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## EFCC cages ex-ministers

By Shehu Abubakar

FORMER ministers who were sacked in the recent cabinet dissolution will no longer be able to travel abroad unless they get clearance from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC),

official sources told *Daily Trust* yesterday.

The travel restriction affects former ministers considered to be supportive of ailing President Umaru Yar'adua, who is still too ill to resume duties despite returning from medial trip in February.

Already the restriction caught in its web

former minister of justice Michael Aondoakaa and former minister of health Babatunde Osotimehin, who were stopped from travelling abroad at the weekend pending their clearance by the anti-graft commission, sources at the Abuja airport said.

But Aondoakaa, according an aide, has

already secured his pass and is due to fly today to El Salvador for the 29th session of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law.

An EFCC official confirmed the travel restriction to *Daily Trust* last night, saying

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ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan (right) arrives Andrews Air Force Base, Washington DC, yesterday to attend the Nuclear Summit. With him (left) is the US Ambassador to Nigeria Robin Sanders.

## Fulani leaders want end to kinsmen's killings

From Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar, Yola

FULANI leaders in West and Central Africa yesterday called for an

end to what they call incessant killings and molestation of Fulani across the regions.

They met in Yola, Adamawa

State capital, after visiting new Lamido Adamawa Barkindo Aliyu Musdafa, and pleaded for greater understanding between Fulani

and other ethnic groups for peaceful coexistence.

Speaking under the auspices of their group, Tabbital Pulaku Inter-

national, the leaders said Fulani have become target of attacks in many countries due to the nature

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# 3 houses burnt in fresh Plateau attacks

From Andrew Agbese, Ahmed Mohamed & Mahmud Lalo, Jos

THREE houses including that of the former Managing Director of the Nigerian Mining Corporation, Markus Pwajok, have been set ablaze in a fresh attack on Kuru Karama by unidentified persons.

Father of the chairman of Jos South Local Government Area, Da Dalyop Zi, was shot during the attack. He was taken to a hospital in Jos where he is said to be in critical condition.

Men of the special task force maintaining security in the area said they exchanged fire with some marauders, forcing them

to flee into the bush but that they could not pursue them as they feared the attackers would ambush them.

Col. Kayode Ogundele, the operation officer of the special task force who narrated the efforts made by his men, said his men however went on their trail later in the morning and that they were still combing the area to apprehend the attackers.

Col. Ogundele said it was the prompt response of his men that saved the lives of the people of the village as the attackers fled when they sighted the reinforcement of the task force.

The attackers also burnt about

four cars. No life was lost. Inhabitants of the area said they heard several gun shots at about 2:00am and shortly after, saw the three buildings in flames.

A resident of the area, Mr Markus Davou, told our correspondent that he was in his house when he heard the gun shots but that before he could come out to see what it was all about he saw the three houses on fire.

Our correspondents confirmed that the houses set ablaze belonged to Mr. Markus Pwajok, a former Commissioner, a former General Manager of the Mining Corporation, Mr Davou Pwajok and the father of the Jos South

Local Government chairman, Dah Dalyop Zi.

The Programme Coordinator of Stefanus Foundation Engineer Mark Lipdo said they visited the scene of the incident and were compiling the details of what had happened to know the assistance victims might require.

Police Public Relations Officer ASP Mohammed Lerama confirmed the attack. He said between 1am and 2am, they received a distress call that some people had attacked Kuru Karama and we sent our men. They found three houses on fire when they got there and called the Fire Service which helped to put out the fire.

"We are investigating the incident", he said.

Plateau State Commissioner of Information and Communication Mr Gregory Yenlong also confirmed the incident, saying, "Some people attacked residents of Kuru Karama when I heard about it, I called the Permanent Secretary Security. I didn't get him and I called the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Operations and he confirmed to me that some people attacked some houses and set houses ablaze. They heard about it around 1am and sent security operatives there. He said no life was lost.



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FROM left: National Security Adviser to Acting President General Aliyu Gusau, praying during a condolence visit to late Abubakar Rimi family yesterday. With him is late Abubakar Rimi's eldest son Abubakar Mohammed Abubakar Rimi.

## Snake center records 189 cases

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

FEDERAL Government Snake Bite Treatment Center, Kaltungo Gombe State, has recorded three deaths and 189 reported cases of snake bites in one month, the medical officer in charge of the center, Dr. Saidu Ballah said over the weekend.

Dr Ballah said in Kaltungo while exchanging views with newsmen over the menace of snakes in Kaltungo and environs, that the deaths and the huge number of reported cases were only in March this year and the number of snake bites was expected to rise this month.

He added that during the hot period usually around March to April, the cases of snake bites escalated by the days because this was the period reptiles, particularly snakes, come out.

The doctor added that the Federal Government had already supplied the center with sufficient quantity of anti-snake venom last

which they were still using till this year. He said the state government had also assisted the center with 60 vials of the anti-snake bite drugs.

According to the medical officer, his center had got in touch with the manufacturers of the anti-venom drugs for the supply of this year's consignment, and about 10,000 vials of the drugs was expected to be delivered to the center before the end of this year. He regretted that most of the drugs available in the market for the treatment of snake bite were identified to be fake, explaining that most of the patients that come to his center from Bauchi and Adamawa States were victims of the fake drugs which had saturated the market.

Ballah appealed to the health commissioners of neighbouring states to ensure that the anti-snake venom supplied to their respective states were that of United Kingdom but not those drugs made in India, which according to him were ineffective.

## Police find body of Zimbabwean farmer

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Kwara State Police Command yesterday said the body of a Zimbabwean farmer was found by a stream in Asa Local Government Area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Dabo Ezekiel said, "The Kwara State Police Command wishes to announce the death of a white Zimbabwean farmer. The deceased Zimbabwean farmer, Hamish James Chisohm, aged

63, was confirmed dead on Saturday at about 12:06hrs after severe search. The deceased was said to have gone in search of water at Labintan village via Bakase in Asa LGA of Kwara State".

The PPRO said, "The incident occurred on 9-4-10 at about 11.50pm when one Seyi Adedokun 'm' of the Nigeria Starch Mill Farm Onire, along Alapa came to the police station to report the matter at about 1.45pm.

Dabo added, "A search party was put in place to go round the farm to look for him

but the search proved abortive. The body was later found by a stream in Labintan village via Bakase in Asa LGA of Kwara State".

A delegation from the state later visited the site of the incident in company of the state police commissioner, Muhtari Ibrahim, the DPO, the Commissioner for Planning and Economic Development, Abdulfatah Ahmad, Security Adviser to the Governor, Yinka Aluko, Mike Fields and John Sawyer (both Zimbabwean farmers from Shonga) and other staff of the farm.

## ...Sack 30 in Oyo over extortion

From Yemi Bamidele, Ibadan

THIRTY policemen, mainly within the rank of Inspector and Corporal have been dismissed by the Oyo State Police Command in the last one year, having been found guilty of extortion from commercial and private motorists in the state.

In addition, 16 others were demoted for the same offence during the period. The state Commissioner of Police Alhaji Baba

Adisa Bolanta disclosed this to journalists in Ibadan over the weekend while reviewing activities of the command in his first year in office in Oyo State.

Bolanta explained that the fate of the affected policemen was determined after a court martial found them guilty. He said the state police command was determined to get rid of bad eggs. The Commissioner of Police used the opportunity to announce the recent decision of the Federal Government

to select seven cities in the country for special security scheme for effective policing.

According to him, the cities include Ibadan, Lagos, Port Harcourt, Abuja, Onitsha, Maiduguri and Kaduna. He noted that the pilot scheme would witness special allocation to the cities in terms of equipment. Aside the regular allocation, he said, the identified seven cities would be given special consideration to enable them wage successful wars against crimes.

## Mutilated corpse found in Kano

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

AN unidentified woman's body with some missing parts was found yesterday in an uncompleted building in Hotoro GRA of Kano metropolis.

Our correspondent gathered that the corpse, which was striped naked, was discovered by some children who were scavenging in the building. There was a smell of decomposing body around the area and witnesses inferred that the woman was killed about three days ago.

"We've been perceiving the smell of decomposing body since morning but we were unable to trace it until when the children alerted us," said a resident, Malam Sale.

When the children raised the alarm, the elders of the neighbourhood gathered around the building to identify the woman but failed.

The Gida Goma community leader, Malam Bala, said it was the first time they witnessed such incident in the area. He said some scavengers alerted them and they called the police to evacuate the body.

Public Relations Officer of Kano Police Command SP Baba Mohammed Azare confirmed the incident, saying the police were trying to get the identity of the dead woman. SP Azare also said the command had already begun investigation into the matter in order to arrest the perpetrators.

# Jonathan arrives US on 4-day working visit

By Mohamed S. Shehu

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan arrived the United States of America yesterday morning for a four-day official working visit during which he would participate in the international Nuclear Security Summit to be hosted by President Barack Obama.

Jonathan, according to a statement by his spokesman, Ima Niboro, arrived the Andrews Airforce Base, Virginia, at 9.30am

local time (3.30pm Nigerian time) and was received by US Ambassador to Nigeria Robin Renee Sanders, her Nigerian counterpart Ade Adefuye, and other ranking Nigerian and US officials.

The acting president was billed to meet Obama at 5-30pm (11.30pm Nigerian time) on Sunday. The meeting would have been held by now. Jonathan will also have lunch with US Vice President Joe Biden today.

After lunch with Biden,

Jonathan will meet with the President of the World Bank, at the World Bank building in Washington DC, and later in the evening join other visiting Heads of Government and delegations for a working dinner with President Barack Obama.

"On Tuesday, Jonathan will join other world leaders for the first plenary session of the Nuclear Security Summit to be chaired by President Obama before proceeding for a working

lunch with the US president. He will thereafter participate in the second plenary, which marks the end of the nuclear summit."

On Wednesday, Jonathan would have breakfast with the officials of the Centre for Global Development in Washington DC, and another meeting with Nigerian community in the US as well as a luncheon with Coordinator, Corporate Council on Africa.

Jonathan returns to Nigeria on Wednesday, the statement said.

The acting president was accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Odein Ajumogobia and former Nigerian envoy to the US Alhaji Hassan Adamu. On arrival, Jonathan proceeded to Westin Grand Hotel, Washington DC, where he was received by Governors Ikedi Ohakim of Imo, Adams Oshiomhole of Edo and Aliyu Shinkafi of Zamfara, Joy Ogwu, the Nigeria Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) and other top diplomats.

## ...ex-Speaker Na'Abba faults trip

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

FORMER Speaker House of Representatives, Ghali Umar Na'Abba, yesterday faulted the visit to the United State of America (USA) by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan.

Na'Abba said the visit came at a wrong time when there are pressing national issues demanding Jonathan's attention.

Jonathan left for Washington over the weekend where he is attending International Nuclear Security Summit and he is expected to meet US President Barack Obama.

Speaking on an Abuja based FM station Na'Abba, who was Speaker from 1999 to 2003, said "he (Jonathan) shouldn't have accepted to travel out of this country, considering weighty issues that need to be attended to since there is no substantive Vice President."

He also commiserated with the family of the former Kano State Governor Late Abubakar Rimi who died last week after an encounter with local bandits on his way back to Kano from Bauchi where he attended the official presentation of staff of office to the Emir of Dass Alhaji Usman Bilyaminu Othman.

Na'Abba said it was unfortunate that the political icon was a victim of the persistent insecurity in the country's highways praying that may Rimi's gentle soul rest in Aljannah Firdaus (paradise).



GOVERNOR Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu of Niger State (left) with former military President, General Ibrahim Babangida (right) and Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan of Delta State shortly after the general was conferred with the traditional title of Dike of Asaba by the Asagba of Asaba, Prof. Chike Edozien, at the weekend.

## 'Jonathan to meet Obama on the margin'

By Aisha Umar Agaie

FORMER Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Joe Keshi yesterday said that trip by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to the United States is not a state visit but an invitation by President Barack Obama to attend a nuclear summit together with many other world leaders.

He said Jonathan's meeting with Obama will be for 30 minutes at the margin of the conference which does not give room for long

bilateral discussion because there are about hundred presidents waiting to discuss with Obama as well.

"I can understand the excitement of Nigerians over the acting president's trip to the USA but there is the need to put the visit in its proper perspective such that we are not unnecessarily carried away," Keshi said in a telephone interview.

"The bulk of the bilateral discussions would however be done with the US Secretary of State and her team and should we have any shopping

list, this is where it will be taken care of"

Keshi however said the trip is significant coming against the backdrop of what has transpired in the country in the last couple of months. "This is an important trip especially for the acting president who is undertaking his first trip abroad. His presence at the conference will assure the world that Nigeria has sort of resolved its embarrassing leadership crisis precipitated by the ill-disposition of the President and was again in a position to assume its global responsibilities."

## FCT polls: PDP wins four, ANPP two councils

By Abbas Jumah

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) won four of the six area councils in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Chairmanship and Councillorship elections conducted last Saturday, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) said yesterday in Abuja.

Mr Okezie Nwankwo, Head of Public Affairs, INEC FCT, confirmed that PDP won

the chairmanship seats of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Bwari, Abaji and Kuje area councils; while the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) won the chairmanship seats of Gwagwalada and Kwali councils. The electoral officer (EO) of AMAC, Mr Musa Usman, announced that PDP candidate Mr Mika Jiba, won the AMAC seat with 14, 600 votes.

In Kuje, Mr Danladi Zhin of PDP was declared winner with 12, 349 votes, while Mr

Samuel Lanto of ANPP came second with 5, 088 votes. Mr Peter Yohana of PDP won with 10,304 votes in Bwari Area Council, while ANPP's Yahaya Isa scored 4, 815 votes to emerge second. ANPP's Zakari Angulu Dobi garnered 10,990 out of the 71,055 votes cast in Gwagwalada Area Council to emerge the winner of the chairmanship poll; Nwankwo said that PDP won in Abaji, while ANPP won in Kwali.

A total of 2,566 INEC staff officiated while

2,400 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members were mobilised for the exercise. Sixteen political parties with 513 candidates participated in the election that saw 51 chairmanship, 50 vice chairmen and 412 councillorship candidates contesting.

In the distribution of eligible voters across the six local councils, Abaji had 27, 346 voters, Bwari 109, 593, Gwagwalada 80, 264 voters, Kuje 52, 124 voters, Kwali 40, 366 and AMAC with the largest number of 459, 926.

# PDP: Ex-MPs plotting Ogbulafor's ouster

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday accused 'former top and jobless legislators' of being behind the plot to polarize the party and remove Prince Vincent Ogbulafor as National Chairman.

PDP National Publicity Secretary Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali

said the unnamed former lawmakers who are operating under a new group known as 'PDP Leadership Forum' have the support of "a media mogul whose electronic outfit" he said, "is always available for subversive activities."

Alkali called on all party members to close ranks and resist attempts by these people whom he described as 'disgruntled indi-

viduals' to ridicule the PDP, sow seeds of discord, weaken the party's resolve to approach the 2011 general elections as one united entity and to truncate Nigeria's democracy.

He said: "From our findings, they are unhappy over the efforts made by the national leadership of our party in conjunction with the National Assembly and the Gov-

ernors Forum to strengthen the hands of Dr Goodluck Jonathan to assume office as the Acting President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

"Having been exposed for the fraud that they are, they have gone underground to regroup and devise further destructive methods against the smooth running of our great party, the PDP.

"We wish to assure our teeming members that this latest attempt to derail our democracy will fail just like previous attempts to distract the Prince Ogbulafor led NWC have failed."

The Ogbulafor-led National Working Committee (NWC) had earlier come under attacks from 'PDP Integrity Forum' for allegedly failing to provide quality leadership.

## Senate to hold valedictory session for late senators

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

SENATE will hold a special valedictory session on Wednesday in honour of late Senators Tawar Umbi Wada (Gombe South) and Kawu Peto Dukku (Gombe North) who died recently.

A statement by the Senate Clerk, Mr. Ben Efeturi, said the Senate will now convene on Wednesday, April 14, instead of tomorrow as earlier scheduled.

The statement said "The Senate session on Wednesday will be a special valedictory session in honour of late Senators Wada and Dukku who passed on Wednesday, March 31 and Friday, April 2 respectively."

The two senators from Gombe State died within 48 hours span throwing the Senate into shock and grief.

While late Dukku has since been buried in Gombe, the remains of late Wada is expected to be laid to rest weekend in his home state.

## Nigeria condoles with Poland

By Mohammed S. Shehu & Aisha Umar Agaie

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan has sent heartfelt condolences to the Acting President of Poland, Bronislaw Koromowski and the Polish people over the death of President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria, and other ranking officials of the Polish government in a plane crash on Saturday.

Jonathan described the incident as tragic noting that Poland has, in one fell swoop, lost the commanding heights of its political leadership.

A statement by Jonathan's spokesman on media and publicity Ima Niboro reads: "On behalf of the Government and people of Nigeria, I condole with your good self and the people of Poland over the death of President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria, high ranking officials of your Government and other nationals in the tragic plane crash of Saturday."

The acting president asked God to comfort the families of the departed as well as the entire people of Poland as they pass through this painful period of their history.



POLISH Prime Minister Donald Tusk pays his last respect before the casket of Polish President Lech Kaczynski at Warsaw's airport. Tens of thousands of Poles solemnly lined the street's Warsaw yesterday in an emotional tribute to President Lech Kaczynski as his body was brought home after a devastating air crash.

## NNPC: Barkindo hands over to Ladan today

By Hamisu Muhammad

FORMER Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo will formally handover today to his successor Alhaji Shehu Ladan.

Barkindo was sacked last week by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan and was replaced by Ladan, a former Group Execu-

tive Director (Commercials and Investment) of the corporation.

Before his sack, Barkindo was among the proponents of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) currently before the National Assembly and a close ally of former Minister of Petroleum Resources Rilwanu Lukman who also lost his job in the cabinet reshuffle four weeks ago.

Among his key legacies in the

last one year was the launching of the transformation agenda of the NNPC, reviving the nation's refineries and ending the long queues in the filling stations in the country.

Ladan is now the 13th GMD of the corporation and is a seasoned legal practitioner with pedigree in the oil and gas industry. He was, until July 2009, the Group Executive Director Com-

mercial and Investment of NNPC and also worked briefly as the GED Corporate Services of the corporation.

Ladan was also onetime Group General Manager, Human Resources of NNPC,

Company Secretary/Legal Adviser of the Nigerian Gas Company and Deputy Managing Director of Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) among others.

## Federal workers shift strike to May 1

By Francis Okeke

FEDERAL civil servants in the country have agreed to defer a strike action earlier planned to start this week until May 1, 2010, which coincides with the workers' day.

This followed appeals by the new Minister of Labour and Productivity Chief Emeka Wogu at a meeting he held with the workers

over the weekend.

The workers, on the platform of the Joint Public Service Negotiating Council (JPSNC), are kicking against government's refusal to increase their salaries and eradicate the "wide disparity" among the different cadres in the public service.

They are also condemning the wide gap in wages enjoyed by permanent secretaries and directors-

general against what others in the service earn.

Chairman of JPSNC Comrade Olakunle Olaitan who is also the President of the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria (ASCSN) stated that the eight unions in the public service under the JPSNC have agreed to give the new minister the opportunity to conclude the process of correcting the many wrongs in

workers' entitlements.

He said it is unjustifiable for a permanent secretary to be paid N1.4 million a month as salary while a director receives N140,000.

But the minister appealed to the workers to exercise patience on their demands for salary relativity as government is committed to better the lots of civil servants in the country.

PIC: NAN



AN elderly woman after casting her vote during the area council elections in Abuja at the weekend.

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it affects all former ministers who served in the recently dissolved cabinet. The official did not give further details.

Airport officials, who pleaded for anonymity because they were not authorised to talk to the press, said Aondoakaa was scheduled to travel abroad from Abuja on Saturday onboard a Lufthansa flight but he was stopped by security agents.

The sources said Osotimehin was stopped from boarding a British Airways plane at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja yesterday, and was told to get a clearance first from the EFCC.

Attempts to get comments from Osotimehin failed last night as he was not answering his calls.

However, a source close to Aondoakaa said the former justice minister sent his protocol officer to the airport to confirm his travel arrangements and was informed that all immediate-past ministers must get clearance before they travel abroad. The source said when Aondoakaa was informed, he wrote for the clearance and got it.

The source said after the El Salvador meeting, Aondoakaa will also be attending another conference in Italy next month, in his capacity as a mem-

ber representing Africa in the council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, which was formed by the League of Nations in 1926. The former justice minister, according to the source, won a five-year tenure membership into the council in 2008.

The new travel restriction is likely to be seen as an attempt by acting President Goodluck Jonathan to hit back at so-called pro-Yar'adua ministers, who he flushed out of the cabinet last month to consolidate his hold onto power.

Aondoakaa was accused of using his position as justice minister to frustrate efforts to make Jonathan acting president, after President Yar'adua left the country on November 23 last year for medical attention in Saudi Arabia.

Osotimehin was also said to have irked Jonathan when he declared that no medical doctor can rule out any living human being from recovering from an illness or declare that person permanently incapacitated.

Jonathan is said to be scheming to make himself a substantive president by getting the members of the new cabinet to invoke Section 144 of the 1999 Constitution and declare ailing President Yar'adua incapacitated and unfit to continue in office.

PHOTO: FELIX ONIGBINDE

## Board calls for prosecution of embattled NSITF boss

By Francis Okeke

THE board of directors of the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) has called for the removal from office and prosecution of suspended Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the fund for alleged diversion of funds running into billions of Naira.

A resolution of the board's emergency meeting number 39 obtained by *Daily Trust* said Chief Eukora Joe Okoli who was suspended last year following a petition alleging he illegally deducted N380 million from the proceeds of sale of pension assets (real estate's) transferable to Trustfund Pensions PLC.

He was also said to have opened bank accounts without the requisite Board resolution and approval, total disregard for regulatory authorities, i.e. non compliance with the directives of the National Pension Commission (PenCom)."

Spokesman for the NSITF Mr Edward Bayo said he had not seen the document and told our reporter that such resolutions were usually sent to the government. Meanwhile, Acting President Goodluck Jonathan has approved the appointment of Alhaji Umar Munir Abubakar as Acting Managing Director and Chief Executive of NSITF.

## US security chief arrives Nigeria

By Aisha Umar Agaie

UNITED States Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano arrived Abuja at about 7:30 pm on Saturday on the invitation of Nigerian government to take part in the discussion to bolster global aviation security. Aviation Minister Fedelia Njeze hosted the top US official to a dinner at the Transcorp Hilton hotel Abuja yesterday.

Secretary Napolitano came to Nigeria with a number of delegates from the US to attend the meeting of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

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of their trade, culture and religion.

They said because Fulani are traditionally cattle breeders, who live a nomadic life style, they are being subjected to many forms of discrimination and atrocities.

The president of the group, Malian ambassador in Equatorial Guinea, Ambassador Isma'ila Cesse, told journalists in Yola yesterday that Fulani in West and Central African regions face a common problem of discrimination and subjugation.

He said the group is working with governmental and non-governmental organisations and other groups to tackle the problems.

"I think we have the same problems. The best way out is to ask other people to allow Fulani to live in peace. We have to stop killing Fulani because of their wealth; and we have to stop killing Fulani because they are Muslims. We want them to let us live in peace; and we ask the media to help highlight our culture," he said.

Speaking earlier, former president of the group, Cameroonian Kadiri Yahyah, said the worst form of discrimination against Fulani obtains in Central African Republic where, despite spending a hundred years living in the country, they are still not recognised as citizens.

However, he said, the West African country of Mali presents the best case scenario, where 400 years of mutual coexistence between Fulani and other groups produces a system that is beneficial to all people.

He said although increasing population and competition for land widen the possibility of further conflicts, mutual understanding and careful planning can guarantee peaceful coexistence.

On his part, Galadima Adamawa Alhaji Murtala Aminu told journalists that the group has worked hard across many countries in Africa to unite Fulani and promote cordial relationship with other ethnic nationalities.

He said in Nigeria the group has helped the Fulani who were displaced in the Jos crises and encouraged all Fulani to live in peace with their neighbours.

"Subsequently we demanded the federal government to look after the security and welfare of all Nigerians.

"We demanded that those people who perpetrated atrocities against Fulani should be brought to book," he added.

He noted that Fulani are mainly living in the bush catering for their cattle, not in the cities competing for political appointment, and as such people should leave them alone to carry out their legitimate business.

Others who spoke at the occasion include the secretary of the group in Nigeria, Abubakar Umar Girei and his deputy Mohammed Bello, both of whom stressed the need of demarcating grazing land for nomadic cattle breeders as one of the steps of addressing the problem of farmers/breeders clashes.

Umar Girei told *Daily Trust* that Tabbital Pulaku tried to enlighten both the Fulani and their neighbours on the need for continuous interactions for mutual respect to avert conflicts.

Tabbital Pulaku International is the global group for Fulani in West and Central Africa and in the Diaspora, with branches in many countries, he said.

# Maritime workers shelve planned strike

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

MARITIME workers under the aegis of Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) and the Senior Staff Association of Communications, Transport and Corporations (SSACTAC) Nigeria at the weekend shelved their planned industrial action, which was expected to commence this Wednesday.

The decision followed a meeting with the management of the Nigerian Ports Authority, where the NPA was said to have agreed to pay outstanding benefits and

also address other welfare issues raised by the aggrieved workers.

President-General of MWUN, Comrade Nted Emmanuel, who spoke to journalists yesterday said meetings of workers and leaders at zones and districts would be held this week to brief them of the new development. He said the management led by the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority asked for four weeks to enable them make arrangements to begin payment.

"But we told them that we cannot afford the luxury and gave them two weeks. We also told them that we

need to meet with our members and leaders at lower levels as soon possible to inform them of the development and de-mobilise to avoid disruption of ports operations," he said.

Two weeks ago, the two unions issued a 14-day ultimatum to the management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to resolve all impending issues bordering on workers welfare issues and benefits.

They accused the management of non-implementation of the agreed minimum standard for dockworkers, for tally clerks and on-board security, among others.



CHIEF Executive Officer, UBA Africa and co-speaker Mr. Rasheed Olaoluwa, retired General Martin Luther Agwai, former Chief of Defence Staff and immediate past Commander, United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur, Mr. Phillips Oduoza, Deputy Managing Director, UBA plc and Mr. Tony Elumelu, Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, UBA plc at the 5th Inspirational Lecture Series held at UBA House, Lagos at the weekend.

## Gov hopeful on economic importance of Minna Airport project

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

GOVERNOR of Niger State Babangida Aliyu has said that the airport city project, when completed would regenerate the economy of the state. Speaking with journalists at the Presidential lounge of the Murtala Muhammad Airport Ikeja, Lagos at the weekend, Aliyu said idea was to capture the whole West African sub region for trade.

"We will then have manufacturing industries; people will not have to go China to get goods. Because with the airport city, those things would be produced here at a relatively lower costs. The movement of the goods is also key," he said.

The governor said Niger was the largest producer of rice in Nigeria, but that the state needed the support of the Federal Government to fight the rice cartel, saying they were importing and making it cheaper, thereby making it difficult for local farmers to make money.

"The whole economic regeneration is built on agriculture and I am happy that in the next 11 months, we will receive help from the Ministry of Agriculture," he said.

## Delta fire victims call for assistance

TRADERS in Ogbe-Ijoh, Warri, Delta State, whose goods were destroyed in a fire have called on the state government and philanthropists to assist them. The traders, whose goods and shops were razed on Thursday said the incident had "dug an early grave for them" if no one assisted them.

Speaking with newsmen in Warri, the victims, mostly women said the situation was more grievous as their businesses were the main sources of their families' survival. The women said their husbands were unemployed and their trades were the sources of income for their families.

Mrs Patience Adu, a clothes seller, said the goods in her store were worth more than N800,000 and that the disaster had rendered her hopeless. Mrs Betty Okroto, a carpet seller said only God was her source of hope for survival since all she had was burnt. Another victim, Mrs Ndidi Ozo, who deals in children's goods, including clothes and other baby care products, said her shop was worth some millions of naira. Ozo said eating would be a problem and that her children's education would be disrupted if help did not come her way quickly.

A tailor in the market, Mrs Faith David, said she was wondering what her fate would be if her customers whose clothes were burnt in her shop would demand for them. She said she lost four types of tailoring machines, ranging from weaving to sewing machines in the fire.

A dry fish seller, Mrs Mary Akpotu, said her store was razed along with the fish meant for sale at the weekend.

Meanwhile, while the traders cried over their losses, the buyers expressed concern over the effect of the fire on shopping in Warri and its environs.

Mrs Augusta Madu, who came to buy crayfish said the incident would lead to an increase in the price of the commodity. Madu noted that before the incident, the price of crayfish had started rising, adding that with the incident, other markets would capitalise on the situation to increase prices. (NAN)

## Idris tasks Muslim leaders on divorce

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Idris of Kogi State yesterday urged Muslim leaders in the country to tackle divorce among Muslims. Idris said this at the inauguration of Nasrul-L-Fatih Society of Nigeria (NASFAT) Lokoja branch and launch of N250 million Appeal Fund for the development of its permanent site.

Represented by the state's Commissioner for Works and Housing Dr Abubakar Adama, the governor expressed concern over what he described as the high rate of divorce among Muslims.

Inaugurating the branch, NASFAT Chief Missioner (Worldwide) Alhaji Abdullahi Akinbode said divorce was one of the most distasteful things in the sight of Allah, noting that NASFAT had a Guidance and Counselling committee that settles disputes

among couples to avert divorce.

Akinbode, who said university education was getting out of the reach of the poor, owing to high fees charged by private and state universities in the country, said NASFAT established the Fountain University in Osogbo, Osun State to assist students from poor backgrounds.

The guest lecturer, Professor AbdulRasheed Raji of the Kogi State University charged NASFAT to educate its members on recitation of the Qur'an, saying it would rescue Arabic education from sinking.

Among the dignitaries at the occasion were Alhaji Ishaq Ajibola, the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of Media Trust Limited, publishers of *Trust* newspapers and Engineer Abubakar Abdulsallam, NASFAT National President.

## Bill Gates Foundation pleased with Kano over polio

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

THE Executive Director of the Bill Gates Foundation, Dr .N. Rajib, has commended Kano State government for its fight against polio.

According to a statement signed by the Director of Press of the Kano State Governor, Sule Ya'u Sule, Dr Rajib gave the commendation when the Governor Ibrahim Shekarau visited the Foundation in the United States.

He said the achievement recorded so far should be commended and emulated by other states in Nigeria. Speaking earlier, Governor Ibrahim Shekarau said the state involved

different strategies which included the establishment of local government committees against polio as well as using incentives to lure parents immunize their wards.

Shekarau said the state was presently in the forefront in the fight against polio in Nigeria. He added that the state would not relent

The governor also briefed Dr. Rajib on the government's efforts towards developing Information and Communication Technology (ICT). He said it was in line with that, that the state established an ICT park.

While in the United States, Shekarau is expected to address the General Assembly of Nigerians in Diaspora at Cardiff.

## S/East speakers back Iwu for 2nd term

By Abbas Jimoh

CONFERENCE of South East speakers has passed a vote of confidence on Professor Maurice Iwu as chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and called for his re-appointment when his tenure ends in June this year.

The speakers: Augustine Nwankwoagu, Ebonyi State House of Assembly; Agwu U. Agwu, Abia State House of Assembly; Hon Anayo Anebe, Anambra State House of Assembly; and Barrister Eugene Odo, Enugu State House of Assembly; made their position known when they visited Iwu in Abuja.

The speakers condemned recent calls for the removal of the INEC boss arguing that rather than identifying the country's electoral woes as collective failure of the Nigerian polity, the electorate and security agencies, Iwu was being singled out and "slaughtered on the altar of minority rascality."

Prof. Iwu thanked the speakers for the visit saying the on-going debate about the possibility of extending the tenure of the present leadership of INEC was in itself a welcome development.

## 'Nigeria's mining education dying'

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

PROVOST of the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences (NIMG) Professor Idowu Odeyemi said the Nigerian mining education abandoned for over 50 years has been left to die a natural death.

Professor Idowu made the statement weekend in Jos in preparation for the take-off of a post-graduate study for this year at the NIMG today.

He said since the mining sector was abandoned, the mining education was also abandoned, saying "the aroma of crude oil has put Nigeria to slavery for more than fifty years to the extent that we abandoned everything in the mining industry, because it is very easy to get money from Black Gold," he said.

"For example the School of Mining in Jos was established in 1952, exactly the same year as the School of Mining in Ghana was established. While today the School of Mining in Jos has first stagnated and then regress and subsequently died a natural death, the School of Mining in Ghana has same reason to become the University of Mining in Ghana," he said.

Commenting on the World Bank intervention in the Nigeria's mining through providing the school with \$120m grant for take up, the provost said Nigerian can also give other country loan in the sector if it did not abandoned for the past fifty five years.

The first sets of 42 postgraduate students admitted into the institute are set to commence the study today with only 14 lecturers, the provost also said out of 42 students only two are females.



EXECUTIVE Secretary, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Roland Ewubare (right) with the commission's Director, Legal Service, Zacheaus Senbanjo, at forum on monitoring the Federal Capital Territory Area Council Elections in Abuja recently.

# Nigerian held over duping Indian doctors

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, with agency report

A Nigerian man accused of duping two Indian doctors of hundreds of thousands of rupees on the pretext of getting them jobs in British hospitals has been arrested in Bangalore, Indian media reported at the weekend.

Ejro Orumah, suspected to be associated with an international cyber crime gang, was arrested with five mobile phones, one passport, eight cards and cash, said police inspector general Rajendra Mishra.

Orumah has been in India since 2005. "A team was sent to Bangalore and the accused was traced on the basis of a mobile

tower location. He was arrested Tuesday and brought to Bhopal Thursday," Mishra said.

The police chief added: "Orumah was part of a racket allegedly involved in online fraud. He had cheated Ratlam-based T.K. Tiwari of Rs.2.48 lakh by promising him a lucrative job in Westham Park hospital in London. The targets were selected through job placement sites like naukri.com and indiatimes.com."

Mishra said Tiwari had uploaded his resume at a job site and the imposters, who posed as employers, had contacted him asking him to send passport details and 950 pounds apart from a fee for a residential permit.

Assuring Tiwari of a job, the accused later

asked him to pay more money for other formalities. The complainant then got suspicious and, despite being assured that the entire amount would be returned if the job did not materialise, complained to the police.

R.S. Parihar, a doctor in Bhopal working with Hamidia hospital, became another victim of the gang. He was duped of Rs.68,000 (about N204,000).

The police suspect that the accused could be involved in a number of similar frauds and the amount swindled could be as much as N3 million equivalent. Police said it was an international gang and that the masterminds lived in London.

## Stakeholders counsel minister, NNPC boss on PIB

By Hamisu Muhammad

PETROLEUM Minister Diezani Allison-Madueke and the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Shehu Ladan have been urged not to tamper with the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Bill now before the parliament.

The stakeholders, which include the National President of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG), and other Civil Society Organisations, said it will be a serious mistake if the new

minister tampers with the reforms in favour of the multinational oil companies.

Reacting to the concerns raised over the future of the PIB under the new regime, NUPENG National President Comrade Achese Igwe told Daily Trust in Abuja that any attempt by the new heads to put their interest above the interest of the nation with be rejected by the union.

Igwe who is heading one of the strongest unions in the oil industry said "We are 100 percent watching to ensure that she has not come with her personal interest against that of

the nation; we are watching. We will not allow individual interest or organisational interest to supersede the interest of Nigeria," he added.

Executive Director of the of the African Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development (Centre LSD) Dr Otiye Igbuzor said the Civil Society Organisations are not expecting any negative changes from the new administrators of the oil industry.

He said the change has become necessary and called on the acting president to fish out bad eggs that refuse to allow the sector progress and show them the way out.

## Government urged to prioritise education

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

THE proprietress of Igbinedion Educational Centre, Benin City, Lady Cherry Igbinedion, has implored Federal and state governments to accord education top priority in their allocation of resources to sectors.

In an interview with the Daily Trust in London, Lady Igbinedion said as the bedrock of the nation's future, education deserved to be accorded the highest priority among all

sectors in budgetary allocations by all levels of government.

Lady Igbinedion, who led a delegation of 40 students and seven teachers of the Centre to a 10-day trip in the UK, said: "Education is our future. It needs huge budgetary allocation more than any sector".

She argued that if education was accorded the attention it deserved, there would be no need for parents to send their children to schools abroad.

Lady Igbinedion advised parents against sending their children to schools abroad before they were ready for university education, arguing that sending children abroad at an early age could result in "losing such children culturally".

"Children who leave Nigeria before they are ready for university education may be open to some cultural crises abroad, which may make them fall by the wayside, or they may be lost (to their parents and country) culturally".

# Exam 'miracle centres' thrive in Kaduna

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

THE Special Adviser to the Kaduna State Governor on Youth Affairs Malam Jubril Zakirai at the weekend decried the increase in number of centers which claim to prepare students to pass secondary school examinations without difficulties.

Speaking at the Danbo International School Kaduna during a colloquium for

students preparing for the forthcoming UTME, he said over 100 of such centers were existing in the state and that students preferred the centers to their schools.

"The main factor responsible for the downturn in the education sector is the miracle centers. Students pass exams without reading. What they need to do is to pay and the operator of the centre will facilitate it. It is examination malpractice in the highest

order. Once you can pay, you will definitely pass your exams," he said.

He said all stakeholders in the education sector needed to contribute in addressing the menace, saying the centres were all over the country and that the operators of such centres and their customers must be brought to book to move the education sector forward.

He reiterated the commitment of the

state government to enhance the standard of education by providing the necessary facilities in schools. He urged parents to discourage their wards from patronizing miracle centres.

Earlier in his address, the Project Director of Solid Focus Nigeria, organizers of the colloquium, Mr. Sola Fagrusi, said the programme was organized to build the minds of the students ahead of future challenges.



PIC: MISBAHU BASHIR

PRESIDENT, Nigerian Army Officers Wives Association (NAOWA) Hadiza Bello Dam bazau (middle), former First Lady Maryam Abacha (left) and former NAOWA President, Mrs. Salihu Ibrahim, at the commissioning of NAOWA Vocational and Skills Acquisition Centre in Abuja.

## PDP suspends new Ondo speaker

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ondo State has suspended the new Speaker of the state House of Assembly Samuel Adesina and Pius Adabusuyi, the former Chief Whip.

In a statement signed by the party's Publicity Secretary Chief Adeyemi Adedipe the two lawmakers were suspended because of the role they played in the impeachment of the former speaker.

The statement read, "The Peoples Democratic Party in Ondo State has confirmed that the purported removal of the House's functionaries was initiated, contrived and executed by the Labour Party government.

"The PDP totally disowns the purported change that seeks to impeach the Speaker and his deputy. Our party views strongly the unwholesome participation by Hon. Adabusuyi and Adesina as anti-party action which will not be condoned in any manner".

Adedipe called on all security agencies to investigate the alleged forging of signatures of PDP members for the impeachment.

## Borno to tackle failure in SSCE

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

BORNO State Governor Ali Modu Sheriff has directed secondary school principals and teachers to strictly carry out continuous assessment tests in schools to ensure that mass failure in the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations organised by the West African Examinations Council and the National Examinations Council does not occur in Borno again.

Sheriff gave the directive when

he flagged-off the distribution of continuous assessment forms and e-registration format instructions to secondary school students in the state. The event held at the Government College Maiduguri.

The governor, represented at the occasion by the state Commissioner for Education Dr. Asabe Vilita Bashir noted that the continuous assessment policy would serve as an early warning signal in monitoring students' performances.

He said he was optimistic that

the use of continuous assessment would minimize mass failure in NECO and WAEC examinations such that was witnessed in 2009 across the nation. He maintained that the national policy on education required teachers to periodically evaluate students through filling their continuous assessment forms (CA) after tests and such principals and teachers must ensure compliance so that students from the state come out with flying colours in future

examinations.

The governor lamented that while the state government had invested huge sums of money in the educational sector by mass renovation of schools and construction of new ones, provision of instructional materials, desks, mattresses and increased welfare of teachers through payment of the Teachers Salary scale (TSS), it was worrisome to note that students performed poorly in both NECO and WAEC last year.

## UNIBEN energy center works on lighting project

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE National Centre for Energy and Environment, an agency of the Energy Commission of Nigeria [ECN] at the University of Benin is to participate in the Energy Commission of Nigeria / ECOWAS Commission / Cuban government energy efficient lighting project.

The Director National

Centre for Energy and Development University of Benin Dr Lawrence Ezemonye who disclosed this in Benin said the efficient lighting project which would involve free replacement of incandescent lamps with compact fluorescent lamps are energy saving bulbs with high efficiency.

He said the compact fluorescent bulbs are efficient

and saves about 80 percent on electrical energy for same light output compared to incandescent lamps, stressing that the lifespan is about 6 to 12 times longer than incandescent lamps, are environment friendly and economical. The project according to the director, will commence in Edo State this month and is expected to reduce electricity bills and

wastes.

Dr Ezemonye said the Energy Commission of Nigeria entered into an agreement with the Cuban government and the ECOWAS Commission on efficient lighting and had procured one million high quality compact fluorescent lamps to replace incandescent lamps in selected estates across the country.

## Doma to inspect LG projects

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

NASARAWA State Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma is to tour all the local government areas of the state to inspect projects, commission completed ones and thank the people for their support, the state's Commissioner for Information Mamman Alakayi has said.

Alakayi told our cor-

respondent on phone yesterday that the time table for the tour, which would take the governor and members of the State Executive Council (SEC) to the 13 local government areas and the 16 development areas was not yet out, but that the Secretary to the State Government Timothy Anjide was heading the planning committee.

## Swiss to crack down on Nigerian criminals

A top official of the Swiss Federal Migration Office has said he will establish a task force to stop abuse of the asylum system by Nigerian criminals.

In an interview with the NZZ am Sonntag newspaper published yesterday, director Alard du Bois-Reymond said 99.5 per cent of asylum-seekers from the West African country had no chance of asylum in Switzerland.

"They do not come as refugees but to do business," he said, referring to petty crime

and drug trafficking.

The task force, which will include federal and cantonal officials, will try to figure out how to more quickly return rejected asylum seekers to Nigeria. It intends to present a package of measures in the summer.

A 29-year-old Nigerian died in March shortly before a deportation flight. The man, a convicted drug dealer, had refused to leave the country and was on a hunger strike.

Du Bois-Reymond also weighed in on the integration

of Muslims. Of the 350,000 Muslims in Switzerland, some 10,000 are considered orthodox believers. "Above all we must make clear that in Switzerland, we have our values and our laws."

He made no promises of success in integrating Islamic converts in Switzerland. Some, he said, wanted a radically different society "comparable with the former Red Army Faction terrorists".

Those individuals posed a security risk for the country, he said.

## Don tasks Sultan on religious harmony

By Misbahu Bashir

PROFESSOR of Political Science at the University of Jos Professor Isawa Elaigwu said unity among the different religions in the country should be a challenge to the Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III.

The university don said this at a lecture tagged "Traditional Institutions and Nation-Building: The Dialectics of Tradition and Modernity" in honour of the

Sultan over the weekend in Abuja.

He said there are a number of challenges to the Sultan including the challenge of building bridges across religious divides, adding that adherents of different religions in the country must be united and tolerant among themselves. He said such task should be undertaken by the sultan.

He said the sultan also has to address the challenge of modernizing traditional institutions in line with the

existing social change.

Prof Elaigwu said the fine attitude of the sultan has further made people to appreciate traditional institutions.

He said political leaders must be accountable to the people and avoid squandering public treasury. "People go into politics to get wealthy," he said.

The lecture was organised by the participants of the 18th Regular Course of the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, 1975. The Sultan was a participant and graduated in 1977.

## Anti-traffic agency launches awareness campaign

By Akor Ojoma

THE National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons and other Related Matters (NAPTIP) has officially commissioned and flagged off the Initiators of Awareness and Development / National Campaign Against Human Trafficking and Child Labour office in Abuja.

Flagging off of the national campaign, Executive Secretary of NAPTIP Barrister Simon Chuzi Egede said it is aimed at total eradication of modern day slavery.

Initiators of Awareness

and Development (IAD) is a nongovernmental organization (NGO) comprising of Nigerian actors, actresses, producers as well as musicians is partnering with the agency in the fight against trafficking in persons with a view to curbing the scourge which is ravaging the society through collaboration with NAPTIP.

Egede who recalled that the group signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NAPTIP on February 24, 2010 disclosed that IAD will take the sensitization project to all nooks

and cranny, in varying languages, enlightening the old and young both the literates and non-literates alike across the nation.

National coordinator of Initiators of Awareness and Development (IAD) Mr Richard Ossai said the association has put up a 7-point programme, including the use of both international and local music stars, comedians and other artists, to sensitize and create vey massive awareness about trafficking in persons and child labour as it has never been done before.

## Civil defence to shut unlicensed security guards

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSDC) said it will shut unlicensed private security guards across the country.

NSDC Controller General Dr. Ade Abolurin made this known at the NSDC 1st National Capacity Building workshop for operators of Private Guard Companies in Nigeria.

He said the civil defence

had arrested and prosecuted some illegal operators so far, adding that "We are going to prosecute some soon, and anybody we arrested we are going to shutdown the company and prosecute him."

Abolurin warned that anybody among the licensed private security guards who collaborate with those unlicensed once "is doing so at his own risk."

On the training of staff, NSDC also directed all the

private guard companies to collaborate with civil defence for training and re-training of their staff.

"We told them they must obey government rules and regulation, they have to train their personals on the security system."

Managing Director, Decaifand Co Limited Francis Caleb said there is need for the security employee to be well equipped, well paid as their duty is to protecting life and properties.

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The Kaduna State Development and Property Company Limited (KSDPC) invites the following pre-qualified building contractors to tender for the construction of houses under Kaduna Mass Housing Scheme, Part B they are:-

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| 4. BUMA ENGINEERING LIMITED                     | 55. WESTLAND WORKS NIGERIA                                  |
| 5. ZAINA NIGERIA LIMITED                        | 56. UNITED OVERSEAS MERCHANTS LIMITED                       |
| 6. MURANI NIGERIA LIMITED                       | 57. MAJESTIC INTERIOR LIMITED                               |
| 7. TIKSHOOD ENGINEERING LIMITED                 | 58. ARID BUILDERS NIGERIA LIMITED                           |
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| 43. BABS VENTURES                               | 94. A-Z ABKHAD RESOURCES LIMITED                            |
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#### A. LOCATIONS

- 1.1 Kaduna Eastern Sector (Millennium City)
- 1.2 Zaria Bye-pass
- 1.3 Zikpak, Kafanchan

#### B. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Tender documents are available for collection upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of N100,000.00 per set with effect from **Wednesday, 28th April, 2010** in the office of the Assistant General Manager (Physical Planning & Development) KSDPC, Head Office, No.5 Lafia Road, Kaduna.

#### C. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

All completed tender documents must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "Kaduna State Mass Housing Scheme" on the top left corner of the envelopes addressed to:

The Managing Director/CEO  
KSDPC,  
No. 5 Lafia Road,  
PMB 2183,  
Kaduna.

#### D. TENDER CLOSING DATE

The closing date for the submission of all tenders has been fixed for **Friday, 14th May, 2010** at 12:00 noon.

#### E. TENDER OPENING

All completed tender documents received will be opened on **Friday, 14th May, 2010** at 12:10pm in the KSDPC conference room.

#### NOTE:

- a. Late submission will not be entertained.
- b. KSDPC is not bound to accept the lowest tender.
- c. KSDPC is neither committed nor obliged to undertake the work described in the advertisement.

### ADDENDUM

This is to inform all contractors invited on April 10, 2010 to tender that, submission of Tender documents closes at **12:00 noon on 23rd April, 2010** and shall open at **12:10 p.m** on the same date.

SIGNED:  
MANAGEMENT

# 5,000 graduates in Kebbi to get automatic employment

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

FIVE thousand Kebbi indigenes, who hold a university degree, Higher National Diploma (HND) or the National Certificate of Education (NCE) are to be given automatic employment. The Secretary to the State Government Alhaji Ahmed Bunza while briefing newsmen at the weekend said the

decision was due to benefits that had been derived from the e-payment exercise that was embarked upon by the government last year. He said the state government introduced the e-payment system to build a vibrant work force in the state and to ensure that the correct amount of money is paid as salaries. He maintained that with the new system, wastages and mistakes had been

reduced to barest minimum. He also added that the government was not unaware of the problems associated with the e-payment, saying efforts were being made to correct them.

"We want to assure all genuine workers in the state that their rights and privileges will always be protected", he said.

Alhaji Ahmed commended the leadership of

"We want to assure all genuine workers in the state that their rights and privileges will always be protected"

the labour union in the state on the e-payment exercise, saying every worker would have cause to smile soon.

## Police nab three for alleged impersonation

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

POLICE in Jigawa State have arrested three persons for allegedly impersonating the Jigawa State Chief of Staff Alhaji Aminu Ibrahim Ringim and attempting to defraud an Abuja based businessman, Dr. Malami Shehu. The suspects, Haruna Mustapha, Mustapha Sa'idu and Muhammad Ali Bala were arrested in Dutse, the Jigawa State capital after a tip off. Speaking with our correspondent in Dutse,

the Police Public Relations Officer ASP Abdu Jinjiri said one of the suspects, who claimed to be the Jigawa State Chief of Staff called one Dr. Malami Shehu on phone and told him that he wanted to help a company, United Energy International Corporation to get a N3 billion fertilizer contract from the state government.

"He told the businessman that the company was not registered and asked Dr. Malami to

help the company with funds so that it could be registered to enable it get the contract. He assured Malami that he (Dr. Malami) will also gain something when the deal is through," he said.

He added that, immediately after the conversation with the suspects, Dr. Malami called the Jigawa Chief of Staff Alhaji Aminu Ringim to confirm the authenticity of the contract, but Ringim denied knowledge of the deal.

"He then alerted the police and also invited the suspects to a bank, where they were arrested by the police," the PPRO added.

The police spokesperson said after investigation, the suspects would be charged to court for conspiracy and impersonation.

## 500-yr-old Kano gate demolished

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

ONE of the oldest monuments of the ancient city of Kano in Kano State, Kofar Na'isa, has been demolished by a construction company to pave way for the ongoing road expansion in the state.

Lamenting over the demolition of the gate, the Curator of National Museum, Malam Aliyu Abdu, said the action had serious consequences on the cultural authenticity of Kano city walls, saying it was an intrusion of a cultural site, which was preparing for the World Her-

itage listing.

"The museum cannot stop road construction. The gate should not have been demolished. We should have been notified so that we can direct them on what to do. The destruction of the site has caused a setback to the conservation plan adopted by the National Commission for Museums and Monuments and the stakeholder committee on Kano city walls towards the preservation of heritage sites of this great city. The demolished gate was included in Nigeria's tentative list and was receiving attention as one

of the sites with great potentials for the World Heritage enlistment," he said.

While calling on government and private companies to desist from destroying monuments, he said the museum would take the construction company to court. Our correspondent learnt that Kofar Na'isa was declared a national monument in 1964, and therefore protected by law under the National Commission for Museums and Monuments (NCMM) Act CAP 19 of the laws of Federal Republic of Nigeria 2004 vol X Chapter 19.

## Bayero turbans director Sarkin Kachako

From Ruqayya Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

THE Emir of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero has turbaned Radio Kano's Director of Administration and General Services Alhaji Yunusa Ibrahim Kachako as Sar-

kin Kachako. Kachako is in Takai Local Government Area of the state. Yunusa was turbaned last week at the emir's palace. He succeeds Alhaji Bashari Isma'ila who died recently.

A civil servant, the village head has held vari-

ous administrative posts at the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Kano, City Television (CTV) 67, Kano and is currently at the state radio corporation, where he is serving as the Director of Administration and General Services.

## Sensitization on AIDS for Muslims ends in Edo

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

A five day training on HIV/AIDS for Muslims in Benin, Edo State came to an end at the weekend. The workshop had over 20 participants from various Islamic organizations in the state in attendance. The workshop tagged, HAF 3 was facilitated by the headquarters of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and was sponsored by the World Bank in collaboration with the National Agency for the Control of Aids (NACA)

The Programme Manager, Mallam Danjuma Abdullahi, said the workshop was intended to raise an army of Muslim faithfuls, who would engage in the fight against the spread of Hiv/ Aids. A committee of the Muslim Community Against Hiv/Aids (MCACA) was inaugurated. It had Dr Ahmed Sulayman of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital as chairman and Hajia Sidiqat Obaze as vice chairman.

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As a result of that error, the opening ceremony of the pre-qualification will now be on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.**

While we sincerely regret the error, all concerned are hereby advised to take note of the new date and attend the opening ceremony accordingly. The time and venue remains 2:00pm, at the council chambers, central admin building, Kaduna polytechnic, respectively.

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## Abuja land racketeers asked to proceed on holidays

I do hope it is not a manifestation of ministerial euphoria. Let your work speak for you.

All the same, I wish the new

minister the very best of luck.

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This definitely is a positive step by the new Federal Capital Territory minister.

The fraudulent activities of

the land racketeers have done more damage than good to the federal capital and has made ownership of land in FCT the

exclusive reserve of a few.

**Ibrahim Tsadu Ibrahim**  
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# Atiku's camp split

OGBULAFOR, according to this report, indicated that you cannot become a member at the national level. Membership starts logically, at the local, state and then national level. If Atiku's return is not in the interest of the country, then, he may never realize his ambition under the umbrella of PDP.

**Muhammed D Muhammed**  
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Alhaji Atiku should be left to please himself. He is only displaying a quality that is common to a majority of our politicians. I am personally worried about our political development but I am not despaired because this is just a passing phase. The few who are committed to political ideologies should hold on. Your followership will improve with every tick of the clock. God bless Nigeria.

**Malachi Orode**  
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This is no news at all. Did Atiku ever leave PDP any day? No. He only had a disagreement with just one member of the PDP - Obasanjo. Does obasanjo alone constitute PDP?

**Comrade Igbini Odafe**  
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Thank You Dr Bugaje! Your



**ALHAJI Atiku Abubakar**

decision not to dump your Party (Action Congress) to the Ruling (PDP) is a clear indication that you are a principled politician. Allah gives leadership to whom He wants irrespective of time or party affiliation.

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He decamped to form AC as a result of exigencies at that time. Presently, PDP from the North does not have a better candidate than Atiku to stand elections in 2011, so it is a good omen for the party to have him back. Those not comfortable with this decision of his should ask themselves whether he, in the first instance sought their opinion to opt out. Atiku just go ahead with your

intentions as we are more interested with a peaceful polity than gangsterism.

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Those of us that are conversant with Turaki's style of politics since the late 1980's (especially in the then Gongola, and later Adamawa State) are not surprised by this turn of events in the Atiku camp. I feel for Dr. Bugaje, but I believe he knows better. Fortunately, Nigerians now know better too, and are more enlightened to take decisions.

**Adzu Midlu**  
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Abubakar Atiku, please continue your politics but remember that even if you own the whole world, all of us must one day leave this world and everything that we have.

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Atiku joining the PDP again is an excellent development. This will bring unity among our leaders and a stable political stance for the country. Those that he left should endeavour to embrace him and work together as a team.

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It is definitely a clash of the ideologists versus the non-ideologists.

**Usman Ahmed Danbaba**  
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I agree with Dr. Usman Bugajethat "those returning to the PDP with Abubakar lack political ideology". In short, Atiku Abubakar and his camp are like politically rootless weeds, which any political wind can blows to any direction. Do not be surprised to see Abubakar and his partners defecting to Labour party in some time to come. Rolling stones, they says gather no moss.

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Many of us know that the break-up of the Atiku is only a matter of time. People with ideology like Bugaje have long wasted their talents associating themselves with wrong sorts. Now that Bugaje liberated himself from that shackle, I advice him to consider joining forces with Buhari and other progressives to challenge the PDP monster.

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**THE late Abubakar Rimi**

## Police arrest 15 over Rimi

THE Nigerian police have failed in their responsibility of protecting the lives and property of Nigerian. We hope the investigation into those responsible for the death of Alh. Abubakar Rimi will not end up as other high profile murders. Until the time of his death, investigations into the death of his late wife, Hajiya Sa'adatu is still a mystery.

**Ibrahim Tsadu Ibrahim**  
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I hope the police are arresting the right people. Please, let our police be up and doing so that we can have confidence in them once again.

**Abdullahi Ibrahim**  
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This is campaign after election. You said something like this some years ago when his wife was murdered.

**Alkasim wudil**  
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## Yayale to take charge ...As Jonathan jets to US

HMM! The acting president should clearly tell us who will run the affairs of the country to avoid another political vacuum, because no one can tell what would happen before he comes back.

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I think it is not the right time for the Acting President to engage himself in such unnecessary trips while our country is not politically and economically stable. A cabinet minister can represent him



**ALHAJI Yayale Ahmed**

anywhere when the need arises.

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And that means we have another "Acting" President. Congratulations Nigeria!

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Mr. Acting President, let left, right & centre be saying what they will... just be focused sir. The Lord who has been seeing you through is not asleep. You will end well in Jesus name.

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I see this as a great achievement. At least Nigeria is gradually regaining its position in the international community. However, poverty reduction should be top in Jonathan's agenda as he discusses bi-lateral issues with Mr. Obama.

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## 'Iwu won't quit until tenure ends'

ARE we the ones who tell the US whom to sack or appoint in their own internal matters? In fact, contrary to their grandstanding, the US and the West as a whole don't wish Africa or any developing country well. So, the US running mouth over Iwu/INEC and Nigeria's internal matter is all about selfish interests.

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Iwu's spokesman must carefully

select his words when speaking to public, and Iwu should note that whenever rams are engaged in a fight they use to draw back not because they are afraid but just to study the opponent and re-strategize. You can see that even a friend of the whole world (US) has advised this nation on the unprotected situation Iwu's tenure is exposing our democracy to and the wrong impression electorates have about votes cast.

**Buhari**

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I support this motion that Iwu should not quit until he ends his tenure one hundred percent. It's my belief that anybody that has been appointed into that position in this country must be criticized since this appointment is a tenure system. Let us continue to support this man until he ends his tenure successfully.

**Abubakar Chika Maru**  
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## Plateau bans commercial motorcycles

WE don't need a law to ban okada in Jos and Bukuru metropolis if alternative means of transportation is provided by the government. Please government, do not expose us to more dangers. We have had enough. Provide us with cabs and we will gladly pay no matter how much.

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Restricting the operation of commercial tricycles and private

motorcycles is an achievement because they constitute a security threat to the city. Both the riders/passengers should be dealt with if found violating the law.

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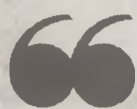
This is not the right time for such heartless decision. The people in Jos and Bukuru are facing numerous problems due to the continuous violence in the area. Governor Jang, you didn't give employment to these



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people. Why are you taking away their only means of livelihood?

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By Tunji Ajibade

## Poland: Small details that can save lives

**L**ech Kaczynski died days back in a plane crash. He was the president of Poland. He passed on with 96 other persons, the cream of Poland's elite in the military, banking sector, private business and political class. The presidential plane crashed as it came in for a landing in thick fog in western Russia. And to think the president and his entourage were on their way to commemorate the death of their compatriots. Those ones, over 4000 Polish service personnel, had been arrested when the Soviets invaded Poland in September, 1939. Soviet leader, Josef Stalin, later ordered his security forces to shoot them in April, 1940. Mass graves in Katyn Forest, Russia, had been their final destination ever since. As if to highlight the Russian mark, the plane was one of those designed by Russians in the early 1960s. An old plane, that's a fact. But age was not the immediate cause of the crash, the pilots of the plane were. They had overlooked little details.

The plan's black box was recovered within hours of the crash. And the Air Force Deputy Chief said the

Fond of Awilo Longomba, a musician born in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo the President had the man and his entire band brought to Abuja

pilots ignored information about bad weather. He said the pilots shouldn't have tried to land where they did; they should have diverted the plane to Minsk, another city in Russia. The plane circled the runway at least four times; it crashed on the last attempt, having missed the runway, not only by flying over it, but also by not lining up with the runway in the first place. It had buzzed the tops of trees when it crash landed. This is unfortunate. And as it often happens, it is people who directly experience a disaster like this that know its full impact. Polish people are in deep mourning at the moment.

**B**ut what has happened, once again, points to the fact that when attention is paid to little details, people or nation can save themselves avoidable pains. At the first announcement, this writer recalled that U.S. President Barack Obama was in Prague, Czech Republic, Eastern Europe, to sign a treaty with his Russian counterpart in the course of the same week. The need to for a neutral ground was possibly a consideration for the venue. But nothing stopped Obama from going to the Kremlin. Could the fact of the horrible weather have been in the calculation? Maybe. And that

says something. The president's men gave thought to every angle of a possible visit to Russia at that point in time. Just as White House thought of meeting Kremlin, and State Department thought of preparing the Secretary of State to be part of his entourage, the weather people also did their own job. For a journey to Prague, not even to Moscow, White House consulted the Meteorological Department of the United States of America. That says a something about coordination. Nations that are coordinated, and make good use of available information, benefit from it.

There was a time a civilian leader in Nigeria hosted a party at Eagle square, Abuja. That's a distance of less than three kilometres from the Presidential Villa. Mr President invited many from home and abroad. It was May, and Democracy Day was what he celebrated. Fond of Awilo Longomba, a musician born in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo the President had the man and his entire band brought to Abuja.

**T**he Master of Ceremony was later to announce in the course of the event, and in the middle of a heavy downpour, that the instruments were wet, the musician would not perform live anymore, so that musical instruments would not suffer further damage. In the end, Awilo mimed one of his songs played from a tape recorder. The question came to my mind on that occasion was how come the president's men didn't coordinate with the meteorological department, and make adequate preparation for the weather. Little details made Nigerians tax payers lose the money their president spent importing Awilo. It could have been more serious - this thing about ignoring information, or paying no attention to little details.

**T**he number of lives lost in plane crashes in Nigeria because pilots refused to take weather information into consideration before they took off is mind-bungling. Yet, near but unreported misses continue to occur all the time. The unfortunate incident that Polish people experience at the moment is once a gain, a reminder of the need for aviation officials to do things the way they should be done. Situations in which any man can pick a car and ram into the underbelly of a moving airplane at Nigerian airport, as it happened days back, calls for worry. And that is not to mention aged airplanes, as well as the unenviable state of the nation's airports. For Nigerian officials who ought to put things right but refuse to, the unfortunate incident involving a national leader and the cream of Polish society should be a trumpet sounded in warning.

Ajibade wrote from Abuja (tunjioa@yahoo.com)



By Abdullahi Abdullahi Ginya

## Hospitals and religious values

**I**t is not asking for too much that government policies should reflect the norms and values of the people. The belief system of any people defines who they are. It is an old law, not necessarily written that pre-dates any regime or, for that matter its contending policies. The far-ranging effects of globalisation, industrial advancement and the effects of the Information and communication technology have encouraged heterogeneity of any society. Yet it is vital that certain values of the people be sustained and promoted.

Nature has made it that humanity is diverse. Instinctively people are more comfortable and feel more secured with what stand them out as a people.

Whoever cares to sample opinion of adult Nigerian Muslim will be shocked to discover that over 90% of them are not personally satisfied with the arrangements in our hospitals. These do not take cognizance of our religious values. An average Muslim man would ordinarily not be pleased that the opposite sex administers treatment on his wife.

One could easily argue that we do not have enough female medical/health workers, hence the necessity of referring them to the male. This is what everybody will conveniently say. But there are ways around any problems. Personally I believe that the number of female health workers we have in this country is good enough to start off the policy. If this year 5% of the women are being attended to by their female counterparts, anyone who finds herself being attended to by a male doctor can easily understand it is a necessity while hoping for

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improvement. Yet ironically, you can also find a male patient being attended to by a female professional in spite of the proportion of male professionals. This is to inform you that the practice is sometimes due to lack of respect to the patients' privacy and not occasioned by any necessity.

**L**ast February, I had an accident around 3pm at State Road, Kano which left my left lap broken. Immediately I was taken to the Emergency Ward of the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano. I was soon attended to and my jeans trousers had to be taken off to leave me in my underpants. If I had not had anything on, my trouser had to be cut out or it just had to go like that as my friend had already been asked to get some knickers at the gate. This had to be done to allow for a smooth treatment. But to my surprise, when I turned to my side I saw two male

health technologists and one female (most likely students) apparently coming to help take off my trousers. Even in that condition, I was able to politely tell the lady not to bother, and to leave. Apparently feeling embarrassed, she retorted, "I thought we are going to administer the pain-killing injection first". Then I wondered why up to three hefty persons were needed

This is just an example of how people's feelings are taken for granted and their privacies ignored even when no necessities call for them

to inject an adult cow. This is just an example of how people's feelings are taken for granted and their privacies ignored even when no necessities call for them.

Again putting some blame on some medical directors and individual health workers to some extent will not be out of place. Everybody believes that every individual has a circle of influence within the domain of his work.

**T**here are clearly things we can do or refuse to do as the case may be, without causing any harm. The fact remains that one would console oneself when one receives inappropriate handling in a hospital located in the east. The pains manifest and become more annoying when one is handled likewise by an individual who knows and probably believes the same things as one does. In the years past and up to now too, everybody including the Muslim clerics, lent their voices to the call for female child education. Those clerics particularly encouraged that female children take up health related course because of their importance to our ethics. If nothing is being done to formulate state policies that will initiate a progressive process through which we can achieve the target, the government is failing its people. If an individual health worker, male or female fails to do what they are capable of, to better the situation of the people and they refuse, they have betrayed the society for its moral support and confidence.

**T**his trend of continual obliviousness under the pretence of necessity will take us nowhere as a people. It is high time we took pride in who we are as a people, and stop adopting uncensored lifestyles of some people, even though they do not bring us inner happiness and fulfilment. Everybody has to be involved in this fight. We are a people with values and our religion is an important part of us. We have to yearn for this as much as we yearn for water and light.

Ginya wrote from Gama-C K/Jaba, Nassarawa Local Government, Kano (abdullahibinabdillah@yahoo.com)



By Muhammadu Danmadami

## On Yar'adua, Goodluck, et al

First and foremost, I must say that I am neither a partisan politician nor a lawyer. I am therefore making the following comments in neither of these capacities. I am, however, by training and profession a Police Officer in the Service of the Nigeria Police Force and served in the Department of the Federal Civil Service of Nigeria from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1983.

Every citizen of this great and promising country has a right under our constitution to express opinion or views on any matter or issue that directly or indirectly affects him or any of his country men or women.

I would, thus, like to use this opportunity offered by the constitution to add my humble comments to those already made on the ongoing political and legal controversy on the ill-health of our president, His Excellency Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua, may Allah grant him more of good health and prolong his precious life.

Many people have taken various positions on this matter but there is only one true position that no political or legal tussle can change it. My dear country men and women, the truth is that all those who organized and supported President Yar'adua's election knew perfectly well that even before his election he was suffering from some serious ailments about which a substantial number if not the majority of the electorate were also aware. Even if there were some objections to his candidature at that material time, such objections were overruled by the leadership of the country and this was apparently accepted by the generality of the members of the public including persons holding top political offices at the federal and state levels.

In course of time as Allah would have it, however, and due to no fault of his, President Yar'adua's condition deteriorated to a degree requiring serious and urgent medical attention. This led to his immediate hospitalization in Saudi Arabia. It will, therefore, be double dealing, ungodly, faithless, insincere, unfair and unjust for anyone to now under those circumstances, call for his resignation on account of ill-health.

Under the prevailing circumstance, humanitarianism, justice and fair play demand that all the good people of Nigeria whether in the executive, legislative or judicial arm of government, nay, even the ordinary citizens should sympathize with President Yar'adua's condition by encouraging him through goodwill and prayers to courageously weather through his present predicament.

Since Vice President Goodluck Jonathan has been appointed by the National Assembly as Acting President to oversee the affairs of the nation, ailing President Yar'adua should be allowed to recuperate in peace not under the threat of menacingly calling for his resignation from office on account of ill-health over which he has no control. His mandate or current term of office does not expire until 2011.

It is also out of place to blame the First Lady, Her Excellency Hajija Turai Yar'adua. My opinion is that no reasonable and fair-minded compatriot would blame her or cast aspersions on her integrity for being a good, loyal and dutiful housewife, especially during her husband's hour of need. I believe she has courageously done marvellously well what should be expected of her as a woman, and I salute her courage and determination.

On a final note, I would like to commend Acting President Dr Goodluck Jonathan for the appointment, and particularly for his maturity, wealth of experience, tolerance, rare political acumen and sagacity. These are the qualities he exhibited before his becoming the Acting President.

Such mature and leadership stance and peace inspiring gesture undoubtedly strengthens the spirit of unity and augurs well for the future of a united and prosperous Nigeria.

To all Nigerians, my peace loving and wonderful country men and women, I remain ever proud of you, appreciative of your unfailing patience and fond of your good company.

Danmadami, a retired Deputy Inspector General of Police, is the Sa'in Katagum.

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### Challenging Ekaette

Now it has become very clear to our dear Senator Eme Ekaette that her seat is up for grabs, come 2011. As a politician who allowed herself to be carried away on Akwa Ibom Governor Godwill Akpabio's support in her quest to return to the Senate, as reported in the media.

The reply which the governor gave her was very instructive that she needed no soothsayer to tell her that she is on her own.

I read many pieces cautioning

her that her idea would not fly. It is a common knowledge that Governor Akpabio co-opted the services of Mrs. Helen Esuene in his fight against the opposition, which led to her being a signatory to a 3-paged advertorial in the papers castigating Akpabio's predecessor, Victor Attah and some others who called the attention of the nation to the deteriorating security situation in Akwa Ibom State. Mrs. Esuene may have been rewarded with support for a shot at the Senate through Eket senatorial district platform, a position Senator Ekaette presently occupies. I don't envy Senator Eme Ekaette because it is not only

Mrs. Esuene that would confront her at the 'PDP primary'; there is also the AKPF de facto boss, Bishop Samuel Akpan, who has also indicated interest in the seat. Between Mrs. Esuene and Bishop Akpan, it is only time that shall tell who actually Governor Akpabio has further led down the alley. As for Senator Eme Ekaette, the game is probably up for her; it would be wise if she should start now to look for another thing to do. To compound her woe, her spouse is not in the acting President Jonathan's new cabinet.

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### Signs of apathy for 2011

VOTER'S apathy will continue unless INEC embarks on new voter's registration. The total number of votes cast during the FCT Area Council election is not healthy to our democracy. Something needs to be done before 2011 general election.

KENNEDY Ololo, Abuja, 08036439596.

### Tasks for new FCT minister

PLEASE we need you to urgently review the status of Abuja bus service with a view to adding more operators to ease transport problems in the city. NAPEP should make it keke 50% cheaper than it is now, so more can afford to replace the 2-wheel bikes. Traf-

fic lights need to work correctly and more frequently. 08033056419.

### What are they looking for?

IBB, Buhari, Atiku and others should forget about ruling this country. Any political party that endorses their candidature is an enemy to the progress of Nigeria.

EDDISON, 08062498968.

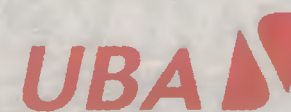
### Is he, or is not, a terrorist?

THE incident in Calabar where a taxi driver who rammed his car into aircraft and was shouting "Even if they kill me today, no problem, after all, Jesus Christ was killed and he went to heaven. So I no care. I dey launch war against

ungodly people in our country and until we change the war go continue" clearly shows that there is bias in reporting issues in both local and international media. Assuming it was a Muslims shouting Allahu Akbar that launched that attack, you could imagine the uproar in the media. T. U Madara, Azare, 08066207887.

### Rule of law? Show it!

IF the Kano state government's singsong on rule of law, transparency and Justice is not rhetoric, let the killers of Sheikh Ja'afar Mahmud Adam Kano be fished out. IBRAHIM Dahiru, Bakin Kasuwa Rogo, Rogo, Kano State, 08084879252.



United Bank for Africa Plc  
RC 2457

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 48th Annual General Meeting of United Bank for Africa Plc will be held at the Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton, Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama District, Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 to transact the following business:

### ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive the audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2009 together with the reports of the Directors, Auditors and the Audit Committee thereon
2. To declare a dividend
3. To elect/re-elect Directors
4. To appoint Auditors
5. To authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors
6. To elect members of the Audit Committee

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following as an Ordinary Resolution:

"That following the recommendation of the Directors pursuant to Article 115 of the Bank's Articles of Association, the sum of NGN2,155,646,246.00 be and is hereby capitalized from the share premium of the Bank into 4,311,292,492 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each and appropriated to members whose names appear in the Register of Members at the close of business on Friday, April 23, 2010 in proportion of one (1) new share for every five (5) shares registered in such member's name on that date, the shares so distributed being treated for all purposes as capital and not as income and shall rank pari-passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Bank provided that the shares issued pursuant to this resolution shall not rank for the dividend recommended for the year ended December 31, 2009.

2. To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following as a Special Resolution:

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for purpose of identification signed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Bank in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Bank."

3. To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following as a Special Resolution:

"That the Board of Directors be and is hereby empowered and authorized to carry out as it deems appropriate and in accordance with any relevant laws thereto, any restructuring, acquisition, investment, reconstruction and business arrangement exercise and actions for the Bank as may be necessary to achieve competitive business advantage and or comply with any legislation and or directives and guidelines of the Central Bank of Nigeria."

### PROXY

A member entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. To be valid, a Proxy Form must be duly stamped at the Stamp Duties office and returned to the Registrar, UBA Registrars Limited, Raymond House, 97/105 Broad Street, PO Box 6492, Lagos, not less than 48 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

### NOTES

#### 1. Dividend

If the proposed dividend of 10 kobo for every share of 50 kobo is approved at the Annual General Meeting, direct payment (via e-dividend) to the respective bank accounts of shareholders shall be effected on Thursday, May 13, 2010 and the dividend warrants for shareholders who have not completed the e-dividend Mandate Form shall also be posted on Friday, May 14, 2010. In line with the foregoing, shareholders are encouraged to complete the Mandate Form for the payment of the e-dividend and send same to the Registrar.

#### 2. Closure of Register of Members

The Register of Members will be closed from Monday, April 26, 2010 to Friday, April 30, 2010 (both dates inclusive), to enable the Registrar to prepare for the payment of Dividend and the Bonus Issue.

#### 3. Audit Committee

In accordance with Section 359(5) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act Cap C20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, any shareholder may nominate another shareholder for appointment to the Audit Committee. Such nomination should be in writing and should reach the Company Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 4. Amendment of the Memorandum & Articles of Association\*

The Bank has conducted a comprehensive review of its Articles of Association. The main objective of the exercise was to update and streamline the provisions of the Articles in order to ensure compliance as well as conformity with the current regulatory environment. The proposed amendments are as presented below:

##### Article 2(k)

##### Revised Provision:

Directors: The Directors or such number of Directors forming a quorum for any meeting of members of the Board as stipulated in the Articles herein.

##### Article 59

##### Revised Provision:

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at every General Meeting, but if there be no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he shall not be present within one hour after the time appointed for holding the same or shall be unwilling to act as Chairman, the Directors present may elect one of the Non-Executive Directors present to be Chairman of that meeting.

##### Article 73

##### Revised Provision:

The number of Directors shall not be less than twelve (12) or more than twenty (20). The Board shall have a Chairman who shall be elected by the Directors from among the Non-Executive Directors.

##### Article 81(1)

##### Revised Provision:

A Director who is in any way interested whether directly or indirectly in any advance, loan or credit facility or proposed advance loan or credit facility or any contract of any other nature with the Bank shall declare in writing or cause to be declared in writing the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of the Banking Act or of Section 276 and 277 of the Act, as the case may be.

##### Article 83(b) (New Provision)

Where powers of the Board are exercised or delegated to a Committee of the Board, the Board or such Committee shall operate in conformity with the Board Governance Charter and Board Committee Governance Charter.

##### Article 84(b)

##### Revised Provision:

Delegate to the Managing Director any of their powers either through policies approved by the Board or specifically through a Board Resolution upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions and remuneration as they may think fit and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.

##### Article 86

##### Revised Provision:

The Directors may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. The quorum for all Board meetings shall be twelve Directors out of which at least seven (7) shall be Non-Executive Directors. The Directors shall be given notice in writing at least fourteen days prior to the date of any meeting of the Board of Directors unless a majority of twelve Directors, at least seven (7) of which shall be Non-Executive Directors agree to such shorter period of notice as is reasonable under the circumstances.

##### Article 103

##### Revised Provision:

The Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Directors and in the presence of at least one Director and the Secretary and such Director and the Secretary shall sign every instrument to which the Seal shall be affixed in their presence and in favour of any purchaser or person bona fide dealing with the Bank such signatures shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the Seal has been properly affixed, but so that the Directors may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case, that the signature of any Director may be affixed by some mechanical means to be specified in such resolution and restricted to certificates which have first been approved for sealing by the Auditors, or Transfer Auditors of the Bank in writing.

\* Draft copies of the new Memorandum and Articles of Association and a more detailed explanation can be obtained from the Registrar, UBA Registrars Limited, Raymond House, 97/105, Broad Street, Lagos.

Dated this 9th day of April 2010.

By Order of the Board

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## EDITORIAL

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## No, Mr Acting President

**A**cting President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, recently constituted a new cabinet, putting himself at the head of the power sector as minister of power. This move may have been informed by the terrible state of the nation's power sector and the government's failure to deliver on its promise of delivering 6,000 megawatts of electricity by last December. Indeed, Dr. Jonathan had to personally apologise to Nigerians for that failure, which represented a monumental letdown to citizens who had hopes that the government at last was about to make life meaningful to them.

Any leader with a genuine sense of responsibility must then be forgiven for taking under his care the responsibility of improving on a very bad situation. This is why we must commend the acting President for this move. Unfortunately, however, our experience has shown that no significant progress was ever made as result of the head state deciding to add a ministerial portfolio to his already chaotic schedule. A recent example was the decision by former President Olusegun Obasanjo to take on the petroleum ministry. That decision, whether by default or design, worsened the problem of petroleum products' supply and failed to improve on accountability.

Although he may have acted in good faith, we do not hesitate to disagree with the latest decision by the Acting President. Not least because the task of leading the country at this moment requires his undivided attention leaving him with no time to attend to strict ministerial duties. We believe that the problem of the power sector is dire and critical to the stability of Nigeria's social and infrastructural development, and that it demands the hands-on attention of a substantive minister. The problem of the power sector is a hydra-headed one that has defied every attempt to tame it in the past twelve years. It requires the full attention of a minister, one committed and dogged enough to achieve tangible results in the limited time he would have.

That candidate must look at past policies and why they failed, decide what can be done to right the wrongs and produce a timetable for future success that is scheduled, actionable and known to all so that its progress can be tracked.

**T**o say that nothing tangible can be achieved except the Acting President adds to his schedule the power sector would amount to an abuse of process. This may be a doctrine of expediency; it is neither backed by the constitution nor any known norm. When the acting president has found his right candidate, he needs to wean him of the usual bottleneck that may impinge on his access to work by providing unimpeded access to him. He also needs to fully empower him to function and act in any way or manner that he knows can effectively break the chain of saboteurs and corrupters militating against the functionality of the sector.

Apart from being handicapped from giving the required fastidious attention of a substantive minister, there are other critical aspects of the duties of a minister that a head of state is not suited for. One of this is the need to give regular account of his stewardship to the people through their representatives in the National Assembly; defend policy thrusts and brief relevant committees of the National Assembly who have oversight duties functions that the very dictates of a president's office and his immunity would exempt him from.

Finally, the president's office is meant to be the final authority on any bureaucratic matter. There is no higher authority to look up to seek answers or redress when things fail. This makes the current decision a protocol faux pas. The acting president should without much further ado shop for a good candidate, give him the matching orders.

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## Rimi: In praise of audacity

"Fighters never say goodbye"  
--Graca Machel

**S**omehow, Barack Obama, (now President of United States of America, USA) popularizes the politics of audacity (of hope). The late Abubakar Rimi, the former Kano State Governor (who died due to complications arising from the Easter break robbery tragedy) however must truly be credited with the original audacious democratic politics of the 21st century. Rimi must be politically audacious to have opted for Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU) and not Northern People Congress, (NPC) to kick-start a five decade long activist eventful political carrier. NEPU promoted unapologetic open politics of resistance. By joining NEPU with the attendant repression of its members by the combined forces of traditional rulership and conservative NPC, Rimi must have known that his political road was destined to be rough. Many politicians would have opted for least resistance political road anyway. Today we daily witness unprincipled lot who from the political entry point opt for "winning" parties, (not winning principles). During the second Republic, PRP was a diametrical political ideological contrast to NPN.

**O**f course there were three other political parties in between, namely, Unity Party of Nigeria, (UPN), Great Nigeria Peoples Party, (GNPP), and Nigerian People Party, (NPP). Asserting his right to be different, Abubakar Rimi together with his political mentor, late Aminu Kano and other colleagues converged in Kaduna to proclaim the PRP. The choice of Kaduna on October 21st 1978 for the proclamation of PRP was in itself audacious and historically exceptional. Other parties held their inaugural conventions in Lagos, the then nation's capital. PRP announced democratic socialism as its ideology- "an ideology which teaches self reliance and the takeover of our economy from the grip of neo-colonialists into the hands of the people". The party in power through its actions and programmes made the historic point: a party does not have to taunt territorial spread (think of the so-called largest party in Africa!) before it offers qualitative representation and articulation. It controlled two old states, namely Kano (now Kano and Jigawa states) and Kaduna (present Kaduna and Katsina states) in the then Federation of 19 states. But the real opposition to NPN in terms of radical alternative audacious politics of change during the second Republic was PRP. PRP abolished the notorious hated haraji (head tax), jangali and ushira taxes with public mass applause. Rimi was passionate about human capital development. Well before the noisy MDGs in 2000, UNESCO had singled out Kano's Mass Literacy Agency for recognition. The party set national agenda for the ruling "largest" NPN to follow. Governor Rimi of Kano state and Balarabe Musa of Kaduna

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state were the first democratically elected governors to audaciously declare May Day a public holiday in 1980. The ruling NPN Federal government followed in the progressive trail of the PRP in 1981. Thanks to the dynamic competitive political environment of that era. Another Rimi's political landmark that readily comes to mind in this age of easy memory loss was the second triennial delegates' conference of NLC which held in 1981. The NPN administration's preference was a subservient Chief Ojeli of the Civil service union as NLC president as distinct from the radical Hassan Sunmonu. Alhaji Hassan Sunmonu was eventually re-elected second term President of the Congress in an historic conference hosted by Rimi administration in Kano at the then prestigious

developmentalist Nigeria. The real issue then was urgent and rapid development of Nigeria. Governance was about common wealth, not personal accumulation. It was the age of idealism in which a governor was just one among equals, not the present day Nigeria in which most governors and their cronies behave like King Kongs bullying their way through rather than convincing their followers. Rimi's method was unapologetically civil and civilian throughout. Without a troop or battalion, we all witness the hundreds of thousands who audaciously came to bury him. He controversially served Abacha as a Minister of Communication. But, it was not surprising that he clashed with the dictatorship and was even jailed by Abacha for audaciously insisting on good governance and return to democracy. His testimony at the *Kangaroo* military tribunal of Buhari/Idiagbon on so-called assets recovery was a testi-

The point can therefore not be overstated: audacious Rimi served as a governor in developmentalist Nigeria. The real issue then was urgent and rapid development of Nigeria. Governance was about common wealth, not personal accumulation

Central hotel. The courageous progressive Rimi government offered a free atmosphere for the country's labour movement to hold the conference unfettered in which votes truly counted. Audacious Rimi set up the first state City Television to break the top-down monopoly news (read: propaganda) of the NTA. Audacious Rimi set up the first state newspaper, *Triumph* (and *Abishir*) newspapers which for once challenged the then Federal newspapers, namely *New Nigeria* and *Daily Times* in terms of battle of ideas and even coverage.

**I** started my working carrier as a journalist with *Triumph* newspapers. As a privileged pioneer staff of *Triumph* newspaper, I bear witness that the late Abubakar Rimi had the audacity of tolerance. I, together with scores of us, my editor, Ibrahim Rufai, late Abdurrahman Black, Muhammed Lawal, and Sunny Iyang were certainly not PRP card carrying members. On the contrary, we were left of the PRP (in fact, some us were to the left of the left of PRP!). *Triumph* Company operated in government House before it built its permanent office. Yet we were freely tolerated as reporters in government house. Dr Haroun Adamu-led management of the progressive state newspaper (*Triumph*) allowed us to report as we saw it. Many times, we were even encouraged to be critical of the PRP policies and programmes. When PRP was factionalized, the two factions (santsi and topo) had free expressions in the public platform that was independent *Triumph* newspapers. The point can therefore not be overstated: audacious Rimi served as a governor in

mony in the art of courage to say NO! to politically motivated trial.

Of course, Rimi fell for political opportunism. This later diminished his consistent progressive credentials. But even in political opportunism, Rimi audaciously asserted his right to be radically different nonetheless. He and others were expelled from PRP for having the audacity to challenge the leadership of the late Malam Aminu Kano. But Rimi was counted on the political left of the dominant PRP. He had the late Michael Imoudu, the militant veteran labour leader as the factional leader of his faction. Many Rimi's admirers including yours sincerely were least impressed to see Rimi as visible actor in PDP during the current dispensation especially with strange ideological bedfellows. But we were not surprised that even in PDP, Rimi audaciously stood against the dominant forces of establishment in PDP insisting on level playing field and transparency.

**P**D must eventually come to value internal party democracy, (for now the party democracy's internal is dead!). if it does so, the party is eternally indebted to Rimi who audaciously (in tradition of radical contestations of NEPU and PRP) broke ranks with the party bureaucracy to contest against Obasanjo in 1999 and 2003. Nigeria has never produced a civilian politician who courageously stood against militicians (military in politics) in Nigeria's politics like late Abubakar Rimi.

May Allah make his grave spacious for comfort.

# Appreciation

The family and political Associates of late (Dr.) Alhaji Muhd. Abubakar Rimi wish to convey their gratitude, first to the army of his supporters who turned out in their thousands to attend his funeral and secondly, to the followings:

- Delegation of the Acting President, led by Dr Shamsudeen; Usman, Minister of National Planning ;
  - Delegation from the National Secretariat of PDP led by Deputy National Chairman, Dr. Bello Halliru;
  - Former Heads of state, General Ibrahim Babangida and General Muhammadu Buhari;
  - Former Vice President , Atiku Abubakar;
  - Former SGF, Babagana Kingibe;
  - Acting Governor of Kano State Engr. Tijjani Muhammed Gwarzo;
  - Delegation from the National Secretariat of ANPP, led by the National Secretary, Sen. Sa idu Umar Kumo;
  - Governors of Katsina, Bauchi, Sokoto, Adamawa, Yobe, Gombe, Kaduna, Kebbi, Nasarawa and Deputy Governors of Zamfara and Kogi states;
  - Delegation of Arewa Consultative Forum(ACF), led by Sen. J. Waku;
  - Emir of Kano and his entire Emirate Council;
  - Emirs of Daura, Maradun, Gumel and Dutse;
  - Representatives of Emirs of Hadējia, Kazaure and Ringim;
  - Owelle of Onitsha, Dr. Chukwuma Nmadi Azikwe;
  - Chief of Army Staff General Abdulrahman Dambazau;
  - Inspector General of Police, Mr. Oghonnaya Onovo;
  - Former Civilian Governors;
  - Former Military Governors and Administrators;
  - Delegation of Nigeria Labour Congress;
  - Former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Mamman Nasir;
  - Shiek Dahiru Usman Bauchi;
  - Jigawa State Committee of Elders led by Alhaji Shu ibu Kazaure;
  - Madam Hannatu Chollom under the delegation of the Plateau State Governor;
  - Former I.G.P Ibrahim Coomasie;
  - Former Ministers;
  - Former Senators;
  - Women Associations;
  - Youth Associations;
  - Traders and Business Associations;
  - Student s Associations;
- And all well meaning Nigerians whose names could not appear but their presence as well as Text messages sent to Governor of Jigawa State have been fully recognized and appreciated



Late (Dr.) Alh. Muhd. Abubakar Rimi

SIGNED:

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(for Political Associates)

# INTERNATIONAL

## Abuse charge against Catholic priest roils Kenya

AFTER three young men and a boy told police last June an Italian priest had been sexually molesting them for years at a shelter for poor children, the most senior Roman Catholic cleric in Kenya announced the church would investigate thoroughly.

Ten months later, nothing has been investigated by the church, its lawyer says, and the Vatican has not been notified. The accused priest, the Rev. Renato Kizito Sesana, continues to run the facility along with other shelters on the outskirts of Nairobi.

Kenyan police say they found no evidence and believe Sesana is innocent. Sesana himself has denied the allegations, saying some of his accusers may have been bribed or coerced as part of a plan to seize church assets worth up to \$5.3 million.

It is unclear whether the abuse took place or not, but the church's response — or lack of it — has inspired furious debate in Kenya. The case is being closely watched amid questions into the Roman Catholic Church's ability to deal with sexual predators among its clergy around the world following reports that church authorities ignored or covered up allegations against priests in Europe and America.

"The church was not one of the places we paid much attention to when we were looking at issues of children's abuse," said Millie Odhiambo, a director of Cradle, a children's rights group, and a member of parliament. "There was always this presumption that the church is safe. We are now focusing attention even on the church."

Odhiambo is not satisfied with the probe by police, who are widely seen in Kenya as inept and corrupt, and says the church should have carried out an independent inquiry. She says a further official investigation is also



HEAD of the Catholic Church in Kenya, Cardinal John Njue, centre, carries a cross in the street of Nairobi, Kenya, during the Holy Week.

needed. Kenya's attorney general has promised further investigations but it is unclear what, if any, action has been taken.

Sesana, who is currently outside Kenya, did not reply to e-mails or phone calls from The Associated Press seeking com-

ment on the allegations, nor did he respond to a request made through his lawyer.

Sesana won the admiration of many donors through his work for the poor, and after the allegations surfaced several supporters went public to say his help had changed

their lives. From 1995 to 2001, the priest wrote a weekly Sunday column called 'Father Kizito's Notebook' in the Sunday Nation, one of East Africa's biggest newspapers.

The case made headlines in June when the four went to police to accuse the priest of molesting

them at a shelter where they lived. They said the abuse began when they were aged 11, 13, 14, and 16.

After the allegations triggered public outrage, Cardinal John Njue held a news conference and promised a thorough investigation.

## Sudan's election marred by delays, boycott

SUDANESE President Omar al-Beshir voted yesterday in the first multi-party polls of his two-decade rule, but the election was marred by an opposition boycott, fraud allegations and logistical problems.

Beshir, wearing a traditional white robe and turban, raised his index finger to show the voting ink and shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) after casting his ballot at the St. Francis school in central Khartoum.

More than 16 million registered voters are asked to vote in over 10,700 polling stations for their president as well as legislative and local representatives. Southern Sudanese will also vote for the leader of the semi-autonomous government of south Sudan.

Polling stations for the three-day vote opened on schedule in Khartoum at 08:00 (0500 GMT) but election organisers in several areas were still unwrapping ballot boxes as the queues began to form, an AFP correspondent said.

Streets of the capital were quiet as the polls got off to a slow start. By midday (0900 GMT) several voting stations had not yet opened, according to witnesses. Some women waited around in classrooms of a school in Khartoum until logistical problems were resolved.

"I am frustrated. I arrived a little before 08:00

thinking that everything would be ready but that is not the case" Safaa, a 24-year-old who came to vote with her mother, told AFP.

"This is also the first time I am voting. The last election, in 1986, I was out of the country," said her mother Siham, dressed in traditional "thobe", a long colourful fabric that drapes around the body.

Former US president Jimmy Carter, whose Carter Centre is monitoring the vote, said that despite the snags, voting was proceeding smoothly.

"I believe the national election commission has done a good job although there might be some slow delivery of material but they have three days to correct that," he told reporters.

Related article: Darfuris say Sudan vote process 'very complicated' In the southern capital of Juba, southern leader Salva Kiir, who said he was casting his ballot for the first time in his life, told reporters he hoped the elections would lead to the "formation of a democratic process in south Sudan."

The leader of the former southern rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) is running against former foreign minister Lam Akol for the leadership of the semi-autonomous government of south Sudan.

## S/African president blasts outspoken youth leader

SOUTH African President Jacob Zuma intervened at the weekend to try to rein in the outspoken youth leader of his African National Congress party but did not suspend him from his position.

Zuma, after months of pressure to do something about Julius Malema, said his party's leaders should "think before they speak, as their utterances have wider implications for the country."

Zuma said he spoke to Malema earlier in the week about his verbal abuse of a BBC journalist, his defiance of ANC policy on Zimbabwe and his performance of a song from the anti-apartheid era that could be deemed hate speech.

The telephone discussion apparently took place Thursday, soon after Malema expelled the

journalist from an ANC Youth League news conference. The next day, Malema defended his own behavior and called on the journalist to apologize for interrupting him.

"The manner in which a BBC journalist was treated at an ANC Youth League press conference is regrettable and unacceptable, regardless of any alleged provocation on his part," Zuma said.

Zuma did not suspend or expel Malema from the party or from his position.

The Youth League is known for getting voters to the polls, and local elections are coming. Zuma did promise an investigation into whether Malema and other party leaders were defying ANC discipline, but would not say what sanctions they might face.

## International

# Iran to complain to UN over Obama nuclear 'threat'



IRANIAN President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a ceremony marking Iran's National Day of Nuclear Technology in Tehran, Iran.

IRAN will file a formal complaint with the UN against the United States after President Barack Obama excluded Iran from a pledge not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said Obama's implicit threat to use nuclear weapons against Iran was a "threat to global peace and security," according to Iran's semi-official Fars-news agency.

Earlier yesterday, 222 lawmakers in Iran's 290-seat parliament called on the Iranian government to file the complaint. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, also said Obama's threatening language is proof that the US cannot be trusted.

Obama announced America's new nuclear strategy Tuesday, including a vow not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them. Iran, however, was pointedly excepted from that pledge, along with North Korea, because Washington accuses them of not cooperating with the international community on nonproliferation standards.

Obama's new nuclear strategy turns the US focus away from the Cold War threats and instead aims to stop the spread of atomic weapons to rogue states or terrorists. US Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said the focus would now be on terror groups such as al-Qaida as well as North Korea's nuclear buildup and Iran's nuclear ambitions.

The US and some of its allies accuse Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons. Iran has denied that, saying its nuclear program is peaceful.

"We will formally hand over our complaint to the United Nations in response to these threats," Mehmanpar-

ast said Sunday. "Such statements show that countries possessing nuclear weapons themselves are the biggest threat to world security."

Iran, meanwhile, is pushing ahead with its nuclear work. On Friday, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unveiled a third generation of centrifuge that will be used to accelerate a uranium enrichment program that is of central concern to the US and its allies. Enrichment is used to produce fuel for nuclear power plants, but it also provides a possible pathway to nuclear weapons development.

Three sets of UN sanctions have failed to pressure Iran to stop enrichment. The United States is leading the push for a fourth round of penalties.

US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told a TV news program yesterday that Iran's claimed advancements should be taken "with more than a grain of salt." "But in fact their belligerence is helping to make our case every single day," Clinton told ABC's "This week."

"Countries that might have had doubts about Iranian intentions, who might have even questioned whether Iran was seeking nuclear weapons, are having those doubts dispelled as much by the evidence we present as by what comes out of the leadership of Iran." The exception from the U.S. non-use pledge represents a warning to Tehran.

But the Obama administration's new nuclear policy guidelines also aim to show Washington is serious about reducing its own arsenal and about gathering world support for stricter safeguards against nuclear proliferation — a step aimed at further isolating Iran diplomatically. Iran's top leader, Khamenei, said the U.S. president's remarks were "disgraceful."

## Thailand in turmoil after 21 die in bloody clashes

DEFIANT "Red Shirt" Thai protesters vowed yesterday to keep up their bid to topple the government, after the country's worst political violence in almost two decades left 21 dead and over 800 injured.

Protest leaders, who have promised to maintain their campaign until the government dissolves parliament and calls fresh elections, demanded Prime Minister

Abhisit Vejjajiva step down and leave the country. Seventeen civilians, including a Japanese TV cameraman, and four soldiers were killed following Saturday's crackdown on the red-shirted supporters of fugitive ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra in Bangkok, the emergency services told AFP.

Yesterday evening Reds gathered to mourn the loss of their comrades at the

city's Democracy Monument -- the scene of a fierce battle on Saturday -- where grieving relatives led a procession holding gold-framed pictures of the dead.

They were followed by weeping men carrying caskets, a couple containing bodies draped with Thai flags and flowers. Some onlooking protesters prayed and others waved red banners. It is the latest chapter

in years of turmoil pitting the ruling elite against the mainly poor and rural Reds, who say the government is illegitimate as it came to power in 2008 after a court ousted Thaksin's allies from power.

The violence erupted when troops tried to clear one of two sites in the centre of the capital occupied by the protesters for the past month.

## Saudi, Vietnam ink energy pacts

OIL giant Saudi Arabia and Vietnam inked pacts at the weekend that will pave the way for increased cooperation in the oil and gas sectors, including possible Saudi investment in Vietnamese refineries.

On the first day of Vietnamese President Nguyen Minh Triet's state visit to the Saudi capital, Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi and Vietnam's Trade and Industry Minister Vu Huy Hoang signed protocols on cooperation in hydrocarbon and minerals development at the palace of King Abdul-

said. Vietnam is reported to be seeking Saudi support in building two oil refineries, and top Vietnamese energy officials were accompanying Triet on his two-day trip to Saudi Arabia, a major supplier of oil to the Southeast Asian country. They were holding meetings with the Saudi oil ministry and powerful state oil firm Aramco.

Triet told the businessmen that he "will work to implement all the proposals made during the meeting immediately," responding to their calls for easier visas and investment regulations, SPA said.

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## International

### 'Mara' gangs battle in northern Honduras; 9 killed

A shootout between rival street gangs battling for control of the drug trade killed nine people in northern Honduras overnight, an official said yesterday.

Gang members wearing police uniforms and ski masks burst into a house in a crime-plagued city near San Pedro Sula and began shooting, Deputy Security Minister Armando Calidonio said. People inside returned fire, and seven men and two women were killed.

The shooters and victims were all believed to be associated with two notorious gangs: the Mara Salvatrucha and the rival Mara 18, Calidonio said.

This Central American nation of 8 million is one of the poorest in the Western Hemisphere and has been rocked by brutal drug violence for more than a decade.



THE bodies of three killed men lie on the floor of a house in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

### British campaigners threaten pope with arrest

BRITISH author and atheist campaigner Richard Dawkins will try to have Pope Benedict arrested to face questions over the Catholic church's child abuse scandal when he visits Britain later this year, one of his lawyers said yesterday.

Dawkins, a scientist and outspoken critic of religion, has asked human rights lawyers to examine whether charges could be brought against the pope. The four-day trip, from September 16 to 19, will be the first papal visit since Pope John Paul II's pastoral visit in 1982 and is the first official papal visit to Britain. The Catholic church has rejected claims the pope helped to cover up abuse by priests and the Vatican has accused the media of waging a "despicable campaign of defamation" against him.

Dawkins and the English journalist Christopher Hitchens have commissioned lawyers Geoffrey Robertson and Mark Stephens to explore ways of taking legal action against the pope. In an email to *Reuters*, Stephens said there are three possible approaches: a complaint to the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands, a private or public prosecution "for crimes against humanity" or a civil case.

They will argue that the pope does not have diplomatic immunity from prosecution as a head of state because the Vatican has "permanent observer status" at the United Nations rather than full membership and voting rights.

Dawkins, author of "The God Delusion" and "The Selfish Gene," told the Sunday Times newspaper that he suspected child abuse by church members had been covered up.

### Kidnapped Mexican journalist found with throat slit

THE body of a kidnapped Mexican journalist has been found with his throat slit, federal prosecutors said yesterday.

The family of Enrique Villicana Palomares, a columnist for the daily newspaper *The Voice of Michoacan* in central Mexico, reported him missing last week after he didn't make it to a university where he taught writing.

Federal prosecutors said in a written statement that his body was found Saturday in the state capital, Morelia, after someone demanded a ransom. The statement did not say whether a ransom was paid, and prosecutors were not available.

Investigators have not

determined if Palomares was targeted because of his work as a journalist.

His family told the press advocacy organization Reporters without Borders that he was a member of the indigenous Purepecha group, and that he had written columns about attacks by armed groups on members on his community.

Palomares was at least the fifth reporter killed in Mexico this year, and 12 were murdered last year. Many of those were victims of Mexico's powerful drug traffickers. Drug-related violence in Mexico has claimed more than 17,900 lives since December 2006, when President Felipe Calderon launched a war against drug gangs.



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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR  
OPERATION, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING  
BUS SHELTERS IN FCT.**

The FCTA, through Transportation Secretariat is embarking on the Operation, management and Maintenance of existing bus shelters for commuters in the FCT.

Consequently, the Secretariat is inviting competent and interested bidders for Expression of Interest for Operation, Management and Maintenance of existing bus shelters for commuters in the FCT.

**2. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

Interested bidders must submit the following documents:-

- (a). Evidence of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- (b). Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years.
- (c). VAT registration and evidence of past VAT remittances.
- (d). List of names of key professionals to be attached to the project and their qualification. Enclose photocopies of professional certificate where applicable.
- (e). Evidence of location of workshop to effect maintenance/repair works.
- (f). List of plants and equipment for repair and maintenance works.

(g). List of similar and other jobs successfully executed with their locations.

(h). Audited A/C of the bidder for the last three (3) years and bank name for verification.

(i). Evidence of Financial Capability and Banking support (original)

(j). Evidence(s) of compliance with the provision of the Pension Reform Act. 2004

Please, note that the original documents (a)-(c) must be produced for sighting during the opening session, while their absence will signify none responsiveness of bid.

4. The proposal should be arranged in order of the specified criteria, loose bound and enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked at the top right hand corner **"PROVISION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF BUS SHELTERS IN FCT"**.

5. The pre-qualification bid must be returned to FCTA Tenders Board Secretariat, **Room 043 (former Public Building), Area 11, Garki, Abuja on or before 12.00noon, Thirty (30) days from the day of this publication.** All bids will be opened at Archives and History Bureau Building, near AGIS, Area 11 Garki Abuja on the same date at 2.00pm in the presence of all bidders or their representatives in attendance.

**NB:** This is not an invitation to tender. Full tendering will be applied only to bidders that have been pre-qualified and found capable of executing the project.

**Olusegun Awolowo Esq.**  
*Secretary, Transportation  
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## PREVALENCE OF ILLEGAL OPERATORS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

There has been an upswing in the activities of unscrupulous people parading themselves as fund managers/ finance companies to swindle members of the public of their hard earned funds. Unfortunately, many people out of ignorance have fallen victims of the activities of those illegal institutions.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), in collaboration with other Agencies and stakeholders in the financial sector, is working to get rid of the illegal institutions from the system and ensure that their promoters are brought to justice. It has been discovered that the perpetrators are however, migrating from one part of the country to the other and continue to enjoy patronage from unsuspecting members of the public.

Please note that financial services in whatever form are regulated activities which can be carried out only by the institutions that are duly licensed by the CBN or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to do so.

Consequently, members of the public are hereby advised to ensure that they confirm the status of any company offering alluring incentives and interest rates on deposit/investment from the CBN or SEC before entrusting their money with them.

Anyone that patronizes unlicensed institutions does so at his/her own risk and the regulatory authorities will not be responsible for any loss that may result from patronage of such unscrupulous elements under any guise.

Please be warned and be appropriately guided.

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SIGNED Usman Yakubu Academic Secretary For: Registrar



# FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LOKOJA

Salihu Ibrahim Road, P. M. B. 1001, Lokoja, Kogi State

(OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION)

## INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR STAFF VACANCIES

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following available vacancies in the underlisted departments:

### 1.0 CLINICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**1.1 Post: Consultants in the following specialities:-**  
General Surgery, Urology, Plastic Surgery, Histopathology, Paediatric Surgery, Chemical Pathology, Obstetric & Gynaecology, Radiology, Endocrinology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Psychiatry, Pulmonology, Paediatrics, Maxillofacial Surgery, and Anaesthesiology

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Fellowship of Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria or Fellowship of West African Medical College or their equivalent in the speciality. Candidates should hold current practice license from the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria

**Salary:** CONTISS 13/6 / CONMESS 05/6

### 1.2 Post: Medical/Dental Officers

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess MBBS or BDS with full registration with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria and NYSC discharge or exemption certificate plus a current license to practice. Candidates with postgraduate diploma in anaesthesia can also apply.

**Salary:** CONTISS 10/2 / CONMESS 02/02

### 1.3 Post: Pharmacists

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from a recognised University and be registered with the Pharmaceutical Council Registration Board of Nigeria (PRBN) plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 09/2

### 1.4 Post: Nurses

**Requirement:-** Candidates must be NRN and NRM duly registered with Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria plus current practice license. Post-basic training or B. Sc. Nursing qualification will be an added advantage.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 06/2 or CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

### 1.5 Post: Physiotherapists

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a degree in Physiotherapy from a recognised University and must have registered with the Medical Rehabilitation Therapist Registration Board of Nigeria plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 09/2

### 1.6 Post: Dental Technologist

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Bachelor's Degree in Dental Technology from a recognised University plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

### 1.7 Post: Assistant Dental Technologist

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Higher National Diploma in Dental Technology or its equivalent from a recognised Institution plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

### 1.8 Post: Environmental Health Officers

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a degree in Environmental Health Science from a recognised University plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

### 1.9 Post: Environmental Health Superintendents

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Higher National Diploma in Environmental Health Science from a recognised institution plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 06/1

### 1.10 Post: Optometrists

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree or equivalent qualification, registered with Optometrist and Dispensing Optician Board of Nigeria plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 09/2

### 1.11 Post: Nutritionists/Dieticians

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess B.Sc/Higher National Diploma in Dietetics with one year Internship from a recognised Institution or its equivalent plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

### 1.12 Post: Medical Laboratory Scientists

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a degree in Medical Laboratory Science from a recognised institution and registered with Institute of Medical Laboratory Technologist of Nigeria plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 08/2

### 1.13 Post: Medical Laboratory Technicians

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess West African School Certificate and must have successfully completed a three year training in a recognised institution and obtained the Registration of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technologist of Nigeria for Technician cadre.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 06/1

### 1.14 Post: Medical Records Technician

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess National Diploma in Health Information

Management from a recognised institution and must have registered with Health Record Officers Registration Board of Nigeria as Health Record Technicians.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 06/1

### 1.15 Post: Anaesthetic Technician

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess WASC/SSCE in relevant science subjects and must have completed a 3 year course in any recognised institution and registered with the Institute of Anaesthetic Technology for Technician cadre.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 06/1

### 1.16 Post: Health Assistants (Laboratory, X-ray/Darkroom, Health Records, Mortuary and Optical Services)

**Requirement:-** Candidate must possess WASC/SSSC and must have successfully completed a two year training programme in the School of Health Technology or any other approved Health Institution and obtained the National Certificate for Health Assistant cadre.

**Salary:** CONTISS/CONHESS 03/1

### 1.17 Post: Health Attendants

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess First School Leaving Certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 01/1

### 2.0 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

#### 2.1 Post: Librarian:

**Requirement:-** Candidate must possess a University Degree in Library Science plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS/CONHESS 07/2

#### 2.2 Post: Programme Analyst

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a degree in Computer Science from a recognised University plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

#### 2.3 Post: Data Processing Officer

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess HND in Data Processing or Computer Science from a recognised institution, plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 06/2

#### 2.4 Post: Data Processing Assistant

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess WASC or SSCE with a pass in Mathematics plus at least two years post qualification cognate experience.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 03

### 3.0 WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### 3.1 Post: Electrical/Electronic Engineer

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering or related field registered with the Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria (COREN), plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

#### 3.2 Post: Biomedical Engineer

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a degree in Biomedical Engineering from a recognised University and registered with the Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria (COREN), plus NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 07/2

#### 3.3 Post: Biomedical Technicians

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess Ordinary National Diploma in Biomedical Technology or its equivalent from a recognised institution /body, plus at least one year cognate working experience.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 05/2

#### 3.5 Post: Mason

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess a Ordinary National Diploma in relevant field from a recognised Institution or full Technology Certificate (craft) of the City and Guilds of London Institute in appropriate trade.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 05/1

#### 3.6 Post: Plumbers/Painters

**Requirement:-** Candidates must possess the first School leaving certificate plus a pass in the Federal Ministry of Labour Trade Test III in the appropriate trade or craft certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute.

**Salary:** CONTISS / CONHESS 02/1

#### METHOD OF APPLICATION.

Interested candidate should forward their applications with 10 copies of their curriculum vitae and photocopies of their relevant credentials to:-

The Medical Director,  
Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja  
P. M. B., 1001, Lokoja Kogi State.

Each candidate should request 3 referees to submit letters of Reference directly to the Medical Director at the above address. All applications must be received within six (6) weeks from the date of this publication

Signed  
**E. A. Osayi**  
For: Medical Director.

# BUSINESS

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DANGOTE'S bombardier jet

## Dangote buys 8-seater private jet at \$45m

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

PRESIDENT of the Dangote Group of Companies Alhaji Aliko Dangote has acquired a Bombardier aircraft for his private uses. The jet is valued at \$45m. Its acquisition coincided with his 53rd birthday on Saturday.

The brand new Bombardier's Global Express XRS was delivered to him in Lagos on Saturday at the Murtala Muhammad International Airport Ikeja from Bombardier Aerospace's facilities in Montreal Canada.

The Sales Director for Africa, Bombardier Business Aircraft, Mr. Robert Habjanic confirmed the story to Daily Trust in a telephone conversation yesterday.

According to him, the Bombardier eight passenger jet model acquired by Dangote has the capacity to operate a nonstop flight between Lagos and China.

He hinted that Dangote is one of the

first persons to take delivery of such aircraft in Nigeria but two other people are also expecting the delivery of the same Bombardier jets before the end of the year.

Habjanic said: "This delivery marks an important milestone in our rapidly growing presence in Nigeria. Our Global Express XRS aircraft's combination of speed, range, safety, and efficiency makes it the perfect solution for the growing travel requirements and international activities of Leading Corporations, based in the region."

He added: "Bombardier Business Aircraft personally went the extra mile in ensuring customer satisfaction from Delivery in Montreal to flying along on the maiden voyage in order to address any questions, as the aircraft enters its role as a valued Business Tool for Dangote Industries."

On the value of the jet, he said: "It is not expensive depending on individual's priority but if anyone is interested, then the person should come for enquiry."

Even though, the business tycoon could not be reached at the time of filling this report, information gathered revealed that the new Dangote's aircraft arrival coincided with his 53rd birthday.

Information revealed further that the acquisition of the aircraft might not be unconnected with the need to meet with his business travel appointments which cuts across borders.

However, an eyewitness at the point of delivering the aircraft told our reporter that the aircraft was later parked at the General Aviation Terminal, near Associated Airlines' hangar with the presence of Dangote himself.

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### FLIGHT SCHEDULE

#### Chanchangi Airlines

Lagos-Abj: 07.15, 10.00, 13.10, 15.30, 17.30  
Abj-Lagos: 08.00, 11.45, 13.40, 15.30, 17.00  
Lagos-Kad: 10.45, (on Fri), 17.00(Mon/Fri/Sat/Sun)  
Kad-Lagos: 07.30(Mon/Fri), 08.00(Sat/Sun)

#### Nigerian Eagles Airlines (Virgin Nigeria)

Abj-Kano: 18.40 (Mon-Fri)/Sun  
Kano-Abj: 08.35 (Mon-Fri)/Sat  
Abj-Soko: 09:35, (Mon), 10:10 (Fri), 11:20 (Wed/Sun)  
Soko-Abj: 11.35(Mon), 12.00(Fri), 13:20 (Wed/Sun)  
Lagos-Abj: 07.15, 11.40, 14.00, 16.30, 17.00, 17.20;  
18.30 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun), 8.00; 12.40; 13.10; 20:00 (Fri)  
Abj-Lagos: 07.00, 09.30, 10.30, 11.15, 16.15;  
19.15, 19.25, 19:35 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun);14:55; 15:15;  
20:45(Fri); 19:45(Sun); 11:25, 13:35, 16:25(Mon)  
Lagos-PHC: 07.40, 09.30, 10.00, 12.20, 13.30, 14.00,  
16.00 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); PHC-Lagos: 10.50, 11.20,  
12.45, 15.30, 16.15, 17.15 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); Lagos-  
Owr: 12:15; (Tue-Fri/Sun); 12:40 (Mon/Sat)  
Owr-Lagos: 14:25 (Tue-Fri/Sun) 14:50 (Mon/Sat)  
Lagos-Cal: 08:00 (Fri), 09:10 (Wed-Thu), 12:40 (Tue/  
Sat/Sun), 13:10 (Mon)  
Cal-Lagos: 10.05 (Fri); 11.15(Wed/Thu); 14.55 (Tue/  
Sat-Sun), 15.15(Mon)

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Lagos-Abj: 09.45, 11.45, 12.45, (Mon-Fri) 09.30,  
12.45(Sat&Sun)  
Lagos-Kano: 06.15(Mon-Fri), 16.30(Sat/Sun)  
Kano-Lagos: 07.30(Mon-Fri), 10.30(Sat/Sun)  
Abuja-Kano: 10.30am (Mon-Fri/Sun)  
Kano-Abuja: 11.45, 5.00 Fri, 12.15 Sun

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Friday, April 9, 2010
Index	27,489.72
Deals	10,592
Volume:	654,558,240
Value:	N5,503,816,396.37
Cap.:	N6,649,087,293,040.21

### TRUST INDEX

Inflation	12.3%
GDP	6.90%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.2bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$85 a barrel
Power Supply	2,500MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N10,796,734.5m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,018,035.3m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.1600%
Treasury Bills	2.02%
Deposit Rate	12.28%
Prime Lending Rate	18.38%

### CBN EXCHANGE RATES

31/3/2010	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2892	0.2942	0.3042
DANISH KRONER	26.6742	26.7647	26.8552
EURO	198.6635	199.3379	200.0122
POUNDS STERLING	223.351	224.1092	224.8673
RIYAL	39.28	39.4134	39.5467
SDR	221.4399	224.39	227.34
SWISS FRANC	139.0541	139.5261	139.9981
US DOLLAR	147.3	147.8	148.3
WAUA	223.3905	224.1488	224.9071
YEN	1.5792	1.5816	1.5840

### Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N150
Euro	N203
Pound	N233
SELLING	
Dollar	N151
Euro	N205
Pound	N236

Source: S&P Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.



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## Business/Energy

# FG cuts import allocations to marketers

By Hamisu Muhammad

THERE is uneasy calm in the nation's oil sector as the Federal Government has cut import allocation to marketers, *Daily Trust* has learnt.

Specifically the marketers make allusions to the fact that some of their allocations for the second quarter have been cut by 50 per cent. They expressed fear that the reduction may lead to fuel scarcity in Nigeria.

They said the number of marketers given allocation for the proposed second quarter of 2010 was reduced from fifty-three to twenty-five, and that there were variances in the quantity requested for by them and the quantity being proposed by the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA). The marketers however applauded

the planned deregulation of the oil and gas sector by the federal government, and said they have not been left out in efforts to improve local product distribution.

However, the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) said the oil marketers are only trying to bring confusion into the system so that people will panic and fuel queues will return. PPPRA's Public Affairs Officer, Yusuf Muazu, said the quarterly allocation to major oil marketers is based on the nation's consumption demand and performance by the oil marketers.

Muazu said the issue is not about the number of marketers but the volume of production that will meet the nation's demand and that marketers are at liberty to ask for revalidation of the oil that they did not supply.

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NNPC GMD Shehu Ladan

## I will move NNPC to greater heights - Ladan

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE new Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Alhaji Shehu Ladan has assured Nigerians that he would use his vast experience in the oil and gas industry to take the Corporation to greater heights.

Alhaji Ladan gave the assurance weekend while receiving the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Mr. Patrick Yakowa at the NNPC towers, Abuja, a statement from NNPC said. He expressed his determina-

tion to ensure that the Corporation remains alive to its primary responsibility of providing steady supply and distribution of petroleum products across the length and breadth of the country.

"Let me say without any doubt in my mind that I will take this responsibility very seriously and I am not unmindful of the heavy challenge ahead because NNPC is one huge organization that is expected to touch the lives of Nigerians in many positive ways," Alhaji Ladan declared.

He commended the Acting Pres-

ident, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan for the confidence reposed in him and reassured of his readiness to carry out his new assignment with every sense of responsibility.

"I take my appointment as a very serious assignment given to me by God through the instrumentality of His Excellency, the Acting President of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan to serve the country and I am determined to deliver positive results," the NNPC helmsman stated.

Speaking, the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Mr. Patrick Yakowa

described the appointment of Alhaji Shehu Ladan as the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, by the Acting President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan as well deserved.

He stated that the new NNPC GMD has outstanding career record right from his tenure as the Commissioner of Education and later Commissioner of Justice and Attorney General of Kaduna State to his career in NNPC where he rose to the position of Group Executive Director, Commercial and Investment.

## NUPENG strike enters fourth day

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE industrial action embarked upon by the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) in Warri zone comprising: Edo, Delta, Ondo, Ekiti and Kogi yesterday entered its fourth day.

The strike which started Friday was sequel to the alleged refusal of Pat Onosen enterprises Nigeria limited and Chevron Nigeria to honour a

collective bargaining agreement reached by the parties.

*Daily Trust* gathered that the development has caused lifting of petroleum products from depots in the affected states to be suspended.

It was also gathered that petrol stations in the affected states are still selling old stocks to customers and will experience scarcity immediately they exhaust the product.

Chairman of the Warri Zone

of NUPENG, Comrade Edmong Ofudje, confirmed the ongoing industrial action of the oil workers to our correspondent in a telephone conversation yesterday.

He said the NUPENG zone is very keen of promoting the interest of its members with a view to enhancing their productivity.

He however said that the zone is currently meeting the management of Pat Onosen Enterprises Nigeria Limited

and Chevron Nigeria on the need to honour the agreement they reached with the oil workers so that the strike would be called off.

"We are still talking with the management of the two companies to shift ground and honour their agreement with our members. We met yesterday; and we are still going to meet today [Monday] to discuss. We will call off the strike as soon as amicable agreement is reached".

## Workers back Jonathan's supervision of power sector

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

ELECTRICITY workers under the aegis of Senior Staff Association of Electricity and Allied Company (SSAEAC) have given its backing to the Acting President Dr. Goodluck Jonathan supervision of the power ministry.

Central Bank Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Finance Minister Olusegun Aganga, Director-General of the Bureau of Public Procurement Emeka Eze, and the representatives of the ministries of Petroleum and Water Resources were named as members of a special committee to tackle the challenges in the nation's power sector.

The committee is headed by Acting President, Goodluck Jonathan while minister of state for power is vice-chairman.

Conveying the pleasure of its members over the change in the power sector, President-General of SSAEAC Comrade Bede Opara, in an interview with *Daily Trust* yesterday, said the supervision of the sector by the Acting President is a clear and positive step towards addressing the problems of the power sector.

He pledged the determination of the workers to cooperate with Dr. Jonathan to take the power company to another level.

## 'NNPC should cater for host communities'

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE management of Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company (KRPC) should make the provision of safe drinking water to host communities a top priority, Governor Namadi Sambo of Kaduna State has advised yesterday.

The governor who was represented by Mr. Tsahiru Bako, the commissioner of water resources, made this known during the commissioning of two bore holes that was donated by the participants of NNPC's Chief Officers Management Development Programme (COMDP) course 059. According to him, the clarion call has become imperative because the state government has planned to drill 1,200 boreholes annually to meet up with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The benefitting host communities include: Ungwan Waziri, Ungwan Jattau and Barkallahu in Igabi local government area of Kaduna state.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the new Group Managing Director of the NNPC Alhaji Shehu Ladan, who was represented by the Managing Director of the KRPC, Bolanle Adeniyi Ayodele, commended the participants for setting the pace in the provision of drinking water to host communities.

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# Business/Agric

## Nigeria is facing household food crisis - Oxfam

Mr. Ayodeji Ajayeoba is the campaigns manager of Oxfam International in Nigeria. In this interview he explains how the splitting up of the ministry of agriculture would boost agric growth rate and other related issues. He says Nigeria is facing household food crisis.

By Tina A. Hassan

**A**GRICULTURE and Water Resources are two different ministries now. What is your take on this?

The main reason for agitating for the division of the ministry is because of the importance that the nation has attached to the development of the agriculture and agricultural development vice-a-vise vision 20: 2020 and other development projections into the future.

If you look at the vision 20:2020, agriculture is expected to play a big role and

vision of water for agriculture and also aquaculture and also for marine and so on.

You also have the Ministry of works for example that has also now been split into works separately and then you have the urban development and housing separately and the importance of that for works is that you can actually focus better.

**W**hat is your assessment of the ministry's performance in recent time?

Let me put it this way. The immediate past minister for agriculture is a man that came to the office full of ideas and started several initiatives that he designed. They are all laudable, they are all good but the problem is when you design interventions strategies without the adequate knowledge of the issues you want to address, you will definitely be at a loss.

**H**ow about the involvement of stakeholders in



MR. Ayodeji Ajayeoba

the nation itself is supposed to achieve an annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 8 percent in order to become one of the largest world economies by 2020, then the annual agricultural growth rate has to increase by 9.5 percent.

In a situation where you have the Ministry of agriculture put together with Water resources, it means that whatever resources that was going to agriculture was also being shared with other sectors and we at Oxfam have been agitating for the division of the ministry.

**D**on't you think the two are related?

To a large extent, water resources is related to agriculture, rural infrastructure for example is also related to agriculture, but so also is forestry and so on and so forth.

But the idea here is that if you have a ministry of agriculture, you can then have a better agricultural development plan and then focus on it.

You can have other ministries playing a supportive role so water resources would be in the area of infrastructures particularly related to the

ministry's activities?

There were a number of efforts to involve stakeholders like the United Nations (UN) coordination mechanism that is called the food security thematic group led by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

The mechanism is established in countries where there is a potential for food crisis or there is food crisis, so in Nigeria it was established at the invitation of the federal government through the ministry of agriculture and water resources and it include all development partners and international NGOs with a mandate bordering on agriculture and livelihoods.

**S**o what would be your message to the new minister?

The message to the new minister is to conduct an agricultural census which is supposed to be done every decade to make a comprehensive survey of the sector according to the international convention on agricultural livelihoods which would help the ministry understand the sector better. Especially the actors in the sector, how many are they, who are they and their capacity needs and

Nigeria has not conducted this census for the last two and half decade.

The budget for the sector is also very poor. According to the Maputo declaration, all signatories must give at least 10 percent of their budget to

agriculture.

In 2009 Nigeria had a 12 percent budget to the sector for the first time ever but the 2010 budget only gave a 3.7 percent to the sector, this is grossly inadequate and we have been to the National Assembly to discuss this mat-

ter and they said the ministry has not been able to exhaust its budget and properly execute its projects.

**I**s Nigeria facing food crisis now?

Yes Nigeria is facing food crisis but it is a type of crisis called household food

crisis. This is a type of food crisis that is affecting only small scale farmers who ironically are the ones producing the food we eat and this is because they sell out their food to meet other needs like school fees and they soon run out of the little they have left.

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## Star Feature

# Storm in the village

Dust was raised last Tuesday in villages located around the proposed Kaduna new millennium city, when thousands of villagers trooped out to protest the moves by the state government to demolish their houses to pave way for the proposed city.



DANBUSHIYA, one of the villages threatened by the new city.

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

**W**HILE the state government is claiming that there are 3,000 illegal houses in the area, the villagers are saying no. Hence the uproar. The demonstration which created pandemonium in the area lasted for

hours. It started around 10.am with the villagers hurling stones and pebbles at security men that accompanied officials of the Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KASUPDA) to carry out the destruction.

All entrances to the three villages of Sabon Gida, Danbushiya and Dan

Hono, all situated in the new Kaduna layout, became a no-go-area as the villagers' set up a bonfire to scare away government officials from carrying out the demolition. Youths in their thousands were seen showering abusive and uncomplimentary words on the state government.

According to the village head of



MAIN entrance to the village.

Danbushiya, Malam Wa'alamu Isah, the claim by the government that there are 3,000 illegal houses in the three villages, was far from the truth, saying that houses in all the villages are less than the number reeled out by the government.

"They are just lying by saying that we have 3,000 illegal structures in our villages. None exist. We have a committee set up to ensure that nobody encroaches into the government lands in our environs. But to our dismay, government agencies came on Tuesday to demolish our houses. It is just a trick to send us out of our houses, and that is why, over one million people from the three villages, trooped out to protest the demolition," he noted.

**H**e dispelled the claims that the state government had compensated them for the houses, saying "they only paid us for our farmlands and not houses, as being publicised. We were paid stipends, people with 100 plots were given 30,000 naira, and some 20,000 naira, and you are calling this compensation. But we are of the opinion that the project that our lands are going to be used for, would usher in

development in our communities."

"The entire layout is spread over our lands. We gave it to the government, after the stipends called compensation was given to us. We no longer have lands for farming, and now they want to render us homeless, and Allah will not allow them. You know, 95 percent of the inhabitants of these villages are farmers, and they contribute in meeting the food needs of the state. We no longer have means of livelihood, because our farm lands have been taken over by the government," he said.

**T**he village head, while extolling the good virtues of the state governor, Alhaji Mohammed Namadi Sambo, cautioned the governor to beware of members of his government who are working against his administration. Stressing, "we know our governor to be a good person, a leader that has the interest of his people at heart, and he will not allow them to render us homeless. When we had a meeting with him, he said that we should remain in our villages, but now members of the committee he constituted, are trying to turn the whole issue upside-down."



THE village head of Danbushiya, Malam Wa'alamu Issah.

tional developments. Social facilities like: Water, Electricity, Roads, Health, Education, Security, and places for other business activities, are going to be put in place in the city.

**R**eacting, the state commissioner of Information, Alhaji Saidu Adamu said the state government would not go back on the demolition, as 80 percent of the

affected houses have been compensated for fully by the state government, saying the villagers are not being sincere about the whole issue.

"We are not going back on the demolition, because it was in the best interest of the generality of the people of the state, and we will not allow few individuals to scuttle our plans, to provide accommodation to the teeming populace of the state. We

have warned the people of the state not to buy lands in the area, and have taken a census of those people who are legitimately residing in the area, and compensation has since been paid to them. Adequate compensation was given to them to pack from the place, but they refused.

"Yes, the total number of illegal houses to be demolished is 3,000. Most of them belong to speculators, because they believe that by the time we started the new city, the value of land in the area would go up. The city was conceived to ease the problems of accommodation in the state. You know the state is congested. Government will not just sit down and allow a few individuals to use their legitimate means of livelihood, to enrich themselves at the expense of the population," he added.

"Initially, the state government had the intention of providing better accommodation to the people, but during their meeting with the governor, they said they prefer to remain in the villages, and the governor allowed those who are living together to remain. But that compensation would be paid to those who are scattered, and that was what was done," he said.

**A**ccording to the commissioner, the new city would comprise of 10 districts, and the first district would provide accommodation to one million people. He appealed to the people of the state to give the required support to the state government, for it to succeed in the quest to provide housing for all.

Corroborating what his colleagues said, the Sarkin Sabon Gida, Alhaji Dahiru Sani, said they were short-changed during the payment of the compensation, and that the committee constituted by the government is trying to mislead the state governor. He said they got to know of the 3,000 illegal houses through an announcement by the radio station, and that the houses in the entire villages are less than that number.

**A**ccording to him, "The people of these areas are a peace loving people. We live together harmoniously, irrespective of the differences existing between us. In fact, during the crisis in the state we were not affected. And that is why people kept coming to the village".

He advised the state government to constitute a committee of people with unquestionable character to go round the villages, with a view to ascertaining the true situation in the villages. "What we are demanding from the government is fairness and nothing more. Let the government maintain where they demarcated, I mean the places they paid for, and

allow us to maintain our areas. With these all the dust raised would be laid to rest".

"The claim that we came to settle in the village not too long ago, is far from the truth. My father who died at the age of 106 was born here, and I too was born here. So where do you expect us to go now? He reiterated his call to the governor to ensure that the members of the committee are fair to all.

A-65-year-old farmer based in the village, Malam Rilwan Tijjani, said when the news of the demolition came to them, many of his colleagues fell sick. "We recorded many cases of high blood pressure, shock and hypertension. Go to the hospital, you will see our people there, who fell sick because of the demolition".

**H**e recalled that during the last administration, when one Alhaji Rabi'u was given a stipend as compensation, the man fell sick and later died as a result of the shock. He said government is in place to ensure the wellbeing of the people and not otherwise.

According to KASUPDA, the area was well planned to provide residential, Commercial, recreational, and institu-



SPOT where the demolition started last Tuesday.



## NIGERIA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

# Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un

**T**he Board, Management and staff of Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) regret to announce the death of their former Executive Director (Finance & Administration), Mrs. Fatima Balaraba Ibrahim, which occurred in a ghastly motor accident along Kano – Kaduna Expressway on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. She has since been buried in accordance with Islamic Rites.

Mrs. Ibrahim, popularly known as “Baba” would be remembered for her humility, generosity, kindness, honesty and integrity. Her death is therefore not only a great loss to her immediate family but also the NDIC, Kebbi State and the entire nation at large. The NDIC Family wishes to use this medium to condole the family of late “Baba”.

May Allah (SWT) Grant her Aljannah Firdaus and Give her family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss



**MRS. FATIMA BALARABA IBRAHIM**  
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## Business

# Northerners have N6bn investment in NARTO — Sidi



ALHAJI Abubakar Sidi

By Romoke W. Ahmad

**WHT's NARTO?**

NARTO is the umbrella body of road transport owners to cater and protect the interest of road transport owners and welfare of our workers who are the drivers.

**What percentage of commercial vehicles plying our road does NARTO own?**

About 85 percent of commercial vehicles are under NARTO. For example 99 percent of the total wet cargos (tankers) in the country are under NARTO, while 85 percent of dry cargos (trailers and heavy trucks) are owned by NARTO members. So 80 to 90 percent of the means of road transportation in Nigeria are owned and controlled by NARTO.

**Are you concerned about bad roads?**

Yes, we have spoken with the government over the issue on many occasions because we have met with the former minister of works and housing and we gave them ultimatum last year but with the recent change in the country's leadership, we are expecting them to do better. What we said before is that if they fail to do anything up till the

Alhaji Abubakar Sidi is the chairman of Nigerian Association of Road Transport Owners, Federal Capital Territory and Northern route. NARTO controls over 80 per cent of Nigeria's road transport. In this interview, Alhaji Sidi says his members are losing big as a result of bad roads. He also reveals that Northerners have about N6 billion investment in NARTO.

rainy season we are going to withdraw our services nationwide but from what we are seeing now maybe things will change and we are expecting things to change.

**Commercial vehicles are being used to rob passengers, while some of your drivers may not be well trained. What is your take on this?**

Those who use commercial vehicles to steal are not part of us because before one can become a member of NARTO the person must be recommended by somebody who is a well know person in the society, we don't recruit members any how in NARTO. Sorry to say that we don't have transport policy in the country because anybody can just wake up, buy vehicles, go to corporate affairs com-

mission, register and become a transporter and nobody will challenge the person which is different from what is obtainable in other parts of the world. We ensure that our drivers' licenses are up to date and because we are the owner of the vehicles, we renew our particulars constantly so as to avoid anything that will disrupt our business.

**What is your relationship with government agencies?**

We have a permanent representative in the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) because we distribute almost eighty percent of NNPC products.

**Does NARTO have an insurance policy for their drivers and passengers?**

The era of hospital rejecting accident victim is over in FCT because there is FCT passenger insurance manifest which NARTO is working with. We apply it to all our passengers. We also have a special welfare insurance package for all our tankers, trucks and trailers' drivers and conductors. As I am talking now, I am expecting some accident victims to come and collect their entitlements.

**Do you have tracking device in your vehicles?**

Some of our vehicles have tracking system already and we are doing our best to ensure that the leadership of NARTO put more effort in increasing the number of our vehicles with tracking system.

**Can you tell us the value of NARTO investment?**

The value of NARTO's investment is more than N8 billion. The investment is mainly on the purchase of our vehicles. The north has almost N6 billion out of the total investment in NARTO. If you look at it 90 percent of the tanker that distribute petroleum products in Nigeria are owned by northerners while 85 percent of trailers and trucks that carry cement, cows and farm produce are also owned by northerners too.

**Is NARTO into importation of petroleum?**

Yes we are into it. Recently the federal government just licensed us to import fuel into the country but we have not started yet.

**Some Nigerians believe that your tankers are responsible for our bad roads. What is your reaction to this?**

If people are saying that the tankers and trailers are responsible for our bad roads, it's like living the snake and chasing the shadow because if government can put the road in order perfectly, 80 to 90 percent of road accident would be a forgone issue, robbery on the high way will also reduce. Either creates a separate road for the tankers and trailer or not, it would not solve the problem if there is no maintenance culture.

**Can you tell us how much the association has lost to high way robbery?**

The issue of robbery on the highway is a big problem to us. In 2007 our members lost N300 million worth of investment and between 2008 and July 2009 we lost more than that to hijackers and robbers on the roads. But between August 2009 up till date we lost less than N100 million to robbers. So, the rate of robbery is reducing nationwide.

**Was there any recovery of those hijacked trucks?**

Yes the police was able to recover some for us and they handed them over to us. No matter what, whether good or bad the security personnel in the country are doing their best now compare to what we used to have in the past, they are improving.

**What is your message to the government?**

My message to our leaders is that they should think. Seventy years ago non of them is in this world and seventy years to come, even if they are in the world they will be liabilities so they should know that they have a beginning and the end is sure.

## Dangote's BCC rakes in N16bn profit

THE Benue Cement Company Plc, a subsidiary of Dangote Industries Limited, has announced turnover of N35 billion for the year ended 31st December 2009. This is an increase of 213% compared to the same period in 2008. Operating profit for the year was put at N16 billion increasing by 278% compared to 2008.

A statement said despite infrastructural challenges, the Company was able to improve turnover for the period as a result of increased sales volume compared to the same period in 2008. Intensified efforts and meas-

ures continue to be implemented to improve cost management, increase employee productivity and streamline logistics.

Profit before tax of the Company was at N14.44 billion, increasing by 305% compared to 2008. Similarly BCC's recorded significant improvement in its profit after tax, closing the year at N14.37 billion; 347% compared to 2008. Even though BCC currently enjoys a tax holiday, the tax charges relate to tax provision on non-pioneer income and under provision of tax in the previ-

ous year.

Commenting on the results achieved in 2009 the CEO of the Cement Division of the Dangote Group, Mr Daljeet Ghai said "The 2009 results obviously represent an excellent improvement on the 2008 results; however, our plan is to out-perform this in the current year. And inspite of the challenges on supply of energy - fuel and power we will continue to work hard to improve on production volume within acceptable cost".

# Business/Finance

## Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Friday, April 9, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
CAPITAL OIL PLC	34	0.54	53,297,502	29,207,283.60
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	34		53,297,502	29,207,283.60
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROCES. PLC	49	1.20	1,912,470	2,254,973.75
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	29	0.82	1,150,964	943,490.48
OKITIPUPA OIL PALM PLC	2	6.21	5,700	92,630.00
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	1	21.62	500	10,270.00
PRESCO PLC	28	6.79	877,440	5,704,583.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	109		3,957,074	9,005,947.23
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIRLINE SERV. & LOG. PLC	34	3.05	1,271,445	3,876,907.25
<b>NIG. AV. HANDLING COY PLC</b>	70	12.36	1,000,317	13,469,779.17
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	104		2,279,662	17,346,686.37
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	338	10.88	15,881,720	172,154,922.28
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	164	3.00	17,284,992	51,601,363.99
DIAMOND BANK PLC	155	9.97	10,854,165	107,532,882.98
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	110	7.04	1,613,863	11,302,132.06
FIRST CITY MON. BANK PLC	105	9.27	24,062,889	223,882,419.03
FIDELITY BANK PLC	276	3.30	17,194,270	57,750,137.08
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	1,026	17.95	35,718,470	642,050,035.46
FINBANK PLC	109	0.73	12,211,721	8,887,586.48
GTBANK PLC	642	22.85	12,004,623	279,300,391.81
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	63	11.75	3,177,688	37,158,877.69
INTERCONT. BANK PLC.	112	2.27	2,893,004	6,722,505.99
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	217	2.10	14,887,299	33,271,126.95
BANK PHB PLC	98	1.90	7,197,351	13,612,349.05
SKYE BANK PLC.	196	8.13	9,036,440	72,885,204.50
SPRING BANK PLC	16	1.07	219,430	233,810.36
STERLING BANK PLC	107	2.76	9,250,124	25,724,288.25
UNT. BANK FOR AFRICA PLC.	312	16.50	20,994,089	346,087,868.30
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	245	6.25	8,369,944	51,770,559.01
UNITYBANK PLC	40	1.10	3,896,288	4,176,848.20
WEMA BANK PLC	106	1.20	7,392,336	8,829,656.59
<b>ZENITH BANK PLC</b>	896	19.00	16,808,449	321,863,070.54
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	4,883		250,949,155	2,476,798,036.69
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	162	26.11	3,144,995	82,115,819.45
BENUE CEMENT COY PLC	189	63.80	6,497,596	404,177,543.77
CEM. CO. OF N/NIGERIA PLC	106	25.75	4,830,254	126,269,152.05
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	66	41.89	1,422,815	59,594,973.08
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	523		15,895,660	672,157,488.35
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
AFRICAN PAINTS (NIG.) PLC	1	3.49	1,000	3,320.00
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	12	6.55	38,673	265,683.51
CHEM. & ALLIED PROD. PLC	5	29.67	28,906	877,299.50
DN MEYER PLC	12	3.06	626,301	1,916,481.06
<b>I.P.W.A. PLC</b>	2	1.20	500,248	600,297.60
NIG.-GERMAN CHEM. PLC	1	14.29	265	3,598.70
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	33		1,195,393	3,666,680.37
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
<b>A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC</b>	30	8.63	255,284	1,193,847.36
PZ CUSONS NIG. PLC	76	31.38	4,840,780	147,815,576.42
SCOA NIGERIA PLC	1	8.71	432	3,576.96
TRANSN. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	45	0.55	9,540,170	5,276,351.90
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	92	54.71	2,570,076	140,266,556.09
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	100	28.44	883,795	24,850,355.68
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	344		18,090,537	319,406,264.41
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>COSTAIN (WA) PLC</b>	58	7.86	2,198,768	17,282,316.48
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	34	43.98	386,017	16,928,977.66
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	2	0.50	144,653	72,326.50
ROADS NIGERIA PLC	1	3.46	2,000	7,260.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	95		2,731,438	34,290,880.64
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOB.</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	9	35.41	47,474	1,765,083.32
BIG TREAT PLC	9	1.22	216,326	263,917.72
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	89	18.82	1,249,105	23,870,727.22
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	412	22.56	11,993,709	270,097,188.32
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	172	20.06	6,269,027	129,901,366.89
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	167	76.50	2,084,614	154,762,281.13
HO/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	86	8.55	2,359,474	20,467,751.68
NAT. SALT COY NIG. PLC	121	10.68	4,200,453	44,711,973.04
NIG. BOTTLING COY PLC	35	37.48	292,377	10,911,773.95
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	65	283.60	831,778	241,571,457.75
N/NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC	8	37.38	70,461	2,611,052.40
TANTALIZERS PLC 71	1.40	5.65	5,140	7,662,295.58
UTC NIGERIA PLC	11	0.89	152,573	135,789.97
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	1,255		5,422,511	905,732,658.97
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EKOCORP PLC	1	5.58	315	1,672.65
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	47	1.65	2,526,104	4,168,071.60
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	54	3.52	2,819,052	9,918,693.44
GLAXOSM. CONS. NIG. PLC	29	28.00	201,677	5,771,017.95
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	31	7.07	437,243	3,075,970.65
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	21	2.13	277,460	590,989.80
UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	9	0.90	948,500	853,650.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	192		7,210,351	24,380,066.05

<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	5	3.62	238,991	820,479.72
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	3	2.74	961,329	2,634,041.46
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	8		1,200,320	3,454,521.18
<b>INDUSTRIAL/DOM. PROD.</b>				
ALUM. EXTR. IND. PLC	1	13.04	2,000	24,780.00
ALUMACO PLC	4	9.49	51,457	488,326.93
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	2	10.20	10,000	107,040.00
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC	10	0.52	348,325	184,083.70
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	30	6.44	642,159	4,124,977.21
VONO PRODUCTS PLC	2	0.58	20,000	11,600.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	49		1,073,941	4,940,807.84
<b>INF. &amp; COMM. TECH.</b>				
CHAMS PLC	17	0.93	2,458,970	2,286,842.10
MASS TEL. INNOV. NIG. PLC	2	0.50	180,000	90,000.00
STARCOMMS PLC	65	2.85	6,358,564	17,484,069.16
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	84		8,997,534	19,860,911.26
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
AIICO INSURANCE PLC.	73	1.56	7,057,806	11,010,177.36
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	35	0.91	22,405,467	21,325,460.30
CORNERSTONE INS. CO. PLC.	37	0.63	11,003,933	6,658,455.59
CUST. & ALLIED INS. PLC	50	3.90	16,193,800	65,171,077.89
GREAT NIG. INSU. COY PLC	1	0.50	5,000	2,500.00
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	47	0.98	6,072,408	5,860,450.76
GUAR. TRUST ASSUR. PLC	90	3.25	14,838,630	45,767,924.30
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC.	4	0.50	614,000	307,000.00
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	29	0.67	6,818,469	4,568,374.23
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	91	0.57	16,889,193	9,609,797.81
LAW UNION & ROCK INS. PLC.	28	0.57	8,748,542	4,913,318.10
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	4	0.50	38,000	19,000.00
MUT. BEN. ASSURANCE PLC	104	0.59	30,633,704	17,564,755.52
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC.	36	0.71	3,697,695	2,625,363.45
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	3	0.89	261,000	232,290.00
OASIS INSURANCE PLC	16	0.93	474,250	441,052.50
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	8	3.94	85,724	337,752.56
REG. ALL. INS. COY PLC	3	0.50	530,000	265,000.00
SOV. TRUST INS. PLC	3	0.50	500,000	250,000.00
STACO INSURANCE PLC	51	0.52	12,571,400	6,533,185.25
STAND. ALLI. INS. PLC	31	0.56	3,072,095	1,720,373.20
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	24	0.91	2,998,400	2,687,179.92
UNITY KAP. ASSUR. PLC	15	0.59	16,503,900	9,737,301.00
UNIVERSAL INS. COY PLC	5	0.50	219,500	109,750.00
INTERC. WAPIC INSUR. PLC	25	0.87	475,520	420,730.96
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	813		182,708,436	218,138,270.70
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAP/OIL & MARIT. SERV. PLC	92	1.90	2,856,118	5,426,624.20
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	92		2,856,118	5,426,624.20
<b>MEDIA</b>				
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	36	1.44	223,000	321,120.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	36		223,000	321,120.00
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>				
ABBAY BUILD. SOCIETY PLC	2	1.61	3,200,000	5,152,000.00
ASO SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	58	0.59	26,375,347	14,870,617.17
RES. SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	5	0.50	601,500	300,750.00
UNION H, SAV, & LOANS PLC	68	0.95	3,923,767	3,842,054.84
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	133		34,100,614	24,165,422.01
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC.	16	0.93	2,070,390	1,924,955.49
DEAP CAP. MAN. & TRUST PLC	2	2.02	100,000	202,000.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	16	0.63	4,011,258	2,527,092.54
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	34		6,181,648	4,654,048.03
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
NIG. BAG MAN. COY PLC	745	3.98	5,171,350	20,513,107.14
BETA GLASS CO. PLC	14	17.23	168,605	2,846,678.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	759		5,339,955	23,359,785.14
<b>PETROLEUM (MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	139	39.37	1,091,361	42,734,591.45
BECO PETROL. PROD. PLC	27	1.73	2,132,500	3,496,988.00
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	6	69.79	9,637	706,102.99
CONOIL PLC	21	44.00	56,878	2,465,769.82
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	48	7.91	679,974	5,699,088.10
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	13	118.67	19,185	2,390,451.00
OANDO PLC	192	100.00	1,718,187	172,290,610.12
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	45	152.15	784,715	121,309,358.52
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	491		6,492,437	351,092,960.00
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	5	7.90	10,040	81,686.00
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	22	8.05	224,740	1,758,474.19
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	27		234,780	1,840,160.19
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
UACN PROP. DEV. CO. PLC	20	26.00	1,415,785	36,228,576.85
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	20		1,415,785	36,228,576.85
<b>ROAD TRANSPORTATION</b>				
ASSOC. BUS COMPANY PLC	19	1.18	1,217,000	1,433,810.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	19		1,217,000	1,433,810.00
<b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>				
ECOBANK TRANS. INCORP.	26	20.00	311,913	6,262,225.70
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	26		311,913	6,262,225.70
<b>OVERALL Totals</b>	10,592		654,558,240	5,503,816,396.37

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TOTAL	2.53
FLOURMILL	2.50
JBERGER	2.09

LOSERS	
DANGSUGAR	0.94
ALUMACO	0.49
ZENITHBANK	0.48
ETERNAOIL	0.39



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**PUBLIC NOTICE TO CORPORATE TAXPAYERS FILING COMPANIES  
INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR 2010 YEAR OF ASSESSMENT**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

This notice is published to draw the attention of the general public and in particular all corporate taxpayers, their Principal Officers, Tax Advisers and Taxpayers Representatives to the provisions of the Companies Income Tax Act which require all companies to file their annual tax returns as and when due. The notice is also to assist taxpayers to comply with the requirement of the law and enlighten them on the benefits available under the law for self assessment filers.

**2. OBLIGATION TO FILE SELF ASSESSMENT TAX RETURNS**

Under the provisions of section 55 of the Companies Income Tax Act Cap C21 LFN 2004 as amended, all companies including those granted exemption from incorporation, with or without notice from the service are required to file their annual tax returns not later than six months after the end of their accounting year.

The law further makes it mandatory for all companies to file self assessment tax returns with effect from January 1998. In filing the returns, it is important to adhere to the essential ingredients specified by the law.

For self assessment filers, the requirements include the following:

- i. A duly completed Self assessment form No. IR3Coy for Companies which is obtainable free of charge from any LTO or ITO of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) nationwide.
- ii. A declaration form duly signed by the Principal Officer of the company who may be the Chairman, the Chief Executive, Executive Director or the Statutory Secretary of the company, testifying that the particulars given in the tax returns and the form are true and complete.
- iii. Audited Financial Statement of the company prepared by statutory certified auditors together with the computation of tax liability, with accompanying schedules and capital allowances computations.
- iv. Evidence of direct payment of the whole tax due or at least an installment approved by the Federal Inland Revenue Service into the designated bank for the payment of taxes. **Note:** Any self assessment filer who fails to render its tax returns on due date is liable to pay provisional tax as well as interest and penalty on the provisional tax.

**3. DUE DATE OF FILING TAX RETURNS BY COMPANIES**

For clarity, the due date of filing tax returns is reckoned as follows:

- i. For companies having December 31st, 2009 as their accounting year end, the due date of filing is June 30th, 2010
- ii. For companies having September 30th, 2009 as their accounting year end, the due date of filing is March 31st, 2010.
- iii. For companies having June 30th, 2009 as their accounting year end, the due date of filing is December 31st, 2009.
- iv. For companies having March 31st, 2009 as their accounting year end, the due date of filing is September 30th, 2009.

**4. DUE DATE OF PAYMENT**

The due date of payment is determined as follows:

- i. For most companies filing returns under the self assessment scheme, the due date of filing tax returns remains the same as the due date of payment since the evidence of payment of the Tax must accompany the returns sent to relevant offices of FIRS. For example, for all companies having December 31st, 2009 as their accounting year end, the due date of payment is the same as the due date of filing (i.e. June, 30th 2010). For companies having June 30th, 2009 as their accounting year end, the due date of payment is December 31st 2009. However, since the assessment is for the year 2010, payment will be made on January 1st 2010.
- ii. For all self assessment filers having January, to May 2009 as their account year-end the due date of payment is January 1st 2010 notwithstanding the fact that the due date of filing may be earlier. This is because the payment is to be made and accounted for in the 2010 assessment year.
- iii. It is important to note that companies filing their tax returns late will be assessed under government assessment and should pay the tax due two months after an assessment has been raised by FIRS in addition to a late returns filing penalty. In the event that the period of two (2) months expires after the 14th day of December, the tax due must be paid not later than that date.

**5. SELF ASSESSMENT AND INSTALMENTAL PAYMENT CONCESSION**

For companies filing tax returns of self assessment, an important qualification for the special incentives for the self assessment scheme is the fulfillment of all

the Conditions of self assessments as enumerated in paragraph 3(I) - (IV) above especially the inclusion of evidence of payment of the tax due on or before the due date of payment.

Payment of the assessed tax by installments is available only to self assessment filers for the current year of assessment. Under no condition will installment concessions be granted for the payment of government assessment, back year assessment or provisional tax. The granting of such benefit to self assessment filers is not automatic, as the intending beneficiary must fulfill the following conditions:

- i. The taxpayer must apply for the benefit in writing on or before the due date of payment.
- ii. Arrangement for the payment of the remaining installments must be approved by the Federal Inland Revenue Service.
- iii. Evidence of payment of the tax or the first installment must accompany the tax returns.
- iv. A maximum of six (6) installments, which must terminate on or before November 30th, 2010 will be granted and approved to proven self assessment filers.
- v. Any extension of payment beyond the approved data will attract penalty and interest charges for the use of government fund by the taxpayer. However, where Federal Inland Revenue Service is notified and approval is obtained for the extension of payment period, the statutory 10% penalty is waived by the Federal Inland Revenue Service, but on no ground will the interest at commercial rate be waived.

**6. DIRECT PAYMENT OF TAXES INTO BANKS**

Finally, all taxpayers and their agents are hereby reminded that direct payments of taxes to the collecting banks introduced on June 1st, 1996 remains in force. At present the entire bank collection machinery is being reorganized for improved efficiency. In the meantime, taxpayers and their agents are advised to ensure that they pay their taxes only to collecting banks zoned to the relevant tax office on the matter to ensure timely reconciliation of our accounts. The comprehensive list of collecting banks assigned to collect taxes for each ITO and LTO are available on request at each tax office.

**7. FILING OF TAX RETURNS BY COMPANIES UNDER PIONEER STATUS**

Due to re-organization within the FIRS, the tax returns of companies enjoying pioneer status should continue to be forwarded to LTO, Non-Oil, Lagos-Lateef Jakande Road beside LTV8, Agidingbi Ikeja.

**8. ADDITIONAL INFORMAL**

Request for further enquiries on any aspect of this notice should be directed to:

**Office of the Chairman**  
Federal Inland Revenue,  
Revenue House (4th floor)  
Sokode Crescent,  
Wuse, Zone 5, P.M.S 33,  
Abuja, Nigeria. Tel: 09-6701467

Or

**Office of the Coordinating Director,**  
Tax Operations Group,  
Revenue House,  
Sokode Crescent  
Wuse Zone 5, P.M.B. 33 Garki - Abuja.  
Tel: 08033303489

Or any other Large Tax Office or Integrated Tax Office of FIRS listed below:

Signed  
Ogungbesan, S. S  
Ag Coordinating Director,  
Tax Operations Group,  
Federal Inland Revenue Service



## FIRS TAX OFFICES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

### (A) The Large Tax Offices

S/N	Offices	Address	Phone Nos
1	Tax controller ITO (Oil & Gas) Lagos	Nigerian Reinsurance Building 46 Marina Rd., Lagos.	08054006147
2	Tax Controller L TO (Non Oil) Lagos	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lateef Jakande Road, Beside L TV 8, Agidingbi Ikeja, Lagos	08033194877
3	Tax Controller L TO - Port Harcourt	No 74, Stadium Road, PH	08058406223
4	Tax Controller LTO Abuja	NACRDB Plaza Central Business District 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2nd Floors, Abuja	08059862033
5	Tax Controller LTO Kano	No 6 Zaria Rd, Kano	08033062813

### (iii) Lagos Mainland Region

1	Regional Coordinator Mainland Region	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lateef Jakande Road, Beside L TV 8, Agidingbi Ikeja, Lagos	08033138611 08050208841
2	Tax Controller Agege ITO	79, Iju Rd. by Imola Bus-Stop	01-8736857 0802359726
3	Tax Controller Alaba ITO	148, Olojo Drive, Opp. LASU Ojo Town	08055367035 07028385840
4	Tax Controller Alimosho ITO	19, Idimu/Egbeda Rd. Idimu Pipeline Bus-Stop Idimu, Lagos	08036107760
5	Tax Controller Ikeja ITO	76, Allen Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos	01-8504431 08022905700
6	Tax Controller Ikorodu ITO	210/212, Lagos Rd Ikorodu Lagos	01-8970807 08035113053
7	Tax Controller Ibeju ITO	3, Oluwoji Idowu Street, off Association Avenue, Ibeju	08033038023
8	Tax Controller Isolo ITO	57 M/M Int, Airport Rd., Isolo, Lagos	01-7746527 08023112232
9	Tax Controller Festac ITO	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue, Ice Plaza, after Big Tree PLC, Festac Town.	01-8773599 08023056542
10	Tax Controller Surulere ITO	72, Bode Thomas Street, Surulere, Lagos	07037362302 01-7919757
	Tax Controller Yaba ITO	296, Herbert Macaulay Street, Sabo Yaba Lagos	01-8115381 08023266278

### (b) REGIONAL OFFICES AND INTEGRATED TAX OFFICES (ITO)

#### (i) FCT - Abuja Offices

S/N	Offices	Address	Telephone
1	Regional Coordinator Office of the Head, FCT/Special Tax Offices	No 12 P/H Crescent, Off Gimbiya Street Area 11 Abuja	09-6706633 08037118102 08023052827
2	Tax Controller Special Tax Office	No 12 P/H Crescent, Off Gimbiya Street Area 11 Abuja	08037260926
3	Tax Controller Central Area ITO	Owena House, Central Area, Abuja	08033241307
4	Tax Controller Garki ITO	12, P/H Crescent, Off Gimbiya Street, Garki Abuja	08056156487
5	Tax Controller Gwagwalada ITO	FCT Secretariat Gwagwalada, PMB 33, Garki.	09-8821200 08023206370
6	Tax Controller Wuse ITO	Plot 48, Sudan St. Wuse Zone 6, PMB 33, Abuja	08034718642 09-5234417

#### (ii) Lagos Island Region

1	Regional Coordinator, Lagos Island Region	17 <sup>th</sup> Awolowo Rd, Revenue House, Ikoyi	
2	Tax Controller Ajah ITO	Eunike Plaza, opp. Unique Plaza, Km 14 Lekki- Epe Expressway Ikota, Lagos.	08030412757
3	Tax Controller Apapa ITO	22, Warehouse Rd, Apapa	01-5804440 08022236316
4	Tax Controller Broad Street ITO	14, Broad Street Lagos	01-8971907 08038042003 08037032669
5	Tax Controller Ikoyi ITO	17 <sup>th</sup> Awolowo Rd Revenue House, Ikoyi	0803201385
6	Tax Controller Victoria Island ITO	27/29 Adeyemo Alakija Street, (Fortune Tower) Victoria Island	01-8973528 0803547352

#### (iv) Western Region

1	Regional Coordinator Western Region	13, Lakan Alabi Close, Alh Olawore Omokunran House, Abayomi Two Rd Tbadan, Oyo State	02-8102412 08033423675
2	Tax Controller Abeokuta ITO	Oke Mosan, Opp. Govt. Office, Abeokuta Ogun State	03-9241141 08033806630
3	Tax Controller Akure ITO	Alfred Revenue Rd. Alagbaka GRA, Akure	08030412757 08033091989
4	Tax Controller Ilorin ITO	1 Obbo Rd. Behind 1st Bank Plc. OFF Unity Rd, Ilorin	031-221246 08038015873
5	Tax Controller Ota ITO	Km 37 Lagos- Abeokuta Rd, Opp Zenith Bank Plc, Dalomo Bus stop, Sahgo PMB 1021 Ogun State	08023154172
6	Tax Controller Sagamu ITO	62, Obi Awolowo Erinwo le II Rd. GRA, Sagamu, Ojuda State	07027125575
7	Tax Controller Ado-Ekiti ITO	79, Iyin Rd. Basin Area PMB 5359, Ado-Ekin	030-232051 08033507331
8	Tax Controller Ore ITO	No. 11 Okitipupa Rd. Opp. Govt. Field, Ore.	08035509991
9	Tax Controller Osogbo ITO	Ibadan Ghongon Rd, PMB 4474, Osogbo	08034006872
10	Tax Controller Adeoyo ITO	45, New Adeoyo Hospital Rd, off Ring Rd, PMB 5050 Tbadan	08022238940
11	Tax Controller Iwo Road ITO	13, Lakan Alabi Close, Alh Olawore Omokunran House, Abayomi Two Rd Tbadan, Oyo State	08023066449 08035852586
12	Tax Controller Oyo ITO	Akunlemu Arc, Awe Rd. PMB 1099, Oyo, Oyo State.	08035453023
13	Tax Controller Ikare-Akoko ITO	1 Chiban Building Setimo Semu, Lokopa Rd., Ikare Akoko	08063184394



(v) Eastern Region

S/N	OFFICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
1	Regional Coordinator, Eastern Region	1 <sup>st</sup> Ridgeway GRA, Enugu	08037191127
2	Tax Controller Aba ITO	176, Azikwe Rd Aba	08036224519 082-228045
3	Tax Controller Enugu ITO	7, Ridgeway/GRA, Enugu	08039661842 08033200498
4	Tax Controller Awka ITO	Glass House, Abuja Estate, Phase 1 opp. Government House, Onisha Enugu expressway, Awka	08033444228
5	Tax Controller Abakaliki ITO	I. Ogoja Rd. Abakaliki, Ebonyi State	08035864313 043-220138
6	Tax Controller Onitsha ITO	30, Iboku Street, Onitsha	08051168915046- 217053
7	Tax Controller Nnewi ITO	15, Onitsha Rd. Nnewi	08035053730 046-462596
8	Tax Controller Osioma ITO	140, Abu-Owerri Rd, Aba, Abia State	08034522257 08067755193 082-350359
9	Tax Controller Umuahia ITO	108, Aba Rd. PMB 7285, Abia State	08033604879 08056016461 082-306110
10	Tax Controller Orlu ITO	11, Station Rd., beside Afribank Pic. Orlu Imo State	08035370582
11	Tax Controller Owerri ITO	Km 3, Owerri-Onitsha Rd. Owerri	08033818723 083-230805

(vi) South South Region

S/N	OFFICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
1	Regional Coordinator South South Region	Plot 46, Trans Amadi Industrial Layout by Mammy Market Road.	084-901612 08037032669
2	Tax Controller Port Harcourt ITO	No 81, Trans Amadi Rd., Layout Port Harcourt	08038367777
	Tax Controller Asaba ITO	Plot 4, Govt. House Amwai Road, Asaba.	056-272173 08036771635
4	Tax Controller Warri ITO	274, Effurun/Sapele Road, Effurun Warri	053-256488 08023062278
5	Tax Controller Benin ITO	No. 53, Airport Road, P.M.B 1213, Benin City, Edo State	08023033754 052-250477
6	Tax Controller Sapele ITO	205, New Oghorode Rd, Sapele	054-342488 08033009433
7	Tax Controller Auchi ITO	Km3, Okene/Benin Express Road, Auchi.	08034310296
8	Tax Controller Ikrom ITO	10, Calabar Road, Ikrom P.M.B. 1074, Ikrom Cross River State	08035522652
9	Tax Controller Calabar ITO	No.7 New Ikang Layout, IBB Way, Calabar.	087-220608 08055853764
10	Tax Controller Yema ITO	1, Okologba Street, by Mbiama-Yemagha	089-430344 08037839922
11	Tax Controller Uyo ITO	149, Ikot Ekpen Road, Uyo	0803780545 085-200118 085201663
12	Tax Controller Rumuokwuru ITO	228, Aba Road, Junction, Port- Harcourt	084-612951 08063806243

(vii) North Central Region

S/N	OFFICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
1	Regional Coordinator, North Central Region	Regional Office ITO Muazu Mohammed Rd Adjacent to NACRDB Building, Minna Niger State.	08065544540
2	Tax Controller Lokoja ITO	Equity Plaza, Phase 1 Lokoja	08035986666
3	Tax Controller Lafia ITO	Jabaru House, along markurdi Rd, opp. Ministry of Commerce & Trade	(047)221291 08033769804
4	Tax Controller Markurdi ITO	Jonah Jang Crescent, PMB 102229, Markurdi	08037024505 044-270717
5	Tax Controller Minna ITO	Muazu Mohammed Rd, beside NACRDB Building, Minna Niger State.	08033185644
6	Tax Controller Suleja ITO	No.2 Hassan Dallatu Road, Suleja.	08053468395
7	Tax Controller Kaduna North ITO	3, Broadcasting Rd. Kaduna	07025373395
	Tax Controller Kaduna South ITO	C.17, Kachia Rd. Kaduna	08036733145
9	Tax Controller Kafanchan ITO	No 26, Ungwan Rimi, Kafanchan, Kaduna.	08035729308 08026594891
10	Tax Controller Zaria ITO	No.1, Kaduna Rd. Zaria	08033204609

(viii) North West Region

S/N	OFFICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
1	Regional Coordinator North West	Karama House Hassan Usman Katsina Rd., Opp. Maikodi Hotel Katsina	062-210715 08033071399
2	Tax Controller Katsina ITO	No. 254, IBB Way, Katsina	(065)434502 08023585176
3	Tax Controller Kano Club Rd. ITO	No. 55, Club Rd. Kano.	(064)630394 08036044349
4	Tax Controller Kano Zaria Rd. ITO	6, Zaria Road, Kano	064-666137 08032681101
5	Tax Controller Funtua ITO	No 156 Zaria Rd., Funtua.	069-770706 08036908258
6	Tax Controller Sokoto ITO	a) Kano Road, Sokoto b) 3, Ibrahim Desuko Rd. Sokoto	060-236560 08030998709
7	Tax Controller Birin Kebbi ITO	Obasegun Obasanjo A venue, opp. Adamu Aliero Housing Estate Birnin Kebbi.	068-321604 08032204786
8	Tax Controller Dutse ITO	2, Sanni Abacha way, Dutse, Jigawa State	08035919900
9	Tax Controller Gusau ITO	2, Park Road Gusau	063-201167 08028412147

(ix) North East Region

S/N	OFFICE	TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE
1	Regional Coordinator North East Region	No. 20, Old Jos Road, Bauchi	08035507961 08036126241
2	Tax Controller Bauchi ITa	Federal Low-Cost Housing, P.M.B. 0265, Bauchi.	077-541753 077-541706 08033153697
3	Tax Controller Azare ITa	No. 1454 Old Kano Road, Azare	08036059054 08059276416
4	Tax Controller Damaturu ITa	Potiskum Road, opp NTA, P.M.B. 1095 Damaturu, Yo be State.	075-522208 08036142226
5	Tax Controller Yola ITa	Aladima Aminu Way, P.M.B. 3115, HJmeta, Yola, Adamawa	075-625595 0806142226
6	Tax Controller Gombe ITa	Sabon Line Opp. Chimax Inter-biz, Gombe State	08037321498
7	Tax Controller Maiduguri ITa	Airport Road, P.M B. 1175 Maiduguri	076-231292 08033534274
8	Tax Controller Jos ITa	Adjacent Fed. Secretariat Complex Tundun Wada Area, Jos	08033011252
9	Tax Controller Jalingo ITa	Along Jakanda Street, opp. LCCN No.1, Mayo-Gwoi, P.M.B. 1137 Jalingo, Taraba State	829-223766 08036161686



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# DIGEST

## Drinking during pregnancy 'could increase epilepsy risk'

WOMEN who drink during pregnancy could be increasing the risk of their child developing epilepsy, a study has indicated.

The research found that children who suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) – a condition caused by maternal drinking during pregnancy – were six times more likely to suffer from epilepsy as they grew older. They were also more likely to suffer at least one seizure at some point in their lives.

Previous research has indicated a connection between drinking during pregnancy and rates of alcoholism, drug abuse, depression and even Parkinson's and stroke.

Neuroscientists said the latest study added to growing understanding about the risks posed to unborn babies by mothers' alcohol consumption, but added that it was difficult to establish a causal link between drinking and epilepsy. Dan Savage, Regents' Professor at the University of New Mexico's Department of Neurosciences said: "This report builds on a growing body of evidence that maternal drinking during pregnancy may put a child at greater risk for an even wider variety of neurologic and behavioural health problems than we had appreciated before

"The consensus recommendation of scientists and clinical investigators, along with public health officials around the world, is very clear a woman should abstain from drinking during pregnancy as part of an overall programme of good prenatal care that includes good nutrition, adequate exercise, sufficient rest, and proper prenatal health care."

Researchers examined the histories of 425 individuals from two FASD clinics, looking for a correlation between suspected risk factors including exposure to alcohol and drugs during pregnancy, and occurrences of epilepsy and seizures.

James Reynolds of the Centre for Neuroscience Studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, who contributed to the study, said: "While this report supports a growing impression that fetal alcohol exposure may predispose the immature brain to the development of epilepsy, the results do not establish a direct cause-effect relationship between FASD and epilepsy."

"Establishing a direct link between these clinical conditions will be a difficult challenge given our incomplete understanding of how ethanol damages the developing brain and what neuropathological changes in brain



DRINKING during pregnancy could increase epilepsy risk

tissue lead to the development of different types of epilepsy?"

Fits happen when there is a

sudden burst of excess electrical activity in the brain, causing a temporary disruption in the nor-

mal message passing between brain cells.

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## New species 'live without oxygen'



ONE of the species has been named Spinoloricus Cinzia, after Dr Danovaro's wife

THE first animals that do not depend on oxygen to breathe and reproduce have been discovered by scientists on the bed of the

Mediterranean Sea.

Three species of creature, which are only a millimetre long and resemble jellyfish encased

in shells, were found 2.2 miles (3.5km) underwater on the ocean floor, 124 miles (200km) off the coast of Crete, in an area with almost no oxygen.

The animals, named Loriciferans due to their protective layer, or lorica, were discovered by a team led by Roberto Danovaro from Marche Polytechnic University in Ancona, Italy.

One of the species has been named Spinoloricus Cinzia, after Dr Danovaro's wife, while the other two, known as Rugiloricus and Pliciloricus, have yet to be formally named. They were found during three expeditions to find life in the sediment of the Atlantic basin in the Mediterranean, which took place over the course of a decade.

Professor Danovaro told BBC News bodies of multicellular animals had been

found in sediment from a similarly oxygen-starved area of the Black Sea, but they were thought to have been carried there from adjacent oxygenated water.

The species found in the latest expedition were alive, two of them containing eggs, and though they died on extraction the eggs were successfully incubated on the ship, and hatched in an oxygen-starved environment. The professor said: "It is a real mystery how these creatures are able to live without oxygen because until now we thought only bacteria could do this."

Lisa Levin, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, wrote in the journal BMC Biology that further research into animals that can live without oxygen could help scientists examining the possibility of alien life existing on other planets.

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### Sign Language



Certainly not in the spirit of Easter.  
Photo location: Racine, Wisconsin, USA, by Jenny Rice  
Culled from www.signspotting.com

# SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given" - these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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	1					8	7	
	7	3		1	5			
			7					6
7		1			4		3	
		8		2		9		
	6		5			2		1
3					9			
			3	4		1	6	
	4	6						9

### Solution to Sudoku 124

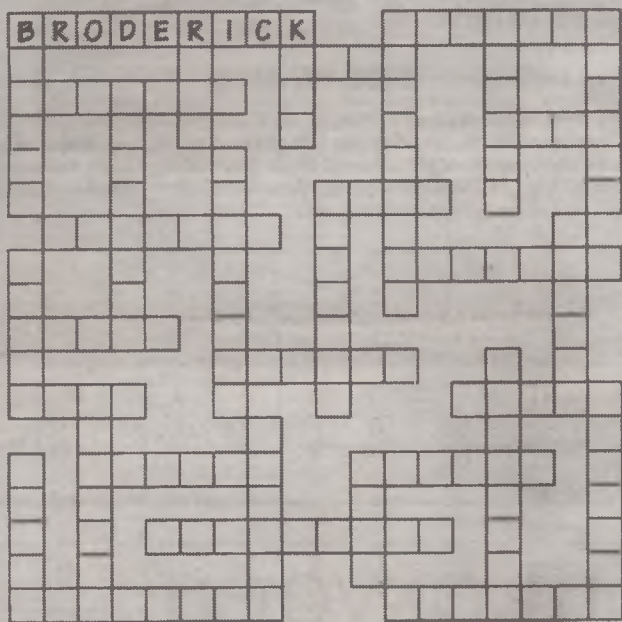
9	6	5	7	2	8	1	4	3
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5	8	4	2	6	3	9	1	7
1	2	9	4	8	7	6	3	5
3	7	6	9	5	1	2	8	4
4	9	8	5	7	6	3	2	1
6	1	2	3	9	4	7	5	8
7	5	3	8	1	2	4	9	6

## KRISS KROSS

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Kriss Kross puzzles are solved by fitting the words supplied with each puzzle into their proper places in the diagram. The words are in alphabetical order according to the number of letters. Some of the diagrams have a word or phrase inserted to start you off. The name entered into this diagram is "BRODERICK." To proceed, look for the 8-letter name beginning with "B." Continue in this manner until the puzzle is solved.

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>4 Letters</b>   | Lewis (Emmanuel) | Taylor (James)    | Shatner (William)    |
| Caan (James)       | Miles (Joanna)   | Thicke (Alan)     | <b>8 Letters</b>     |
| Down (Lesley-Anne) | Nimoy (Leonard)  | <b>7 Letters</b>  | Lawrence (Vicki)     |
| Hurt (William)     | <b>6 Letters</b> | Address (Ursula)  | Redgrave (Lynn)      |
| Khan (Chaka)       | Beatty (Warren)  | Bedelia (Bonnie)  | Sullivan (Tom)       |
| Reed (Jerry)       | Feldon (Barbara) | Daniels (William) | Travanti (Daniel J.) |
| Ross (Diana)       | Malden (Karl)    | Estrada (Erik)    | <b>9 Letters</b>     |
| York (Michael)     | Reiner (Rob)     | Lindsey (Mort)    | Broderick (Matthew)  |
| <b>5 Letters</b>   | Rogers (Fred)    | Perlman (Rhea)    | Stockwell (Dean)     |
| Caine (Michael)    | Sedaka (Neil)    | Russell (Kurt)    | Van Devere (Trish)   |



### Solution to Easy Crosswords

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PARTICLES	VIANDS	BEAT
ELIASHOWE	AMPERE	RASH
REDPLANET	SITTER	OGLE
TEE	AID	THEN
LAG	CLEF	
ENNOBLES	TIMESHEET	
SWORD	NOEL	IRKS
CUSPS		
POKE	FENS	KNEE
TAR		
ELL	HERO	MITE
RENEGES		
EVADERS	DELETIONS	RAT
DEHORN	COATROOMS	MESA
TROVE	BOUT	PANE
COATI		
RIME	SONGBIRDS	TOSSED
ANA	SUNSHADES	LANTERN
PENDING	BLOT	FOLK
GEE		
ELK	ROLL	VIOL
BUGS		
GROPE	TOYS	PENS
BANGS		
AERONAUTS	GARDENIA	
SCAR	GNU	DULY
LED	WAY	
PENT	ANNOYS	OVERDRIVE
EDGE	PEDANT	LEAVE
OPEN		
DEED	ELATES	DEFENDERS

News Extra

# Poland mourns death of President Lech Kaczynski

## ... Investigation begins into plane crash

- Pilot error blamed as witnesses report three or four attempts to land in thick fog
- At least 97 dead after plane came down in woodland
- Army chief and national bank supremo also killed in disaster
- London-based Polish parish priest among the dead



'A black day for Poland': The death toll included the country's President and wife, its central bank head and the country's military chief along with other senior government and military figures



DEAD: Polish President Lech Kaczynski and wife Maria were among 97 who perished in this morning's plane crash



A Polish man mourns at the site where Polish government Tupolev Tu-154 plane crashed near Smolensk airport

Poland was in mourning yesterday after the president and many members of the country's political and military elite were killed in a plane crash in Russia Saturday.

An investigation was underway after the plane crashed as it made its fourth attempt to land in thick fog at a military airport close to the western Russian city of Smolensk.

Russian officials say pilots ignored warnings that they were flying too low.

President Lech Kaczynski and his party were on their way to a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Katyn massacre - the slaughter of more than 20,000 Poles by the Soviet secret police and an event that has soured relations between the two countries for decades.

London-based Polish parish



WARSAW residents place candles at the gate of the Presidential Palace in Warsaw yesterday morning

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## News Extra

## Poland mourns death of President Lech Kaczynski

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priest Reverend Canon Bronislaw Gostomski was also revealed to have perished in the crash.

More than 400 Polish people attended a Saturday evening service at his parish church St Andrew Bobola in Hammersmith, west London.

The Queen led the British tributes to the President and other victims of the crash.

The Prince of Wales also expressed his sadness, along with Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Tory leader David Cameron.

Despite bad weather being blamed for the crash, analysts said there would inevitably be speculation in Poland that the Russians were somehow involved.

It was not the first time the presidential plane - a 26-year-old Russian-made Tupolev-154 - had encountered difficulties.

It had been grounded during a state visit to Mongolia 16 months ago owing to technical problems, leaving the Polish leader to charter a private jet for the next stage of his tour to Japan.

There have been 16 crashes involving Tupolev-154s since 1994, killing 1,727 people, and Poles have been asking why their president was using an aircraft with such a poor safety record rather than fly with the Polish state airline LOT whose entire fleet is Western-made.

The Tupolev clipped the tops of trees as it tried to land at Smolensk, lurching sideways and breaking into pieces. Wreckage including engines and a large part of the red and white tail were strewn over a forest less than a mile from the



**GRIEF:** A huge crowd of mourners gather in front of the Presidential Palace to pay tribute to late Polish President Lech Kaczynski, in Warsaw, Poland, yesterday.

runway.

Radio communication with the plane had been lost just before 8am Saturday. Saturday night questions were being asked about the actions of the pilot, who was killed along with all 96 passengers and crew.

Russian sources said he had received repeated warnings from air traffic control about the dangerous weather conditions and had been advised to cut short the flight and land at Minsk, the capital of Belarus.

Reports from Moscow, which were not officially confirmed, said these concerns had been passed by the flight crew to 60-year-old President Kaczynski but he had wanted to get to Smolensk because he was anxious not to miss the commem-

oration ceremony, which was to have been attended by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

Mr Putin later said he would personally lead a commission of inquiry into the accident, while the Polish authorities announced that they would hold their own investigation into what commentators described as one of the worst tragedies to befall the country since the Second World War.

Edward Lucas, a leading expert on East European affairs, said: 'Although there is no evidence that the crash was caused by sabotage, many Poles will think foul play was involved because of the historical parallels with Katyn.'

'This is a colossal tragedy for Poland, which has so often seen

its elite wiped out by emigration, mass murder or foreign occupation.'

Lech Walesa, the former shipyard electrician who inspired his country's return to democracy 21 years ago, gave voice to the deep suspicions that many Poles still have for their Russian neighbours when he said: 'This is unimaginable. It is Katyn No2.'

Special church services were held across Poland and crowds left flowers and candles outside the presidential palace in Warsaw.

Among those who died were Mr Kaczynski's wife Maria, relatives of Katyn victims and dozens of senior politicians and military commanders.

They included the head of the

armed forces, the president of the national bank, the deputy speaker of parliament, eminent historians whose research had helped uncover the truth about the massacre, and Ryszard Kaczorowski, the last president of Poland's wartime government-in-exile, which was based in London. He had been awarded an honorary knighthood by the Queen in 2004.

In London, tributes were paid to Bronislaw Gostomski, from St Andrew Bobola Church in Shepherd's Bush. His colleague, Father Marek Reczek, said: 'It is a very difficult time for our parishioners. Many of them have been coming into the church to pray. They have been crying.'

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk was reported to have wept when told of the disaster.

As president, Mr Kaczynski wielded considerable political power and was accused by critics of interfering in policy decisions.

Together with his identical twin brother Jaroslaw he founded the Law and Justice party in 2001, which stresses the traditional values of Roman Catholicism.

Jaroslaw, a former prime minister, now leads the Conservative opposition. At the age of 12, the pair shot to fame as stars of the 1962 Polish children's film *Two Who Stole the Moon*.

In the Seventies, Lech followed his brother into the anti-Communist Solidarity movement led by Walesa. In the wake of the 2005 election, Poland had both Kaczynskis holding the reins of power - Lech as President and, from July 2006 to November 2007, Jaroslaw as Prime Minister.

## World leaders pay tribute

**German Chancellor Angela Merkel:** 'The only thing I can say now is that I'm in deep shock about the plane crash and the death of the Polish president.'

**U.S. President Barack Obama:** 'Devastating to Poland, to the United States, and to the world. President Lech Kaczynski was a distinguished statesman who played a key role in the Solidarity movement, and he was widely admired in the United States as a leader dedicated to advancing freedom and human dignity.'

**Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi:** 'I was a personal friend of President Lech Kaczynski. This is a grave moment of mourning for a friendly country and Italy joins in the mourning with all its heart.'

**Prime Minister Gordon Brown:** 'President Kaczynski was one of the defining actors in Poland's modern political history. From his role in the Solidarity movement to his long and distinguished career in public service. He will be mourned across the world and remembered as a passionate patriot and democrat.'

**Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende:** 'This is a disaster of unprecedented magnitude. For the families, for all the Polish people. That this happens on such a scale is beyond comprehension.'

**Israeli President Shimon Peres:** 'The tragedy is a terrible blow to the Polish people and the entire world. President Kaczynski and his wife did much work to bring reconciliation between the Israeli and Polish peoples, and made a significant contribution

to help heal the wounds of the past and build a better common future.'

**U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:** 'President Kaczynski served his country and people with distinction and conviction.'

**Hungarian President Laszlo Solyom:** 'Friendship with Hungary, which we celebrated every year together, had a special place in his heart.'

**Jerzy Buzek, president of the European Parliament:** 'It's with great sadness that I learnt about the shocking news of the crash -- on board was my friend and a great Polish politician, Lech Kaczynski. It is with a heavy heart that I think of all those with him on board of the plane.'

**Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė:** 'I am personally shocked because I spoke with him just a day before yesterday. We have lost a good friend.'

**Lithuania Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius:** 'Poland President's death is a huge tragedy. Lithuania has lost a true friend.'

**The Federal Government of Nigeria** on Saturday in Abuja commiserated with Poland over the plane crash which killed its President Lech Kaczynski. A statement issued by Dr. Martins Uhomobhi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs said: 'The government and people of Nigeria have received with shock and sadness the news of the tragic plane crash which occurred in Western Russia in the early hours of this morning.'

## Some of the victims

Lech Kaczynski - Polish president.

Maria Kaczynska - The president's wife

Ryszard Kaczorowski - Poland's last president-in-exile

Aleksander Szczyglo - head of the National Security Office

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## News Extra

**E**ugene Terreblanche will be remembered by many in South Africa as a staunch defender of apartheid.

His funeral has left some wondering if his followers will intensify their fight for segregation or if his death is truly the end of one of the country's most painful eras.

As songs and salutes to him filled the air, Mr Terreblanche's body lay in a pine coffin.

A man whose huge figure towered over his followers and enemies alike was driven out of the grounds of the Afrikaans Protestant Church in a white hearse in the north-western town of Venterdorp, where thousands had paid their final respects.

It is difficult to believe that a man who had struck fear into the hearts of many black people and who was revered by many right-wing Afrikaners was gone.

He was buried on the family farm, some 10km from the town where Mr Terreblanche had lived since his release from prison, after serving a three-year term for the attempted murder of a farm worker.

#### 'Genocide'

This is also where he was killed, allegedly by two of his employees over a wage dispute.

Terreblanche's killing has unearthed racial tensions in the small town - tensions which are a rarely spoken fact of life in many South African rural farming communities.

Some 3,000 farmers have been killed since apartheid ended in 1994.

Members of Terreblanche's Afrikaner Resistance movement (AWB) say the murders are racially motivated; that blacks are carrying out a "genocide" against them.

Black farm workers argue that the attacks are mostly driven by the racist treatment they face at the hands of their white employers - unemployment is high here, so many put up with an abusive employer rather than losing their job - until they finally snap.

**L**ess than a week after he was killed, AWB members remain angry and bitter, some threatening to avenge his death.

The fondness with which they spoke of Terreblanche left me puzzled.

I did not know the man they spoke about - it seems incomprehensible that this was the same man the world had come to know as a white supremacist.

#### Love and hate

Many described him as a "friend", a "righteous man" and a "loving and gentle man".

"He was crucified like Jesus Christ because he spoke the truth about those people," said a young man carrying a photo of Terreblanche and a white cross, with the old, apartheid-era South African flag tied to it.

His face was red from crying, but anger still burned in his eyes as he explained why he was here.

It made me wonder how one



**HAUNTING:** Mourners give the Nazi salute as a hearse containing the body of slain white supremacist leader Eugene Terreblanche drives by in South Africa on Friday

# Eugene Terreblanche: Love and hate

man could possibly enjoy feelings of love and adoration from one race and breed hatred and disdain in another.

"What did the world not know about Eugene Terreblanche, that all the thousands of Afrikaners here know about him?" I wondered as I watched them weep with their heads bowed, passing each other tissues and extending comforting hugs.

#### 'Pure race'

An Afrikaner teacher, who did not want to give her name told the BBC that while she wanted racial reconciliation, she would have difficulty looking at her black students the same way again after two of "them" had killed the man she adored. The crowd at the ceremony was overwhelmingly white, the few black people were either journalists, special guests from the government or members of the local police - it was an

almost fitting tribute to the man who had spent his life fighting for "the pure race".

**L**inda, who refused to give her surname, and her eight-year old son were among the few black people at the ceremony.

"I have lived in this town all my life and heard horrible stories about this man, I came to see for myself that he was really gone,"

she said.

Linda criticised ANC Youth League president Julius Malema for "causing trouble for us who live here" referring to his recent singing of the apartheid song "Shoot the Boer [farmer]".

#### 'Scapegoat'

This resurrection of a song from the fight against apartheid had already raised the racial temperature in South Africa even before Terreblanche was killed. Some AWB officials said Mr Malema bore responsibility for the killing.

"Malema is not the one who has to stay here in Venterdorp. What he is saying is making things worse for us."

**W**hile the ANC insists that it has the right to sing this song, to commemorate its fight against white minority rule, it has since instructed its members to refrain from singing is because they could be "used as scapegoats by people with their own agendas".

A few minutes after the funeral procession left the church, a torrent of rain came down, soaking the ground where thousands had stood, arms raised in a Nazi-style salute to Terreblanche.

It will take more than a storm to wash away the memories of what this man was and continues to be for South Africa - a symbol of division in a nation struggling to unify after years of white minority rule.



**A little girl reads the order of service, left, while a dog and guard provide security, right**

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A luxury villa nestled in the centre of 'Greenland' island - one of 300 man-made islands, sculpted out of sand, a 15-minute boat ride off the coast of Dubai

## Dubai's \$14bn dream

OF Dubai's absurd dreams, none has failed more spectacularly than The World - 300 man-made islands sculpted from sand; only 'Greenland' has been built on. And as Adam Luck reports, the \$14bn dream has left a trail of death, debt and deception

The two-storey luxury villa rises up like a Bond villain's lair from the immaculately manicured lawn. Swaying palms shade it from the glaring Arabian sun and shelter it from prying eyes. To one side is an infinity pool, while on the other the alluring turquoise of the Persian Gulf, teeming with silver fish, appears to stretch out to infinity itself.

The only connections with the outside world are a jetty for speedboats and a helipad. Security guards patrol the beach, making it clear that visitors are not welcome. This is the paradise playground the Cambridge-educated ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed.

His irresistible idyll is at the heart of The World, a collection of 300 man-made islands sculpted out of sand, a 15-minute boat ride off the coast of Dubai. In a five-year project beginning in May 2003, 320 million cubic metres of sand were dredged from the sea to create the islands. They were built inside a lagoon protected by a 17-mile breakwa-

ter, made up of 34 million tons of rock

The islands vary in size from 120,000sq ft (one and a half football pitches) to 450,000sqft (six football pitches), with 100m of clear water between each. Such was the scale of the enterprise that you could only make out the shape of the islands modelled on Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia from space. Sheikh Mohammed's particular island represents Greenland but, more importantly, it was designed to symbolise the allure of The World and to lure in investors.

An estimated \$14 billion was sunk into the project.

## KASUPDA cautions on Millennium City

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE buying and selling of land in Danbushiya village where the proposed new Kaduna millennium city will be located violate the Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning law of 1992, Alhaji Nuhu Garba Dan ayamaka, the Public Relations Officer of Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KASUPDA) has said.

In a press statement issued to Daily Trust, KASUPDA said that developing such plots is also against sections 28,30,61 and

63 of the aforesaid law. In fact, as at now, there are over one hundred and fifty structures which have been marked as illegal in the area and KASUPDA has placed demolition notices on them, he added.

According to Dan ayamaka interested land buyers should obtain forms from the Ministry of Lands, Surveys and Country Planning in order to process their land allocations as well as building approvals from KASUPDA before erecting any structure in the millennium city. He further said that the state government has acquired all the land in the proposed city and compensated

the community.

The PRO recalled that the Kaduna master plan which was designed by Max Lock only made provision for 500,000 people but with the increase in the population of Kaduna which now stands around 1.5 million, the town's facilities have been overstretched. "The establishment of the new millennium city will help to accommodate the large population in the state," he noted, adding that "it will enable the review of Kaduna Master Plan."

Adequate infrastructure, social facilities, adequate electricity and potable water

and other amenities will be provided for in the new city, Dan ayamaka has promised. In addition, the Millennium city will be characterised by proper planning, orderly and healthy environment, the image maker further said. He reiterated that every Nigerian irrespective of religion, gender, political or socio-economic interest is eligible to live in the city.

According to him, both KASUPDA and the state ministry of Lands have been working assiduously to ensure that the detailed proposal of the proposed city is implemented to the logical conclusion.

## REDAN commends FG for creating land, housing ministry

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria, REDAN, has commended the federal government for creating a new ministry for land, housing and urban development.

Recently the former ministry of works, housing and urban development was split into two, namely: ministry of works and ministry for land, housing and urban development by the Acting President, Good luck

Jonathan, obviously in response to the call for a separate ministry to specifically address housing matters as originally provided for in the National Housing Policy.

President of REDAN, Chief Olabode Afolayan, said that with the new ministry, problems relating to land, housing and urbanisation would be easier resolved. He stated this in a press release signed by Goke Odulanmi, Secretary General of REDAN issued after its Executive Council Meeting held in Abuja at the weekend in Abuja.

Chief Afolayan further observed that the inclusion of land as a key component of the ministry takes due cognisance of its significance in relation to Housing and Urban development, and in line with the current administration's goal of ensuring access to land.

While welcoming the newly appointed minister for Land, Housing and Urban development, Hon. Nduese Essien, Chief Afolayan said that the problem of housing provision in the country is challenging and

one that requires all stakeholders to work together with a view to alleviating the despicable state the sector is currently in.

"We thank the president for attaching importance to the issue of housing as evident in the creation of the new ministry. The developers welcome this idea, and pledge their assurance for more support for the ministry. We believe that this will resolve lingering issues with land matters, which affects provision of housing delivery in the country.

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# Rivers FM station contractor warned

MRS Ibim Semenitari, Rivers State Commissioner for Information and Communications, has directed the contractor handling civil work at the state-owned Garden City FM station to start work or have the contract revoked.

She gave the order on Saturday in Port Harcourt when she paid an unscheduled inspection visit to the new office complex.

Semenitari said that government had fulfilled its part of the contract and was not prepared to accommodate any

wastage of time by any contractor.

The commissioner said: "as a matter of urgency, the contractor must speed up action on this job to justify the money he has already received for this project."

"Government is not owing the contractor and there is no reason for the job to be delayed by a day."

The government's spokesperson stressed the potentials of the project and noted that aside boosting the communication channel between government and the people, the

radio station would provide employment to many unemployed Rivers people.

Responding, Mr Shola Adjah, the major contractor handling the project, assured the commissioner that the job would be delivered on schedule.

He said that the slow speed noticed at the site was due to the delay in supplying some of the materials by some firms, even as he insisted that his company was bent on using quality materials. (NAN)



THE Reliance Hospital, nearing completion in Garki, Abuja

## Mortgage bankers partner media on housing

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

STAKEHOLDERS had of late, decided to step up efforts to address the imbalance in the Nigerian housing sector include but not limited to Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN), Primary Mortgage Institutions (PMIs), private Estate Developers, Universal Banks, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development and Mortgage Banking Association of Nigeria (MBAN) and, of course, the Media.

Of all the stakeholders in mortgage sector, MBAN, the umbrella body of all PMIs has become the major driver, the soul as well as the think-tank for the sector. It is striving to act as facilitator for the co-ordination of effective housing and mortgage policies that would create a conducive operating environment for public-private sector collaboration in the Sector.

While the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), the umbrella body of banks' CEOs leverage on a tremendous relationship it cultivate with the media to attain a positive public perception, the same can't be of MBAN. The PMIs for long have failed to explore window of opportunities offered by the media to overcome its challenges. To address leverage on the above and build a strategic relationship between MBAN and the Media, Timex Communications Limited recently anchored a two-day strategic media relations training programme in Lagos and Abuja for PMIs CEOs, which was a collaborative effort between MBAN and Enhancing Nigerian Advocacy for Better Business Environment (ENABLE). Essentially, the Workshop for PMIs' CEOs under MBAN was meant to acquaint Mortgage operators with ways to effectively partner Media in driving advocacy that would alleviate the various problems posing as obstacles to achieving affordable and decent home ownership by Nigerians.

Media Consultants assembled to provide the road-map for MBAN to achieve its goals included Former Managing Director of Daily Times Nigeria Plc and ex-Special Adviser to the former Vice President on Media and Communication, Dr. Onukaba Adinoyi-Ojo, who emphasized the need for bodies like MBAN to develop higher media profile.

He was very instructive on the critical need to create a friendly media environment, which would not only create a lot of benefits but would portray the association as a responsive self-regulatory body. Mallam Kabir Dangogo of Timex Communications, whose outfit anchored the programme, reminded the MBAN that the Media would drive most of their advocacy issues in the Sector if put in the proper perspective of the Media the proposed amendment to the Land Use Act of 1978 and its outright expunge from the Nigerian Constitution, through measurable information to Nigerians on the benefits of the amendment.

## 'Growing trend of urbanisation, threat to health'

THE Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Mr Linus Nwite, says the current trend in urbanisation poses a threat to the health of the people.

Nwite made the observation on Wednesday in Abuja, at a news briefing to mark the World Health Day, which had the theme: "Urbanisation and Health."

According to him, the World is currently undergoing the largest wave of urban growth in history and now had more than half of the world's population living in towns and cities.

"It is clear that in developing countries including Nigeria, urbanisation

has a huge consequence on health and as the cities experience population growth, infrastructure and services are over-stretched.

"This leads to environmental degradation, inadequate waste management, air/water pollution, indiscriminate defecation, increase in communicable diseases as well as increase in violence/rape and crime wave," he said.

Nwite said the health system in most urban cities carried the burden that arose from these "fall-outs" and called for a collective action on urban planning to promote healthy behaviour, building inclusive cities that are

accessible and age-friendly.

He added that health challenges arising from urbanisation were enormous and "we cannot ignore the negative impact."

Dr Peter Erike, Country Representative of WHO, who was represented by Dr Clint Nyamurekunge, in his goodwill message said the focus on urbanisation this year was because by 2030, six out of 30 people will be city dwellers.

He said the sub theme: "1,000 cities for 1,000 lives" was "apt as the urban poor suffer many vices and violence." (NAN)

## Lafia street lights now working

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE solar powered street lights in Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital are now working, with only a few dysfunctional ones, Daily Trust can report.

Daily Trust reported last week that the lights have failed even after about four replacements, with only a few working, but hardly above candle light.

But an observation at the weekend showed the lights are back in full, although government officials declined to speak on the development. Now, only a few poles are still without functional bulbs.

Residents spoken to say they observed technicians working on the lights last week. "They worked very well and the lights are good, I must say"

said a shop owner who gave her name only as Chidinma.

Road users have commended government for the development. "I commend the government. I am happy with the development. It is good to have lights along major roads in a place light Lafia. Apart from the illumination, they also provide aesthetics. That is good. The government must be encouraged to continue with this," said a commercial motorist who refused to disclose his full identity.

Another, a commercial motorcycle rider, said the government has won his heart with this development, since, according to him "what we had before now were no lights at all; they were only a semblance of lights. These ones are good and I like them."

The state government rose recently with another contract for the installation of another stretch of street lights which the contractors - Energy Power Tech called "better street lights" to bring aesthetics to Lafia. The contract sum is N218,679,314.93. The new project, according to the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Timothy Anjide who represented Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma at the contract signing ceremony, is expected to provide Ceramic Plasma and Solar Lights for 4.9 kilometres, covering three roads - namely Emir's Palace, Kilema and Doma roads.

The representative of the contractor, Cannon Ephraim called them "the latest technology of solar street lights."

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# IT WORLD

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## Nigerian mobile subscriber base hits 79 million

By Yunus Abdulhamid

THE number of active subscriber lines in the Nigerian telephony network has grown to 78.5 million, immediate past Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigerian Communications Commission, Engr. Ernest Ndukwe has said.

Ndukwe was speaking in Abuja at a farewell party organised by the commission in his honour after spending 10 years in the saddle at the NCC.

He handed over to Engr. Stephen Adedayo Bello, Executive Commissioner in charge of Stakeholder Management on the order of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan. Bello will hold the forth as acting Executive Vice Chairman till a substantive appointment is made by the federal government, Ndukwe said.

Ndukwe in his valedictory speech pleaded for pardon from whoever he may have offended during his stay at the NCC.

He said: "I also want to say that during my term at the NCC, it is possible that I might have offended some people, I don't think I have offended anybody as such, but if I did just know that it is because of the course of my duty."

A study undertaken by UK based Pyramid Research published in March had shown that mobile subscriptions surpassed 72.6 million at the end of 2009 resulting in a penetration rate

of 50%. The study was commissioned by the NCC. It made a projection of 128 million subscribers by 2014. Nigeria had about 400,000 telephone lines as at 2001 before the liberalisation of the telecom industry which has seen it grow astronomically in the past 10 years.

Ndukwe had some words of advice for his successor. "You should not forget the operating companies because we have not installed a single line (at NCC).

The only thing that has made the difference is that we created the right environment to make it happen. The industry can be affected and if negatively, you would have lost all the gains you have made."

He said: "People say that we have a larger number of lines because of our population. I wish to remind them that we have always had a large population since 1960 and that after 40 years of independence we had only 400,000 lines to boast about."



From left: Lagos State Deputy Governor Princess Adebisi Sarah Shosan, presenting a package to a beneficiary during the launch of the Lagos State Deputy Governor's Youth Empowerment Programme recently. With her are (third from left) Globacom's Public Sector Department Manager Mr. Mansur Opakunle and Lagos State Chairman of the Action Congress Otunba Henry Ajomale

## Glo partners Lagos state on youth empowerment

By Zakariyya Adaramola

THE Lagos State Government in collaboration with national telecoms operator, Globacom, has commenced an economic empowerment project for youths in all the Local Government areas of the State.

The project, according to statement from Globacom was flagged-off by the Lagos State Deputy Governor, Princess Adebisi Sarah Sosan at a ceremony in Ikeja, the state capital.

At the ceremony, the first set of beneficiaries were presented with sets of Public Call Office (PCO) facilities including Glo Mobile SIM packs, handsets, parasols and start-up cash.

"After the event, Globacom commenced a training programme for the new operators, starting with the first set of beneficiaries.

"Subsequently, the Glo training programme will move to the various Local Government Areas in order to reach other beneficiaries who are located in remote areas.

"Mr. Mansur Opakunle of the Globacom Public Sector Department said that the call rates on the lines are kept at the barest minimum as they are designed especially for commercial telephone operators.

Mansur said Globacom was involved in the project because of its resolve to uplift the living standards of Nigerians and its understanding that communication is key to the performance and effectiveness of any economy.

## Starcomms extends 24hrs free call

By Zakariyya Adaramola

STARCOMMS Plc has extended its 24 hours of free on-net talk-time promo by one month.

According to the Chief Commercial Officer of Starcomms, Tushar Maheshwari, the company decided to extend the date due to the growing popularity of the promo and the response from its subscribers.

Starcomms last month began the promo as part of its efforts to reward its subscribers for their loyalty to the Starcomms brand.

Maheshwari said the extension of the promo was done to allow the subscribers to continue to savour the pleasure of being on the Starcomms network saying that the operator will consistently offer more efficient and reliable value added services to its grow-

ing numbers of subscribers.

He added that with the extension of the promo, existing subscribers can now take meet their communication needs by be in contact with friends and family members.

In the ongoing promotion, the subscriber needs to recharge his phone with at least N250 daily and he is qualified to enjoy the service.

## ...voted CDMA of the Year 2009

By Zakariyya Adaramola

NIGERIAN telecommunications subscribers have adjudged Starcomms as the best CDMA operator in the country. The company won the "CDMA Operator of the Year 2009" award in the maiden edition of the Beacon of ICT Awards, a pan-Nigerian information technology and communications awards which took place in Lagos, a statement from the company has said.

The awards ceremony was the culmination of an online voting process in which all Nigerians were invited to participate.

Receiving the award from the former Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigeria Telecommunications Commission Engr. Ernest Ndukwe, the Chief Commercial Officer of Starcomms, Mr. Tushar Maheshwari appreciated the Nigerian telecommunication subscribers for recognizing the quality of product and services that Starcomms have been providing them.

"The award is a tribute to the faith the consumer has in Starcomms and the hard work put in by all the employees to make Starcomms a truly customer centric organization. We will ensure that we continue in our pursuit of bringing the latest services to them," he said.

## Symantec alerts on credit card dumping

By Zakariyya Adaramola

SYMANTEC says its analysts have noted a worrying increase of so-called credit card dumps on offer in criminal underworld over the past year. Dumps are copies of the information stored on the magnetic stripe of the original card usually obtained via electronic "skimming devices" fitted to the credit card machine or bank teller. Use of credit cards in Nigeria has been on the steady increase over the years, and Nigerians and the Nigerian financial system have also been alerted on this increased danger in credit card dumping, and urged to be more alert.

According to Candid Wüest, senior threat researcher at Symantec, the devices often take the form of an additional card reader that is placed over the original and records any data that passes through it.

"Skimming devices can be combined with a doctored keypad that is placed over the real one or a small video camera that records the PIN code entered for each card. "Newer versions even contain a GSM module that will send the encrypted dumps back to the attacker. Video footage from surveillance cameras has shown that scammers can install the fake keypad and card reader in under five seconds," he says.

Once the criminals have the information, they have the card number and can clone the credit card. Wüest said: "The clones can be almost indistinguishable from authentic cards, often including holograms and embossed gold numbers. If the criminals have recorded the PIN codes, the cards can be used at any ATM to withdraw cash."

Spotting a skimming device is usually not easy as the devices are highly sophisticated and usually match the look and feel of the credit card or teller machine. Consumers are advised look out for any attached keypads or strange looking card slots. Often they are fixed point mounted and create a small overlap that just looks a bit odd and wiggles a bit.

# IT World

## Are passwords a waste of time?

SIMPLE answer? No, of course not. Passwords themselves are still fine. It's the constant changing of passwords every few weeks in the enterprise environment that's the issue.

In fact, the constant changing is counterproductive, says a new study from Microsoft Research.

In the paper, Cormac Herley, a principal researcher for Microsoft Research describes an admittedly crude economic analysis to determine the value of user time.

He calculated that if the approximately 200 million US adults who go online earned twice the minimum wage, a minute of their time each day equals about \$16 billion a year.

Therefore, for any security measure to be justified, each minute users are asked to spend on it daily should reduce the harm they are exposed to by \$16 billion annually

Worse still, changing passwords isn't all that effective to begin with, because the practice assumes that the snooper who's just lifted your password is going to wait until you've changed to a new one to use it.

Globe editor Mark Pothier, wrote; "that's about as likely as a crook lifting a house key and then waiting until the lock is changed before sticking it in the door."

Add in the fact that security professionals are always adding additional layers and instructions and complexities to their list of demands, and it's no wonder that users' eyes often glaze over during security training.

Security expert Bruce Schneier suggests circumventing the "time wasted" issue with studies and anecdotal data, as doctors do when they show a direct connection between heart disease and smoking.

"If you do this, Mr. User, this will happen" studies are, ironically, something the security industry does not do well, Herley said in his interview with the Globe. Instead, they blanket users with pages and pages of instruction.

Eventually, this eats into their productivity. Given a choice between implementing a bunch of new security features that really don't affect them because they don't use stupid passwords and don't click on Nigerian phishing scams, or finishing that TPS report on time, they're going to choose the TPS report.

So, Herley argues, we need more info; less gloom and doom talk; and security pros need to understand that all this education costs users time, while benefiting only that small sliver who actually need to be told 123456 is a bad password.

[The Boston Globe]

## Etisalat introduces promo for South-south users

By Zakariyya Adaramola

ETISALAT Nigeria has announced the introduction of a special promotional package targeted at its subscribers in the south-south and south-eastern parts of the country, a statement from the company has said.

The location-based tariff promo, offers its subscribers in the two regions the opportunity to make calls on the Etisalat network for 25kobo per second for both on net and off net calls while the promo lasts.

A 50% discount, the statement said, would automatically be applied to all calls made by new and existing Easy Starter or Easy Cliq subscribers originating from states like Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo, Rivers, Abia, Anambra, Cross Rivers, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo.

It quoted Etisalat Director of Sales, Tolu Ojo, as saying that the location-based promo is applicable on all national calls made during peak periods within the listed coverage areas.

Tolu Ojo explained: "If a subscriber who is already benefiting from the discount moves out of the coverage area for the promo, normal rates will automatically apply.

However, if he returns to the 'zone', he or she will again enjoy the reduced tariff structure available for both the south-south and south-eastern states under this promo.

There is no boundary between any of the states for subscribers. Their movement within the region will not affect the attractive discounts available to them in the promo."



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We are therefore joining millions of his well-wishers to pray to Almighty Allah to protect and guide him to succeed in this national assignment.

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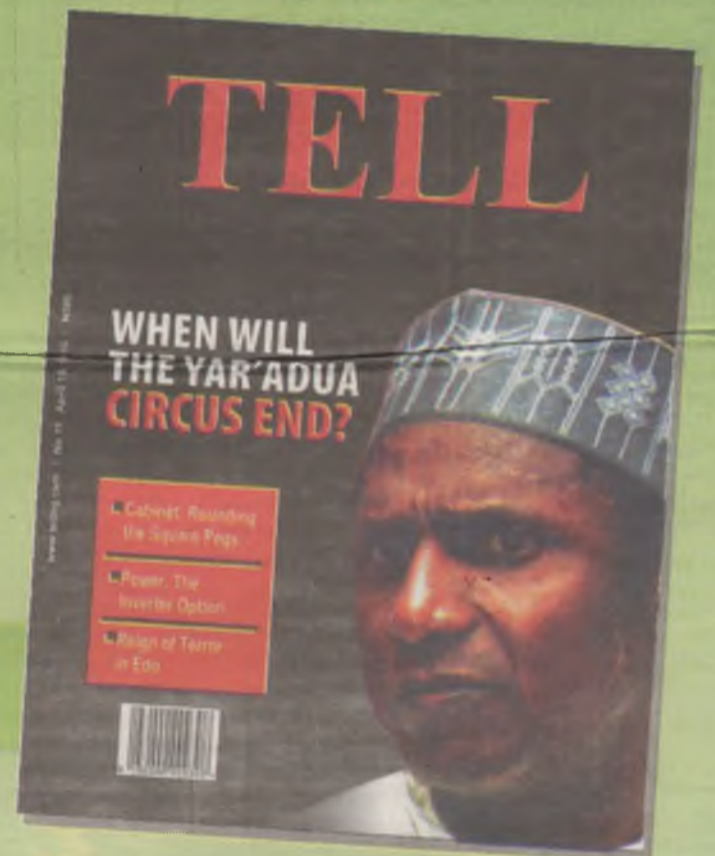
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PIC: ABUBAKAR SADIQ ISAH

ACTION Congress supporters protesting at Abaji ...Saturday.

## Council polls: Abaji AC supporters protest result

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

SUPPORTERS as well as members of the Action Congress (AC) at Abaji yesterday morning protested over the result released by the Independent National Electoral Commission that declared the Peoples Democratic Party's candidate as the winner of the chairmanship council polls.

INEC's result which saw Alhaji Musa Yahaya Muhammed, the incumbent chairman of the council as winner was announced at 2.13 am.

The result INEC released showed PDP having 6,130 votes, AC 5,364 and the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) got 2,239 votes.

Our reporter learnt that immediately after the results were released, protesters in large numbers blocked the Abuja-Lokoja highway as well as the Abaji-Agyana road with heavy logs of wood

and burnt tyres to show their displeasure at the result.

An AC member lamented that even before the results were read, armed mobile policemen drafted to INEC's office in the council were already shooting tear gas into the air to scare people from the venue. "There was stampede in residential quarters close to INEC's office as families, who slept outside because of heat, had to rush inside their rooms to avoid suffocation," the member said.

Commenting on the protest, AC Abaji Chairman, Alhaji Muhammed Angulu Bello, accused the PDP of rigging at some polling units in rural areas of the council.

According to him, the PDP allegedly rigged at Agyana, Nanda, Mamagi, Gawu, Kutara and Gurdy villages after using suspected thugs to chase away party agents from other parties.

He said the thugs forcefully snatched some voter's cards and beat an AC party agent to stupor.

"They inflicted injuries on the agent, destroyed his motorcycle at Mamagi village, before chasing voters from the polling unit and AC is pained because it happened in the presence of security operatives and they did nothing," he lamented.

The chairman disclosed that another AC member, Idris Mohammed was badly brutalised at a polling unit in Nuku village by thugs suspected to be sympathetic to the PDP in the presence of policemen.

He said three vehicles that conveyed AC members from Pandagi Gbako to Nanda Polling unit had their windscreen smashed and the members' voter's cards seized by the thugs.

The AC chairman vowed that noting will stop the party from

contesting the election result at the election petition tribunal as they are confident of winning their case with the genuine result at hand.

One of the injured AC members, Idris Mohammed, alleged he complained that the way the ballot box was placed is not safe, when Abaji Council's secretary, who is from the village ordered some youths to beat him in the presence of security men.

"I was only complaining for the ballot box to be placed in a safe way, when the council secretary ordered some boys to beat me in the presence of security men," he said.

Efforts to get the reaction of Deputy Commissioner of Police, Steven A. Ekpei, who headed security in the area proved abortive but Abaji Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Adepebga K. Adetoye, confirmed the incident and said the matter has been resolved.

## Man accused of inserting screw driver into girl's private part

By Lucas Istifanus

A middle-aged man, Kingsley Nwachukwu, was last Wednesday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly inserting a screw driver into the private part of his seven-year-old maid.

Prosecutor Lucas Ephraim told the court that the victim (names withheld) reported to the police on April 2 that the accused was found of beating her and recently inserted a screw driver into her private part.

He said the abuse resulted to severe injuries on the girl's body, including her private part, adding that the accused committed offences contrary to Section 238(b) of the Penal Code Law.

Magistrate C. O. Oba directed that the case be transferred to a family court, as it is the most appropriate court to hear such matters.

Our reporter learnt that the accused is presently in detention, pending when he will be arraigned before a family court, while the victim is on admission at Kubwa General Hospital.

## AEPB impounds seven vehicles

By Usman A. Bello & Romoke W. Ahmad

OFFICIALS of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) at the weekend raided the premises of illegal motor parks at Area 1 and Area 3.

The officials impounded six vehicles found in the places.

AEPB's Special Adviser on security matters, Titus Ndawa, said the raid became necessary because the operators of such parks aid criminals who dispose residents of their belongings in the evening, adding that they also constitute nuisance and litter the areas.

"On daily basis, you see people whose money and bags have been stolen crying for help," he added.

Titus informed that AEPB gave commercial drivers a place to load and offload passengers but they have refused to use it, adding that the drivers have been warned on numerous occasions that they will be prosecuted.

He said the drivers of the arrested vehicle will be prosecuted in mobile court as well as made to sign undertakings not to operate in such areas.

It would be recalled that the Abuja Environmental Protection Board raided the Area 1 illegal motor park last month and arrested commercial vehicles as well as tricycles, called Keke NAPEP.

## ...As rights agency criticises INEC

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah & Romoke W. Ahmad

THE National Human Rights Commission's Chief Electoral Monitor, Harry Obe, yesterday criticised the late arrival of electoral materials and INEC officials at polling units during the FCT area council polls.

He said voters, who came early were disenchanted by the situation and most of them left after waiting for a long time, adding that it caused considerable disenfranchisement.

"In many polling stations, voting started at about 12 pm and many eligible voters could not

find their names in the voter's register which further disenfranchised many eligible voters," he added.

Obe observed that INEC did not take cognizance of the hot climate condition in Abuja and would have started early to record an appreciable turnout of voters.

He praised the considerable number of security agents deployed to polling units but lamented that they were ill equipped with communication as well as security gadgets to enhance their duties.

The electoral monitor commended the turn out in Kuje, Bwari Kwali, Gwagwalada and

Abaji councils and said general voters apathy was witnessed at the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC).

He called on INEC to strive to live up to the general expectations of Nigerians at future elections as voters experience this time shows a general lack of confidence in the ability of INEC.

In another development, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) yesterday declared Mr. Joseph Shazin of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP), winner of Kwali Area Council's chairmanship election.

INEC's Returning Officer in Kwali, Idowu Olayemi, disclosed

that ANPP polled 8,845 votes and were closely followed by the PDP that had 8,228.

The incumbent Gwagwalada Area Council Chairman, Alhaji Zakari Angulu Dobi (ANPP), also emerged winner by getting 10,990 votes as against 8,852 votes scored by Alhaji Saidu Garba Zuba of the PDP.

Similarly, the incumbent chairman of Kuje Area Council, Mr. Danladi Etsu Zhin of the PDP was returned after polling 12,349 votes, while PDP's candidates Peter Yohanna and Michael Jiba won at Bwari and the Abuja Municipal Area Council respectively.



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5. Tender documents are available for collection in the office of the Deputy Director (Geo-Information).

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4. Please note that only short listed companies that satisfied the pre-qualification conditions are to collect the detailed tender documnets to enable them bid for boundary projects. All contrcators are expected to collect departmental specifications for boundary jobs from the Director (Boundaries) if and when required.

Secretary, Ministerial Tenders Board,  
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12th April, 2010

# Corps members decry treatment at polling units

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

HUNDREDS of corps members drafted to polling units at the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) Saturday night complained that they were not paid their allowances or given food.

The corps members prevented AMAC's Electoral Officer, Mr. Musa, from entering his office at Karu until he pays them their allowances as promised by the Resident Electoral Commissioner,

Dr. Stephen Many.

Majority of those that protested worked at Orozo as well as Karshi wards and they complained that they were abandoned by the presiding officers, who collected ballot papers and left them stranded.

Our reporter saw AMAC's electoral officer appealing to the aggrieved corps members that their complaints will be looked into.

The electoral officer as directed the accountant in his office to immediately

pay the corps members their feeding money and assured that their allowances will be paid on Monday.

He also promised to investigate the activities of the presiding officers, who dumped them after the election.

One corps member who craved anonymity after the payment expressed his gratitude for the quick intervention of the electoral officer and hoped that INEC will pay them their allowances on Monday.

## Court strikes out forgery case against student

By Usman A. Bello

AN Abuja magistrate court has struck out an alleged forgery case against one Kasheem Yusuf, a 300 level student of the University of Ilorin.

Yusuf, who was accused of forging South Africa and China visas to Influence the U S Embassy to issue him

entry document to their country was granted bail.

The case was subsequently adjourned on several occasions due to the absence of the prosecutor and at a recent resumed hearing, the clerk informed the court that the prosecutor was absent again without a message to the court.

Counsel to the accused then urged the court to discontinue with the case so that his client can face his study, adding that his client will make himself available when the prosecutor is ready.

Chief Magistrate David Ochimana struck out the case for lack of diligent prosecution.

## NAOWA opens skills acquisition centre in Abuja

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Nigerian Army Officers Wives Association (NAOWA) at the weekend commissioned a vocational training and skills acquisition centre at Mambila Barracks, Abuja.

While commissioning the centre, the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Paul Dike commended NAOWA for addressing the problems of unemployment, adding that more skills acquisition facilities are being established in barracks to address unemployment.

Dike lamented that unemployment affecting women and youths are manifold and

hold back development.

He listed some of the problems as militancy, violence and other forms of crimes, noting that they will be reduced with the establishment of skills acquisition centres.

President of NAOWA, Hadiza Bello Dambazau disclosed that the centre will step up their literacy programme, especially among female children in the barracks and its environs. "There are facilities and instructors in the centre in different fields, including secretariat studies, catering/hotel management, cosmetology/beauty therapy and information technology.

## FCT Minister gets chief of staff

By Nasir Imam

FCT Minister, Senator Bala Muhammad has appointed Architect Baba Muhammad-Dadi as his new Chief of Staff to assist in the smooth running of his administration.

Dadi until his appointment was the Federal Controller of Housing & Urban Development and holds a Bachelors of Science degree (B. Sc) in Architecture and a Masters of Science degree (M. Sc) in Architecture both from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

The new Chief of Staff, who hails from Bauchi State, is also a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Architects.

## Security guards charged with theft

By Usman A. Bello

THE police on Friday arraigned two security guards, Maza Yaki and Anthony Danjuma before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly stealing Nitel cables.

The accused persons, who work for Close Watch Security Company, were arraigned on a two-count charge of criminal con-

spiracy and theft, offences punishable under Section 97 and 289 of the Penal Code Law.

Prosecutor Patck Obeta told the court that Close Watch Security Company's Supervisor, Enogor Nkanu Samuel, reported to the police that in 2009, the accused persons were detailed guard Nitel's Exchange site at Gwarimpa, adding that they

conspired and dishonestly stole four drums of Nitel cables valued at N4.4 million.

When the charges were read to the accused persons, they pleaded not guilty and requested for bail.

Magistrate Alkali Bashir granted them bail in the sum of N400,000 each with two sureties in like sums and adjourned the case for hearing.



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# Inside Politics

## 2011: Youths group for IBB launched

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

A new group of youths championing the presidential aspiration of former military president Ibrahim Babangida has been inaugurated in Minna.

The Youths Network for IBB was inaugurated at a ceremony in the Niger State capital, and chairman of the network Mohammed Tukur Haido said it has membership in all the 36 states and Abuja.

Haido told newsmen on Friday after the inauguration that Babangida was the only personality who could bring the desired changes for the country. He said also that the former military leader's mistakes would form the basis of attaining near perfection in his leadership in 2011.

"Identifying an individual like General Babangida was not an easy task as a lot has been taken into cognisance considering the delicate political climate in the nation at present," he said.

"It is worthy of note that IBB has been studying the political terrain in the country for the past 17 years since he left power and has had enough time to ponder over past mistakes and the way forward.

"We are also aware of the fact that some of our generation may find it difficult to understand why we should support a candidate from older crop, but the simple explanation is that we need more than exuberance, agility and intelligence but also experience," Haido added.

National secretary of the group Mohammed Buhari also said at the inauguration that Babangida's record as a distinguished soldier and accomplished military president has made him the best candidate for the country.

He said the vast experience of the general would help to bring about political stability and economic prosperity if he returns as civilian president in 2011.



CHAIRMAN of the group Mohammed Haido says they would mobilise support for Babangida in the 2011 presidential election.

## Anambra PDP leadership to reconcile factions

From Beatrice Onuchukwu, Awka

NEWLY constituted caretaker committee of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Anambra State says it is ready to reconcile warring factions and also bring back members who decamped to other parties.

Speaking shortly after the nine-man committee was presented to the members on Saturday in Awka, interim chairman Chief Cosmas Agagbo expressed optimism that the committee would conclude its assignment within the one-month time frame.

Agagbo said the committee would reach out to all the factions and members who left to other parties.

The National Working Committee (NWC) of the party recently inaugurated the committee which has Agagbo as its chairman. Members of the committee are Sam Okechukwu, Don Obiekie, Emma Mbamalu, Benji Ezeugwu, Somtoo Udenze, Jessie Balonwu, Amamchukwu Ezike and Okechukwu Nwizugbe.

The committee is set up to among other things hold a congress to elect a new leadership for the party in the state.

In his address at the ceremony, Professor Chukwuma Soludo, the PDP candidate in the February gubernatorial election, urged all members of the party to forget the past and face the future.

## 'Endorsements for Doma inconsequential'

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

A governorship aspirant in Nasarawa State, Alhaji Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, has said he was not intimidated with the endorsement of Governor Aliyu Doma for a second term by some politicians. He said the party's candidate would be decided at a primary election.

"Power belongs to God and it comes from the finger prints of the people. If what I see in my wide consultation with the people is anything to go by, the result is beyond these tea parties called endorsements," Al-Makura told *Daily Trust*.

Al-Makura, a chieftain of the PDP in the state, said such endorsements were organised by sycophants seeking for favours from the government.

"If I were to be intimidated by the so-called endorsements, I would not have even declared my intention to contest. Even without the so-called endorsements, the fact that Doma is an incumbent governor is enough to intimidate any contender.

"But I am not intimidated because incumbency or the so-called endorsements are no qualities. I

think Nasarawa people are looking for qualities that will mark a positive departure from the ugly past, not other considerations," he said.

"PDP as a party has its rules and regulation, guidelines. As a true party man, I believe in PDP, its guidelines, constitution and by the time the guidelines come out, people will know that all what the crowds including rented ones from Benue and Plateau have done is in futility," he added.



GOV. Aliyu Doma

## Congress: PDP members tackle Jang

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

MEMBERS of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Plateau State have countered Governor Jonah Jang on his move to stop the PDP congress in the state.

The members who held a press briefing in Jos, in reaction to the alarm raised by the governor on the coming congress of the party, said Jang erred by saying that the congress should not hold.

Speaking on behalf of the members, Mr. Sylvanus Namang, the former publicity secretary of a PDP faction, said Jang's position

was intended to weaken the party.

"We as members of the PDP in Plateau are desirous that the state congress should hold because since last year when the two factions in the state were dissolved, the PDP in the state has been without a leader and this is not good for any party so we want the congress to hold," he said.

Namang said the only legal body that has the authority to conduct congress for the party in the state is the caretaker committee set up by the national working committee, adding that Jang's claim of being

the leader of the party did not empower him to stop the congress.

He advised the governor not to use the security situation in the state to play politics. "He cannot blow hot and cold at the same time. He has told the world that peace has returned to Plateau and that the NYSC should not redeploy corps members. But now he is saying that as chief security officer of the state that he cannot guarantee security for the state congress to hold. Leaders should stop playing politics with the lives of people," Namang said.

## Critics fear allies of Yar'adua interfering

PRESIDENT Umaru Yar'adua has not appeared in public for months due to his health, but some critics fear his allies may be working to undermine recent moves by the acting president.

The critics point to recent visits to Yar'adua by Christian and Muslim leaders on separate occasions just ahead of the swearing in of acting President Goodluck Jonathan's new cabinet.

They say that the visits amounted to an attempt to show Yar'adua remains engaged and may be able to

return to office despite no news on his condition.

Neither Jonathan nor any senior government official was known to have seen Yar'adua since his return to Nigeria in February, fuelling speculation that his family, especially his wife Turai, is controlling access to him.

Lagos human rights lawyer Femi Falana said the visits by the religious leaders were "part of the moves by Yar'adua's wife to cause further confusion in politics... to give the impression that her husband will soon return to office."

"The timing of the visits was also important. The motive was to frustrate the inauguration of Jonathan's newly-appointed ministers," said Falana.

Nobel literature laureate Wole Soyinka, who has vowed to send in a request to visit Yar'adua as a traditional Yoruba Orisa spiritual worshipper, said this week that "there is a kind of insolence going on ... as privileged groups are now allowed to see him."

No update on Yar'adua's health status has been made public since November,

when his doctor said he was suffering from a heart condition.

"When Cuba's Fidel Castro was ill, he was seen by all. Why has our president not been seen or heard on national television or radio?" Jo Okei-Odu-makin, head of Campaign for Democracy, a coalition of rights groups, told AFP.

"It is a diversionary tactic... meant to destabilise Jonathan's government of necessity, a calculated attempt to show that Yar'adua is around Jonathan." (AFP)

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### GARKUWA EDUCATION HALL OF FAME

Notice is hereby given that the above-named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for registration under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), 2004.

#### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- (1) Prof. Adamu Baikie
- (2) Prof. Gidado Tahir
- (3) Mataimaki Tom Maiyashi
- (4) Hajjya Amina Ibrahim

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage individuals and corporate bodies in the field of education.
2. To have structure pursuant to the achievement and/or enhancement of the goal of charity.
3. Serve as a nucleus for research, collation, documentation and preservation of educational data of the Northern States of the Federation of Nigeria.
4. To cooperate and associate with governments and nongovernmental organizations having similar objectives.

Any objections to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 565, Ndola Square, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja within 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

**SULEMAN Y. FARMAN ESQ.**  
SOLICITOR  
080-23634806

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BUSINESS EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

#### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Dr. M. M. Aliyu
2. Dr. A. A. Uddoh
3. Mall. San Ibrahim
4. Mrs. Adebisi K. I.
5. Pastor J. Tunde Adeshina
6. Mr. C. Perokpo
7. Mr. A. Adeyemi

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To serve as a forum that will provide orientation which will enable business education programme in various institutions move with the global world.
  2. To serve as agency that will enable staff development through seminars, conferences, journal publications, workshops etc.
- Any objections to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission Plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, PMB 198, Garki, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:

**Mahmood M. Aliyu Esq**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA LICENCED CUSTOMS AGENTS

The general public is hereby put on notice that the above-named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission to effect alterations to the provisions of its Constitution in accordance with the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

#### THE ALTERATIONS ARE:

Paragraphs i, ii and vi of the Preamble, Sections 3(i), 3(k) and 3(l), Section 4(3)(a), deletion of former 4a, deletion in paragraph 4(2)(b), Sections 5(1), 5(2), 5(3)(c), 5(3)(f), 5(3)(j), 5(3)(k) and deletion of former paragraph 5(4)(i), Sections 6(b), 6(c), 6(d), 6(h), 6(i), 6(j), Sections 7(1)(b), 7(2), 7(2)(c), 7(3), 7(4), 7(5)(a), 7(5)(b), 7(5)(h), 7(5)(i), 7(5)(m), 7(5)(n), 7(5)(o), 7(7)(c), 7(7)(g), 7(8)(a), 7(8)(c), 7(8)(f), 7(8)(g) and deletion of former paragraphs 8(2)(b) and 8(9), Sections 8(1)(a), 8(1)(c), 8(2), 8(2)(b), Sections 9(2)(b), 9(2)(c), 9(3), 9(4) and deletion of former paragraphs 9(2), 8(3) and 8(4)(b), Sections 10(a), 10(g), 10(h), 10(i), 10(m), 10(p), 10(q), Section 11(2)(h), Sections 12(1), 12(1)(a), 12(1)(b), 12(1)(c), 12(1)(d), 12(1)(e), 12(1)(f), 12(1)(g), 12(1)(h), 12(1)(i), 12(1)(j), 12(1)(k), 12(1)(l), 12(1)(m), 12(1)(n), 12(1)(o), 12(1)(p), 12(1)(q), 12(1)(r), 12(1)(s), 12(1)(t), 12(1)(u), 12(1)(v), 12(1)(w), 12(1)(x), 12(1)(y), 12(1)(z), 12(1)(aa), 12(1)(ab), 12(1)(ac), 12(1)(ad), 12(1)(ae), 12(1)(af), 12(1)(ag), 12(1)(ah), 12(1)(ai), 12(1)(aj), 12(1)(ak), 12(1)(al), 12(1)(am), 12(1)(an), 12(1)(ao), 12(1)(ap), 12(1)(aq), 12(1)(ar), 12(1)(as), 12(1)(at), 12(1)(au), 12(1)(av), 12(1)(aw), 12(1)(ax), 12(1)(ay), 12(1)(az), 12(1)(ba), 12(1)(bb), 12(1)(bc), 12(1)(bd), 12(1)(be), 12(1)(bf), 12(1)(bg), 12(1)(bh), 12(1)(bi), 12(1)(bj), 12(1)(bk), 12(1)(bl), 12(1)(bm), 12(1)(bn), 12(1)(bo), 12(1)(bp), 12(1)(bq), 12(1)(br), 12(1)(bs), 12(1)(bt), 12(1)(bu), 12(1)(bv), 12(1)(bw), 12(1)(bx), 12(1)(by), 12(1)(bz), 12(1)(ca), 12(1)(cb), 12(1)(cc), 12(1)(cd), 12(1)(ce), 12(1)(cf), 12(1)(cg), 12(1)(ch), 12(1)(ci), 12(1)(cj), 12(1)(ck), 12(1)(cl), 12(1)(cm), 12(1)(cn), 12(1)(co), 12(1)(cp), 12(1)(cq), 12(1)(cr), 12(1)(cs), 12(1)(ct), 12(1)(cu), 12(1)(cv), 12(1)(cw), 12(1)(cx), 12(1)(cy), 12(1)(cz), 12(1)(da), 12(1)(db), 12(1)(dc), 12(1)(dd), 12(1)(de), 12(1)(df), 12(1)(dg), 12(1)(dh), 12(1)(di), 12(1)(dj), 12(1)(dk), 12(1)(dl), 12(1)(dm), 12(1)(dn), 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SIGNED:

**CHIZORA OMEKACHE, ESQ.**  
Solicitor, 07870220980

## ADVERTISEMENT

### SALE OF APPLICATION FORMS FOR FCT FISH FARM ESTATE, BARANGONI- BWARI AREA COUNCIL

The FCT Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat is allocating limited spaces at the FCT Fish Farm Estate at Barangoni in Bwari Area Council.

Interested members of the public are hereby informed that forms are obtainable at the Fisheries Office of Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat, Area 11, Garki Abuja.

The forms are obtainable on payment of the stipulated amount into Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat Account - 327173253130 at any branch of Unity Bank Plc.

The fees are as follows:

1. Fish farming space N 5,000
2. Clinic Space N10,000
3. Recreation Space N20,000
4. Multipurpose space N30,000
5. Bank Space N50,000

The sale of forms commences on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2010 and ends on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2010.

Signed:

**SECRETARY, Allocation Committee**

## CAVEAT EMPTOR

The stamped deed of assignment over certificate of occupancy No. 12307 covering plot No. 4 Gobir Road, Ungwan Rimi, Kaduna dated 1st November 1965 belonging to Gashash Brothers Nigeria Limited is missing. Please if found, kindly return to Director of Lands, Ministry of Lands, Survey and Country Planning, Kaduna.

Signed

**Abubakr I. Gashash**

## LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Re-certification and Re-issuance of C of O (Acknowledgement Paper) with Old File No. KW 711 and new File No. AD 10539 DATED 06/13/05 in respect of plot No. 562, Cadastral Zone A05, Abuja in the name of Alhaji Abdurrahman Okene and Power of Attorney donated in favour of Musa Yahya in respect of the same Plot Registered as FC103 at page 103 in volume 32 PA dated 16/03/2005. If found please take to nearest police station or AGIS.

## ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHARISMATIC REVIVAL MINISTRIES

This is to inform the general public that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

The foundation has the following people as trustees:

1. Chinedu O. Agorson
2. Mrs Kelechi E. Agorson

#### Aims and Objectives

1. To propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. To create spiritual awakening in men and women.
3. To banish hopelessness and restore joy in people through the teaching of God's word.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, P.M.B. 196 Area 11, Garki, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:

**Mrs Kelechi E. Agorson**

## VISIONARY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

The general public is hereby notified that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

#### The trustees are:

- |                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Alh. Auwal Farouk Abdussalam | - Chairman  |
| 2. Dr. Bashir Bello             | - Secretary |
| 3. Hon. Shehu Moh'd Mai-Shanu   | - Member    |
| 4. Mal. Bello Amiru             | - Member    |
| 5. Alh. Suleiman Musa Abubakar  | - Member    |

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Facilitation of good governance
  2. Such other lawful things as may be considered to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above object
- Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed

**Barrister Sama'la Haruna**  
(080 6244 1040)

## ESIE MONUMENT FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990

#### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Prof. Mrs. Bolanle Awe (Chairman)
2. Prof. Michael Bamidele Olaitwole (Vice Chairman)
3. Mr. Oladele Oyeyipo (Secretary)
4. Engr. Niyi Oguntayo
5. Mr. Banji Fakaye
6. Mr. Dupe Oladele
7. Adetunji Oyedipo Esq. SAN

#### AIM AND OBJECTIVE

1. Management and development of the Esie Museum as Fulcrum for tourism, research and the creation of a centre of excellence in culture in Esie, Kwara state and Nigeria as a Whole.
2. To further enhance the federal Government's efforts of repositioning Nigeria in the world through tourism.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

**Abdullahi Ibrahim & Co.**  
Legal Practitioner & Notaries Public

## OGEDE WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

This is to inform the general public that the above named organization has applied for registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

#### TRUSTEES:

1. OTEIKWU C. JACOB
2. GODWIN OGBINA
3. KIATE M. OTEKWI
4. SAMUEL N. ODIBA
5. DANIEL AMEN IBRAHIM

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Empowering Rural/Urban women to improve their living condition through sustainable micro-credit services, support women group through project funding. To improve Entrepreneur skill training water supply sanitation and hygiene promotion and information sharing and health services.
2. To support community development effort and initiative through integrated and participatory approaches for sustainable development at the grass root and agricultural support programme
3. Encourage women see their common interests with other women group and facilitate their interest in understand the sources of marginalization which hinder them from building common trust among themselves.
4. To improve the condition of living of women in the target states, by providing micro credit service and promoting enterprise development to women group.
5. To improve the skill (capacity building) of governmental and non-governmental development agencies and workers ( who have a mandate to provide services to women) and skill of the rural and urban women group by providing appropriate training and workshop.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-general Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:

**Secretary**

## CHANGE OF NAME

formerly **SUNUSI AHMED**. Now wish to be called as **ABDULWAHAB MOHAMMED SANI**. All former documents remain valid DASS LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Public should take note.

**FALOLA**: I, formerly known as **MISS TOLUHI OLADUNNI OMOYEMI**, now wish to be known and addressed **MRS. FALOLA OLADUNNI OMOYEMI**. Former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**AJI**: I, formerly known as **MISS FRANKA ADAH OMAJAWU**, now wish to be known and addressed **MRS. FRANKA AJI IJECHÉ**. Former documents remain valid. NCSDS and general public to take note.

Formerly **HALIMA IZE AHMED** should now be addressed as **MRS HALIMA IZE AJIBOYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

Formerly **HAFSAT SALIHU KUBAU** now wish to be known as **MRS HAFSAT TAHIR UMAR**. Former documents remain valid. Nigeria Immigration Service and public take note.

Formerly **FATIMA YAKUBU ALIYU** now wish to be known as **MRS FATIMA TAHIR UMAR**. Former documents remain valid. Nigeria Immigration Service and public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS ABUTU JOYATAMA**, now wish to be known as **MRS SAMSON ABUTU JOY ATAMA**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public to note.

I, formerly known as **MISS HALIMA ALIYU USMAN**,

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## RAJI RASAKI ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The general public is hereby informed that the above named Association has applied for registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matter Act 1990.

### TRUSTEES:

1. Felix Ewenike (Chairman)
2. Charles Uchenna Omeili
3. Okwuego Clement
4. Mathew Oyeyemi Aborisade (Chief)
5. Patrick Chibo Akujobi (Chief)
6. Callistus Uju Okafor
7. Charles Okay Udeji
8. Anthony Onyebuchi Animaku
9. Chief Benson Mekoba

### OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote the common interest of the residents.
2. To promote peaceful co-existence among the inhabitants of the estate.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, P.M.B 198, Garki, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

**SOLICITOR**  
EJIOFOR IFEANYI ESQ  
08034078114

## FOUNDATION FOR STRATEGIC EMPOWERMENT

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

### The trustees are:

1. Mr. Okechukwu Ifeanyi Ikpeze
2. Barr. Doris Ibhayelea Ikpeze
3. Barr. Cynthia Odim.

### Aims and objectives:

1. To encourage positive character development with a view to building a balanced personality and integrity.
2. To render assistance to communities, orphans, widows and other disadvantage people in the society.

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## Eagles reach WAFU Cup semi finals

SUPER Eagles Team B yesterday in Abeokuta cruised into the last four of the ongoing West African Football Union Cup tournament with a 5-0 thrashing of Guinea.

Following a 4-0 win over Benin Republic on the opening day, the Eagles looked sure candidates for the last four, however immediately after that game, Senegal rose to the occasion by lashing Guinea 3-0.

Therefore, coming into yesterday's match, the Eagles knew they had to fire from all cylinders in order to guarantee a place in the semi finals. After several missed opportunities, Skipper Solomon Okpako raised the curtains by lashing in a loose ball in the 20th minute.

Okpako was again on hand

Nigeria's fourth, before midfielder Ikechukwu Ibenegbu wasted a penalty kick that would have made it five. Ibenegbu made amends with the fifth in the 84th minute.

The Eagles had on Friday punished Benin Republic after also missing several opportunities. Gbolahan Salami scored from a penalty kick on the hour, before goals from defender ThankGod Ike, Gabriel Reuben and Chinedu Ezimorah reduced the Squirrels to rubble.

At yesterday's post-match conference, Eagles coach Daniel Amokachi expressed delight with the form of his boys, who had failed to score in a two-leg African Nations Championship qualifying against Niger Republic.

"Perhaps, the fact that the team stayed two weeks in camp after the Niger loss helped. But essentially, we have used the same players. The difference between the matches against Niger and the two we have played here is that we took our chances by putting the ball in the net.

"Against Niger, we created so many opportunities but failed to get the ball in the net. Our aim here is to lift the WAFU Cup," he said.

The Eagles have a date against Teranga Lions of Senegal on Tuesday, with the semi finals coming up on Friday.

In Group B, Ghana hit Togo 2-0 while Burkina Faso spanked Liberia 3-1 at the Gateway International Stadium in Ijebu Ode on Saturday. Today, Liberia tackle Ghana while Burkina Faso try Togo for size.



NIGERIA'S Dickson Etuhu of Fulham beats Steven Gerrard of Liverpool to the ball during their English Premier League match at Anfield in Liverpool yesterday. The game ended goalless

**Premier League top scorer Ahmed Musa netted with a powerful shot in the 70th minute.**

on the hour to head home after Gabriel Reuben's effort crashed against the crossbar, before Reuben made sure of his second of the tournament with a firm header from impressive Ejike Uzoenyi corner kick.

Premier League top scorer Ahmed Musa netted with a powerful shot in the 70th minute for

## Bosso: Pillars deserve league summit

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

NIGER Tornadoes coach, Ladan Bosso, has said that Kano Pillars deserve the top spot in the Premier League.

Speaking after his team 2-0 defeat by Kano Pillars at Sani Abacha Stadium on Saturday, the former Nigerian U-20

team handler said given the Pillars' performance, they deserve to be at the top.

Bosso noted that he was satisfied with the officiating of the Ondo-born centre referee Ogunyan Modi, saying his players did not play according to his instructions.

In one of their best displays,

Pillars eclipsed Tornadoes' sight for league zenith when Gambo Mohammed volleyed an early-minute opener and Nafi'u Ibrahim scored another in the second stanza of the electrifying match.

Despite the absence of the trio of Ahmad Musa, Solomon Okpako and Joseph Thompson, Pillars' line up rose to the occasion.

"Every match is like a final to us. So we hope to keep winning to emerge victorious. My players did very well against Tornadoes and we hope to repeat the same feat in our next match," Pillars coach Salisu Yusuf said.

Other Premier League matches played yesterday showed Ocean Boys defeated

3SC 3-0, Enyimba pipped Gombe 1-0 in Aba, Sunshine Stars outshone Sharks 3-1, while Zamfara United held Kaduna United to a goalless draw in Kaduna.

In Makurdi, Lobi Stars defeated Kwara United 2-1 and Wolves were held 1-1 in Warri against Rangers.

# Flying Eagles win Four-Nation tourney

NIGERIA'S Flying Eagles swept the stakes at a four-nation invitational tournament for the Cape Town Premier's Cup after defeating hosts South Africa 3-1 at the Newlands Stadium on Saturday evening.

The first half failed to deliver much in the way of clear-cut goal chances, with both teams being forced into taking shots from some range.

This meant that South African keeper Tafeeq Salie and his Nigerian counterpart Muhammed Bala did not have too much work to do.

The crowd though, who filled the stadium to about 65% of its capacity (in the region of 40 000 people), didn't seem to mind too much as a festival atmosphere prevailed with the Mexican Wave a regular occurrence.

The pace of the game was relentless, with the high levels of fitness being shown by the youngsters.

With attacks from both sides breaking up around the edge of the box it was hard to see where a goal would come from, but just before half time Amajita got the breakthrough when Jabulani Ncubeni coolly slotted home from 10-yards out after the ball had been worked across the Nigerian goal-mouth into his path.

It was the Maritzburg United winger's second goal in as many games after his strike against Brazil on Tuesday.

The visitors were soon back in the game however, levelling the score-line at 1-1 in the 49th minute when Envoh Terry slotted the ball into an empty net after Salie had hurt himself in a challenge with Olarenwajua Kayode.

The game was held up for over five minutes as the Ajax Cape Town youngster received treatment before finally being taken off on a stretcher.

Following the goal, the match again took on the same pattern to that of the first half, with the game an open one, serving up fast-paced action, but with no end results.

Somewhat out of the blue the west African side went in front when in the 75th minute right



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back Oliba Ambe struck with a long range effort that took substitute keeper Sanele Ngubane by surprise, finding the top corner.

With two minutes of regulation time left Nigeria netted a third when Otubanjo Olaitan scored with a sweetly-taken volley from 30-yards out.

The final score-line was perhaps rather cruel on Amajita, who

had matched Nigeria for most of the game and did not deserve to lose by a two goal margin.

The Nigeria U-20 team, Flying Eagles won the competition on goals scored following a 1-1 draw with Ghana's Black Starlets on Thursday. Results of other matches tilted the tournament in their favour.

On Thursday, Omoh Ojabu secured the equalizer for the Flying

Eagles with 10 minutes to go, after the Ghanaians had gone ahead in the first period.

By virtue of South Africa's 3-2 defeat of Brazil and Brazil's 2-1 win over Ghana, Nigeria turned out winners of first edition of this competition.

The Nigeria contingent is expected back home from South Africa today.

## S/Africa, Tunisia win world junior tennis tickets

SOUTH Africa and Tunisia yesterday in Abuja clinched tickets to male and female world junior tennis events scheduled for this year in Mexico and the Czech Republic respectively.

Both countries won their places in the events after the qualification matches played in Abuja from Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 11.

The qualification matches were played as the third segment of the 33rd African Junior Tennis Championships (AJC) held from March 29 to April 11 at the tennis courts of the Abuja National Stadium.

South Africa won three of the available tickets by qualifying for the boys and girls' categories of the World Junior Tennis Competition final in Czech Republic which is for under-14 players.

They also won the African qualifiers to the Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas final in Mexico for the boys' under-16 players.

Tunisia won the girls' under-16 qualifiers for the Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Final in Mexico.

In clinching the ticket to the Czech Republic, South Africa edged out Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco in the boys competition,

### South Africa went on to clinch the girls' ticket

winning eight of the nine sets it played in three matches.

On Friday, they beat Egypt 2-1, Tunisia 3-0 on Saturday and Morocco 3-0 on Sunday, leaving Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco to place second, third and fourth respectively in the competition.

South Africa went on to clinch the girls' ticket ahead of the same opponents, with the same scores of eight wins and one loss in nine sets in three matches.

They beat Tunisia 3-0 on Friday, Morocco 3-0 on Saturday and Egypt 2-1 on Sunday, for Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia to finish second, third and fourth respectively.

The South Africans were winners again in the African qualifiers for the Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Final, edging Egypt, Burundi and Tunisia to the second, third and fourth positions respectively.

They won all their nine sets in the three matches, beating Burundi 3-0 on Friday, Tunisia 3-0 on Saturday and Egypt 3-0 on Sunday.

In the Fed Cup qualifiers, Tunisia however upstaged South Africa, winning the ticket with 2-1 victories over Morocco, Egypt and South Africa on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Egypt came second with six matches won and three lost also, but were edged out because they lost one tie to Tunisia, while their Maghrebian neighbours won all three ties.

## Basketball: Div One league moves to Kaduna

THE postponed national Division-One Championship earlier billed for Ilorin, Kwara State will now hold at the sports hall of the Murtala Square, Kaduna from April 16 through 24.

The Division-One Championship was moved to Kaduna for logistics reason and all the participating teams are expected to be in Kaduna on Friday April 16 while actions start April 17.

The Division One Cham-

pionship was earlier schedule to hold between March 27 and April 4 was postponed due to some technical hitches but the Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF) has assured teams that the championship will go on as schedule with Kaduna State hosting.

The Division One Championship which was last played in 2003 will serve as avenue for the lower teams to seek promotion to the elite premier league.

## NBBF to inspect Lagos facilities

A team of the Nigeria Basketball Federation, NBBF comprising the federation president, Tijjani Umar, the federation Technical Committee Chairman, Muktar "Malone" Khaleh and Secretary General, Francis Gbiri will inspect facilities in Lagos ahead the jump-ball date of the 2009/2010 DSTV Premier League season.

The NBBF team alongside top officials of the league sponsor, Multichoice Nigeria owners of DSTV pay-television will inspect such facilities as the sports hall of the

national stadium, Lagos, sports hall of the University of Lagos Sports Centre and the Mobolaji Johnson Sports Centre, Rowe Park.

According to NBBF President Tijjani Umar, the body is to ascertain the playing conditions of these venues for the purpose of commencing the much awaited season.

The NBBF team will round off the visit with a crucial meeting with management team of DSTV on one hand, club owners and the sporting press.

The visit is schedule for next Thursday and Friday.

# Roma break Inter's six-month stranglehold

INTER Milan's six-month stranglehold on the Serie A title race was broken yesterday when Roma deposed them as league leaders.

Roma snatched pole position with a 2-1 win over a stubborn Atalanta, which opened a one-point lead over Jose Mourinho's Inter with five matches left.

First-half goals from Mirko Vucinic and Marco Cassetti gave Roma a 2-0 lead, but they were made to sweat after a Simone Tiribocchi strike in the 53rd minute.

AC Milan were held to a 2-2 draw at home to Catania and now trail Roma by four points, having come back from 2-0 down thanks to a Marco Borriello brace in the second half.

"We were dominating but instead of closing out the match we made life difficult for ourselves by gifting them a goal," said Roma coach Claudio Ranieri, whose side come up against Lazio in the Rome derby next weekend when Inter host Juventus.

"Before, winning the scudetto depended on others but now it's in our own hands. We are coming up against an in-form Lazio—it's going to be a cracker."

Following Ranieri's call to seize the day after Inter's 2-2 draw at Fiorentina on Saturday, Roma took command from the opening whistle at the Stadio Olimpico against an Atalanta side fighting for Serie A survival.

The Bergamo side, third-from-bottom, gifted Roma the lead on 12 minutes when goalkeeper Andrea Consigli allowed Vucinic's 25-yard effort to squirm through his grasp.

A quarter of an hour later the Giallorossi doubled their lead when Francesco Totti sent over an inviting centre and right-back Cassetti, who had sprinted into the box seconds earlier, buried a header from six yards.

Ranieri sent Luca Toni on for the impressive Vucinic at half-time but the home side seemed to relax and within eight minutes of the restart Tiribocchi was left in space on the edge of the box and the striker calmly placed his fin-



AS Roma coach Claudio Ranieri gestures during the Serie A match between AS Roma and Atalanta at Stadio Olimpico in Rome, Italy, yesterday.

ish into the far corner to halve the deficit.

Toni spooned Totti's pass over the bar on 70 minutes, but Jaime Valdes was causing Roma all sorts of problems as Atalanta pressed for an equaliser.

Julio Sergio had to save bravely from Tiribocchi after another fine run and pass from Valdes as Roma clung on for the three potentially crucial points.

Catania shocked Milan at the San Siro with an enterprising first-half display.

Argentine Maxi Lopez shot home on 12 minutes before crossing for Adrian Ricchiuti to head home two minutes from the interval.

Borriello led the fightback with a 48th-minute header from a Clarence Seedorf centre and a fine turn-and-shot on 80 minutes

but a point may not be enough for Milan in the final reckoning.

"I'm not conceding anything. After that second half I'm even more optimistic," said Brazilian coach Leonardo.

"We certainly won't be giving up after that fightback. I'm very happy with my players."

Palermo stay fourth, 10 points behind Milan, after coming from a goal down to defeat Chievo 2-1, with Fabrizio Miccoli weighing in with a brace.

Giorgio Chiellini's first-half header gave Juventus a 1-0 win over Cagliari that sent them fifth, three points adrift of the Champions League places, ahead of the night's Genoa derby between Genoa and Sampdoria.

In the battle to stay clear of the drop zone, Lazio came back from two goals down to defeat Bolo-

gna 3-2, while Serie A top scorer Antonio Di Natale notched goal number 23 in Udinese's 2-0 victory at bottom club Livorno.

Siena's 3-2 win at home to Bari brings them to six points from safety.

On Saturday Inter, who had been top since October 3, dropped two precious points in a 2-2 draw at Fiorentina.

A goal eight minutes from time from Per Kroldrup earned the Viola a deserved point after Inter had come from behind to snatch the lead in the second half.

"After going ahead we gifted Fiorentina a second goal but these things happen in football—you're often most vulnerable after scoring," said Inter sporting director Marco Branca, who spoke as coach Jose Mourinho is boycotting the Italian press.

## Messi: Barcelona is unbeatable

VICTORY over another top club has Lionel Messi believing Barcelona is unbeatable in its current form.

Barcelona's 2-0 victory over Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium on Saturday gave the defending champions control of the Spanish league race and prompted the Argentina international to say Barcelona is making "history."

"Once again the team showed today we are superior to anybody else when we want to be," said Messi, who scored his 40th goal. "You always have to prove it on the field and today we did that."

Although the Catalans' lead is only three points with seven games to play, Barcelona holds the head-to-head edge should the teams finish on equal points. Barcelona also dealt Madrid a psychological blow by recording back-to-back wins at the Bernabeu for the first time in the club's 111-year history while scoring a record fourth straight win over its closest rival.

"We can keep making history," Messi said. "It was a very important triumph, but we have to continue on. I don't mean to say that with only words we win. You have to try to win every game and that's what we try to do, always."

## Van Nistelrooy strike sinks Bochum

RUUD van Nistelrooy scored a late goal to help Hamburger SV end a four-game winless streak with a 2-1 victory at relegation-threatened Bochum.

Van Nistelrooy picked up a pass from Ze Roberto to score the winner from close range in the 88th minute on Sunday as the team strengthened its hold on sixth place.

Hamburg went ahead on Robert Tesche's header from a corner in the 18th and Zlatko Dedic netted for Bochum in the 32nd.

Bochum is winless in six games and one point above the relegation zone.

Meanwhile, in Holland FC Twente is two wins away from clinching the Dutch league title after beating SC Heerenveen 2-0.

Captain Blaise Nkufo created both goals for substitute Cheick Tiote and Luuk de Jong in the second half.

Twente, which will be crowned champion if it wins against defending champion AZ Alkmaar and Feyenoord in the next two rounds, leads the standings with 80 points. Ajax is next with 73, one more than PSV Eindhoven with three more rounds to go.

Also, AZ drew 0-0 against NEC Nijmegen and NAC Breda beat Roda JC 1-0. Last-place RKC Waalwijk picked up its first win of the year with a 4-1 victory over Vitesse Arnhem on Friday.

## Man U slip up again as title hope fades

MANCHESTER United's ailing Premier League title challenge sustained another damaging blow as they were held 0-0 at Blackburn Rovers.

With star man Wayne Rooney missing through injury, United lacked the sparkle and guile required to break down an organised but unambitious Rovers side at Ewood Park.

Antonio Valencia missed a good opportunity late in the first half, and Dimitar Berbatov a decent opening with 10 minutes left, but otherwise the visitors were restricted to long shots and

half-chances.

United were dominant statistically - enjoying over 60 per cent possession and depriving Blackburn a corner until the 77th minute, but their performance was anaemic and lacked genuine threat.

There was further misery - and concern for England fans - as Rio Ferdinand first suffered a gruesome-looking broken or dislocated finger, then appeared to sustain a groin injury.

Rovers came into the game having won 16 points out of a possible 18 in their last six home

games and showed exactly why they are so hard to break down, even when playing some way below their best.

They defended in numbers and challenged United to produce the quality required to cut them open. One such moment came in the 80th minutes when Scholes played a superb diagonal ball to Gary Neville who headed down to Berbatov, but the first-time shot flew straight at Robinson.

At the other end, Steven N'Zonzi might have put United out of their misery but saw his

goalbound shot superbly blocked by Neville.

United poured forward as time ran down, but still failed to test Robinson properly. Perhaps tellingly, Neville came closer than anyone as he hit a left-foot half-volley that bounced agonisingly wide.

Ferguson's side are still only one point off the top, but have played a game more than both Chelsea and Arsenal, and need the leaders to slip up twice in the last five games to have any chance of winning a fourth consecutive championship.

# Messi 'the flea' outpacing racehorse Ronaldo

THE battle for the World Player of the Year award had shifted to his home turf but Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo was again upstaged by Lionel Messi of Barcelona in Saturday's "Clasico" at the Bernabeu.

Fresh from hitting four past Arsenal in the Champions League on Tuesday, current World Player Messi netted Barca's opening goal, while the previous year's winner Ronaldo was limited to a few sprints, a couple of shots and a smattering of showy stepovers and flicks.

To add insult to injury, disgruntled fans whistled the Portuguese late in the match, suggesting they have yet to be convinced he is worth the record 94 million euros (\$126 million) Real paid Manchester United for his services.

"Too much Messi for CR9," was the headline in yesterday's Madrid-based Marca sports daily, while its peer in the Catalan capital, Sport, trumpeted: "Leo makes a fool of Cristiano in the clash of the stars."

Silverware is key to winning the FIFA World Player award and Barca's 2-0 victory put the champions three points clear of their arch-rivals at the top of La Liga with seven matches left.

The defeat left Ronaldo and Real facing a trophy-less season after their exits from Europe and the King's

Cup.

Barca, if they get through their Champions League semi-final against Inter Milan, will also have a chance to win a second successive title in May's final at the Bernabeu.

"All the fans have the same feeling right now: the sceptre for the best player in the world is Messi's -- and it could be for a long time to come," Marca columnist Roberto Palomar wrote yesterday.

The 22-year-old Messi, whose form will be crucial to Argentina's hopes at the World Cup finals, tops La Liga scoring chart with 27 goals to Portugal international Ronaldo's 18.

He is also the leading marksman in the Champions League with eight. Ronaldo managed seven before Real were dumped out by Lyon, the sixth season in a row they failed to reach the last eight.

"Lionel Messi showed yesterday in the Bernabeu that the second-best player in the world is light years from his level," Sport wrote on Sunday.

"As Leo was attempting to add to his goal tally, Cristiano was lost on the pitch, making pointless runs and expressing his rage with angry, excessive gestures.

"Ronaldo had to resign himself to the fact that his reign in the football world has ended and that's that."

The contrasting playing styles of Ronaldo and Messi

were again showcased on Saturday.

With a low centre of gravity and tricky skills, the diminutive Argentine, whose nickname is "the flea", scampers around the pitch bouncing off opponents, while Ronaldo is more like a racehorse, galloping past defenders and firing thunderbolt shots from all direc-

tions.

However, writing in As daily on Sunday, J.J. Santos noted that Ronaldo's sprinting runs on Saturday had been generally ineffective and resulted in the 25-year-old tiring himself out.

"Cristiano turned into a roadrunner chasing shadows," Santos said. "By the time he found space and

had the ball he was already exhausted and had to watch in despair as a genius like Messi destroyed Pellegrini's defensive network.

"And even harder to take than the defeat must have been the fact that the fans whistled him for the first time."

Palomar noted in Marca: "He ran, he used up all his

fuel, but he was isolated and erratic.

"He tried from all directions but scarcely had chances to test Valdes, at whom he fired off only a couple of shots that didn't even warm the goalkeeper's hands.

"Messi popped up for Barca exactly when he was needed."



MESSI outshine Ronaldo in Saturday's El Clasico.



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## THE MONDAY COLUMN

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## The colour is faded

The death on Sunday last week of Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi was for Nigerian politics something like the washing of a locally made Nigerian fabric that gives off 50 percent of its colour anytime it is soaked in detergent. With the departure of Rimi, after three decades of the serial loss of other colourful politicians, Nigerian politics now resembles a locally-made *atampa* fabric after several washings.

Rimi had been on the political scene since 1964, but he became an important and very colourful political actor from 1977, when he was a member of the Constituent Assembly. He became well known for his pretty face, his flamboyant dress, his very sharp intellect, his eloquence in English and in Hausa, his storm petrel politics, his fearlessness, his sharp and caustic tongue, and his irreverent attitude towards more senior politicians. His battle cry in 1979 was "*Dan Sumaila kafi naira kyawu*," meaning the man from Sumaila, you are more beautiful than the naira. During a NPP rally in 1983, Rimi boasted that all Nigerian women will vote for NPP because of the handsomeness of Jim Nwobodo and himself.

By conservative Northern Nigerian standards, Rimi was always immodest. On the day he swore in his first cabinet as Kano State governor in 1979, Rimi boasted that he had the best cabinet in Nigeria because each commissioner had at least a Master's degree. It soon transpired that in order to achieve this "feat," Rimi rejected attempts by PRP's overwhelming leader Malam Aminu Kano to appoint loyal party men such as Alhaji Muhammadu Dangalam as commissioners.

Maybe Dangalam was too far below Rimi's standards, but he subsequently became Commissioner for Rural Development under Governor Sabo Bakin Zuwo in late 1983. Rimi's point was dramatically made in 1985, during the Buhari regime, when the Special Military Tribunal jailed Dangalam 300 years alongside Alhaji Sabo. After delivering his ruling, the tribunal chairman Brigadier Peter Ademokhai asked Dangalam if he understood the sentence, since it was delivered in English. He apparently hadn't, and Alhaji Sabo announced that he will translate it for him when they get back to Kaduna Prison.

Fairly early in the day in the Second Republic, the powerful Kano State NPN branch learnt to be wary of Rimi because he characteristically gave more than he took in a brickbat political exchange. Attacking him often invited a nasty counterattack aimed at higher quarters. In 1980, Rimi attended a cultural festival in Niger Republic, and NPN men spread the story that he danced with a "*Sadakar Yalla*," implying a woman of easy virtue. Rimi immediately counterattacked with a picture of President Shehu Shagari dancing with Ivorian President Houphouet-Boigny's wife at the OAU Summit in Abidjan. The NPN men were shocked into silence.

Rimi also had with him other men with equally caustic tongues. In 1981, when he queried the Emir Alhaji Adu Bayero for allegedly travelling out of Kano without permission, the PRP House of Representatives member from Birnin Kudu appeared on telly to defend Rimi's action. Malam Sule Lamido's hair in those days was thick enough to fill a small bucket; his *kubbe* cap was perched precariously on top of the hair. Holding a lighted cigarette in one hand, he said, "Yes, the query is in order. Puff. Puff. Ado is a government worker, so he must seek permission before he travels."

Rimi's fire-eating rhetoric irked even his formidable political adversaries. His greatest political opponent in Kano, Alhaji Sabo Bakin Zuwo, once said, "You know my problem with Rimi? Utterance! Utterance!"

It was a strange statement coming from Alhaji Sabo, who himself was the father of caustic political utterance. In the run up to the Second Republic, no politician in Northern Nigeria

made more effective use of the radio than Sabo Bakin Zuwo, whose death in 1989 removed a lot of colour from Kano and Nigerian politics. In 1978, when Colonel Ahmadu Ali left the Army and joined NPN, he immediately described Malam Aminu Kano as a permanent opposition man. The next day, Alhaji Sabo delivered an answer, saying, "Ahmadu Ali was not promoted in the Army for 10 years! Ahmadu Ali was the one who created something called JAMB, which means Northerners should not be admitted into any university..."

One day, a radio listener accused Alhaji Sabo of using abusive language in politics. Sabo quickly responded, saying, "I don't use abusive language at all! But if you insult Malam Aminu Kano, I must find out who is your father, your mother, your village, and the bastard that sent you..."

Kano had many other fiery politicians, such as PRP's Danjani Hadejia, who caused uproar in 1979 when he said, "If Malam Aminu Kano is disqualified from these [1979] elections, no one is going to vote in Nigeria! Even if you are [Kano NPN chairman] Sanusi Dantata's son! Even if you are Shehu Shagari's son..."

In nearby Zaria, there was the old NEPU warhorse Hajia Gambo Sawaba, who was in the GNPP and whose tongue was sharp as a rattlesnake's. The UPN chairman in Kaduna State in those days, Malam Mamman Nasir, was an extremely eloquent politician who easily broke into a song on the hustings, singing "Awo has already swept these elections, so everyone can go home and rest."

Not all the fiery politicians in old Kaduna State thought so well of UPN, incidentally. In 1981, I was living in Sokoto when

the Speaker of the Sokoto State Assembly Abdullahi Bayero quarrelled with Governor Shehu Kangiwa, was impeached and he soon defected to UPN. A few days later, the Sokoto State NPN invited the fiery Speaker of the Kaduna State Assembly Alhaji Mamman Abubakar Danmusa to deal with Bayero. Appearing on telly in Sokoto, Danmusa said, "When you enter politics, your only prayer to Allah is to end well! Any Northerner, a Muslim, who leaves NPN for UPN, *wal-lahi* he has not ended well! Look, rather than join UPN, I prefer to die..."

Other colourful and eloquent men who did daily battles on Radio Nigeria Kaduna's great English and Hausa political programs at the time, *Politics '79* and *Dandalin Siyasa*, included Kaduna NPN's Alhaji Dauda Mani, GNPP's Shehu Maigidaje Funtua, the PRP's extremely eloquent Mataimaki Tom Maiyashi, NPP's Mr Zom Maigida Kwoi, chairman of Bauchi State UPN Mr. Zagi Dass, and the Bauchi PRP's fiery chairman Alhaji Hassan Kosashshe.

Nationally, the scene was electrified by the UPN's two great Directors, of Organisation Ebenezer Babatope and of Research and Publicity M.C.K. Ajuluchukwu, as well as by NPN's Publicity Secretary, Sulaimanu Takuma.

Then there was NPN's Dr. Chuba Okadigbo. Late in 1978, UPN leader Chief Awolowo accused NPN of adopting an undemocratic formula of zoning party offices. Many NPN men were denying it, but Okadigbo said on radio, "Chief Awolowo in fact is the chief zoner! He zoned the party chairmanship to himself! He zoned the presidential candidacy to himself! He zoned the party Treasury to his wife! And he zoned a state assembly seat [in Lagos] to his son! So Awolowo in fact is the chief zoner!"

Without all these men on the scene, without Ondo High Chief Gabriel Akin-Deko, Dr. Kingsley Mbadiwe, Alhaji Busari Adelakun, Abdulkadir Young-Sidi, Reverend Wilson Sabiya, Mr. Sam Mbakwe and now without Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi, no wonder Nigeria's political scene now has as much colour as a local *atampa* fabric after its tenth wash.



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## SPORTS REPORT



SPURS' David Bentley reacts as his team lost to Portsmouth

## Portsmouth shocks Spurs

Debt-crippled Portsmouth emerged from the maelstrom of a stormy season yesterday to reach the FA Cup final with a shock 2-0 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur.

The south coast club, who were relegated from the Premier League on Saturday and were rated 9-1 by bookmakers to beat Spurs, produced a display full of fight to

reach the finale for the second time in three seasons having beaten Cardiff in 2008.

Tottenham Hotspur were overwhelming favourites to set up a May 15 showdown with Chelsea but after 90 minutes of stalemate, goals from Frederic Piquionne and former Tottenham player Kevin-Prince Boateng sent Portsmouth's army of fans into raptures.



EVANDER Holyfield celebrates his eighth-round TKO victory over Francois Botha

## Holyfield stops Botha in eighth round

Former four-times heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield stopped South African Francois Botha in the eighth round to win the World Boxing Federation title in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Holyfield, 47, floored the 41-year-old Botha with a right early in the eighth and although the South African was able to get to his feet, referee Russell Mora later stopped the fight.

The fight was Holyfield's first in Las Vegas since 2003. He improved to 43-10-2 with 28 knockouts.

