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N55M BRIBERY SCANDAL

EFCC releases Osuji

Reps seek explanation from C'ttee chairman

The Minister of Education, Professor Fabian Osuji, was released yesterday by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) after two days of questioning over the alleged N55 million offered to

By Henry Omuu, Senior Reporter (Education) Isa Sanusi, Habeeb I. Pindiga, Senior Political Reporters

National Assembly members to accelerate passage of the budget of his ministry. Prof. Osuji, sources said,

arrived home at 3.15 pm after being released by the EFCC and was seen at his Plot 1475, Justice Mamman Nasir Crescent, Asokoro, Abuja home.

Daily Trust learnt that apart from the minister who was interrogated by EFCC of-

ficials, the chief executives of some agencies under the supervision of the minister were already being quizzed to determine their level of complicity in the bribery allegation.

According to sources, these agencies were said to have contributed the N55 mil-

lion which Prof Osuji is alleged to have offered National Assembly members.

As the controversy over the alleged bribery scandal continues Daily Trust gathered that two members of the House of Representatives standing committee on education, Dr. Usman Bugaje and Dr. Haruna Yarima had written a protest letter to the

committee chairman asking for explanation over the receipt of the alleged bribe.

The protest letter signed by the two legislators, dated January 28, obtained exclusively by Daily Trust and titled: *Alleged fifty five million naira (N55.0 million)*

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Governor Umaru Musa Yar'Adua (second right) being presented with a certificate by former IGP, Alhaji Ibrahim Comassie (left) while others watch during the National Primary Education Productivity Merit Award ceremony in Abuja... recently.

Reforms impossible with level of corruption - Ciroma

Former Finance Minister and one of the architects of the Obasanjo administration's economic reforms programme, Mallam Adamu Ciroma, says the Nigerian economy cannot be revived with the 'all-pervasive' corruption level in the country.

From Abdullahi Bego, Regional Editor (North East) in Potiskum

"I believe the level of corruption in the country is so colossal. You cannot revive the economy with this level of corruption. In fact, I believe when Transparency Interna-

tional (TI), said Nigeria is number two or three in corruption (Corruption Perception Index).

Soldier rapes nursing mother

A soldier (names withheld), serving under the One Mechanised Infantry Division of the Ni-

gerian Army, Kaduna who

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... House not party to bribe - Ningi

By Hammeed M. Bello, Senior Political Reporter

House do not personally know the education minister and have not had any direct dealing with him in the recent past, stressing that the House is not in the know of the transactions.

Efforts to contact the Speaker, Hon. Aminu Bello Masari and the chairman, education committee of the House, Hon. Shehu Matazu, were unsuccessful as their phones were inaccessible, but Hon. Ningi further said that the House had no re-

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Confab: ANPP expresses confidence in Tobi's leadership

A member of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) Board of Trustees and delegate to the on-going national political reform conference (NPRC), Alhaji Abdullahi Bayero, has expressed confidence in the leadership of the conference chairman, Justice Niki Tobi.

From Sani Babadoko, Bureau Chief (Kaduna)

He told Daily Trust at the weekend in respect of the alleged protest by some Northern delegates to the composition of the 50-member business committee of the confer-


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bribe to Senate and House committees on education, called for a probe to determine the veracity of the allegation.

It reads: "It has been brought to our notice that the sum of fifty five million (N55.0 million) has been alleged to have been given to the Senate and House Education Committees as a bribe to influence budgetary allocations to the federal ministry of education. The money, we were made to understand, was brought in cash by the officials of the Federal Ministry of Education, to the Senate President.

"Mr. Chairman, sir, as members of the House Education Committee, we feel seriously disturbed about this allegations especially when it was said to have been demanded by the House Committee on Education as a precondition for the consideration of the ministry's budget. Some members of the public have started asking us some embarrassing questions.

"The National Assembly as the direct representative of the people is supposed to be seen to be above board in what has become the bane of the country. As a National assembly and as individuals and members of the House of Representatives, posterity will not forgive us if we propagate and fuel the very corruption that we all believe has been the bane of our development. Indeed as representatives of the people we have a responsibility to fight corruption so that public funds should be used for the benefit of the public.

"It has therefore become necessary for this committee to immediately constitute an ad hoc committee to investigate this allegation. This will assess the veracity or otherwise of the allegations and suggest ways to remedy whatever may have happened."

But Wabara's special adviser on media and publicity, Mr. Henry Ogbolue, in a statement in Abuja at the weekend dismissed the allegation, saying the president could not have collected any money since ministries don't have to bribe lawmakers before having their budgets approved. Also, some members of the senate committee on education have denied a being party to any meeting or sharing of the N55 million budget bribe that led to the detention and interrogation of the Minister of Education, Professor Fabian Osuji by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). Investigations indicated EFCC is yet to arrest or interrogate any of the lawmakers.

Ogbolue's statement said though Wabara had arranged a meeting between Osuji and the leaderships of both committees to break a "stalemate", no money was in-

volved in the whole affair.

"At no point at the meeting was any form of monetary demands made from the minister; and at no point did the senate president ask the minister to give money to anybody.

"Till date the President of the Senate is not aware that the minister gave money to anybody in connection with what transpired at the said meeting. Nor was money given to the President of the senate for breaking the stalemate or to a third party for transmission to him. In any case, the President of the Senate did not expect the minister to give money to anybody because it wasn't part of the discussion.

"It must be placed on record that the President of the Senate merely brokered truce between the National Assembly committees on education and the minister in pursuance of his statutory functions as chairman of the National Assembly and he has no regret whatsoever for this". The statement said.

Responding to questions yesterday, on telephone, Senator Daniel Saror (ANPP/Benue North East) said "I read about it in the papers today (yesterday). I know nothing about the bribery issue. I have been a member of the education committee since 1999 and no any minister has ever advanced to me any favour of any sort. I was not at that meeting. It must be between Wabara and the chairmen of education committees of both Houses. Honestly I am not part of it all".

Senator Muhammed Abba Aji who is also a member of the committee told *Daily Trust* that "I am just reading about it in the papers today (yesterday) and I am making contacts to find out

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sons to doubt the credibility of the education committee and its leadership and as such, dismissed speculations that they might have compromised.

When asked to comment on the bribery allegation and the detention saga, Ningi said he was returning from a constituency engagement and was yet to be adequately briefed on the matter.

The EFCC came to the center of national discourse recently for probing or attempting to probe some public office holders. Some of those accused or probed over money laundering and financial crimes includes former Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Tafa Balogun and Plateau State Governor, Chief Joshua Dariye.

Although it was denied as misreported, the statement credited to the EFCC chairman, Mal. Nuhu Ribadu, about former military president, General Ibrahim Babangida also provoked debates in the media.

whether what I read is true or not. You know I have not been around for so long and I am not aware of all these things. *Wallahi* I don't know anything about it". In his response, Senator Chris Adighije said "I don't know anything about the whole issue".

Efforts by *Daily Trust* to get Chairman of the Senate committee on Education, Senator Ibrahim Abdulazeze (PDP/Taraba Central) on two of his mobile phone lines failed as both lines were switched off up until the time of going to press yesterday and other members of the committee too were unreachable.

Other senators contacted to comment on the issue claimed absolute ignorance of it. Besides Aji, Adighije and Saror, other members of the senate committee on education are: Senators Emmanuel Okpede, Iya Abubakar, Daisy Danjuma, Badamasi Maccido, Jibril Aminu, and Sule Yari **Gandi**.

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tion Index), I think they are very lenient and kind to us. We must be number one", he said.

Mallam Adamu Ciroma stated this in a chat with *Daily Trust* in Potiskum, Yobe State at the weekend, after his turbaning as the *Madaki of Fika* by the Emir of Fika, Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Ibn Mohammed Idriss.

The former Finance Minister was speaking with regards to the quest of the Obasanjo administration to get debt relief from Western creditors, saying that although Nigeria deserves debt relief to be able to conserve and use resources for national development, he has lost confidence that the Paris Club and other creditors will entertain Nigeria's request for debt forgiveness.

"In 2002, there was an international meeting in Montreal where all the industrialized countries promised to give support to the developing countries. By the time I left office (as Minister of Finance) in 2003, I was able to discover that that promise had already started ebbing and turning into normal promise which remains unfulfilled", Mallam Ciroma said.

Mallam Adamu Ciroma added that while 'European politicians' would talk about debt relief, 'European officials' would always 'work against debt relief', thus stifling the efforts of developing countries, such as Nigeria, to get debt forgiveness.

The former finance minister acknowledges, however, that the argument against Nigeria getting debt relief, which is that the country is not managing its affairs properly, cannot be faulted.

"I cannot disagree with this proposition that we need to manage our affairs much better than we are doing now", Mallam Ciroma said. Speaking on the various

was deployed to guard the house of a retired army officer on Sani Sami street, Malali GRA, over the weekend, raped a nursing Fulani woman hawking cow milk, popularly called (*mai Fura da Nono*).

The victim who identified herself as Malama Lauratu Yakubu, told *Daily Trust* on her sick bed at the Barau Dikko Specialist hospital where she is on admission, that the soldier who is already in police custody at the Malali central police station, lured her into the house under the pretext of buying her milk, after which he proposed to make love to her.

Mallama Lauratu disclosed that when she refused, the soldier pointed both his bayonet and his rifle at her and threatened that he will kill her if she screamed.

The nursing mother said when she eventually screamed, nobody came to her aid

interventions of the Obasanjo administration to improve people's living conditions, Mallam Adamu Ciroma described the government's effort as 'mixed-bag', saying that while there are improvements, "they are not as good as I would have expected".

Specifically, the former minister of finance lauded government's ability to stabilize and improve fuel supply throughout the country. But a lot, he added, needs to be done in the areas of power supply and security.

"In the area of power supply, we have got problems, not as bad as in 1999, but certainly not as good as I would have expected. In the field of security, there are still lots of complaints from citizens as to the security situation of citizens and individuals on the streets.... So my view is that the government still has a lot to do in the field of power generation and distribution and also in the area of security", he explained.

Mallam Adamu however cautioned that improving security in the country is not the responsibility of the government alone, as the populace too must contribute and offer support to the security agencies if a secure socio-economic and political environment is to be created.



Mallam Adamu Ciroma

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as the family of the army officer where the soldier was on duty were said to have been away. The soldier, she said, took her seven-month baby off her and raped her in the process, which he inflicted serious injuries on her private part.

Mallama Lauratu who has undergone a major operation, showed our correspondent the injuries inflicted to her baby and parts of her body, adding that the soldier also flogged her with his belt which led to internal injuries she also sustained.

The victim said when she came out of the house crying, neighbours immediately reported the matter at the Malali police station, adding that the duty officer at the police station took her to the hospital.

When *Daily Trust* contacted the husband of the victim, Mallam Yakubu Haruna who resides in Hayin Kanawa area, a suburb of Kaduna metropolis, he disclosed that the final decision on the incident shall be taken by the elders of the family on whether

to take any legal action or not, adding that his prayer is for his wife to recover from the injuries inflicted on her by the soldier.

Also speaking with our correspondent on the issue, the mother-in-law of the victim, Hajia Kurika Adama Hayin Keke, said she did not intend taking any legal action against the suspect, declaring that the incident has brought to an end the hawking of milk in her family in order to protect the good image and reputation of the family.

Efforts to reach the police public relations officer (PPRO), deputy superintendent of police (DSP), Sa'ad Yahaya, over the issue proved abortive as a message on his mobile phone kept saying, "the number you have called is not available at the moment, please try again later."

Similarly, the army public relations officer, Colonel Olayinka, could not be contacted as soldiers on guard told our correspondent that the public relations officer will be available on Monday.

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ence that there was absolutely nothing to protest about, pointing out that only a few individuals whose ego was bruised by their non-inclusion that were stage-managing the "protest".

The ANPP delegate from Kebbi state said, "The procedure taken in arriving at the membership of the business committee was done in all honesty and the highest integrity. I have no cause whatsoever to doubt the integrity of the chairman of this conference, Justice Tobi, his deputy, Alhaji Kirfi, *Wazirin* Katagum or the secretary, Reverend Matthew Hassan Kukah.

"Every state and groups were asked to send nominations and it is out of this that the secretariat selected the 50 members and announced to the plenary session of the conference and I think this is perfectly in order."

Alhaji Bayero added that none of the protestors whose leaders' names he gave as Senator Uba Ahmed and Alhaji Umaru Dikko were more Northern than Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim (SAN), who is the chairman of the business committee, pointing out that the protest by the few disgruntled delegates could cause a major split among the Northern delegates because he came from Kogi State.

Of the committee chairman, Bayero said, "A very experienced, trustworthy Northerner and I do not think you can get anybody better to chair this committee.

"I really got a feeling that some few people were not happy that their names were not in this committee and I must say that it is very unfor-

fortunate that every time the same group of people seem to miss one or two appointments, they resort to a kind of regional gang-up and I think we have to be very careful about all these protests in the name of the North."

On the question of the trust and credibility in the light of its dubious legality, the delegate said, "the government of Obasanjo has a lot of credibility problems but most of the delegates decided to give the conference the benefit of the doubt. But I tell you if there is any hidden agenda in the process, the chairman has promised that he will lead us into a walkout and if he doesn't, I will lead the walkout.

"As to the outcome and its legality, I believe there is a problem but I doubt if this should stop us from dialoguing about the problems confronting the nation because meanwhile, we are concentrating on the conference assuming that we shall bring out the best and hope that Obasanjo is serious."

Last week Thursday some northern delegates protested the composition of the business committee of the national conference.

The delegates alleged in a petition to the confab chairman, Justice Niki Tobi, a breach of the rules of procedure in the setting up of the committee.

The delegates, who are leaders of their various state delegations, accused Justice Tobi of specifically violating Order VII Rules 8.1 and 8.2, pointing that the formation of the business committee was null and void and urged the chairman to dissolve it and allow for due process.

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NUPENG, PENGASSAN issue strike warning

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria and the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers, under a joint name, NUPENGASSAN, have warned that they will launch a three-day warning strike from April 11.

The warning was contained in a communiqué issued at the weekend in Port Harcourt, following the failure of operators in the Nigerian oil and gas industry to meet a 21-day ultimatum.

Executives of the two bodies had called for what they termed, the humanisation of labour policy in the industry, with regards to contract staff, staff casualisation, redundancy and abuse of expatriate quota.

NUPENGASSAN also condemned the "unethical deductions from workers' salaries in the guise of pension

funds by industry operators contrary to the new pensions act".

It said the offending companies "negated the agreement with workers on the prior determination of who was to manage the deducted money before deduction and went ahead to deduct and keep it with the Central Bank.

"The Central Bank is not and cannot be a pension funds administrator," the workers declared and tasked the management of Conoil "to activate workers they have kept redundant for two

years for their union activities".

The communique was signed by Messers Brown Ogbeifun and Peter Akpatason, presidents of PENGASSAN and NUPENG respectively.

It said that "while the workers will be mobilising for the April 11 warning strike, they will commence wearing red gears from April 4.

"The strike will be total, involving all sectors in the industry from Escravos to Bonny terminals, including drilling and service outfits," it added.

Lingering sore points in the oil industry include the issues of contract staff and staff casualisation as well as job insecurity.

The 2005 edition of the Argungu International Fishing Festival ended Saturday with the biggest fish catch of the year weighing 75 kilograms and auctioned for N2million.

The grand fishing festival which marked the end of the four-day event was attended by President Olusegun Obasanjo, his Benin Republic counterpart, President Mathew Kerekou, five state governors, ministers as well as foreign tourists.

Speaking at the venue, Obasanjo disclosed government's intention to facilitate the placement of the festival in the schedule of the World Tourism calendar for international attraction.

"Argungu festival will be given all the support in order to make it not only a national

Argungu ends with biggest catch selling N2m

From Mohammed S. Shehu, in Birnin Kebbi

but an international event so that it can be on the calendar of the world tourist attraction."

President Obasanjo expressed delight with the renovation of the grand fishing site and called on the organizers to improve on the facilities in order to make it bigger and better.

Also speaking, the chief host, Governor Adamu Aliero, described the festival as a major revenue earner for the state.

He said last year, over 5,000 people were employed and this year's event promise to be better.

Aliero said since the revival of the festival last year, the state has witnessed an influx of investors apparently attracted by the festival.

"In future, the commercial and economic gains of the festival will galvanise the entire West African sub-region by providing an international market for goods and services for Nigeria, Niger and Benin Republic etc," he said.

About 30,000 fishermen participated in the grand finale and the first three catches were auctioned at N4.2m.

Adamu Anani Argungu came first with a catch weighing 75kg, Alhaji Tukur Dan Augie came second with 72.2kg while Sani Tunungawa was third with a 61.6kg catch.

Sani Toro wins by-election

From Tashikalmah Hallah, Correspondent (Bauchi)

Former secretary general of the Nigeria Football Association (NFA), Alhaji Ahmed Sani Toro, has been declared winner of the by-election conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), into the Toro Federal Constituency, at the weekend.

The Toro Federal Constituency was declared vacant last month by INEC, following the death of the member representing the constituency in the House of Representatives, Alhaji Lawal Rimi Zayam, early this year.

Mr Wak Dung Gomwalk, the resident electoral commissioner in Bauchi state, while declaring Alhaji Toro as the winner, explained that six political parties participated in the election and that "Alhaji Sani Ahmed Toro of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), having scored 103, 117 votes is the winner".

According to Mr. Gomwalk, Alhaji Sani Toro's closest challenger was Alhaji Ali A. Gambo of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP), who scored 1,078 votes while Alhaji Abba Salisu of Alliance for Democracy, scored one hundred and fifty three votes.

Alhaji Adamu Mundu of the National Democratic Party (NDP) got eleven votes and the only woman who contested the by-election, Mrs Rabi Musa of the L.D.P.N., scored fifty one votes.

Alhaji Toro was the commissioner for Youths and Sports in Bauchi state before he resigned his appointment in January to contest the election.



(L-R) Herbert Wigwe, DMD, Access Bank Plc presenting a cheque of N2 million to the Governor of Gombe State, Alhaji Muhammad Danjuma Goje as the bank's support for victims of flood of August 20, 2004 that rendered thousands of people homeless and many losing their lives.

FG announces guidelines for sale of FCT houses

By Nasir Imam (Property & Environment Editor)

The federal government has announced the approved guidelines applicable to the sale of its houses in the FCT to public servants, political office holders and the general public.

Two separate public notices by the Federal Capital Territory administration said the guidelines are applicable to the sale of houses to public officers and political office holders, appointed or elected, within the express or implied meanings and intention of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

Residential facilities exempted from the sale programme which will not be sold for constitutional, statutory or administrative reasons according to the notice by the president, vice-president and the senate president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Others are the residence of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Deputy Senate president, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, the FCT minister, and Presidential Guest

Houses of the intelligence community.

Also exempted are the houses within the security zone of the state house, Justice of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, Barracks of the military, police, paramilitary and approved uniformed services and institutional residents within schools, hospitals, power plants, dams and universities, etc.

The guidelines further stated that the valuation of the houses which will be sold "as is, where is," will be based on current replacement cost of the building, with the current occupants having the right of refusal to purchase within 30 days of offer and that such right is neither transferable, assignable nor alienable.

The guidelines further stated that an application fee of N10,000 must accompany each application form for the houses which will be sold in an open auction whereby all Nigerian citizens shall be given equal opportunity.

"Each and every public servant shall be entitled to purchase only one residential unit while any and all allocated or occupying govern-

ment houses in Lagos are specifically excluded from purchasing houses in the FCT," the statement said.

Public servants are expected to submit letters of employment and allocation of quarters, 4 passport photographs and for political office holders, letters of appointment into public office or certificate of election, tax clearance certificate for the last three years and for companies' certificate of incorporation and memorandum and article of association.

Twenty five percent of the purchase price, up to a maximum of N5million must be paid to the federal government within 90 days, while the balance of 75 percent must be paid by all purchasers within an additional 90 days, the statement said.

Each purchaser, the guideline said, will be given custody of the original C-of-O picture scanned thereon, while lenders will have same with ministers' consent and legal mortgage executed in their favour.

Failure to comply with payment terms will mean forfeiture of non-refundable deposit and revocation of sale contract and in the case of public servants, immediate eviction and forfeiture of deposit.

Al-Mustapha's family barred from seeing him

From Musa Umar Kazaure, Regional Editor (Kano)

The family of Major Al-Mustapha, former Chief Security Officer (CSO), to the General Sani Abacha, have protested the restriction placed on them from seeing him in detention.

A statement signed by Al-Mustapha's family, Al-Mustapha, alerted that there may be another plot to cause harm to the former CSO to Abacha, citing similar barring of the family in the past which resulted in the assault on him at the kiri-kiri prison by security agents and the subsequent allegation of a coup plot later framed against him.

Abdul-Hadi Al-Mustapha added that the family has been denied access to Major Al-Mustapha under questionable circumstances and no explanation has been offered to the family by the authorities. He stated that Major Hamza who is yet to recover from the injury and the psychological harm inflicted on him by security agents, may

be in for another frame up with the current moves of the security agencies.

"Could it mean that a plot to exterminate Hamza finally has been hatched by the same masterminds of the last attack? Or what could be the reason for this time? These are the concerns agitating our minds," he lamented.

Alhaji Hadi said the family will take Major Hamza Al-Mustapha's case before the national conference but wondered how under a democratic dispensation with the rule of law as its hallmark, a Nigerian could be detained for over seven years and the case has not been disposed of while people who committed more heinous crimes against the country are left to go free.

He announced plans by the family of the former CSO to take his case as a motion before Justice Dan Abutu of the federal high court, Lagos, next week.

Ciroma, Waziri turbaned in Fika

From Abdullahi Bego, Regional Editor (North East)

Former Finance Minister, Mallam Adamu Ciroma and the former military administrator of the old Borno State Major General Abubakar Waziri, have been turbaned as the Madaki and Ciroma of Fika respectively by the Emir of Fika, Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Ibn Mohammed Idriss.

The turbaning ceremony which took place in Potiskum, Yobe State, at the weekend, was attended by important dignitaries including some state governors, prominent politicians, members of the National Assembly and members of the diplomatic corps, among others.

Among the guests were the Nasarawa State governor Alh. Abdullahi Adamu, Yobe State deputy governor, Alh. Aliyu Saleh Bagare and the deputy governor of Borno State, Alhaji Adamu Dibal. Also present were Senators Jibril Aminu and Mamman Ali as well as the Special Adviser to the president on civil society, Engr. Mohammed Abba Gana. Former foreign affairs minister, Alhaji Sule Lamido

and one-time national chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Solomon Lar, also attended.

The turbaning ceremony which was performed by the Waziri of Fika and former Head of Service of the Federation, Alhaji Adamu Fika, on behalf of the emir, marked the elevation of Mallam Adamu Ciroma to the most senior position after the emir in Fika emirate.

The Madaki is the next to the emir in the traditional hierarchy who represents the emir at important functions in the emirate.

The Madaki also assists the emir to arrive at decisions in judicial matters.

Other persons conferred with titles during the same ceremony were a former assistant comptroller general of Prisons, Alhaji Abubakar Chiroma as the Talba of Fika and Alhaji Bakura Ba'aba as the Barde of Fika.

News

NASS divided over agitation for foreign debt cancellation

A division has emerged within the National Assembly, with senators vowing not to concur with the lower chamber to ask the president to halt the servicing of Nigeria's foreign debt, following President Obasanjo's six years fruitless campaign for debt relief.

The House of Representatives had last week passed a motion asking the President not to honour Nigeria's debt obligations since his campaigns for debt relief has not yielded any dividends.

The House, in passing the motion, said it was wrong for the nation to continue servicing its debt under the present agreement, stressing that Nigeria will not survive the burden of paying 30 to 40 percent of foreign earnings on servicing external debts.

The nation's external stands now at 35 billion dollars, and President Obasanjo has been campaigning for debt relief in the past six years, which has not yielded any fruits.

But Senator Bala Kariya, Deputy Chairman Senate

From Tashikalmah Hallah,
Correspondent Bauchi

committee on Industries, in an interview with *Daily Trust*, picked holes in the House of Representatives' resolution, saying it was done in a haste and that it will not speak well for the nation's image, as "Nigeria cannot be in isolation" and "we have signed a treaty, we must respect and honour it".

According to him, "You borrowed somebody's money and yet you are saying that you can't pay it any longer, that can't be possible.

Nigeria is a member of many international organisations and we want a permanent seat in the United Nations. The best thing is to continue servicing the debt while we continue negotiations with our creditors".

Senator Kariya explained that apart from the credibility of the country, which he said is now at stake following the resolution passed by the House, the action of some of our leaders, he said, does not help matters.

According to him, some of

the country's leaders have been siphoning the nation's resources to these western countries through illegal means and "these countries have the evidence of mass corruption in this country. Therefore, whoever may be sympathetic to our case may have a rethink if he sees the level of corruption in this country".

He said that the "Senate will not concur with the resolution passed by the House because we feel it was done in a haste and it has not addressed the issues at stake. What we are going to tell them if they send the resolution to

the senate is that they should go back and have a rethink because you cannot borrow somebody's money and say you'll no longer pay him back.

"What you will do is to negotiate and that is exactly what we are going to advise the President. He should not be discouraged. Let him continue the campaign and for the citizens, particularly the leaders, they should change their attitude. But I can tell you that the resolution passed by the House will not work as it cannot be sustained", he declared.

FG, states, LGs share 208bn

By Anas A. Adamu,
Business Reporter

The federal, states and local governments in the country will get a total of N208 billion as stationary allocations for the month of February 2005, as against the N218.6 billion that was shared among the three tiers in January.

According to a communiqué issued by the sub-committee of the Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC), the federal governments will get N97 billion, the 36 states will

get N49 billion while local government will get N38 billion. The oil producing states are to get 13 per cent derivation which amounts to N23.6 billion.

According to the communiqué, with the inclusion of the value added tax (VAT), amount to be distributed for the month is N224 billion as against N231.9 billion which was distributed for the month of January.

In addition, the three tiers of government will also get a total of N32.5 billion as pro-

ceeds from excess crude oil sales.

A break down shows that the federal government will get about N15 billion, state governments are to get N7.5 billion while local governments will get N5.8 billion just as N4.2 billion will go to the oil producing states as their 13 per cent oil derivation allocation. The communiqué further revealed that the nation made a total of N381.744 billion as revenue generated in the month of February.

Of this amount, sundry minerals revenue was N354 billion while N27 billion was generated through non mineral sources.

From Dele Ogunyemi,
Stringer Ibadan

reform committee has been put in a place to reorganise and reposition the service.

The chairman however called on civil servants not to be apprehensive over the civil service reforms, saying that it was not aimed at retrenching workers.

"The intention of the administration to set up the committee on the civil service reforms is to make the service more effective and result-oriented through professionalism, motivation and motorization of the work force", he explained.

While expatiating on the modalities of the reforms agenda, the chairman stated that it would involve training and re-training of manpower both within and outside the country to meet the challenges of modern day information technology.

He also stressed the importance attached to discipline explaining that about seven senior officers were sanctioned involvement in fraudulent practice and embezzlement of funds.

The erring officers, according to him, were either dismissed, terminated or down graded according to the degree of their offences to serve as a deterrent to others.

Katsina to spend N8bn on primary education in 2006

Katsina state governor, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, says the state will spend N8bn on primary education in the 2006 fiscal year, N3 billion more than the budgetary allocation for primary education this year.

Speaking at the conferring of the National Primary Education Productivity Merit Award on him at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Abuja, the governor said because of the premium his administration attaches to primary education, it is estimating to spend N8 billion next year as against the N5 billion it spent in 2005.

Describing Katsina state as one of the educationally disadvantaged states in Nigeria, the governor said the merit award is a recognition of the state's efforts to accord education, especially primary education top priority since it came to power in 1999.

For the state to have recorded giant strides in primary education, the governor explained that his administration spends N500 million annually for the provision of furniture for the state, while the local government areas also spend N340 million on furniture for primary schools.

The state government, he said, is not only interested in providing infrastructure in primary schools, but is bothered about the welfare of teachers and non-teaching staff and their training for improved performance.

Based on the state's investment in primary education, gov. Yar'Adua said one million pupils are now en-

By Henry Umunu, Senior
Reporter, Education

rolled in primary schools all over the state with 200, 000 pupils enrolling this year as against 180, 000 that were enrolled last year.

Presently, he said the state employs 15, 000 primary school teachers and needs to employ 17, 000 additional more teachers to meet the UNESCO standard just as N270 million has been set aside for the training of teachers.

"Of all the human rights, the greatest is the right to life and education. Every indi-

vidual has the right to go through life with dignity and possess the wisdom to master his environment.

"They must take action to ensure that the education sector is vibrant and provide high quality standard to humanity", he stated.

He challenged wealthy individuals in the state to invest in education, adding that the honour bestowed on the state has placed on "government a great responsibility and burden to sustain and redouble efforts not only in primary education, but the entire education sector in the state".

New transformers for Gombe

From Mohammed Abubakar,
Stringer Gombe

The National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) in Gombe state has commenced work to install newly acquired 30MVA.132/33 KV power transformers aimed at boosting power supply in the state and some parts of Bauchi state.

The work is expected to end within two weeks, with the intention of eliminating load shedding being experienced in these states.

A press statement made available to journalists from the Gombe Business Unit of the authority and signed by its public affairs executive, Zakari S. Musa, said during this period, power supply would be interrupted intermittently to ensure contractors remove the existing

15MVA.132/33KV transformers to replace them with the new ones.

This work will end complaints of poor power supply to consumers by NEPA who attributed the situation to the scarcity of water being experienced in the state capital and its environs.

By the state House of Assembly to investigate and find reasons for the scarcity has submitted its report blaming lack of steady power supply as one of the reasons for the scarcity.

In an interview with journalist recently, the Gombe Business Unit manager, Engr. Dalahol P.D has promised that the installation of the promised transformers will bring an end to rampant cases of power outages and load shedding.

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L-R: Barrister John Achimugu (CAN), delegate from North-Central, Professor Auwalu Yadudu, Kano State delegate and Sa'adu Maiyaki, Adamawa State delegate and 179 law graduates of the Ahmadu Bello University discussing during the sitting of the National Political Reform Conference in Abuja, yesterday. Pix: Kennedy Egbonodje

Bauchi seeks return of onshore-offshore dichotomy

Bauchi state delegation at the ongoing national political reform conference has opposed the abrogation of the onshore-offshore dichotomy in the application of the 13 per cent derivation principle for oil resources.

The group said in a memorandum submitted to the conference, obtained exclusively by *Daily Trust* in Abuja, that oil resources exploited offshore were in a federal territory and should not be included in the derivation principle.

"Bauchi state delegates support the application of the 13 per cent derivation principle as enshrined under the proviso to section 162 (2) of the 1999 constitution which the littoral states are

Stories by Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political Reporter

entitled to there under.

"We however, oppose the application of same derivation formula or any other formula for that matter which purports to allow any of the littoral states to share in the revenue accruing to the federation from natural resources derivable from the Continental Shelf of the Exclusive Economic Zone." The memo said.

The delegation argued that since the Supreme Court has declared that the littoral states are not entitled to the offshore oil resources, the federal government should return to the dichotomy principle. Bauchi also demanded

the immediate resumption of oil exploration in the Chad/Gongola Basin and the Benue Trough. "Bauchi state delegation laments the discriminatory policy in the administration and financial support currently in vogue in the approach to the exploration of oil and gas provable reserves," it said.

Other demands of the state include the retention of presidentialism and federalism, development of inland waterways, retention of the single police force, adequate attention to desertification, judicial reforms, improved funding for agriculture and development of education.

On presidential system of government, the memo suggested that "to reduce the cost of governance, we support the call for pegging the number of ministers, special advisers and special assistants for the president as well as that of the governors."

The delegation also restated its commitment to the oneness of Nigeria and the promotion of equality, justice and fairness.

The memorandum was jointly signed by the six delegates from the state, namely Alhaji Muhammadu Bello Kirfi, Alhaji Kaulaha Aliyu, Alhaji Muhammed Chadi Abubakar, Alhaji Muhammed Adamu Jumba,

Dr. Ibrahim Yakubu Lame and Barrister Habibu Aliyu, as well as elder statesman, Ambassador Mahmud Yahya and Islamic leaders' representative, Dr. Ibrahim Tahir.

Akanbi wants constitutional recognition for ICPC

The Chairman of the ICPC, Justice Mustapha Akanbi, has urged delegates to the ongoing political reform conference to ensure that the commission is incorporated in the constitution.

Akanbi told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), at the weekend in Abuja, that a constitutional provision would lay a solid foundation for the fight against corruption by successive governments in the country.

"In fact, it is necessary at this stage for the ICPC and other agencies responsible for the fight against corruption in the country to be part of the constitutional provision," he said.

"Such a provision is necessary so that when President Olusegun Obasanjo goes away, it will not be impossible to proscribe the ICPC and such other relevant bodies," he added.

He said that the inclusion of such bodies in the constitution will make them achieve greater results with a better focus in efforts to rid the country of corrupt practices and other related offences.

Akanbi said that the provision when made under the third schedule of the constitution, would strengthen the ICPC's performance and ensure its continued existence.

He called on the National Assembly to expedite action on the passage of the ICPC

amendment bill to ensure greater effectiveness of the commission.

"If the National Assembly is able to pass the amendment bill, the issue of jurisdiction would have been settled because the commission will now have specialised court to adjudicate on corruption cases," he said.

He said that efforts were on to get the courts to ensure speedy trial of the commission's pending cases.

"We have started discussions with the National Judicial Institute (NJI), to see what they can do to give accelerated hearing to our cases," he said.

Akanbi, however, said that the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Mohammed Uwais, had assured of continued support to ensure quick trial of all corruption cases in the courts and appealed to Nigerians and the state governments to support the commission and the federal government in its effort "to eradicate corrupt practices in the country".

'Shari'a supremacy, wish of all Muslims'

A member of the House of Representatives from Sokoto state, Alhaji Altine Shehu Kajiji, says that the entire Muslim community would have wished that the Islamic Law be accorded precedence over all other enactments.

He was speaking in Abuja against the backdrop of the Kano recommendation to the national political reform conference seeking to make *Shari'a* supreme over constitutional provisions.

Kajiji said, "It is the wish of all Muslims that they are subjected only to the laws of Allah", adding, however that since the nation is multi-religious, application of Islamic law, may be restricted only to states with predominant Muslim population.

The lawmaker also faulted delegates calling for referendum on the conference report, saying the powers of legislation rested on the National Assembly.

He said though it may be true as some delegates contend that a number of legislators rigged their way to the Assembly, the institution still retained its legitimacy as accorded by the constitution.

Kajiji also rejected calls for oil resource control, as, according to him, the Niger Delta has been adequately taken care of by the 13 per cent derivation principle, explaining that the problem lay in the improper utilisation of the proceeds by the political leadership of the area.

The legislator said he was confident that "something good will come out of the conference" as there has been consensus by delegates to call for priority, to agriculture and other economic activities besides oil.

He, however, expressed reservations about the real motives of convening the conference, saying President Olusegun Obasanjo has succeeded in diverting public attention from the defects of government.

Delegates want HYPPADEC commission

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Correspondent (Lokoja)

Delegates from the states hosting the hydro-electric dams in the on-going national political reform conference, have been urged to press for the establishment of a Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Commission (HYPPADEC).

A member representing Anka II in the Kogi State House of Assembly, Hon Bala Zakari, who made the call in a chat with *Daily Trust* at the weekend in Lokoja, said that only the establishment of a commission such as HYPPADEC could address the dehumanising conditions communities hosting the hydro-electric dams are yearly subjected to as a result of floods.

The construction of hydro-electric dams in some Northern states, Hon Zakari noted, has brought untold hardships to the people, as some communities along the dam areas and their means of livelihood are constantly under the threat of being washed away.

He listed some of the problems facing the people in the affected communities to include the destruction of property as a result of flooding, decreased fishing, the extinction of valuable

fadama ecosystem, navigation problems along the dam areas and health hazards that dam poses among others.

The federal government, he noted, have hitherto turned deaf ears to the plights of the people of these areas and has refused to assent to the HYPPADEC Bill even after it has been passed by the National Assembly, noting that the energy generated from these dams was as important to the nation as the crude oil from the Niger-Delta which the federal government created NDDC.

He therefore called on delegates from the four states (Niger, Kebbi, Kogi and Kwara), that hosts the hydro-electric dams to the on-going confab to insist on the establishment of a commission that will address the plights of the affected areas.

He also urged the delegates to ensure that the affected states are involved in the proposed privatisation of the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA).

LG Funds: Lagos, FG feud will scare investors

Member of the National Assembly in the defunct Second Republic, Senator Sikiru Shittu-Bey, has urged the federal government to respect the Supreme Court judgment on the withheld Lagos state council funds to avoid sending wrong signals to foreign investors.

Shittu-Bey, who is on the Lagos state government delegation to the national political reform conference, said without the rule of law, the international community and foreign investors would not see Nigeria as a safe haven.

"The rule of law means that disputes as to the legality of acts of government are to be decided by judges who are wholly independent of the executive," he said, adding

—delegate

that, "we must not give the impression to the international community and direct foreign investors that their investments in Nigeria are not safe because of our propensity or inclination to disobey or disrespect the rule of law. They would be scared and Nigeria will suffer."

He said also that: "There can be no stability, growth and development in any nation which does not abide by the rule of law. Another consequence of failure to adhere strictly to the rule of law is anarchy and totalitarianism."

Shittu-Bey called on the federal government to release the withheld funds without delay.

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Memorandum of the Bauchi state delegation

Introduction

We the peoples of Bauchi State are in total agreement with the president's optimism that the political reform conference affords Nigerians a unique opportunity to come together and reassess, refocus, redefine and redesign our political landscape in order to strengthen the structures of democratic governance in Nigeria. However, it is also our firm belief that we can succeed in this monumental and historic mission only if we are prepared to be honest with each other in an atmosphere of cordiality and mutual respect.

In order to aid clarity of thought and put issues in proper perspective, we wish to highlight certain fundamental characteristics of our national life and accept them as given. In this sense therefore, we must agree that Nigeria is a multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic nation-state.

We operate an under-developed mono-cultural economy resulting in the near total reliance on the export of crude oil as our major source of foreign exchange earning and around which all developmental projects revolves. In the euphoria of the moment, we seem to have conveniently forgotten the fact that crude oil is a finite resource and may one day not be there for us to exploit. Any country that ignores the potentials of agriculture and solid minerals in its industrial development strategy does so at its own peril.

Equally true is the fact that institutions of state and structures of governance are notoriously fragile in a post-colonial state such as Nigeria. Although we may concede the fact that at independence our erstwhile colonial masters bequeathed to us an efficient and virile civil service, yet by their very nature and antecedents, colonial authorities did not have much to impart in terms of democratic governance. At independence therefore, the greatest challenge confronting the then Nigerian power elite was how to manage our pluralism and turn our ethnic and cultural diversity into strength and build a nation where no man is oppressed.

It is therefore sad to note that forty-five years after independence, we are still grappling and contending with the same challenges of nation-building. It is however our earnest prayer that this time around, we shall succeed through this conference to find solutions to our existential problems as a young developing nation aspiring to live in unity and harmony as one indivisible and indissoluble sovereign nation under God.

Therefore, for the purpose of strengthening the structures of democratic governance in Nigeria and promoting the welfare of all Nigerians on the basis of equality, justice and fairness, we the delegates from Bauchi State wish to humbly submit the following recommendations for

consideration by the distinguished delegates to this conference:

National sovereignty and national unity

Having fought a civil war in which thousands of our compatriots perished, we should by now assume that the unity and sovereignty of Nigeria is non-negotiable. The territorial integrity and political independence of Nigeria as one indivisible and indissoluble sovereign nation must never be compromised and that any irredentist or secessionist threats to our cohesive and harmonious coexistence will be resisted by all means necessary. It is in this light therefore that we do not accept the use of ethnicity as the basis of our social co-existence as a nation-state. Otherwise, the very concept of nation-statehood as a territorially-based political community sharing the same national consciousness will be negated.

Constitutional review/ amendment

The history of constitution making in Nigeria has always been bedeviled with controversies, contentions and jostling for political advantage by a cacophony of contending forces and interests reflective of the plural nature of our society. In this melee, it is easy to forget that a constitution is a sacred document containing a body of rules defining the powers of government in accordance with which a country is governed.

Therefore, the exercise of governmental power and political authority derives its legitimacy from the constitution as the supreme and fundamental law of the land, the Grundnorm. However, as a living document, its dynamic nature admits of periodic reviews so as to meet up with new contingencies arising from the ever changing nature of social life. This is true in respect of a young nation like Nigeria in which the process of the consolidation of state power and institution building is a daily struggle.

Again, in the particular case of Nigeria, frequent military interventions in governance deprived us of practical experience in democratic governance thereby retarding the development of those structures and institutions necessary for nurturing democratic ethos.

A major criticism of the 1999 constitution is the non involvement of the people of this country in the process of its promulgation. However, since this conference is going to consider the report of the presidential committee on the review of the 1999 constitution as a working document, our views and recommendations as they relate to specific provisions of the 1999 constitution should be taken as our own contributions to the constitution-making process.

Presidential system of

Justice Nikki Tobi
government

The presidential system of government which was first introduced under the 1979 constitution should be retained along with the three tier vertical structure namely federal, states and local governments. However, in order to reduce the cost of governance, we support the call for pegging the number of ministers, special advisers and special assistants for the president as well as that of the governors respectively. The advantages of the present system outweigh that of the parliamentary system the return of which some people are advocating.

Federalism

We believe that in contemporary Nigeria, a return to regionalism as practiced under the 1960/1963 federal constitutions would be inappropriate. In the same vein, we do not support the entrenchment of the six geopolitical zones in the constitution as permanent structures of our federal system since that would amount to bringing in regionalism through the back door.

Therefore, the existing states structure should be retained as the ideal structure of our federal system. However, many subjects covered under the Exclusive List in the 1999 Constitution should be devolved to the states.

Such devolution of powers between the federating units is what we understand as true federalism which should take care of the vociferous agitation for a return to regionalism.

Judicial reform

An independent and fearless judiciary is a critical factor in enthroneing a culture of respect for the rule of law in a democracy. It is the strongest bastion for the protection of individual liberties and is the ultimate check on the tyrannical exercise of executive powers. As the authoritative interpreter of our written constitution, the judiciary must therefore be totally shielded from those intent on manipulating it to serve the political expediency of the moment.

It is our belief that one of the

ways to ensure the independence of the judiciary is to guarantee its financial autonomy by treating its budgetary allocation as a first charge on the consolidated revenue of the federation.

Given the multi-cultural and multi-religious nature of the Nigerian society, we are of the view that each state should have the power to determine the character and nature of the judicial system that best suits its own uniqueness.

In this regard, we support the retention of the existing judicial structure in the federation. However, Shari'a Court of Appeal in the Shari'a implementing states should be the final appellate court for decisions from lower shari'a courts in that state in respect of all matters criminal, civil or personal.

The adoption of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in the administration of justice should also be encouraged due to its inexpensive and non technical nature as a way to increase access to justice for the poor and unlettered litigants.

It is our firm belief that the rule of law can be strengthened only by insisting that any person or persons found guilty of an offence committed as a result of religious or communal conflicts are punished in accordance with the laws of the land.

Electoral reform

No sector is in dire need of urgent reforms than our existing electoral system. Strengthening the institutions charged with the conduct of elections in this country is a *sine qua non* for the conduct of free and fair elections that will guarantee the future survival of our nascent democracy. To this end we propose as follows:

That all relevant provisions of the 1999 constitution pertaining to the powers and functions of INEC should be strengthened so as to enhance and protect the autonomy and independence of the Commission.

INEC should enjoy financial autonomy through direct funding from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Independent candidates should be allowed to contest elections on their own personal merit without having to be sponsored by a political party.

The influence and use of money in elections should be curtailed and a disclosure clause be inserted into the Electoral Act compelling complete disclosure of the sources and amounts of all campaign funds.

All legal proceedings in respect of election petitions should be concluded within no more than ninety days after elections were held.

Constitutional role for traditional rulers

The Constitution should be amended to provide for the establishment of a National Council for Traditional Rulers. We believe that traditional rulers have an important role to play in the public affairs of this country. We must acknowledge their contributions to foster communal harmony and peaceful co-existence in our various communities across the country. Therefore, as symbols of our cultural identity and the repository of ancient collective wisdom of our respective communities, their occasional interventions particularly in times of crises will continue to be sought.

States and local governments should also be empowered to create similar bodies to play advisory roles in public administration. To this end, the provisions in section 8 of the 1995 draft constitution and the provisions in the Fourth schedule to that draft constitution should be reproduced in the 1999 Constitution.

Immunity for certain public office holders

While recognizing the need to provide some form of immunity to certain public office holders in order to insulate them from frivolous litigations that could distract them from the effective discharge of their official duties, yet considering the level of corruption and the general loss of moral values in the conduct of public affairs in the country, we are of the view that public office holders should not enjoy any immunity from prosecution for criminal offences and acts bordering on financial misdemeanor.

Immunity to such public office holders shall cover only acts committed strictly in the course of their official administrative duties.

Resource control

Bauchi State delegates support the application of the 13% derivation principle as enshrined under the proviso to section 162 (2) of the 1999 Constitution which the littoral states are entitled to there under. We however, oppose the application of same derivation formula or any other formula for that matter which purports to allow any of the littoral states to a share in the revenue accruing to the federation from natural resources

derivable from a Nigeria's Continental Shelf or Exclusive Economic Zone.

It is important to note that the controversy surrounding this issue had long been resolved by the Supreme Court in its judgment in the case of A-G. Federation V. A-G Abia State (2002) where the Court as Per IGUH, J. S. C. declared that: "Since the southern boundary of each littoral state in the federation is the low water-mark, the littoral states of Nigeria are not entitled under the proviso to section 162 (2)

of the constitution that provides for the principle of derivation, to a share in the revenue accruing to the Federation from natural resources derivable from the continental shelf of Nigeria."

Bauchi state delegation therefore calls on this conference to insist that Mr. President respects the decision of the highest court in the land on this issue.

Meanwhile, our delegation believes that it makes more sense to emphasize the need for efficient resource management as opposed to resource control given the fact that no state in Nigeria actually produces crude oil that's found in its subterranean soil.

Of even more compelling urgency is the need to direct NNPC to resume petroleum oil exploration in the north forthwith, especially around the Chad, Gongola Basins and the Benue Trough where promising finds have already been recorded.

Bauchi State supports any law that will empower any state of the federation to participate in the exploitation of mineral resources within its territory without prejudice to the rights of the federal government under any subsisting law.

Bauchi state delegation laments the discriminatory policy in the administration and financial support currently in vogue in the approach to the exploration of oil and gas provable reserves.

We further lament the unexplained abandonment of oil and gas exploration in the Lake Chad Basin and the Benue, Gongola Troughs covering Borno, Yobe, Bauchi, Gombe, Jigawa, Adamawa, Taraba and Benue States which contain the same deposits of oil and gas reserves extending up to the Anambra Basin down to the Niger Delta.

We attach hereto, a copy of a research paper containing compelling scientific evidence proving the availability of oil and gas reserves in the areas mentioned above.

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REFLECTIONS

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Opinion

Confab: Religion and development

After so much heat (certainly with little light!) on the religious labels (not necessarily the religious deeds!) of the Confab leadership and follower-ship alike the interest of yours sincerely is purely academic. In a 'black' and 'white' unhelpful simplistic 'religious' discourse, attempt at some real sense (as distinct from common sense which increasingly does not seem common) may prove a tall order. Yours truly had argued (see: *Confab; Go-slow areas-March 7th*) that by making fetish of the so-called minimum issues (which many choose to dub *no-go-areas*!) the Federal government and discussants alike had inadvertently erected some nasty bumps on the road of a time pressed debating society, sorry NPRC! If the issues are so given, why making mountain out of them?

Paradoxically one of the so-called no-go-areas was *multi-religiosity*. I am still intrigued by the word overload of Mr President's speech writers: *multi-religiosity*! Would it not suffice if they had stopped at *religiosity* being one of the assumed shared minimum issues in Nigeria which need no time wasting? Why is Nigeria as cost-unconscious as much with time, resources as much with words and its political meanings? Why is it that what is obvious is not so until it is made not so obvious through double talk, duplicity and word overload?

We expend ample time

starting and concluding meetings with Islamic and Christian prayers (as if labelling prayers 'Christian' and 'Islamic' make them divisible a prayer before compassionate Almighty Allah!). We transmit Christmas Carol live from the Presidential Villa as if the seat of governance is not what it is; policy making chamber. President must necessarily provide light and water, manage national debts, build schools and leave priesthood and Mosque maintenance to priests and Imams alike. NTA posts video tapes of Sunday and Friday sermons as if our routine legitimate religious callings are the only news-worthy items NTA reporters learnt at NTA College! Underscoring multi-religiosity by Mr President might have logically followed from our increasing capacity for duplicity where what is required is straight talk, straight thinking and above all honesty of purpose. My South African comrades are alarmed to read about Islam/Christian divide in Nigeria. They are shocked because both the Church (minus the racist Dutch deformed Church) and the Mosque were in solidarity against obnoxious system of apartheid, fought for all inclusive reconciliation and are now in arms against poverty and scourge of HIVS/AIDS. Nelson Mandela said of South Africans; *'Religion runs in our veins'*. But certainly not in the senseless acrimony of religious labelling of Nigerians but genuine

religious deeds of South Africans that include unprecedented reconciliation after the tragedy of apartheid, uninterrupted power and water supply, strong Rand, export promotion and African leadership role that made a ten-year old South African democracy challenging Nigeria for a Security Council Seat!

Still on multi-religiosity. Why would the same government that singled out multi-religiosity (not just religiosity!) as 'minimum nationally acceptable issue' refuse to leave up to its own prophesy by reflecting this in its confab membership and leadership composition? Why should the government be rudely woken to its own claim of multi-religiosity through protestation before it made a belated appointment of a co-secretary appointment (sounds like a political bureau of the moribund Soviet Union!)? Does the government still assume that religion is a settled issue after the events of the recent time? With Muslim-Christian secretaries, how have we advanced the quality of discourse on naughty issue of Federalism and debt burden?

All said, the so-called settled issues like religion are far from being settled just because the government would not let them be through meddlesomeness into exclusivist religious matters and gross indifference to inclusive issue of development. But for all we care, good and bad government will come and go but what will be constant are good people of the country. All contributors so far on the 'religious' composition of the confab do not impress me precisely because they have not added value to a seemingly valueless conference. The ease with which friends and comrades have suddenly become 'others' and prejudices have been legitimised further shows the degeneration of discourse in Nigeria. While we are eager to undo others we should spend a moment about our own ideas and programmes assuming we have any. Fadrid Esack is a South African respected Muslim theologian and academic who served as a commissioner for Gender Equality with Nelson Mandela government. He advised that *'any customer is bound to get tired of a promotion based entirely on denouncing the guy next door. Pray, tell us, what are you selling?'*

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TRC: Road map to professionalism?

By Isah Itopa Idris

When we recall teachers' professionalism from time immemorial, it has never been properly coordinated or sanitised, as it deserves. This has greatly affected our educational standard right from primary level, which is the foundation of educational acquisition. Having realized the devastating manner in which our educational value is losing its weight, the federal government therefore came up with constructive idea of setting up the Teachers Registration Council (TRC), thereby picking up the gauntlet to revolutionise the dwindling educational system to a full blown level in the country, just as Abraham Lincoln, a one time President of America, once said that "every attempt a person makes at improving himself or society educationally is like changing the calcium in his body to steel". A society that is deeply founded on solid education is brightly lit against social darkness and its kindred vices.

There is no amount of revolutionary changes that can be effected in the educational sector without having the teacher as its pivot, which is why the teacher is the life-wire of our schools and our communities. TRC at this juncture was basically mandated to cleanse the deficiencies in the profession and rid it off all miscreants who have found their ways into the profession by chance.

Education remains an unassailable bulwark against uncivilized behaviour. It is a propitious project that must be doggedly pursued with funds provided to TRC to carry out the task of teachers' registration all over the country. It requires no emphasis that education is the bedrock of the "Asian Values" today as well as the ideology that propelled their economic transformation. However, we must also have to build values necessary to produce a complete educated being, a motivated and oriented being, which would eventually form the building block of a goal-oriented society with vision and mission in life". Tony Blair, British Prime Minister, also, vividly emphasized that his "three" major priorities in life are education, education and education. This thought captures the reality of the indispensability of education in any society. Without mincing words, achieving these laudable goals will be inconceivable without professionalizing teaching.

Therefore, the step taken so far by the Nigerian government to regenerate the hope of Nigerians morally using education as a stepping-stone through professionalisation of teachers is a move in the right direction.

The attainment of legal professional status by teachers, just like the Engineers for COREN, Accountants for CIAN etc, will do more good to the profession than yester-period.

Teachers Registration Council, the sole institution for this exercise, was established through Decree 31 of 1993 (now Act) by former military administration, aimed at promoting excellence in education through effective registration and licensing of teachers; and to promote professionalism through accreditation, monitoring and supervision of teacher training programmes, mandatory continuing professional development and maintenance of discipline among teachers at all levels of the education system. Further basic responsibilities of TRC is to determine who are teachers for the purpose of this act; determine what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as teachers under this Act and raising those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit; securing in accordance with the provisions of this Act the establishment and maintenance of teachers and the publication from time to time of the lists of those persons; regulating and controlling the teaching profession in all its aspects and ramifications: classifying from time to time members of the teaching profession according to their level of training and qualification;

and performing through the Council established under this Act.

The birth of Teachers Registration Council (TRC) should be considered as a blessing to both the teachers and the country as this will enable the teachers to earn national and international recognition. The ineptitude has definitely affected our educational standard in schools. The abysmal performance in WAEC can also be traced to this factor.

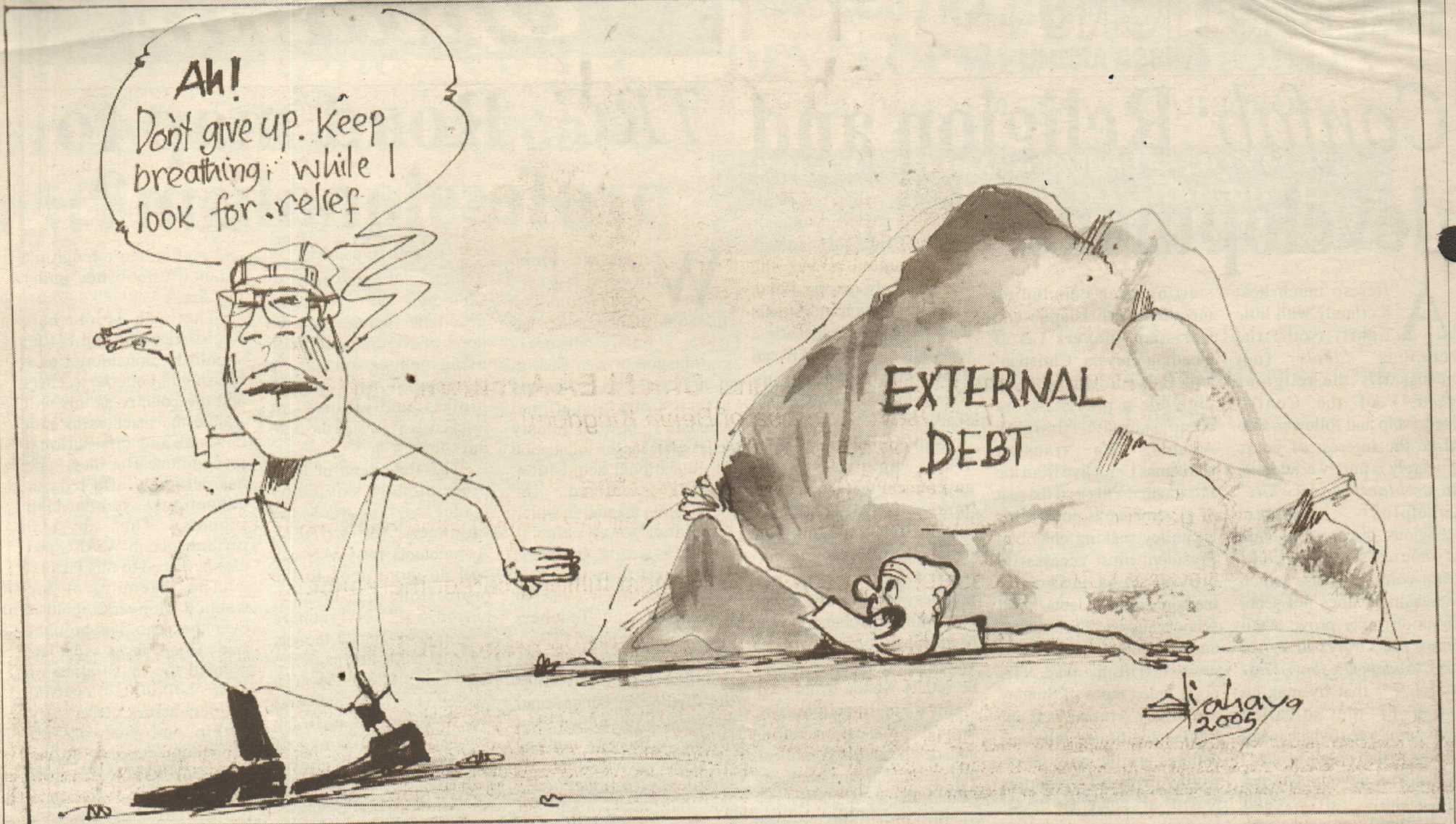
The ingenuity of the Council pioneer Registrar over the years has brought smile to our faces as he has pivoted the registration of over 600,000 qualified teachers across the country within one year of full registration process. In line with the aforementioned commitment and dedication of the Registrar of Teachers Registration Council (TRC), Chief A. Musa Ciwar, TRC has so far secured state offices in all the states of the federation and the federal capital, Abuja. To make the exercise more genuine and effective, the authority of TRC contracted the services of some reputable computer companies, such as Micronet Digital System and Conceptual Network for the computerisation of teacher's appraisal.

Recently there emerged some critics towards this laudable project and indeed against the whole concept of creating the body, TRC. They are busy writing and holding conferences with the sole aim of ridiculing it and putting it at loggerhead with the general public. I do cherish constructive criticism rather than 'unnecessary criticism of unhealthy distraction. This laudable project should be commended and supported by all if we really wish to eradicate educational frauds in this country.

By Isah Itopa Idris,
Capital Ceramics House,
Madalla-Zuba, Abuja.

"Recently there emerged some critics towards this laudable project and indeed against the whole concept of creating the body, TRC. They are busy writing and holding conferences with the sole aim of ridiculing it and putting it at loggerhead with the general public."

"All said, the so-called settled issues like religion are far from being settled just because the government would not let them be through meddlesomeness into exclusivist religious matters and gross indifference to inclusive issue of development."



YOUR LETTERS

Collapse of Health Interactive Column: Our triumph

As a keen and regular reader of Health Interactive Column which hitherto always appeared in the Tuesday edition of *Daily Trust* in the last two years, I have developed a very strong affinity towards the articles that always featured on that page and over the time I have become a regular critic of what the young doctor from Kano State used to write. Some of my criticisms earlier published include "Dr Magashi versus Us", "What happened to Health Interactive" and "X-raying Dr Magashi's Rivalry among Health Professionals: The Polio Experience". Many of my rejoinders to his discourses were posted at Gamji, Amana and Lagos Forum websites.

Nevertheless, I respect Magashi for being consistent in his stand on public health issues. During Polio controversy, which lasted almost a year, he attacked the International Donor Agencies with passion and at times attempted to rubbish our personality and created doubt in the mind of so many stakeholders about our sincere intention to rid the

northern states of Polio Wild Virus. With respect to consistency therefore, I can only equate Health Interactive to Mohammed Haruna's Wednesday Column.

On many occasions, his column had forced so many decisions to be changed and had the tendency of cajoling what I termed the best advocacy strategy towards implementation of projects. His last article on Health Interactive, tagged "Anti-Retro Viral therapy in Nigeria" published Tuesday, 15th February, 2005 provided a thought-provoking insight and as usual proffered some recommendations. When the subsequent two Tuesdays, I went through *Daily Trust*, could not find Health Interactive, I became alarmed because I made it my duty to keep a tab on that column. When it happened the third time, my mind told me that something must be wrong.

First of all, I called Magashi's number as his ardent reader, but he was not forthcoming in providing answer, he was in a hurry to drop the phone and just said, it was a slight problem that would be resolved soon.

However, I gathered that the editor of the paper, Mal Ishaq Modibbo had expressed reservations over Dr Magashi's continuous use of his column to promote his NGO and as such the column had to be suspended.

Some staff of the paper were said to have argued: if the articles are promoting his NGO, what about the Questions and Answers Section that provides medical advice to teeming readers of the paper?

Whatever was the rationale for stopping the page by Ishaq Modibbo Kawu, I am sure other doctors in the North who were uncomfortable about the young doctor's intimating posture consider it a welcome development. By stopping the only public health voice from the north by a northerner is something worth celebrating and I say kudos to Ishaq Modibbo. On the platter of gold, he did to us what we wished to happen for long. With respect to Dr Magashi, I say he has a long way to go.

Mr. Adalat Yusuf, Polio Consultant and Expert
(yuadalat@yahoo.com)

At no time was a decision taken to stop Dr. Magashi's column. We felt that it would be helpful if he concentrated on analysis of various ailments, to enrich the knowledge of our readers. This was without prejudice

to comments he could make on topical public health issues, which we believed he handled very competently. When this was communicated to Dr. Magashi, he chose to stop writing his column. It was a

decision that caused a lot of pain because we appreciate the contribution he has made to public health discourse through our pages and he is welcome to return to his column at any time.

-EDITOR

Letter to Lamido on Father Kukah

Your recent article pasted in Gamji website and the *Daily Trust* edition of 14th march, 2005 sought, in vain, to defend government's appointment of Father Mathew Hassan Kukah. The said article lacks any substance.

It is surprising that upon all the attacks against the Muslims from Lagos, Aba, Plateau, Shagamu, Kaduna, Tafawa Balewa have never made you write a piece, but you have ample time to defend the appointment of Father Kukah. One of the national dailies went to the extent of denigrating the prophet (SAW) and again

you were silent on it but vocal about what many consider a Christian-dominated conference.

In the said article, you made reference to previous administrations, but again you got it all wrong. Generals Gowon and Buhari ran military regimes that everybody knows are not respecters of constitution. On the contrary, the present administration is supposed to be a democratic one, in which the principles of equity, equality and fairness are sacred.

Similarly, your argument on emergency rule in plateau state is shallow, as thousands were killed even before the

emergency rule was declared.

As for the issue of Father Kukah, what to your understanding was the criterion used in selecting him? Religion, tribe, population, education or what? Father Kukah is from Kaduna state in the present north-west geo-political zone and he is of IKULU extraction. In the ordinary language of democracy, how can somebody like him from a community of 6,000 people be selected against Hausas that are more than 20,000,000 in that zone?

Abdu Isa Kofar-Mata, N.B.T.E., Plot 'B' Bida, Road, Kaduna.

Re: Behind the scenes of Hajj 2005

I wish to congratulate your newspaper *Daily Trust* for always upholding the truth and publishing same without fear or favour. I refer particularly to your edition of Friday 18th March 2005.

Your reporter, Jamila Nuhu Musa's report told the real truth about what happened to Kano State Pilgrims in the Holy Land. I was among the Kano pilgrims that went for Hajj this year and we truly went through a lot of hardship

Like *Freedom Radio* rightly said after the Hajj, the journalist who reported the Kano pilgrims were not fair to the pilgrims because they never even visited our accommodation at Mallah, at least to hear our complaints.

I will like to advise Governor Ibrahim Shekarau to give the Kano Trust

reporter an award for telling the truth in black and white about this years Hajj as it affected *Kanawa* because I believe Malam Shekarau is a man of high integrity and will always want the truth to be told no matter how bitter.

Alhaji Umaru Isa Malam, No. 24 Durumin Iya, Kano State.

Kogi needs state TV station

There is an urgent need for Kogi State Government to set up a State television station. This become imperative due to the fact that there is only one national television station that serves the entire people of the State.

Recently, the Director-General of Nigeria Broad-

facilitate the promotion of all the programmes of State Government and its policies. Once these policies and programmes have been aired, the people of the state would be better informed.

Certainly, when one considers the geographical location of the State and the

Also, some States that are not as blessed as Kogi State have established television stations to complement the NTA.

Previous governments had promised to establish television station in the state but all in vain. One prays that this government, under Alhaji

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World Report

Woman leads US Muslims to prayer

A professor in the US is thought to have become one of the first Muslim women to lead mixed Friday prayers.

More than 100 men and women attended the service and sermon given by Amina Wadud, professor of Islamic studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The location was moved to an Anglican Church building in New York after mosques refused to host the event.

The service has been criticised by a number of Muslim leaders, who say it goes against Islamic doctrine.

It's not proper for [men] to look at the woman whose body is in front of them

"The issue of gender equality is a very important one in Islam, and Muslims have unfortunately used highly restrictive interpretations of history to move backward," Ms Wadud said before the service



A woman and a man sit side by side during Islamic prayer lead by Amina Wadud in New York Friday. Wadud leads a mixed-gender Muslim service Friday at Synod House at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, an Anglican church in Manhattan, New York

started. "With this prayer service we are moving forward. This single act is symbolic of the possibilities within Islam."

Those who attended were said to be evenly divided between men and women. Most women wore the traditional Muslim headscarf and robes.

Some 15 protesters gathered outside the Synod House of the Cathedral of St John the Divine, where the prayers took place. One carried a placard calling for Allah's curse to be upon one of the event's organisers.

"She is tarnishing the whole Islamic faith. If this was an Islamic state, this woman would be hanged," one man, Nussrah, told the Associated Press.

The BBC Middle East correspondent said the controversy has meant Ms Wadud is getting prominent coverage on Arabic television networks.

The service was organised by a group of activists, journalists and scholars who hoped to encourage discussion about the centuries-old tradition of separating men and women during congregational prayer, and reserving the role of prayer leader, or imam, for men.

One organiser, Asra Q Noman, said they would challenge the "second-class" status of women in Muslim spiritual life.

"We are taking actions that no-one else would have dared to think about before," she told The New York Times. "Nobody cared that we didn't have a place in the faith."

However, the sheik of Cairo's Al-Azhar mosque, one of the world's top Islamic institutions, said Islam did not allow for women to preach to men.

"When she leads men in prayer... it's not proper for them to look at the woman whose body is in front of them," Said Tantawi wrote in a column for the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram.

In New York, Aisha al-Adawiya, head of Women in Islam, said she feared a "backlash".

The prayer service was moved after it was rejected by three mosques and an art gallery venue received a bomb threat, the AP reported.

...Mid East Muslims denounce Amina's prayer

Muslims in the Middle East have angrily denounced a mixed-gender Islamic prayer service led by a woman in New York as a violation of their religion.

Amina Wadud, a professor of Islamic studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, led the service on Friday before a congregation of 80 to 100 men and women at Synod House at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan, an Episcopal church.

Three mosques had refused to hold the service, and an art gallery backed out after receiving a bomb threat. Organisers said the service was intended to draw attention to the inequality faced by Muslim women.

The Egyptian newspaper, Al-Messa, reported the service on its front page, with the emphatic headline: "They are tarnishing Islam in America!" It referred to Wadud as "the deranged woman."

A female Islamic law professor condemned the act

as apostasy, explaining that a woman's body "stirs desire" in men. Some suggested the event was a US conspiracy to mold traditional Islam into a secular American religion.

Muslims are required to pray five times a day. On Friday, the Muslim holy day, many try to perform their midday prayers at a mosque. A male imam leads the prayer, followed by lines of men and, behind them, women. Most mosques have different halls, or different floors for the women, as well as separate entrances.

Sheik Sayed Tantawi, head of Egypt's Al-Azhar mosque, the leading Sunni Muslim institution, said Islam permits women to lead other women in prayer but not a congregation that includes men.

Many of the women who attended the service in New York were modestly dressed and, in accordance with Islamic tradition, covered their hair with the hijab, or head scarf. Wadud conducted the service primarily in English with verses of the Quran read in Arabic.

"Women were not allowed to (have) input in the basic paradigms of what it means to be a Muslim," Wadud said after the service. She added that while the Islamic holy book, the Quran, puts men and women on equal footing, men have distorted its teachings to leave women with no role other than "as sexual partners."



Amina Wadud

Legal notices and court documents from the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, including case files for 'IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY' and 'IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERATION OF MALAYSIAS'.

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Africa

Ethiopia deploys 30,000 troops to Eritrean border

The United Nations (UN) Security Council has confirmed that the Ethiopian government has redeployed six to seven divisions of additional troops (over 30,000 soldiers) to the Ethiopia and Eritrean border.

The council's report indicated that there has been a steady increase of the Ethiopian armed forces in the south of the Temporary Security Zone (TSZ) beginning 16 December 2004.

"So far, United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea has confirmed that Ethiopia has redeployed six to seven additional divisions at points ranging from 25 to 45 kilometres from the southern boundary of the zone," UN stated.

"This move has been

Stories by Elkanah Chawai, Reporter (Foreign Desk) with agency reports

characterized by Ethiopia as purely defensive. Eritrea considers the deployment provocative," UN said. Military officials told journalists yesterday at a video press conference held between Addis Ababa and Asmara that one division contains five to six thousand troops.

It was recently reported that Ethiopia has deployed around 60,000 troops at the border area.

This new redeployment is estimated to raise the number of Ethiopian troops deployed in the area to over 90,000.

However, UNMEE military officials declined to give the exact

number of Ethiopian troops deployed in the area.

Ethiopia describes the build-up of troops as part of the reorganisation of its armed forces intended to improve its defence capability.

Meanwhile, a statement from the Eritrean Embassy in Abuja cautioned the United Nations and the international community of seeking other options to safeguard its national security and sovereignty if the Algiers Peace Agreements and the Eritrean-Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC) decision is not adhered to.

It said that Eritrea will only jettison the undesirable option if, in addition, the Ethiopia's occupation forces were withdrawn from sovereign Eritrean territory

and the immediate implementation of the EEBC decision without condition.

The statement accused the UN and others guarantors of the Algiers Peace Agreement of country.

The Addis Ababa regime was able to trample on the supremacy of international law and principles, obstructing the implementation of international decision for almost three years, there by plunging the

peace and stability of our region into extremely dangerous situation, only because the UN and the other guarantors of the Algiers Peace Agreements have neglected their mandate."

France donates N5million to rescued children

The Ambassador of France to Nigeria, Mr. Yves Gaudeul, Thursday, presented a cheque of 30,000 Euros, (about N5 million) to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP) for the rehabilitation of the 64 children that were rescued from a sealed container truck in Lagos.

Presenting the cheque to the Executive Secretary of NAPTIP, Mr. Carol Ndaguba, the ambassador said that his country condemned

the crime and commended NAPTIP which presently shelters the children in Lagos.

"The French government is concerned by the fight against human trafficking and expressed its willingness to cooperate in the struggles... It is now necessary to go ahead with investigations and identifications of the brains behind this traffic. However, large this organised criminal syndicates may be. I believe that it will be surely possible to reduce and at the end

eradicate this scourge," he said.

He noted that the fight for victims' protection has to go beyond speaking about it to pursuing endeavours against the roots of human trafficking in order to eradicate the scourge.

"The contribution is a first step with our cooperation with NAPTIP... but first step is very important to be done and its opportunity to show that we are aware of this problem and we care. We are ready to do more," he added.

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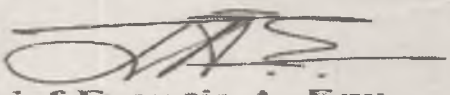
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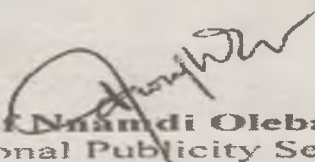
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Pre-Seminar Meeting: A one-day pre-seminar meeting of Council Chairmen and their deputies with the National Chairman and members of the National Working Committee (NWC) has been fixed for Tuesday 5th April 2005 at 12 noon at the party's National Headquarters.


Chief Francis A. Egu
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 Lagos - Abuja 6:30p.m.

ADC Airline
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 Abuja - Lagos 8:55 a.m.
 Lagos - Calabar 11:15 a.m.
 Calabar - Lagos 7:20 a.m.
 P/H - Lagos 9:45 a.m.
 Lagos - sokoto 8:55a.m.
 Sokoto - Lagos 11:55a.m.

Most airlines operate the same flight schedule on week days.

NICON Insurance Corporation has assured its clients that the desire of its management to acquire 51 percent of the Corporation's shares, through management buy-out (MBO) is being pursued vigorously.



Vice President Atiku Abubakar

Privatisation: NICON bids for management-buy-out

A statement from the Corporation said, the vehicle for the acquisition was incorporated as Garston-Jones Investment Company Limited, while other processes required by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) are being implemented.

The statement signed by Alhaji Yakubu Akor, deputy General Manager, Corporate Affairs said, as part of NICON's arrangement to acquire the Corporation through the MBO, members of staff contributed some percentage of their salaries to pursue the cause.

"Management has stressed once again that NICON is prepared to meet all requirements for the acquisition.

It is therefore pertinent for all stakeholders to co-operate to achieve this objective, which in the long run is for the overall benefit of management and staff," the state

said. It would be recalled that the process leading to the privatisation of NICON Insurance started in May 1992, when the corporation was commercialised and a

performance agreement signed between the it and the defunct Technical Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation (TCPC), now Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE).

CBN confirms Esene as FSB MD

By Ahmed I. Shekarau, Group Business Editor

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has approved the appointments of Messrs Abdul-Rahman Esene as the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of FSB International Bank Plc and Gambo Musa Dan-Musa as Executive Director/Company Secretary.

A statement from FSB issued at the weekend said, before his appointment, Mr. Esene was at various times group head/general manager, Risk Management as well as public sector business group head.

"In those capacities he was responsible for the development of the corporate banking relationship with down/upstream oil and gas companies, in addition to managing business relationship of the bank with the federal/state governments and parastatals nationwide", the

statement added. He attended Lagos City College and proceeded to Chowan College, Murfreesboro North Carolina, USA for his Junior College and did the University Education at the Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., USA where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, among several other qualifications and experiences.

It would be recalled that the board of FSB nominated Malam Bello Maccido for confirmation by the CBN as MD/CEO of the bank, but his nomination was rejected because he did not meet the mandatory 14 years of service in the banking industry as required by the apex bank.

Thus, Esene was nomi-

nated by FSB International Bank to replace Maccido as its CEO.

Gambo Musa Dan-Musa whose appointment as Executive Director was also confirmed, on the other hand, was before now a general manager. He is a law graduate of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Lagos.

Dan-Musa is a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1980. Before his advent in FSB International Bank Plc he was a Business Law lecturer at the School of Management Studies, Kano and worked in the Chambers of Kaloma Ali before moving on to the Bank of the North Limited where he acquired many years of corporate and legal experience.

Goje urges banks to support real sector

Banks in the country have been challenged to bring about real development to all classes of people and segments of the society with the same seriousness it takes in its drive at profit making.

Gombe state governor, Alhaji Mohammed Danjuma Goje, who made this call at a ceremony to commission a branch of Intercity Bank Plc in the state capital, said banks should remove hurdles that barricade people from getting loans to finance small and medium enterprises.

The governor who commended the federal government's policy of encouraging banks to give priority to small and medium entrepreneurs, said the banking industry can make profits while at the same time impacting on the lives of the people by enhancing vibrant trade and industrialization

From Mohammed Abubakar, Stringer (Gombe)

even at the grassroots.

Governor Goje called on northerners to subscribe to the shares of Intercity Bank so that, "this attempt to scale through CBN ceiling on recapitalisation would ensure the survival of at least one bank of northern extraction".

In his speech, Chairman, Board of Directors of the bank, Alhaji Falalu Bello, who described Gombe as one of the food baskets of the nation, said his bank runs the agricultural credit guarantee scheme (ACGS) geared at helping farmers secure funding with little or no sweat.

The chairman said local investors can obtain loans from the bank that can assist in the economic development of the state and that "genuine businessmen and women who fulfil our requirements for lending should feel free to come forward.

No regime change at World Bank -Wolfowitz

Paul Wolfowitz, the United States' controversial choice to head the World Bank, vowed on Friday there would be no "regime change" at the bank and hit back at critics who said he was a bad choice for the job.

In an interview with French newspaper Le Figaro, Wolfowitz said if confirmed in the post he would come to the bank with an open mind and no political program.

He said the bank should make Africa a priority and persuade donor nations to be more generous.

Referring to the controversy sparked by his nomination by President Bush, Wolfowitz said: "Many people speak without knowing me, or know me only through caricatures that are sometimes very inaccurate.

"It is not surprising that some people are worried they do not understand how inter-ested I am in this post,

what importance I attach to the fight against poverty," he added.

The nomination of the US deputy secretary of defense shocked many Europeans who know him only as a leading campaigner for the 2003 invasion of Iraq and an advocate of using American military power unilaterally.

Development experts and World Bank staff have also expressed strong concerns that Wolfowitz will impose White House and US foreign policy on the bank, which has always regarded itself as a neutral agency.

Several international groups, including Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and ActionAid have said Wolfowitz is a bad choice.

Asked if he would instigate "regime change" at the bank, Wolfowitz said: "Absolutely not. Many people think I will turn the organization upside down but this is not my style at all."

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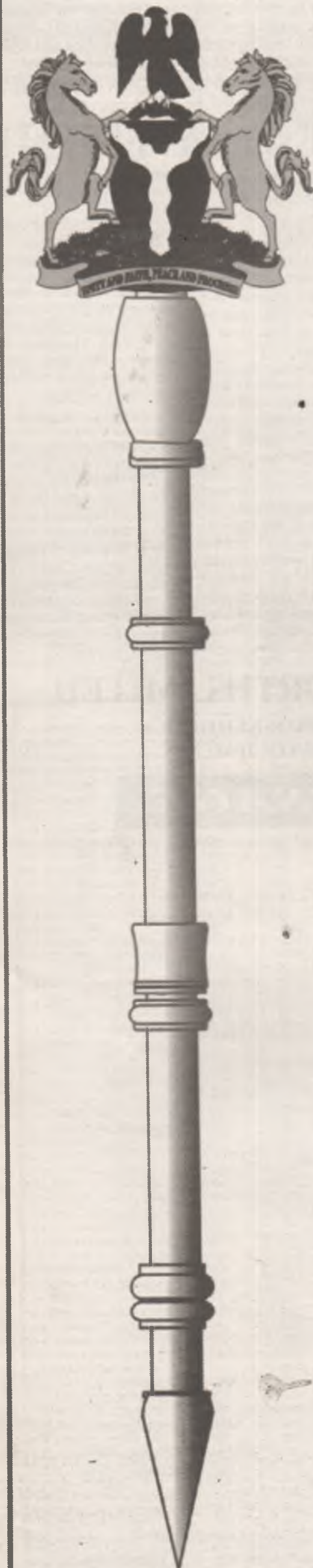
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MSME Fair

Two state governor, Chief Achike Udenwa will today, March 21, 2005 open a micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) products fair at the old Dan Anyiam Stadium, Owerri.

The fair is organised by the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) in pursuance of her mandate to facilitate and promote the growth of the sub-sector.

A statement from the agency said the aim of the three-day fair is to expose micro, small and medium enterprises to improvement and procurement opportunities.

Peak

Twenty winners have emerged at the Lagos/Ogun regional draw of the 2005 Peak essay competition organised by the West African Milk Company (WAMCO) in Lagos.

The winner of the Lagos/Ogun regional draw is Ukechukwu Aboju of Luiz View Girls High School, Ijebu Itele, the second position was won by Anita Odum and third position Umegbese Ifeadi of International School, Lagos.

The occasion was graced by students, parents and WAMCO officials, which include Brand Manager Peak, Mr Jide Olorunfemi, WAMCO Communications Manger, Mrs Ngozi Fakeye, the Regional Sales Manager Lagos/Ogun, Mr Thomson Arumemi.

Confab

The president of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Engineer Charles Ugwu has commended the federal government for giving the sector the opportunity to express the problems facing it at the National Political Reform Conference (NPRC).

Speaking at a press briefing in Lagos weekend, Engineer Ugwu said with the 18 delegates representing the manufacturing sector at the confab, there is hope for positive change in the sector and Nigerian economy.

He said the Manufacturer Association of Nigeria (MAN) is ready to support any government in reviving the - Nigeria economy.

Engineer Ugwu said delegates at the confab were chosen at from appraise sectors they were not hand picked and there was no inappropriate person at the confab.

The Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) has decried the delay in the privatisation of the power sector, to hasten the decentralisation of NEPA.

MAN decries delay in privatising power sector

MAN's President, Chief Charles Ugwu, told a news conference in Lagos that the federal government should

open a platform that would allow companies willing to put up generating plants to participate in the sector.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the federal government recently signed into law the power sector reform Bill that will accelerate the privatisation of the power sector.

Ugwu said that without the power reform, the country would continue to experience stunted growth, and lack of competitiveness in business.

"We are getting impatient with the whole talk of privatisation as a lot of time has already been wasted for the power reform to take off," he said.

Ugwu also decried the high cost of governance and called for a reduction of the tiers of government to only the federal and state governments.

According to him, management of councils should be the responsibility of the state governments, saying that "wasteful and unnecessary display of opulence and brute intimidation of state power should be stopped."

"We must legislate an end to wasteful paraphernalia, motorcades and hangers-on, which weaken our plea for external support for our development," he said.

"As we seek external support, people snare at us, seeing us as a serious group of people," he said.

He said that the association was at the National Political Reform Conference to pursue the agenda that would ensure that the manufacturing sector 'comes out of the woods'.

...13% MRR will help real sector, if ... MAN DG

The Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) has said the reduction in the minimum discount rate (MRR) from 15 percent to 13 percent by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) will help the real sector to develop it well implemented.

The Acting Director General of MAN, Mr Jide Mike made this known during an interview with *Business Trust* in Lagos.

Mr Mike said for the industrial sector a lot of funding and loans is realised, he

From Bukola Oladiji, Correspondent (Lagos)

added that power generation is also important for the development of the manufacturing sector.

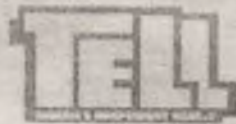
He said the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) has not been able to meet the power requirements of the real sector because NEPA is not well funded by the government.

He said "the industries, both large and small need constant electricity to be productive. There are some

big industries that could afford generators. What about the upcoming ones that could not afford generator sets to carryout adequate productivity."

Speaking on the value added tax (VAT) issue, Mr Mike said VAT should not be increases as proposed by the government.

He said if the tax scope could be expanded whereby the sector that does not pay VAT now should pay it, the government would still be able to maintain the 5 percent rather than increasing it.



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High oil prices to continue –IMF boss

The world will have to live with lofty oil prices for at least the next two years due to a combination of strong demand and supply constraints, Rodrigo Rato, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), said on Saturday.

World oil prices have climbed almost 50 percent in the past year and scaled record nominal highs last week Thursday. They closed the week within a dollar of

those peaks, with US light crude oil changing hands at \$56.72 a barrel.

"We have to be aware that probably oil prices will stay high, although probably not at this level, in the next two years at least because of demand pressures there is certainly very strong demand in the world for oil and also because of certain supply constraints," Rato told reporters in the Indian capital.

The world economy enjoyed its strongest growth

in 30 years in 2004 despite the spike in oil prices and Rato said he expected growth of more than 4 percent again this year.

But he said growth could be hit if oil stayed at current levels or climbed even higher and urged oil-producing countries to be more receptive to private-sector investment.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) last week Wednesday announced an

immediate 500,000 barrel per day (bpd) increase in output, with another half a million bpd to come should prices fail to ease. Top producer Saudi Arabia said the extra oil was meant to ward off an end-2005 supply crunch.

But with output already near a 25-year high, the group is stretched to meet demand growth. Other major exporters Russia and Norway also cannot add significantly to this year's supply.

Rato said, though, the supply bottlenecks forcing prices higher also reflected a lack of refining capacity, where the major responsibility lay with oil-consuming countries.

Stricter environmental concerns, along with decades of low margins caused by overcapacity, have made major oil companies reluctant to invest in new refineries in the United States and Western Europe.

Consumers needed to be aware of the real cost of oil, while governments needed to diversify their sources of energy, he said.

"It's clear that at this level of prices even if they're reduced little bit in the medium term governments of all consuming countries have to have a very clear energy policy both in terms of demand and pricing," Rato, on the last leg of a five-day trip to China and India, said.

...rise above \$56

Oil prices rose to a new settlement high above \$56 a barrel Friday, reflecting traders fears about tight supply amid strong global demand.

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) tried to calm the markets this week but failed due to concerns about the oil cartel's limited ability to quickly add more barrels to the market.

Light, sweet crude for April delivery settled 32 cents higher at \$56.72 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, topping the previous closing high of \$56.46 set Wednesday. Crude futures set an intraday high

of \$57.60 per barrel Thursday.

"It still looks like we haven't found a top yet," said Tom Bentz, a broker at BNP Paribas Commodity Futures in New York.

Oil is 50 percent more expensive than a year ago but still well below the inflation-adjusted peak above \$90 a barrel set in 1980.

In London, Brent crude rose 53 cents to \$55.59 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

The feverish rally in recent weeks prices up \$15 since the start of the year has been underpinned by a weak dollar and rising global demand at a time when there is very little excess supply

immediately available. There are no fuel shortages, though traders are clearly pricing in that possibility, whether due to a terrorist attack, a refinery snag or some other unexpected supply bottleneck.

OPEC agreed Wednesday to boost its output quota by 500,000 barrels a day, or 1.9 percent, the market brushed off the decision. Since members are already producing above their quotas, no extra supply will actually be added, analysts said.

But OPEC left open the possibility of raising its output quota by an additional 500,000 barrels and signalled Thursday that such a move could come as early as next week.

Shell

Stories by Hamisu Muhammad, Abuja, Ahmed Abubakar, in Kano, & Mohammed Shosanya, in Lagos

Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) has said that it will implement a system that will boost its capacity to respond to emergencies such as oil spills in area of operations.

Tagged Oil Spill Modelling Software, the application given information on the level and spread of spills and effectiveness of containment measures.

The company said the new software was migrated to already existing Geographical Informative System (GIS) Platform thus saving cost and time and has been deployed at the emergency response bases in Port Harcourt, Warri and SNEPCO.

TOTAL

Total Nigeria Plc's management has predicted a zero accident record for its tanker drivers across the country.

The Kano regional manager of Total, Alhaji Usman Abdu said this at a road transportation safety sensitisation campaign for tankers drivers held at the NNPC depot, Kano.

Alhaji Usman said it has embarked on a nationwide campaign to sensitize tankers drivers against dangers incurred through over speeding, tiredness, impressiveness and drunk driving.

In his speech, the unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Kano command represented by Assistant Head of Operations, Mr Sunday Zira said it is wrong for drivers to perceive road not accidents as merely work of fate and not 'preventable'.

Local Content

In an effort to achieve the set target of 45 percent Nigerian content by the year 2006, within the oil and gas industry, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has partnered with the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) in human resource development programme.

The initiative is to develop, train, increase the capacity and competence of Nigerians to compete favourably in the global oil and gas industry.

Disclosing the new initiative Thursday to newsmen in Abuja, the Executive Secretary, PTDF, Malam Yusuf Hamisu Abubakar said the achievements of the world-class standards and provision of quality goods and services in the Nigerian oil and gas industry is the focus of the programme.

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The Offer is being undertaken to enable Intercity Bank increase its shareholder's funds as part of efforts to ensure compliance with the minimum capital requirement for Nigerian banks as directed by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The proceeds of the Offer would provide the Bank with adequate working capital, fund the upgrade of its information technology infrastructure and expansion of its branch network by 30 additional branches in Damaturu, Yola, Dutse, Birnin Gwari, Katsina Gwari, Funtua, Wuse II, Hadejia, Jalingo, Maiduguri, Ikon, Lokoja, Kuru, Kontagora, Jega, Birnin Kebbi, Lafia, Sarkin Fara, Uyo, Ahoada, Warri, Owerri, Enugu, Oriskani, Aba, Calabar, Biya, Bida, Bauchi, Alupe and Ahoada International Market.

ROBERTEDNESS
On 30 June 2004, the Bank had no outstanding debentures, mortgages, charges or similar indebtedness or material contingent liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business. However, the Bank had contingent liabilities in the ordinary course of business amounting to N6,462 billion, comprising acceptances, guarantees and other obligations in behalf of customers.

SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES OF THE BANK AS AT 30 JUNE 2004

(Extracted from the Reporting Accountant's Report)

	4,000,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 50 kobo each	N7000
AUTHORIZED		2,000,000
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
SHARE CAPITAL	3,031,965,584 Ordinary Shares of 50 kobo each	1,515,983
	Share premium	13,950
	Statutory reserve	635,309
	Small and Medium Scale Industries reserve	181,069
	Reserve for Bonus Issue	151,598
	Revenue reserve	40,054
	Shareholders' Funds	2,536,053

*Net Unborrowed General Banking fund on 27 August 2004, it was recorded that the authorized share capital of the Bank has decreased from N2 billion to N6 billion.

FORECAST OFFER STATISTICS

(Extracted from the Reporting Accountant's Report)

Year Ending 30 June	2005	2006
Forecast earnings per share (kobo)*	15	13
Forecast earnings yield at the Offer price (%)	8	7
Forecast dividend per share (kobo)*	0	7
Forecast dividend yield at the Offer price (%)	0	2
Forecast price/earnings ratio at the Offer price	13	15

*Calculations of forecast earnings and dividend per share for the year ending 30 June 2005 are based on the 3,031,965,584 ordinary shares in issue at 30 June 2004 while the forecast dividend per share for 2006 is based on the enlarged share capital of 10,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each.

HISTORY AND BUSINESS

The Bank was incorporated on 27 April 1987 as a private limited liability company, obtained its banking licence on 28 October 1987 and commenced full banking operations on 26 October 1988. The Bank converted to a public limited liability company on 08 September 1992. Its main business is retail commercial banking. At incorporation, the Bank was State-owned, however the government shareholding in the Bank has been gradually diluted with 95% of its shares currently held by private individuals and corporate bodies. The shareholding structure cuts across the Nigerian investing public. The Bank operates through a network of 23 branches and four cash centres in various locations in the country.

FUTURE PLANS

The ongoing consolidation of the banking industry being promoted by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) presents interesting challenges to all key players. It has set in motion a process of mergers and realignments that promise to translate into enduring concerns. The merger and acquisition option that is now open to banks is a viable means of remaining in business and a chance to strengthen existing positions. It will also throw up interesting integration challenges.

Consequently, Intercity Bank has redefined its focus. Prior to the policy pronouncement by the CBN, we saw the merger option as a window through which we could partner with institutions of like minds to enhance our relative position. The Bank is currently involved in merger talks with four other banks which are well grounded in retail banking activities. The enlarged Bank will focus on the key sectors of communication, energy, solid minerals and construction, in addition to maintaining the traditional retail banking activities. In addition, a foreign bank is expected to inject capital and management into the merged entity.

Therefore, while this Offer and the subsequent merger are expected to raise the shareholder's funds of the enlarged bank to about 26 billion, the injection of fresh foreign capital should transform the institution into an even bigger player. The bank would then be able to carve a niche for itself and create a captive market that would guarantee its future. Significantly, therefore, we foresee a very promising future for the emerging institution with the potential to ensure value addition to all stakeholders.

Our success as a regional player is a precursor to the promise the future holds for our Bank. One of the opportunities that the consolidation process presents is a chance to make the Bank truly national in outlook. Thus, the Bank expects to move from a regional concern to a national franchise as we broaden our operational and shareholder base, which presently stands at 4,000 spread through out the country. This will further appeal to discerning investors.

We therefore call on the investing public to seize this opportunity and invest in one of the most promising financial institutions that prides itself on the time tested values of trust, respectability, integrity and confidentiality.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION AND ALLOTMENT

- 1. APPLICATION**
 - 1.1 The general investing public is hereby invited to apply for the shares through any of the Receiving Agents.
 - 1.2 Applications for the ordinary shares must be made in accordance with the instructions set out at the back of the application form. Care must be taken to follow these instructions, as applications, which do not comply, will be rejected.
- 2. ALLOTMENT**
 - 1.3 The Application List for the ordinary shares now being offered will open at 9am on Thursday, 03 March 2005 and close at 1.30pm on Thursday, 31 March 2005. Applications must be for a minimum of 1,000 shares and in multiples of 100 thereafter. The number of shares for which an application is made and the value of the cheque or bank draft attached should be entered in the boxes provided.

- 3. APPLICATION MONIES**

All application monies will be retained in a separate bank account by the Receiving Bankers pending allotment. If any application is not accepted, or is accepted for fewer shares than the number applied for, a crossed cheque for the full amount or the balance of the amount paid (as the case may be) will be returned by registered post at the applicant's risk, within 5 working days of allotment. A share certificate will be sent by registered post at the applicant's risk not later than 15 working days from the date of allotment.
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MeeDivo Finance Services Company Limited
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Resort Securities & Trust Limited
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 Oshodi
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DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

- Copies Of The Following Documents May Be Inspected At The Offices Of Investment Banking & Trust Company Limited, 1 B.T.C. Place, Walker Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island, Lagos And Vetiva Capital Management Limited, Plot 2958 Koko, Alayomi Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, During Normal Business Hours On Any Weekday (except Public Holidays), From 9am On Thursday, 03 March 2005 To 1.30pm On Thursday, 31 March 2005:
- (i) Certificate Of Incorporation Of The Bank;
 - (ii) Memorandum And Articles Of Association Of The Bank;
 - (iii) The Prospectus Issued In Respect Of The Offer;
 - (iv) The Shareholders' Resolution Authorising The Offer;
 - (v) The Audited Financial Statements Of The Bank For Each Of The Five Years Ended 30 June 2004;
 - (vi) The Report Of Auditor Williams Daniels, Reporting Accountants, On The Audited Financial Statements Of The Bank For The Five Years Ended 30 June 2004;
 - (vii) The Report Of Auditor Williams Daniels, Reporting Accountants, On The Audited Profit Forecast Of The Bank For The Years Ending 30 June 2005 And 2006;
 - (viii) The List Of Outstanding Claims And Litigation Referred To In The Prospectus;
 - (ix) The Material Contents Referred To In The Prospectus; And
 - (x) The Written Consents Of The Parties To The Offer.

Investment Banking & Trust Company Limited

Issuing Houses

Business Trust

1ST-TIER SECURITIES

THE NIGERIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

REPORT AS AT FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005

COMPANY NAME	NO OF DEALS	QUOTATION(N)	QUANTITY TRADED	VALUE OF SHARES
AGRICULTURE/AGRO-ALLIED				
OKITIPUPA OIL PALM PLC.	1	0.81	1,000	810.00
THE OKOMU OIL PALM COMPANY PLC	8	16.98	60,000	1,008,950.00
PRESCO PLC.	30	9.80	792,745	7,660,789.31
Sector Totals	39		853,745	8,670,549.31
AIRLINES				
AVIATION DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC.	1	1.02	100,000	102,000.00
Sector Totals	1		100,000	102,000.00
AUTOMOBILE & TYRE				
DUNLOP NIGERIA PLC.	9	1.75	37,115	63,779.25
R. T. BRISCOAE PLC.	23	4.05	82,738	331,696.85
Sector Totals	32		119,853	395,476.10
BANKING				
ACCESS BANK PLC	6	3.42	892,632	3,052,801.44
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC.	26	6.63	359,471	2,383,292.73
FIRST ATLANTIC BANK PLC	3	3.41	50,000	170,500.00
CHARTERED BANK PLC	1	3.90	12,384	48,297.60
EIB INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	1	2.26	4,800	10,848.00
FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK PLC	1	5.18	3,700	19,166.00
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC.	543	22.80	4,213,846	94,206,959.83
FSB INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	48	1.41	1,774,564	2,527,346.08
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC.	231	9.83	1,842,968	18,265,234.50
GULF BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	1	0.40	114,790	45,916.00
HALLMARK BANK PLC	1	1.61	5,000	8,050.00
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT BANK PLC.	20	0.52	834,710	434,749.20
INLAND BANK (NIGERIA) PLC.	78	1.81	21,248,413	37,916,931.54
INTERCONTINENTAL BANK PLC.	2	7.81	4,200	32,802.00
LION BANK OF NIGERIA PLC.	4	0.60	40,806	23,724.68
MANUFACTURERS BANK NIGERIA PLC.	26	1.14	1,331,767	1,442,399.04
NAL BANK PLC.	1	2.80	10,000	28,000.00
OCEANIC BANK PLC	45	4.21	3,658,888	15,090,582.44
STANDARD TRUST BANK PLC	8	7.41	168,785	1,250,696.85
TRANS INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	15	1.46	1,714,601	2,463,587.41
TRADE BANK PLC.	2	1.35	3,000	4,050.00
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC.	19	10.00	107,363	1,073,630.00
UNION BANK NIGERIA PLC.	351	18.31	1,498,465	27,715,464.36
WEMA BANK PLC.	10	3.93	40,704	159,966.72
ZENITH BANK PLC	198	13.14	1,925,605	25,070,015.40
Sector Totals	1,639		41,861,462	233,445,011.82
BREWERIES				
GUINNESS NIGERIA PLC.	185	74.61	389,146	29,340,306.81
NIGERIAN BREWERIES PLC.	306	35.00	753,669	25,641,228.28
Sector Totals	491		1,142,815	54,981,535.09
BUILDING MATERIALS				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC.	63	22.95	471,301	10,736,341.11
CEMENT CO. OF NORTHERN NIG. PLC	3	5.61	32,375	184,596.25
WEST AFR. PORTLAND CEMENT CO. PLC.	8	10.35	20,300	210,105.00
Sector Totals	74		523,976	11,131,042.36
CHEMICAL & PAINTS				
BERGER PAINTS PLC.	5	4.56	13,692	63,246.24
CAP PLC.	9	6.20	32,358	200,597.61
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC.	4	3.78	50,687	191,473.20
Sector Totals	18		96,737	455,317.05
COMPUTER & OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC.	1	0.83	666	552.78
Sector Totals	1		666	552.78
CONGLOMERATES				
C F A O NIGERIA PLC.	8	4.01	13,824	55,434.24
JOHN HOLT PLC.	5	0.66	14,055	9,276.30
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC.	134	15.16	565,711	8,562,414.52
P. Z. INDUSTRIES PLC.	53	11.38	169,023	1,863,030.80
U.A.C. NIGERIA PLC.	109	14.17	1,341,637	19,010,996.29
U.T.C. NIGERIA PLC.	8	0.90	400,700	372,678.00
Sector Totals	317		2,504,950	29,873,830.15
CONSTRUCTION				
COSTAIN (W.A.) PLC.	2	0.86	93,583	80,481.38
JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC.	4	15.20	202,250	3,074,200.00
Sector Totals	6		295,833	3,154,681.38
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY				
NIGERIAN WIRE AND CABLE PLC.	4	0.58	37,000	21,460.00
Sector Totals	4		37,000	21,460.00
FOOD/BEVERAGES & TOBACCO				
7-UP BOTTLING COMPANY PLC	18	23.00	67,880	1,540,156.70
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC.	154	47.92	238,459	11,697,649.71
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC.	13	16.61	22,159	368,060.99
NIGERIA BOTTLING COMPANY PLC.	58	49.50	133,740	6,490,939.28
NESTLE FOODS NIGERIA PLC.	59	142.40	105,143	14,991,265.57
Sector Totals	294		567,381	35,088,072.25
HEALTHCARE				
ABOSELDEHYDE LABS. PLC.	1	0.62	2,000	1,240.00
EKOCORP PLC.	1	0.93	26,039	24,216.27
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	10	2.71	100,190	278,714.90
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	2	4.70	60,000	282,000.00
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARM. PLC.	18	2.92	185,200	551,899.00
PHARMA-DEKO PLC.	1	4.09	1,174	4,801.66
GLAXOSMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	12	8.15	44,868	366,869.10
Sector Totals	45		419,471	1,509,740.93
INDUSTRIAL/DOMESTIC PRODUCTS				
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIGERIA PLC.	5	0.94	239,833	222,843.04
B.O.C. GASES PLC.	2	2.85	3,500	9,975.00
VITAFAM NIGERIA PLC.	18	3.05	143,304	429,942.58
Sector Totals	25		386,637	662,760.62
INSURANCE				
ACEN INSURANCE COMPANY PLC	8	0.60	222,000	133,200.00
AHCO INSURANCE PLC.	2	1.70	252,500	429,450.00
BAICO INSURANCE PLC.	3	1.05	327,500	313,125.00
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE CO. PLC.	8	1.39	99,920	138,312.80
CRUSADER INSURANCE PLC.	2	0.95	11,225	10,663.75
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	9	0.70	164,800	115,360.00
LAW UNION AND ROCK INSURANCE PLC.	12	1.19	860,000	1,011,900.00
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC.	1	2.99	500	1,495.00
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC.	1	1.88	1,000	1,880.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE PLC.	4	2.75	91,792	252,447.47
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE	1	0.74	15,000	11,100.00
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	8	0.90	61,535	53,570.75
WEST AFRICAN PROV. INS. COY. PLC.	1	2.50	8,000	20,000.00
Sector Totals	60		2,115,772	2,492,504.77
MACHINERY(MARKETING)				
BLACKWOOD HODGE (NIGERIA) PLC.	2	0.57	2,000	1,140.00
Sector Totals	2		2,000	1,140.00
MANAGED FUNDS				
C & I LEASING PLC.	3	1.35	42,033	58,244.55
Sector Totals	3		42,033	58,244.55
PACKAGING				
BETA GLASS COMPANY PLC.	4	3.70	35,000	129,500.00
Sector Totals	4		35,000	129,500.00
PETROLEUM(MARKETING)				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	90	52.25	10,230,925	562,158,892.27
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	5	2.04	169,039	344,839.56
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	56	169.99	76,004	12,934,218.75
CONOIL PLC.	75	101.00	55,363	5,511,411.19
TEXACO (NIGERIA) PLC.	22	155.30	32,472	5,028,256.45
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	34	171.50	76,114	13,365,520.60
OANDO PLC.	196	86.50	1,383,042	115,093,016.16
Sector Totals	478		12,022,959	714,436,154.98
REAL ESTATE				
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PLC.	33	8.23	234,282	1,940,430.56
Sector Totals	33		234,282	1,940,430.56
TEXTILES				
UNITED NIGERIA TEXTILES PLC.	3	1.90	18,797	35,714.30
Sector Totals	3		18,797	35,714.30

TOP 10 TRADES FRIDAY

SYMBOL	VOLUME	VALUE	TRADES
IMB	834,710.00	434,749.20	20
GUARANTY	1,147,034.00	11,336,980.58	193
ZENITHBANK	1,209,615.00	15,702,800.30	140
UBN	1,284,527.00	23,766,969.73	297
UACN	1,318,187.00	18,678,709.79	107
FSB	1,515,226.00	2,177,292.60	35
INLANDBANK	3,102,143.00	5,228,823.66	27
OCEANIC	3,155,688.00	13,066,822.44	39
FIRSTBANK	3,727,290.00	83,132,736.05	499
AP	10,133,938.00	557,091,321.52	70

TOP 10 GAINERS

SYMBOL	LASTCLOSE	FRIDAY'SCLOSE	CHANGE
NESTLE	141.00	141.55	+0.55
NB	33.77	34.11	+0.34
OKOMUOIL	16.70	16.98	+0.28
PRESCO	9.50	9.75	+0.25
TOTAL	172.00	172.20	+0.20
TUP	22.81	23.00	+0.19
NIG-GERMAN	3.60	3.78	+0.18
MAY&BAKER	4.54	4.70	+0.16
PZ	10.84	11.00	+0.16
WAPIC	2.40	2.50	+0.10

TOP 10 LOSERS

SYMBOL	LASTCLOSE	FRIDAY'SCLOSE	CHANGE
TEXACO	162.75	155.30	-7.45
MOBIL	171.00	168.00	-3.00
AP	55.00	52.25	-2.75
NOLCHEM	101.00	99.00	-2.00
CADBURY	49.53	47.91	-1.62
GUINNESS	76.00	75.00	-1.00
UNIPETROL	86.50	86.00	-0.50
NBC	49.99	49.50	-0.49
BERGER	4.80	4.56	-0.24
ASHAKACEM	23.00	22.80	-0.20

Customs to raid super markets for contrabands

By the end of this month, the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) will start combing all cooperative stores and super markets to rid them of contraband goods.

Mr Gyang Buba, Comptroller-General of NCS, disclosed this today in Abuja at a press briefing organised to mark his one year in office.

He recalled that the service gave the deadline for shops and super markets in the country to dispose of all contraband goods in their stock by March 31, 2005, last year.

"By the end of the month our men will be every where to start combing all the stores and make necessary seizures," he said.

Buba denied that the enforcement of the contraband rules would take his men out of the borders.

"The combing of the Cooperative stores and super markets does not mean that we will pull everybody out of the borders," he said.

The C-G stressed the determination of the service to educate people on its roles, adding "many people do not cooperate with the Customs because they do not appreciate the benefits of its roles.

He appealed for partnership with the press to be able to carry out effective education of the populace.

Buba disclosed that the service would soon establish community education centres to enable it reach the rural people on its activities.

He said the necessary information would be translated into local languages for easy understanding by the rural dwellers.

High interest rates, hinder poultry expansion — Badmus

High interest rates charged by banks have been identified as a major problem hindering the expansion of the poultry industry in the country.

The President of the Poultry Association of Nigeria, Chief Tunde Badmus, disclosed this today in Abuja, in a chat with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

He said the quest for expansion is on the increase, because the ban on importation of frozen poultry products has created various opportunities.

"This dream come true can not be translated into reality because the lending institutions are not creating a level playing ground," he said.

Badmus therefore called on the federal government to impress it on banking industries to reduce their interest rates to a single digit.

The poultry president disclosed that, with the ban on importation of frozen poultry products in 2004, the country has saved over 200 million dollars to date, and witnessed over 800 per cent growth in the industry.

He commended the efforts of the federal government towards the recent review of the agricultural policy, which has showcased rapid improvement and development of the sector.

Badmus said that as a result of this policy, the association has launched its products into the export market, with table eggs being exported to Chad, Benin Republic, Cameroon and Niger.

He said plans have reached advanced stage to commence the export of hatching eggs, frozen chicken, day old chicks, poultry feeds and concentrates.

Badmus noted that the recent reforms in the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) have also assisted in curbing the activities of smugglers, who wrecked havoc on poultry.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF FCT
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA

UNDEFENDED LIST

SUIT NO FHC/CV/.....2005

BETWEEN
IN LAND BANK (NIGERIA) PLC PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
AND
BUKHAM NIGERIA LIMITED DEFENDANTS
BUKAR MOHAMMED HASSAN

MOTION EXPARTE

BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ORDER 7 RULE 2 OF THE FCT HIGH COURT PROCEDURE RULES, 2004 AND UNDER THE INHERENT JURISDICTION OF THE COURT.

TAKE NOTICE that this Honourable Court shall be moved the.....day of.....2005 at the hour of 9 O'clock in the forenoon so soon thereafter as counsel to the plaintiff may be heard praying this Honourable Court for the following orders.

1. An order placing this suite under undefended list and marking same undefended.
2. An order allowing plaintiff to serve the defendants through substituted means all processes that may arise in the course of this matter.
3. And for such further order or orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances of this suit.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2005.

Gani Ahmed
Gani Ahmed & Co.
Whiz Oil House
Ahmadu Bello Way,
Wuse II, Abuja.

FOR SERVICE ON THE DEFENDANTS

1. BUKHAM NIGERIA LIMITED
2. BUKAR MOHAMMED HASSAN
9^A UDI STREET
OFF ASO DRIVE- ABUJA.

Motion - Ed 100
Affidavit - Ed 200
EXH - Ed 20 =
Fees - Ed 330 =
By 2005 297/78
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GENERAL FORM OF WRIT OF SUMMONS

IN THE HIGH COURT OF FCT
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA

UNDEFENDED LIST

SUIT NO FHC/CV/.....2005

BETWEEN
INLAND BANK (NIGERIA) PLC..... PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
AND
BUKHAM NIGERIA LIMITED DEFENDANTS
BUKAR MOHAMMED HASSAN

To: BUKAR MOHAMMED HASSAN (EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN)
BUKHAM NIGERIA LIMITED
NO 9A UDI STREET
OFF ASO DRIVE- ABUJA

You are hereby commanded that after service of this writ on you, you are to deliver to the Registrar not less than 5 days before the day fixed for hearing a notice in writing that you intend to defend this suit together with an Affidavit disclosing your defence on merit in an action at the suit of INLAND BANK NIGERIA PLC. You are to take notice that in default of your doing so, the suit shall be heard as undefended and judgment given thereof, without calling upon the plaintiff to summon witnesses before the court to prove its case formally.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2005.

By order of the court,
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REGISTRAR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF FCT
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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I, BALA ISAH ADUKWU ESQ male, Muslim, Nigerian Citizen, of Abuja do Oath and State as follows:

1. That I am the head of legislation department in the Law Office of Gani Ahmed & Co.
2. That by virtue of my office afore stated, I am conversant with the facts in this affidavit.
3. That I have the authority of my principal and that of the plaintiff to depose in this affidavit.
4. That the defendants are owing the plaintiff the sum of 3,000,000 being overdrawn to the defendants by the plaintiff Bank in 2002.
5. That Defendants defaulted in repaying the said overdraft money within the time and even up to today.
6. That the address of registered place of business which was 9A Udi Street off Aso Drive-Abuja, is now occupied by an Embassy.
7. That all effort to locate the new place of business of 1st Defendant and indeed 2nd Defendant has proved abortive.
8. That I swear to this Affidavit in good faith.

SWORN to at the high court registry, Abuja.
Dated this 3rd day of February, 2005.

BEFORE ME



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

MEMORANDUM TO THE SUBSCRIBED ON THE WRIT

This writ is to be served within 12 calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of the last renewal.

The defendants may enter appearance personally or by legal practitioner by appropriate forms duly completed at the registry of the FCT High Court. The action is brought or by sending them through the registered agent.

STATEMENT TO BE MADE ON THE WRIT BEFORE ISSUE THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM IS FOR:

The sum of Three Million Naira (3,000,000.00) being the overdraft owing to the Plaintiff.

Interest on the said sum at the rate of 21% from 2002 until judgment is rendered in this suit.

Interest on the judgment debt at the rate of 10% from the date of judgment until judgment debt is fully liquidated.

WRIT OF THIS ACTION

This writ was issued by GANI I. AHMED, of AHMED & CO. of Wuse II, Abuja, solicitors to the Plaintiff.

STATEMENT AS TO SERVICE

This writ is to be served in Nigeria.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2005

Gani Ahmed
Gani Ahmed & Co.
Plaintiff's Solicitors
Whiz Oil House
Ahmadu Bello Way
Wuse II, Abuja.

STATEMENT AS TO SERVICE ON THE DEFENDANTS
BUKHAM NIGERIA LIMITED
BUKAR MOHAMMED HASSAN
9 UDI STREET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
HOLDEN AT LUGBE

SUIT NO: M/786/05

BETWEEN:
INLAND BANK (NIGERIA) PLC - PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
AND
BUKHAM NIGERIA LIMITED
BUKAR MOHAMMED HASSAN - DEFENDANTS/RESPONDENTS

COURT ORDER

Upon reading the Motion Exparte and the accompanying affidavit of BALA ISAH ADUKWU and upon listening to BALA ISAH ADUKWU, counsel to the Applicants praying the Honourable Court for the following orders:-

1. AN ORDER placing this suite under undefended list and marking same as undefended.
2. AN ORDER allowing Plaintiff to serve the defendants through substituted means all processes that may arise in the course of this matter.
3. And for such further order or orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances of this suit.

It is hereby ordered as follows:

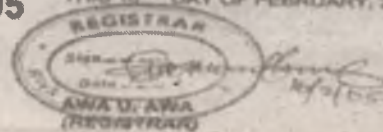
- (1) Leave is hereby granted to the applicant for the issuance and placement of this writ under the undefended list.
- (2) All the processes in this suit shall be served by substituted means to wit: by advertisement in the Daily Trust Newspapers.
- (3) The matter is fixed for 18/3/2005 as return date.

GIVEN UNDER THE HAND OF THE HONOURABLE PRESIDING JUDGE AND SEAL OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT
THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2005.



HON. JUSTICE A. B. UMAR
PRESIDING JUDGE
165205

NB: The matter has been further adjourned to 11 April, 2005





Makeshift houses of Fulani cattle rearers, dotting the landscape at the river bank



Some of the over 80% of youths in the area operating canoes or poorly kept wooden boats for a living Pix: Hir

Kwatan-Sule, a point

From Hir Joseph,
Correspondent Makurdi

Lyng at the end of one of the state's most deplorable roads is an ancient and commercial settlement called Kwatan-Sule, located about 50 kilometres off Makurdi-Gboko road in the state. Like other heterogeneous settlement in the state including Katsina-Ala and Makurdi, now the state capital, Kwatan-Sule which occupies the east end of Benue north central, derived its name from the settling hausa/fulanis.

With a population of over 80, 000, according to unofficial figures, the area which is now under the administration of Guma local government council, because a point of attraction as early as 1913 when migration was noticeable only among few.

A hausa/fulani fisherman whose name the inhabitant Tivs could only give as Sule stopped by at a river bank settlement where he was received by its head called Tyulen Gbatar.

According to oral tradition, Tyulen, an amiable fellow, persuaded his guest, Sule against continuing his journey, which he embarked upon without a specific destination in mind, having started it only in search of a new place to settle with his family for the golden fleece.

Although the story could not trace Sule to any particular part of the North apart from the fact that he was following the tide of River Benue eastward when he finally settled with Tyulen, he was, however said to have accepted the offer made to him by his host, and later because the chief canoe man in the area.

As is the practice, Sule then established and settled just by the river bank where he expanded into a small community over the years as his trade which also include merchandize, attracted a lot of

other immigrants of the Fulani, Nupe, Jukun, Angas, Basham as years turned into decades, the name Sule became a house hold one even several years after his death. Travellers and merchants who needed to be crossed over to either of the river banks were directed to meet Sule, which at the time became almost like the name of all canoe man.

It was at this period that the little bank settlement which then became a major stop over and a commercial nerve centre to many neighbouring and distant communities, came to be known as Kwatan-Sule, a Hausa coinage meaning the river bank of sule. Although may still wonder how Katsina-Ala (meaning Katsina the people of Allah), and Makurdi (which is the mispronunciation of Mai kudi- a wealthy man called Audu) and then Kwatan-Sule, all major ancient towns in Tiv land came to bear Hausa identities the simple fact remains that these towns all started as river bank settlements which were, at the time, the making of settlers who were predominantly immigrant fishermen, since their Tiv host, who were predominantly farmers, avoided the riverside like a plague. Kwatan-Sule also bears the name of Tyulen.

Some of the colonial establishments of the whites, including warehouses, today still standing as monuments known in a local parlance as Kenti. The warehouse, which are standing mainly along the pothole. Ridden road running through Agasha, another major town, and Kwatan-Sule down the river, were, before the present one age, symbols of individual development and advancement. This was so because one of the purposes for which they were built was store agricultural

produce for shipment to far places. As expected, many growers of cash crops like cotton wool, beny-seed, soya beans, groundnuts, rice, and so on flooded Kwatan-Sule on fixed market days to exchange their till with money and ornaments. With the whites and their lads in charge, growers of cash crops knew they had a profitable steady market for their produce. They also did not expect to be cheated as whites were considered a little more honest in their transactions than fellow blacks.

By that, the ever-present predatory middle men were carefully avoided as farmers preferred to travel from far places to Kwatan-Sule where their commodities would be weighed on the scale for a fixed price. The white man's scale, they said would not lied. To this day, although the whites are not seen any more around the area, their monuments remain there as a giant symbol of their once presence, which also played a major role in attracting many of Kwatan-Sule, and by extension, mixing them up with people they ordinary would not have dreamt of meeting.

Laced with different background, the socio-cultural life of Kwatan Sule is highly interesting. Though a small town, its name has gone beyond Benue state. Visitors to the town often wonder how possible it was for several tribes of varying cultural and religious background materials and continued to live in peaceful co-existence all these decades.

"It is no magic, it is simply understanding like one of the fathers of the country, the late Sardauna of Sokoto said, we have all come to understand each others different and by that, we live to respect each other's feelings," said a Fulani herdsman who gave his name simply as

Adio.

Adio, a mid 30s, revealed that like many of his colleagues he was born and brought up in the area, but unlike what he had heard of other places Kwatan-Sule had not a single moment of clash between herdsmen and farmers.

The herdsman mentioned that his fellow herdsman also expressed optimism that no matter what, no disappointment, as is occasionally witnessed, would drag the fulani into picking arms against any farmer including their host Tivs. "The Fulani of this area and environs have been able to prove wrong on the notion that herdsmen are trouble makers and lovers of war, no, we are not, we are peaceful loving people.

"And for the Tivs of Kwatan-Sule with whom we have lived and shared several things all these decades. I wish to say we have not had the cause to doubt their brotherliness", added Adio who also commended the other ethic groups in the area

for their shown of utmost understanding which has combined to build the unity enjoyed there. "Even the other ethnic groups, Jukuns, Nupawa, Hausa and the rest, as well as the Igbos and Ijaws who came in during the later years, they are equally understood," he said.

Aondowase Achi, Mahmud Pinga and Athenisius Kunde and Tiv youths operating as boatman at the river. They agreed that their fore father Tyulen gGarar settled Mallam Sule whose name later became more popular. They however refused to accept that their land should go by the name of a settler. Nevertheless, the youths who spoke to *Daily Trust* in a canoe bound for the Tse-ikyo, at the opposite bank said like it is never heard of elsewhere, 10 ethnic groups namely Tiv, Hausa, Fulani, Igbo, Jukun, Ijaw, Urhobo Basham, Angas and Nupe, have lived as brothers in a small area for decades.

Mahmud pinga particularly challenged other Nige-

rians elsewhere to visit Kwatan-Sule, which he preferred to call Tyulen and learn how to make Nigerian one.

"But I challenged all to visit us here tyulen and learn the act and art of living together as one. Here, unlike else where in the country, one Nigeria is reality and not a pipe dream. It is at the door step of every body that makes up Tyulen. There is no discrimination whatsoever. Here we relate to people based on what we see in them and not where they came from, the language they speak or which faith they profess. Hausa, Igbos, Tivs and others live here as brothers. Tyulen is Christian dominated town, nevertheless, the Muslims among is do not suffer any discrimination or face the threat of being treated as second class person.

"Our fore father Tyulen was not under any compulsion to receive and settle Mallam Sule, he did not so out of the spirit and desire to meet and live with others,

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Some of the few standing warehouses (kent) build by the whites. They are, today, monuments in Kwatan-Sule.

of cultural harmony

since we did not have the opportunity of travelling far and wide himself. So we his children do not have any option but to continue with his good will. For us, it is a mark of respect and honour to our land that we have so received and lived for decades with people whose ancestral background we have never known. And even though Tyulen is now a growing town with the attributes to attract more people and by extension both infrastructure and economic development over time, it is our desire that the movement of different tribes into our fold should be massive and rapid.

"Once a place becomes a town, it becomes everybody's own. Alone we can not build and develop Tyulen. We need more ethnic groups to make speedy, the process of development so that one day, we too can boast of having our own on the world map of development", added Mahmud Pinga.

In the area of culture too, Kwatan-Sule has the blend

of varying ways of life as the people now operate as though they all came from one common background. It was on a bad day as *Daily Trust* could not meet the traditional chiefs for discussion.

An elder who simply identified himself as Audu said it is difficult to tell between the Tivs and the non-Tivs. He had this to say: "we have all gone a long way with each other. In Kwatan-Sule, we all live as one united family. There is just one culture. Our dressing, mode of eating, the food we eat, how we prepare it and so on, all are a mixture of all the cultures.

"Although there is a little distinction in the cultural dances, no festivals put up by one tribe that does not attract the others, and so you find out that the Tiv festival attracts all and sundry just as Fulani marriages are a major attraction for all. The number of non-fulani who attend their marriages is often overwhelming and with the way all attendants partake in the cultural festivals by way of dancing, singing and mode of eating tells the success story of one united people", added Audu who also disclosed that although all tribes have their respective chiefs through which administrative orders from the paramount ruler are implemented, there is just one central traditional authority called ortar, a Tiv arrangement meaning area head.

Also further inquires by our correspondent showed that the harmonious and peaceful co-existence and, by extension, the complete blending of the hitherto varying cultures was also made possible by inter-marriages among all the first 10 different tribes named earlier.

This factor, according to both men and women spoken to, has remained the major tying knot among all the exist-

ing tribes. They wondered how one tribe would conveniently hold the other in strong contempt when they all have mixed blood flowing in the veins of their respective children.

A Christian and wife to a Tiv man gave her first name as Hadiza. She said her mother, a Fulani, had her with an Angas husband who also had two other wives from Tiv and Nupe respectively. Her polygamous father according to Hadiza also came from a polygamous family in which the father, an Angas Muslim, had four wives from different tribes namely, Fulani, Angas, Tiv and Jukun respectively. Although Hadiza refused to speak further, especially about herself on whether she was blessed with children in her marriage, she simply asked what the world would think of her children.

Tall and handsome with a face that does not indicate a particular tribe as well as African accent and not of a particular tribe, a youngman who only identified himself as a student of law at the Benue state University (BSU) in Markudi, said for the children of the many families of Kwatan-Sule, the distinction is in their names. Of tribe, religion or customs, the law student said, "there is no difference".

Added he, "here we live and operate as Peter, Abubakar, Amina, Esther, Terngu, Altine and so on. Not as a Muslim, a Christian, a Tiv, Hausa, Jukun, Igbo or Urhobo, such issues are trivial and do not feature in our discussion. The problems facing us as a people are far from tribal or religious".

He said that over 80% of the youths, have taken to river transport business which at the moments, is the most flourishing business in the area.

With the boys operating

under an over bloated membership of the maritime workers union of Nigeria (MWUN), loading is by arrangement of "turn-by-turn". What that means is that operators of the over 40 canoes and boats in the fleet of MWUN must each have to wait, sometimes a whole day, until it is their own turn to load either passengers or cargo to earn the days meal. And as a result, most of them spend almost a day thinking where the next meal will come.

Mr. Torngu Shinku, the unions chairman disclosed that because Kwatan-Sule is

the only available link to some of the major markets around he area, which include Anyin, Azege as well as Taraba state, business on the respective market days is always interesting at least by their standard. However, with a membership that is almost a small village, whatever boat owner makes on a daily basis is just enough to afford him, the proverbial chicken feed. That is even because what they cross most times, is cargo, which include motor vehicles. His hordes of minions operating as apprentices are all used to hunger, and

can take anything in the name of "pay" for their cigarette and "shot", a popular parlance for a glass of hot gin- mostly *Ogogoro*.

Such is the situation at the bank town of Kwatan-Sule. Today he (Sule) and his (Tyulen) are fondly remembered for two things: they provided the base upon which almost the entire population of youths are earning their livelihood. They also provided the bridge between people of varying cultural and religious backgrounds like it is in Katsina-Ala and Makurdi.



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IT World

ICT integration critical in bank mergers – Soludo

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) governor, Professor Charles Soludo and the President, Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Mr. Samuel Kolawole have said that information and communications technology (ICT)



Prof. C. Soludo, CBN governor

From Bright Ewulu, Deputy Business Editor, Lagos

integration will be critical to the post consolidation successes of Nigerian banks.

According to them, ICT harmonisation contributes over 25 per cent to the synergies in bank mergers, adding also that its efficient integration in merging banks can lead to huge IT cost savings for banks.

Speaking at a conference organised by the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria at Muson Centre, Onikan, Lagos, Prof. Soludo who was represented by his deputy (financial sector surveillance), Mr. Tunde Lemo stated that "savings will result from shared electoral channels and data centres, vendors and consultants' har-

monisation."

He stressed the need to amend the Evidence Act by the nation's legislature to include electronically processed document among the definition of what constitutes original document.

He said this is vital, as currently, "only original documents" could be tendered in evidence in any competent law court in Nigeria.

"The time has also come for systems programmes to incorporate the demands accounting standards, especially in the era of reporting requirements in process packages to minimise the gap between the utility of the final product of an ICT," he said.

Adding that effort should be made to align this with the standard requirements of regulators and fiscal authorities.

CIBN President, said the idea behind the conference was to enable bankers able face the challenges passed by consolidation as far as ICT concerned, saying that the ICT integration is one of the most critical in bank mergers.

According to him, "just two corporate entities joining together in routine mergers and acquisitions often face challenges integrity their operation systems."

Briefs

Child pornography

More than 500 suspects have been arrested by the police of 12 European and Latin American countries in a joint operation against Internet child pornography, according to media reports.

Uruguayan police said that police were from seven Latin American countries, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay.

They said that five European countries, namely France, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden also participated in the Spain-coordinated international action.

In Uruguay, two suspects were arrested, accused of distributing child pornographic materials through a Spanish-language chat-room on the Internet.

The joint operation started in the city of Pontevedra in Galicia, Spain's northwestern coastal province.

The arrests in Uruguay were made according to information supplied by Eurojust and Ibered, the European and Latin American judicial cooperation organizations, said the police.

Through Internet communities, chat-rooms, instant message services and emails, over 20,000

Child-pornography items, including videos, photos and MP3 discs, have been distributed.

Humanoid

Pal and Chum look a little bit like first-graders on wheels, chatting up a storm and racing around the room.

For Hitachi Ltd., Japan's biggest electronics conglomerate, they are the next generation of humanoid robots.

Hitachi unveiled the "Emiew," its first humanoid robot, on Tuesday, saying it was the world's quickest-moving robot yet.

"We aimed to create a robot that could live and coexist with people," Toshihiko Horiuchi, project leader at Hitachi's Mechanical Engineering Research Laboratory Robotics Technology Project, told a news conference.

"We want to make the robots useful for people ... If the robots moved slower than people, users would be frustrated," he said, explaining why Hitachi bucked the industry trend and went for wheels instead of feet for its 4.22-foot-tall robot.

Hitachi built the two Emiew-Pal and Chum- for the World Expo, which will take place beginning later this month in Aichi prefecture, about 205 miles west of Tokyo.

Copyright

Agence France-Presse has sued Google Incorporated for copyright infringement, alleging that the Internet search engine included AFP headlines, news summaries and photographs published without permission.

In a suit filed in a Washington court, AFP sought damages and interest of at least 17.5 million dollars (13.1 million euros) and an interdiction on the publication of its text and photos without prior agreement.

In Paris, the AFP management declined comment. AFP, which has its headquarters in Paris and bureaus around the world, is one of the major global news agencies, and supplies its news services to various kinds of media, including electronic. It has 600 online clients.



A portable music player cost 100 Euros (about \$132.2) launched by Sony recently. The new 256-megabyte flash memory chip will compete Apple's Ipod.

RMRDC boss tasks media on S&T reporting

By Hamisu Muhammad, Business Reporter

The Director General, Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), Dr. Abubakar Abdullahi has expressed dismay over the level of reportage of science and technology in Nigeria's mass media.

"I want to place on record that the level of reportage of science and technology in Nigeria's mass media is very insignificant."

"The headlines of many Nigerian newspapers, magazines and broadcast media are dedicated to political

and financial reports," said Abdullahi.

Speaking at the inaugural congress of Science Communicators Association of Nigeria (SCAN) in Abuja, Dr. Abdullahi said hardly, you find a science and technology issue making a front line story.

According to him, the most prominent science and technology events or activities get mentioned only in the inner pages of the newspapers with obscure headlines.

He said the point need to be re-echoed that without technology, there is no development and without proper dissemination of

technological innovations and inventions, citizens will continue to live in ignorance and consequently live in poverty in the midst of plenty.

"Information and knowledge have helped to change the course of events in all spheres of human endeavour. "This is the reason why many nations spend so much of their gross domestic product (GDP) to acquire information," said Dr. Abdullahi.

He therefore urged the media to use the new body (SCAN) to improve the coverage of science and technology reporting, stressing further that "it is my belief today that the birth of SCAN has come to change all of this."

Kwara sets up databank for farmers

Kwara government has started computerised counting of farmers so that the state can "maintain its growing popularity in modern agriculture".

The head of the team handling the farmers' census, Dr Oluwasegun Adekunle, said in Ilorin on Thursday that the computerised head count started last week in Kaiama Local Government Area.

It had moved to Baruten council area this week and would be extended to the remaining council areas, he said.

Adekunle explained that the census would provide comprehensive data on farmers, their crops and cultivation, expected yield

and types of soil at the touch of a button.

He noted that the census would also enable the government and the Ministry of Agriculture to have a database that would help in proper planning and funds allocation to agriculture.

The leader said the modern method being used by his team for the census was different from the method used for the country's national census handled by the National Population Commission.

"Although we may not achieve 100 per cent accuracy because of the kind of technology we are using, we shall at least achieve 70 per cent success, which is still good for planning," he said.

Science reporters elect exco

Barely a year of its formation, Science Communicators Association of Nigeria (SCAN) at the weekend in Abuja elected its national officers.

SCAN is made up of journalists and public relations officers (PROs) covering the science and technology (S&T) beat.

The elections keenly contested by S&T editors, correspondents, reporters and PROs in S&T establishments across the country, saw Mr Segun Ayeoyenikan clinching the post of national president.

Ayeoyenikan, who is of *The Guardian* Newspaper, defeated Obiechina Obba of NTA Network News and Olatunji Oriola, publisher of *Issues Magazine*.

Mrs. Ifeoma Ndefo, the Head of Public Relations Unit of the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA), who was unopposed emerged the Deputy National President.

Another lady, Mrs Helen Jok of the Voice of Nigeria (VON) edged out Fatogun Moses of Science and Technology Ministry to become the National Secretary.

Achi reappointed as CCLT boss

President Olusegun Obasanjo has approved the renewal of the appointment of Dr. Samuel S. Achi as the Provost and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal College of Chemical and Leather Technology (CCLT), Zaria, a parastatal under the ministry of science and technology.

In a letter, conveying the Presidents approval, minister of science and technology, Professor Turner T. Isoun said the appointment is for another 4 years and is with effect from January, 2005.

A statement from the head, press and public relation unit of the ministry, Mr. Clement Egbeama said Dr. Achi holds a Ph.D in polymer and colour technology from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom.

He is a fellow of the Polymer Institute of Nigeria, a Chartered Paint Technologist and also holds a professional grade of associate in the oil and colour chemist association of Great Britain.



Dr. Samuel Achi, CCLT boss.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in Development Business No. 561 of June 30, 2001.

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) has obtained a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) for Privatisation Support Projects (PSP) to be executed by the National Council on Privatisation (NCP) through its Secretariat, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE). BPE is responsible for the privatisation of state owned enterprises including the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC). BPE intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under contracts for provision of privatisation advisory services as part of the Railway Sector Reform component of the Privatisation Programme.

Consequently, BPE would like to engage the services of privatisation advisers for the concessioning of the operations of NRC. The services required include but are not limited to:

- Undertaking a commercial assessment to determine the viability of the Nigerian Railway for concessions;
- Operational, legal, technical and financial due diligence
- Development of reform and concession strategy;
- Assessment of investors' interest;
- Execution and marketing of the transactions;
- Marketing of the concessions opportunities;
- Preparation of the bidding documents, assistance in the evaluation of bids and the process for the selection of investors, including the preparation and management of the data room;
- Preparation of transaction documentation, including the concession contracts between FGN and the successful investors;
- Assistance with contract negotiations and closure.

This assignment will last for a period not exceeding 12 months from the time of contracting.

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOIs)

BPE now invites eligible consortia to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Each consortium should be led by a firm with previous experience of leading a consortium on similar assignment, and must include a legal adviser, an accounting firm, and a technical adviser with expertise in concessioning railways.

Expressions of Interest from eligible consortia should be submitted with the following information to the address indicated below as basis for pre-qualification:

- Profile of consortium including ownership structure of firms making up the consortium;
- Names and Curriculum Vitae of the consortium's top executives who will be assigned to the service(s) being applied for, including qualification and individual experience in handling similar assignments, preferably in developing countries;
- Details of similar transactions executed/under execution in the rail sector by the consortium.
- Unabridged Audited Financial Accounts of the Lead Adviser for the last three years, and
- Evidence of alliance/partnership between consortium members;

The selection and contracting of the advisory firm or consortia will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*, published in January 1997 (revised September 1997 and January 1999). Interested consortia may obtain further information from the address below from 8.00 am to 5.00pm Monday - Friday (except on public holidays).

One original and five copies of the expressions of interest must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Expressions of Interest: Privatisation Advisory Services of Nigerian Railway Corporation" and delivered not later than 5.00pm Nigerian time on *Wednesday, April 20th 2005* to the address below:

Director General
Bureau of Public Enterprises
1, Osun Crescent
Off Ibrahim Babangida Way, Maitama,
P.M.B. 442, Garki,
Abuja
At Room 122

Tel/Fax: +234-9-4134664
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Only short listed consortia will be contacted



NIGERIAN COLLEGE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY, ZARIA
INVITATION TO SUBMIT PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria is expanding and upgrading its training & academic services through the construction of new infrastructure, provision & installation of modern equipment & appropriate furniture in the entire College. The College hereby invites qualified and duly registered contractors to submit detailed technical & financial pre-qualification proposals for the following:

S/NO	PROJECT TITLE
1	REACTIVATION OF THE COLLEGE CENTRAL SEWAGE SYSTEM
2	REHABILITATION OF COLLEGE ROADS & DRAINAGES
3	EXTENSION, RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF RUNWAY
4	MODERNISATION OF 60 NO. STUDENTS HOSTEL ROOMS (BLOCK A)
5	SOLAR POWERING OF STUDENTS' HOSTELS
6	PERIMETER FENCING OF SITE II STAFF QUARTERS
7	FORTIFICATION & RAISING OF COLLEGE FENCE USING BARBED MESH WIRE.
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9	REFURBISHMENT & EQUIPPING OF TRANSPORT WORKSHOP
10	REFURBISHMENT OF COLLEGE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.
11	REFURBISHMENT & EQUIPPING OF THIRD HANGAR
12	PURCHASE OF 3 NO. TRACTORS & SLASHERS
13	REHABILITATION OF STUDENTS' RECREATIONAL WELFARE FACILITIES
14	PURCHASE OF 6 NO. OPERATIONAL VEHICLES (1 X PRADO JEEP & 5 X 406)
15	PURCHASE OF 1 NO. 1000KVA & 1 NO. 500KVA GENSET FOR COLLEGE & SITE II
16	ACQUISITION OF 1 NO. FRASCA 242 SIMULATORS
17	RECONSTRUCTION OF BURNT HOUSE 42 SITE II & MANAGEMENT GUEST HOUSE
18	EQUIPPING & FURNISHING OF AEROMEDICAL CENTRE
19	PROCUREMENT OF ARTMACS 4.0 PC BASED RADAR SIMULATORS
20	ESTABLISHMENT OF VSAT STATION, NETWORKING & INTERNET CONNECTIVITY
21	ACQUISITION OF BOEING GENERIC SIMULATOR (JET AIRCRAFT)
22	PROCUREMENT OF FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING EQUIPMENT
23	ESTABLISHMENT OF STRUCTURAL REPAIRS WORKSHOP.
24	EQUIPPING OF AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS WORKSHOP
25	EQUIPPING OF GAS TURBINE (JET) ENGINE TRAINING WORKSHOP
26	PROCUREMENT OF FULL SIZE ENGINES (DISUSED)
27	PROCUREMENT OF CUT-AWAY/SECTIONED GAS TURBINE ENGINE
28	PROCUREMENT OF WORKING DEMONSTRATION SYSTEMS
29	PROCUREMENT OF AUTO PILOT TRAINING STATION
30	UPGRADING OF INSTRUMENT WORKSHOP
31	PROCUREMENT OF 360° VISUAL TOWER SIMULATOR
32	UPGRADING OF COMMUNICATIONS LABORATORY
33	PROCUREMENT/INSTALLATION OF MODERN LONG RANGE RADAR
34	GENERAL RENOVATION OF STUDENTS HOSTELS (BLOCKS A & C).

Interested contractors are strongly advised to physically visit the College to assess scope(s) of work(s). This visit shall however be at the contractor's own expense.

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

All pre-qualification submissions shall include:

- I. Detailed Company profile including name, address, telephone & fax nos. and e-mail address(es) of the Company. Submit along with diskette copy in the "Microsoft Word" format.
- II. Names, address(es), telephone nos., e-mail address(es), qualifications & experience of key personnel. Submit along with diskette copy in the "Microsoft Word" format.
- III. Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- IV. Evidence of previous experience in similar & allied works.
- IV. Reference from a reputable bank on the company's financial standing.
- VI. Audited company's statement of accounts & tax clearance for at least three (3) years.
- VII. Detailed list of equipment & furnishing to be provided -if applicable, clearly stating brand name, model/make & source(s). Submit along with diskette copy in the "Microsoft Excel" format.

SUBMISSION:

Each pre-qualification document shall be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with the above title & S/No and addressed to:

The Secretary,
 College Tenders Board,
 Nigerian College of Aviation Technology
 P.M.B. 1031 Zaria Aerodrome
 Kāduna State.

All submissions should reach the above not later than 12 Noon 18th April 2005. ONLY qualified contractors shall be invited to bid & the College shall thereafter NOT enter into further correspondence with all others.

MANAGEMENT

14th March 2005

IT World

Digital tax to aid poor nations

A plan for wealthy nations to contribute a digital tax to provide e-tech tools for poor nations was officially launched in Geneva.

The idea is the brainchild of Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade and Geneva is the first city to sign up.

It plans to contribute 1% of the profit companies make on public technology projects to the fund.

Dubbed the Digital Solidarity Fund, the digital tax has the backing of France, Nigeria, Algeria and Senegal.

The official launch of the fund was opened with a message from Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations.

"The Digital Solidarity Fund should be seen as a concrete manifestation of our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It can help harness the potential of ICTs to empower poor and marginalised people," he said.



Olusegun Obasanjo, AU President

The digital divide is acute between the information-rich Western nations and African nations, many of which lack basic infrastructure.

The fund would help to provide not just internet access and computers, but mobile and satellite phones to aid e-learning and e-health projects.

This is the information age and if we could get it right we would go a long way

The tax is voluntary but it is hoped other countries and

cities will follow Geneva's lead.

Sceptics have questioned whether money would be better spent in providing more basic needs and raising literacy levels.

"It is true that there is a need to be literate to benefit from the internet but it can also be used to raise literacy levels," Charles Geiger, the executive director of the World Summit on the Information Society told the BBC's Go Digital programme.

EU threatens Microsoft with new fines

The European Union (EU) threatened Microsoft Corporation on Friday with new fines if the software company does not make it easier and cheaper for competitors to see the blueprints of its server software.

After hearing from Microsoft's rivals, the EU's antitrust office determined that the system created by Microsoft for granting competitors access to Windows server source code was unsatisfactory.

"Based on the market tests, it doesn't seem to be working at all," said Jonathan Todd, the spokesman for the EU's antitrust office.

EU antitrust regulators fined Microsoft a record 497 million euros (\$665 million) when they ruled a year ago that Microsoft abusively wielded its Windows software monopoly to lock competitors out of the market.

They ordered, among other things, that Microsoft share Windows server code

with rivals so their products can better communicate on networks with machines that run Windows operating systems.

Microsoft decided it would provide the information through licenses, which Todd said the European Commission felt were too expensive.

He said competitors were also having difficulty getting access to the information required to decide whether to buy a license, with Microsoft forcing everyone to buy a full license package.

Furthermore, Todd said vendors providing open-source products such as Linux were excluded from the process.

To date, no company has actually requested a license, said Microsoft spokesman Jim Desler. He added that the EU has not told Microsoft it can't charge for the licenses. Microsoft had proposed charging a royalty fee of between \$100 and \$600 per server.

Todd said the EU could impose prohibitive fines of up to 5 percent of the company's daily global sales if it refuses to better cooperate.

"The Commission remains patient but there are limits to the patience we are prepared to show," Todd said. "The ball is now in Microsoft's court and I am sure they will come back to us shortly on these issues."

For its fiscal year ending June 30, Microsoft has said it expects revenue of about \$40 billion.

Still, Rosoff said ultimately Microsoft may have to comply with regulators' demands.

"The EC has the power to impose a pretty big fine, and I do think that Microsoft would not like to pay that fine," Rosoff said. "Certainly shareholders would not like to see Microsoft paying that fine."



Bill Gates, Microsoft CEO

Outsourcing new technologies from CeBIT 2005

By Hassan Idris, from Berlin, Germany

Information and communication technology (ICT) experts from all over the world converged at the International Trade Fair and Conference for Satellite Communication, Broadcasting and Television (CeBIT 2005) at Hannover in Germany to show case their products and services.

Over 6,000 exhibitors and about 500,000 last week attended the world's leading fair for the ICT. The market for information and telecommunications technology has undergone a dynamic transformation, and the rapid pace of development in IT, telecommunications, software and services has opened up completely new perspectives for our work and daily lives.

As part of an ongoing training programmes on the 'multimedia and online journalism course', participants including lecturers from Ber-

lin visited the CeBIT 2005 met the high expectations of its exhibitors in every regard. Companies welcomed the show's heightened international drawing power and were full of praise for the further increase in valuable business contacts. "Nowhere else is it so easy to make international contacts and bring government representatives, investors and suppliers together at one table", was the official BITKOM verdict at the end of the show.

Among thousands of corporations and paratats around the globe that participated in the CeBIT was the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC). The vice chairman of the NCC, Mr. Earnest Ndukwe said that he and his team were there to outsource new innovations and technologies as solutions to a digital world for the benefit of Nigeria.

In addition to ICT products and solutions spotlight at CeBIT also, international networking and information-sharing. However, with the definitive CeBIT themes like convergence, networking and security, a high-caliber conference and seminar program was a highlight at CeBIT 2005. The new European Union (EU) Commissioner for IT and Media, Viviane Reding declared the seminar opened and pointed out that some 270 top-level decision makers also took the opportunity to exchange news and views

about the changed business environment in the wake of an expanded European market at the "ICT World Club Lunch" on the first day of the trade show.

Top themes at this year's CeBIT were Mobile Services, Digital Lifestyle, IT Security and IT Outsourcing Services. In the telecommunications domain, the main highlights were UMTS and Voice over IP, which are now becoming increasingly attractive for private users. A big buzzword at CeBIT 2005 was convergence, i.e. the convergence between information and telecommunications technologies and consumer electronics. More and more terminal devices now offer features more commonly associated with office and entertainment products. They are also equipped with multiple interfaces, allowing them to communicate with one another through open stand-



A prototype eye controlled camera was among more cutting edge products at CeBIT 2005.

ards. High Definition (HD) was another hot topic. On the computer front, notebooks continue to gain in ascendancy over PCs. Exhibitors showcased numerous business models powered by the latest-generation technology with faster memory access, enhanced performance and minimized energy consumption.

In the business software domain, the focus was on service-oriented architectures that enable simpler integration and maintenance of individual systems. ERP, SCM and CRM systems are designed to provide flexible support for business processes. In the field of RFID technology, full-service solutions for trade and industry were unveiled, including compatible interfaces to existing infrastructure solutions. For banks and financial service providers, the main aim is to keep distributions costs down, while increasing the quality of customer service. IT security continues to be a central aspect of the CeBIT show. Interest is now increasingly turning to issues like spyware, phishing and protection of mobile networks and terminal devices. Key issues at the Public Sector were public administration IT networks, electronic health care cards and ID documents containing biometric features.

The next CeBIT Hannover will be staged from Thursday, 9 March to Wednesday, 15 March 2006.

The German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, including 32 federal ministers, ministers-presidents and state ministers went to CeBIT to update themselves on the latest developments and trends in the ICT industry. And about 30 delegations of high-ranking politicians from all five continents also made the trip.

At the pavilion 'B' Hall 8, Delloitte was the auspicious stand for IT outsourcing and that kind of services. Andreas Modrow of Delloitte said that they are multinational ICT service providers especially in the area of consultancy. According to him, Delloitte became the largest outsourcing business solution providers in a survey carried out by a group of research experts. They became first in the list and they were followed by the Accenture Consulting. He proffered solutions to IT process auditing in Today's changing e-global economy.

He said that they developed software and train and serve as trusted advisers in data security. Deloitte wants to establish business relations with Nigerians in the area of global network of audit and Enterprise Risk Services. They provide a range of professional audit and advisory services to assist clients all over the world in achieving their business objectives, managing their risk, and improving their business performance. As global capital

Microsoft launches paid search technology

Following the lead of Google Incorporation and other online competitors, Microsoft Corporation plans to start selling sponsored links on its search Web pages.

Microsoft's move into this potentially lucrative area capitalizes on detailed demographic information the software company has gathered over the years, raising privacy concerns for some.

It also comes as Microsoft continues its aggressive effort to catch up in online search with market leaders Google and Yahoo Inc. Google, the search leader, is thriving in large part because advertisers are willing to pay more to have their Web site links displayed prominently alongside Google's regular search results.

Microsoft also displays such sponsored links next to its regular results, which are based on a formula that ranks Web pages according to such factors as relevance, but has until now outsourced the bulk of the job of selling sponsored links to Yahoo.

Microsoft's paid search platform will provide detailed-but not personally identifiable-information, such as gender, age and location, for many people who use its search engine, allowing ad-

vertisers to target their ads to a specific audience.

Yusuf Mehdi, a corporate vice president with the MSN unit, said Microsoft has gathered this personal information by tracking users who have logged into its Hotmail e-mail program or other Microsoft Web sites, and then matching the data they provided with publicly known demographics, such as average income for a particular ZIP code.

The company uses computer addresses to track who's who, but Mehdi said it will not release names or other personally identifiable information.

For example, a car company could choose to have Microsoft display its sports car link when a man types in certain keywords, and a link to an SUV model when a woman uses the search criteria.

Microsoft would then provide the company with detailed information about the demographics of the people who clicked on its ads.

Analyst Niki Scevak with Jupiter Research said Microsoft's detailed profiles, combined with plans to eventually also sell regular ads on other MSN Web sites through the same system, could give the company a significant edge over its rivals in the long-term.



THE BUBA MARWA ENDOWMENT

2004/2005 SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO INDIGENT NIGERIAN STUDENTS

As a result of our advertisement in six major newspapers for the above grant, the names of successful candidates and would be beneficiaries of the TBME Educational Scholarship Grant 2004/2005 are hereby published zone-by-zone, institution-by-institution and state-by-state.

Forms were sent to all the accredited Universities and Polytechnics in Nigeria through the offices of the Vice Chancellors and Rectors respectively. About 97% of the Universities and 96% of the Polytechnics responded.

Out of the 900 grants Nationwide, the first 300 for Adamawa State have already been disbursed and the remaining 600 covering the six geo-political zones at the rate of 100 per zone are hereby published. We appropriately dispatch the list of beneficiaries to all the participating institutions and our state advisers. We shall also soon intimate them on the modalities of disbursement. The institutions will avail the beneficiaries with further details of disbursement and grant administration.

On behalf of the teaming good Nigerians that support TBME Programs Nationwide, we than you all and God bless, Nigeria and our able leaders.

NORTH EAST

Table listing beneficiaries for the North East zone, including columns for SN, FULL NAME, INSTI., STATE, L.G.A., ACAD/PROG, YEAR, and DUPL.

Table listing beneficiaries for the North East zone (continued), including columns for SN, FULL NAME, INSTI., STATE, L.G.A., ACAD/PROG, YEAR, and DUPL.

NORTH CENTRAL

Table listing beneficiaries for the North Central zone, including columns for SN, FULL NAME, INSTI., STATE, L.G.A., ACAD/PROG, YEAR, and DUPL.

176. ABDULLAH M. YA'U	-DO-	-DO-	HAS-EGGON	MATHEMATICS	300L	4Y	294. AHMAD IBRAHIM	-DO-	-DO-	GUSAU	VET. MEDICINE	100L	6Y	
177. CHIKU E. SHAMMAM	-DO-	-DO-	WARABA	MATHEMATICS	300L	4Y	295. MUHAMMAD A. GUSAO	-DO-	-DO-	GUSAU	BOTANY	100L	5Y	
178. ISOGAH AHMED MOHAMMED	-DO-	-DO-	DOMA	ACCOUNTING	200L	4Y	296. SULLEMAN SADI DANSAQAU	GUSAU POLY	-DO-	-DO-	MARU	ACCOUNTANCY	100L	2Y
179. OSE UMAR ODE	-DO-	-DO-	DOMA	ACCOUNTING	200L	4Y	297. KUBBANIYA SANUSI MOI'D	-DO-	-DO-	TAFARA	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	2Y	
172. NURU TANKO	UNI. OF JOS	-DO-	LAFIA	PHARMACY	200L	5Y	298. ABBA ZAKARI	-DO-	-DO-	GUSAU	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	2Y	
173. USMAN MOHAMMED ELEGU	UNI. OF JOS	-DO-	LAFIA	LAW	200L	3Y	299. YAJIAYA ABDULLAH	POLY KAURA	-DO-	-DO-	MATU	ARCH. TECH.	100L	2Y
174. GALADIMA USMAN NURU	F.U.T MINNA	NIGER	SHINHO	E/COMP. ENGRG.	400L	5Y	300. USMAN M. BIRAGAJI	-DO-	-DO-	BIRAGAJI	QUAN. SURVEYING	100L	2Y	
175. MAKOSHI STEPHEN MIKAI	-DO-	-DO-	PAIKORO	LIB. & INFOR. TECH.	200L	5Y	301. ISYAKA BAKO	KADPOLY	-DO-	-DO-	ANKA	ACC. & FINANCE	100L	2Y
176. ABDULLAH M. SHABA	-DO-	-DO-	KATCHA	LIB. & INFOR. TECH.	200L	5Y	302. SARI JUHADU MUHAMMAD	-DO-	-DO-	ANKA	NUTRI. & DIETETICS	100L	2Y	
177. TSOWA ELIJAH	-DO-	-DO-	EGATH	LIB. & INFOR. TECH.	200L	5Y	303. MAUDE SANI	-DO-	-DO-	GUSAU	POWER MACHINES	100L	2Y	
178. JIYA JAPHETH ZHITSU	-DO-	-DO-	MASEGU	E/COMP. ENGRG.	200L	5Y	304. HASSAN HALIMATU	A.B.U. ZARIA	-DO-	-DO-	GUSAU	MEDICINE	100L	2Y
179. RAJAD BINTA	POLY. HAS.	-DO-	BIDA	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	2Y	305. HWABUEZE I. MONDAY	N.A. UNI.	ABIA	IKWUANO	PHY/ELECT TECH.	3L	4Y	
180. LEGBO JOHN	F.U.T MINNA	-DO-	GUAKO	E/COMP. ENGRG.	200L	5Y	306. OKWUNU CHIMEZIE G.	-DO-	-DO-	UMUANIA	MEDICINE	4L	6Y	
181. SULEIMAN A. ABDULKADIR	-DO-	-DO-	BIDA	LIB. & INFOR. TECH.	200L	5Y	307. OBASI GRACE NNENNAYA	-DO-	-DO-	IKWUANO	COMP. SCIENCE	2L	4Y	
182. ALIYASSAH DAVID JIBIN	-DO-	-DO-	MOKWA	MECH. ENGRG.	200L	5Y	308. AGBARA STANLEY OBEFULE	UNN	-DO-	-DO-	IKWUANO	ANIMAL SCIENCE	4L	5Y
183. ALIYU SULEIMAN	-DO-	-DO-	AGAIE	E/COMP. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	309. ROBERT UCHIECHI FRIDAY	INSTL. OF MGT.	-DO-	-DO-	INGWAS	ACCOUNTANCY	4L	4Y
184. JIYA GANA	-DO-	-DO-	DOKO	B. TECH.	400L	5Y	310. CLARKE CELINE NWAUGO	INSTL. OF MGT.	-DO-	-DO-	INGWAS	COMP. SCIENCE	3L	4Y
185. NMADU RACHEL KASHI	-DO-	-DO-	DOKO	B. TECH.	400L	5Y	311. DYUOHI FEOMA MARGRET	ABIA ST. UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	OHAFIA	MEDICINE	2L	4Y
186. YAKUBU ABDULKADIR	-DO-	-DO-	LAPAI	CIVIL ENGINEERING	300L	5Y	312. CHUKWUYERE C. FRIDAY	-DO-	-DO-	UMUANIA-N	MEDICINE	1L	6Y	
187. DAYOM PAHAM STEPHEN	UNI. JOS	PLATEAU	PAIKORO	MEDICINE	200L	6Y	313. ONYIKE CHIZURUM	-DO-	-DO-	BENDE	MEDICINE	2L	6Y	
188. IDRABIM YAJIAYA IDRABIM	-DO-	-DO-	JOS NORTH	PHARMACY	100L	5Y	314. CHUKWUMA N. COMFORT	-DO-	-DO-	UMUANIA-N	BIOCHEMISTRY	2L	6Y	
189. USMAN MOHAMMED ELEGU	-DO-	-DO-	LAFIA	LAW	200L	3Y	315. UWOM UZOMA PRECIOUS	-DO-	-DO-	BENDE	ACCOUNTANCY	1L	4Y	
190. ZITTA L. GWANGIIM	-DO-	-DO-	WASE	MEDICINE	200L	6Y	316. ANADA OKWUCHI TIMOTHY	-DO-	-DO-	ISIALA NGWA	PHYSICS	2L	4Y	
191. DUNG GWON P. STEPHEN	-DO-	-DO-	BA'ALI	MEDICINE	200L	6Y	317. OHAKU UCHE	-DO-	-DO-	IKWUANO	MEDICINE	3L	6Y	
192. DIMKA LERNGHEN YAKUBU	-DO-	-DO-	KAPKE	MEDICINE	200L	7Y	318. OSUJI AUGUSTINE E.	-DO-	-DO-	ISUKWUALA	MEDICINE	2L	6Y	
193. MANGUT R. UNATYAK	-DO-	-DO-	BOKKOS	LAW	400L	4Y	319. HWOKI AMARA STANLEY	MOKPARA UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	MOKPARA UNI.	FOOD TECH.	2L	4Y
194. DAPAP DE LASHIK DATAK	-DO-	-DO-	QIPAN	MEDICINE	500L	6Y	320. LIME OGWO	MOKPARA UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	BENDE	FOOD TECH.	3L	4Y
195. DASIE MAHIA ANANMIAP	-DO-	-DO-	QIPAN	MED. & SURG.	500L	6Y	321. ENYINAYIA C. VICTOR	ABIA ST. POLY	-DO-	-DO-	ISIALA NGWA	COMP. SCIENCE	1L	4Y
196. PEHZIN KAUNA MANKO	-DO-	-DO-	LANGTANGS	LAW	300L	4Y	322. ANOSIKE PRECIOUS IBE	ABIA ST. POLY	-DO-	-DO-	UKWUNAGBOR	ACCOUNTANCY	3L	4Y
197. FOM SUNDAY PAM	-DO-	-DO-	BRADI	LAW	400L	4Y	323. UGBOAJA ONUEKACHI I.	ARBIAM POLY	-DO-	-DO-	BENDE	MECH. ENGRG.	3L	4Y
198. YAWUS P. NANKLIN	-DO-	-DO-	MAHGU	LAW	400L	4Y	324. EJEAGU CHRISTON C.	N.A. UNI.	ANAMBRA	AGUATA	MECH. ENGR.	100L	5Y	
199. JOSEPH NAHLE DUNGSE	-DO-	-DO-	MAHGU	MED. & SURG.	200L	6Y	325. OKEABNAH SCHNELO J.	-DO-	-DO-	DUNUCOFIA	BIO CHEM.	200L	5Y	
200. KUMABET SONNY JOHN	-DO-	-DO-	PENKSIHI	MED. & SURG.	200L	6Y	326. MADUABIA SCHOLASTICA U.	-DO-	-DO-	OHISHA	ELECT. ENGR.	200L	5Y	
201. MOHAMMED HARUNA Y.	POLY HAS.	-DO-	KAHAM	QUAN. SURV.	200L	2Y	327. OKOYE IFEANYI MAMABU	-DO-	-DO-	NJIKOKA	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	4Y	
202. UMAR HABIB MOHAMMED	KADPOLY	-DO-	JOS NORTH	COMPUTER SCI.	200L	2Y	328. OHWUONJOR CHIKODI J.	-DO-	-DO-	BHALA	MEDICINE	200L	4Y	

NORTH WEST

SN	FULL NAME	INSTL.	STATE	L.G.A	ACAD/PROG	YEAR	DUR.	SN	FULL NAME	INSTL.	STATE	L.G.A	ACAD/PROG	YEAR	DUR.	
203.	HARUNA M. IBRIS	KANO UNI.	JIGAWA	HADZHA	ENGRG. CIVIL	100L	5Y	331.	UDFABOR WEAU JANE	-DO-	-DO-	OYI	ELECT. ENGRG.	400L	5Y	
204.	ADAMU ABDU ZAI	-DO-	-DO-	OTSE	AGRICULTURE	300L	5Y	332.	OKEKE MONYELUM C.	-DO-	-DO-	OYI	ELECT. ENGRG.	400L	5Y	
205.	MUHAMMAD U. IBRAHIM	-DO-	-DO-	GUMEL	BIOLOGY	200L	5Y	333.	NWAZI C. CHIDIMMA	INSTL. OF MGT.	-DO-	-DO-	NJIKOKA	MEDICINE	100L	6Y
206.	ISYAKU ADAMU	-DO-	-DO-	JAUUN	AGRICULTURE	200L	5Y	334.	ANAGODA C. CALISTA	ABIA ST. UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	ANAOCHA	MICROBIOLOGY	200L	4Y
207.	FARUK NASIR	-DO-	-DO-	TAURA	PHYSICS	100L	5Y	335.	ONUZURUIKE UGOCHE IKWU	MOKPARA UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	AGUATA	PHYSICS	100L	4Y
208.	ISHAQ GAZALI KABIR	-DO-	-DO-	IKVUDU	PHYSICS	100L	5Y	336.	ANZECHI AMARACHUKWU A.	ANAM. ST. UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	NNEWI-N	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	4Y
209.	SANI GAMBO BABURA	B.U.K	-DO-	BABUINA	LAW	300L	5Y	337.	HOOPER IJEOMA MIRACLE	-DO-	-DO-	ORUMBA-N	COMP. SCIENCE	200L	4Y	
210.	NAFISA YUSUF	KANO UNI.	-DO-	RINGIM	COMPUTER SCI.	200L	5Y	338.	MUOJEKWU ANTHONY UCHE	-DO-	-DO-	ANAOCIA	GEOLOGY	100L	4Y	
211.	MOHAMMED M. IBRAHIM	B.U.K	-DO-	HADZHA	ACCOUNTING	200L	4Y	339.	NZELU A. CHRISTIAN	ABIA ST. POLY	-DO-	-DO-	IDEMILI-S	COMP. SCIENCE	200L	4Y
212.	KABIR AHMAD TAL	DIFODIO UNI.	-DO-	KAUGAMA	BIOCHEMISTRY	100L	5Y	340.	MBAEFO CHINWE GRACE	MADONNA UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	IDEMILI-S	MEDICINE	200L	4Y
213.	TAJJARI AWWAL SIUFAB	B.U.K	-DO-	RINGIM	MEDICINE	200L	6Y	341.	OBIDIKE CHIOMA THERESA	MADONNA UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	OYI	BIOCHEMISTRY	200L	4Y
214.	ABDULLAH SAMA AHMED	A.B.U ZARIA	-DO-	IRINGIM	ELECT. ENGRG.	100L	5Y	342.	IKAJA EMMAHUEL	ALBIAM POLY	-DO-	-DO-	IDEMILI-S	MECH. ENGRG.	400L	6Y
215.	BELLO U. MOHAMMED	B.U.K	-DO-	KIHAISA	MEDICINE	500L	6Y	343.	ONWUFORI.	UNIBEN	-DO-	-DO-	IDEMILI-S	STRUC. ENGR.	400L	5Y
216.	KABIRU ILU RINGIM	KADPOLY	-DO-	BIRNWA	ACCOUNTANCY	300L	4Y	344.	AWAGU EMMAHUEL	B.U.K	-DO-	-DO-	NIMO	MECH. ENGRG.	400L	5Y
217.	AUTAHAMISU SANI	POLY BAUCHI	-DO-	JEMA'A	MET	200L	2Y	345.	SUNNYVAL V. AGULEFO	ADAM. ST. UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	ANAOCIA	B.SC MATHS/COMP.	200L	5Y
218.	SABO ABUBAKAR GARBA	KADPOLY	KADUNA	TECH. EDU.	YEM'AI	300L	5Y	346.	UCHE ELIJAH OKO	N.A. UNI.	EBONYI	AFIKPO	PHY/ELECT TECH.	300L	5Y	
219.	SANI LAVAL MOHAMMED	A.B.U ZARIA	-DO-	SIGARI	METALL. ENGR.	100L	5Y	347.	UMATHA ONEBUCHI S.	-DO-	-DO-	EZZA SOUTH	MECH. ENGR.	300L	5Y	
220.	AMINU D. MOHAMMED	-DO-	-DO-	SIGARI	MEDICINE	300L	6Y	348.	NWALI SILAS ALEGU	-DO-	-DO-	OHAUKWU	MEDICINE	400L	6Y	
221.	UMAR SAMAYLA	-DO-	-DO-	ZARIA	LAW	300L	5Y	349.	NAAMAH JOEL EZE	-DO-	-DO-	ONICHA	MEDICINE	400L	6Y	
222.	MAKOSHI JOSUA ASA	-DO-	-DO-	KACIHA	WIRES. & ENV. ENGR.	200L	5Y	350.	AZU EMMAHUEL	-DO-	-DO-	AFRIKPO-N	PHY. ELECT. TECH.	200L	5Y	
223.	MATUABI DULUS SIMON	KADPOLY	-DO-	KAJURU	MATHS & COMP.	300L	2Y	351.	IBEM COLUMBU OKON	-DO-	-DO-	AFRIKPO-S	ARCHITECTURE	200L	5Y	
224.	AMBIIRIMIYA DAHLADI	A.B.U ZARIA	-DO-	SANGA	ACCOUNTING	300L	4Y	352.	CHUKWU F. MICHAEL	-DO-	-DO-	ISHIELU	AGRIC ENGRG.	300L	5Y	
225.	DATURE ISIFANUS	KADPOLY	-DO-	KAGARKO	ELECT/ELECTR.	300L	2Y	353.	OKOH DANIEL IZU	-DO-	-DO-	AFIKPO-N	PHYSICS	200L	5Y	
226.	JAFARU SARKI YERIMA	-DO-	-DO-	CHUKUN	ACCOUNTING	200L	2Y	354.	OKORO MARIA NKECHI	ABIA ST. UNI.	-DO-	-DO-	IYO	MEDICINE	200L	5Y
227.	DUTSER WAI HAIFAT SALEH	A.B.U.	-DO-	ZAIRA	GEOGRAPHY	200L	5Y	355.	AGWU UDU OLA	ABIA ST. POLY	-DO-	-DO-	AFIKPO-S	COMP. SCIENCE	100L	4Y
228.	KARIM ABDUL	UNIMAD	-DO-	JABA	M.C.H. ENGR.	300L	5Y	356.	OTU FLOMANAS AZURUIKE	OSISA POLY	-DO-	-DO-	AFIKPO-N	COMP. SCIENCE	200L	4Y
229.	TUEURAH JEREMAH IRIMAH	UNIMAD	-DO-	SANGA	AGRIC SCIENCE	100L	4Y	357.	HWOJUI LOUIS	OSISA POLY	-DO-	-DO-	IZZI	COMP. SCIENCE	200L	4Y
230.	ROTUKSON B. DANLAMI	UNIMAD	-DO-	JABA	MEDICINE	200L	5Y	358.	OKOH D. IZUKEDINACHI	UNN	-DO-	-DO-	AFIKPO-N	PHYSICS	200L	4Y
231.	SHAGAIYA CALEB HAGARI	FUTY	-DO-	JABA	CHEMICAL ENGRG.	200L	4Y	359.	AZIH CHUKWUNWUNSO I.	N.A. UNI.	ENUGU	AWGU	MECH. ENGR.	300L	5Y	
232.	ADAMU SAFIYA S. M	KANO POLY	KANO	MUNICIPAL	SLT LAB. TECH.	200L	2Y	360.	UGWUEZE CHIDIEBERE V.	-DO-	-DO-	HSUKKA	MEDICINE	400L	6Y	
233.	YUSUF A. ALIYU	-DO-	-DO-	DALA	SLT BIO/MICROBIO.	200L	2Y	361.	OKOTA LOVELINE U.	-DO-	-DO-	EZEAGU	BOTANY	200L	5Y	
234.	UMAR FA'IZA ALI	-DO-	-DO-	FAGGE	ENGRG. ELECTR.	200L	5Y	362.	EZUGWU CHINASA JULIET	UNN	-DO-	-DO-	ORBA	PHARM. SC.	200L	5Y
235.	MOHAMMAD Z. FAROUK	-DO-	-DO-	MUNICIPAL	COMPUTER	200L	5Y	363.	ALEKE CHIKA EMMAHUEL	-DO-	-DO-	HSUKKA	MECH. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	
236.	MUHAMMAD H. IBRAHIM	-DO-	-DO-	BICHI	PHYSICS	200L	4Y	364.	ANYANAGBU IFEANYICHUKWU	-DO-	-DO-	OJI RIVER	MECH. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	
237.	KIBIYA LAWAN ADUOKAR	B.U.K	-DO-	KIHAISA	MATHS	200L	5Y	365.	UCWUANYI AUGUSTINE C.	-DO-	-DO-	UDENU	MECH. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	
238.	CHIDOMAWA NURU LIMAN	KANO UNI.	-DO-	UNGOGO	PHYSICS	200L	4Y	366.	UGWU MALACHI IKE	-DO-	-DO-	UDENU	ELECT. ENGRG.	200L	5Y	
239.	ALI USMAN	B.U.K	-DO-	TAKAI	MEDICINE	200L	6Y	367.	HNADI GEORGE SUNDAY	-DO-	-DO-	HSUKKA	ELECT. ENGRG.	200L	5Y	
240.	SHU'ABU S. ABDULLAH	KANO UNI.	-DO-	OLUEJI	ENG. CIVIL	100L	5Y	368.	AMOKA SUNDAY LONGYUS	-DO-	-DO-	HSUKKA	COMPUTER SCI.	200L	4Y	
241.	MUSA ALIJAH IDRABIM	-DO-	-DO-	T/WADA D.	ENG. MECH.	200L	5Y	369.	IGWUKE ALIENEGO OFOR	-DO-	-DO-	UDENU	ELECT. ENGRG.	400L	5Y	
242.	YAKUBU A. ISMAIL	B.U.K	-DO-	OGO	MICROBIOLOGY	100L	5Y	370.	OGHU EIBHE ODAGELI	-DO-	-DO-	UDULEDEM	STATISTICS	400L	6Y	
243.	MOHO HASSAN ADWALU	B.U.K	-DO-	GWALE	PHYSICS	200L	5Y	371.	OMEJE OSITA U.	-DO-	-DO-	UDENU	ELECT. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	
244.	GARDA M. MUSABHU	-DO-	-DO-	MUNICIPAL	MATHS & COMP.	100L	2Y	372.	ONAH CALISTU CHINWEUDA	-DO-	-DO-	ORBA	MECH. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	
245.	ABUBAKAR UMAR ALHAJI	KADPOLY	-DO-	KAPAYE	PRINTING TECH.	300L	2Y	373.	AJAEGBU BLESSING U.	INSTL. OF MGT.	-DO-	-DO-	UDI			

421. JOSEPH AUGUSTINE JOSEPH	-DO-	-DO-	IKONO	B.SC PHYSICS	200L	5Y	548. BANJO OLUYEMISI MODUPE	-DO-	-DO-	IKENNE	ELECT. ELEC.	300L	2Y
422. BARRATT INODU	RUST	BAYELSA	NEMBE	LAND SURV.	200L	5Y	549. ADEYEMI ISMAIL A.	-DO-	-DO-	ODEDA	CIVIL ENGR.	300L	2Y
423. ATIEGHA CHRISTIAN	-DO-	-DO-	NEMBE	MECH. LAB. SCI.	400L	5Y	550. LAVAL GBOLAHAN ISAH	UNI. EKITI	-DO-	ABEO. SOUTH	E/ELECT ENGR.	500L	5Y
424. OGBOLOSINGHA O.	-DO-	-DO-	YENAGOA	QUANTITY SURV.	100L	5Y	551. YUSUF MODUPE ABOSEDE	YABATECH	-DO-	WEST ABIGI	BIOCHEMISTRY	200L	2Y
425. ADU EMMANUEL GILBERT	UNICAL	-DO-	OGBIA	MED. SCIENCE	100L	5Y	552. AKINDELE F. ABIDEMI	LASU	-DO-	IJEBU-ODE	BIOCHEMISTRY	300L	5Y
426. TUEDON ENIYE WINIFRED	WDELTA UNI	-DO-	EKEREMOR	ENGINEERING	300L	5Y	553. ADEBAYO M. BABATUNDE	KWARA POLY	-DO-	ABEO. NORTH	LAW	500L	4Y
427. DUMBO SELEMANA YOKORO	AMBR. ALLI	-DO-	EKEREMOR	LAW	300L	5Y	554. ODUNSI FOLORUNSHO O.	WOKPARA UNI.	-DO-	IJEBU-ODE	FOOD TECH.	300L	5Y
428. JUBILEE KERE-AKEDI	WDELTA UNI	-DO-	EKE	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	4Y	555. ENKOLOBO O. PHILIP	POLY BAUCHI	-DO-	IFO	PHY/ELECT. SCI.	200L	2Y
429. OYIMI TOMBRAPAGHA	-DO-	-DO-	EKEREMOR	E/ELECT ENGRG.	100L	5Y	556. ADERINOLA O. OLUWAGBENGA	OAU	ONDO	OSE	MECH. ENGR.	100L	5Y
430. OMBU E. PHELIM	-DO-	-DO-	SAGBAMA	AGRIC. ENVL/ENGRG.	100L	5Y	557. AKINSIKU S. OLUWATOBI	-DO-	-DO-	ILE-OLUJI	COMPUTER ENGR.	100L	5Y
431. JOSHUA EBIERE VICTORIA	RUST	-DO-	SILGA	LAW	100L	4Y	558. AFRIUWAPE M. OLUWAFEMI	-DO-	-DO-	AKURE	MECH. ENGR.	100L	5Y
432. AMGBARE EKAUNKUMO	WDELTA UNI	-DO-	SAGBAMA	C/PETROCHEM ENGRG.	200L	5Y	559. TEIINSE OLAYINKA BLESSING	-DO-	-DO-	AKOKO SW	METALL. MAT. ENGR.	100L	5Y
433. DISI EBURE FORTUNE	ABIA ST. UNI	-DO-	SAGBAMA	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y	560. MUHAMMED A. ALANE	RUFUS POLY	-DO-	AKURE-S	ARCH. TECH.	100L	5Y
434. BORNFORO BLESSING T.	UNI. SCI. P/H	-DO-	SILGA	MOT SCIENCE	100L	5Y	561. ONI OLALAYE GBENGA	-DO-	-DO-	AKURE-S	E/ELECT ENGR.	100L	5Y
435. EBOCK OTU NGWU	UNICAL	C/RIVER	IBASE	LAW	300L	5Y	562. AJISAFE BEATRICE OMOLEYE	-DO-	-DO-	AKURE-S	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	2Y
436. ATINOKI KEYAH SUNDAY	-DO-	-DO-	JOS NORTH	MED. & SURGERY	400L	6Y	563. JEJELOWO RAPHAEL KEHINDE	-DO-	-DO-	AKURE-N	FOOD TECH.	200L	2Y
437. EKABUA UBI OBI	-DO-	-DO-	ADI	ACCOUNTANCY	200L	4Y	564. TINUBU BEATRICE OLUFUNKE	-DO-	-DO-	AKURE-N	COMP. SCIENCE	100L	2Y
438. NWANKWO BASSEY JOSEPH	-DO-	-DO-	YAKURR	E/CHEM. TECH.	300L	5Y	565. EGBUWALO B. OLUWASEUN	IBAD. POLY	-DO-	OKITIPUPA	BIO-CHEMISTRY	300L	4Y
439. NANDI WILLIAM OTU	-DO-	-DO-	YAKURR	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y	566. EGBUWALO M. TEMITOPE	UNI. OF ABEO.	-DO-	ONDO N/WEST	CHEM. ENGRG.	200L	5Y
440. MICHAEL JOHN	-DO-	-DO-	YAKURR	APPL. GEOPHYS	200L	4Y	567. OGUNGBEMIDE DAMILARE I.	UNI. OF IBAD.	-DO-	O/WO	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y
441. AWOWOH C. HIMABE	-DO-	-DO-	OBANLIKU	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y	568. TJAJI ENIOLA OLUWAYOWA	-DO-	-DO-	ONDO WEST	E/ELECT ENGR.	200L	5Y
442. EGBA BASSEY AKAM	-DO-	-DO-	OBUBRA	MED. SCIENCE	100L	6Y	569. ADESINA O. AKINOLA	UNIBEN	-DO-	ONDO WEST	STATISTICS	300L	4Y
443. ODEY MARIA	-DO-	-DO-	APAPA	MED. SCIENCE	100L	6Y	570. AKINMUTIMI FOLAJIMI C.	UNI	-DO-	ONDO WEST	ENG. MECH.	200L	5Y
444. ETENG OMINI OKOI	-DO-	-DO-	YAKURR	MICRO/BIOLOGY	100L	5Y	571. AKINMUTIMI FOLAJIMI C.	UNI	-DO-	ONDO WEST	STATISTICS	300L	4Y
445. IKPAN OGBE OYAMA	-DO-	-DO-	OBUBRA	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y	572. AKINMUTIMI FOLAJIMI C.	UNI	-DO-	ONDO WEST	ENG. MECH.	200L	5Y
446. EFFION NYA IMO	-DO-	-DO-	C/ABAR-S	PHYSIOLOGY	100L	4Y	573. ENIOLA M. ANJOLUWAPU	O.A.U	OSUN	ILESA WEST	MEDICINE	300L	6Y
447. EDET EYONANG ITA	-DO-	-DO-	ODUKPANI	B.SC PURE CHEM.	100L	4Y	574. AJOLOYE IDOWU ADEMOLA	-DO-	-DO-	SAGAMU	SOIL SCIENCE	100L	5Y
448. WILLIAMSON EYO EKPO	-DO-	-DO-	ODUKPANI	B.SC APPL. CHEM.	100L	4Y	575. ADEWIMI A. ADEWALE	-DO-	-DO-	ISOKAN	CIVIL ENGR.	100L	5Y
449. AMOS ADUAK ELEANOR	UNI. LAGOS	-DO-	ETHIOPE EAST	BOTANY	200L	5Y	576. ADEGOMIJE C. ADEGBENRO	-DO-	-DO-	AYEDIRE	MECH. ENGRG.	100L	5Y
450. ODITETE OGHENEMARO	DELTA	DELTA	ISOKO NORTH	E/ELECT ENGR.	200L	5Y	577. ONIDARE A. ADEJOKE	-DO-	-DO-	ORIADE	MICROBIO.	100L	4Y
451. ONORIODE ONOWIGHOSE	AMBR. ALLI	-DO-	ANIOCHA-N	LAW	100L	5Y	578. FAKAYODE I. OLUTOSIN	POLY. EKITI	-DO-	OROKUN	CIVIL ENGRG.	200L	2Y
452. ONYEWADUME L. JEFYINWA	UNIBEN	-DO-	UVWIE	STRUC. ENGR.	400L	5Y	579. OYEBODE O. JOSHUA	UNI. AKURE	-DO-	IFE-NORTH	CIVIL ENGR.	300L	5Y
453. MONDAY AGBORO WILFRED	UNIBEN	-DO-	UGHELU-N	MEDICINE	100L	6Y	580. OYETADE GABRIEL WALE	-DO-	-DO-	IFE-NORTH	ENVIRON. TECH.	100L	5Y
454. ATANO KELVIN OCHUKO	OAU	-DO-	UKWUANI	PHARMACY	200L	6Y	581. AYODELE O. HANNAH	POLY ILARO	-DO-	IFELODUN	ACCOUNTING	300L	2Y
455. ONYEBOLISE S. IJEOMA	UNIBEN	-DO-	OSIHIMI-S	GEOLOGY	100L	4Y	582. OMOFOYE M. TERMITAYO	-DO-	-DO-	AYEDADE	MECH. ENGR.	400L	2Y
456. ARINZE P. CHEKWUBE	-DO-	-DO-	OSIHIMI-N	MED. & SURGERY	400L	6Y	583. ADEREMI J. OLUSEYE	-DO-	-DO-	VORANGUN	PHARMACY	200L	6Y
457. EGBURUWE I. UZOAMAKA	-DO-	-DO-	A/ODOFI	CIVIL ENGRG.	200L	5Y	584. FAYEMI OLUSOLA S.	-DO-	-DO-	ILESA/EAST	AGRIC. & FORESTRY	400L	5Y
458. OLOMU IRERE OMOEFE	-DO-	-DO-	ISOKO NORTH	MECH. ENGRG.	200L	5Y	585. OJO ADEDEJI ROBERT	-DO-	-DO-	IREPODUN	ELECT ENGRG.	300L	5Y
459. OJAREVAHA B. ICHOKE	-DO-	-DO-	SAPELE	ACCOUNTING	200L	4Y	586. ANISTAPHA R. OLANKE	B.U.K	-DO-	EGBEDA	NURSING	300L	5Y
460. OGBUMU MARGARET	-DO-	-DO-	UKWUANI	LAW	400L	4Y	587. AI AI ADE F. OLUWASEUN	BABCOCK	OYO	ISEYIN	LAW	100L	5Y
461. ELEBEN I. IJEOMA	-DO-	-DO-	UKWUANI	LAW	200L	5Y	588. ABOHODE YINKA OLUSEGUN	UNI. IBADAN	-DO-	IBADAN NORTH	LAW	100L	5Y
462. EJEWFHAN AYWEROSUOGHENE	-DO-	-DO-	ISHIELI SOUTH	LAW	200L	5Y	589. OGUNDARE LANKE SIMEON	UNI. IBADAN	-DO-	ONA-ARA	CIVIL ENGR.	100L	2Y
463. OMOKH JUDE IREGBOHOSE	AMBR. ALLI	-DO-	ISOKO SOUTH	CIVIL ENGRG.	200L	5Y	590. OLAGOKE OLUDARE JOHN	IBADAN POLY	-DO-	AKINYELE	CIVIL ENGR.	200L	2Y
464. AKASSA BRAKEMI	UNIBEN	-DO-	WANIN NORTH	MECH. ENGRG.	100L	5Y	591. IIALIDI YAHAYA TUNDE	IBADAN POLY	-DO-	OGO OLUWA	ANI. SCI. & LIVES/PROD.	300L	5Y
465. EMHENEDE MAUREEN	UNI	-DO-	UGHELLI-N	ELECTR. ENGRG.	100L	5Y	592. ADEGOMIJE C. OLUWASEUN	UNI. OF ABEO.	-DO-	IBADAN N/WEST	BIOLOGICAL SCI.E	200L	4Y
466. OMOJU O. SOLOMON	OAU	-DO-	UGHELLI-N	MECH. ENGR.	100L	5Y	593. OGUNTAYO O. OLURODE	-DO-	-DO-	KAJOLA	AGRIC EXT. & RDEV.	200L	5Y
467. UKPOR EMMANUEL ONYEKA	ANAM. ST. UNI.	-DO-	IBOKWA-W	ELECT. ENGRG.	300L	5Y	594. ADENIJI JOEL ADEADAMOLA	-DO-	-DO-	SAKI-WEST	AGRIC	100L	5Y
468. ODEH CHRISTOPHER	B.U.K	-DO-	OSIHIMI	MECH. ENGRG.	400L	5Y	595. IBRAHIM ISIAKA O.	-DO-	-DO-	OGBOMOSO-N	COMP. SCIENCE	300L	4Y
469. EKERE ALFRED OTHUKE	-DO-	-DO-	ISOKO SOUTH	B. TECH.	300L	5Y	596. LAWAL T. OLUWASEUN	-DO-	-DO-	KAJOLA	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y
470. EGHAREVBA O. ALPHONUS	UNIBEN	EDO	OREDO	ACCOUNTING	100L	4Y	597. OSIN ISAIH OLANREWAJU	UNI. IBAD.	-DO-	OGBOMOSO	PURE & APPL. SCI.	200L	5Y
471. AGHAYERE ADESUWA SARAH	-DO-	-DO-	OREDO	ACCOUNTING	100L	4Y	598. BELLO MURITALA	LADOKE UNI.	-DO-	OGBOMOSO	CHEM. ENGR.	300L	4Y
472. EWEKA ELOGHOSA DOUGLAS	-DO-	-DO-	OHLEDO	CIVIL ENGRG	100L	5Y	599. ABIFARIH OLUREM LASUN	-DO-	-DO-	OGBOMOSO-N	MED. & SURGERY	200L	6Y
473. OSEGHALE M. EBENHREMEN	-DO-	-DO-	ESAN/S-E	ACCOUNTING	300L	4Y	600. AZEEZ A. OLASUMBO	-DO-	-DO-	OGBOMOSO-N	ELECT.	200L	2Y
474. AGHEDO KENNETH	-DO-	-DO-	IKPOHA OKHA	MECH. ENGR.	200L	5Y							
475. IMA-IDEHEN NISOWAMNEN	-DO-	-DO-	ETSAKO-W	MED. & SURGERY	300L	6Y							
476. ALIYU MUSTAFA YAKUBU	-DO-	-DO-	OWAN-EAST	SCI. LAB. TECH.	400L	5Y							
477. OSUNAAH RABIAH ORCHEWA	-DO-	-DO-	ESTAKO-W	MEDICINE	100L	6Y							
478. ABDULAZEEZ JUNIOR KASSIM	-DO-	-DO-	ESAN-C	ACCOUNTING	200L	4Y							
479. IBHAFIDON O. CHARLES	AMBR. ALLI	-DO-	OREDO	ACCOUNTING	200L	3Y							
480. BAZUAYE BERNON IGBINOSA	-DO-	-DO-	OHHONMWO	MEDICINE	200L	6Y							
481. IYABO O. NELSON	-DO-	-DO-	UHUNMWODE	LAW	400L	5Y							
482. OSAMUANZE J. IGHEDOSA	-DO-	-DO-	ESAN/S-E	LAW	300L	6Y							
483. OMOGIDE MERCY	-DO-	-DO-	ESAN/S-E	MEDICINE	300L	6Y							
484. IKUENOB E. EIDEMHANKHIA	-DO-	-DO-	OBHONMWOH	E/ELECT ENGR.	200L	5Y							
485. AGHAHOWA OSARO KELLY	N.A. UNI.	-DO-	ETSAKO-C	CHEMICAL ENGR	300L	5Y							
486. SADDH ADELEBE I. MIKKY	O.A.U	-DO-	ELEYELE	AGRIC. ENGRG.	200L	4Y							
487. ELUGBE DANIEL AIGBEBAKU	UNIMAI	-DO-	ONELGA	CIVIL ENGRG.	200L	5Y							
488. AMINIZE K. CHIBUZOR	RUST	RIVERS	ASARI-TORU	MECH. ENGRG.	100L	5Y							
489. HORSFALL INYE GOGO	-DO-	-DO-	EMOHUA	PHYCHEM. ENGRG.	300L	5Y							
490. NWIGWE CHIBUKE ERIC	-DO-	-DO-	EMOHUA	MECH. ENGRG.	100L	5Y							
491. UMEZIRKE GENTILE PETER	-DO-	-DO-	IKWERRE	CIVIL ENGRG	100L	5Y							
492. WEKHE IZUOMA EMEHIKE	-DO-	-DO-	AHOADA-W	ACCOUNTANCY	100L	4Y							
493. ENE FRANK NWUCHE	-DO-	-DO-	AWELGA	LAW	100L	4Y							
494. AMAKIRI EWUMA CHARLES	-DO-	-DO-	EMOHUA	ELECT. ENGRG.	100L	5Y							
495. OGUCHIMA	-DO-	-DO-	AKULGA	ELECT. ENGRG.	200L	5Y							
496. KELLY WHYTIE KIO	-DO-	-DO-	ONELGA	CIVIL ENGRG.	200L	5Y							
497. EKE EDEAZEN HAHOCOURT	-DO-	-DO-	GOKANA	ACCOUNTANCY	100L	4Y							
498. NDEEKOR L. PRECIOUS	-DO-	-DO-	EMOLGA	ACCOUNTANCY	100L	4Y							
499. EZEKWU ROSELINE	-DO-	-DO-	OBIO-AKPOR	LAW	100L	4Y							
500. NWORGU A. RAHMA	UNIBEN	-DO-	ANDONI	MED. & SURGERY	100L	6Y							
501. FANBA FANBA DANIEL	UNIBEN	-DO-	L.G.A	ACAD/PROG.	YEAR	DUR.							
502. FULL NAME	INSTI.	STATE	IKITI WEST	PHARMACY	200L	5Y							
503. OWOSEMI E. OMOTOLA	OAU	EKITI	IJERO	QUAN. SURVEY	300L	5Y							
504. ADARALEGBE O. ADEBOWALE	O.A.U	-DO-	MOBA	PUBLIC HEALTH	200L	4Y							
505. ALEBIOSU O. IBIIYINKA	BABCOCK	-DO-	WIFECOSUN	MECH. ENGR.	200L	2Y							
506. OMOYAJOWO O. OLAWALE	POLY. EKITI	-DO-	EKITI/SOUTH-W	MIL. DES. ENGR.	200L	2Y							
507. OMOYEGBE T. JACOB	-DO-	-DO-	MOBA	MECH. ENGR.	100L	2Y							
508. ABURU ADELEKE STEPHEN A.	IBAD. POLY	-DO-	GBONYIN	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	100L	4Y							
509. IJADARE OLAYEMI IYABODE	UNI. ABEO.	-DO-	MOBA	MEDICINE	100L	6Y							
510. ADARAMOLA J. OLANIYI	OAU	-DO-	EKITI SW	CHEM. ENGRG.	100L	5Y							
511. OJO OLUWAGBENGA SAMUEL	-DO-	-DO-	IJ										

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Traders make homes in Karu Market

Amidst the rumoured intended demolition of the popular Karu Market in Karu, a suburb of Abuja, investigations have revealed that the traders have converted some of the shops to sleeping apartments.

Our correspondent who was at the market gathered that some of the traders whose houses were demolished in Nyanya and Maraba few months ago now found solace in the shops and ware houses inside the market.

Abuja Trust observed that some of the shops housed basic household furniture such as tables, chairs, beds and other household electrical and electronic appliances, an indication of actual conversion of the stalls to sleeping apartments beside the normal business activities.

By Maimuna Yusuf, Reporter (Abuja)

One of the traders, who was seen doing his laundry outside his shop, when asked by our correspondent on the situation simply retorted: "mind your business."

However, one of the market officials who pleaded anonymity said that the market lacks basic amenities despite the revenue it generated for Abuja Municipal area council.

He explained further that the one and only main road into the market is so bad that traders now take the responsibility for its maintenance although it goes worse whenever the rains fall.

According to him, the market lacks public toilets thereby forcing traders to defecate in the open behind it.



It is lunch time as a man squats to relish roasted yam at Mabushi motor park...recently.

Pix: Felix Onigbinde

Magistrate remands legislator's domestic staff over 14,000 euros

Two domestic staff of a legislator have been remanded by an Abuja chief magistrate, Othman Musa, for allegedly conspiring and stealing some money belonging to a member of the House of Representatives.

The duo, a driver, one Obinna Amiafiofor and a cook, one Michael John, facing a two-count charge of conspiracy and theft allegedly stole 14,000 Euros (about N2.6m) belonging to Honourable Ogbach Ozongbachi on March 2, 2005 at Apo Legislators' quarters.

According to prosecution, the money was given to the legislator's younger brother, Mr. Chinedu Ozongbachi for safekeeping, which he reportedly locked in the legislator's bedroom and travelled to Enugu. On his return, the prosecution said, the money

vanished as Chinedu could not find it.

Both men who were not represented by counsel, however pleaded not guilty.

The presiding chief magistrate, Othman Musa, denied them bail and ordered that they be remanded in police custody and adjourned the case to May 4, 2005, for further mention.

Area one market demolition effected despite legal suit

• Traders say AMAC inconsiderate

Demolition of the popular Area One Shopping Centre, Garki was effected last week after the expiration, last Monday, of a 21-day ultimatum given the traders of the market.

Reminiscent of the commando style employed in the

By Abbas Abdullahi, with Agency Report

demolition of old Wuse Market over a month ago, security operatives and stern looking Mobile policemen cordoned off the market last Monday night by blocking the road with armoured vehicles but the demolition ex-

ercise began early Tuesday morning.

The Area One shopping Centre Traders Association (AOSCTA) through their counsel, Chief Tochukwu Onwughofor, had on March 15, 2005 filed a legal suit against the FCT minister and chairman of FCDA, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai at the Federal High Court, Abuja over the proposed demolition of the shopping centre.

The plaintiff prayed the court for an interlocutory injunction restraining the minister, the chairman, Abuja Municipal area council, (AMAC) and his agents from implementing the content of the quit notice dated February 22, 2005 pending the determination of substantive suit.

The secretary of the association, Mr. Udenunwu Barnabas, had on behalf of the traders, appealed to the authorities involved to reconsider the decision.

Most of the shops behind the police station in the market and other ones opposite Julie Useni Recreation Park have been demolished, while FCDA officials were seen supervising the exercise.

Efforts by our correspondent to speak with some of the mobile policemen and FCDA officials proved abortive as none was ready to make any comment. Some of the affected traders however expressed their displeasure over the demolition exercise while others including on-lookers were seen in pensive mood.

Meanwhile traders at the shopping centre have accused the Abuja Municipal area council

(AMAC) of being inconsiderate over the demolition of their shops

concern was based on the fact that the exercise was carried out without notice.

Mrs. Ngozi Matthew, deputy treasurer of the traders' association, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* on Friday in Abuja that the council failed to heed the traders call for an extension of time to enable them to arrange for alternative shops.

She said that their relocation to Commerce Plaza at Durumi within Abuja metropolis by the council was devoid of concrete arrangements.

"The council only asked us to go and rent shops in the plaza pending the construction of the new shopping mall.

"The shops cost between N100,000 and N250,000 depending on the size. The council collects N10,000 for the form which has to be filled before paying for the shops," she said.

NAN reports that the plaza, which is bereft of infrastructure, is undergoing construction while the traders have been bemoaning their fate.

When contacted, the council's vice chairman, Mrs. Oluchi Okeje, denied that adequate arrangements had not been made before the demolition and relocation of the traders.

"The shops are built shops, they are not going to stay on the floor, they are all lock-up shops.

"They are given out at a very subsidised rate. It is half of what they pay in Wuse Market. We negotiated with the owner of the plaza to reduce the price to enable them have shops pending the time we are going to finish erecting new structures at the Area One Shopping Centre from where we displaced them."

NURTW chairman says alcohol still banned in motor parks

By Benjamin Auta, Crime Reporter (Abuja)

speaking to Abuja Trust in his office last week. Alhaji Karshi said that the NURTW and the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) have been collaborating to make the parks free of alcohol. "Nobody is to sell or bring alcohol into our parks unless if that park is not our own," Karshi said. Alhaji Karshi also told

Abuja Trust that security in motor parks in the FCT is vested on the Nigeria police as the force is solely vested with the protection of lives and property.

He called on stakeholders in transport business to continue to cooperate with law enforcement agents and be law abiding even as he urged drivers should not drink before or while driving.

The chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Federal Capital Territory, Alhaji Jibrin Imam Karshi, has restated that sale of alcoholic beverages in the union's motor parks in the FCT is still prohibited.

He made the remark while

School sends SS 3 students on forced holiday

All SS 3 students of the Model Secondary School, Maitama, Abuja, have been sent on forced vacation.

The vice principal (academic), Mr. Joseph Abomann, who confirmed the development, said that the students were asked go home following an injury sustained by a student during a football match.

Abomann, however, said that the injury was a minor bruise on the arm, adding that the student was given first aid treatment.

"When the parents came to pick the child, they were not satisfied with the treatment

National Hospital for further treatment," he added.

"The principal of the school and myself accompanied the parents to the hospital and we were there when he was treated and discharged," he said.

He said that the student was given further medical check up and discharged from the hospital.

The matron at the emergency ward of the hospital, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed the incident, adding that the student was treated as an outpatient and discharged.

"The hospital did not record the incident because it was not a serious matter."

Group launches NGO against sectarian violence

A non-governmental organisation called Association for Peace and Tolerance (APT) has been founded in Abuja. The NGO according to its founders is to discourage religious and sectarian violence and promote peace in the country.

In a press statement made available to Abuja Trust and signed by its president, Mrs. Zainab Yusuf, APT says it is composed of "young professional ladies and men of diverse religious and ethnic background with the shared

crisis in the country."

According to the statement, the NGO said it is planning a series of enlightenment campaign in both the print and electronic media to effect positive changes in the attitude, behaviour and mindset of Nigerian youths who were the foot soldiers of past religious crisis.

Coupled with this, the NGO said, it would embark on poverty alleviation programmes by awarding scholarships to secondary school students "since mass poverty and low literacy level have been fig-

KANO TRUST

Bunkure LG distributes goats to women

Women in Bunkure local government area have received 200 goats at subsidised prices as a means of enhancing self-employment. The council chairman, Alhaji

By Mustapha Isah Kwaru,
Reporter (Kano)

Hussain Dan Baba Kulluwa disclosed this while briefing newsmen.

According to him, the

scheme was meant to reduce the number of women involved in unlawful business as well as curtail street hawking among young girls.

Alhaji Kulluwa said under the programme beneficiaries will each give an initial deposit of N750 to repay the balance in three years.

Alhaji Kulluwa observed that his administration has a series of strategies aimed at empowering both women and youth to be self-reliant saying it was the panacea for the eradication of crimes among the youths who hide under the guise of unemployment to perpetrate the acts.

He told those that have not benefited from the scheme to exercise patience saying they will be considered in the next exercise.

Responding on behalf of the beneficiaries, Hajiya Ta'Annabi Aminu, applauded the council for its timely initiative saying the gesture will drastically minimise hunger and poverty.

We have nothing to hide — Shekarau

Kano State governor, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau has challenged journalists practicing in Kano to be fair and constructive in their criticism of his government.

The governor who was commissioning the new NUJ correspondent chapel office in Kano yesterday said his government welcomes constructive criticism from any quarter if they are genuinely made for the progress of the people of Kano State.

Mallam Shekarau stated that his government is conscious of media importance and role in bridging the gap between the governed and government, adding that the feedback from the public facilitated by the media is a catalyst to good governance.

He thanked journalists in Kano for their cooperation so far and promised to look into their request for a piece of land to develop as a state secretariat.

Earlier, the state commissioner for information had announced the contribution of an 18-seater bus each to the correspondents' chapel and the state council of the NUJ. He said that the gesture is in recognition of journalists' untiring efforts at reporting the activities of the state government.

He however urged the pen pushers report the government positively and fairly especially in the societal re-orientation programme *A dai-daita sahu*.

The chairman, Kano correspondents' chapel, Alhaji Lamara Garba Azare, had earlier thanked Kano State governor for furnishing the correspondents' chapel

By Musa Umar Kazaure,
Regional Editor Kano

office and the bus given to facilitate journalists' activities in the state.

He announced that the chapel will soon embark on a tour of government projects in the state as well as local government councils. The correspondent chapel chairman thanked the government that journalists would endeavour to report the activities of government with objectivity and fairness.

KNSG pledges to provide building for Islamiyya

The Kano State government has pledged to build a school for the Kulafau Rashidina Rilwan Islamiyya Madabci in Kano, which has been teaching children in private houses.

Adviser to Governor Ibrahim Shekarau on Joint Project, Alhaji Yunusa Muhammad Dukurawa, made the pledge at the Qur'anic recitation ceremony of the school.

Alhaji Yunusa Dukurawa who represented the governor at the occasion expressed delight at the achievements of the school, which he said has propelled Islamic development in the state and declared that a school would soon be built for the students.

He explained that Dala local government and the state government would collaborate in the effort and noted that Governor Shekarau was committed to enhancing Shariah values which include Islamic development in schools.

The special adviser

By Jamilah Nuhu Musa,
Reporter (Kano)

observed that the school had played significant roles in the development of Qur'anic education and that this feat was again indicated in the recitation graduation ceremony.

Also speaking at the

occasion, the Khalifa of Qadiriyya, Malauna Karbullah, urged parents and other Muslim *Ummah* to assist the school.

The Khalifa who spoke through Malam Sammani Yusuf Makwarari called on the state government to improve the welfare of teachers to help them put in their best.

Women urged to discuss issues with husband

Women have been advised to review problems affecting them by discussing the issues with their husband with a view to resolving them.

The national coordinator of Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), Hajiya Salamatu Garba, gave the advice during the celebration of International Women's Day held at Dadin Duniya Gabasawa local government area of Kano State.

Hajiya Salamatu Garba stated that the time has come for women to take up issues with their husbands, in laws

and their relatives so as to ensure lasting peace in their homes.

She said that the International Women's Day is significant in the affairs of women and is for progress and development of women as mothers in the society.

The national coordinator

commended the district head of Dadin Duniya and the chairman of Gabasawa for promoting the activities of women and children in the area.

She emphasised the importance of the education of the girl child and pledged to set up a preparatory school for children in Dadin Duniya.

Responding, the chairman of Gabasawa, Alhaji Hussain Isa, commended WOFAN for organising some activities of the International Women's Day in Dadin Duniya and expressed optimism that the present administration will continue to enhance women development.

Pensioners receive N2.7bn

Pensioners in Kano State have received N2.7 billion being payment for pensions and gratuity from August 2003 to January 2005.

Governor Shekarau disclosed this when he declared open a two-day sensitisation workshop on the new pensions scheme for civil servants in the state.

Mallam Shekarau stated that his administration inherited unpaid pension liability of about N914 million in addition to local governments' pensions liabilities totalling more than N508 million.

The state chief executive noted that the pensioners were facing untold hardship and that government felt that the issue of pensioners needed to be faced squarely.

The governor urged participants at the workshop organised by the office of the head of service in conjunction with the office of the special

fashion out suitable pensions policy for the state.

Speaking earlier, the state head of service, Alhaji Rabi Zakariyya said that the aim of the workshop was to sensitise civil servants and other stakeholders on the new pensions scheme.

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The Goron Dutse Rock in Kano still attracts visitors wishing to see the overview of Kano city.

Pix.: Yushau Adamu Ibrahim.

Audu Bako College to introduce fish, bee farming subjects

The management of Audu Bako College of Agriculture (ABCOA), Kano has revealed that it is introducing two

By Yusha'u Adamu Ibrahim,
Reporter (Kano)

additional subjects, bee keeping and fish farming.

The provost of the college, Dr. Inuwa Shehu Usman, disclosed this while receiving students of Government Science Secondary School, Kankara, Katsina State who paid a visit to the college.

He noted that students of the college would be thought operate as well as repair tractors and generators to enable them to become self-reliant after graduation.

Dr. Usman Shehu

therefore called on the state government to come to the aid of the college by providing it with a standby generator for constant supply of electricity, the problem which he said prevents students from enjoying night reading.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the students, Mallam Abdullahi Adamu, urged students to desist from acts capable of disrupting their studies.

Mallam Abdullahi, who advised them to shun absenteeism and drug abuse also appealed to them to desist from joining secret cults.

Shekarau woos investors

By Ahmed Abubakar,
Reporter Kano

companies to invest in the state through the provision of facilities that may reduce difficulties associated with production.

Shekarau appealed to companies in the state to always put into consideration welfare packages for their staff and

generating income for themselves and forgetting to invest in the communities within which the companies are sited.

The vice chairman of plastic, Asia Plastic, Lee Group of Companies, Mr. Sheaufung Lee, told the governor that the company has achieved a world wide recognition in terms of

He said the company helped in generating employment to indigenes of Jogana, thereby reducing unemployment rate to almost zero.

Mr. Lee said with a work force of about 3,000 the company has come to stay and ready to create more jobs for the teeming unemployed youths in the

Kano State government has pledged to support investors willing to do business in the state by eliminating some difficulties that may hamper their investments.

The governor, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau, while on a visit to Asia Plastic Limited situated at Jogana in Kano said the state has adopted

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OPC, Asari Dokubo-led NDVF clash averted

What could have been a bloody clash in Lagos at the weekend was averted when members of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) stormed the premises of the Lagos State Television, (LTV) Agidingbi, and ordered leader of Niger-Delta Volunteer Force, Alhaji Asari Dokubo to leave Lagos immediately for allegedly referring to the late Obafemi Awolowo as a devil.

A four-man team of the OPC led by its generalissimo was said to have arrived the premises of LTV demanding to see Dokubo who was billed to appear on a programme.

The leader of the Niger-

By Olamide Bajulaiye,
Reporter (Lagos)

Delta Force had left the station premises before the arrival of the OPC but the generalissimo of the group was said to have angrily told the crowd that gathered to tell him (Dokubo) to leave Lagos within 24 hours if he knows what is good for him.

Reacting to the development leader of the group, Gani Adams, expressed disappointment with Dokubo, saying how can he call Awolowo a devil?

"That is an insult and I sense a political undertone. Dokubo is supposed to be a friend of the Yoruba. He obviously doesn't have his

facts right. He needs to be taught how to talk because he is very new in the struggle. He has to learn how to be diplomatic. We don't want any problem between the Ijaw and the Yoruba. So, he must apologise in his own interest because he has insulted the Yoruba race by calling our hero a devil. Something is wrong somewhere."

The Niger-Delta warlord, who is an active member of the PRONACO, had arrived Lagos Airport at 12 noon for

a scheduled meeting with elder statesman, Pa Anthony Enahoro, to feature on an LTV live programme as a guest.

During the programme, Dokubo spoke on crucial national issues where he reportedly poured invective on the late Awolowo whom he accused of tribal sentiments and laying the foundation for the current crisis in the Niger-Delta region.

"To me as an Ijaw man from the Niger-Delta, Awolowo is not our hero. In fact, he is the only devil the

Ijaw man knows to be the cause of his problem, and I stand to be corrected."

Shocked by his outburst, the programme moderator asked the NDVF leader to repeat the statement and he boldly said he had no apologies.

Dokubo, who for lack of enough airtime could not substantiate his allegations against the late Awolowo, however insisted, "all the economic policies of Awolowo, while he was Gowon's Finance minister,

were inimical to the well-being of the people of Niger-Delta."

No sooner had he finished that one of his colleagues in PRONACO, Mr. Rasaan Oloko-Oba accosted him with abuses, a development which almost degenerated into a physical combat.

It was not immediately known if the arrival of the OPC members arose from a distress call from Oloko-Oba, the team arrived a few minutes after Dokubo had left the LTV premises.

Court arraigns alleged child traffickers

Ten suspects, eight of them women, were last Friday arraigned at Igbosere Chief Magistrates' Court for alleged involvement in trafficking 64 children.

But charges against them were not formally read out due to their counsel's objection.

When the first suspect, Fatimah Ibrahim, was called so that the charges could be put to her, their lawyer, Ajiya Ebenzer Ganjuwa, objected and challenged the jurisdiction of the magistrates' court to hear the case.

Ganjuwa also argued that the court could not make a remand order because that would be tantamount to proffering a holden charge against the suspect and "a holden charge is not known to the Nigerian law."

On the charge sheet, Fatimah's alleged offence read that "she unlawfully procured from their (children's) parents for the purpose of trafficking... thereby committing an offence punishable" under the legislation concerned.

The other nine suspects in court were Hawawu Issah, Aisha Shaba, Aishat Ibrahim, Fatima Baba, Tunde Lawal (truck driver), Kamoli Yakubu, Fatimo Shaba, and Zainab Danjuma.

A police surveillance team had on March 5, 2005 intercepted a truck in Amukoko area of Lagos and found 64 people, including 52 children, aged between one and fourteen, stowed away in the container normally used for carrying frozen fish.

All the occupants of the truck, including a woman suspected to be the principal suspect, the driver of the truck and his conductor were

held in the office of the Force Criminal Investigation Department, Lagos pending conclusion of investigations.

The police prosecutor, Goodluck Adanlawo, argued that under the criminal procedure Act of Lagos State, a magistrate court had power to order the remand of anybody brought before it in a matter such as child trafficking.

Magistrate I. O. Adelaja however adjourned her ruling till today on the challenge to the jurisdiction of her court to hear the case.



Street trading on 3rd Mainland Bridge said to often cause accidents.

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EFCC recovers 5,000 cheque leaflets from forgers

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has recovered 5,000 forged bank cheque leaflets from a syndicate of master forgers in Lagos.

The 5,000 forged cheque leaflets, postal and international money orders of various banks in Europe, the U.S and South America were seized during an overnight raid.

Director of operations, EFCC, Ibrahim Lamorde, who disclosed this during a news conference said items such as printing plates, diskettes, a rubber stamp for an Irish bank as well as printing papers, allegedly used to perpetrate the crime were also recovered.

Lamorde explained that this development was sequel to the transfer of a case involving suspects from the Lagos State Police Command on March 14, 2005 to the commission.

The director of operations said the suspect, upon interrogation, made useful revelations that culminated in the arrest of two men described as master forgers of foreign cheque leaflets.

He said the first suspect was arrested based on information received by the state commissioner of police's monitoring unit at his Palm Groove residence in February.

Forged cheque leaves, postal money orders and the printing plates were recovered from his room.

"The third suspect was later arrested at a printing press in Shomolu, Lagos where a printing plate for DHL was recovered. The three suspects are printers and main suppliers of forged cheque leaves and other bogus documents being fraudulently used by advance fee fraudsters, Internet fraud as well as those seeking visas to foreign countries," Lamorde said.

He said one Hassan Satoohi; a Saudi citizen residing in Medina, Saudi Arabia had the misfortune of being contacted by a syndicate, which fraudulently obtained over \$400,000 by means of money transfer between 2002 and 2004.

"The victim lodged a formal complaint at the commission late in 2004, sequel to which he was invited to Lagos," he said.

Satoohi alleged that Obinna Ogunne, 38 years old, posed as Malik Mohammed, a senior accountant at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), in the course of the crime. The

second suspect, 33-year-old Michael Mbagwu, used the name of Duru Chinde in collecting most of the money transferred.

Lamorde said several forged documents,

purportedly emanating from the CBN, NDLEA and NNPC featured prominently in the scam, saying computers were recovered from the residence of the first suspect at Festac Town, Lagos.

LASG to convert waste to fertilizer, energy

In order to rid Lagos State of the menace associated with indiscriminate disposal of organic wastes, the state has set to tackle it by converting the organic wastes to fertilizer and other forms of energy like gas, heat and electricity.

The project titled: "Earth Care Project" located at Odoguyan area in Ikorodu axis of the state will commence in the last quarter of the year.

Commissioner for Environment in the state, Mr. Tunji Bello, gave the hint during a press briefing at Alausa Secretariat, Ikeja at the weekend.

Bello said the overall objective of the project is to produce fertilizer from organic waste, create employment opportunities and assist in poverty alleviation.

Similarly, the Commissioner who admitted that "pure water" nylon sachet remained the biggest environmental nuisance across the state explained that a scheme has been designed to recycle the waste nylon for production of other plastic products.

He said the ministry is busy making all the logistical arrangements with all the stakeholders adding that a center will be established in each local government areas of the state where pure water would be collected and paid for.

Bello stressed further that the state government is committed not only to a clean environment but has enacted a law to regulate placement of telecommunication masts to sanitise the physical environment.

Thus, he said the ministry has prepared blue print for multi-lateral projects for the environment sector of the Lagos State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy SEEDS to chart the course of development in the state in the next three years and beyond.

In line with global trends, the commissioner stated that the state government would introduce private sector participation (PSP) in sewage management.

He said the environment ministry, in collaboration with the ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development will henceforth ensure that estate developers provide sewage facilities as a prerequisite for planning approvals.

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- The entire results of candidates who make more than one entry will be cancelled.
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News

Immunity clause must be removed

The deputy senate president, Senator Nasiru Ibrahim Mantu, says that the immunity clause, under section 308 of the constitution which protects the executive while in office must be removed.

Senator Mantu, who spoke at a correspondents' roundtable the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) at the press centre, Wuse, Abuja, last Friday, said that though it was human nature to crave for power, the immunity clause merely turned 'our governors into tin gods'.

He said that 'maybe the intention was good, but Nigerians are well known for abusing situations so the only area of immunity should be on civil matters; but we must expunge and remove immunity clause as it affects criminal offences.'

On the reform policies of the present administration, the deputy senate president said that they were necessary 'pills that Nigerians have to take for things to get better', since according to him, 'Nigeria has no business

- Mantu

From Nasir Imam
(Environment & Property Editor)

with poverty because God has blessed us with abundant human and natural resources'.

"What Nigeria wants is not statistics; they want to feel the impact of the palliative measures in their system: not per capita one digit, inflation is one digit, Nigerians want to feel a digit in their system."

On the expulsion of governor Chris Ngige from the PDP, the deputy senate president said it was a collective decision of the committee set up to investigate the matter and so if there wasn't a single dissenting voice, "I should not be the only one that will not toe the line and I cannot see the collective wisdom of all of us being wrong."

On his role as the Amiral Hajj this year, Alhaji Mantu said he believes he performed creditably well considering the catalogue of problems associated with Nigerian pilgrims, which he said, needed surgical and radical operation.

On 2007, the deputy senate president said that "between now and that year is a long way, and a lot of things can happen to change the tide of events, so don't worry about tomorrow, it will take care of itself and when we get to the bridge, we'll cross it."



R - L, The Emir of Gwandu, Alhaji Mustapha Jokolo, Governor Abdullahi Adamu of Nassarawa State, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammadu Maccido, Governor Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi of Kaduna State and the Emir of Zazzau, Alhaji Shehu Idris, at the joint meeting of Islamic leaders held in Kaduna ... recently

NEPA scares investors from Nigeria

- Jigawa Deputy Gov

From Hassan A Karofi
Correspondent (Dutsé)

The Jigawa State deputy governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Hassan Hadejia, has attributed Nigeria's inability to attract foreign investments to the inept state of the nation's energy sector. He stated this when members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), paid him a courtesy call.

Alhaji Hadejia regretted that with huge resources put into NEPA, there was no corresponding improvement, adding that no serious investor would invest in a place that lacks

adequate energy. 'It is discouraging for the nation to be generating less than 50% of its power requirements, he said.

While describing as foolhardy, the nation's to expectation of investments at the current situation, he equally lambasted the level of infrastructure facilities as another major set-back that must be rectified if 'our drive at wooing foreign investment is to be successful'.

He also called on the federal government to henceforth stop investing in the nation's energy sector and put the huge resources on infrastructural development that would have direct impact on the masses.

The deputy governor also called for the integration of the NSE into all national development processes and urged its members to proactive to make the nation greater.

In his speech, the president of the NSE, Alhaji Mustapha Bulama, lamented government's refusal to integrate the society into

national development, stressing that for the development of indigenous technical base to be founded, Nigerian engineers must be encouraged to participate in nation building.

Alhaji Bulama also called for the establishment of the bureau for procurement of manufacturers as a way to standardise the manufac-

turing process in the country, even as he challenged the NEPA to improve its performance as a way to more the nation forward.

The NSE called on the Emir of Dutsé, Dr Nuhu Sanusu, who challenged them to find a way out of the nation's energy crisis and assist to take the nation to a greater heights.

Gov Idris pledges support for rural dev

From Ahmed Tahi Ajobe,
Correspondent (Lokoja)

The Kogi State governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Idris, has reaffirmed his administration's determination to empower the state's Directorate of Rural Development to impact positively on the lives of the rural dwellers.

Alh. Idris said the gesture was necessary to transform the rural areas and reduce rural urban drift.

The director-general of the Directorate, Alhaji Sheidu Mohammed, said the equipment would help the directorate to open up more rural roads and to provide electricity and rural water supply. He expressed the directorate's appreciation to the state

government over its empowering it to discharge its responsibility to the rural areas and its people.

Governor Idris also visited the site of the Lokoja International Market where he reiterated his plea 'get to return traders displaced by the going construction back to the market as soon as the market is ready for occupation.'

At the five hundred housing unit project site, Governor Idris expressed satisfaction with the project of work and urged the contractor to complete the work according to specifications and on schedule.

Youth groups plead for more board appointments

From Benjamin Auta,
Crime Reporter

A coalition of Igbo youth groups has sent a passionate appeal to the federal government to give more slots to the Southeast geo-political zone in the forthcoming appointments into boards of parastatals.

The group made the plea in Abuja at a press conference to demonstrate their support for the ongoing economic reforms of the government.

A spokesman of the group, Mr. Stanly Okafor, said Igbo youths support the current efforts of the federal government to turn around the economy of the country and called for support and understanding from Nigerians.

The group disclosed that prominent indigenes of the Southeast geo-political zone, like Barrister Chuks Anah, Kema Chikwe, Ma-zulike Amaechi, Air Vice Marshall Canice Uwennalisi (rtd), Chief John Nwodo, Chinedu Emeka and Chief Polycarp Nwite are among those already penciled down for appointments and prevailed upon the government not to disappoint the Igbo people.

Meanwhile, the group has suggested that government should carry out an impact assessment of its reform programmes on the populace and endeavour to put in place measures to cushion the

Publisher donates IG's programmes to police

From Kemi Ogedengbe,
Judicial Editor

The managing director of Yaliam Press, Alhaji Yahaya Ali Amfari, has donated 10,000 printed copies of the 10-point programme of action of the current police administration to the force.

A statement from the force public relations officer, Mr. Emmanuel Ighodalo, stated that the 10-point agenda was printed for the police to ensure public partnership in policing concept.

Speaking during occasion, Mallam Ali Amfari said that the issue of security could not be left alone to the government, saying this propelled him to print the booklets for distribution to the members of the public and the police personnel. He added that the society needed the support of the police generally so that there could be better security service delivery.

Responding, the acting Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr. Sunday Ehindero, who thanked the donor for his kind gesture, said that the materials would not only enlighten Nigerians on the programmes of the police

perform more excellent.

He noted that if the people assist the police, they are indirectly assisting themselves because the Nigeria Police would be in a better position to protect them.

Ehindero called on the stakeholders in policing to emulate the good gesture and attitude of Mallam Ali Amfari to assist the police.

College demotes 5 mgt staff for alleged students' incitement

From Hir Joseph,
Correspondent (Makurdi)

Five top management staff of College of Advanced and Professional Studies (CAPS), Makurdi, Benue State, was last week relieved of their management appointments for alleged role in the students' violent protest which led to the closure of the school.

The staff (names withheld) were alleged to have incited students who went violent while demanding the refund of their election dues as well as the removal of the school's dean of Students' Affairs, Mr. Julius Terver Amade, for

The protest, which lasted a whole day, until a detachment of mobile policemen was deployed to quell the students, led to the closure of the school on the orders of the state's Ministry of Education.

To this end, College Rector Mrs. Magdalene Damkor Ikpa, at the weekend announced to newsmen that an investigation was carried out following which the five dropped staff were found to have been involved in

She said their positions in the management body had since been replaced, just as she disclosed further that investigations were still ongoing at identifying more staff and students for disciplinary action.

Mrs. Damkor Ikpa, who lamented the high level of indiscipline in both staff and students before her appointment in 2001, said she would not stop at any point in the struggle to restore the image of the schools.

"CAPS had a bad name. But we need collective efforts to

struggle would be on to restore the image of the school," said Mrs. Ikpa, who commended the state government for its support at bringing sanity to the school.

"We will collectively implement the genuine intension for which government established CAPS," she said, adding that as part of the image restoration effort of her administration, the management has cleared the backlog of debts which the school owed, to the tune of about N3 million, just as it (management) has carried out

News

Al-Mustapha: court orders FG to release witnesses statements

Relieve came the way of Major Hamza Al-Mustapha, the former chief security officer to the late head of state, Gen. Sani Abacha, as a federal high court in Lagos directed the federal government at the weekend to release statements made by witnesses in the course of the alleged security breach trial.

Al-Mustapha, who was charged with treason and conspiracy against the federal government on October 22 last year alongside Major General Mohammed Adeka and Onwuchekwa Okorie, sought an order of the court to compel the prosecution to release the list of the persons arrested, the list of

By Mohammed Shosanya,
Correspondent (Lagos)

prosecution witnesses, and the statements of the civilians arrested and interrogated. Also sought were the statements of one Chief Azubuikwe of Alaba Market, Lagos; Mohammed Kara, an inmate of the Kirikiri Maximum Security Prisons, Apapa; as well as the statements of all military officers detained and interrogated; the reports of the main coordinating investigation panel, the main coordinating special panel, the main special investigation panel, and the video tapes of the proceedings.

Earlier in the proceedings, counsel to the accused

persons had argued that the requested documents and materials were necessary for their clients' defence, while the prosecution counsel, Lateef Fagbeno, told the court that the directive was ill-timed and the documents could only be made available during the trial.

While ruling on the application at the weekend, the trial judge, after reviewing the submissions of the parties in the matter, held that subject to section 36 (6) B of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, anyone charged with a criminal offence shall be given adequate time and facilities to defend himself. Stating that the current proceedings constituted a summary trial, he emphasised that in order to guarantee them a fair hearing the accused persons' access to the requested materials should not be jeopardised. He held that the prosecution should release the statements of the witnesses that would come to court to enable the accused persons prepare for cross examinations and eventual defence. 'Prosecution is hereby directed to provide the defence copies of statements made by witnesses in the course of investigating the matter, either on the day of the evidence or prior to the time,' he added.

Meanwhile, Barrister Olalekan Ojo had informed the court that the former CSO to the late General Sani Abacha was inaccessible both to him and to members of his immediate family. He said that the development was brought about by the State Security Service, which deliberately kept him incommunicado.

Further hearing on the matter was slated for April 25, 2005.

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Sultan pledges support for 2005 census

The Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji (Dr.) Muhammadu Maccido (CFR), has reiterated his readiness to give maximum support in mobilising his people to participate actively in the 2005 population and housing census. He made this known when the Sokoto State Publicity Committee on the 2005 Population and Housing Census, led by its chairman and commissioner of information in the state, Alhaji Ibrahim Gidado (*Tafarkin Sakkwato*), paid him a courtesy visit. The Sultan gave the assurance that he would use both the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and the JNI to reach out to other emirs, Muslims leaders, and traditional rulers in the country to mobilise their subjects for active participation in the exercise, which he described as an

From Abdulfatai
AbdulSalami, Correspondent
(Kano)

important national project.

He stressed that it was part of the responsibility of the traditional institutions to mobilise their subjects to accept any good government scheme, adding that there was need to pray to Allah for the success of the exercise.

In his speech, Alhaji Ibrahim Gidado, the chairman of the committee, said they were in the Sultan's palace to solicit his support and blessing for the success of the exercise as well as to publicise the campaign. He told the Sultan that the state government set up his committee in view of the importance of the forthcoming census. He disclosed that he would begin a meet-the-people tour of the 23 local government areas of the state.

Obasanjo orders establishment of educational institution for Kebbi

President Olusegun Obasanjo has ordered the Ministry of Education to establish the first federal government's education institution in Kebbi State in order to meet the educational needs of the state. President Obasanjo gave the directive on Saturday at a dinner in his

From Mohammed S. Shehu
Correspondent (Kebbi)

honour during his two-day visit to the state to mark the 2005 *Argungu* International Fishing Festival. He said that the directive became necessary because there was no such institution in the

state.

In his speech, Governor Adamu Aliero disclosed his government's plans to establish a state university for the educational development of the people. He added that the project, expected to cost N1.5 billion,

News

Military hospital records over 40% of malaria cases - Agwai

The Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Martin Luther Agwai, said in Lagos on Friday that over 40 per cent of the out-patient attendance in military hospitals was due to malaria infection. Agwai, who was speaking at a three-day seminar on malaria control strategies for the Nigerian Army, also said that casualties from non-enemy action, particularly from communicable diseases and unhealthy environment, contributed significantly to the failure of military missions. 'Although preventable malaria is taking its toll on our limited resources, the man-hour losses from incapacitation could be very detrimental to the success of military operations,' he said. Asserting that the welfare of troops and their families was paramount on his agenda, Agwai disclosed that the existing healthcare system in the Nigeria Army was being reviewed with a view to making it more functional.

About 12 billion US dollars is reportedly lost to malaria in Africa annually, said Professor Eytayo Lambo, the Minister of Health. Concerned about the damage inflicted by malaria on healthy and able-bodied men, the Nigerian Army has launched a 'roll back malaria' programme under the motto: 'It is time to roll back malaria and roll in development.'

In a paper presented at the seminar, Professor Akin Osibogun of the department of Community Health, College of Medicine, University of Lagos, identified malaria as one of the major reasons that

From Bola Ojuola (Lagos)

thwarted the colonial project in Africa. He said that the so-called peaceful departure of the colonialists was due to the effectiveness of the transmission of malaria by the victor species in the region and the debilitating effect of that disease of colonial officials. The professor noted that losses to malaria and other preventable diseases among allied forces during the Second World War far exceeded the number of casualties inflicted by enemy action. Presently, 90 percent of the 500 million cases of malaria worldwide are found

in Africa, while about 100 million cases are reported in Nigeria annually.

Professor Osibogun also said in his paper that malaria accounted for about 1 million deaths in Africa annually. The disease, he said, has slowed down economic growth in African countries.

Concern for the spread of malaria in the Nigerian Army arises from the fact that the Army requires healthy and able-bodied men and women to operate the war technology at its disposal. Sick families are moreover a source of distraction for the troops.

Anti-violence Bill to sanction Anambra traditional rulers

The Anambra House of Assembly yesterday adopted a motion to the effect that traditional rulers, community leaders, Obis, and town union presidents and executive committee members will henceforth be held responsible if they any of their subjects participates in further acts of violence and arson in the state. The traditional rulers, community leaders, and town presidents and executive council members were therefore advised to work in tandem with the law enforcement agencies to maintain maximum security in their respective communities. They are to 'keep a 24-hour watch over their communities' and provide the government with any information that would thwart

From Beatrice Onuchukwu Stringer (Awka)

plans to unleash further mayhem, violence and arson in Anambra state.

In adapting the motion jointly sponsored by the Deputy Speaker of the House, Hon. Dr. Ozo Ughamadu, and the majority leader, Hon. Prince Humphrey Nsofor, the House made it clear that the period of mayhem, arson, and brigandage in the state was over and called on the traditional authorities to take all necessary steps to forestall a repeat of the 'nonsense.' Virtually all the legislators contributed to the motion, warning that this time around the state would not tolerate flagrant assaults on the constitution and the rule of law.

Kogi Assembly passes 2004 Appropriation Bill

The Kogi State House of Assembly has passed the appropriation bill for the year 2005 with an amendment that increases the state government's budget by over 1 billion naira.

The speaker of the state House of Assembly, Alhaji Buba Jibril, who disclosed

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Correspondence (Lokoja)

the passage of the year's appropriation bill to newsmen in Lokoja on Friday, said that the bill was passed after going through the normal readings as stipulated by law. Alhaji Jibril said that the N1.2 billion increase in

the budget was on both capital and recurrent estimates. He urged the executive arm to comply with the budgetary provisions.

Governor Ibrahim Idris had late last year presented an appropriation bill of over N31 billion to the state House of Assembly for consideration



Left is the Hon. Minister of Information, Chief Chukwuemeka Chikelu with the DG of Voice of Nigeria, Alhaji Abubakar Jijiwa shortly after the confirmation of the latter as the substantive DG of VON

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Inside Politics

'Resource control advocates misunderstood'

One of the potentially explosive issues at the National Political Reform Conference is oil resource control as advocated by the Niger Delta representatives. Almost all delegates from the area harp on about the need for oil communities to control resources exploited from their backyards. Occasionally they receive flaks from their colleagues from other parts of the country. But in this interview with Habeeb Idris Pindiga, leader of the Rivers state delegation, Chief Albert Horsfall says that the concept is only being deliberately misunderstood. The quest, according to him, is for producers of all resources, not oil wealth alone, to have a say in how their endowments are managed. Even then, Horsfall explained, the Southsouth delegates are open to negotiation. He spoke also on power shift and other issues. Excerpts:

Since the beginning of this conference few weeks ago, Niger Delta delegates have persistently advocated for true federalism and resource control. Many people see these demands as amounting to calls for the balkanisation of Nigeria. As leader of the Rivers delegation, what is your own perception of the two phenomena?

In a true federal system of government, power is constitutionally shared between the centre and the federating states, such that they remain autonomous in their respective spheres of authority. The central government is accorded an exclusive list of functions and responsibilities with no concurrent powers, while the state governments are to have residual powers over all other matters. It is not a confederation that we advocate, but a federation of states having responsibility over their internal administration, save in those areas where power had been given to the federal government. The lopsided nature of the present federation and the over concentration of powers at the centre has in effect made the country a unitarised federation which has not served the Nigerian people well and has in fact, formed the basis for the valid criticism of the current constitutional arrangement.

For us, the 1963 Republican Constitution approximates the idea of a truly federal system of government. Under that constitution, the federating units were guaranteed autonomy in their spheres of authority. In other words, the constitution recognized the devolution of powers and the practice of fiscal federalism.

Are you now saying that Nigeria should revert to parliamentary system of government which the 1963 constitution provided for?

No. In considering the form of government best suited to our peculiarities, we recommend that a presidential system of government in which the president exercises limited powers should be adopted for the federation. Our view is that the presidency should not be too strong as to destroy our fragile system of checks and balances. In such a system residual powers should stay with the federating states and the central government should have no concurrent legislative powers.

What about the advocacy for resource control? Other sections of the country don't seem to reason with you on this clamour.

Our idea of resource control has a universal application, although it has often been

deliberately treated out of context as a monster with potentials to impoverish some sections of this country. What we advocate is not for ourselves alone, rather it is for a universal application to all natural resources. Indeed, when we talk of resource control, we are not saying that oil or gas should or need be the only such resource. All other natural resources wherever they are found and mined in Nigeria should enjoy the same treatment. There is clear evidence that almost every state in this country has one type or the other extractable mineral deposit, which should enjoy the same arrangement that we ask for the Niger Delta. Of course, we support SOMPADEC (Solid Minerals Producing Areas Development Commission) and the rights to a fair share of revenue for all minerals producing parts of the country. Responsible Nigerians will agree with me that years back our communities were the most hospitable. Ours were arguably the most placid areas in the country. But consider this. We have in Rivers State, alone, about 250,000 unemployed graduates, out of which 3,722 are engineers - civil, chemical, petrochemical etc. Some of these graduates have roamed the streets of Port Harcourt and elsewhere for years seeking employment. The situation is the same across the Niger Delta; where the combined total unemployed graduates will be five to six times the figures in Rivers State. We know that our economy cannot provide massive employment for school leavers just now, and we understand that. But, how do we understand or explain a situation where the same oil companies where they are turned back for lack of vacancies are selectively employing persons from outside of the Niger Delta state or other places to fill positions which the local graduates are fully qualified for but had been denied? This is the typical situation in Warri, Port Harcourt, Yenagoa, Eket, Excravos, and all the other parts of the Niger Delta. Or how do you explain the situation where the oil and gas companies are alleged to be spending approximately \$8 billion to fabricate equipments, materials and facilities in overseas countries for their Nigerian operations when such money if invested in Nigeria can create more jobs and other opportunities for employment and business not only for Niger Delta youths but for other Nigerians as well? What we are saying is that, whereas we do not wish to have a total monopoly of the jobs, projects and

contracts from these companies and other public or private corporations, our people should not be shut out from the management and other responsible sectors of the oil



Justice Niki Tobi

industry which is at our door step! Take the issue of the Bonny LNG for instance. It is wholly situated in the ancient Island city of Bonny. As of 2001, out of about 600 medium to senior employees of the company there was only one employee from Bonny. The others, about five or six Bonny people in the company were within the cleaner or messenger category. But even subsequent fresh recruitments had not corrected the situation. It is claimed that qualified candidates for job interviews from the Niger Delta would be conveniently screened out for others to take their place. One can argue that we do not have to control resources in order to correct some of these rather glaring injustices, but this is why we call for discussion.

If these oil companies address this imbalance in job opportunities, will you shelve the clamour for resource control?

We are also talking about the environmental and ecological danger. It is real, not fiction. Go and see the original oil exploitation sites of Oloibiri. They are dead; Bomu is dead; Kulama one and two are devastated and dead. So also are vast areas in almost all of the six states, which constitute the Southsouth. The people live on mangrove trees, and on raft on top of water. They have water all around them yet they have no potable drinking water. They drink from the same water sources where they empty their human waste. What do you want us to do in 25 to 30 years when the oil wells are dry and the oil companies had made their billions and safely packed out? When offshore drilling had endangered our sea bed and coastal areas? To go down and sink in the Atlantic Ocean or get washed away by Tsunami like tidal eruption?

You sound so passionate on this matter. So what exactly do you want?

What we are saying is this: Let us have our resources to save ourselves, our land, environment and our future generations from the imminent danger and calamity, which is evident for all to see. We need sympathy and understanding. And we are prepared to negotiate everything with anyone, anytime and anywhere! We wish to discuss and provide for properly structured and sustainable arrangements to repair and protect our damaged environment. We do not wish

what had happened to the Plateau where tin was mined for several decades to happen to the Niger Delta. The lands involved in the Plateau had been left plundered and un-rehabilitated. Compared to the Plateau what is happening in the Niger Delta is a wholesale devastation affecting vast areas. The intensive extraction of natural oil and gas resources had created ecological and socio-physical disasters in the immediate oil bearing local communities and on its inhabitants. Such environmental problems as marine pollution, oil spills, gas flaring, hydro carbon emissions, air pollution etc. had virtually wiped out the subsistent peasant economy and bio-diversity and hence the entire source of social livelihood and survival of the people. We cannot speak for the Plateau. We speak for the Niger Delta, and we believe that. What we say concerns all areas of Nigeria that have suffered and are still suffering the devastating effects of mining. The failure to plan for environmental protection, we believe is sheer negligence and should not be allowed to continue in the Southsouth or in any part of the country where minerals are extracted.

Accordingly, we have come to the conference to discuss, to negotiate and to build bridges for the sustained unity and togetherness of Nigeria. We have not declared a water-tight, rigid or totally inflexible stand. In negotiations the parties give and take. We appreciate and count on the support of all our usual

friends and neighbours and indeed of all Nigerians. This is why we call for understanding by all Nigerians.

What other grievances do you want this conference to address?

Naturally, we want the Land Use Act to be abolished. Local land owners have inherent right to farm or fish on their land and where applicable have the right to negotiate for adequate compensation from anyone who wishes to use their land. We are not saying that our land should not be used for proper public or commercial purposes. But we are saying negotiate with the land owner and compensate him for taking over or renting his land. In this context, take again, the situation of the land where the Bonny LNG is situated. The land was acquired for NNPC for public purposes. Good. But NNPC now, in turn, leases it to the overseas partner as collateral for its investments. Is the original land owner not to be compensated? Our argument is not to refuse, deny, impede or question the right of government or other Nigerians the use of our land or resources. All we are saying is - by all means use it but negotiate with the owner, and if at all practicable, restore fertility etc to the land. We shall also stand resolutely against any attempt to re-introduce the Onshore/Offshore Dichotomy in treating revenue from oil by whatever backdoor means. Littoral states shall fully be entitled to revenue from offshore proceeds and that the effect of

the Supreme Court judgment be totally removed.

Some of you have been calling for power shift to the Southsouth. What is your priority between power shift and resource control?

But this inalienable right to participate in the control/management of resources from our land has nothing whatsoever to do with our quest for the presidential office come 2007. Our request for that office is based on sound principles of justice, equity and fairness. This is borne out of the clear and unequivocal logic of the management of the Nigerian project. It is merely a natural demand for the equitable distribution of political offices for and among the six zones of the country. The position is simply thus, Nigeria had been independent for the past forty-five years. During this period the top executive political office had been held as follows: Northeast ruled for six years, Southeast ruled for six months, North central ruled for 23 years, Northwest ruled for six years, Southwest ruled for 12 years and four months, while Southsouth has nil.

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Sports

Casey clinches China play-off win

Paul Casey beat Paul McGinley in a sudden-death play-off to win the TCL Classic at the Yalong Bay Golf Club.

The 27-year-old Casey carded a final-round 66, while McGinley shot a 63 to force the tie-breaker.

Cheltenham-born Casey defeated his Irish rival on the second hole to claim his fourth title on the European Tour.

The two men finished on 22 under par while Scot Colin Montgomerie, who had shared the lead with Casey overnight, dropped to sixth, two shots behind.

Montgomerie needed to finish in the top two to break into the world's top 50 to qualify for The Players Championship next week.

The world number 54 also needs to be in the top 50 by 28 March to qualify for next month's Augusta Masters, the first of the year's four majors.

Casey had a putt from 15 feet to win outright on the 72nd green but left his effort short.

He had another chance from 12 feet at the first play-off hole but the putt slipped past the left edge of the hole.

But at the next, Casey holed a monster 25-foot birdie putt from the back of the green to take the title.

"I love this course," said Casey, who added that a new driver had been crucial.

"I've been hitting the ball a long way, it's going silly distances and my short game has been good."

"I felt that I played good golf all week and I think the reason for that was that I felt quite at home here."

His win puts him in 20th place on The European Tour Order of Merit, one place behind McGinley.

Thailand's Chawalit Plaphol, Korea's Kang Wook-soon and Thomas Bjorn of Denmark shared third place on 21-under-par.



Casey...the 27-year-old British golfer defeated Paul McGinley in a sudden death play-off to win the TCL Classic at the Yalong Bay Golf Club in China

Clijsters wins Indian Wells titles

Kim Clijsters completed her return from a serious injury by beating world number one Lindsay Davenport to win the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells.

The Belgian was playing only her second event since a four-month spell on the sidelines with a wrist injury.

And she fought back magnificently from 4-0 down against Davenport, who had

thrashed Maria Sharapova 6-0 6-0 in the semi-finals.

Clijsters held her nerve in the final set to come through 6-4 4-6 6-2.

"This is incredible," said Clijsters. "There couldn't be any better way to start my year off."

"It is very satisfying to have this now and so soon."

The 21-year-old has fallen

to 133rd in the world after missing most of 2004 through injury and there had been fears that her wrist would never fully recover.

And she looked in trouble when Davenport powered through the first four games, before hitting back with six of her own.

The American still looked favourite after levelling in the

second set but she was never completely at ease, questioning calls in the final set.

Clijsters remained calm and closed out for her 22nd career singles title in two hours and five minutes in front of 7,000 fans.

"It was crazy," said Davenport.

"I started off really well and continued where I was

yesterday to take a good lead, but as quickly as I was pulling those games out I then started to lose them."

"The tide turned from me being aggressor to her being the aggressor."

"I felt like I was behind the baseline and she was in front of the baseline and that is not what I wanted to have happen."

Dalglish calls for no 'stupidity' in Turin

Kenny Dalglish has called for a commonsense approach to Liverpool's Champions League quarter-final with Juventus.

The clash at Anfield on April 5 will mark the first time the two European giants have met in competitive action since 39 people lost their lives after trouble erupted prior to the 1985 European Cup final at the Heysel Stadium in Belgium.

Liverpool fans were

widely condemned for instigating the trouble which erupted inside the ground and there have already been reports that hardcore Juventus supporters are intent on gaining revenge for the deaths.

But Dalglish, who was part of the Liverpool side that eventually lost 1-0 in a game few now remember, believes more emphasis should be placed on the excellent relationship between the clubs that arose out of the tragedy.

And he feels football would be far better served if the game is played down, rather than used as a tool to inflame old passions.

"That night is still fresh in my mind," he told BBC Radio 5 Live's Sportsworld programme.

"Nobody will ever forget it, no matter how close or how far away from being involved in it they were."

"But a lot of positive bridges have been built since then and I just hope people

don't start speaking stupidly about the game."

"We don't want people stirring things up or instigating any problems for either club."

"There has been a lot of asking for forgiveness in recent times and that has been granted. Now we are looking for a bit of commonsense and a bit of education."

"What happened that night was bad enough. We do not want any more trouble."

Liverpool are outsiders to advance into the semi-finals despite hammering Bayer Leverkusen to reach the last eight.

But while Dalglish, who won three European Cups during his own Anfield days, accepts Rafael Benitez's men are struggling for consistency, he does not believe the outcome is a foregone conclusion.

"Liverpool won't be rolling over and allowing Juventus to tickle their tummies," he said.

"You could say the Champions League run has helped save their season. It will be a tough game but they will be competing, that's for sure."



Bekele returned to winning ways at the World Cross Country Championship

Bekele back to world-beating best

Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele claimed the men's 4km race at the World Cross Country Championships for an unprecedented fourth time on Saturday.

Bekele clocked 11 minutes, 33 seconds on the sun-drenched course in France to push Kenyan duo Abraham Chebii and Kiprono Songok into second and third.

The Olympic and world 10,000m champion will now seek to defend his long course title over 12k on Sunday.

Bekele has struggled for

form since the death of his fiancée Alem in January.

The 22-year-old slumped to a pair of defeats at high-profile indoor meetings at Boston and Birmingham since the tragedy.

And Bekele was forced to dig deep to retain his cross country crown after being tested at the St Galmier race course.

Former Kenyan Saif Saaeed Shaheen, now running for Qatar, burst away from the field at the 2km-mark but Bekele reeled him in and reached the finish line unchallenged.

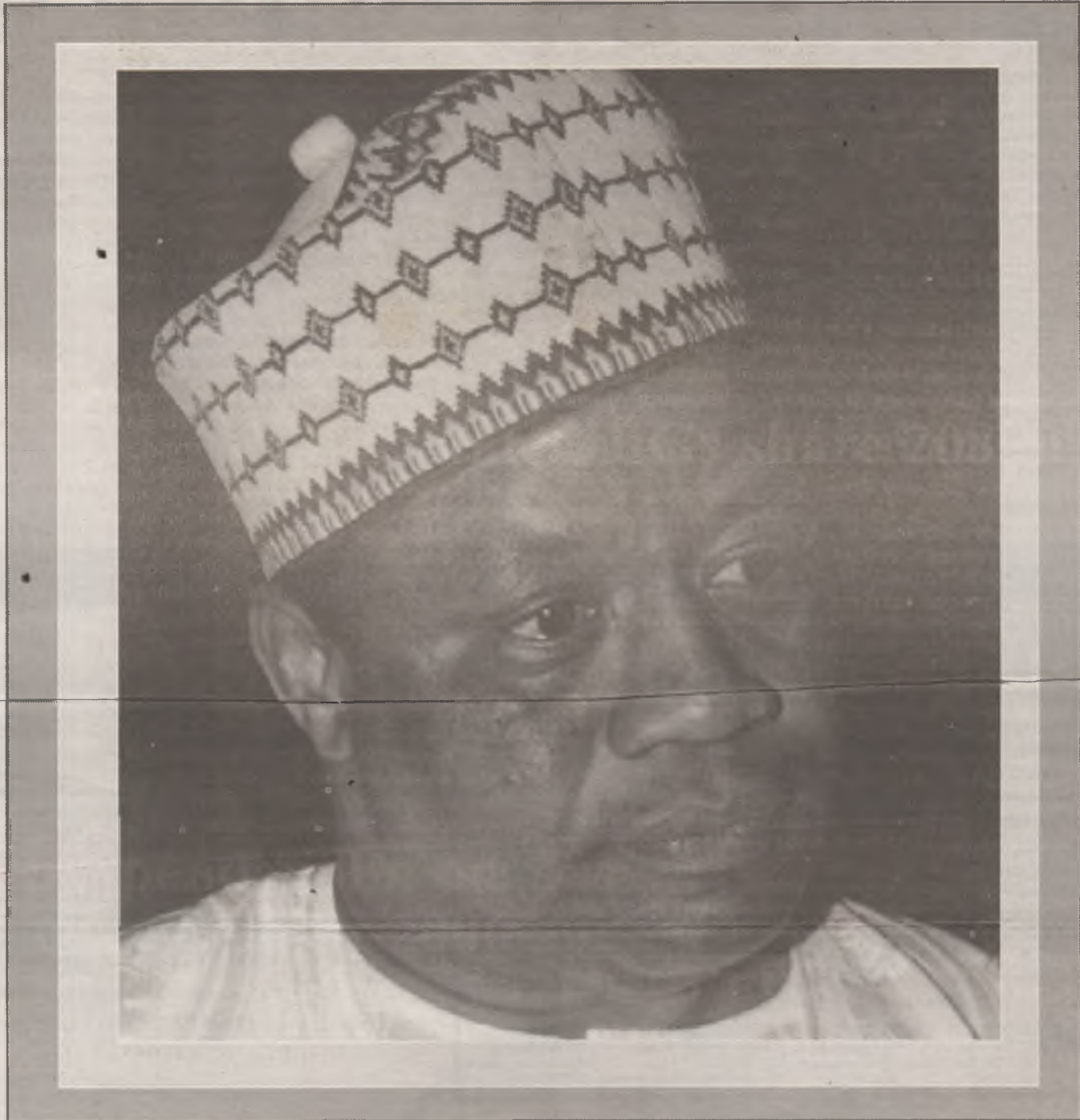
"This is much more significant than my Olympic victory because I had really suffered as a result of the tragedy," said Bekele after the race.

"Winning was more difficult than last year, as the course was tougher and I was grieving."

Bekele spearheaded an Ethiopian team gold with Kenya second and Qatar third.

Veteran John Mayock was the first Briton past the post, coming home in 53rd with a time of 12:33.

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Sports

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

A high-stakes derby

The draw for the Champions League quarter-finals has thrown up the tantalising prospect of a high-stakes derby between Milan rivals AC and Inter. Many people's favourites Chelsea come up against perennial contenders Bayern Munich, while Liverpool and Juventus meet for the first time on the European stage since the tragic final in Heysel 20 years ago. In the other quarter-final, the two sides at the top of the French and Dutch leagues face off when Lyon take on fellow outsiders PSV Eindhoven. And for the first time in 12 years, no Spanish club is represented in the last eight.

When Inter were drawn out of the glass bowl to face their city neighbours, Giacinto Facchetti could be seen to grimace slightly as he no doubt recalled the Champions League semi-final two years ago. After the first leg finished scoreless, Inter were eliminated by the slenderest of margins - an away goal in a less than thrilling 1-1 draw.

This year, Inter have already knocked out holders Porto, yet

their fortunes often appear heavily tied to the form of talismanic Brazilian striker Adriano, whose hat-trick saw off the Portuguese side at the San Siro. For their part, AC Milan play a far more collective



style of football with a set of talented and experienced players, not least legendary captain Paolo Maldini. Their free-flowing approach play already proved too much for Manchester United in the last round, as two goals from Hernan Crespo earned Milan a 1-0 victory in both legs.

With three Italian sides still active at this stage of the competition, there was a 43% chance that two would be drawn against each other. And it speaks volumes for the strength of Italian clubs in European football that Milan and Inter will be contesting the 15th Italian derby in Champions League history.

The only other country with more than one team in the last eight is England, but there will be no English derby as Chelsea's

reward for beating Barcelona over two spectacular legs (1-2, 4-2) is a mouth-watering tie with European veterans Bayern.

Chelsea and Lyon are the only sides in the quarter-finals yet to have lifted the trophy, with a total of 19 titles shared out between the other six. Four-time winners Bayern have a strong record on English soil as they showed against Arsenal in the first knockout round and, after a disappointing loss to Schalke 04 in the Bundesliga, Michael Ballack and company will be desperate to do well against Jose Mourinho's London club. The Portuguese coach won the competition last year with Porto, though, and can call upon a large squad of skilful players as Chelsea aim to bring the trophy back to England for the first time

since Manchester United in 1999.

The tie between Liverpool and Juventus will hopefully be the chance to heal wounds after the Heysel stadium tragedy in 1985. On the pitch, Fabio Capello will need to use all his experience to see off the Reds, who made light of a long list of injuries to get this far. Liverpool can also draw upon the European pedigree of manager Rafa Benitez, a UEFA Cup and Spanish league winner with Valencia last season, but the 'old lady' of Turin nonetheless start out favourites.

Lyon may be outsiders, but the French champions boast the best attack in the competition with 27 goals in total and ten in their two games against Werder Bremen. For Paul Le Guen's

side, the aim is to take a step into the unknown, after they lost out at this stage last year. That will mean 'avenging' last season's beaten finalists Monaco, who fell to PSV's physical and efficient style of play in the last round (1-0, 2-0). Also famed for their solid defence, the Eindhoven side will be keen to revive memories of past glories, including their triumph in this competition back in 1988.

The first legs get underway on 5-6 April, with the return legs being held a week later on 12-13 April. The winners then contest the semi-finals on 26-27 April and 3-4 May, with either Chelsea or Bayern set to take on Liverpool or Juventus, and the victors of the Milan derby due to host their first leg against Lyon or PSV.

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Sports

Kaduna Utd pip Buffalo

United defeated Buffalo FC of Kano 1-0 on Saturday at the Ahmadu Bello Stadium Kaduna, to maintain its leadership of the Professional League Division One A.

The highly technical match was heading for a barren draw before substitute striker Sunday Gabriel struck in the 88 minute to give the League leaders a vital victory.

The match which was witnessed by a scanty though, appreciative crowd began on a high note as both sides attempt to gain control and get an early goal. But it was the home team who looks more purposeful, even as Buffalo looked more dangerous on the break.

Though, United brought in Idriss Bappa for John Okoh in the 40th minute and Jibrin Lawal for Umar Mohammed immediately after resumption, it did not yield much result as the United attack failed to break through the defence shield of the Kano side.

By AbdulRahem Adu,
Sports Reporter

However, in the 56 minute Buffalo paid a high price for its resilience, when goalkeeper Olanmi Adegunle was hit in the groin during a challenge between him and a United attacker, the agile goaltender was stretchered-off and could not continue with game.

Jackson Jonah, who came in for Adegunle was called to action 7 minute later when a goalmouth scramble ensued inside his box but United attackers failed to utilise the opportunity. He was again forced to make a save in the 69 minute from a united free kick. Buffalo defender Chinedu Udoji, who caused the free kick, was also given a yellow card for his rough tackle on Bappa by centre referee Mohammed Aminu from Plateau State.

A rare second half counter attack by Buffalo was wasted as Abdullahi Aminu failed to connect a pull out

from the right wing, right inside the box. Though, Buffalo coach Abdullahi Maikaba brought in Isa Mahmuda for Ammani Kamaru in the 73 minute and petit Usman Mohamed Mani for Nana Sani 9 minutes, later it made little impact.

But the introduction of Sunday Gabriel for ineffective Saviour Fidelis made all the difference in the game. A long clearance from the United goal was nodded down by Jibrin Lawal to the prolific striker who made no mistake as he volleyed home from the edge of the box for United's only goal. The vital goal did not only gave United the 3 points at stake, it also kept the Kaduna team on top of the table for another week, at the least.

After the match, United coach, Segun Olumodeji commended his boys for their fighting spirit, while his Buffalo counterpart, Maikaba commended the officiating of the match.

Sharks devour Nasarawa

Sharks romped to a 4-0 defeat of Nasarawa United at the Sharks Stadium Port Harcourt on Saturday in continuation of the Nigerian Premier League.

The game was virtually decided in the first half, when Charles Omokaro clinically converted two penalties, in the 23rd and 33rd minutes.

Nasarawa's youthful side hardly ventured into the opposing half, talk less of threatening Sharks goal, and the trend hardly changed even with the introduction of Daniel Amokachi in the 65th minute.

Amokachi was even given a rude welcome, as Sharks added the third just four minutes after his introduction. Samson Auta squeezed a shot past goalkeeper Uche Ogbonna after a penalty box scramble.

Substitute Sarafa Yusuf completed the rout in the 74th minute, after latching onto Omokaro's nod-down off Orobator Odion's glorious delivery.

Nasarawa's Technical Adviser Ben Duamlong blamed the poor performance of his team on the officiat-

ing. "This one match we expected to go home with at least a point," he told KICK OFF. "But the penalties the referee awarded in the first half demoralized my players. "Then whenever we at-

tempted to make a comeback, our moves were always punctuated by offside calls.

"My boys did not live up to expectation, but then the questionable calls did not help them much either," he added.

WAUG: LOC tours media houses

Barely three weeks to the hosting of the second edition of the historic West African Universities basketball championship by the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, the

From Waziri Isa Gwantu,
(Stringer) Zaria

Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the tournament, under the chairmanship of the institution's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration)

Professor Yakubu Nasidi, is embarking on a tour of some media houses in the country.

The tour which starts today is aimed at sensitising the public and the media houses on the all important champi-

onship and to solicit for their support and assistance towards the successful hosting of the games.

A statement signed by the chairman, LOC, of the games, Professor Nasidi said the media houses earmarked for the visit include Media Trust, publishers of Daily and Weekly Trust newspapers, Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) and Voice of Nigeria (VON).

Others include, Aso Radio, African Independent Television (AIT), News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), Ray Power, DITV, Kaduna State Media Corporation, Nagarta Radio Kaduna, Kano State Radio and Television and the New Nigerian Newspapers.

The championship, according to the statement, which comes up between 14 and 24 of April, 2005 is expected to draw in players from Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroun, Gambia, Ghana and Guinea.

Other countries expected to participate in the tournament include Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra-Leone Togo and almost all Nigerian Universities.

LOC officials of the games expected to form part of the visit to the media houses in Abuja include the deputy vice chancellor himself, Professor Yakubu Nasidi, Professor Bola Adeyanju Dr. Kabir Suleiman Chafe, and Dr. Faruq R. Hanina

CONFEDERATION CUP Insurance knock out Kamsar

Nigeria's CAF Confederation Cup campaigners Insurance of Benin on Saturday overcame Kamsar of Guinea 3-1 in the second leg of their first round duel to advance to the next round on 4-2 aggregate.

The two sides once more rekindled the keen rivalry be-

tween the two football countries at club level in the 70s and 80s.

In a game that lived up to its billing as a worthy international match, the Nigerians shot into the lead in the 37th minute courtesy of a well-placed header by Jude Okoye.

keeper Makama disappointed.

"My keeper's performance was below expectation and I couldn't believe that he was the same person who was voted man of the match against Enyimba." The first goal he conceded caused us the match. However, Wikki deserve their victory because we played badly."

John Obuh, the chief coach of Wikki, condemned the assistant referee for disallowing Akile's goal, "but the boys did not allow that to discourage them as they scored two goals good enough to claim the points. It would have been disastrous if we didn't score at all."

Wikki out-class Berger

Hosts Wikki Tourists scored in each half to claim the maximum points against Julius Berger at the Tafawa Balewa Stadium in Bauchi on Saturday.

The one-sided game which was dominated by the hosts saw the visitors looking ordinary against the fire power and purposefulness of Wikki.

Wikki started off looking for early goals and were denied going ahead in the 13th minute by the assistant referee Peter Ali from Kaduna, who ruled Henry Akile's goal offside after Berger's keeper, Sunday Makama failed to handle Ndubuisi Obi's free

kick. Two minutes later, Daniel Moses put smiles on the home fans when he converted Akile's pass from close range to record the first goal.

Substitute Iliya Yahaya crowned the day's efforts with a clinical finish after Ndubuisi Obi had displaced the Berger's defence, leaving Iliya to score in the 51st minute.

Berger's only attempt at goal was on the hour when Oseni Jimoh's header was adequately taken care of by Harry Blankson in goal for the hosts.

Berger coach Fatai Amoo told KICK OFF that his



Kim Clijsters stretches for a forehand shot during the final against Lindsay Davenport at the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells, California, USA on Saturday.

Basketball League shield our target
-Popoola

While other clubs are pre-occupied with how to qualify for the playoffs at the end of regular season of the premier league officials of Union Bank basketball club of Lagos have already set a target and that is the league shield.

Speaking recently in his Surulere, Lagos office is the Sports Manager of the bank Tunde Popoola that nothing will stand between the club and the league shield, which it could not win in its first year in the apex league.

Popoola who also double as the team manager of the first generation bank football club said confidently that the Emmanuel Okolo tutored side remains the best in the country today and as such boost of the pedigree to be crowned the champion when curtain falls on the league later in the year.

"Look I'm not boasting but tell me about any other team that have the calibre of players on our roster this season", he concluded.

"Though without sounding immodest the Stallion team is star studded but the game does not ends with the collections of players at your disposal but a rich bench to a large extent plays some deciding role in a basketball match"

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Agenda for PDP leadership

Penultimate week, the leadership of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) formerly changed hands after a protracted crisis following the exchange of letters between President Olusegun Obasanjo and the party's former national chairman, Chief Audu Ogbe.

We appreciate the fact that the party seems to have resolved all points of conflict and mended the faults that at its peak presupposed a terminal ailment with potential signs of degenerating as to be able to endanger our democratic project.

With the peaceful enthronement of Dr. Ahmadu Ali as the party's new national chairman and the expulsion of Governor Chris Ngige and his godfather, Chris Ubah, whose battle to control their state, Anambra, sparked off the crisis in the first instance, the party may have proved that it has the capacity to overcome deep seated acrimony capable of tearing it apart.

However, there are indications that the current absence of open belligerence and the seeming aura of tranquillity may be that of the graveyard. This conclusion is drawn from the valedictory speech of Chief Audu Ogbe when he was handing over to Dr. Ali.

According to Ogbe, the party is entering a new phase "where external distractions are going to get stronger by the day." He therefore urged the leaders to channel their loyalty to the chairman, the party and the nation.

While Ogbe's statement does not overtly suggest that the party is still steeped in the crisis that led to his unceremonious exit, it is imputed in his reference to 'external distractions' that all is still not well with PDP.

The statement may have been informed by the two committees set up on March 10 to probe the activities of PDP's National Working Committee (NWC) and Plateau governor, Chief Joshua Dariye.

The first committee, headed by the chairman of the party's Board of Trustees, Chief Tony Anenih, is to investigate the alleged misappropriation of about N5 billion of the party's fund by the NWC of which Ogbe was a principal participant. The other committee, under the chairmanship of Cross River State governor, Mr. Donald Duke, is to check the alleged money laundering by the Plateau State governor, Chief Joshua Dariye.

We believe that although the party has all moral grounds to institute such investigations, it is however disturbing that there are expressed fears that the eventual outcome of such probes might turn out to be punitive strategies in the hands of some factional elements with interests other than justice, accountability and transparency.

We do strongly believe that public office holders where found wanting should face appropriate legal sanctions. But it would only serve to destroy the ethos of democracy where such becomes groundwork to serve factional interests or hidden motives or simply for hounding of those who disagree with the powerful and mighty.

We also strongly believe that the beauty and enduring strength of democracy is not just in the union of like minds but more in the culture of freedom of expression rather than the martial principles of command and control. Nigeria has unfortunately come to witness so much of this in the past six years of our democracy.

We therefore wish to emphasise that although the PDP or any party may dance to the rhythms of its constitution even to the extent of invoking the extreme penalty of expulsion on an errant member as it did to Ngige/Uba, it would be wrong to begin to scheme to extend the party's sanctioning powers to public officers elected by the Nigerian people even though such public servant(s) acquired the office through the party.

The Nigerian Constitution and our legal system, no matter their inadequacies, we believe, should for now be able to serve as means of mediation in situations that seem to transcend party interests.

We therefore caution that while the Ngige/Uba, Audu Ogbe and Dariye issues may be PDP's 'family affairs' the new leadership of the party should be able to handle it such that it doesn't end up heating up the polity as to become a 'national headache.'

Privatisation: From public to private monopolies

By Kabiru A. Yusuf
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Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Finance, did a good job defending the government's reform programme on the BBC last week. Zainab Badawi, who has quietly replaced Tim Sebastian as the main presenter of HARDTALK, is a tough interviewer who is well-briefed, can think on her feet and is comfortable with the camera. But Mrs Iweala gave as good as she got, coming through as a true believer in the Obasanjo reform programme. She acknowledged that while there has been mismanagement in the past, "what we want to focus on now is the future. President Olusegun Obasanjo has put in place some economic reform programmes to manage the resources well."

The issue really is not the reforms, but the way it is being carried out. This has created a serious problem of perception and as anyone involved with public affairs knows, perception can be as important as reality. And it is not only us the home-grown critics that are voicing our concerns, the foreign investors, whom the government is so desperate to impress, are at best adopting a wait and see attitude. Sure, the South Africans are here and so are the Chinese and the Indians, but these countries are themselves competing for international capital and are not its main source.

So when an important voice like that of Richard Dowden, director of London-based Royal Society on Africa puts in a negative word, international investors are bound to take note. Commenting recently on whether the Blair Commission on Africa will make any difference to the fortune of the continent he said "elites in government are the problem. Look at Nigeria that is run like a medieval society. One man's word is law." Richard Dowden knows Africa and Nigeria very well. A former Africa editor of *The Independent* of London and lately of the *Economist*, he is well-informed and widely respected. He knew what happened during our election in 2003, because he was here to cover it along with Karl Maeir, another old Africa hand, who wrote a well regarded book on Nigeria *This house has fallen*. Richard and Karl told me amazing stories of what they saw during the governorship and presidential elections in Rivers and Delta States when we compared notes after the election in their hotel in Abuja.

As Oyinbos and really very experienced reporters, they had access to both local officials and foreign observers and they saw and heard things that no Nigerian newspaper can get near to, much less publish. Whenever we meet in London or Abuja, Karl is always puzzled that Nigeria has not yet "fallen", despite the fact that the "house" is a deeply divided as when he wrote his book six years ago. As we know, Western reporters, observers and diplomats, overlooked the flaws in our 2003 election (in a way they did not for the presidential election in Zimbabwe a year earlier) because most of them wanted Obasanjo, the pro-western reformer to remain in office.

But the major factor that has stymied Nigerian reforms, inspire of enormous foreign goodwill, is that it is highly personalized and follow no particular rules, or at best the rules are made along the way. If you are one of the president's foreign friends, this could be an advantage because he could pick the phone and call some hapless minister or parastatal boss and your proposal could get accelerated hearing. But if you are a normal businessman the bureaucracy can still frustrate you to the point where you either pay-up or give-up.

At home of course, every smart businessman knows that being in the good books of the president is the beginning of wisdom. Ask Orji Kalu, the governor of Abia State, whose attempt to mix business with politics has not worked out very well with Slok Airlines. Or Jim Nwobodo, who seems to have lost both in politics and banking. But in a deal that seems to be made in heaven, or at least somewhere in the vicinity of Aso Rock, two big Nigerian banks—Standard Trust Bank and United Bank for Africa recently merged in record time by the usual standards of Nigeria. Hakeem Bello-Osagie, the former UBA chairman, who provided the impetus for the deal,

is very close to at least one member of the president's *Economic Team*.

Even before the 2003 election a group of business-men had formed around Ndi Okereke-Onyiuke to support Obasanjo's second term bid. Called *Corporate Nigeria*, some of its members are increasingly visible in the entourage of the president. Many of them were in his farm at Otta the other weekend for an annual squash competition to commemorate his 68's birthday and had earlier held a party for the president at Dodan barracks. But mark you this group, whose leading members are Aliko Dangote and Mike Adenuga, are not a sentimental lot. I don't know if they truly enjoy Obasanjo's company, after all he could make earthy jokes and could be playful even with those who are considerably younger. But it won't surprise me if they are also doing it for the money.

At least some segments of *Corporate Nigeria* have done very well under Obasanjo and this relationship seems to be growing stronger as his tenure is approaching its final quarter. At the end of February some members of this group pitched up at Aso Rock to announce the formation of a strange company, whose relationship with power is not hidden from birth. With the grand name of Transnational Corporation of Nigeria, its objectives are to "leverage on the national competitive advantages of Nigeria to produce world class goods and services for Nigerians and the world at large, assist government in ensuring that the best infrastructure is available in Nigeria for both local and foreign businesses and utilize the favourable climatic conditions and arable land to produce abundant, affordable food for Nigerians and the rest of the world."

Doesn't this read like the sort of mission statement a smart professor in Lagos Business School will write after a nice meal in their excellent restaurant? But that is *Corporate Nigeria* for you. They knew that you need such platitudes to get the attention of power, but you can then turn such connection into something more substantial.

The nexus between power and money is endemic not only in Nigeria but wherever things are made and sold. What is disturbing in our situation is that both the power and the money are in the hands of a microscopic few and they are exploiting this advantage with increasing brazenness. When the full story of Nigeria's privatization programme is told one day, I suspect that there will be a few shockers. For the truth is we risk turning a few asset-laden government monopolies into private monopolies, cobbled together by those whose main currency is power. We should try to avoid the mistake of the Russian privatization programme, in which a socialist country, where everyone is nearly equal, has been suddenly transformed into a capitalist paradise. From having no millionaires at all, Russia is now second only to the United State in the list of billionaires, 27 of whom were created through privatization in the last 10 years.

Last week the newspapers reported one such example of privatization with a capital P! and I am not referring to Pentascope!! Rather a company called BUA International had won the open bid for Delta Steel Company, Aladja, which has been put up for sale by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE). But since only one man really decides who gets what in Nigeria, the deal was abruptly cancelled on the orders of the President and Aladja was sold to a well connected Indian-owned company, which is already managing Ajaokuta Steel Company and Itakpe Iron Ore Mining Company. BUA is owned by Kano businessman, Abdusammad Rabi.

Not surprisingly, Abdusammad Rabi was reported to be among those who showed up in Otta recently for the President's squash birthday tournament. He may have realized, rather late, that inspite of the rhetoric of reform, little has changed in the way business is done in Nigeria. I was pleasantly surprised to read that there is a young man in Kano who is prepared to pay 30 million dollars for a steel company. The sad thing is that his money and enterprise is not enough despite the speeches you hear from government officials.