mar World Cup qualifier.



Athletes sweating it out in the Mobil Track and Field Championship last year. This year's championship is billed to hold next month.

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