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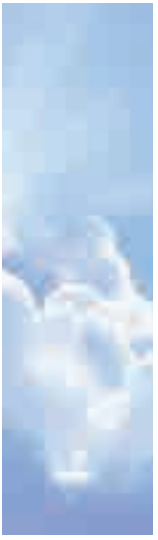
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Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)

 Wash your hands frequently with soap and water	 Maintain social distancing	 Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
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(Nigeria)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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It's not security measures, it's not prisons in Madrid and walls in Africa that will solve the problem

- Alpha Oumar Konare




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■ Customs officials use a steamroller to crush bottles of liquor during a ceremony for the International Customs Day, in Lahore yesterday

Photo: AFP

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Rough road ahead as new service chiefs take charge

By Abdulaziz Abdulaziz

The new service chiefs appointed by President Muhammadu Buhari, yesterday, are in for a tough, rough ride to secure a country bedevilled by a mishmash of internal security challenges—long-drawn insurgency, raging banditry, secessionist threats and rising cases of kidnap for ransom.

The presidency pulled a surprise Tuesday afternoon when it suddenly announced the “resignation” of the four service chiefs.

Citing many reasons, experts said the service chiefs couldn't have resigned, insisting the president must have asked them to go.

President Buhari had, for a long time, ignored calls by citizens and key stakeholders, including the National Assembly, to sack the service chiefs.

The top military officers affected by the change yesterday were the Chief of Defence Staff, Abayomi Gabriel Olanisakin; Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Tukur Buratai; Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ibok Ekwe Ibas and the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar. The outgoing service chiefs were appointed by President Buhari in July 2015, serving for five years and six months before their reported resignation yesterday.

In their place, presidential spokesperson Femi Adesina announced that the president appointed Major General Leo Irabor as the Chief of Defence Staff, Major General Ibrahim Attahiru as the Chief of Army Staff, Rear Admiral A.Z. Gambo as the Chief of Naval Staff, and Air Vice Marshal I.O. Amao as the new Chief of Air Staff.

High stakes

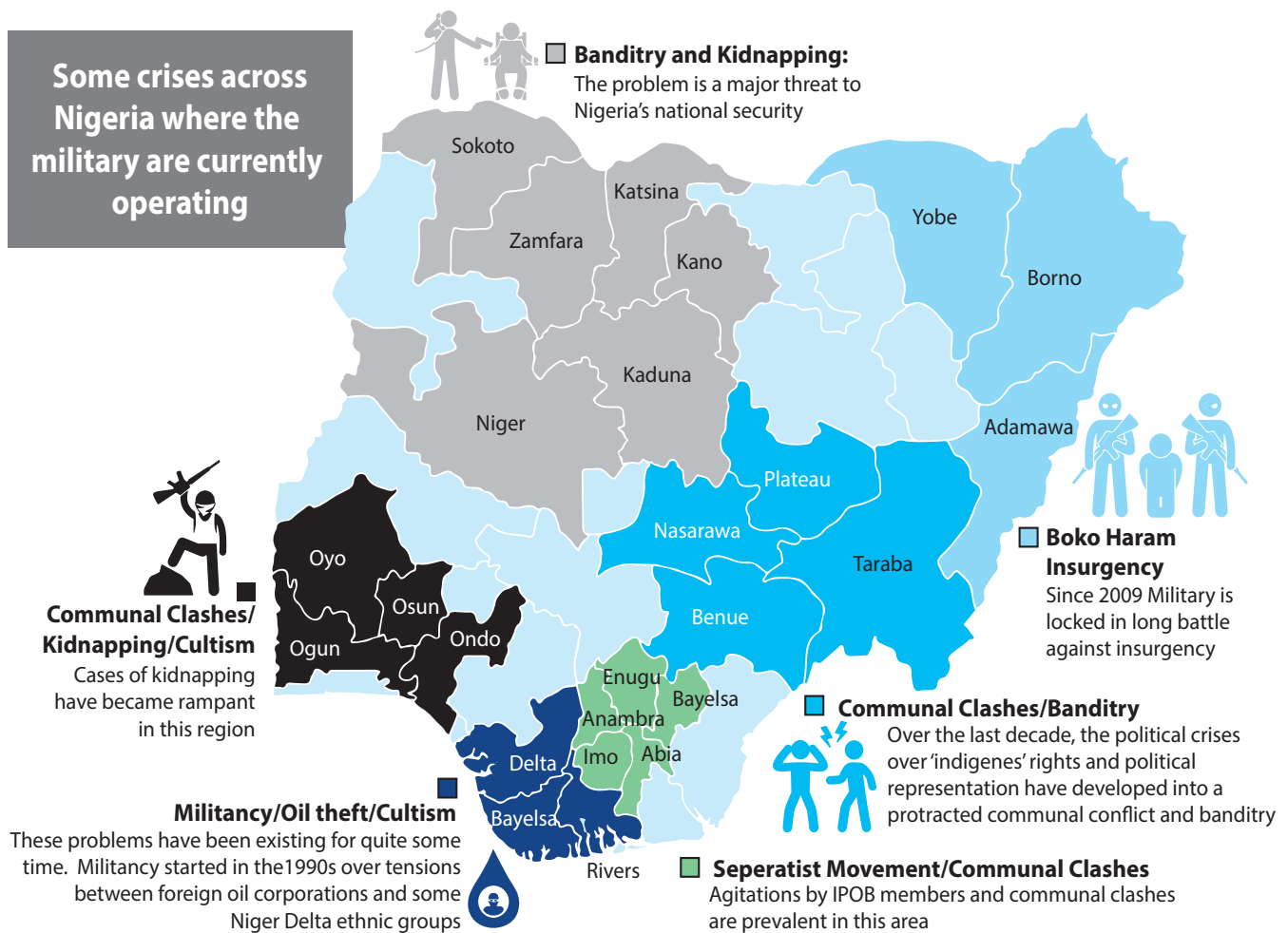
The new service chiefs will be stepping into the pinching shoes of their predecessors, characterised by endless security problems, which the foursome was unable to fully resolve.

Though internal security is primarily the duty of the police, the military has almost completely taken over that function from the police since it was called in to help quell the Boko Haram uprising, which went out of control of the police.

For over 10 years, the military is drawn out to respond to all manner of security breaches and enforce law and order, straining its capacity in the process.

While the military had recorded some successes in the fight against Boko Haram insurgency in the North-east, the top brass appeared helpless as the country was engulfed in fresh security threats from different fronts.

Some crises across Nigeria where the military are currently operating



Infographic Ali A. Geidam

Hopes and expectations are high on the new service chiefs to confront the old and new challenges afflicting the country head on.

The Boko Haram insurgency, which flared up in 2009, is far from over, 12 years on. The insurgents still stage daring attacks and working hard to cut off Borno State from its neighbouring Yobe, through incessant gruesome highway attacks. This is in spite of repeated claims by the military high commands that the extremists have been decimated, or “technically defeated”.

Vast land in northern Borno linking up to the strategic Lake Chad area is still inhabitable for civilians. Penultimate Friday, Boko Haram fighters nearly took over the important town of Marte, engaging the sentry soldiers in a gunfight for over 20 hours.

On Friday, after a meeting with the president at the Aso Villa in Abuja, Nasarawa State governor, Abdullahi Sule, cried that members of a Boko Haram splinter group were regrouping along the border between his state and neighbouring Benue, from where they

launch attacks.

Interestingly, both the new chief of defence staff and the new chief of army staff are veterans of the Boko Haram war. Attahiru took over from Irabor as Theatre Commander of the Maiduguri-based Operation Lafiya Dole, in May 2017.

Next to Boko Haram, in the long list of Nigeria's many security challenges is the ravaging rural banditry, which has sacked thousands of village dwellers and rendered thousand others poorer due to activities of marauding gunmen in the North West and North Central regions.

The undying agitation of members of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) is a huge hurdle before service chiefs as they move into the new roles. Over the weekend, soldiers and policemen clashed with members of IPOB's Eastern Security Network (ESN) leaving in its wake deaths and devastation.

Piracy in the coastal zones of the country still goes on, alongside illegal oil bunkering, though much subdued. Only three days ago, a Turkish ship from Nigeria was attacked on its way to Gabon.

Latest agitation to the country's cocktail of conflicts is the shifting of the perennial farmer/herder conflict and kidnapping to the South-western part of the country, leading to high tensions last week following an attack on a Fulani community in Oyo, days after Ondo State Governor, Rotimi Akeredolu, gave herders seven days to leave some forests in his state. The human rights record of the Nigerian military in the last six years is a blemish the quartet of the service chiefs would have to clean up.

The alleged killings of civilians in the North-East war theatre, December 2015 mass killings of members of the Shiite Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) in Zaria, and the May 2016 shooting of members of IPOB in Onitsha, are only prominent of the odious records.

Added to these were unwarranted raids carried out on the media.

Experts believe that the new helmsmen may not be messiahs with magic wands, but Nigerians expect more than the usual from them in addressing the myriads of insecurity issues across the country.

Why Buhari bowed to pressure on service chiefs

By Ismail Mudashir

After months of intense calls by the National Assembly, socio-cultural organisations and pressure groups, President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday bowed to pressure on the country's service chiefs.

Sources around the Presidency and the security chiefs said Buhari bowed to pressure following the failure of the service chiefs to 'properly tackle' the rising banditry, insurgency and other security challenges bedevilling the country.

One of the sources said since the beginning of this year, the former service chiefs have been expecting their sack considering “widespread disaffection.”

The source close to one of the

former service chiefs, who does not want to be named, said: “It is not resignation, they were sacked. They have been expecting their sack since the beginning of this year, but nobody told them that this is when it will happen but it is like every day you wake up thinking anything can happen” Buhari had on December 18, last year in Katsina State, dropped the hint that the former service chiefs would be fired this year.

“On the issue of insecurity, I am extremely worried about it and I hope next year it will be different. Those among the law enforcement agencies that would remain in charge would be extremely busy,” Buhari said shortly before addressing students of Government Science Secondary School, Kankara, who

were kidnapped and rescued.

The source said the use of the word “resignation” by the Presidency in describing the exit of the service chiefs was for a reason only known to them.

“Ordinarily, if any of the service chiefs resign on his volition, you will suspect foul play including a coup. You are supposed to be suspicious of him because they are the pillars of the country's security. When the pressure was high on the president to sack the service chiefs, I had a discussion with one of them and he told me ‘you know we cannot resign, if we do, it could be interpreted for something else.’

“Nigerians are expecting so much from the new service chiefs because the general opinion is that their predecessors have run

out of ideas, hence they could not address the rising insecurity in the country,” he said. He urged the new service chiefs to demonstrate their capabilities by chasing the bandits, insurgents and other criminals terrorising the country. “We have the conviction that the Nigerian Armed Forces have the capacity to decimate these terrorists groups but they are just playing politics with it.

“The new service chiefs should strive to get the necessary equipment and necessary attention should be given to the welfare of the officers and men in the war fronts. Soldiers in war fronts are complaining about poor welfare. Soldiers should not be in war fronts for five years, two years is enough,” he said.

Another source faulted the

claims that the service chiefs resigned, saying “I'm surprised that they are saying they resigned. The issue of resignation should not be part of it. They were relieved of their appointment and you know they were there at the pleasure of the president.” He urged the new Chief of Defence Staff, Major-General Leo Irabor, to take charge of the security of the country.

“The former chief of defence staff was not in charge. General Irabor should be on top of the situation and take over. He should take charge; he is the chief of defence staff. To tackle the security challenges in the country, there must be proper coordination of the armed forces. This was lacking,” he said, pleading not to be named.

Buhari's new lieutenants

The replacement of the service chiefs has been expected, hoped for, demanded even. But President Buhari held on to his now former service chiefs for as long as he could, longer than was necessary, in a move one expert said has damaged the military's succession structure. When he eventually decided to part ways with them, many Nigerians had given up on the president shaking things up. But who are the men now trusted by President Buhari to deliver one of his fundamental campaign promises—tackling insecurity?

By Abubakar Adam Ibrahim

The Chief of Defence Staff



Maj. General LEO Irabor

This man is a known name in the military, mostly as the Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole tasked with reclaiming the country's territory from Boko Haram. Lucky Irabor led his men to some major gains in the fight against insurgency in the Northeast. His leadership style has been commended as open as he regularly held press briefings to update the country on the progress of his troops. He has been described by people within and outside the force as a brave, courageous and upright person.

However, in 2017, the Agbor native from Delta State was posted to Field Commander, Multinational Joint Task to coordinate the regional effort to tackle insurgency.

Before his appointment as the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Irabor was the Chief of Training and Operations, Defence Headquarters, Abuja.

As the COTOPs, Irabor, a member of the Regular Course 34, oversaw training and operations in the Armed Forces and reported directly to his predecessor, the former CDS. His role included taking periodic reviews of a broad range of policies and activities relating to training and operations.

In addition to his schedules, he is the Chairman of the AFN Committee on COVID-19, which is working to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the Armed Forces. The Committee is also giving support to the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, including in the deployment of medical personnel across the country.

Sadly, under his watch, in this position, about 20 military generals caught the virus during a conference with one senior general dying.

Regardless, Irabor is well thought of in the army. He has also had military training at the Ghana Armed Forces Staff College, the National Defence College Bangladesh and Executive Programme of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in

the US.

However, he first trained as an engineer at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife and holds two Master's Degrees from the University of Ghana, Accra, and Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka.

In his new role, technically, Irabor is at the head of Nigeria's estimated 120,000 man-strong military but it is hard to see how much influence he can wield as he has no direct control of troops or the other service chiefs who head the various units of the armed forces.

Chief of Army Staff



Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Attahiru is perhaps a controversial choice to head the Army. Incidentally, he succeeded Maj. Gen. Irabor as Theatre Commander, Operation Lafiya Dole in 2017.

His predecessor as COAS, Lt. Gen. Tukur Buratai had given him the directive to capture terror leader, Abubakar Shekau within 40 days between July 21 and August 30, 2017.

That objective was not met but Buratai commended Gen. Attahiru "for pursuing the COAS directive" and eliminating five key Boko Haram commanders, a 2017 military statement said.

His stint as theatre commander was however brief as he was replaced in December, after seven months in charge.

Barely a month after taking charge of the fight against Boko Haram, Maiduguri, where the 7 Div of the army is based, came under attack from the terror group. The military was said to have suffered setbacks with Attahiru in charge.

Before his appointment as COAS, Attahiru served as the GOC of the 82 Div of the Nigerian Army in Enugu.

Attahiru, a Kano native, was also a Deputy Chief of Policy and Planning at the Army headquarters in Abuja and, as a Brigadier General, served at the Depot Nigerian Army training Institute, Zaria. Before his education at the Nigerian Defence Academy, he was educated at Army Day Secondary School, Bukavu Barrack, Kano. In the army, he is known as "Finisher" for his heavy-handed approach to dealing with issues.

Chief of Naval Staff



Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo is the new chief of Naval Staff. He too hails from Kano, where he was born in 1966. In September 1984, he joined the Nigerian Navy as a member of the Regular Course 36 and was commissioned a Sub-Lieutenant in 1988. An underwater warfare specialist with sub specialisation in intelligence, he received military training via military courses in Nigeria and South Africa.

Before his appointment as CNS, Gambo was the Director of Procurement at the Defence Space Administration. He holds a PGD in Transport Management and a Master's Degree in Transport Management from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso. He holds several fellowships and awards including the Grand Service Star, Distinguished Service Star amongst others.

Chief of Air Staff



Although a Yoruba and native of Osogbo, Osun State, Air Vice Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao was born in Enugu State on September 14, 1965.

At 18, Amao joined the Air Force as a member of the Regular Course 35 of the Nigerian Defence Academy in 1984.

He served as Trainee/Squadron Pilot, NAF Unit 99 ACTG Kainji (1993-2004), Instructor Pilot/Squadron Pilot, 301 FTS Kaduna (2004-2007), Air Assistant to Chief of Air Staff, Deputy Defence Adviser, Nigerian High Commission London, Assistant Director of Operations, Defence

Headquarters, Director of Policy and Plans, Nigerian Air Force.

Before his appointment as Chief of Air Staff, Amao held the position of Commandant Armed Forces Resettlement Centre, Lagos.

While the new service chiefs have attained the pinnacle of their careers by these appointments, a retired general who did not want to be named, said they have a daunting task ahead of them.

"I do know that the new chiefs are inheriting a very politicized, ethnicized, low morale forces, that have been personalized by their predecessors for their own vain ambitions," he said.

"They are inheriting forces that have detracted completely from their critical constitutional roles and diverted to mercantile interests and establishing wasteful and ambitious projects that add nothing to the forces combat readiness, which has spread them so thin and away from the military threats they are to deal with. What does the military need universities or construction companies, farms and gas plants for?"

"Instead of focusing on recruitment and training to expand the human combat power of the forces, particularly the Army, the former chief rather focused on wasteful non-military self-aggrandizing projects and purchase of equipment of no combat value to the force.

"But again, I really do not see much of any change that will come because the political leadership lacks the competence and substance it takes to subordinate the military to constitutional political authority. Unless the office of the CDS is given clear command authority of the Services and the Service Chiefs are subordinated to him, I don't see anything changing," he said.

The general said the political will has to be there for the military to be revamped to face its responsibilities saying that the country needs a "true and radical defence and security sector reform."

He said there is too much power vested in the service chiefs including authorities on promotion, posting and retirement, which needs to be subjected to greater scrutiny.

"A succession of chiefs have removed very competent officers who they see as threats to them or their favoured ones. But then, for these appointees, I do wish them well.

Another officer said: "The changes are much needed at this time that there is growing disenchantment within the services.

"Five NDA Regular courses lost out without producing service chiefs.

With the new development, upcoming officers will put in their best and hope for more changes."

What we expect from new service chiefs - Nigerians



■ Gen Irabor

From Olatunji Omirin (Maiduguri), Maryam Ahmadu-Suka (Kaduna), Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt), Ado Abubakar Musa (Jos) & Abbas Dalibi (Ibadan)

A resident of Maiduguri, Ba Jiddah, urged the new service chiefs to reposition the security architecture of the country.

"The new service chiefs should initiate radical changes in the strategies of combating insurgency.

"Insecurity is almost everywhere and the challenges are enormous thus the need for new hands," he said.

Abubakar Kato, a resident of Kano, said: "The silence of President Buhari over the rejigging of the nation's security architecture despite growing insecurity in the country for several years disturbed all well-meaning Nigerians.

"The calls were made by governors, National Assembly members, senior citizens and ordinary Nigerians. The sack is indeed cause for relief to all Nigerians that want to see the end of the worsening insecurity in the country.

"It will definitely boost the morale of the officers and men of the Nigerian Armed Forces and bring about fresh ideas in combating the insurgency, banditry, kidnapping and other crimes in the country.

An animator, Tukur Kwairanga said, "The new service chiefs should take a cue from the mistakes of their predecessors as they confront the security challenges in the country.

A consultant, Mustapha Ibrahim, said, "After several calls for the removal of the service chiefs by

Nigerians, the government has finally given in.

He urged the new service chiefs to put in their best by adopting new military approaches and innovations to tackle the insurgency and other armed criminality in the country.

On her part, Mrs. Bridget Samuel, an entrepreneur, hopes the appointment of new service chiefs is a sign of better days to come.

"I feel God has given us a fresh start by this appointment, which I is long overdue. Many Nigerians have called for their sack. Ordinarily, they ought to have resigned since, but knowing the kind of country we live in and the type of people we are, they refused."

A Port Harcourt-based social commentator, Wenenda Wali, said Nigeria needs to define what security challenges are and then move to solve them strategically.

Elder Bright Ogbomudia, a resident of Port Harcourt, said President Buhari acted wisely by listening to the voice of reason, adding that the new appointments are a welcome development.

a lecturer at the University of Jos, Saleh Hayatu, said, "I am very optimistic that things would change. The sacked service chiefs have overstayed and we have been experiencing lots of security challenges. I call on Nigerians to exercise patience and give maximum cooperation to the security agencies in the country."

Dr. Plangsat Bitrus Dayel, also a lecturer with the University of Jos said, "I am of the opinion that changing the service chiefs may not necessarily change the security situation in the country. However, if

there is goodwill on the part of the political class and the government, we are sure to see some changes."

From Yaba, Lagos, Anigege Mutiu said: With the security situation in the country right now, I do expect them to outperform their predecessors and ultimately leave a positive mark in the minds of Nigerians.

Also from Lagos, Ismail Aniemu, said the new service should review the strategies of their predecessors and give prompt backup to the police in preventing kidnapping, banditry, terrorism and all forms of insecurity issues.

"They should be more professional by insisting that the military is completely divorced from politics.

"The new service chiefs should also seek to restore the declining glory of our armed forces." He recalled the days the Nigerian military took the lead in multilateral operations like the ECOWAS Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) and other credible peacekeeping missions.

"For the Navy, there is the urgent need to stop the rising cases of piracy, oil thefts and illegal bunkering on Nigerian waters. Collaboration between the airforce and navy should be strengthened while aerial patrol of our maritime domain for interdiction, reconnaissance, interception and arrests of persons and vessels perpetuating unlawful activities on our waters should be sustained," he said.

In Abeokuta, Segun Dada, said: "I hope they will hit the ground running to arrest the situation of insecurity in the land."

Experts speak

By Fidelis Mac-Leva & Idowu Isamotu

Tony Nyiam, a retired colonel said far from resigning, the outgoing service chiefs were sacked. "Except for one or two, they have been fired for poor performances."

According to him, the new chief of defence staff is an intelligent, professional combat-tested military officer but with the existing structure, he will ab-initio occupy a redundant position.

Maintaining that the extant structure makes the chief of army staff the most powerful instead of the CDS, Nyiam said: "The lack of combined or unified command or joint command under the CDS is the cause of rivalry among the armed forces and duplication of their war efforts.

"The change of the service chiefs is just a tip of the iceberg; it will come to nothing if we continue to have political leadership failures and inappropriate strategic military direction. The military is stretched and lack of improvement in the weaponry of the troops would pose a challenge to the new team," he said.

A security expert and Professor of Counselling and Criminal Justice, University of Ibadan, Oyesoji Aremu, said there should be no any euphoria as regards the newly appointed service chiefs as they have a lot to do in ensuring the security of our national space.

He said, "The sack of the service chiefs by President Buhari is not only long overdue given the series of calls made by the National Assembly and well-meaning leaders of thought, it is also very instructive given the continued slide of internal security especially in the last few weeks.

"It also shows that Mr President listens to Nigerians in spite of perceived contrary opinions.

"Expectations are high even as the agenda is set for the new service chiefs. One, the new helmsmen being war commanders themselves and vast in experiences would appreciate the enormity of the challenges ahead of them.

"It is expected of them to hit the ground running by engaging in operational and reconnaissance evaluation while at the same time increasing the tempos of warfare in the hot spots especially in the North East and North West.

"Two, they have to look inward by setting up the machinery to reappraise the welfare and morale of the officers and men. It is no gainsaying that the morale is low and this perhaps accounted for some failed operations. For the front line officers to be more committed to the war to secure our internal space(s), they have to be well motivated.

"Three, more than ever before, in the country's coordinated war against Boko Haram elements, bandits and kidnapers, there is a strong need for seamless synergy, intelligence sharing that will culminate in robust agencies collaborations.

"On this, the Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies would have to be carried along and seen as co-security partners. This could improve security dynamics expected of our security agencies.

"And four, the new service chiefs should covet the support of members of the public, while at the same time, the public should support our security chiefs. The war against insecurity is for all," he said.

On his part, a former Director at the Department of State Security Service (DSS), Mike Ejiolor, congratulated President Buhari for finally taking the decision.

"We believe strongly that with these new appointments, fresh ideas will definitely be injected in the fight against insurgency, banditry and kidnapping. It is a welcome development. The new service chiefs should prioritise and see how they can defeat the insurgency."

Replacement respite for citizens – Reps

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives has commended President Buhari for accepting the resignation of service chiefs and the appointment of their replacements.

House Spokesperson Benjamin Kalu in a message on Tuesday also commended the former service chiefs for their

service to the country.

He said that the development was an answer to the cries of Nigerians for a paradigm shift, hoping that it will bring improvement in the handling of the insecurity bedevilling the country.

Kalu said they deliberated and moved motions and passed resolutions for the replacement of the service chiefs and other measures

for improvement.

"Though it appeared that the executive was not listening, but today they have shown Nigerians that they are listening.

"They have accepted the resignation of the service chiefs whom we appreciate and thank so well for wearing our national colours and badges and protecting our lives and properties the way they knew best," he said.

Senate minority caucus urges new service chiefs to end insecurity

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate Minority Caucus has expressed optimism that the newly-appointed service chiefs would stem the tide of insecurity in the country.

Senate Minority Leader, Enyinnaya Abaribe, in a reaction, said though the National Assembly had been calling for the replacement of the service chiefs, yesterday's intervention was

"better late than never."

"We had been calling for this for a long time now. Let's hope this team would stem the tide of insecurity," Senator Abaribe said.

Media Trust director, Rabiu Garba, dies at 63

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

A member of the Board of Directors of Media Trust Limited (publishers of *Daily Trust* newspapers and other titles), Alhaji Rabiu Garba, died Tuesday evening at 63.

Garba, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ESPEE Printing and Advertising Company, Kaduna, died at an Egyptian hospital after a protracted illness.

Family sources said he had been on admission

in Egypt for over a month. His younger brother, Saminu Garba, said the family was making arrangements for the return of his corpse to Nigeria for burial.

Born on June 21, 1957, the Late Garba was the chairman of Media Trust Limited's board committee on editorial and production until late last year when he moved to the contact and business committee.

Garba had, three years ago at the 20th anniversary of Media

Trust Ltd, narrated how the *Daily Trust*, then Weekly Trust, started in a small building which he described as his house "boys quarters".

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Media Trust Ltd, Malam Kabiru Yusuf, described Garba's contribution to the successes of the company as unquantifiable.

He said Garba was, until his death, a pioneer shareholder and a director, and had been on the board of the company.

"The first edition of

Weekly Trust was printed from his printing press in Kaduna. As someone with printing background, his contribution was unquantifiable. He was always tapping on quality of printing and how to get value for money when it comes to printing," Yusuf said.

The Late Garba is survived by his wife, five children and three grandchildren. Among his children are Umar Rabiu Garba, who works with ESPEE Printing and Advertising firm, Kaduna.



■ Alhaji Rabiu Garba

13 people die in Benue road accident

From Hope A. Emmanuel, Makurdi

At least 13 people lost their lives on Tuesday in a motor accident said to have occurred in Ogodumu village along Otukpo-Adoka road in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State. *Daily Trust* gathered that the deceased include a mother and three children who were travelling in a commercial bus heading to Abuja.

It was learnt that some people, however, survived the accident, which happened in the morning.

Witnesses said that the Abuja bound bus, which loaded passengers from Otukpo town was in motion when an articulated truck coming in the opposite direction lost control and rammed into it at Ogodumu.

A witness said that the deceased died immediately because of the impact of the crash.

Contacted, the State Commander of Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC), Mohammed Suleiman confirmed the incident to our correspondent by telephone. He said the accident, a head-on collision involving a truck and a wagon, occurred at about 10:45 am, Tuesday and confirmed 12 people died while six others were injured and taken to the hospital.

'2 of 18 children returned to Anambra are from Kano'

From Habibu U. Aminu, Kano

Two of the 18 children recently returned from Gombe to Anambra State have been identified by some parents in Kano as theirs, the chairman of the missing parent forum in Kano, Ismail Ibrahim Mohammed, has said.

Speaking with *Daily Trust*, Mohammed said the committee, set up by the state government on the issue, was told by the police that some children were taken to Gombe and was asked to go and identify them to be sure whether they are among the missing children from Kano State.

"During our recent trip to Anambra where we identified five children to be among those stolen from Kano, the committee was equally referred back to those taken to Gombe as well to see if they may be able to identify some," he said. He said the committee went to Gombe upon return to Kano and identified two of those children to be their parents from Kano.

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We're committed to internal democracy in APC -Buni

The Yobe State Governor and Chairman APC Caretaker Extraordinary National Convention Planning Committee, Mai Mala Buni, says his committee is working hard towards consolidating on the successes recorded as well as promoting internal democracy in the party.

Buni stated this while inaugurating the chairman and secretary of the party's critical stakeholders of the 17 local government areas of the state in Damaturu.

The governor said despite the campaign of calumny to thwart the efforts of APC administration, the party remains the only vehicle that restores the hopes of common man in the country.

"At present our focus is to consolidate on the successes of the party by ensuring internal democracy and unity among all members of the party.

"The successive and present APC administration have been waxing stronger and the people are ever becoming more convinced of policies and programmes thereby weakening the opposition parties.

"As we all know, Yobe is now a fully APC-controlled state following the decamping of the only PDP member of the Yobe State House of Assembly to APC," he added.

Buni further stated that the inauguration of the Yobe State APC critical Stakeholders was part

of measures towards strengthening the support of the party at the grassroots especially on the forthcoming local government election in the state.

He said the stakeholders would among other terms of reference facilitate the emergence of candidates of councillorship through mediation, reconciliation and arrive at the consensus or ensure the conduct of free, fair and transparent primary election.

The governor further said the members are also charged with the responsibility of resolving any contentious political issue among members of the party.

Buni said other terms include, "To ensuring that all councillorship candidates emerged at the ward levels by the choice of the ward stakeholders or executives to avoid external imposition or interference.

"To screen the chairmanship aspirants and submit three names to the Central Electoral Committee for consideration.

"Advice the party on issues that will promote the development of the local government or state at large," the governor said.

He also charged chairmen and members of the critical stakeholders to work towards ensuring the success of the assignment for the progress of the party.



■ Gov. Mai Mala Buni

Education reform: Philanthropist lauds Yobe, supports 220 IDP returnees

Philanthropist, Nuhu Baba Hassan, has, in collaboration with the Yobe State Government, supported the enrolment of 220 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), returnees in Gujba Local Government area of the state.

The programme, which was implemented through the Youth Initiative for Sustainable Development (YISD), targeted three communities of Ambiya Tasha, Sharhori and Gujba town of Gujba local government area.

Nuhu Baba Hassan while speaking during the launching of the project in Gujba, said the project was meant to complement the efforts of Governor Mai Mala Buni on education especially in the areas affected by the activities of Boko Haram insurgents.

He noted that the governor has after the declaration of state of emergency on basic and secondary education been formulating policies that will help in revitalising the sector.

Hassan, who is the Chairman North East Community Association said, "The governor matched his words with commitment by investing heavily in the construction of classes and provisions of basic equipment in schools across the state.

"The enrolment support contain full package of education materials, which include school uniform, sandals, socks, exercise books, pencils among others."

The Yobe State commissioner of Basic and Secondary education, Dr Sani Idriss represented by the Director in the ministry commended the donor for keying into the education policies of the administration of Governor Mai Mala Buni.

"Education is a capital intensive venture and therefore requires all hands on deck approach," he said.

The district head of Katarko, Mustapha Mai Muktar said the support came at a right time especially when most the IDP children are orphans.

He appealed to other well to do people, among other individuals in the community to emulate the gesture.

Empowerment: Yobe launches Buni/Gubana trader money

In its efforts to reduce idleness and youth restiveness, Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni has launched the Buni/Gubana Trader Money Empowerment Scheme in Damagum the headquarters of Fune local government area.

A statement issued by the Press Secretary of the Yobe State Deputy Governor, Hussaini Mai Sule, said the scheme was meant to empower youths among other vulnerable groups for prosperous and effective economic rejuvenation at the grassroots.

According to the statement, the Member Representing Jajere Constituency at the state Assembly, Hon. Buba Mashio represented the Governor where he said the effort was meant to inculcate the spirit of hard work and self-reliance.

Mashie said: "The scheme is one of the ways of inspiring the youths among other beneficiaries on the need for dedication for stronger economy and self-reliant.

"In this phase of the scheme, we have made

provision for women and youth in these groups namely; Vegetable sellers, Tea sellers association, Labourers, Fish sellers, Butcher men, Sugarcane sellers, Groundnut oil producers, Awara and Moimoi sellers, Handset repairs association and youth groups."

He said a total of 200 beneficiaries would be given N5, 000 to N10, 000 in Damagum ward of Fune local government area.

The member representing Damagum at the State House of Assembly Hon. Digma Gana and the commissioner of Women Affairs, Hon. Hauwa Bah Abubakar while charged the beneficiaries to utilise the money given to them judiciously for self-reliance.

They equally called on them not to relent in prayers for God's guidance of the leaders as they continue with their efforts of bringing meaningful development at the doorstep of a common man across the state.

Yobe Assembly confirms appointment of SIEC permanent member

Yobe State House of Assembly has confirmed the appointment of Alhaji Lawan Kyari as a Permanent Member of the State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC).

The House confirmed the nominee in accordance with the provision of section 197 of the State Independent Electoral Commission Law.

The Chief Whip of the house, Hon. Buba Ibrahim Kallawa among other members while speaking on the

curriculum vitae of the nominee described him as hard-working and dedicated person.

The nominee who hails from Yunusari local government area was confirmed as the permanent member of the commission for the first term of four years.

The house has also received the 2021 local government harmonised finance and appropriation bills of over N40b.

The bill presented by the executive arm of government has been read for the first time at the floor of the house.

Yobe upgrades diagnostic machines

The Yobe State Government has procured and installed state-of-the-art Specialised Computerised Tomography (CT) scan machines for advanced medical investigations at the State University Teaching Hospital (YSUTH).

The state commissioner for health, Dr. Mohammed Lawan Gana, disclosed this in an interview with newsmen in Damaturu.

He said the Computerised Tomography machines would enhance special study of images of blood vessels in the body for diagnosis of vascular disorders and diseases.

He said, "This includes CT cerebral angiography (circles of Willis) study of images of the blood vessels of the brain. "It also carries out CT renal angiography study of imag-

es of the blood vessels of the kidneys, and study of images of the blood vessels of the heart for the diagnosis of heart attacks".

The equipment also promotes venography the study of images of blood vessels that return blood to the heart.

According to the commissioner, the Computerised Tomography was suitable for study of images of blood vessels (arteries) of the limbs known as peripheral angiography.

Similarly, "the equipment is good for advanced study of non-invasive images of inner linings of the large intestine for the diagnosis of diseases of the large intestine (colonoscopy).

Restructuring and the 2023 elections

By Kabiru A. Yusuf

Even without the COVID-19 pandemic, and a second recession in five years, Nigeria is a very troubled country. There is widespread dissatisfaction in the land, but it is fair to ask, when have Nigerians ever been satisfied?

Also, if it is any comfort, we are not alone in our despair; we are in the not so good company, of Trump's USA, Brexit Britain, post-election Ghana, COVID-challenged South Africa, Bobby Wine's Uganda and Tunisia 10 years after Arab Spring.

What seems special about Nigeria is that while the natives are permanently restless, there is no sense of urgency from their government.



■ Mallam Kabiru Yusuf

Was Nigeria ever a great place to be? Can it be made great again? What is at the heart of our national dilemma, the structure or the culture? Is the problem, the absence of any particular set of laws or prevalence of too much lawlessness?

Let me qualify that. When it is threatened, as during the EndSARS protests, the Buhari government can go into overdrive, sending ministers back to their constituencies. But then matters quickly return to the old normal.

The default position is to wait on events. Issue press statements, in response to recurring outrages; display pictures of meetings and briefings on television; and repeat promises of better days to come.

But in the seeming absence of systematic planning and diligent follow up, small gains are lost and progress is stalled.

This lack of vision and vigour, has affected everything, including dealing with urgent national issues. One of which is the agitation for 'restructuring', the subject of our discussion today.

During its campaigns, the ruling party pledged to introduce constitutional changes that will establish

"true federalism".

It set up a committee headed by Governor El-Rufai of Kaduna, which accepted many of the popular ideas of "restructuring", including state police, revised formula of revenue sharing and abolition of local governments.

According to Chief Segun Osoba, former governor of Ogun State, and one of its leading lights, the El-Rufai report was discussed, adjusted and then adopted, at all levels of the party, including the all-powerful National Executive Committee (NEC).

Not much has been heard about the El-Rufai report since the APC was re-elected to a second term two years ago. Osoba said he is shocked that "some people sat on a report which in actual fact had gone through all the organs of the party which had in attendance the president and the governors."

Well, there is another election coming soon and APC

has to decide what to do with this hot potato. *Daily Trust* is making its contribution by putting together this exceptional panel, which has both depth and breath, to offer insight and ideas.

It is chaired by former President Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, who did convene the 2014 constitutional conference, but left office before he could implement its report. The three key speakers are all well known.

Chief Ayo Adebajo is perhaps the oldest practicing politician in Nigeria. Born in 1928, he joined the Zikist Movement in 1943, before finding his permanent home in the youth wing of Action Group, led by Chief Obafemi Awolowo. For 70 years he has been, and remains, one of the loudest and most consistent defenders of Yoruba interest in national politics.

Chief John Nwodo has just finished his tenure as the 9th President of the Ohana'eze

Ndigbo, the socio-cultural group that represents the interests of Igbos in Nigeria and abroad. He was a minister of the federal republic twice, under President Shehu Shagari and General Abdulsalami Abubakar. Still shy of 70, more may still be heard from him in 2023 politics.

Professor Attahiru Jega is my generation, but has developed an early sense of responsibility, both personally and professionally. Still in his early sixties, he was president of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in late 1980's, Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano and lately chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

We think each of our three main speakers has brought something unique to the table, a blend of knowledge, character and experience, which are the building blocks of any serious enterprise.

Was Nigeria ever a great place to be? Can it be made great again? What is at the heart of our national dilemma, the structure or the culture? Is the problem, the absence of any particular set of laws or prevalence of too much lawlessness?

I have no doubt that we will hear words of wisdom from our panelists. We may even leave here as better citizens. Whether that will translate into a collective resolve to build a better Nigeria remains to be seen.

Yusuf, Chairman of Media Trust Limited, delivered this welcome address at the 18th Daily Trust Dialogue with the theme 'Restructuring: Why? When? How?', held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at the NAF Conference Centre and Suites, Abuja.

Restructuring: Where the North stands

By Chief Audu Ogbeh

Let me commend those who have participated so far and the views we heard. We are in a country where the only big company today is government, the only viable one. Nwodo made a very important point.

The economy of this country is dying so fast, and that is where the tragedy is coming from. This is why our children and grandchildren, the young ones coming behind should realise they have no future.

Somebody mentioned India to illustrate. We say the 1960 Constitution was very good. If it was so good, why was there a coup on January 15, 1966, with those bloody massacres of leaders, military and civilian?

Then, six months later, there was a counter-coup. And then the civil war in which nearly two million people died mainly in

the East. So, what was the cause if that constitution, was that perfect?

Then, you talk of India; India became independent on the 15th of August 1947. The British said India had no chance of being a country, that they would need an Army with the efficiency of the German Army under Adolf Hitler to keep the peace.

They said India was too ethnic, too tribal, too religious and so on. Between then and now, there had never been a coup in India, not once. Why are we so hot-headed? We should calm down when we, the leaders, express feelings about Nigeria's problems.

What we say influences the opinions of those who have no opinions of their own. We are too hot and too angry. The big issue is the economy of this country. How many of us can count the number of factories that have

died in this country? From the South West, to the North, and to the East.

In Kano alone, 126 factories have gone down. We are talking about creating jobs. You cannot take a loan from the bank. That is a 5% interest rate. Even if you are trading in cocaine, you can't make it.

My answer to whether restructuring is the solution: In dealing with the problems confronting us, restructuring is absolutely necessary. In what shape is the question to ask. Will states surrender their autonomy as Professor Jega said? Very unlikely. Are we returning to the regions of 1960? Very unlikely. That is where the problem lies.

Chief Ogbeh, chairman of Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), made this contribution at the 18th Daily Trust Dialogue on January 21, 2021.



■ Chief Audu Ogbeh

Congratulations

for a well-deserved
reappointment

On behalf of myself, family and entire foundation members, I, Alhaji Nasiru Danguda Abubakar, wish to express my hearty congratulations to Engr. Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta, over the renewal of your appointment by President Muhammadu Buhari, as Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (EVC/CEO) of the Nigerian Communications Commission NCC effective from 24th-January, 2021.

Indeed, this re-appointment is well deserved considering your experience as an academician of repute and administrator per excellence, having served for more than two decades at the prestigious Bayero University, Kano (BUK); where you held various academic and administrative positions that included Dean of Faculty and Head of Department at different times; Director of the Centre for Information Technology (CIT), as well as chairman of the Implementation Committee of Kano State University of Science & Technology, Wudil after which you became its pioneer Deputy and Acting Vice-Chancellor when it took off in 2001.

It is our hope that having executed a number of successful policies that have positively impacted on Nigerians and their businesses, you will continue to bring to bear your wealth of experience to re-dedicate yourself to the task of consolidating the 8-point agenda you have set for NCC and the industry as well as improve on the growth recorded in recent times, particularly, on broadband penetration, Foreign Direct Investments, (FDIs) and regulatory excellence, as well as the recent exercise introduced to register sim cards with subscribers' National Identity Number (NIN).

One again, Congratulations Sir!



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Restructuring what?

As a buzzword in Nigerian politics and society, 'restructuring' has had a long and interesting life. First, politicians use the term to mobilise voters, seduce allies, intimidate opponents, or to extract political benefits and concessions from a sitting government. When used for these purposes, 'restructuring' signals a threat of tearing Nigeria apart or invokes frustrations of 'marginalisation' by one group as something caused by another. This is why since 1999, talk about this sort of 'restructuring Nigeria' tends to grow louder as general elections draw closer.

However, even when 'restructuring' is used as a political concept in the press or academia, rather than a practical strategy by politicians to intimidate or seduce one another, it still defies an exact meaning. Some use it to mean 'true federalism', that is, as a call for return to something akin to the old regions of the First Republic, as if actually existing federations can, by definition, be false.

Others see it as the need to devolve greater powers and resources to states and local governments, as if these cannot be done as a matter of everyday politics within the current constitutional framework. Yet, others use the term to call for state police, resource control, 'fiscal federalism', creation of more states, or their reduction along the lines of the so-called six geo-political zones. In short, restructuring Nigeria is simply whatever it means to the speaker or listener at any point in time.

Still, there is a sense in which much of the call for restructuring Nigeria is no more than lazy politics, and even lazier journalism and scholarship driven by two deeply entrenched political and intellectual currents that run deep in Nigerian politics and society. The first is the tendency to romanticise British and American institutions particularly, and Western countries more generally, as having the 'best' political, economic and social structures for organising society that Nigeria must emulate.

The second is a corollary of the first, and it is the tendency to denigrate any social and political institutions in Nigeria that diverge from their equivalents in the US or Britain. The further the structural arrangements of our federal union is from that of the United States, we think, for example, the more 'inappropriate', 'wrong' or 'unfit' we seem to think of it, hence the constant talk about 'restructuring' the country.

Seeing and thinking about our country as a poor and laughable imitation of other countries, rather than an original entity with its own distinct history and destiny in its own right, prevents us from truly appreciating the striking institutional innovations we have in Nigeria as it is even today. Indeed, Nigeria's existing federal structures

are so sound one might as well think of the country as a 'natural federation', or as one created by God. But to appreciate Nigeria as no less 'true' a federation as any in the world today, we first need to cut through and demolish decades of political subterfuge, intellectual sophistry, and often rampant ignorance on the subject.

First, we need to know 'restructuring' for what is. In whatever way the term is conceived or well-intentioned, all arguments for restructuring Nigeria are arguments about how to share the existing 'national cake'. But the real challenge of development and nation building in Nigeria is about baking a bigger, a much bigger cake than we now have. Whichever way you restructure the country and share the existing cake at hand, it will never be enough for everyone, or every group, or every place.

The real job is to grow and expand the current cake and make it bigger enough to go round. As recent global history shows, this is very possible even within Nigeria's current constitutional framework. The problem is that the skills required for baking and growing a national cake are very different from those needed for sharing it. We appear adept at tearing and intimidating each other to share the cake, but not so much as growing or significantly expanding the economy. In other words, to speak about restructuring is to speak in the language of consumption, not production and it is important to note the nuanced distinction.

Second, there is a sense in which much talk about 'restructuring' Nigeria is no more than a reflection of the poverty of imagination within our politics and political economy, rather than a matter of any deficiencies with the current federal structure. The English poet, Alexander Pope once said that "for forms of government let fools contest; whatever is best administered is best". Structural arrangements matter, of course, but even the best structure will fail to yield desired results if poorly governed.

So we probably need to be humble and acknowledge the glaring fact that Nigeria's problems right now, or at any time before, lie less with an imperfect structure than with the lack of imagination to use it optimally. Most of the things the proponents of restructuring clamour for such as state police, 'fiscal federalism', devolution of powers and resources to the lower levels of government, and so on, either already exists in Nigeria currently or can be done without much fuss, where there is both the knowhow and the will.

Consider, for example, the idea of state policing. Is any constitutional amendment or restructuring needed for states to have and run their own police? Probably not because this is already happening, even if, it is one called *Amotekun*...

Tackling the current security challenges, the need for caution

By Senator Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi, CON

At every level of development, every society or nation cannot escape being confronted by challenges of various hues; the test for the strength, cohesion and maturity of the society and its system is not in playing the ostrich and trying to pretend that the challenges aren't real, but in how they are confronted and dealt with. As Nigeria currently faces challenges of monumental proportions in virtually, all spheres of endeavour, it behoves on all of us to come together as one to confront and defeat these challenges.

Of all the challenges, to me, the biggest and scariest is the seeming breakdown of security in most parts of the country. That the provision of security is the primary purpose of government is a trite and worn-out cliché, but it bears repeating here. Governments at all levels must strive to remain faithful to this mandate, realizing, though, that they need the support and understanding of all citizens to succeed.

Incidences of banditry, kidnapping and other forms of criminalities are becoming

A situation in which we allow emotions to rule our decision-making faculties, leading to incendiary remarks by some of us from all parts of the country, who ordinarily ought to have known better, is a recipe for loss of focus, which ultimately leads to doom. I, therefore, call on all of us, the leaders and the led, to put on our thinking caps and realise that we are all in this mess together and it takes the coming together of all of us to get out of it

the order of the day across the country. Economic and social activities are, therefore, stalling, leading to a stagnation of our development as a people and a nation. There can be no development without stability; and there can be no stability without adequate security that affords all the chance to pursue various legitimate means of livelihood. And no investor, local or foreign will bring their capital to a place in which security of life and property is not guaranteed. So, North, South, East and West, we need to realise that we are in a deeper pit than we seem to acknowledge.

Governments, at all levels, must therefore, lead the quest for us to get out of this quagmire by upping the ante and tempo of this fight against insecurity in all its ramifications. The rejigging of the security architecture and equipping it with all the necessary wherewithal is paramount. Even though this is government's primary responsibility, it cannot be effectively shouldered to the exclusion of the citizens. It is, therefore, incumbent on governments, at all levels, to embrace all and give all a sense of belonging through inviting and

as much as practicable, working on the contributions of all, irrespective of political differences, ethnic or religious background to ensure the success of the fight. Every Nigerian is a critical stakeholder in this project; therefore, all perspectives should be harnessed and deployed in prosecuting this fight.

We, the led, must also realise that we have a part to play to ease the burden on the governments. And this we can all do by coming together, setting aside all differences, be they political, religious, tribal, geographical and any other, to launch a massive onslaught on this monster, which does not discriminate on who, where and when it attacks.

A situation in which we allow emotions to rule our decision-making faculties, leading to incendiary remarks by some of us from all parts of the country, who ordinarily ought to have known better, is a recipe for loss of focus, which ultimately leads to doom. I, therefore, call on all of us, the leaders and the led, to put on our thinking caps and realise that we are all in this mess together and it takes the coming together of all of us to get out of it. All of us, across all the partisan and other divides must also guard against the temptation to politicise the issue of security. We must realise that we have to have a country before we can play politics.

Leaders, political, religious, traditional, socio cultural and others must also be smart and guard their utterances and actions, as the handling of some of the issues arising from some of the problems requires sensitivity, delicate balancing as well as the capacity to operate above the fray. It is in this light that I consider the issuance of ultimatums and counter ultimatums to Nigerians living in various parts of the country by leaders and cultural groups across the divides as counterproductive and a far cry from the real solution to the problem. This is not to say however that agitations against criminal elements are to be ignored. People have the legitimate rights to raise their voices against criminality perpetrated by anybody or group, while leaders must rise above sentiments and emotions by looking more broadly and more holistically at issues and their pros and cons, in order to ensure justice to all. In line with this spirit, I welcome the statement by the Chairman of Nigerian Governors Forum to the effect that no ultimatum has been given to anybody by any Governor.

I also call on the Federal Government to intensify its partnership with the states and other leaders to bring an end to the banditry, kidnappings and other criminalities across the length and breadth of our dear country.

Governments at all levels would also do well to be more accommodating of critics and criticisms and avoid falling into the trap of always looking at and seeing critics as enemies. Critics are not necessarily enemies, not even opponents; they just happen to see things from different perspectives. By engaging positively with critics, governments have the dual advantage of analyses from alternative perspectives as well as the opportunity to educate the critics on the insights to their own perspectives that the critics may otherwise be unaware of.

I condole with families who lost dear ones to the various crises and criminalities arising from this situation of insecurity and also sympathise with those who lost properties or suffered any economic loss and also call on us all to support governments at all levels as they grapple with this challenge.

Senator Makarfi is a former governor of Kaduna State

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CARTOON by AKILA JIBRIN



I am a Fulani herdsman

I am a Commander (rtd) of the Nigerian Navy. I am a Senator. I am a Fulani herdsman. I am, therefore, many things in one person.

I was given a cow for every milestone in my life. I was given cows at birth. I was given cows when I completed my Quranic studies. I was given cows when I got married. My father gave me a herd of cows about 20 years ago when I became a 'full adult' in his eyes.

I, therefore, became a herdsman by virtue of inheritance. The cows in my family have been with us for over a century. We know the lineage of each cow. Some of the cows recognise us. I have never killed any person. The narrative that I am a killer is, therefore, wrong.

I have been told recently to leave Oyo and Ondo States by people who eat 'kpomo, shaki, round-about, bokotor and beef. They are being supported by people who wear leather belts and shoes along with those that use anti-aging creams, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics etc. All by-products of cows.

The irony is that the persons who do not want to see herdsman in their states did not start by first banning 'kpomo, shaki, round-about, bokotor' and beef from their cooking pots at home. They want to eat these things and drink milk/milk products yet they do not want to see cows. They want to eat their cake and have it. This could only happen where there is a special arrangement for

man from heaven - I doubt if this is possible since I doubt if these people are as righteous as the Prophet Moses (Upon Whom be Peace)!

The more serious issue before us is how do we secure our animal protein food security needs as a country that is moving towards a projected population of 400 million by 2050! This is what I want to hear politicians and leaders talking about and not ethnicity and religion. I want to hear them talking about how herdsman and farmers could coexist for their mutual benefit and ours.

Today, we no longer have the habitat to sustain wildlife that used to be consumed by some as bushmeat. We are dependent on imported fish and poultry. We are, however, able to provide cheap beef for ourselves as a nation because of herdsman like me. People like me, therefore, are an important component of Nigeria's food security architecture.

Now the question is this: Do I like the current open grazing/pastoral grazing undertaken by herdsman? My answer is NO. Do I think that we should address this challenge? My answer is YES. Could there be a solution? My answer is YES and I have humbly proffered some possible solutions in some of my previous posts.

Now... enter the politicians. (The most unpatriotic Nigerians that I have ever come across!) —unfortunately I have found myself in their

midst! Coming from a military background it has been tough for me!

Do I think that the negative utterances by certain politicians are useful? My answer is NO. How does telling any ethnic group to leave a locality whether in Owerri (Imo), Gusau, Ilejemeje (Ekiti) Aramoko (Ekiti), Ogoni (Rivers), Kano, Gboko (Benue) help any Nigerian at a time like this? This could only be done for their selfish political gains and not for the good of their people and Nigeria at large.

People like these foment crises for all and then shift the blame to security agencies. They never solve our problems through sound leadership but ride on our backs (sentiments) to attain their selfish political goals. This is wrong and it should not be condoned by any person.

The true test is that they should tell us how we would eat 'kpomo, shaki, round-about, bokotor' and beef without cows? Cows that are herded by herdsman like me! A simple question requiring a simple answer! They should SHUT UP if they have no answer!

As Nigerians, we are grappling with a lot of welfare and security issues. We do not need you Mr Politician to add fuel to the embers of insecurity that we are managing. We have enough on our plates!

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Anambra Poll: Time running out for passage of electoral act

The moment the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) released the timetable for the 2021 Anambra Governorship Elections, one would think the National Assembly would show more anxiety to resume from its recess and get to work to speed up the passage of a new electoral act. Thus the news that the National Assembly has postponed its resumption from January 26th to February 9th, 2021 is not cheering.

The National Assembly had initially promised to ensure passage of a new bill to regulate the conduct of the federal, state and area council elections and other related matters in December 2020. However, this did not happen as the legislators, understandably, prioritised the passage of the 2021 budget.

On 9th December 2020, the Joint National Assembly Committee on INEC held a public hearing on the bill. It was indeed a very vital step towards improving Nigeria's electoral legal framework and giving Nigerians an electoral law that will serve the good of everyone. The array of recommendations provided by Civil Society Organisations, groups and other stakeholders do not just go a long way to show the magnitude of loopholes in Nigeria's electoral system, but the urgency needed to fix the system.

While the Anambra governorship election is coming up in November, activities leading up to the elections commence as early as June where political parties must conduct primaries or democratically nominate

candidates for the elections. The commission and indeed political parties will no doubt need ample time to adjust to any new legislation that will impact on the political party primaries.

Nigerians look forward to the passage with optimism as the Senate President, Ahmed Lawan has reiterated that the aim of the ninth assembly is to achieve all the targets set in the legislative agenda and the Electoral Amendment bill is part of it. But, with the resumption of plenary now February 9th and the need to consolidate all recommendations received from the public hearing, the March 2021 deadline for the passage of the electoral act may just be under scrutiny.

Also, the bill will be sent to the President where it will undergo intensive review, which may come back to the legislature for further review before final assent.

This makes the responsibility of the Joint Committee on INEC and electoral matters even more tasking if they indeed want the new electoral law to be passed by the end of March 2021 as promised. Since it doesn't seem like lawmakers will resume earlier than planned, there is a need for them to intensify effort to consolidate recommendations, conduct reviews and other post-public hearing processes.

The National Assembly must prioritise the election amendment bill and must be willing and committed to making the necessary sacrifice in the overall interest of the country for the timely passage of this bill.

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Restructuring Nigeria

The trending issue of restructuring Nigeria got a major boost when Media Trust Ltd, publishers of the *Daily Trust* titles, recently provided an opportunity for the champions of the issue to pitch their ideas to a wider Nigerian audience. The occasion was the paper's 18th annual dialogue series with the theme 'Restructuring: Why? When? How?' which took place on Thursday, January 21, 2021 in Abuja.

There was former President Goodluck Jonathan who chaired the occasion as well as Chief Ayo Adebajo, the nonagenarian chieftain of the Yoruba group, Afenifere, who participated virtually. Chief John Nnia Nwodo, the immediate past President-General of the Igbo socio-cultural group, Ohaneze Ndigbo and Professor Attahiru Jega, a former chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) completed the cast of eminent speakers at the occasion.

Former President Jonathan's remarks centred on the need for unity of purpose among Nigerians in tackling the issue of diversity which, he reasoned, was the strength of the country. He provided an analogy with the case of the Republic of Tanzania where he recently served as head of an election observer team. He said like Nigeria, Tanzania is a diverse country which under the visionary and purposeful leadership of late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, found common cause to unite and pursue the task of nation-building making it one of the most stable democratic entities in Africa.

President Jonathan pointed out that while at independence in 1960 Nigeria's population stood at 45 million, today, 60 years later, the country has grown to some 200 million necessitating major political and social reforms to cope with the situation. He noted that such reforms should emphasise the need for unity and inclusion of the various components that make up the country.

Both chiefs Adebajo and Nwodo, in their presentations, favoured a return to the constitutional arrangements enshrined in the Independence constitution where the federating units had more autonomy as opposed to the present situation where power is concentrated at the centre to the detriment of the states. Their justification was that when that structure was in place, there was greater productivity wherein the regions were developing at their own pace retaining most of the revenues they generated.

They both railed against the 1999 Constitution in current operation, condemning it as one imposed by the military without the benefit of the contribution and endorsement of the Nigerian people.

To remedy the situation, Chief Adebajo called on President Buhari to either implement some of the recommendations of the 2014 National Conference convened by President Jonathan or initiate one which will address the concerns over the current imbalances in the country's political structure.

Professor Jega's views, which differed from the two statesmen's, harped on the impracticability of Nigeria under the present circumstances to revert to the regional structure of old which was dissolved following agitations by Nigerians. 'Which of the current federating units', he asked, 'would agree to cede the autonomy it currently enjoys and collapse willingly into a regional structure where it will likely be dominated by more powerful groups?'

While endorsing the need for restructuring of Nigeria he, however, suggested that this should be done incrementally as the issues involved are far more weighty and complex than imagined. His prescription in this respect is to first of all tackle the issues of bad governance which are prevalent at all levels of government and which, in his reckoning, are at the root of the feelings of exclusion by majority of Nigerians regardless of ethnicity and religion.

Judging from the mood at the dialogue, Nigerians of all walks of life are in favour of a restructuring of the country. The overwhelming concern, however, is for all shades of opinion in the country to be carried along in the process. It should be an exercise that strengthens the country and not weaken it. It should aim to lay the foundation and bequeath a legacy of hope for future generations of Nigerians.



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Entry points for Nigeria's diplomacy in Biden's era

By Dr. Gbara Awanen

The inauguration of Mr. Joe Biden as the 46th President of the United States of America on 20th January, 2021 and the policy changes so far enacted by the new president represent a forceful repudiation of President Donald Trump and his belligerent, isolationist 'America first' policy. In international affairs, Trump antagonised friends and allies and gravely undermined the pivotal transatlantic alliance that has been the foundation of US security and foreign policy since the end of World War II.

In the Trump era, Africa fared even worse. Some say that in the four long years of his presidency, Africa never featured on his policy radar, except in derogatory stereotyping. Early in his presidency, Trump roundly rejected the idea of state-building, a euphemism for long standing US policy of providing development assistance to Third World countries. In his first budget to Congress in 2017, Trump proposed deep cuts to programs in Africa. Trump's rejection of a policy that has been one of the enduring features of US partnership with African countries unsurprisingly set the stage for what has turned out to be a particularly low point in US-Nigeria relations in decades. Apparently not done, Trump withheld US contributions to several UN agencies, including the UNESCO.

Against this backdrop, analysts have been quick to celebrate the Biden's Presidency as offering an opportunity to revive a broken relationship that had long been touted in US policy circles as one of the most consequential in Africa. It is not only Nigerians that are optimistic about the Biden Presidency.

So far, Biden has not disappointed. In one of his first acts as President, Biden promptly took the US back into the Paris Climate agreement and reversed US withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO). He also scrapped Trump's controversial travel ban on citizens from seven Muslim and African countries and vowed to place racial equality at the heart of his administration's policy making. The new US President also took his country into the COVID-19 Global Access (COVAX) Facility, an initiative to help low-income get much needed vaccines.

It is, of course, not insignificant to mention that Biden has already appointed three Nigeria-Americans to senior positions in his administration, the most notable being Adewale Adeyemo, who would be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury upon confirmation by the US Senate.

The apparent Biden-Nigeria love affair was accentuated in a trending video that plays out a telephone conversation between Biden and a Chicago-based Nigerian supporter and his family, in which Biden was heard saying nice things about his interlocutor and his country, and making the point that he knows Nigeria very well. These

are reassuring steps and images that could provide entry points for Nigeria's engagement with the Biden administration.

As a long serving US Senator and Vice President, Biden is familiar with Nigeria and the country's security, governance and economic challenges. The same is true of several of his top nominees, including Antony Blinken, the Secretary of State, Susan Rice, Domestic Policy Adviser, and Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Ambassador to the United Nations, all of whom, like Biden himself, are alumni of the Obama administration.

The Biden administration's familiarity with Nigeria, unlike the insular Trump administration, must not be left to waste. The smart thing for the Buhari administration would, therefore, be to leverage this goodwill to extract the best possible outcomes for Nigeria. Towards this objective, no issue is more urgent than the revitalization of the stalled Nigeria-United States Bi-national Commission (BNC).

At a 2012 BNC meeting at Washington DC, Hilary Clinton who, as US Secretary of State, helped designed the BNC, described it as "our (US) flagship agreement for bilateral cooperation on the entire African continent." As the overarching framework for US-Nigeria relations, the BNC was designed to provide a regular platform for senior officials of both countries to engage on issues identified by both governments as critical in the relationship. In the decade since this cooperation mechanism was formalised, such shared priorities have included security cooperation, economic development, and governance and democracy. Significantly, these issues align with the security, job creation, and anti-corruption priorities of the Buhari administration.

The revamping of the BNC, after a pause under the Trump administration, will not only signal that bilateral relations are back on track, but earn the Buhari administration political mileage in Washington DC. Reviving the BNC should not prove difficult, given that Biden and key members of his national security and foreign policy team were the architects and drivers of the BNC process during the Obama years. Notably, as recently as 2016, Antony Blinken, as US Deputy Secretary of State in the Obama Presidency, co-chaired with Foreign Minister, Geoffrey Onyeama, the 2016 BNC meeting held in Washington DC.

Under the Obama administration, it was fashionable for senior US government officials to play up the US-Nigeria partnership as the most important in Africa. The common refrain was that Nigeria is too important to fail, implying a policy imperative on the part of the US government to take extraordinary measures to support Nigeria in the critical areas of security cooperation, economic development, and governance. Given that these challenges are not less now than they were way back in

2010 when the BNC agreement was signed, the Nigerian government can do worse than challenge the Biden administration to walk its talk.

To be sure, it may seem naïve to imagine that the BNC is the silver bullet to resolve the conundrum of Nigeria's security and economic malaise. Far from it. Indeed, putting all of Nigeria's eggs in one policy basket cannot be a smart strategy. The Nigerian government must at all times reserve the prerogative to deploy other tools and engage other partners to try to fix the country. However, what makes the US partnership particularly attractive is that there is an existing cooperation framework that has proved useful in the past and needs only to be revived and put to good use. However, as it is typical of strategic partnerships between two unequal partners, Nigeria will benefit only to the extent that it is able to leverage on the goodwill and policy memory of key members of the Biden administration who played pivotal roles in negotiating and formalizing the BNC over a decade ago.

The federal government appears ready for the challenge, with the assigning of Dr. Uzoma Elizabeth Emenike, a veteran diplomat, as Nigeria's ambassador to the United States. This is the right first substantive move. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs must now move fast to ensure she presents her credentials as soon as possible, and also empower her with a strong team of officers. Once in place, the ambassador and her team need to cast their nets wide beyond the State Department, given that the US foreign policy establishment consists of a diffused cast of officials and institutions that also include members of Congress and Africa/Nigeria specialists on the National Security Council at the White House, amongst others.

At the strategic level, President Buhari should, at the earliest opportunity, consider extending an invitation to Biden to visit Nigeria or, in the alternative, explore an early possibility to visit the US President at the White House to make the case for elevated engagement of both governments to promote shared priorities.

As Nigeria seeks to reset Nigeria-US relations, our officials need to keep in mind that, while the Biden administration may be philosophically and temperamentally attuned to international cooperation, America's national interest will not fundamentally change because a new administration has displaced the old, no matter how despised the old administration was.

As in all strategic relations, Nigeria would do well to retain a clear eye about the promise and limits of international cooperation and solidarity; about what it can and must do all by itself, when to call in help, and how much help could help solve a clearly defined problem.

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DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2020 SHARED IN FEBRUARY, 2020

State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Deduction	Exchange Gain Difference	Distribution of Excess Bank Charges Recovered	Distribution of N16.298 Billion from Non Oil Revenue	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
ABIA	1	ABA NORTH	101,191,388.47	-	201,987.36	144,371.62	3,570,097.69	30,687,933.60	135,795,778.13
	2	ABA SOUTH	168,824,649.37	-	336,989.59	240,865.25	5,956,241.92	53,808,690.58	229,167,436.71
	3	ARACHUKWU	118,786,728.40	-	237,029.28	169,475.22	4,190,871.97	35,271,538.67	158,555,723.55
	4	BENDE	121,030,810.95	-	241,588.68	172,676.89	4,270,044.64	36,872,416.72	162,587,537.87
	5	IKWUANO	110,161,741.97	-	219,893.01	157,169.79	3,886,576.92	32,917,323.45	147,342,705.14
	6	ISIALA NGWA NORTH	113,768,604.89	-	227,092.64	162,315.77	4,013,829.35	34,067,719.31	152,239,561.97
	7	ISIALA NGWA SOUTH	110,386,019.15	-	220,340.69	157,489.77	3,894,489.56	32,681,193.02	147,339,532.59
	8	ISUKWATO	107,633,251.89	-	214,045.91	153,562.35	3,797,370.17	31,196,151.17	142,995,811.48
	9	NNEKOCHI	116,120,951.23	-	231,788.14	165,671.91	4,096,821.64	34,812,725.05	155,427,957.97
	10	OBIDOMA NGWA	117,839,269.41	-	235,218.06	168,123.46	4,157,445.01	36,092,477.41	158,492,532.36
	11	OHAFIA	128,866,666.90	-	257,229.77	183,856.45	4,546,498.67	40,748,215.18	174,602,466.97
	12	OSSIOMA	124,075,691.79	-	247,666.54	177,021.08	4,377,469.99	38,883,727.59	167,761,576.99
	13	UGUNWAGBO	94,746,936.06	-	189,123.63	135,177.20	3,342,732.64	28,870,365.14	127,284,333.68
	14	UKWA EAST	89,522,912.12	-	178,696.00	127,723.99	3,158,425.76	27,134,430.14	120,122,188.01
	15	UKWA WEST	93,219,574.06	-	186,074.88	132,998.09	3,288,846.37	29,304,257.54	126,131,750.93
	16	UMUAHIA NORTH	130,960,323.80	-	277,377.64	198,257.26	4,902,609.36	38,958,856.68	183,297,424.73
	17	UMUAHIA SOUTH	120,069,871.49	-	239,670.55	171,305.90	4,236,142.08	32,959,492.21	157,676,482.23
ABIA TOTAL			1,975,205,390.93	-	3,942,692.36	2,818,062.03	69,686,513.13	595,267,513.46	2,646,920,171.91
ADAMAWA	1	DEMSA	123,135,571.16	-	245,789.97	175,679.79	4,344,301.93	36,048,603.75	163,949,946.60
	2	FUFURE	150,428,249.97	-	300,268.68	214,618.76	5,307,205.11	38,024,469.48	194,274,811.00
	3	GAYE	128,089,697.10	-	255,678.86	182,747.94	4,519,066.67	34,867,293.88	161,914,504.45
	4	GIREI	112,144,375.40	-	223,850.53	159,998.45	3,956,325.50	32,375,756.13	148,860,506.01
	5	GOMBI	110,970,878.12	-	221,508.12	158,334.20	3,915,123.76	33,576,798.35	149,842,632.55
	6	GUJUK	118,640,899.71	-	236,824.10	169,271.39	4,185,831.67	35,868,381.64	159,104,168.31
	7	HONG	129,231,699.34	-	257,958.23	184,377.12	4,559,374.07	35,235,557.95	199,468,876.71
	8	JADA	135,187,043.78	-	269,845.82	192,873.85	4,769,495.62	35,187,834.90	175,607,083.98
	9	YOLA-NORTH	117,538,408.38	-	234,617.52	167,694.22	4,146,430.44	37,363,801.25	159,451,251.81
	10	LAMURDE	105,240,187.33	-	210,069.13	150,148.12	3,712,941.31	31,119,317.18	149,432,663.07
	11	MAOGALI	106,947,561.97	-	213,477.21	152,584.06	3,773,178.58	32,788,892.07	148,815,693.90
	12	MAHA	104,708,548.08	-	209,007.93	149,389.62	3,694,184.74	31,002,261.74	139,216,392.11
	13	MARU-BELWA	121,411,812.61	-	242,349.19	173,220.48	4,283,486.63	34,066,452.90	160,177,221.80
	14	MICHIKA	117,210,561.92	-	234,941.19	167,928.99	4,152,386.60	34,225,261.66	156,802,280.45
	15	MURU NORTH	112,315,610.14	-	224,492.76	160,242.76	3,962,566.77	33,916,121.65	150,578,733.64
	16	MURU SOUTH	104,636,027.72	-	208,863.17	149,286.15	3,691,626.17	32,298,434.56	140,984,237.78
	17	NUMAM	99,441,582.92	-	198,494.58	141,075.14	3,508,362.83	29,505,649.65	132,755,965.12
18	SHELLENG	112,650,942.70	-	224,861.68	160,721.18	3,974,397.52	33,769,738.86	150,880,659.94	
19	SONG	141,795,758.88	-	283,037.43	202,302.63	5,002,245.57	36,958,191.89	184,241,936.14	
20	TONGIO	121,487,892.59	-	242,501.05	173,329.02	4,286,170.78	26,678,588.91	152,869,482.35	
21	YOLA-SOUTH	117,730,933.68	-	235,001.82	167,968.90	4,153,622.86	37,097,779.97	159,385,307.22	
ADAMAWA TOTAL			2,491,438,112.50	-	4,973,140.54	3,554,580.79	87,899,534.67	711,916,186.47	3,299,781,554.97
AKWA IBOM	1	ABAK	113,049,528.22	-	225,657.30	161,289.85	3,988,459.87	34,256,854.46	151,881,789.70
	2	EASTERN OBOLU	88,288,899.75	-	176,192.87	125,934.87	3,114,183.40	28,516,422.24	120,201,633.14
	3	EKET	116,539,953.93	-	232,624.51	166,289.71	4,111,404.33	36,702,715.48	157,375,167.95
	4	EPE ATAI	89,341,111.66	-	178,333.11	127,464.61	3,152,011.72	29,543,381.31	122,342,302.42
	5	ESSEN UDIM	120,099,783.79	-	239,650.42	171,291.51	4,235,786.18	38,172,483.04	162,878,994.94
	6	ETIM EKO	104,645,625.95	-	209,882.33	149,289.85	3,691,964.81	31,796,011.48	149,491,794.42
	7	ETIHAN	118,868,365.43	-	236,908.95	169,322.03	4,187,321.10	36,463,515.58	159,743,453.08
	8	IBENO	95,997,338.53	-	189,823.07	135,677.13	3,355,095.10	29,600,751.28	128,738,685.11
	9	IBIKPO ASUTAN	100,363,751.80	-	200,296.24	157,458.00	3,893,703.95	34,111,492.84	148,746,702.84
	10	IBIKPO IBOM	120,070,652.69	-	239,672.11	171,307.02	4,236,169.64	37,951,188.41	162,688,989.87
	11	IKA	92,409,689.15	-	184,458.29	131,842.63	3,280,273.46	29,422,356.24	125,408,629.77
	12	IKONO	109,304,068.66	-	218,181.01	155,946.13	3,856,317.65	33,731,681.69	149,265,195.15
	13	IKOT ABASI	109,344,886.19	-	218,242.53	155,990.10	3,857,404.91	33,740,378.54	149,306,902.28
	14	IKOT EPEKE	112,762,670.36	-	225,094.70	160,880.59	3,978,339.34	34,548,235.46	151,675,210.45
	15	INI	103,019,749.99	-	205,636.93	146,980.18	3,634,802.86	31,341,290.50	138,348,260.46
	16	ITU	108,188,354.45	-	209,965.67	150,074.17	3,711,112.62	33,375,695.52	143,635,202.42
	17	MBO	95,187,076.19	-	195,990.47	140,085.32	3,464,033.03	31,693,257.11	132,880,512.12
	18	MKPAT ENIN	121,988,075.02	-	243,499.46	174,042.64	4,303,817.53	37,103,135.97	163,812,570.62
	19	NSTT IBOM	101,790,016.64	-	203,182.27	145,225.70	3,591,217.08	32,029,364.76	137,759,006.45
	20	NSTT URUMU	107,100,069.21	-	213,781.63	152,801.65	3,778,559.14	33,463,248.68	144,708,460.31
	21	OBAT AKARA	111,399,627.62	-	222,363.94	158,935.91	3,930,250.32	34,928,558.19	150,639,735.97
	22	OKORO	95,750,895.61	-	191,127.63	136,689.57	3,378,153.01	31,696,545.83	133,115,331.66
	23	ONNA	99,982,561.67	-	199,574.43	142,646.97	3,527,448.91	33,108,212.59	136,960,444.56
	24	ORON	102,410,262.78	-	204,420.34	146,110.61	3,613,099.76	30,483,664.21	136,867,557.70
	25	ORUK ANAM	120,661,976.11	-	240,852.45	172,150.67	4,257,031.91	36,709,804.51	162,041,815.05
	26	UDUNG UKO	89,881,915.43	-	178,412.60	128,236.19	3,171,091.63	27,985,475.93	121,346,131.79
	27	UKANFAN	110,285,844.25	-	220,140.73	157,346.85	3,890,955.32	33,375,695.52	149,299,802.68
	28	UQUO	89,913,923.48	-	178,476.49	128,281.86	3,172,220.68	28,747,217.63	122,141,120.35
	29	URUAN	117,262,190.74	-	234,066.16	167,300.13	4,137,085.30	32,723,463.71	154,538,106.05
	30	URUE OFPONG/URUK	97,028,690.15	-	193,678.23	138,432.63	3,422,234.42	29,292,268.91	130,076,304.34
	31	UYO	146,663,596.63	-	292,754.08	209,247.66	5,174,385.76	46,716,224.09	199,056,208.23
AKWA IBOM TOTAL			3,318,449,162.08	-	6,623,930.96	4,734,492.73	117,071,014.97	1,033,344,591.73	4,480,229,192.48
ANAMBRA	1	AGUATA	164,963,945.03	-	329,283.27	235,357.11	5,820,033.79	49,520,845.84	220,889,465.03
	2	ANAMBRA EAST	108,489,679.04	-	216,555.42	154,794.23	3,827,585.46	33,673,505.22	146,362,109.38
	3	ANAMBRA WEST	111,605,199.72	-	222,774.28	159,229.20	3,937,503.03	34,702,876.02	150,627,582.25
	4	ANIOCHA	134,896,656.55	-	269,266.18	192,459.55	4,759,240.57	43,296,386.44	183,414,009.29
	5	AIKWA NORTH	102,440,621.97	-	204,498.91	146,166.77	3,614,488.38	30,697,355.64	137,112,131.96
	6	AIKWA SOUTH	117,942,359.94	-	235,422.84	168,270.54	4,161,082.11	36,283,875.55	159,791,011.99
	7	AYAMELIUM	109,305,961.33	-	218,184.79	155,948.83	3,856,384.43	34,044,692.60	147,581,717.99
	8	DUNIKOPIA	97,733,111.09	-	195,084.31	139,437.64	3,448,086.85	29,511,514.64	131,027,234.52
	9	EKOLUISIGWO	108,550,940.25	-	216,677.20	154,871.63	3,829,246.80	34,031,610.79	146,783,847.17
	10	IDEMILI NORTH	171,713,500.57	-	342,791.93	245,012.59	6,058,797.49	53,859,465.52	232,328,568.02
	11	IDEMILI SOUTH	119,533,600.29	-	238,240.81	170,283.99	4,210,871.57	37,645,699.86	161,618,696.51
	12	IBHALA	145,261,759.59	-	291,273.31	208,189.27	5,146,213.28	44,550,194.42	196,119,629.86
	13	INRIKIA	107,215,247.74						



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

**DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION ACCOUNT
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2020 SHARED IN FEBRUARY, 2020**

State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Deduction	Exchange Gain Difference	Distribution of Excess Bank Charges Recovered	Distribution of Non Oil Revenue	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation	
			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
DELTA	1	ANIOCHA NORTH	94,674,306.37	-	188,978.66	135,073.58	3,340,170.26	32,549,300.78	130,807,829.65	
	2	ANIOCHA SOUTH	103,191,237.55	-	205,979.24	147,224.85	3,640,653.05	35,172,460.59	142,357,555.27	
	3	BOMADI	88,211,503.02	-	176,078.31	125,852.98	3,112,158.41	31,228,914.40	122,854,507.12	
	4	BURUTU	126,775,880.21	-	253,056.36	180,873.49	4,472,734.37	40,219,702.75	171,902,247.19	
	5	ETHIOPE EAST	115,346,351.49	-	230,241.97	164,566.77	4,089,493.27	39,571,166.26	159,381,819.76	
	6	ETHIOPE WEST	118,153,965.43	-	235,846.23	168,572.45	4,168,547.69	39,775,798.02	162,502,729.80	
	7	IKA NORTH EAST	125,265,005.54	-	250,040.52	178,717.90	4,419,429.74	38,318,893.03	168,432,066.73	
	8	IKA SOUTH	117,813,570.32	-	235,166.77	168,086.80	4,156,538.33	36,779,550.67	159,152,912.88	
	9	ISOKO NORTH	110,853,887.56	-	221,274.60	158,157.29	3,910,996.26	35,431,977.50	150,576,293.20	
	10	ISOKO SOUTH	123,959,388.38	-	247,439.39	176,855.13	4,373,366.73	41,538,554.39	170,295,599.05	
	11	NDOKWIA EAST	104,164,091.89	-	207,921.15	148,612.83	3,674,975.98	32,436,753.32	140,632,355.16	
	12	NDOKWIA WEST	107,429,507.51	-	214,439.22	153,271.64	3,790,181.93	35,809,815.42	147,397,215.74	
	13	OKPE	98,403,110.44	-	196,421.70	140,393.54	3,471,724.85	34,399,610.31	136,611,260.94	
	14	OSHMILI NORTH	96,372,567.19	-	192,368.54	137,496.52	3,400,085.99	33,324,343.54	133,426,861.78	
	15	OSHMILI SOUTH	104,575,351.10	-	208,742.06	149,139.59	3,889,485.46	35,830,132.43	144,452,510.63	
	16	PATANI	86,362,779.06	-	172,388.08	123,215.37	3,046,594.24	29,844,946.01	119,590,262.77	
	17	SAPELE	108,780,596.73	-	217,136.12	155,199.29	3,837,849.23	37,458,781.92	150,449,563.29	
	18	UDU	114,571,531.47	-	228,296.14	163,175.98	4,035,100.99	35,373,949.78	152,172,054.37	
	19	UGHELLI NORTH	149,365,891.16	-	298,148.11	213,103.08	5,269,724.45	48,338,346.02	203,505,212.82	
	20	UGHELLI SOUTH	118,404,649.98	-	236,346.62	168,930.10	4,177,392.00	40,505,456.38	163,492,735.08	
	21	UKUMIANI	93,905,402.28	-	187,449.85	133,976.57	3,313,942.83	33,665,165.51	131,235,031.04	
	22	UWIE	110,337,597.30	-	220,444.03	157,420.69	3,892,781.21	38,809,034.86	153,498,078.09	
	23	WARRI SOUTH	137,117,907.16	-	272,700.00	195,628.65	4,837,607.72	47,071,285.39	189,496,128.92	
	24	WARRI NORTH	112,940,002.41	-	225,239.06	160,990.92	3,981,667.66	39,890,995.12	152,138,295.18	
	25	WARRI SOUTH-WEST	108,365,053.78	-	216,306.65	154,806.42	3,823,188.61	33,474,101.52	145,983,256.98	
DELTA TOTAL			2,775,041,135.33	-	5,539,238.36	3,959,202.46	97,905,231.23	921,940,035.94	3,804,384,833.32	
EBONYI	1	ABAKALIKI	123,055,757.97	(3,596,837.03)	245,630.69	175,565.95	4,341,486.71	36,106,315.71	160,327,938.01	
	2	AFIKPO NORTH	115,549,180.28	(3,521,771.07)	230,646.83	164,856.15	4,076,649.20	36,463,544.28	152,905,105.67	
	3	AFIKPO SOUTH	116,543,889.50	(3,531,718.26)	232,632.38	166,275.33	4,111,743.49	36,497,235.44	154,020,066.90	
	4	EBONYI	112,380,883.68	(3,490,088.11)	224,322.62	160,335.88	3,964,869.66	34,287,573.93	147,527,901.67	
	5	EZZA NORTH	112,016,201.52	(3,486,441.29)	223,594.68	159,815.58	3,952,003.44	35,660,218.49	148,525,392.44	
	6	EZZA SOUTH	116,428,741.02	(3,530,566.68)	232,402.52	166,110.94	4,107,680.66	34,752,969.00	152,157,337.56	
	7	IKWIO	136,038,114.37	(3,726,660.41)	271,544.64	194,088.09	4,799,511.93	40,701,833.28	178,278,431.90	
	8	ISHIELU	120,498,937.29	(3,571,268.64)	240,527.01	171,918.06	4,251,279.80	36,056,984.84	157,648,378.36	
	9	IYO	109,022,668.82	(3,456,505.96)	217,619.31	155,544.66	3,846,389.69	33,855,074.11	143,640,790.63	
	10	IZZI	151,432,015.37	(3,880,599.42)	302,272.29	216,050.85	5,342,618.63	42,114,608.62	195,556,966.34	
	11	OHAIKWARA	117,478,696.26	(3,541,066.23)	234,498.33	167,609.03	4,144,723.76	35,879,978.38	154,364,439.51	
	12	OHAKWU	129,628,717.17	(3,662,566.44)	258,750.89	184,943.69	4,573,394.29	39,366,830.35	170,250,059.94	
	13	ONICHA	141,975,609.39	(3,786,035.36)	283,396.43	202,559.23	5,008,990.57	42,326,024.73	186,010,544.98	
EBONYI TOTAL			1,602,449,439.65	(46,782,124.91)	3,197,838.62	2,285,673.54	56,521,331.82	484,079,195.18	2,101,351,353.90	
EDO	1	AKOKO EDO	147,400,856.06	-	294,225.72	210,299.52	5,200,396.75	42,106,838.32	195,212,616.37	
	2	EGOR	139,899,739.06	-	279,450.41	194,738.79	4,939,245.31	47,791,873.81	193,209,047.38	
	3	ESAN CENTRAL	92,639,729.85	-	184,917.46	132,170.81	3,268,389.09	30,647,460.22	126,872,667.42	
	4	ESAN NORTH EAST	95,375,331.36	-	190,377.97	136,073.75	3,364,902.87	31,673,249.95	130,739,935.90	
	5	ESAN SOUTH EAST	114,197,166.94	-	227,948.09	162,927.21	4,028,949.30	35,208,628.88	153,825,620.42	
	6	ESAN WEST	97,063,463.43	-	193,747.64	138,482.24	3,424,461.25	32,147,995.62	132,968,150.17	
	7	ETSAKO CENTRAL	97,152,740.74	-	193,925.84	138,609.61	3,427,611.01	29,862,916.70	130,775,803.90	
	8	ETSAKO EAST	112,705,278.69	-	224,970.14	160,798.70	3,976,314.52	33,620,905.74	150,688,267.79	
	9	ETSAKO WEST	124,045,992.79	-	247,607.26	176,978.71	4,376,422.19	37,392,926.67	166,239,927.61	
	10	IGIJEHEN	102,861,662.81	-	180,170.61	128,777.98	3,184,489.36	28,040,524.78	121,795,625.54	
	11	IKPOBA OKHA	154,878,947.10	-	309,152.68	220,968.66	5,464,228.60	50,072,567.76	210,945,864.80	
	12	ORODO	159,395,076.78	-	318,167.29	227,411.90	5,623,560.55	50,333,107.83	215,897,334.35	
	13	ORHIONWON	124,935,019.90	-	249,381.84	178,247.10	4,407,787.64	36,304,578.08	166,075,014.56	
	14	OVIYA NORTH EAST	119,147,431.53	-	237,829.28	169,989.84	4,203,597.81	34,194,824.72	157,933,673.17	
	15	OVIYA SOUTH WEST	130,039,618.04	-	259,571.09	185,529.93	4,587,881.14	32,843,305.08	167,915,905.27	
	16	OWAN EAST	114,071,758.64	-	227,697.76	162,748.29	4,024,524.81	34,233,997.08	152,720,726.59	
	17	OWAN WEST	93,554,331.56	-	186,743.08	133,475.69	3,300,656.83	30,068,498.52	127,243,705.69	
	18	UHUWUNWODE	116,418,927.29	-	232,382.93	166,097.03	4,107,334.43	31,780,462.38	152,705,204.06	
	EDO TOTAL			2,123,282,072.57	-	4,238,267.09	3,029,325.76	74,910,753.44	648,324,662.14	2,853,785,081.00
	EKITI	1	AJO EKITI	136,794,716.75	-	273,054.89	195,167.55	4,826,205.35	44,975,182.99	187,064,327.52
2		AYEKIRE	104,091,535.74	-	207,776.32	148,509.32	3,672,416.15	33,250,660.60	141,370,898.12	
3		EFON	99,249,815.75	-	198,111.80	141,601.55	3,501,597.16	28,774,194.86	131,865,321.11	
4		EKITI EAST	102,480,822.90	-	204,561.19	146,211.28	3,615,589.17	32,502,439.21	138,949,623.75	
5		EKITI SOUTH WEST	108,547,161.98	-	216,670.16	154,866.24	3,829,613.30	34,499,206.61	147,247,518.50	
6		EKITI WEST	110,663,874.01	-	220,875.35	157,871.93	3,903,599.65	35,567,311.28	150,503,872.22	
7		EMURE	91,179,439.90	-	182,002.66	130,087.45	3,216,870.51	29,281,688.52	129,038,048.44	
8		IJO-OSI	112,325,824.48	-	224,212.72	160,257.33	3,962,927.14	34,048,797.51	150,722,019.17	
9		IERO	120,184,167.46	-	239,898.70	171,468.97	4,240,174.52	38,601,196.25	163,436,935.90	
10		IKERE	104,947,170.82	-	209,484.24	149,730.07	3,702,803.50	33,189,417.24	142,198,405.87	
11		INOLE	112,468,197.46	-	224,496.91	160,460.46	3,967,950.15	34,730,075.08	151,551,180.05	
12		ILEFENJI	78,925,714.49	-	157,543.01	112,604.78	2,784,549.83	25,601,598.79	107,502,011.91	
13		IREPODUN/IFPELODUN	100,033,017.26	-	199,675.14	142,718.95	3,529,229.01	31,858,872.35	135,763,512.72	
14		ISEORUN	97,615,933.46	-	194,850.42	139,270.46	3,443,952.75	30,733,763.13	132,127,770.21	
15		MORA	104,694,405.38	-	208,979.70	149,368.44	3,693,685.78	33,126,639.14	141,873,079.43	
16		OYE	101,771,127.84	-	203,144.57	145,198.75	3,590,550.67	32,228,744.24	137,938,766.07	
EKITI TOTAL			1,685,962,965.06	-	3,365,337.77	2,405,394.51	59,481,854.82	532,969,707.80	2,284,185,259.97	

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State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Deduction	Exchange Gain Difference	Distribution of Excess Bank Charges Recovered	Distribution of Non Oil Revenue	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
			N	N	N	N	N	N	N
ENUGU	1	AGWU	127,485,863.40	-	254,473.56	181,886.44	4,497,783.03	39,829,246.01	172,449,252.43
	2	ANIRI	107,416,001.95	-	214,412.26	153,252.39	3,789,705.45	35,121,911.81	146,695,283.86
	3	ENUGU EAST	145,398,943.58	-	290,229.72	207,443.36	5,129,767.99	45,745,661.54	196,772,046.19
	4	ENUGU NORTH	136,680,248.08	-	272,826.60	195,004.38	4,822,170.35	43,243,526.79	185,213,876.20
	5	ENUGU SOUTH	132,154,156.11	-	263,791.90	188,546			

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State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Deduction	Exchange Gain Difference	Distribution of Excess Bank Charges Recovered		Distribution of #16.298 Billion from Non Oil Revenue		Value Added Tax	Total Allocation	
						#	%	#	%			
KADUNA	1	BIRNIN GWARI	181,877,436.94	-	363,044.16	259,487.90	6.416,752.64	43,620,277.49	232,536,999.12		232,536,999.12	
	2	CHEKUN	184,937,768.43	-	369,152.86	263,854.13	6,524,723.09	52,089,620.29	244,185,118.81		244,185,118.81	
	3	GINA	153,050,722.13	-	305,503.47	218,360.36	5,399,729.41	46,109,768.92	205,084,134.29		205,084,134.29	
	4	GWINGWADA	117,846,994.98	-	235,233.30	168,134.36	4,157,214.40	33,279,431.15	155,687,418.20		155,687,418.20	
	5	IGARI	193,734,991.76	-	387,472.93	276,405.29	6,835,094.78	56,619,217.20	257,852,421.96		257,852,421.96	
	6	IKARA	129,784,968.02	-	259,062.78	185,166.61	4,578,896.94	39,349,539.74	174,157,634.70		174,157,634.70	
	7	JABA	113,172,237.36	-	225,802.24	161,464.92	3,992,789.13	36,532,272.10	154,084,665.75		154,084,665.75	
	8	JEMAA	150,794,586.02	-	300,999.92	215,141.42	5,320,129.72	45,547,616.26	202,178,473.34		202,178,473.34	
	9	KACHIA	166,342,114.37	-	332,034.22	237,323.37	5,868,656.49	43,029,110.97	215,809,239.43		215,809,239.43	
	10	KADUNA NORTH	157,143,543.96	-	313,673.02	224,199.60	5,544,125.03	51,318,158.58	214,543,700.19		214,543,700.19	
	11	KADUNA SOUTH	167,725,141.81	-	334,895.02	239,368.14	5,919,202.72	54,584,666.01	228,853,464.70		228,853,464.70	
	12	KAGARKO	144,987,075.78	-	289,407.59	206,855.74	5,115,237.03	42,785,672.27	193,384,248.42		193,384,248.42	
	13	KAIRA	125,612,119.07	-	250,733.39	179,213.13	4,613,676.13	41,443,580.31	171,917,322.04		171,917,322.04	
	14	KAIRU	129,339,253.88	-	258,173.09	184,530.70	4,563,171.80	37,601,546.09	171,946,674.57		171,946,674.57	
	15	KUBAU	149,722,846.74	-	298,860.63	213,612.35	5,282,318.07	45,789,520.23	201,307,158.01		201,307,158.01	
	16	KUDUN	116,130,063.68	-	231,806.33	165,684.91	4,087,143.14	35,334,810.94	155,959,509.00		155,959,509.00	
	17	LERE	161,586,046.26	-	322,540.67	230,537.80	5,700,859.36	49,379,053.49	217,219,037.57		217,219,037.57	
	18	MAKAFI	108,685,056.11	-	216,945.41	155,062.98	3,834,478.49	35,865,903.42	148,257,446.40		148,257,446.40	
	19	SABON GARI	143,409,792.91	-	286,259.19	204,605.40	5,059,989.48	46,142,217.67	195,102,464.65		195,102,464.65	
	20	SAGA	120,238,651.85	-	240,007.45	171,546.71	4,242,096.76	36,090,559.85	160,982,862.62		160,982,862.62	
	21	SONGA	152,260,418.40	-	304,521.95	218,659.47	5,407,125.87	46,609,874.30	205,801,999.99		205,801,999.99	
	22	ZANGON KATAF	171,467,510.03	-	342,264.98	244,635.86	6,049,843.74	48,280,086.26	226,401,980.87		226,401,980.87	
	23	ZARIA	175,083,142.10	-	349,482.12	249,794.35	6,177,045.56	55,009,130.73	236,868,594.86		236,868,594.86	
	KADUNA TOTAL			3,415,982,615.21	-	6,818,616.74	4,873,645.51	120,518,057.75	1,022,429,634.25	4,570,622,569.47		4,570,622,569.47
	KANO	1	AINGI	112,354,375.07	-	224,269.71	160,298.06	3,963,934.32	36,893,412.48	153,596,289.75		153,596,289.75
		2	ALBUSHI	115,080,407.35	-	229,711.12	164,187.34	4,060,110.59	38,063,906.11	157,598,322.51		157,598,322.51
		3	BACHAL	104,930,638.88	-	209,451.28	149,706.51	3,702,020.95	36,068,308.03	145,060,145.65		145,060,145.65
		4	BEBEJI	113,835,258.30	-	227,225.69	162,410.87	4,016,180.95	37,969,337.00	156,210,412.79		156,210,412.79
		5	BICI	137,972,080.42	-	275,405.01	196,847.32	4,867,743.50	44,418,160.50	187,370,236.74		187,370,236.74
		6	BUNKURE	109,923,033.18	-	219,416.53	156,829.23	3,878,155.19	36,656,185.82	150,833,621.94		150,833,621.94
		7	DALA	177,427,735.05	-	354,162.14	253,139.43	6,259,764.30	54,772,380.98	239,067,181.90		239,067,181.90
		8	DAMBATA	120,884,316.88	-	241,296.26	172,467.89	4,264,876.24	39,365,875.63	164,528,832.90		164,528,832.90
		9	DAWAKIN KUDU	129,945,948.25	-	259,384.11	185,396.29	4,594,576.40	40,639,050.54	175,614,355.59		175,614,355.59
10		DAWAKIN TOFA	130,856,052.86	-	261,200.77	186,694.75	4,616,685.48	42,282,389.67	178,202,023.52		178,202,023.52	
11		DOGUWA	121,285,475.95	-	242,897.01	173,040.23	4,279,029.39	35,215,724.45	161,195,367.03		161,195,367.03	
12		FAGE	118,821,429.41	-	237,178.55	169,524.73	4,192,064.27	38,687,899.12	162,118,128.06		162,118,128.06	
13		GABASAWA	124,151,594.37	-	247,818.05	177,128.37	4,380,147.88	39,591,482.13	168,548,171.81		168,548,171.81	
14		GARKO	110,743,779.29	-	221,054.81	158,000.20	3,907,111.57	36,402,948.31	151,072,894.17		151,072,894.17	
15		GARUN MALLAM	110,165,891.46	-	219,901.29	157,175.71	3,886,723.31	32,680,702.46	147,110,394.24		147,110,394.24	
16		GAYA	119,064,005.67	-	237,662.91	169,870.93	4,200,637.32	38,857,804.22	162,530,081.05		162,530,081.05	
17		GEZWA	135,962,932.02	-	271,394.57	193,980.83	4,796,689.45	44,781,381.86	186,006,548.72		186,006,548.72	
18		GWALE	161,464,381.40	-	326,290.00	233,217.65	5,767,128.23	50,627,272.51	220,418,289.79		220,418,289.79	
19		GWAZO	112,385,800.28	-	224,332.44	160,342.90	3,965,043.12	37,613,277.75	154,348,796.49		154,348,796.49	
20		KABO	108,291,203.65	-	216,159.24	154,501.06	3,820,583.13	35,409,174.54	147,891,621.62		147,891,621.62	
21		KANO MUNICIPAL	157,781,402.69	-	314,946.25	225,109.64	5,566,629.09	50,880,577.39	214,768,605.06		214,768,605.06	
22		KARAYE	105,009,633.62	-	209,608.97	149,819.21	3,704,907.94	34,501,413.47	143,575,302.20		143,575,302.20	
23		KIBIYA	105,976,251.35	-	211,538.38	151,198.28	3,738,910.12	34,160,043.86	144,237,941.99		144,237,941.99	
24		KIRU	136,722,115.46	-	272,909.97	195,063.97	4,823,943.93	43,517,926.96	185,531,660.28		185,531,660.28	
25		KUMBOTSO	139,699,685.70	-	278,853.47	199,312.12	4,938,694.52	45,797,963.17	190,804,508.99		190,804,508.99	
26		KUNCHI	101,124,488.62	-	213,830.37	152,836.49	3,779,420.67	32,280,501.22	147,891,621.62		147,891,621.62	
27		KURA	104,910,621.55	-	209,411.29	149,677.92	3,701,314.02	34,734,839.83	143,705,864.62		143,705,864.62	
28		MAOBI	105,005,589.01	-	209,600.85	149,813.41	3,704,664.53	34,151,785.51	143,221,453.31		143,221,453.31	
29		MAKODA	124,449,048.79	-	248,411.79	177,553.76	4,390,642.27	40,420,533.06	169,686,189.67		169,686,189.67	
30		MINIBIRI	125,422,610.92	-	250,355.11	178,942.76	4,424,990.16	39,791,655.84	170,068,554.79		170,068,554.79	
31		NASSARAWA	216,852,370.42	-	432,857.36	309,387.28	7,650,740.62	67,772,228.84	293,018,526.62		293,018,526.62	
32		RAND	108,616,564.20	-	216,808.69	154,965.26	3,832,062.05	34,796,083.19	147,616,483.40		147,616,483.40	
33		RIMI GADO	109,468,994.24	-	214,569.29	153,364.37	3,792,480.87	31,825,341.73	143,480,425.46		143,480,425.46	
34	ROGO	128,673,841.24	-	256,844.87	183,581.35	4,539,665.05	40,811,014.29	174,664,977.40		174,664,977.40		
35	SHANONO	106,168,321.37	-	211,921.77	151,472.31	3,745,686.48	34,442,947.26	144,720,349.18		144,720,349.18		
36	SUMALAI	134,275,418.75	-	268,225.74	191,715.89	4,740,860.97	42,705,246.57	182,281,457.92		182,281,457.92		
37	TAKAI	118,003,159.67	-	235,545.20	168,357.29	4,167,223.16	38,894,018.16	161,554,307.49		161,554,307.49		
38	TARUNI	122,706,014.22	-	244,932.54	175,066.94	4,329,146.89	40,345,111.64	167,800,272.22		167,800,272.22		
39	TOFA	96,600,741.81	-	193,824.00	137,822.06	3,408,126.13	31,309,669.72	131,649,193.73		131,649,193.73		
40	TSANYAWA	106,505,748.43	-	212,995.31	151,953.72	3,757,591.12	35,609,689.36	146,318,577.94		146,318,577.94		
41	TUDUN WADA	131,325,370.27	-	262,137.57	187,364.33	4,633,243.30	41,103,345.37	177,511,460.84		177,511,460.84		
42	UNGO	153,541,904.79	-	306,483.82	219,061.07	5,417,056.89	51,182,555.39	210,667,061.96		210,667,061.96		
43	WARAWA	100,201,749.79	-	200,111.95	142,959.69	3,535,182.00	33,579,108.93	137,659,012.36		137,659,012.36		
44	WUDIL	117,823,369.31	-	235,186.21	168,100.69	4,156,891.93	37,701,123.24	160,084,601.38		160,084,601.38		
KANO TOTAL			5,438,537,092.69	-	10,855,822.25	7,759,261.36	191,875,077.03	1,749,133,390.12	7,398,160,643.44		7,398,160,643.44	
KATSINA	1	BAGORI	119,725,723.91	-	238,983.60	170,814.90	4,224,000.33	33,258,206.01	157,617,728.76		157,617,728.76	
	2	BATAGRAWA	123,370,339.36	-	246,258.59	176,014.74	4,524,594.71	35,831,011.79	163,976,209.19		163,976,209.19	
	3	BATSARI	134,215,274.11	-	267,906.08							



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State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Deduction	Exchange Gain Difference	Distribution of Excess Bank Charges Recovered	Distribution of #16.298 Billion from Non Oil Revenue	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
			₦	₦	₦	₦	₦	₦	₦
NASSARAWA	1	AKWANGA	112,790,480.27	(3,018,317.40)	225,140.21	160,920.26	3,979,320.49	30,886,865.88	145,014,409.64
	2	AWE	127,135,236.74	(3,018,317.40)	253,773.67	181,386.19	4,485,412.70	30,834,307.03	159,871,798.85
	3	DOMA	130,175,196.66	(3,018,317.40)	259,841.71	185,723.36	4,592,664.44	32,809,953.52	165,005,062.21
	4	KARU	153,589,992.46	(3,018,317.40)	306,577.81	219,128.25	5,418,718.17	37,623,915.48	194,139,014.69
	5	KEANA	109,669,150.22	(3,018,317.40)	218,908.75	156,467.00	3,869,197.96	28,399,116.10	139,294,523.56
	6	KEFFI	103,125,664.76	(3,018,317.40)	205,846.35	147,131.29	3,638,339.60	29,379,229.11	133,477,895.63
	7	KONONA	117,830,334.47	(3,018,317.40)	235,200.23	168,110.72	4,157,129.78	30,627,848.21	150,000,305.92
	8	LAFIA	184,376,059.45	(3,018,317.40)	368,031.64	263,052.73	6,504,905.64	46,776,436.00	235,270,167.98
	9	NASARAWA	170,869,508.01	(3,018,317.40)	341,071.32	243,782.68	6,028,385.94	36,480,754.81	210,945,185.18
	10	NASARAWA EGGON	130,712,572.13	(3,018,317.40)	260,914.36	186,490.04	4,611,623.39	33,505,847.64	166,259,130.08
	11	ORL	125,117,191.30	(3,018,317.40)	249,745.47	178,507.01	4,414,214.76	33,480,211.53	160,428,525.59
	12	TOTO	132,928,035.36	(3,018,317.40)	265,336.63	189,650.88	4,689,786.35	31,309,564.28	166,364,056.02
	13	WAMBA	106,710,003.18	(3,018,317.40)	213,000.02	152,245.13	3,784,797.36	27,934,382.78	135,756,113.99
NASSARAWA TOTAL			1,705,028,424.99	(39,238,127.24)	3,403,394.18	2,432,595.56	60,154,496.48	430,065,432.38	2,161,846,216.35
NIGER	1	AGIE	117,335,578.94	-	234,212.65	167,404.84	4,139,674.49	32,343,366.12	154,220,237.03
	2	AGHARA	100,740,594.86	-	201,087.53	143,728.47	3,554,192.80	26,826,055.59	131,465,659.26
	3	BIDA	115,368,895.32	-	230,286.97	164,598.93	4,070,288.63	36,380,943.07	156,217,012.92
	4	BORGU	187,803,614.24	-	374,873.36	267,942.89	6,625,831.57	35,197,832.89	230,270,095.35
	5	BOSSO	112,730,190.36	-	225,019.87	160,824.25	3,977,923.61	33,399,558.29	157,460,796.19
	6	EDATI	118,728,782.67	-	236,993.61	169,392.55	4,188,827.61	34,346,857.14	149,756,692.84
	7	GBAKO	112,458,440.20	-	224,477.43	161,446.53	3,967,805.90	31,945,722.78	148,756,692.84
	8	GUARA	100,488,741.41	-	200,594.81	143,369.14	3,545,207.25	29,278,786.39	133,656,789.00
	9	KATCHA	108,433,136.80	-	216,442.55	154,703.56	3,825,590.62	31,559,114.93	144,188,988.46
	10	KONTAGORA	119,415,243.27	-	238,364.05	170,372.08	4,213,049.91	33,734,642.78	157,771,772.09
	11	LAPAI	116,644,275.13	-	232,832.74	166,418.54	4,115,284.84	30,678,540.65	151,837,351.91
	12	LAWUN	135,729,707.87	-	270,929.03	193,648.08	4,788,631.15	37,971,470.12	178,954,386.26
	13	MAGAMA	139,037,585.21	-	277,531.86	198,367.49	4,905,335.19	35,985,858.75	180,324,678.51
	14	MARIGA	153,951,507.28	-	307,301.42	219,645.46	5,431,507.92	37,205,051.13	197,115,013.22
	15	MASHEGU	181,653,206.62	-	362,596.57	259,167.99	6,408,841.65	38,344,557.66	227,028,370.49
	16	MIDWA	115,946,826.01	-	229,644.09	164,139.43	4,058,925.82	37,351,143.59	156,850,678.93
	17	MOKWA	156,153,158.99	-	311,696.13	222,786.60	5,509,183.61	40,538,828.68	202,727,654.00
	18	MUNA	105,478,103.83	-	210,544.04	151,407.56	3,721,335.16	30,205,256.64	139,765,722.22
	19	PAIKORO	121,381,149.95	-	242,311.94	173,193.85	4,282,828.16	34,183,517.15	160,275,000.04
	20	RAFI	140,013,402.08	-	279,479.68	199,759.71	4,939,762.63	35,926,029.60	181,358,433.70
	21	RIDAU	131,714,878.05	-	262,915.06	187,920.05	4,646,985.38	35,446,595.25	172,389,293.80
	22	SHIRORO	155,707,166.98	-	310,805.88	222,150.29	5,493,440.73	39,834,130.65	201,567,702.52
	23	SULEJA	113,872,561.12	-	227,300.15	162,464.09	4,017,497.00	38,458,274.45	156,738,096.79
	24	TAPA	92,674,190.06	-	184,986.24	132,219.98	3,269,604.87	28,735,781.42	114,996,782.56
	25	WUSHSIHI	103,303,057.43	-	206,202.44	147,384.38	3,644,598.13	28,607,082.66	135,908,325.04
NIGER TOTAL			3,155,876,093.66	-	6,299,420.11	4,502,546.73	111,341,322.84	854,448,998.37	4,132,668,391.70
OGUN	1	ABEKUTA NORTH	115,979,866.26	(5,788,847.52)	231,506.52	165,470.62	4,091,844.07	40,171,438.68	154,851,278.64
	2	ABEKUTA SOUTH	119,731,465.73	(5,788,847.52)	238,995.06	170,823.09	4,224,202.91	43,748,767.12	162,325,406.40
	3	ADO-ODO/OTA	184,031,226.48	(5,788,847.52)	367,343.32	262,560.75	6,492,739.71	63,940,585.39	249,305,608.74
	4	EGBADO NORTH	121,002,076.31	(5,788,847.52)	241,531.32	172,635.90	4,269,030.87	38,745,105.45	158,642,532.32
	5	EGBADO SOUTH	108,439,479.11	(5,788,847.52)	216,455.21	154,712.61	3,825,814.38	37,977,783.44	144,645,397.24
	6	ENIKORO	82,487,178.10	(5,788,847.52)	164,652.02	117,685.98	2,910,200.55	29,488,711.16	109,379,500.29
	7	EMO NORTH	80,357,087.97	(5,788,847.52)	160,400.17	114,646.94	2,835,049.61	29,836,219.72	107,514,556.89
	8	IFO	180,438,435.59	(5,788,847.52)	360,171.78	257,434.85	6,365,983.75	63,814,298.97	245,447,477.42
	9	IJEBU EAST	107,383,306.32	(5,788,847.52)	214,347.00	153,205.75	3,788,551.93	33,511,186.74	139,261,750.21
	10	IJEBU NORTH	134,164,941.19	(5,788,847.52)	267,805.61	191,415.60	4,733,425.18	46,237,820.05	179,860,560.12
	11	IJEBU ODE	103,508,210.84	(5,788,847.52)	206,612.15	147,677.22	3,651,839.60	36,714,842.98	138,440,435.27
	12	IKENE	93,515,231.08	(5,788,847.52)	186,665.04	133,419.91	3,299,277.34	34,135,240.50	125,480,986.34
	13	IJEBU NORTH EAST	84,328,105.85	(5,788,847.52)	168,326.69	120,312.47	2,975,149.66	30,400,637.94	112,203,685.09
	14	INEXO-AFON	96,945,866.86	(5,788,847.52)	193,512.90	138,314.46	3,420,312.37	31,466,430.36	126,735,563.02
	15	IPOKHA	101,542,859.39	(5,788,847.52)	202,688.92	144,879.07	3,582,497.21	36,451,306.52	136,135,377.59
	16	OBAFEMI/OWODE	123,121,022.44	(5,788,847.52)	245,760.93	175,659.04	4,343,788.64	42,182,822.64	164,208,206.17
	17	ODEDUN	103,357,639.51	(5,788,847.52)	206,311.29	147,462.25	3,646,523.82	33,456,593.91	135,025,683.36
	18	ODOGBOLI	96,601,173.91	(5,788,847.52)	191,744.98	137,050.83	3,289,864.55	34,748,258.76	128,737,445.50
	19	OGUN WATERSIDE	91,242,006.80	(5,788,847.52)	182,127.47	130,176.66	3,219,076.52	30,788,049.70	119,772,589.63
	20	SHAGAMU	123,754,214.98	(5,788,847.52)	247,025.04	176,562.57	4,366,131.61	43,977,808.52	168,732,955.19
OGUN TOTAL			2,251,390,594.72	(115,776,950.40)	4,493,983.53	3,212,100.56	79,430,594.28	781,614,882.74	3,004,365,115.42

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			₦	₦	₦	₦	₦	₦	₦
ONDO	1	AKOKO NORTH EAST	119,289,210.59	(2,620,951.49)	238,112.28	170,192.12	4,208,599.86	35,445,928.79	156,731,092.16
	2	AKOKO NORTH WEST	126,188,853.61	(2,620,951.49)	251,884.60	180,035.97	4,452,023.70	38,251,064.69	166,702,911.08
	3	AKOKO SOUTH WEST	128,470,639.74	(2,620,951.49)	256,439.26	183,291.44	4,532,516.57	39,398,025.66	170,219,971.18
	4	AKOKO SOUTH EAST	95,288,877.74	(2,620,951.49)	190,205.40	135,950.40	3,361,852.73	28,650,473.72	125,006,408.50
	5	AKURE NORTH	99,851,211.81	(2,620,951.49)	199,312.24	142,459.57	3,522,814.80	32,243,295.70	133,338,142.64
	6	AKURE SOUTH	153,447,831.29	(2,620,951.49)	306,296.04	218,926.86	5,413,737.91	48,440,191.20	205,206,031.81
	7	IDANRE	108,070,479.61	(2,620,951.49)	215,718.66	154,186.15	3,812,795.84	32,055,984.57	141,688,213.34
	8	IFEDORE	108,881,503.16	(2,620,951.49)	217,337.53	155,343.25	3,841,409.27	35,513,016.77	145,987,660.50
	9	OKITIPAPA	130,902,153.68	(2,620,951.49)	261,292.79	186,760.52	4,618,311.95	39,696,130.27	173,043,697.72
	10	ILAJE	142,044,900.54	(2,620,951.49)	283,534.74	202,658.08	5,011,435.20	43,865,502.22	188,787,079.29
	11	ESE-EDO	108,685,552.94	(2,620,951.49)	216,946.40	155,063.69	3,834,496.02	33,952,774.74	144,223,882.30
	12	ILE-OLUJI-ONEIGBO	112,496,671.45	(2,620,951.49)	224,553.74	160,501.08	3,968,954.73	35,260,371.64	149,490,101.15
	13	IRELE	104,545,000.75	(2,620,951.49)	208,681.48	149,156.28	3,688,414.68	33,235,686.62	139,205,988.33
	14	ODIGBO	130,747,789.63	(2,620,951.49)	260,984.66	186,540.29	4,612,865.88	39,461,242.26	172,649,473.23
	15	ONDO EAST	86,773,187.69	(2,620,951.49)	173,207.30	123,800.91	3,061,413.72	28,090,075.05	115,600,733.18
	16	ONDO WEST	143,412,460.62	(2,620,951.49)	286,264.51	204,609.21	5,059,683.60	43,538,088.56	189,700,155.00
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			N	N	N	N	N	N	N
PLATEAU	1	BARKIN LADI	134,299,086.57	-	268,073.38	191,606.99	4,738,157.92	36,150,508.87	175,647,433.72
	2	BASSA	135,474,712.62	-	270,420.04	193,284.28	4,779,634.76	36,997,684.32	177,115,736.01
	3	BOKKOS	134,884,366.86	-	269,241.65	192,442.02	4,758,806.58	36,383,423.65	176,488,281.16
	4	JOS EAST	102,403,201.94	-	204,406.25	146,100.54	3,612,850.65	29,597,542.43	135,944,101.80
	5	JOS NORTH	178,167,595.70	-	355,638.97	254,195.00	6,285,867.06	54,715,943.81	239,779,240.54
	6	JOS SOUTH	154,069,640.07	-	307,537.23	219,814.00	5,435,675.73	45,757,165.71	205,709,832.74
	7	KANAM	135,249,832.11	-	269,969.56	192,962.29	4,771,672.60	35,465,796.41	175,949,432.97
	8	KANKI	119,446,712.77	-	238,426.67	170,416.83	4,214,156.64	32,215,513.36	156,265,226.27
	9	LANGTANG NORTH	122,513,593.52	-	244,548.45	174,792.41	4,322,358.16	33,620,091.09	160,875,383.62
	10	LANGTANG SOUTH	116,221,898.50	-	231,989.64	165,815.93	4,100,383.13	31,110,574.98	151,830,662.18
	11	MANGU	160,575,625.87	-	320,523.78	229,096.21	5,665,211.08	44,895,885.28	211,686,342.22
	12	MIKANG	108,107,915.12	-	215,793.38	154,239.56	3,814,116.59	30,460,576.84	142,752,641.49
	13	PANKSHIN	144,326,158.62	-	288,088.34	205,912.80	5,091,919.45	37,390,381.76	187,262,460.97
	14	QUAN-PAN	144,117,415.26	-	287,671.67	205,614.98	5,084,554.85	37,733,627.80	187,428,884.56
	15	RITOM	113,892,573.24	-	227,340.09	162,492.64	4,018,203.04	32,956,061.05	151,256,670.06
	16	SHEKINDAM	145,119,824.33	-	289,672.57	207,045.13	5,119,920.49	38,549,969.54	189,280,432.06
	17	WASE	154,191,459.36	-	307,778.40	219,986.38	5,439,938.31	35,160,018.11	195,318,180.55
PLATEAU TOTAL			2,303,059,812.46	-	4,597,120.06	3,285,817.99	81,253,427.42	629,114,765.00	3,021,310,942.92
RIVERS	1	AHADA	102,591,635.63	-	204,782.38	146,389.38	3,619,498.71	39,838,374.19	146,400,660.29
	2	AHADA WEST	128,180,281.20	-	255,859.68	182,877.18	4,522,282.54	45,880,711.33	179,022,011.91
	3	AKUKITORU	118,080,925.77	-	235,700.43	168,468.24	4,165,970.80	39,053,392.17	161,704,457.41
	4	ANDONI	126,049,022.37	-	251,605.49	179,836.47	4,447,090.36	43,073,163.69	174,000,718.38
	5	ASARIKTORU	117,005,027.92	-	233,552.84	166,933.24	4,128,012.43	43,737,559.14	165,271,085.57
	6	BONNY	116,985,476.57	-	233,513.81	166,905.34	4,127,322.65	43,391,000.65	164,904,219.03
	7	DEGEMA	126,785,487.89	-	253,075.54	180,887.20	4,473,073.24	45,906,144.13	177,598,668.09
	8	ELEME	122,831,154.85	-	245,182.33	175,245.48	4,333,561.93	41,602,372.97	169,187,515.56
	9	EMOHIA	117,159,637.59	-	233,861.46	167,153.82	4,133,467.16	42,407,525.83	164,101,645.86
	10	ETCHE	137,388,531.55	-	274,240.20	196,014.76	4,847,155.52	45,882,830.73	188,588,772.75
	11	GOMAKA	122,538,266.22	-	244,238.40	174,570.80	4,316,878.12	44,375,425.54	171,469,379.08
	12	IKWERRE	117,107,357.23	-	233,757.10	167,079.23	4,131,622.68	41,517,943.13	163,157,559.37
	13	KHANA	139,026,787.91	-	277,510.31	198,352.09	4,904,554.25	49,154,234.69	193,561,839.25
	14	OBOJAPOR	170,253,380.34	-	339,841.47	242,903.64	6,006,548.46	61,620,108.69	239,462,882.61
	15	ORUA/OOJUAL	137,452,923.23	-	274,368.73	196,106.63	4,849,427.30	48,333,588.29	191,106,414.16
	16	OGBA/EGBE/MA/NDONI	138,702,051.48	-	276,862.10	197,888.78	4,893,497.34	48,408,278.88	192,478,578.58
	17	OGU/BOLO	95,294,504.87	-	190,216.63	135,958.43	3,362,051.26	33,110,082.19	132,092,813.37
	18	OKRIFA	117,260,295.29	-	234,062.38	167,297.43	4,137,018.43	43,878,316.55	165,676,990.08
	19	OMUMMA	92,940,345.61	-	185,517.51	132,589.71	3,278,995.01	34,987,066.93	131,524,574.77
	20	OPOBO/INKORO	100,530,727.77	-	200,668.62	143,429.05	3,546,788.56	38,724,885.13	143,146,499.11
	21	OYIGBO	103,829,943.99	-	207,254.16	148,136.10	3,663,187.02	36,618,347.41	144,466,868.68
	22	PORT HARCOURT	192,825,687.39	-	384,897.88	275,107.97	6,803,013.93	67,198,224.06	267,486,931.25
	23	TAI	114,130,859.37	-	227,815.73	162,832.61	4,026,609.92	36,260,927.67	159,809,090.31
RIVERS TOTAL			2,854,770,310.44	-	5,698,385.16	4,072,953.55	100,718,127.72	1,014,960,348.99	3,980,220,127.46
SOKOTO	1	BINTI	106,590,689.90	(1,564,740.79)	213,443.53	152,559.99	3,772,583.33	30,137,968.86	139,642,504.83
	2	BODINGA	121,722,955.11	(1,564,740.79)	242,870.26	173,664.39	4,294,463.93	35,281,461.03	160,150,773.93
	3	DANGE/SHUNI	131,176,718.08	(1,564,740.79)	261,840.84	187,152.25	4,627,998.75	36,680,265.22	171,389,234.36
	4	GADA	142,426,737.06	(1,564,740.79)	284,296.92	203,202.86	5,024,906.64	40,606,344.63	186,980,747.31
	5	GORONYO	133,981,531.62	(1,564,740.79)	267,439.51	191,153.93	4,726,954.27	35,785,001.30	173,887,339.94
	6	GUDU	121,402,433.12	(1,564,740.79)	242,330.47	173,207.09	4,283,155.71	29,444,924.97	153,881,310.57
	7	GWADABAWA	138,658,901.95	(1,564,740.79)	276,775.97	197,827.22	4,891,975.00	39,370,588.10	181,831,327.45
	8	IILELA	118,319,127.63	(1,564,740.79)	236,175.90	168,808.09	4,174,374.72	33,460,457.69	164,794,203.24
	9	ISA	133,928,439.46	(1,564,740.79)	267,333.53	191,078.18	4,725,081.25	33,139,916.66	170,687,108.30
	10	KEBBI	120,918,735.15	(1,564,740.79)	241,364.96	172,516.99	4,266,090.54	31,572,656.69	155,606,623.54
	11	KWARA	112,128,802.79	(1,564,740.79)	223,819.45	159,976.24	3,955,976.12	32,248,014.56	147,151,849.36
	12	RABAH	133,502,983.54	(1,564,740.79)	266,494.28	190,471.17	4,710,070.89	33,363,696.10	170,468,965.20
	13	SABON BIRNI	140,071,569.78	(1,564,740.79)	279,595.79	199,842.70	4,941,814.83	37,634,214.60	181,562,296.89
	14	SHAGARI	126,211,904.89	(1,564,740.79)	251,930.62	180,068.86	4,452,836.56	33,893,400.01	163,415,408.54
	15	SILAME	113,015,029.16	(1,564,740.79)	225,588.43	161,240.63	3,987,242.72	30,090,538.15	145,914,888.30
	16	SOKOTO NORTH	125,586,582.90	(1,564,740.79)	250,682.42	179,176.70	4,430,725.20	39,479,335.25	168,361,811.68
	17	SOKOTO SOUTH	124,572,031.88	(1,564,740.79)	248,657.28	177,729.22	4,394,981.19	36,707,159.68	164,535,818.46
	18	TAMBUAL	139,485,360.99	(1,564,740.79)	278,425.66	199,006.34	4,921,133.01	38,900,885.14	182,220,070.35
	19	TANGAZA	128,599,881.56	(1,564,740.79)	256,697.24	183,475.63	4,537,086.31	30,782,997.38	162,795,397.52
	20	TURETA	117,027,768.61	(1,564,740.79)	233,598.23	166,965.68	4,128,814.74	27,458,973.82	147,451,380.29
	21	WAMAKO	120,637,623.62	(1,564,740.79)	240,802.84	172,115.93	4,256,172.74	35,589,388.73	159,331,334.07
	22	WURNO	116,072,139.19	(1,564,740.79)	231,690.71	165,602.27	4,095,099.52	34,324,149.84	153,323,940.74
	23	YABO	108,817,604.95	(1,564,740.79)	217,209.99	155,252.09	3,839,154.90	30,867,627.22	142,332,108.36
SOKOTO TOTAL			2,875,195,553.96	(35,989,038.17)	5,739,155.83	4,102,094.62	101,438,743.36	786,819,935.62	3,737,306,445.23

Source: Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation

State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Deduction	Exchange Gain Difference	Distribution of Excess Bank Charges Recovered	Distribution of #16.298 Billion from Non Oil Revenue	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
			N	N	N	N	N	N	N
TARABA	1	ARDO KOLA	108,009,360.35	-	215,596.66	154,098.95	3,810,639.51	30,710,780.50	142,900,475.97
	2	BALI	184,828,888.08	-	368,935.53	263,698.79	6,520,881.75	29,627,901.42	231,610,306.38
	3	DONGA	126,943,448.06	-	253,390.94	181,112.56	4,478,646.27	34,159,556.35	166,016,154.09
	4	GASHAKA	151,571,226.14	-	302,550.18	216,249.48	5,347,530.43	30,773,631.68	188,211,197.92
	5	GASSOL	163,749,297.87	-	326,858.72	233,624.15	5,777,180.26	42,245,287.70	212,332,248.70
	6	IBI	113,437,403.25	-	226,431.53	161,843.24	4,002,144.35	30,501,252.21	148,329,074.57
	7	JALINGO	109,107,282.60	-	217,788.21	155,665.38	3,849,374.91	34,578,612.95	147,908,724.05
	8	KARIM LAMODU	169,349,423.99	-	338,037.09	241,613.95	5,974,756.30	38,671,174.90	214,575,006.23
	9	KURMI	120,549,571.23	-	240,628.08	171,990.30	4,253,066.20	31,047,692.07	156,262,947.87
	10	LAU	111,303,143.69	-	222,171.35	158,798.25	3,926,946.30	31,417,417.79	147,028,377.39
	11	SARDUNA	166,099,687.46	-	331,550.31	236,977.49	5,860,103.51	40,760,830.50	213,289,149.28
	12	TAKUM	131,473,272.58	-	262,432.79	187,575.35	4,638,461.39	34,250,032.82	170,811,774.93
	13	USSA	112,999,523.73	-	225,557.48	161,218.51	3,986,695.68	32,563,355.60	149,936,351.00
	14	WUKARI	161,855,769.25	-	323,079.06	230,922.62	5,710,375.36	42,011,203.59	21

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OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD BY ASUP CHAIRMAN CONCERNING PAYMENT OF N4,000 AS MONTHLY SALARY BY IPPIS

The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF) has noted, with concern, news reports alleging the payment of N4,000 as monthly salary to Mr Remi Ajiboye, the Chapter Chairman, Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP), Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech), Lagos. In the report, Mr. Remi Ajiboye was quoted as saying, "The government is killing us gradually with this IPPIS of a thing. The salary has become an undulating object, you only get whatever catches the fancy of those in the IPPIS office. There was a month I was paid N4,000 as monthly salary.

It is not surprising that as it has become the custom with Leaders of Associations in the country's tertiary institutions, Mr Remi Ajiboye would seize every opportunity to speak negatively about the IPPIS. The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation however finds it rather hard to believe that a Senior Lecturer and Chairman of an Academic Staff Union of a renown tertiary institution like Mr. Remi Ajiboye could muster the courage to tell the whole world that IPPIS paid him N4000 as his monthly salary when he was fully aware of the circumstances that led to it.

The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation wishes to state clearly the circumstances that led to Mr. Remi Ajiboye being paid N4,709.73 as net pay in April 2020. He was placed on suspension with half pay by the institution, which implied that he was to earn half (50%) of his salary for the period of his suspension. He also had two major deductions; one of which was Yabatech Cooperative Society deductions; in addition to the statutory deductions.

The ASUP Yabatech Chapter Chairman was economical with the truth and intentionally made the allegation to blackmail IPPIS, the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and the Federal Government. He was bold enough to tell the media that there was a month he was paid N4,000 as monthly salary, but was not sincere enough to tell the media that he was on suspension with half pay and was placed on half salary by the institution coupled with non statutory deductions of cooperative loans totalling N123,467.47 and other loans aside other statutory deductions resulting in a net pay of N4,709.73.

In publishing the controversial and misleading report without contacting the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation for clarification on the issue; the media organizations displayed lack of professionalism; relegated to the background the successes that the IPPIS has recorded and undermined the Federal Government's commitment to instilling efficiency in the management of public payroll system.

The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation wishes to state categorically that the IPPIS does not make deductions from the salary of any government employee except such as has been approved by the law or sanctioned by relevant authorities. The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation is committed to ensuring a more transparent, efficient and effective management of the IPPIS.

Signed:

Dr Nsikak Ben, FCA

(Director IPPIS)

For: Accountant General of the Federation

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January 13, 2020

Thro: Dean, School of Liberal Studies

10:46am 14/1/2020

Thro: HOD, Social Science

To: Mr. Ajiboye, Remi Samson (Senior Lecturer)
Department of Social Science,
Yaba College of Technology,
Yaba.

LETTER OF SUSPENSION

Please refer to the query given to you reference No. AD/R/S. 2105/136 dated January 6, 2020 for engaging in act capable of causing Disharmony, Disaffection and Breach of Peace, in the College and your subsequent response dated January 7, 2020.

The Management, after calm consideration found your response unsatisfactory and consequently decided that you be placed on suspension with half pay.

You are to handover your assigned official duties to your Head of Department. Please note that you are not expected in the College premises without due authority during the period of your suspension.

However, you are to report to the Head of Surveillance Unit of the College if you have to enter the College for any reason.

Your suspension takes immediate effect.

G.A. Ogunsanwo
Deputy Registrar (ASP)
For: Registrar

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pls treat
14/1/2020

cc: Bursar
CIA

G.A. Ogunsanwo
Deputy Registrar (ASP)
For: Registrar

Above for your information and necessary action. Jan 16/20 - 1/2020

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13th - 21st (11 days)
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Date: 14/01/2020

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 18, 2021)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

By Chris Agabi (Abuja) & Sunday Michael Ogwu (Lagos)

Rising from the January Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has retained the benchmark interest rate at 11.5 per cent.

The CBN Governor, Mr. Godwin Emeziele who briefed journalists on Tuesday after the MPC meeting ended, said the federal government has stimulated the economy with N8.8 trillion interventions comprising \$18 billion (about N6.82tr) and another N2tr economic interventions in about one year.

The interest rate was however sustained as the recession persists. Just like in November 2020, CBN also retained the asymmetric corridor of +100/-700 basis points around the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR). It also retained the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 27.5 per cent, and retained the liquidity ratio at 30 per cent.

Reacting to a recent Fitch's report that suggested CBN spent too much to support the federal government during this pandemic Emeziele said the interventions were within international best practice as most global economies did the same to help reflate their economies as the negative impact of COVID-19 lockdown bite.

He said the \$18bn is just about 4.5 per cent of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) compared to other economies that did much more.

"The effort of CBN isn't different from what has been done in other economies. We've deployed both conventional and unconventional measures to foster faster economic growth," Emeziele noted.

He also said the apex bank will extend the grace of payment of interest on its various intervention loans by one year.

On rising food prices, he said the CBN response will be to restructure Nigeria

CBN retains 11.5% interest rate, lifts economy with N8.8tr in 1 yr

● Extends loans moratorium to March 2022



■ CBN Governor, Mr. Godwin Emeziele

Commodity Exchange.

"We have written and gotten the approval of the President to restructure the exchange. It will operate as a standard commodity exchange found anywhere in the world to stabilize food prices. The CBN controls 60 per cent of the Nigeria Commodity Exchange and we will restructure it," he explained.

The CBN head also warned that importers who stash foreign exchange (forex) abroad and deny the country of the much needed forex resources will be blacklisted.

"We will no longer allow importers to

keep their dollars abroad after they make profits," said Emeziele.

Daily Trust got comments from experts on the MPC decisions. According to the Managing Director of Cowry Asset Management, Johnson Chukwu, lauded CBN on the systematic synchronization of policies which would be for both monetary policies and physical policies.

On the extension of loan payment moratorium to March 2022, Chukwu said: "Well, I think the major beneficiary will be those who have accessed the intervention funds. Remember that is not going to lead to additional injection into the economy. So we will not have an immediate impact on consumption or output improvement.

"The aspect I am also waiting to hear from the CBN governor is on the moratorium granted to banks to grant moratorium of one year to their debtors. It should expire on the first of March 2021. Without a situation of that moratorium, you will likely see a material increase in nonperforming loans," he noted.

Professor of Capital Market, Uche Uwaleke, however lauded the MPC for maintaining the status quo and holding the rates in a bid to strike a balance between enabling output growth and curbing rising inflation.

"By doing so, the CBN will have some more time to monitor macroeconomic response to all its interventions in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. So, in my view, the MPC did not disappoint. Their unanimous decision is consistent with market consensus and expectations," Uwaleke said.

IMF projects 5.5% global economic growth

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) projected global growth for 2021 to be 5.5 per cent as against 5.2 per cent it forecast in October 2020.

Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist of the fund, said this during a media conference on Tuesday in Washington D. C at the release of the January update on the WEO with revised growth forecasts for the world.

She said that the new forecast was moderating to 4.2 per cent in 2022.

According to her, the upgrade for 2021 reflects the positive effects of the onset of vaccinations in some countries.

It also reflects additional policy support at the end of 2020 in economies such as the United States and Japan and an expected increase in contact-intensive activities as the health crisis wanes.

She however, said that with advanced economies generally expected to recover faster, progress made towards convergence over the last decade was at risk of reversing.

"Over 50 per cent of emerging markets and developing economies that were converging towards advanced economies per capita income over the last decade are expected to diverge over the 2020 to 2022 period.

"Oil exporters and tourism-based economies face particularly difficult prospects given the subdued outlook for oil prices and expected slow normalisation of cross-border travel", she added.

The economist added that financial stability should be ensured in these highly uncertain times.

"Monetary policy should remain accommodative to support the recovery where inflation is not at risk, with close attention paid to containing the risks that will likely emerge from historically low interest rates." (NAN)

PIB: Oil host communities want NDDC scrapped

By Abdullateef Salau

The Host Communities of Nigeria Producing Oil and Gas (HOSTCOM) has urged the federal government to scrap the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

The National President of HOSTCOM, High Chief Benjamin Tamaranebi made the call on Tuesday in an interview with journalists at the side-line of the public hearing on Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) 2020, organised by the Senate joint Committee

on Petroleum Downstream, Upstream and Gas.

"What the government is supposed to add to the new PIB is the scrapping of NDDC and establishment of the Oil Host Communities Commission, which will, in practical terms, be very responsive to the development needs of the various host communities," Tams said.

He also rejected the 2.5 per cent equity remittance proposed in the new PIB, describing it as unacceptable.

"What we want is 10% equity remittance from the various oil firms to respective host communities as proposed in the PIB considered in the 7th National Assembly but not assented to."

But the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva, in a separate interview with newsmen, said the 2.5 per cent proposed in the new bill was fair.

"I speak advisably as a member of the host communities myself. If you have to look at it properly,

you will see that 10% of profit is different from 10% of the operation cost from the various oil firms.

"In this case, it's 2.5% of the Operational Expenditure (OPEX). So, at the end of the year, you look at your operating cost and take 2.5% of that cost to the budget of the next year.

"As far as we are concerned, we have made a very fair proposal. Fair to the host communities, to the country and to the oil companies," the minister said.

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

SUNDAYS – TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS - SATURDAYS										WEDNESDAYS (ONLY)																	
From ABUJA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL				From KADUNA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL													
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7		KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8										
IDU	07:00	09:50	14:20	18:00	-	-	-	-	RIGASA	06:40	10:35	14:00	18:00	-	-	-	-	From ABUJA	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	From KADUNA	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL				
KUBUWA	07:17	10:07	14:41	18:15	07:14	10:02	14:36	18:16	KUBUWA	08:31	13:04	16:03	20:07	08:28	12:59	15:58	20:04	IDU	07:00	18:00	-	-	RIGASA	06:40	18:00	-	-
RIGASA	-	-	-	-	09:15	12:01	17:00	20:02	IDU	-	-	-	-	08:43	13:20	16:16	20:20	KUBUWA	07:17	18:15	07:14	18:12	KUBUWA	18:31	20:07	08:28	20:00
																		RIGASA	-	-	09:15	20:20	IDU	-	-	08:34	20:20

NEWS

Customs intercepts N1bn pangolin scale, others

From Eugene Agha (Lagos) & Romoke W. Ahmad (Minna)

The Apapa Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has revealed that it intercepted an export container concealed with 162 sacks of pangolin scales worth almost one billion naira.

Showcasing the seizures, yesterday at Apapa port, the Area Controller of the Command, Comptroller Mohammed Abba-Kura, said the seizure was made based on credible intelligence.

He said one person was

arrested for his alleged involvement in the illegal export of the scales of an endangered animal species.

Abba-Kura explained that the 57 sacks of pangolin scales which weigh about 8,800kg and 57 others were mixed with parts of other endangered animal species of various sizes.

He listed the animals to include ivory/animal horns, lion bones and others destined for Haiphong in Vietnam.

Abba-Kura said upon 100 per cent physical examination, it was found to contain pangolin along with other endangered

species, adding that the total weight of the items stood at 854,719 tons and valued at N952 million.

Meanwhile the Kwara Command said it generated N9.3bn in 18 months and remitted it into the federation account.

The Customs Area Controller, Hussaini Ahmed, said the Command generated N6.9bn of the amount between January and December 2020, representing 86 per cent of the annual target. It was higher than the N2.4bn the Command generated in 2019.

He said the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, EndSARS protests and the partial border closure affected the revenue target.

Ahmed also said the anti-smuggling operations recorded 84 seizures with the Duty Paid Value (DPV) of N345 million as against the same period in 2019 with 14 seizures worth N42.6m DPV.

He said the seizures include 3,551 bags of foreign parboiled rice, 51 used vehicles of various make, 3,543kg of marijuana, 225 kegs of vegetable oil and 30 jerry cans of petrol.



■ From left: The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), Engr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz, and the Director General, National Power Training Institute of Nigeria (NAPTIN), Engr. Ahmed Bolaji Nagode, when the management of NAPTIN paid a courtesy visit to the TCN management at the Power House in Abuja recently.

LCCI sets priorities for gov't in 2021

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has urged the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to de-emphasize demand management policies and intensify efforts in improving the supply side of the foreign exchange market in 2021.

President of the chamber, Mrs. Toki Mabogunje, made the call while briefing newsmen on the state of the economy and areas to be prioritised by government at all levels in 2021.

The chamber commended efforts of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in preserving scarce foreign exchange resources at a time the country was

faced with relatively lower oil prices and production.

She said: "We welcome the CBN's recent policy stating that beneficiaries of Diaspora remittances should be paid in foreign exchange. The policy is a step in the right direction in resolving the liquidity issue in the currency market by ensuring availability of foreign exchange, especially at the retail segment.

"This should be replicated for other sources of inflows such as export proceeds, Foreign Direct Investment (FDIs) and Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPIs)."

While the chamber also stressed the need for the government to deepen investor confidence, it stated that the

confidence in the Nigerian economy weakened further in the previous year due to aggravated fiscal and external risks precipitated by the coronavirus pandemic-related disruptions.

This, according to the LCCI boss, is reflected in the sharp decline in foreign capital inflows to the Nigerian economy to \$8.61 billion between January and September 2020, compared to the \$20.19 billion in the corresponding period of 2019.

She also emphasised that port operations at Apapa and Tincan ports have worsened the plight of many importers, exporters, traders and manufacturers, as movement in and out of the ports remain a challenge.

SON seeks policy to repatriate fake goods

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) has urged the federal government to consider a policy aimed at returning substandard goods to their countries of origin to boost consumers' confidence and strengthen international trade.

Malam Farouk Salim, the SON Director-General, made this disclosure at an enforcement exercise held in Lagos.

Salim said if approved, it would discourage foreign firms from conniving with criminally minded importers from flooding local markets with fake and substandard goods.

"One arrangement I would love to have is the ability to return substandard goods back to the country of origin, while also paying back the importers of the products if they were wrongly deceived.

"However, a situation where the

importer was not deceived, we would prosecute the importer. We will support any country to prosecute any manufacturer or importer with their own laws over there, but that law to my knowledge is not yet in place, I will definitely like to appeal to the relevant authorities in the future to put such enabling law in place."

The SON DG revealed plans to destroy over N300 million worth of substandard gas cylinders and tyres.

According to him, the products failed to meet the minimum requirement of the Nigerian Industrial Standard (NIS) and, therefore, were not safe for consumption by the public.

Salim said the agency was also increasing its surveillance and intelligence to checkmate the influx of substandard goods, while re-stating commitment to zero tolerance for substandard goods.

Flour Mills records N5.65bn profit

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Flour Mills Nigeria Plc has declared a profit of N5.65 billion in the third quarter ended, 31st December 2020.

The company disclosed this in its latest financial statement published on the website of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) yesterday.

The report revealed that the profit in the third quarter of its accounting year 2020/2021 rose by 150.36 per cent when compared to the profit for 2019.

A breakdown of

the result shows that revenue increased to N200.2bn, up by 31.11 per cent yearly; cost of sales increased to N178.08bn, up by 30.3 per cent on yearly basis; while gross profit increased to N22.16bn, up by 38.02 per cent in the year.

Net operating loss of N3.72bn was recorded, indicating a decline of 887.13 per cent in the net operating profit.

The operating profit increased to N11.48bn, up by 46.02 per cent while the finance income increased to N2.5bn, up by 3,164.3 per cent, the report showed.

Stock market records N259bn gain

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The equities market of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) has sustained its positive momentum second time this week as the market capitalisation increased by N259.4 billion to N21.8 trillion.

This was due to strong demand in Airtel Africa (+7.6 per cent), WAPCO (+3.8%) and MTNN (+0.5%) stakes.

The benchmark index rose 121 basis points (bps) to close at 41,584.94 points while the Year to date return improved to 3.3%.

Activity level advanced as volume and value traded rose 40.5 per cent and 110.8 per cent to 467.9m units and N5.6bn respectively.

The most traded stocks by volume were Transcorp (45.9m units), Mansard (34.7m units) and Sovrenins (26.4m units) while Airtel Africa (N1.2bn), Zenith (N501.0m) and Dangote cement (N494.6m) topped by value.

Performance across sectors under review was bullish as four indicators gained against 2 that lost.

Investor sentiment as measured by market breadth improved to 1.8x from 0.7x recorded previously as 32 stocks advanced against 18 losers.

Air Peace to expand to Ilorin, Ibadan, others

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Air Peace has said it will open more domestic routes and resume suspended ones from February 2021.

The new routes include Enugu-Kano-Enugu, Enugu-Asaba-Enugu, PHC-Kano-PHC, PHC-Kaduna-PHC, Ilorin-Lagos-Ilorin, Ilorin-Abuja-Ilorin and Ibadan-Abuja-Ibadan.

The suspended routes, which it would resume, are Kano-Owerri-Kano, Kano-Asaba-Kano, Lagos-Yola-Lagos and Abuja-Yola-Abuja.

The Ilorin flight is expected to drive competition with Overland and Arik Air already operating to the axis while also giving passengers more flight options.

Air Peace's Chief Operating Officer Oluwatoyin Olajide, who revealed this yesterday, stated that the airline would be receiving all its aircraft on overseas maintenance in February, hence the decision to launch the new routes as well as reactivate suspended ones.

She noted that the planned launch of routes showed the airline's strong commitment to meeting the air transportation needs of Nigerians, driving economic development and fostering unity among various parts of the country.

"As you know, most of our aircraft are on maintenance in different parts of the world but they are all returning in February 2021. For us, it is great news as this means the launch of new routes and the resumption of routes suspended consequent upon the COVID-19 outbreak."

NEWS

Agric firm employs 400 women in Ogun

By Abbas Jimoh

An agriculture produce processing firm, Valency Agro Nigeria Limited, said it has employed additional 400 women bringing the number of women in its value chain to a 1,000 workforce.

The Senior Executive Director, Valency Group, Mr. Sumit Jain, in a statement on Tuesday said the women-workforce is for cashew production and processing for local consumption and export, a demonstration of the company's women empowerment programme.

According to the statement issued by the spokesman for the firm, Emmanuel Udoro, the initiative is also corporate social responsibility and its sustainability policy to empower women with earning abilities.

Jain said, "In view of the expansion of production and processing of cashew nuts and other agro products such as sesame,

cocoa, ginger, soya bean and black eye bean for export, tree peeling centres have been built and fully equipped with the state-of-art modern processing machineries in Ibafo and Abule-Oshun, Ogun State.

"This automatically implied the need to increase our labour by 400 female employees in addition to the existing 600 in our workforce and also empower them with the skills to perform."

A packaging operator at the firm, Ibiam Rosemary, said: "In a time when other companies are laying off staff, they offered Nigerians, women in particular, the opportunity to be engaged productively and earn a living.

"This means a lot to me, my family and my colleagues here. I promise to reciprocate with commitment to deliver the performance expected of me in ensuring the company progresses and meet its goals."

FG tasks engineers on ending fossil fuel dependence

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Boss Mustapha has tasked Nigerian engineers to develop solutions that will reduce Nigeria's dependence on fossil fuel.

Mustapha who was represented by the permanent secretary in his office, Andrew Adejo, stated this on Tuesday at a public lecture and investiture ceremony of the

6th chairman and executive members of the Nigerian Institute of Environmental Engineers (NIEE), Abuja chapter.

"We have seen and still see locally engineered fabrications that are helping us in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is indeed pleasing to know that NIEE has engaged itself to work with the government in ensuring sustainable development through advocacy for a cleaner environment and food

security when the pandemic is defeated," the SGF said.

Mustapha assured the engineers that the federal government would always engage professionals in seeking solutions to challenges.

"If we do not manage the nexus of environment, social and economic considerations for environmental sustainability, our existence as a thriving nation and people would be in jeopardy."

The new Chairman,

Engr Linda Bitrus Eles said adopting environmental sustainability initiatives especially during and after a pandemic like the COVID-19, will enhance food security and promote socio-economic wellbeing.

"We intend to undertake sustainability competitions for students in schools and institutions to engage them, build on their practical skills and test their knowledge," she said.

AEDC alerts on power outage in Abuja

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) has said customers in some parts of Abuja are having interruptions in electricity supply to their homes, offices and other areas of activities from Tuesday to Thursday.

In a statement by the General Manager, Corporate Communications, Bode Fadipe, the interruption is to enable the maintenance crew of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) re-string the vandalised

portion of the 132 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that evacuates energy from the Gwagwalada transmission station to Apo and Kukwaba transmission stations within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

"In order to cushion the effect of the three days interruption, AEDC has worked out modalities to back feed some of the affected areas, where possible. This will, however, engender a load shedding regime since existing nearby feeders will be saddled with more loads that they hitherto were not carrying," it said.

Olam wins employer of choice award

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Olam, a food and agribusiness conglomerate has emerged the employer of choice in the African region for 2020.

The firm with market presence in Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast and South Africa, among others, scored high in a Human Resources Best Practice survey conducted by Top Employers Institute (TEI) recently. TEI is a global authority on recognising excellence in people practice.

The survey covers 600 'people development' practices across 10 topics. Olam joins DHL,

Orange, BAT and over 1,500 organisations that have been certified by TEI for over 25 years across 118 countries. The Amsterdam-based institute said the certified top employers impact the lives of over six million people globally.

The Regional Human Resource Head and Global Business Partner, FMCG Business at Olam, Jaideep Biswas, said: "The recognition by the Top Employers Institute demonstrates the effectiveness of our organisation's strategic approach to our employees' wellbeing and overall career aspirations."

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Tuesday, January 26, 2021

OIL AND GAS  257.55 -5.31%	BANKING  411.85 -0.14%	CONSUMER GOODS  604.79 0.54%	INSURANCE  241.35 0.40%	INDUSTRIAL  2,067.95 0.25%
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NSE GENERAL INDEX

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	327,016.08	9.20	0.55	220	9,942,318
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	299,244.94	8.75	0.57	232	16,672,450
ZENITH BANK PLC	832,007.09	26.50	-0.57	423	15,871,012
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	265,625.17	7.40	0.68	183	7,366,421
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,460,267.22	170.00	-	120	242,513
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,021,559.75	236.00	0.85	94	954,707
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	476,956.58	26.50	1.92	194	4,506,266
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,333.08	8.05	-	5	3,611
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,275,283.97	79.00	-	38	242,233
CAP PLC	14,350.00	20.50	-	18	48,505
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	2	17,259
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	2,300.91	2.90	-	7	575,216
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	317,760.06	540.00	-	29	6,585
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	0	0
AGRICULTURE					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,320.00	0.60	-3.33	34	4,688,470
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	-	23	65,279
PRESCO PLC	74,500.00	74.50	-	19	171,814
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	7,380.00	2.46	-2.38	135	7,183,354
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	194.58	0.50	-	3	44,851
S O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	43,899.83	1.08	-5.26	220	48,997,773
U A C N PLC	23,626.63	8.20	-1.20	125	9,140,735
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	30,888.00	19.50	3.17	58	1,070,091
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
LUAN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	13,919.98	0.75	5.33	64	3,992,984
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	16,755.12	2.14	9.74	143	9,425,017
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	40,522.08	18.50	-	69	700,162
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	165,470.34	6.16	-6.53	44	1,204,566
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	487,811.03	61.00	-	48	188,113
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	242,937.56	20.00	-0.99	181	4,818,843
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	131,212.15	32.00	1.25	101	3,972,700
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,357.63	1.18	-6.35	52	1,756,597
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,724.98	9.68	-	21	172,815
NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	42,920.90	16.20	-5.81	21	399,181
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	18,312.47	9.75	-	56	535,148
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	46	24,911
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFDAM NIG PLC	11,445.22	9.15	-0.54	37	926,561
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS					
P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	22,234.67	5.60	-	35	520,714
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	75,834.07	13.20	-2.22	69	893,783
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	120,189.56	6.55	0.77	67	3,433,562
FIDELITY BANK PLC	79,101.20	2.73	0.37	146	26,526,724
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	974,172.03	33.10	0.15	283	7,218,637
JAZZ BANK PLC	19,151.76	0.65	-1.52	50	3,225,523
STERLING BANK PLC	57,580.84	2.00	-0.50	49	6,202,983
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	171,812.44	5.90	6.31	282	15,411,563
UNITY BANK PLC	8,416.32	0.72	-	32	599,442
WEMA BANK PLC	27,002.13	0.70	-1.41	29	1,497,281
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,528.70	0.22	-	11	983,920
AICO INSURANCE PLC	25,634.85	1.24	-4.62	51	1,464,368
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	49,320.00	1.37	7.03	160	28,025,460
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,960.67	0.37	-	9	411,750
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	13,079.80	0.72	-	3	74,500
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	12,955.51	0.54	-8.47	31	1,353,863
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-4.76	2	263,500
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	3,222.31	0.44	-8.33	24	2,057,881
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	9,000.00	0.90	-	1	7,000
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	4,580.82	0.41	-8.89	23	8,765,822
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,677.78	2.36	-2.88	15	384,216
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	2,089.66	0.27	-	8	88,402
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,626.28	0.57	-	3	12,240
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,334.06	0.35	-7.89	1	400,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	3,409.34	0.30	-9.09	14	1,604,433
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCE NIGERIA PLC	2,520.00	0.90	-	0	0
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,360.00	0.21	-8.70	31	5,955,803
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,882.67	0.28	-	6	204,130
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NFI MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,024.48	1.76	-3.83	30	2,236,772
ABBAY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,260.00	7.13	0.42	45	1,058,937
TESTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	35,291.19	6.00	-	46	5,342,691
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	3	3,004
FCMB GROUP PLC	65,150.92	3.29	1.23	74	8,863,222
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,852.33	0.36	-10.00	8	482,514
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	29	232,481
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	32,400.00	5.40	-0.92	146	5,958,513
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKDCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,065.94	0.30	-	5	341,126
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,701.58	4.65	-	15	80,888
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,371.14	7.00	-	25	372,339
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	6,181.19	4.01	9.86	78	3,490,766
NEMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,760.33	1.98	-	18	366,682
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	781.44	0.22	-4.55	16	7,665,247
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	3	5,438
IT SERVICES					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	336.96	3.12	-	5	90,626
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	371.22	0.75	-	1	1,500
CHAMS PLC	1,174.02	0.25	-	20	2,506,238
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	1	300
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,213,219.54	855.00	0.38	31	335,905
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0

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

GAINERS	AIRTELAFRI	65	7.60%
	FLOURMILL	2	6.25%
	WAPCO	1	3.77%
	MTNN	0.9	0.53%

LOSERS	SEPLAT	-50	-9.26%
	ZENITHBANK	-0.25	-0.94%
	CUTIX	-0.16	-7.08%
	CADBURY	-0.15	-1.54%

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2 injured as bus rams into tanker on Abuja-Lokoja road

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Two people sustained injuries after they were trapped in a bus that rammed into a petrol tanker in Gada-Biyu Village along the Abuja-Lokoja Road.

A witness said the accident happened around 5am

yesterday when a Peugeot J5 bus without registration number loaded with plantain from Lokoja rammed into the stationary unmarked tanker with the two passengers beside the driver sustaining injuries.

Some residents of Gada-Biyu who spoke with our reporter at the scene blamed the tanker

driver for not putting warning signs despite that the tanker broke down in the middle of the road.

The Yangoji Unit head of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Jimoh Momoh, said the unit was not informed about the accident, but assured that he would mobilise his men

to the scene immediately.

In a related development, seven people were injured in another accident on Sunday near Yaba Junction the Abuja-Lokoja Road.

The Abaji Unit Commander of FRSC, Abubakar Shehu Dogondaji, who confirmed the accident, said it happened

around 5pm and involved a Golf car with registration number LKJ 199 HS and an Iveco truck with registration number BGD 483 XQ.

Dogondaji attributed the accident to dangerous driving and loss of control, saying the victims were taken to the Abaji General Hospital.

Residents to experience power disruption in parts of Abuja

By Terkula Igidi

The Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) has said that its customers in Utako, Wuye, Human Rights Radio, Sun City Estate, Galadimawa, Kabusa Garden, Idu Industrial Layout, Idu Railway Station, National Open University (NOUN), CITEC Mbora Estate, Durumi, Games Village, Lugbe Across, Pyakassa, Chika, Kunchigoro, Brains & Hammers and environs will experience interruption of electricity supply between January 26 and 28, 2021.

In a statement signed by Bode Fadipe, General Manager, Corporate Communications, AEDC stated that, "The essence of this interruption is to enable the maintenance crew of the TCN re-string the vandalised portion of the 132kV line transporting energy from Gwagwalada Transmission Station to Apo/Kukwaba Transmission Stations."

AEDC added that to cushion the effect of the three-day interruption, it had worked out modalities to back-feed some of the affected areas. "This will, however, engender a load shedding regime since existing nearby feeders will be saddled with more loads that they hitherto were not carrying," the statement read in part.

While appealing for the understanding of the affected customers, AEDC assured that the replacement and restoration of the Gwagwalada-Kukwaba 132kV line by TCN would give it the opportunity to optimise the use of the line for the benefit of its customers.

It would be recalled that the TCN Gwagwalada/Kukwaba 132kV line suffered several attacks in the hands of vandals.



■ A J5 Peugeot bus rammed into a broken down tanker on middle of the road in Gada-Biyu village, along Abuja-Lokoja road yesterday.

Photo Abubakar Sadiq Isah

NGO donates to vulnerable in Nasarawa

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

A foundation, Mother & Child Care Enhancement Foundation (McCEF), Lafia, has donated items to some vulnerable people in Nasarawa State.

In her address at the distribution of the items, the Executive Director of McCEF, Hajiya Salamatu

Tanko Almakura, said, "We are working to keep touching the lives of people through these humanitarian services to improve their lives."

Hajiya Salamatu said the distribution for 2021 tagged: "McCEF Integrated Empowerment", was for beneficiaries selected from across Nasarawa South.

She explained that the items distributed were orthopaedic mattresses, bedsheets and wheel chairs to Primary Health Care (PHCs) and grinding machines.

Other items were exercise books, water bottles and food flasks to selected schools; fertiliser to farmers and gas cylinders to traditional birth

attendants.

The Project Manager of McCEF, Ambassador Adams Alhassan Doma, said the programme also featured the award presentation to IHV Nigeria as the most impactful partner of McCEF in 2020 in the state and called on the beneficiaries to make judicious use of the items.

Group flags off rural campaign on girl-child education

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Bassa Indigenous Youth Assembly (BIYA) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), yesterday, flagged off a rural campaign for girl-child education in Paiko-Bassa community in Gurd Aard of Abaji Area Council.

The General Secretary of BIYA, Comrade Isah Alhassan, flagged off the campaign on behalf of the BIYA President, Comrade Salihu Zakari

Galadima, with the theme: "Importance of Girl-Child Education in Rural Communities".

He said BIYA decided to embark on the campaign to sensitise parents on the importance of girl-child education.

The BIYA president explained that girl-child education, "Though it is a peculiar challenge in every society and the nation at large, but BIYA has taken it as a challenge to give it

more awareness across Bassa rural communities."

He identified lack of classrooms, dilapidated structures and shortage of teachers among challenges facing most of the rural schools.

He, therefore, called on authorities of the area council to assist in building classrooms and providing furniture in order to enhance a conducive learning environment for the pupils.

Kuje chair promises early completion of road projects

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Chairman of Kuje Area Council, Abdullahi Sulaiman Sabo, has assured residents of early completion of ongoing road projects within Kuje Metropolis.

Sabo, while speaking during an inspection tour of the ongoing rehabilitation of Anguwar Gade and Kayarda roads yesterday, expressed satisfaction with the progress of work, adding that he embarked on the inspection to ascertain the quality of work being carried out.

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Encounter with Kaduna's ice seller on wheels

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

Asiya Ibrahim, a young girl in her twenties is daring the odds to ensure her future is brighter through a family inherited business of selling ice blocks. Arewa Trust Weekly caught up with the young lady as she was distributing ice blocks to her numerous customers around Kaduna metropolis.

Asia said she had watched her mother manage the business passionately at a

younger age and decided to join five years ago. She now rides her tricycle to the nooks and crannies of the metropolis where she sells a block of ice at the cost of N50 a sachet.

Dressed in her hijab, Asiya said she saw how passionate her mother was about the business and so she made a decision to join after completing her secondary education from Government Girls Secondary School, Kawo, in 2018.

Even though she used an old

tricycle, which often breaks down while conveying her ice blocks to clients, Asia was last year given a new branded tricycle for her business by a Good Samaritan and now says she is able to make deliveries much easier.

She said: "Normally, I take about 100 sachets of ice blocks, some days I sell all and other days I don't, that's how business works."

With four siblings, Asiya says proceeds from her business will enable her and

her siblings to further their education up to the university level.

Highlighting some challenges associated with the business, she said: "Electricity is a major challenge because I don't have a generator. Then there are issues with customers not paying for the ice block as at when due. What I want to achieve in this business is to make it bigger so I can employ others."

She called on youths to

ensure they engage in trade instead of indulging in drugs and other crimes while also advising young girls to find small businesses they can go into, reminding them that women need not become liabilities in modern times.

"Government also needs to support small businesses to grow so that they can contribute their quota to the development of the state and the country at large. Small businesses are the bedrock of every society," she said.

Fulani youth urged to expose criminals among them

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Fulani youths, under the auspices of Bandiraku Fulbe Youths Association in Kaduna State, have been urged to expose criminals hiding among them and work with other stakeholders to ensure peace in the state.

The Executive Chairman, Sanga Local Government Council, Charles Danladi stated this while inaugurating officials of the local government chapter of the association held at Gwantu, Sanga Local Government headquarters.

Danladi also urged the youths to support the government at all levels in its effort to foster peace between farmers and herders and enhanced cordial relationship amongst them.

He challenged the newly inaugurated officials to live above board in the discharge of their duties by checking the excesses of those among them who want to foment trouble.

Earlier, the Kaduna State Chairman of the association, Abdullahi Ibrahim said they were in Sanga LGA to formally introduce members of the association to the chairman and his council. Ibrahim expressed the hope that they will both work together to enhance the progress and development of the area.



■ Asiya Ibrahim

26 women trained on rice production in Kaduna LG

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Twenty-six women from Sanga Local Government Area of Kaduna State have been trained on modern rice production, milling and packaging at the Institute of Agriculture, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria aimed at equipping them to be self-sufficient.

The training was sponsored by Sanga Local Government Council in its determination to improve the general economic lives of the people.

Speaking to newsmen after the completion of the training, the Executive Chairman of Sanga LGC, Charles Danladi said the trainees were expected to step down the training as soon as they return home for improved productivity.

Some of the beneficiaries, who spoke with *Arewa Trust Weekly*, expressed satisfaction at the training and promised to translate the knowledge into their lives and impact it on their various communities.

NDE trains 460 youths on skills acquisition in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

The National Directorate of Employment (NDE) will train 460 employed youths from Kaduna under the National Basic Open Apprenticeship Scheme (BNOAS) programme across the 23 local government areas of the state.

The beneficiaries, 20 from each local government, will be trained on different vocational skills for three-month.

The State Coordinator of NDE, Sani Maiwada, who stated this at the flag-off and orientation ceremony said they would be trained in

fashion designing, catering, tailoring, phone repairers and other skills at the NDE centres in three zones of the state.

He said others would be attached to informal sectors for the training adding that the beneficiaries would be given stipends as transportation allowances during the

training.

In his remarks, Chief Vocational Development Officer of the NDE, Malam Shitu Abubakar, who represented the Acting Director General, Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo asked the participants to take their training seriously.

Islamic group ends 20-year leadership crisis, elects new officials

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Kaduna branch of the Nurudeen Society of Nigeria has assured that the Islamic group has ended its 20-years leadership crisis that led to the fractionalisation and called on all members to work together to restore the glory of the association.

The newly-elected Chairman of the society, Kaduna branch, Barrister Mohammed Tajudeen Mohammed, assured

that the new executives will do their best to restore the past glory of the association.

At his inaugural speech, Mohammed said aggressive membership drive and modernisation of the association was the top priority of the new exco and pledged to reunite all aggrieved members.

"I can assure you that the crisis is over. What happened today is evidence that nobody is ready for crisis any longer. The crisis has done more

damage to the association than good. All we had then has gone; the nursery, primary and secondary schools have all gone simply because of the crisis. Before now, we could boast of over 200 pupils for the Islamic schools but today, we can hardly boast of 30 to 40 pupils. So, our priority is to bring back all the activities of Nurudeen that had gone," he said.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the National

President, Nurudeen Society of Nigeria, Abdur-Rasaq Sodiq, urged the new officials to see their new positions as an opportunity to serve and must consolidate on the legacies of the past leaders of the association.

Sodiq renewed the call for unity among members, just as he advised the executives to work within the stipulated guidelines and rules of the association and with the fear of God.

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Ramin Kuri where residents make a living moulding mud blocks

By Ibrahim Musa Giginyu & Richard P. Ngbokai

Ramin Bulo, a traditional mud block making ditch, is a normal characteristic of a typical Northern Nigerian community specifically those in the rural areas.

These ditches usually start as small sites for mud digging for block moulding but over time, become large enough to serve as a source of income for hundreds of people.

One of such ditches is Ramin Kuri in Alitini village of Gezawa Local Government Area of Kano State, which is said to have been in existence for more than 50 years.

It was gathered that the first phase of the ditch, which is no longer in use has been in existence for over 50 years and the second phase, which the community is currently utilizing, is over 10 years old.



■ A moulder working at the site

Photo Sani Maikatanga

A visit to the ditch revealed a very busy setting of mud excavators and block moulders. While some were seen excavating mud from the vast ditch, others were busy moulding blocks from the mud with some others

loading the dried mud blocks into either vans or other means of transportation.

Besides farming, which is the major occupation in the community, mud block moulding is another occupation of the people of

Alitini village.

Malam Bala Isa Alitini, one of the moulders at the ditch said the ditch was a source of block for Alitini as it provides quality mud blocks for their use.

He added that Ramin Kuri was the major source of blocks for communities like Danlasan, Gogel, Danbare, Madari and Larabar Gadon Sarki among others.

“Most of us usually go out of our villages during the dry season to look for menial jobs in the city and only return during the rainy season for our farming activities. However, before going out we will make sure that we have rectified all our structures destroyed by the rain and that is why we are here today,” he said.

Another moulder, Malam Muhammed Balarabe, told our reporters that the Ramin Kuri ditch has been a life-saving place for Alitini people, adding that the site

has become a ‘gold mine’ for members of the community.

It was gathered that 100 pieces of the mud block is sold at N600 and that it takes 1,600 blocks to build two rooms, meaning that with less than N10,000 one can buy enough blocks to build two rooms in Alitini and other neighbouring villages.

The houses built with these blocks have stood the test of time, according to Ibrahim Ilu, a moulder, who noted that there are houses built from the blocks in the village that are over 40 years old and are still standing strong.

It was also observed that though many people are making a living in the mud block business, the whole process remains informal as there is no formal arrangement in conducting business at the ditch and also there has not been any government involvement in the entire process.

Karaye Emirate Council to republish 1963 Fulani history book

By Zahraddeen Yakubu Shua'ibu

Karaye Emirate Council will sponsor the republication of the book “Tarihin Fulani” (The History of Fulani) authored by the Late Dr Junaid Buhari, the former Waziri of Sokoto, an official of the council said.

The Information Officer of the council, Haruna Gundumawa, who stated this in a statement issued on Monday explained that the book was first published in 1963 by the old Northern Nigeria Regional Government, adding that the Emirate Council has now undertaken to republish it.

“The book analyses the history, origin, as well as the dialects of the Fulani. It contains the genesis of the Jihad of Sheikh Usman Dan Fodio and events during the reigns of different Sultans, from Shehu Fodio to Sultan Abubakar III,” Gundumawa said.

According to the statement, a letter signed by the Waziri of Sokoto, Prof. Sambo Wali-Junaid, lauded the Emir of Karaye, Dr Ibrahim Abubakar II, for his commitment to republish the book, describing the move as a giant stride, and reaffirming the appreciation of the Sokoto Caliphate to the Emir of Karaye for the effort.

Woman bathes co-wife, step-daughter with hot water in Kano

By Richard P. Ngbokai

The police command in Kano has arrested a 30-year-old pregnant woman, Hauwa'u Auwal, a resident of Sheka (New Abuja) Quarters for allegedly bathing her co-wife, alongside her four-year-old daughter with hot water.

The suspect was said to have committed the act after suspecting her step-daughter of pouring detergent in the water she (suspect) kept in the toilet for sanitary purpose.

Chronicle gathered that the attack left the victims with severe burns on their bodies.

The spokesman of the command, DSP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, who confirmed the report, said the two victims were responding to treatment at Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital.

“On 22 January, 2021, at about 10pm, Malam Babangida Ibrahim from Sheka quarters, Kumbotso Local Government Area reported that Hauwa'u Umar had poured hot water on his second wife, Sha'awa Muhammad and her four-



■ The victim, Hauwa Auwal

year-old daughter, Halima Khalid. As a result they had sustained various degrees of injuries.” He said upon completion of investigation, the suspect would be charged to court.

Responding to inquiries on a radio programme monitored by our reporter, the victim said their husband was at home when the incident happened, adding that she was with their husband after her co-wife had reported her daughter

when the enraged Hauwa'u poured hot water on her and her daughter.

“After she had poured hot water on me and my daughter she went ahead to hold me by my neck saying she must see to my end,” the victim added.

Malama Binta Yusuf, Sha'awa's mother urged the authorities to ensure that justice is done for her daughter and grandchild.

The suspect, who admitted to the crime,

however, insisted that it was not intentional and that she regretted the act.

She said she found out that the daughter of her co-wife poured detergent in the water she kept in the bathroom for her (suspect) bath and as she reported the matter to their husband, the victim came in which resulted in a confrontation.

“This is not the first time I am having this experience (of someone spoiling her bathwater) but I have never caught anybody in the act. After that I went to report to my husband and I met him praying and he asked if the water had been rendered useless and I said yes. At that point my co-wife had brought food for our husband and when I was complaining she started shouting at me which got me furious. At that point, I was having the remaining hot water in a cup, then out of anger the water slipped from my hand and spilled on them,” she said.

Chronicle learnt that human rights activists in the state have since indicated interest in taking up the case to ensure that the suspect is brought to book.

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Trouble brewing over multimillion naira Lekki lands

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A new twist has been introduced into the tussle over 150 plots of land at Alma Beach Estate in Lekki Lagos as a former Commissioner for Justice in the state, Dr. Muiz Banire (SAN), has been dragged before the Court of Appeal over alleged contempt of court.

It will be recalled that some homeowners and allottees had cried out over an alleged attempt to take over their properties by NICON Trustees Limited.

The homeowners said NICON Trustees Limited is claiming ownership

without any survey plan and challenged the deployment of a detachment of policemen to the said land located in the Ikate area of Lekki Peninsula.

Banire, who is the lawyer to the estate homeowners and allottees, had decried what he called the "deviant" activities of policemen who provide cover for "illegal developers."

But NICON Trustees cleared the air on the controversy even as it filed a contempt proceeding against Banire.

According to the firm, the land in question was used as a security by the estate company to borrow the sum of N40 million in 1991.

It added that there was a Trust Deed of Debenture it

entered into with the estate firm (Alma Beach) that in case of failure to meet up with the loan obligation, NICON Trustees would appoint a receiver-manager to take over the said 150 plots.

Abah Onah, who was appointed the Receiver-Manager, while briefing newsmen at the weekend said all the judgments including that of Appeal Court of 25th December 2016 "have sanctioned the possession of the Receiver of the 150 plots conveyed in the Debenture Trust Deed".

He said, "It is based on this Court of Appeal judgment, which is still subsisting, not yet set aside nor appealed against

that the Receiver petitioned the Inspector General of Police and got the IGP's approval for security for the Receiver Manager to perform his functions in enforcing the court of appeal judgement."

Speaking with our correspondent, Banire dared NICON Trustees and its legal representatives to charge him to court and challenged them to provide him any survey plan showing the 150 plots of land being claimed.

"Once they can provide that, then we would know who is lying and who is fraudulent," he said, adding, "If there is a Debenture Agreement, what has that got to do with the land? Who is arguing with

them over a Debenture?"

On the contempt proceeding filed against him, he said, "I dare them and their lawyers and the Court of Appeal will show in the first instance where I said this is a land matter. If you know me very well, I'm a very strict person. Even when I was a commissioner, I didn't bend rules for anybody and I will never bend rules.

"Even if you have a judgment on a land up to the Supreme Court, you cannot go there on your own or with police, it's only the court that can go there. Even with that judgment, if you go there on your own, you are a land grabber."

Erelu Fayemi advocates more inclusion for people living with disability

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The wife of Ekiti State Governor, Erelu Bisi Fayemi, has assured people living with disability of equal participation and opportunities in the state.

Erelu Fayemi, while speaking at an emergency meeting with the Association of People Living with Disability, Ekiti State chapter, in her office, allayed the fear of marginalisation expressed by the group.

She said the government would give special consideration to them in line with laid down rules and regulations.

The physically challenged people were demanding the implementation of the policy, which ceded five per cent of employment to the People Living with Disability. They contended that judging from the last recruitment exercise done in the state, they discovered that the policy was set aside.



■ Early morning fire guts Alade Market at Shomolu in Lagos.

Police arraign 2 for forging examination result

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Osun State Police Command yesterday arraigned two persons, Olawale Waisu and Oakihena Omolara at a Magistrate Court for forging the result of the Common Entrance examination into secondary school.

The prosecuting officer, Sergeant Adepoju Kayode, told the court that the accused

conspired to secure a fake document of Basic Education Certificate Education (BECE), also known as the Common Entrance Examination, for a candidate to secure admission into a secondary school.

The accused are facing a three-count charge of making false documents, forgery and obtaining money from the candidate.

The prosecution said their

offences contravened sections 519(9), 467 and 421 of the criminal code cap 34 Vol. 2 of Laws of Osun State, Nigeria, 2002.

The accused pleaded not guilty and their counsel, Daramola Olalekan prayed the court grant them bail.

In his ruling, Magistrate Abayomi Ajala granted bail of N250,000 and adjourned the case till February 23, 2021.

Insecurity: Act now to avoid spill over, community leader tells Abiodun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A community leader in Ogun State, Chief Toyin Amuzu has called on Governor Dapo Abiodun to be pro-active and as a matter of urgency, rally stakeholders, especially security chiefs in the state to nib in the bud, the menace of cattle rearers before it degenerates into self-help as witnessed in Oyo State.

Amuzu said this while reacting in Abeokuta, to an incident of some suspected herdsmen who reportedly shot a woman, Morenikeji Salami, while going to her site on the Oru-Awa Road in the Ijebu-North Local Government Area and the invasion of Ketu-speaking villages.

Amuzu charged Abiodun to provide leadership and take seriously the issue of security of lives and properties and not wait till it gets out of hands, saying "much is expected from the governor as the Chief Security Officer of the state.

"Anyone who commits any crime should be treated as criminal by government, leaving out their ethnicity and occupation. In fact, reporting them as Fulani or herdsmen is merely reducing the issue, they are either bandits, armed robbers or kidnappers," he said.

Amuzu said it was the responsibility of the state government to put in place security measures that will reduce the palpable fears of the people.

Lagos businessman charged with burglary, stealing N33m wrist watches

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

A 38-year-old businessman, John Okonkwo was yesterday charged with burglary and stealing cartons of different brands of wristwatches worth more than N33 million.

Police prosecutor, ASP U. Roman, alleged that the accused person and others now at large, on the 22nd May 2020, at APT Trade Fair Market, Lagos in the Lagos Magisterial District conspired among themselves to commit the offence.

The accused persons were alleged to have burgled the Warehouse of one Chidi Dimugonabo and carted away cartons of different brands of wristwatches worth N33m and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 411 of

the criminal law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2015.

The accused person pleaded not guilty. The magistrate Mrs. A.Adebayo admitted him to N10 million bail with two sureties.

Further hearing has been fixed for 2nd February 2021.



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Request for submission of bids from companies /organisation for supply of Starter packs for vocational skills training participation target communities of Borno and Adamawa States for the Stabilization and Reconciliation in the Lake Chad Region (STaR) Project, financed by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through KfW (German Financial Cooperation) on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany.

RFP No: CRS-STaR-NE-2021-01 (Reference to BMZ No 2019 40 626)
Project Executing Agency: Catholic Relief Services-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Catholic Relief Services - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (CRS) is an international non-governmental organization supporting relief and development work in over 99 countries around the world. CRS programs assist persons based on need, regardless of creed, ethnicity or nationality. CRS has operated in Nigeria since the year 2000 and has implemented different projects in 19 states of the federation.

For over nine years, the Lake Chad Basin (LCB) crisis - impacting Northeast (NE) Nigeria, the Lake Region of Chad, the Region of Diffa in Niger, and the far North Region of Cameroon - has exacerbated existing vulnerabilities, torn apart communities and families, constrained livelihood opportunities, destroyed infrastructure, and dismantled local government's ability to respond to the needs of its citizens. To address the myriad of inter-related and chronic factors inhibiting the recovery of resilient, rebuilt communities in the L.C.B., CRS was awarded the two-year Stabilization and Reconciliation in the Lake Chad Region (STaR) Project, which is financed by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through KfW (German Financial Cooperation).

CRS Nigeria Program invites sealed bids from eligible Applicants for the above subject. The Service Provider(s) will be selected in accordance with the procedures described in KfW Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Good, Plant and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries, available online at https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/PDF/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergaberichtlinien-2019-Englisch-Internet_2.pdf

The complete RFP guidelines and proposal documents are available for download at <http://bit.ly/3a1E81k> or in hard copy at the CRS office at the addresses below. Potential applicants should contact CRS at tenders.star.ngr@crs.org if they face any technical difficulties when downloading the RFP documents or visit CRS Yola office at the address stated above to pick up the packet of the proposal documents.

Interested applicants MUST ensure that once complete bid package has been successfully downloaded, applicants MUST send the following details to tenders.star.ngr@crs.org;

1. Name of Applicant:
2. Valid Email Address:
3. Telephone Number:
4. Name of contact person:

Proposal Submission:
Proposals must be submitted in hard copy by courier or hand delivered. Submissions via courier or hand delivery must be submitted in sealed envelopes and addressed to:

CRS Nigeria Proposal Review Committee for RFP ? : CRS-STAR-NE-2021-01
CRS Yola Office
No 2, Off Galadima Aminu Way
Opposite Police Officers Mess, Jimeta
Yola, Adamawa State

All completed proposal must be delivered by courier or hand-delivered to the above address on or before noon Nigeria time on **Wednesday 24th, February, 2021**. Proposals received after this deadline will be rejected. The Proposal must be packaged in an envelope properly sealed and clearly marked on the top right-hand corner **Proposal CRS-STAR-NE-2021-01**. The name of the Applicant should be written clearly on the back of the envelope. The envelope should then be enclosed in a single outer POLYETHYLENE TYPE ENVELOPE (Not a paper envelope) and must bear the name, address and telephone number of the Applicant. If the envelope is not sealed and marked as required, **CRS will declare the Proposal non-responsive** and will not consider the submission.

All submitted proposals will be retained by CRS for its files and will not be returned to the Applicants.

Complete guidance on the submission process and requirements is included in the bid documents.

Bids will be publicly opened online on **Thursday 25th, February, 2021 at 12:00 PM**. Kindly click the link provided in section 7.0 of the RFP document to join Microsoft Teams online meeting on the scheduled date and time.

CRS reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the Tender and/or solicitation process. CRS also reserves the right to require compliance with additional conditions as and when issuing the final solicitation documents. Submitting a reply to a call for Tender does not automatically guarantee receipt of the solicitation documents when issued.



Request for Bids (RFB) FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

NIGERIA CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL (NCDC)
REGIONAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (PHASE II)
(WORLD BANK ASSISTED)
CREDIT IDA 59700-NG

PROCUREMENT OF LASSA FEVER MEDICINES AND MEDICAL CONSUMABLES FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL FOR HUMAN HEALTH SECTOR. RFB No. REDISSE-GDS-RFB-01-2021

1. The **Federal Republic of Nigeria** has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Regional Disease Surveillance Systems Enhancement Project (Phase II)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Procurement of Lassa Fever Medicines and Medical Consumables for Infection Prevention and Control for Human Health Sector**.
2. The **Nigeria Centre for Disease Control** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following:

Slice No.	Description	Quantity	Bid Security	Delivery Period	Location
A	Medicines for Treatment	Various	At least 3% of Bid Price	14 days	Abuja
B	Medicines for Post Exposure Prophylaxis	Various	At least 3% of Bid Price	14 days	Abuja
C	Medical Consumables for Investigation and Waste Management	Various	At least 3% of Bid Price	14 days	Abuja
D	Medical Consumables for Infection Prevention & Control	Various	At least 3% of Bid Price	14 days	Abuja

NB: Bidders may bid for any or more slices and discounts offered for the award of combined slices will be considered in bid evaluation. Domestic preference is not applicable.

3. Bidding will be conducted through open, National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "**Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers**", July 2016, revised November 1, 2017 and August 1, 2018 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the **Nigeria Center for Disease Control, Regional Disease Surveillance Systems Enhancement Project (REDISSE II)**, Mr. Dania A.O. E-mail: augustus.dania@ncdc.gov.ng and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours local time at the address given below. Qualifications requirements include:

- Documentary Evidence of two contracts of similar nature and magnitude during the last five (5) years
- Audited Financial Statements for the last three (3) years to demonstrate the financial capability of the Bidder in terms of Profitability and adequate working capital.
- A Manufacturer's Authorization for authorization /NAFDAC registration certificate that has NAFDAC number for Ribavirin not produced by the company.

Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

5. The bidding document in **English** may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Twenty Thousand Naira (N20, 000.00)** only. The method of payment will be through **REMITA Platform via Account Name: NIGERIA CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL/WORLD BANK PROJECT TSA**. The document will be sent by courier or collected by hand.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12.00 noon, Tuesday 16th February, 2021**. Electronic Bidding **will not** be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **12.00 noon, Tuesday 16th February, 2021**.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of at least three percent (3%) of the bid price denominated in the Nigerian Naira**.
8. The address referred to above is:

Nigeria Center for Disease Control
Mrs. Kemi Ladeinde
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kemi.ladeinde@ncdc.gov.ng

Kwara pioneer Grand Khadi, Justice Orire, is dead

By Romoke W. Ahmad

The pioneer Grand Khadi Kwara State Shariah Court, Justice Abdulkadir Orire is dead.

Justice Orire who died at the age of 87 was the pioneer Grand Khadi of the Kwara State Sharia Court of Appeal

between 1975 and 1999.

The late jurist was instrumental to the establishment of what is today known as University of Ilorin and founder of the Muslim Corpers Association (MCAN) and several other Muslim associations to unite the Muslims.

He was the secretary of the Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) in Kaduna during the Zangon Kataf crisis and a member of the 1999 constitution review committee.

As the pioneer Grand Khadi in Kwara State, Justice Orire initiated the building of the Shariah Court of Appeal

in Ilorin and also initiated the building of that of Lokoja.

Meanwhile, Kwara State government has mourned the death of the late jurist who is described as an exemplary leader who distinguished himself as an erudite legal scholar, researcher, Muslim community leader, and

development activist.

In a condolence message from the governor, Justice Orire was said to have devoted his entire life to scholarship, humanitarian services, propagation of Islam, and inter-religious peace-building in Kwara and Nigeria.

MSS old boys protest proposed demolition of mosque in Benue school

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Muslim Students Society (MSS) of the Old Boys Association of Government Secondary School (GSS), Otukpo, Benue State, has protested against the proposed demolition contained in a notice of a mosque in the school's premises.

But, the state government through the ministry of Education on Tuesday, claimed that the matter has been resolved amicably.

In a letter addressed to the state's Commissioner for Education, Prof Dennis Ityavyar, the association noted that the Urban Development Board (UDB) on January 20, 2021, marked the mosque which was recently renovated by it (MSS) for demolition.

"Members of the Muslim Students Society (MSS) of the Old Boys Association of

Government Secondary School, Otukpo, write to protest the proposed/rumoured demolition of the school mosque.

"We urge the commissioner to stop the proposed/rumoured destruction of the renovated mosque at GSS, Otukpo, and restore the principal to the position because other than allowing the renovation of the mosque, he was not given a penny nor contracted to handle the project," the association stated in the letter.

They added that the mosque was originally built 42 years ago, stressing that, "Owing to the dilapidated nature of the mosque, we, the MSS of the Old Boys Association of GSS, Otukpo, made application to renovate the mosque."

On his part, the General Manager of UDB, Dr Saint Gbilekaa, admitted to have sighted the petition copied to his office.

Herdsmen destroy N6.6m maize farm in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A multi-million-naira maize farm for members of the Maize Growers Processing Marketer Association of Nigeria (MAGPAMAN) have been destroyed by herdsmen in Ekiti state.

The farm covering about 235 hectares of land is at the state forest reserve in Aduloju farmstead located along Ado-Ijan road in Ado local government area of the state.

Speaking with newsmen yesterday, in Ado-Ekiti, the state secretary of the association, Mr Tope Emmanuel said the herdsmen had been terrorising the farmers

in the last one week leading to the destruction of the maize farm.

He said the pastorals stormed the farm at night with dangerous weapons to feed their cows and, "all efforts to stop them have been rebuffed."

He said that members obtained about N6.6m loan from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) under the anchor borrowers' programme in September to plant the maize, adding that the 160 members had been left with nothing to cultivate.

When contacted, the Ekiti Amotekun corps commander, Brig-Gen Joe Komolafe (retd) confirmed the incident, adding, "We are handling the situation."

Meeting with MACBAN fell short of people's expectations - YCE

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Yoruba Council of Elders (YCE) has said the meeting of the Nigerian Governors Forum (NGF) with Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN) fell short of people's expectations because the victims of herdsmen's criminal activities were not invited.

The elders criticized the meeting, saying its resolution does not represent the general wishes of Yoruba people who are currently yelling in the hands of the killer herdsmen.

The Council in a statement

signed yesterday by its Secretary General, Dr. Kumle Olajide and made available to newsmen in Ado-Ekiti, described the meeting as a "sham".

He argued that the representatives of Yoruba socio-cultural groups ought to have been invited and not only MACBAN in order to give the meeting credibility.

The body said the southwest governors were not at the meeting to represent the region as they were minority and were conveners representing the interest of the Nigeria Governor's Forum which is the arbitrator of the dispute.



■ From left: Territory Manager, Chidi Eze; Sales Head, Mr. Sandeep Sharma; Sales Representative, Ngozi Franca-Onyeigwe all of Genus at the launch of the Genus 230Ah carbon tubular battery held in Lagos recently.

Gunmen killed two police men in Taraba

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

Unknown gunmen have killed two police men in Karim Lamido local government area of Taraba State.

Daily Trust gathered that the police men were killed

at about 7pm Monday near Jen Junction along Karim-Lamido road when their patrol vehicle broken down.

It was gathered that the victims were trying to repair their vehicle when the gunmen on a motorcycle approached them and

opened fire killing two of them instantly.

The gunmen, it was further gathered took away two guns belonging to the victims and ran away into the bush.

The spoke person of Taraba police command, DSP David Misal confirmed the incident.

70 shops razed in Lagos market fire

From Risikat Ramoni, Lagos

A total of 101 shops were saved on Tuesday while 70 others were burnt by a fire outbreak at Alade market in Shomolu area of Lagos State.

The 70 affected lock-up shops located in market street, trade in food items, gas cylinders and other perishable

goods, were damaged by the inferno.

The Ag. Head of the fire Service, Mrs. Margaret Adeseye, explained that Ilupeju and Bolade Fire Stations were swiftly alerted to visit the location and firemen doused the fire which started around the 12:55am on Tuesday.

Also, the Lagos State

Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) DG, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu said that the fire was likely from a voltage surge when power supply was restored.

Osanyintolu urged members of the public to ensure their appliances are switched off once not in use to prevent voltage surges.

FG to spend N30billion on Katsina airport

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

The Federal Government said it would spend the sum of N30bn on the upgrade of Umaru Musa 'Yar'adua International Airport, Katsina.

The Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika disclosed this at an empowerment program organised by the

National Directorate of Employment (NDE), in Katsina.

The minister added that within the next one month his ministry will begin work on the establishment of a fire fighting vehicles assembly and repairs plant in Katsina.

Sirika added that the plant which will cater for the whole country would be a source of

employment for 2500 youth, adding that there was no government in the history of country that supported the down trodden more than this government.

Other works to be done at the airport, the minister disclosed include the repairs of runways and the perimeter fence at the airport.

Hoodlums kill policeman in Aba, cart away gun

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

Suspected hoodlums in the early hours of today attacked policemen on patrol duty around Uratta area of Aba, the commercial nerve centre of Abia state, killing one police sergeant.

Our Correspondent gathered that the men dressed in black regalia numbered about 20, wielding dangerous

weapons.

The sergeant whose name was given as Okezie and hailed from Umuahia, was said to be on night patrol with some of his colleagues when they were attacked by the hoodlums at the Uratta Junction along the Enugu/Port Harcourt Expressway.

The cops who were taken unawares by their attackers, and were said to have jumped

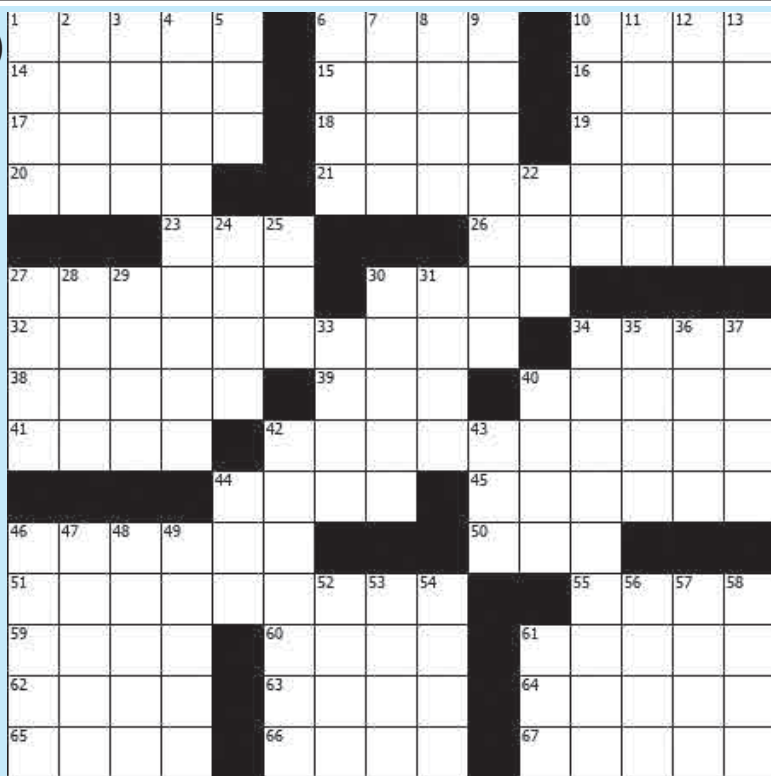
out from the vehicle and ran in different directions to escape from the bullets of the gunmen.

It was gathered that the attackers pursued Sergeant Okezie to the premises of a nearby hotel and shot him dead before they made away with his AK-47 rifle.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Godfrey Ogbonna, confirmed the incident.

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



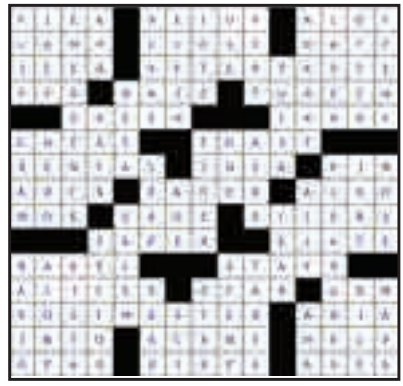
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- 1. Bus station
- 6. Look closely
- 10. Talk wildly
- 14. Secretly marry
- 15. Tibetan priest
- 16. Perfume
- 17. Type of poplar
- 18. Clapton or Idle
- 19. Window part
- 20. Sly look
- 21. Inseparable friends (2 wds.)
- 23. Overhead trains
- 26. Pet
- 27. Divan
- 30. Smack
- 32. Specific
- 34. Pinball no-no
- 38. Opera tunes
- 39. Daughter's brother
- 40. MTV feature
- 41. Chef's units (abbr.)
- 42. Colony
- 44. Elegant
- 45. Sergeant's command (2 wds.)
- 46. Tooth deposit
- 50. Speck
- 51. Loathsome
- 55. Passed effortlessly
- 59. Roaring feline
- 60. Cake decorator
- 61. Over
- 62. Water whirl
- 63. A great lake
- 64. Ordinary
- 65. Uses the eyes
- 66. Reign
- 67. Narrates

Down

- 1. Bargain
- 2. Additional
- 3. Catholic leader
- 4. Musical comedies
- 5. Knockout count
- 6. Entreaty
- 7. British nobleman
- 8. Discharge
- 9. Fast auto (2 wds.)
- 10. Wrangler
- 11. Old saying
- 12. Forbidden items (hyph.)
- 13. Ringlet
- 22. Mouse's kin
- 24. Maui garlands
- 25. Min. part
- 27. Squabble
- 28. Corn units
- 29. Journey
- 30. Laziness
- 31. Crave
- 33. Utilizes
- 34. Schedule
- 35. Brainstorm
- 36. Telescope part
- 37. Carry
- 40. Kill a bill
- 42. More regretful
- 43. Boy
- 44. Golf norm
- 46. Fables
- 47. Dwell
- 48. ___ Island
- 49. Stage awards
- 52. Beige
- 53. Astronaut ___ Armstrong
- 54. Yew or willow
- 56. Furnace fuel
- 57. Satanic
- 58. Lions' lairs
- 61. Fitting

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (187)



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 187

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SNAPSHOT >>

Molesting children through their clothing does not constitute sexual assault, Indian court rules sparking outcry



Bombay High Court (inset Indian PM Mordi)

Molesting children through their clothing does not count as sexual assault, a judge in India has ruled, as she overturned the conviction of an alleged paedophile. The man, a 39-year-old named in court documents only as Satish, had been sentenced to three years in jail in 2016 for groping a 12-year-old girl's breast and trying to remove her dress in the city of Nagpur. But Satish appealed and in a judgement at Bombay's High Court last week, judge Pushpa Ganediwala ruled that there must be 'skin on skin' contact to prove a sexual assault has taken place. The decision sparked outrage among campaigners and a backlash online, who attacked the judge over her logic. "This ruling was given by a female judge. That's all we need to know about India and the plight of its female victims," one wrote. "They say it's not under sexual assault but... it is a minor act. I have been a victim of this "minor act" when I was 13, it feels horrible," another added. "Disgusting to hear what a female judge said about an adult male groping a minor girl in India. No doubt India is one of the worst countries for women," a third added. The case dates back to 2016, when the victim said she was lured to Satish's house in the city of Nagpur with the promise of fruit to eat. But when the girl arrived, Satish touched her chest through her clothing and attempted to remove her dress, court documents said.

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Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un!

With total submission to the Will of Allah, I commiserate with the family of the **late Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim, SAN**, the Government and people of Kogi State, and the entire Northern states over the great loss of this highly cerebral, resourceful and dependable son of our Region.

He was at different times Minister of Education, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Transport and Aviation, and later Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Federation, during which he oversaw the review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1998/1999.

Even before then, Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim was a beacon for millions of Northerners in both matters of Common Law Administration and Practice, as the first Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) from the Region.

Our paths crossed with that of Alhaji Abdullahi several times in the course of our services to this country, and I had first-hand knowledge of the man and his personal and professional qualities.

Throughout the time I knew the late luminary, he proved to be humble, forthright, kind-hearted, and a very engaging personality, who was an effective leader and team player. He had zero tolerance for injustice, incompetence, laziness, tardiness, corruption and/or indiscipline. He was always a step ahead of others and possessed a laser-like brilliance and sense of propriety manifested in his interactions with all and sundry.

And because of these sterling qualities of his, as well as his impeccable professional conducts, he left indelible marks in all the positions of leadership he held at the Regional and National levels. He loved Nigeria with a passion and was totally committed and devoted to making our country a better place for future generations.

To say that Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim will be greatly missed by the North and by Nigeria is an understatement.

Once more, my sincere condolence to his immediate family, the Government and people of Kogi State, the Body of Benchers, and members of the Abdullahi Ibrahim & Co. Law Chambers, on the transition of this illustrious son of Nigeria.

May Allah (SWT) forgive him, give us all the fortitude to bear his loss, and reward his selfless services to Nigeria. May Allah grant him Al-Jannat Firdausi. Amin.

Late Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim, SAN

Signed

Senator (Dr.) Abdullahi Adamu, CON

Turakin Keffi

Senator representing Nasarawa West

Court orders forfeiture of ex-Gov Yari's millions of naira to FG

By John Chuks Azu

A Federal High Court in Abuja yesterday ordered the final forfeiture of former Governor of Zamfara State, Abdulaziz Yari's hundreds of millions of naira to the Federal Government.

Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu ordered that the funds in accounts of different companies linked to Yari being \$56,056.75 in Polaris Bank; N12.9m, N11.2m, \$301,319.99; N217,388.04 and

\$311,872.15 in different Zenith Bank be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Ojukwu held that Yari had not shown good cause why the order sought by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission should not be granted.

The ICPC had instituted the suit seeking an order compelling Yari to show why the funds under investigation should not be finally forfeited

to the federal government.

The suit brought by ICPC counsel, Osuobeni Akponimisingha had two companies; Kayatawa Nigeria Ltd and B. T. Oil and Gas Nigeria Ltd as respondents.

The ICPC had in 2019 filed an ex parte motion before Justice Taiwo Taiwo of the same court seeking an interim forfeiture order, alleging that the funds were proceeds of unlawful activity, which was granted by the court.



■ From left: Special Adviser to the Director-General on Special Duties, Standard Organization of Nigeria, Chief Emeka Duru; Director General, SON, Mallam Salim; Director, Inspectorate and Compliance (SON), Engr. Obiora Manafa, and Head, Sanitation unit, NESREA, Ms. Catherine Omotehine, during the destruction of massive substandard tyres and gas cylinder products by SON, in Lagos yesterday

FCC chair, commissioners lock horns over alleged job racketeering, spending

By Francis Arinze Iloani

Executive Chairman, Federal Character Commission, Muheeba Farida Dankaka and some commissioners of the FCC are at loggerheads over allegations of job racketeering, lop-sided recruitment and extra-budgetary spending.

In a petition to the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission signed by Commissioners Augustine Wokocho and AbdulWasiu Bawa-Allah, on

behalf of others, Dankaka was alleged to have employed 22 people, 50 percent of whom were from her senatorial district.

The commissioners also alleged that Dankaka awarded a N35.71m contract for a media advert over and above the budgetary provision of N7.41m for publicity and advertisement.

They also accused her of indiscriminately granting recruitment advert waivers to MDAs in breach of the Commission's Act.

Reacting, the Commission's

Director of Public Affairs and Communication, Dipo Akinsola, said "the allegations are not true in all areas."

He said the commissioners had been divided as over 30 commissioners had been working in harmony with the Executive Chairman; while others "are fighting for their personal and selfish interests."

He said the five commissioners wanted business as usual in the commission "which is not possible under the new executive chairman."

Appointment of new service chiefs belated - PDP

● It's a welcome development - APC

By Saawua Terzungwe

The People's Democratic Party yesterday described the appointment of new service chiefs by President Muhammadu Buhari as belated, saying much harm had already been done to national security.

It demanded an immediate inquest into the tenure of the last service chiefs.

The PDP, in a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, said: "If Mr. President had acted when our party and other well-meaning Nigerians including the two chambers of the National Assembly impressed upon him to do so, the security situation in the country would not have degenerated to this abysmal

level.

"Our party urges the new service chiefs to take urgent steps to restore professionalism, boost the morale of our troops and ensure not to fall into the indolence, corruption, recklessness, abuse of process and partisanship that characterized the tenure of the last service chiefs.

"The new commanders must note that Nigerians are looking up to them as professionals to remove terrorists, bandits and other outlaws ravaging our nation from our landscape," the PDP said.

Meanwhile, the All Progressives Congress welcomed the appointment of new service chiefs and urged them to consolidate on the achievements of their predecessors in keeping the country safe and peaceful.

Secretary of the APC Caretaker Committee, John Udoedeghe, in a statement, asked the new service chiefs to be committed to the discharge of their duties.

"The party calls for public support for the new service chiefs as they perform their constitutional roles of protecting our country's territorial integrity and tackle emerging security threats. We also urge increased synergy among the armed forces in achieving these tasks.

"As a nation, our strength remains in our diversity and we should continue to forge unity in that diversity. We urge peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding among Nigerians, irrespective of the part of the country we chose to live and work," the APC said.

Don't align with politicians, Wike, CICLAC tell new service chiefs

From Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt) & Abbas Jimoh (Abuja)

Rivers State Governor Nyesom Wike yesterday asked the new service chiefs not to politicize security by aligning with politicians.

"What the country needs now is competence and professionalism that will reduce insecurity to the barest minimum," Wike said, in a statement by the state's Commissioner for Information and Communication, Paulinus Nsirim.

Wike said though the appointments came late,

President Muhammadu Buhari should be commended for listening to the voice of the people.

He challenged the new appointees to see their appointments as an opportunity to re-engineer the nation's security architecture which has suffered tremendous setback in the last five years.

Similarly, Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, urged the new service chiefs to eschew politics and prioritise professionalism in tackling insecurity.

'IPOB security operatives kill 4 Hausa people in Imo'

By Hamisu Kabir Matazu

The Hausa community in Orlu, Imo State, yesterday accused operatives of the Eastern Security Network established by the outlawed Indigenous Peoples of Biafra, of killing four of its members on Monday.

Many people had been reportedly killed and property destroyed when the IPOB security men clashed with policemen and soldiers in Orlu.

A member of the community, who simply gave his name as Yusuf for security reason, said it took the intervention of the military to stop the carnage.

He said bodies of the victims, recovered by the military and handed over to Hausa leaders in the town, had been buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

"All the corpses were recovered from their business stands," he said.

Narrating how the incident broke, Yusuf said: "It all started on Thursday when people in the town resisted paying a levy imposed on them by IPOB. Angered by their action, they went to burn the palace of Orlu Eze."

Yusuf recalled that during the #ENDSARS protest, the Hausa community in Imo lost over 40 people, saying it was not reported by the media and no action taken.

The crisis had been brewing in the area since last week after a clash between ESN volunteers and police resulted in deaths.

The security agencies were then said to have

planned a reprisal.

Witnesses reported sporadic shooting and residents took cover to avoid stray bullets. The shooting was heard as far as neighbouring communities of Okporo, Akata and Umutanze.

The soldiers were said to be drawn from the 34 Artillery Brigade in Obinze. Correspondents in Imo reported panic in Orlu where many residents had already fled.

Military checkpoints had been erected on roads and travellers are being advised to avoid using Orlu road or even move about by night. One witness told correspondents he counted 16 low-flying aircraft over the town.

The group had released a video, which went viral last week, showing ESN volunteers boasting how they dislodged security men who attacked them and displayed the vehicles the policemen had abandoned while escaping.

Governor Hope Uzodimma had, in a statement by his spokesman Oguwike Nwachuku, on Monday, declared a dusk-to-dawn (6pm to 6am) curfew in nine of the affected council areas, asking security agencies to fish out the perpetrators. The areas are Orlu, Orsu, Oru East, Oru West, Ideato North, Ideato South, Njaba, Isu, Nwangele and Nkwerre local government areas of Orlu zone.

Addressing newsmen, Uzodimma had advised the residents of the affected LGAs to comply with the curfew as anyone who violates it will be treated as a suspect.



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Court convicts 17 COVID-19 protocols violators in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

An Oredo Magistrate Court has sentenced 17 persons to three hours community service for violating COVID-19 protocols in Edo State.

Chief Magistrate Bright Erazé Oniha, however, said the community service must be carried out within the court premises.

The suspects were convicted for curfew violation which had been imposed by the state government restricting movement between 10pm and 5am to check the spread of the second wave of the COVID-19.

The convicts are, Emmanuel Chukwuka, Abraham Timothy, Ikechukwu Ekeh, Festus Sylvester, Amadin Osazee, Owie Ben, Jessica Efe, Festus Osifo, Abigail Emmanuel,

Samuel Sunny, Friday Iyoke, Chukudi John, Samuel Omobobule, Gift Obi, Ojo Ibrahim and Abdullahi Umar.

Nine of the convicts were arrested at Adenyan, six in New Benin while two others were arrested at Aduwawa in Benin metropolis.

The convicts pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following their guilty plea, the chief magistrate said they violated

Regulation(s) 16(3) of the Edo State Dangerous Infectious Disease (Emergency Prevention) Regulation 2020, by disobeying the restriction of movement order and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 5 of the Quarantine Act, Cap Q2, Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.

The magistrate therefore sentenced them to three hours of community service within the court premises.

Husband docked over threat text messages to wife

From Eugene Agha Lagos

An estranged husband was on Friday brought before an Ogba Chief Magistrate Court, Lagos, over series of threatening messages sent to his wife.

The police said the 60-year-old accused, Oje Akuna, had allegedly threatened to deal with his wife, Mrs Dele Akuna, over an alleged attempt to desert the marriage.

The police said the couple resides at Folawowo Street, Ikeja, Lagos.

The prosecutor, Kenneth Ajayi claimed

that the complainant who could no longer stomach the constant threat made to her at the slightest provocation, reported a case of threat to her life to the police at Ikeja Division.

The prosecutor said the accused was arrested and taken to the station for interrogation.

The accused was consequently arraigned on a two count charge of threat to life and acts that could lead to a breach of peace.

However, he pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor then

asked the court to give another date for hearing to enable the police to prove that he actually committed the alleged offence.

The presiding magistrate, Mrs. A. O. Ajibade, granted him bail in the sum of N100,000 with two sureties in like sum.

He was remanded in the Correctional Centre at Kirikiri town, Lagos, pending when he would perfect his bail conditions while the matter was adjourned till February 4, 2021, for mention.



■ Governor Ben Ayande of Cross River State inaugurating arms destruction exercise in Calabar

Court remands 4 over kidnapping in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

Four persons have been remanded in a correctional centre by an Ado-Ekiti Magistrate Court for alleged kidnapping.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court, yesterday, that Abubakar Babangida, 29, Abubakar Manko, 25, Shehu Mamuga, 26 and Shehu Lima, 20, were

reasonably suspected to have committed the offence of kidnapping of Mr. Ajayi Okunola Happiness.

The prosecutor noted that the offence is punishable under Section 3(a) of the Kidnap and Terrorism (Prohibition) Law of Ekiti State, 2015.

He said the offence was committed within the Oye-Ekiti Magisterial District on the 24th day of December, 2020.

Inspector Akinwale,

therefore, urged the court to allow him to duplicate the case file and send it to the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice.

Counsel to the defendants, Barr. T. E. Omotosho, represented the defendants in court.

The magistrate, Mrs. Moradeke Onipede, ordered the remand of the defendants in a correctional centre and adjourned the case to February 3, 2021.

104-year-old woman drags Anambra billionaire, others to court over land

From Titus Eleweke, Awka

A hundred and four year-old woman, Mrs. Margaret Nwuelo, has dragged a billionaire, Cletus Ibeto and 14 others before an Anambra High Court, Nnewi, presided by Justice Dennis Maduechesi, for alleged land grabbing.

The centenarian, in her statement of claim/writ of summons, asked the court to cause the defendants to pay about N1.5bn for disturbing her peace over a piece of land she claimed to have bought with her late husband in 1957.

She instituted the action on behalf of the representatives of the family except the 12th defendants (her grandson's wife) and her offspring.

She sought amongst other things from the court an order of perpetual injunction restraining the defendants, their servants, agents, privies or any other person howsoever described from further trespassing

on her land at No 136-140 Abel Okoye Road, Egbu, Umuemem, Otolo, Nnewi.

She also asked the court for "a declaration that by the invasion, trespass, demolition and subsequent actions of the defendants on the 1st plaintiff/plaintiffs' properties on the piece and parcel of land on the 6th January, 2020, the plaintiffs' constitutionally guaranteed right to dignity of human person, right to own properties, right to privacy, right to life and right to personal liberty were grossly violated.

"A declaration that the plaintiffs are entitled to the statutory right of occupancy of the piece and parcel of land.

"An order directing the defendants to pay the plaintiffs the sum of N30.9m being the estimated value for the repair and replacement of the demolished structures on the land when the defendants invaded it on the 6th of January, 2020.

"An order directing

the defendants to pay the plaintiffs the sum of N21.5 million being the estimated value of some of the items carted away and/or damaged by the defendants and their agents.

"An order directing the defendants to pay the plaintiffs the sum of N1.3bn for general, aggravated and exemplary damages the plaintiffs suffered by the defendants' deliberate and unlawful invasion of the land."

The centenarian further asked the court to cause the defendants to pay her and other plaintiffs the sum of N320m for the gross violation of their constitutionally guaranteed fundamental human rights, when they invaded her land as well as an order directing the defendants to pay the cost of her legal fees for the action assessed at N50bn.

The matter was adjourned to 12th of May, 20th of May, 25th of May and 17th of June, 2021, respectively.

Police recover stolen vehicle, arrest suspect in Nasarawa

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Nasarawa State Police Command has recovered a stolen vehicle, foiled an attempt to steal another and arrested a suspect.

The spokesperson of the police in the state, ASP Ramhan Nansel, said on 23/1/2021 at about 08:10 pm, a complaint was lodged at Masaka Divisional Police headquarters that, a Toyota Camry car with Reg. No YAB 320 AE was stolen from where it was parked at Kuchikau area, Masaka, Karu LGA.

"Upon receipt of the report, a team of policemen was mobilised to the area in search of the stolen vehicle.

"Consequently, at about 09:30 of same date, the vehicle was traced to Jeun area in Masaka. The occupants on sighting the team of police personnel abandoned the car and escaped to an unknown destination," he said.

According to him, the vehicle was recovered and taken to the police station and effort is ongoing to arrest the fleeing suspects.

ASP Ramhan Nansel said, on 25/1/2021 at about

08:30 on, while working on credible information, police personnel in New Karu Division arrested one Adamu Yusuf, a resident of Ungwan Osama, Masaka in Karu LGA, Nasarawa State.

He said the suspect was arrested under New Nyanya pedestrian bridge with a bunch of master keys when he allegedly opened a car and was about to steal it.

The police spokesperson said the suspect has confessed to the crime and investigation is ongoing after which he will be charged to court.



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We must do all we can to restructure before the next election in 2023 because of the level of dissatisfaction in the country as evidenced by the last EndSARS protest gives one the impression that any delay may lead to a mass boycott or disruption of the next election - **Former President General of Ohaneze Ndigbo, John Nnia Nwodo**

APC: Strides, hurdles as membership registration kicks-off

By Saawua Terzungwe (Abuja) & Ado Abubakar Musa (Jos)

The ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) has started the process of reinventing itself ahead of the 2023 general polls.

This is sequel to the intense crisis that ravaged the party's ranks and left it with a caretaker/extraordinary convention planning committee at the helms of its national affairs.

The dissolution of the Adams Oshiomhole-led National Working Committee (NWC) and the inauguration of the Governor Mai Mala Buni-led interim committee on June 25, 2020, gave hope to the party as it was mandated to reconcile all aggrieved members, embark on membership drive and organise a national convention within six months.

But the committee's tenure was extended by the National Executive Committee (NEC) on December 8, 2020, by another six months to enable it to accomplish its mandate.

The committee, on assumption of office hit the ground running by commencing the process of reconciliation nationwide and recorded significant milestones in the process.

On August 23, 2020, the Buni committee summoned the Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi and the Minister of State for Petroleum, Timipre Sylva, to the APC National Secretariat in Abuja, where they were reconciled and asked to work together for the party.

Similarly, the Buni committee received some PDP bigwigs who jumped ship into the APC following moves by the ruling party to whittle the structures of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and other opposition parties.

Most of the defectors attributed their decision to

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■ Buni

pitch tent with the APC to alleged poor handling of issues and injustice in the PDP, a claim that was denied by the opposition party.

Unveiling his scorecard recently, Buni said the committee had resolved some "life-threatening challenges" in 11 of its state chapters, adding that reconciliation effort was still ongoing in the party.

A member of the APC National Caucus, Alhaji Hashim Ubale Yusufu, in an interview with our correspondent recently in Abuja, expressed satisfaction with the Buni-committee.

Daily Trust reports that APC has not renewed its membership register since the initial registration exercise of 2014 despite the surge in its membership.

However, activities such as the constitution/inauguration of the state membership registration committees/train the trainers, distribution of registration materials, electronic gadgets and consumables to all designated registration centres nationwide have already been commenced by the Buni committee.

The registration is scheduled to kick-off on February 2, and

end on February 16, 2021, while the report of the exercise from each of the states would be submitted to the Buni-led committee between March 2 and March 8, 2021.

It is imperative to state that President Muhammadu Buhari had on November 11, 2020, during a meeting with the Buni committee and some governors at the Presidential Villa in Abuja approved the new membership registration.

The challenges

Despite the reconciliatory effort of the caretaker committee, there are still challenges bedeviling the party as some state chapters, like Zamfara, are still neck-deep in crises.

The Buni committee has the herculean task of putting things in proper shape and organising congresses where new ward, local government, state and zonal executives would emerge.

This is sequel to the dissolution of the party's structures from ward to zonal levels at the NEC meeting of December 8, 2020, which was held at the Presidential Villa in Abuja.

There is fresh anxiety in the APC as controversy rages among top party leaders over which zone should produce the party's 2023 presidential candidate.

But impeccable sources told our correspondent that the 2023 zoning formula would be made known and ratified at the party's national convention likely to hold not later than June 2021.

Discussions around alleged lack of reward system in the APC is equally generating tension and gaining momentum by the day.

Party stalwarts are grumbling over the issue and asking the national leadership of the party not to allow new entrants to hijack the system,

but recognise and reward old members who contributed to the growth of the party.

Five months into the Buni committee's initial timeline of six months, a former national vice chairman, South-South, Ntufam Hilliard Eta, instituted a suit in an Abuja High Court against the party.

While the case is still active in court, pundits say the leadership of the party has the challenge of tackling the issue as some stalwarts and lawyers argue that he has a good case.

Our correspondent also learnt that the party was proposing amendments to its constitution this year to bring sanity and discipline among card-carrying members.

The committee is expected to, within its remaining five months in office, reconcile all aggrieved members, complete the new membership registration and revalidation exercise, and organise a national convention.

However, it is left to be seen whether the Buni committee would tackle all the challenges before June, and organise a crisis-free national convention.

Northern APC chairmen meet, strategise for 2023

Chairmen of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the 19 Northern states yesterday met in Jos, the Plateau capital, to brainstorm on how the party will win the 2023 general elections.

Welcoming his colleagues, chairman of the forum, Chief Letep Dabang, said ensuring an authentic database that would enhance the registration of party members across the country was the first step to be taken to ensure the success of the party in the next general elections.

Letep, however, warned party members to ensure that the registration is not hijacked, saying any attempt to do that would bring down the party.

My life in danger – Senator-elect

● It's figment of your imagination – Govt

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

The member of the House of Representatives for Yala/Ogoja federal constituency, Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe, who is currently awaiting swearing-in as senator for Cross River North Senatorial District, has raised the alarm over alleged attempts on his life.

In a telephone interview, Jarigbe said it was clear that agents of the Cross River State government were behind the alleged assassination attempt.

Jarigbe challenged the victory of Dr Stephen Odey, former SUBEB boss who the state governor allegedly backed for the last senatorial race.

The Supreme Court had declared Jarigbe as the authentic candidate and winner of the by-election.

Reacting, the state commissioner for Information, Asu Okang, said it was a figment of Jarigbe's imagination, adding that the government was law-abiding and had better things to do.

How to end corruption in constituency projects - Group

From Habibu Umar Aminu, Kano

Corruption and distortion of constituency projects start from political actors who create an opaque system that keeps citizens in the dark about what they intend to do, the executive director, Resource Center for Human rights and Civic Education (CHRICED), Dr. Ibrahim Zikirullahi, said

Speaking at a media briefing on the imperatives of citizen-led accountability demands on the use of funds for constituency projects, Zikirullahi said people in communities must rise up to demand and ensure they get what was meant for them.

"Before citizens realise what was going on, shoddy and substandard projects which do not reflect the need of the communities are foisted on them. Prevention of corruption must begin with needs assessments," he said.

We'll come out stronger, united – Kwara APC

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Ilorin

Kwara State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) yesterday said the party will come out of the crisis rocking it in the state stronger.

The party, therefore, urged its members to come out in

their numbers and participate in the membership registration exercise.

Spokesman of the party, Mr Tajudeen A. Folarin, made the statement in Ilorin, the state capital, while addressing journalists, saying the registration exercise was more

important than the crisis.

Folarin said the crisis at hand will not destroy the party; instead, it will unite them the more.

He said, "We now have another caretaker chairman in the state in the person of Abdullahi Samari. Though

the case is still with the zonal headquarters of our party, I urge all our members to accept the verdict of the party and abide by it. We believe that there is crisis within the party but we have to apply wisdom for the unity of the party in the state."

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I formerly known as AHMED MOHAMMED S/O now wish to be called and addressed as AHMED MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public note

BASHIR: I FORMERLY ALIYU TUKUR, NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS BASHIR TUKUR. FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, ALL ALTHORITTES CONCERN AND GENERNERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

GODWIN: I Formerly known as MBAH WILFRED Now wish to be called and addressed as GODWIN PASCAL DOB From 18/10/1986 To 18/10/1990 All Former documents remain valid ACCESS BANK PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

AKINPELU: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINPELU TIMILEHIN . Now wish to be known and addressed as AKINPELU TIMILEYIN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MANASSA: I formerly known as PWAULI MANASSA NAYANGOM, now wish to be known as PWAULI HOPE MANASSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

ABDULRAHMAN, I formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN TIJJANI ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN TIJJANI TANKO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as UMAR ALHASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as SADIQ ABUBAKAR SADIQ. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public note

SARAH: I Formerly known as JOSHUA SARAH HOSEA Now wish to be called and addressed as SARAH MARKUS All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

ISTIFANUS: I Formerly known as JAMES A UMARU Now wish to be called and addressed as ISTIFANUS JAMES OYOCK DOB From 15/2/1954 To 07/02/1987 All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

OKANLAWON: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AIKULOLO OLUWATOYIN OMOTAYO . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OKANLAWON OLUWATOYIN OMOTAYO . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ASHIRU: I formerly known as HASHIRU MA'AZI, now wish to be known as ASHIRU ISMAILA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

LAWAN, I formerly known as LAWAN JIBRIL now wish to be called and addressed as LAWAN JIBRIL ABDULMUMIN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

Change of name, I formerly known as BAISAM LAWAN now wish to be called and addressed as LAWAN GANA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SUCCESS: I Formerly known as LINDA ZAKKA Now wish to be called and addressed as SUCCESS JOHN ZAKKA All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

CORRECTION/CHANGE OF NAME/ DATE OF BIRTH ELOM: I, formerly known and addressed as NDU EBERE BLESSING . Now wish to be known and addressed as ELOM EBERE CHRISTIANA. That I was born on 20th day of December, 1974 not 22nd day of November, 1974. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADELEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as AYORINDE OLABUKOLA OMOWUNMI . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADELEKE OLABUKOLA OMOWUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

WORMICIT: I formerly known as DANG-DANG, WORMICHI BLESSING, now wish to be known as JOHN, WORMICIT and my correct date of birth is 7/1/1997 not 1/1/1991. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should please take note.

ZAINAB, I formerly known as ZAINAB SAADU-25/05/1982 now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB YUSUF -10/08/1999. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUSA, I formerly known as MUSA UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA UMARU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HABU: I formally known as IDI HABU, Now wish to be called as HABU IDI with Date of birth of 18/01/1965. All former documents remain valid general public, all authority concern should take note please.

AKANNI: I, formerly known and addressed as SIMEON FATIMO . Now wish to be known and addressed as AKANNI ELIZABETH. That my correct date of birth is 1st day of April, 1954. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

ADEKOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as BODODE NAFESAT MODUPEOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEKOLA NAFESAT MODUPEOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JUMMAI: I formerly known as MERCY N. KELVIN, now wish to be known as JUMMAI STEPHEN ATIGA. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

SA ADATU, I formerly known as UMMI BALA BAYERO now wish to be called and addressed as SA ADATU BALA BAYERO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

TIJJANI, I formerly known as AHMAD AUWAL ISAH 15/10/1997 now wish to be called and addressed as TIJJANI LAWAN ISAH 20/10/1998. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ADAMA: I, formerly known as ADAMU IDRIS, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMA IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ADEBAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AYOOLA BOLANLE ADIJAT . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEBAYO ADIJAT BOLANLE. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

NKECHI: I, formerly known and addressed as SADIYA OWOLABI and NKECHI LUCKY . Now wish to be known and addressed as NKECHI NGOEZE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YACIT: I formerly known as CHRISTABEL LIPDO, now wish to be known as YACIT SUNDAY LIPDO. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

AMINU, I formerly known as MOHAMMED SANI now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SA'AD, I formerly known as KUDU MAHAMMADU now wish to be called and addressed as SA'AD MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as HAUWA LUKMAN now wish to be called as HAUWA IBRAHIM AHMAD all former documents remain valid NIM general public all authority concern should please take note

PAUL: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBAYO OLAYEMI ALICE . Now wish to be known and addressed as PAUL OLAYEMI ALICE. That my correct date of birth is 15th day of May, 1970. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

ADELANI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADELANI SAMSON AKANDE . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADELANI ELISHA AKANDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as MARYAM ABBA SALEH, now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

ISHAQ, I formerly known as ISHAQ AHMAD MUKTAR now wish to be called and addressed as ISHAQ AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ADAMU SAMAILA now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAUDAT: I Formerly known as SAUDAT GERO SULEIMAN Now wish to be called and addressed as SAUDAT GARBA SULEIMAN All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

AHMED: I, formerly known and addressed as AHMED JIMOH ABDULMALEEQ . Now wish to be known and addressed as AHMED OZOVEHE ABDULMALEEQ. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME That my correct name is ABIODUN MICHAEL OLAMILEKAN not ABIODUN MICHAEL OLAMILEKAN, Henocofor. I now wish to be known and addressed as ABIODUN MICHAEL OLAMILEKAN. That my correct date of birth is 18th day of January, 1982 not 18th day of January, 1981. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as BULAMA ALI GANA, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ALI USMAN. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as SANI ABDURRAZAK now wish to be called and addressed as SANI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ADAMU SAIDU NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS AUWALU SAIDU ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

MAMMA: I formerly known as MAMMA BITRUS now wish to be called and addressed as MAMMA BITRUS NDUNG all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

OBIASONWA: I, formerly known and addressed as OBUNNE CHINONSO KELECHI . Now wish to be known and addressed as OBIASONWA CHINONSO KELECHI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AFOLABI: I, formerly known and addressed as AFOLABI OWOLABI WAHAB . Now wish to be known and addressed as AFOLABI MIYIWA OLUSHOGA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned. Polaris Bank. FBN, GTBank, Nigeria Port Authority and General public please take note.

AUWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as WASILU HARUNA ILIYA, now wish to be called and addressed as AUWAL ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

ABDULHAMID : I formerly known as WASILU ABDULKARIM now wish to be called as WASILU ABDULHAMID . All former documents remain valid authority concern and members of the general public should please take note.

AISHA, I formerly known as AISHA BASHIR now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA BASHIR MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ZAINAB: I, formerly known as NAJA' ATU RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB RABIU. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank Plc and the general public to please take note.

ABOABA: I, formerly known and addressed as AJIBOGUN VERONICA OLUWABUSOLA ADEROMOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as ABOABA VERONICA OLUWABUSOLA ADEROMOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEYEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEYEYE OLUFEMI EZEKIEL . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEYEYE OLUFEMI EZEKIEL ADEDEJI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ISAH: I, formerly known and addressed as ISAH ABDO, now wish to be called and addressed as ISAH ABDO DARAZO. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities, NIMC and the general public should please take note.

CHIOMA I formerly known as OKOLI CHIOMA SUCCESS now wish to be called and addressed as OKOLI CHIOMA STEPLANIE. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note.

HABIBA, I formerly known as HABIBAT ABDULLAHI KIFINU now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBA ABDULKADIR ZULKIF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JOHNSON: I was formerly known as JOHNSON OLADO OLADE and 27th December, 1981 my date of birth, now wish to be known and called JOHNSON OLADOKUN and 27th December, 1979 as my correct date of birth. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

VICTORIA: I, formerly known and addressed as VICTORIA ODINAKACHUKWU IROHAM . Now wish to be known and addressed as VICTORIA ODINAKACHUKWU UKAONU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLIVER: I, formerly known and addressed as EZEH JANE ONYINYE . Now wish to be known and addressed as OLIVER ONYINYE JANE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KHADIJAH: I, formerly known and addressed as JALILAH ALFA AHMED, now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJAH JALILAH AHMED. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities, GIDAUNIYA INVESTMENT and the general public should please take note.

NUHU, I formerly known as NUHU MUHAMMAD RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as NUHU MUHAMMAD BIN ISLAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UKASHAT, I formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN TASIU GANO now wish to be called and addressed as UKASHAT TASIU GANO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JAMILU: I formerly known as SADAM SHU'AIBU now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU HUDU all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

PORTIA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss PORTIA IFEOMA ONUMONU. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs PORTIA IFEOMA LOVEDAY. All former documents remain valid. University of Ibadan (UI) and General public please take note.

ADIRO: I, formerly known and addressed as ADIRO QUAZEEM ADETUNJI . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADIRO KAZEEM OLATUNJI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BULUS: I, formerly known and addressed as EMMANUEL BULUS, now wish to be called and addressed as BULUS EMMANUEL ROTSHAK. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

TIMOTHY, I formerly known as ABDULRAHAM KARI PENI now wish to be called and addressed as TIMOTHY KARI PENI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as MOHAMMED DILA KORO now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED UMARU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I ZAHARADDEEN MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM, wish to clarify that my correct date of birth is 02-02-1986. Not 1/1/1986 and general public should please take note

NDAME: I, formerly known and addressed as JOHNSON AGNES OBY . Now wish to be known and addressed as NDAME OBY AGNES. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

THOMAS: I, formerly known and addressed as THOMAS ILERIOLUWA DAVID . Now wish to be known and addressed as THOMAS ILERIOLUWA ADEKOFOWORA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

LADI: I, formerly known and addressed as HUSSAINI HASSAN, now wish to be called and addressed as LADI MAIKANO, and my correct DOB is 10th March, 1973. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities, UNION BANK and the general public should please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as ALHAJI YUSUF MUHAMMAD DATE 18-07-1966 now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF ZANGINA MUHAMMADU DATE 05-03-1959. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HARUNA: I, formerly known as HARUNA AHMAD, now wish to be known and called HARUNA IBRAHIM. date of birth 06/07/1992. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

UMORU: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS IKOBILU UMORU EMMANUEL, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED UMORU EMMANUEL WRONG DATE OF BIRTH 06 OCTOBER 1996. CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH 04 MAY 1996. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ANY AUTHORITY CONCERNED TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

TAIWO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss SIKIRU HADIZAT IYABODE . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs TAIWO HADIZAT IYABODE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME KUDIRAT: That my name was wrongly arranged as BRIHAM-MOYOSORE KUDIRAT instead of KUDIRAT MOYOSORE-BRIMAH. That my correct arrangement of name is KUDIRAT MOYOSORE-BRIMAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SAEED, I formerly known as ADAM NAZEEFAH SAEED now wish to be called and addressed as SAEED NAZEEFAH ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINA, I formerly known as AMINA IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA BABA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as SULE UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as SULEIMAN UMAR all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

SHIGABA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SHIGABA SHIGABA, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED SHIGABA ISAAC. OLD DATE OF BIRTH: 15TH OCTOBER 1999. NEW DATE OF BIRTH: 22ND MARCH 1998. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ANY AUTHORITY CONCERNED TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

OLAWUYI: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINYELE ISAIAH . Now wish to be known and addressed as OLAWUYI TAIYE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNDOLAPO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss DOSUMU ADETOLANI IFEDEDE . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OGUNDOLAPO ADETOLANI IFEDEDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, ZAKARI SHUAIBU want to inform the general public that my name was mistakenly written as ZAKARI SHUAIBU and my correct name is ZAKARI SHUAIBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Uwanni Manir now wish to be known and addressed as Uwani Ibrahim and used Date of birth as 07-07-1985 now wish to be used as 16-02-1986. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern to please take note

AMINU: I, formerly known as KABIRU SHAMSIYA HARUNA, now wish to be known and called AMINU SHAMSIYA HARUNA All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ALH.GARBA: I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR HASSAN, now wish to be known and called ALH.GARBA HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ORUNSOLU: I, formerly known and addressed as ORUNSOLU OLUFEMI MATHEW . Now wish to be known and addressed as ORUNSOLU MATHEW OLUFEMI. That I was born on 12th day of June, 1963 not 7th day of February, 1963. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JOSHUA: I, formerly known and addressed as GBENU JOHN OLUWASEUN . Now wish to be known and addressed as JOSHUA JOHN OLUWASEUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as INUSA ABUBAKRA 05-05-1995 now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR YUNUSA 05-MAY-1997. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MANSURU GARBA MIAWADA now wish to be called and addressed as MANSURU GARBA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note AND DATE OF BIRTH FROM 2/9/1984 TO 15/5/1984

IBRAHIM: I formerly known and address as IBRAHIM MURTALA FUNTUA, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM MURTALA GOMA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

MUSA: I, formerly known as MUSA ALARAMMA AHMED, now wish to be known and called MUSA AHMAD KOFA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ADEWOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBEKAN RUTH IYABO and AFOLABI RUTH IYABO . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEWOLE RUTH IYABO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AWHANU: I, formerly known and addressed as SENA DEBORAH TAIWO . Now wish to be known and addressed as AWHANU DEBORAH FINFONSI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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Pay into any of our Accounts.
Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD.
Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

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Sort Code: 221081552

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Account No: 2002911690
Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc
Account No: 1007117397
Sort Code: 033080013

Bank: GTBank Plc
Account No: 0024570856
Sort Code: 058083231

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ADDITION OF NAME OSARETIN: I, formerly known and addressed as IYEN HELEN. Now wish to be known and addressed as OSARETIN HELEN IYEN. Both names refer to the same person. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TIAMIYU: I, formerly known and addressed as AJIBADE AFUSAT TITILOPE. Now wish to be known and addressed as TIAMIYU AFUSAT TITILOPE. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

SAEED I formerly known and addressed as ABDULLAHI ABDULKARIM now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI ABDULKARIM SAEED. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

FREEMAN: I formerly known as KWAYA TUMBA FREEMAN now wish to be known and addressed as FREEMAN TUMBA KWAYA. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

DR. MRS. SIFON - I, formerly known as MISS. SIFON SHARINA UDO NDEM. Now wish to be known as (DR) MRS. SIFON SHARINA UDO PEPPLE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ATAMUNO - I, formerly known as MISS. ATAMUNO REUBEN. Now wish to be known as MRS. ATAMUNO IBIWARI BANIGO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADELOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as UDOH UDUAKOBONG GLORIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADELOLA UDUAKOBONG UDOH GLORIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MONDAY: I, formerly known as MONDAY BELINDA DUDU now wish to be known and addressed as MONDAY BELINDA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

That I was formally known as MUSA ADAMU DIKWA now wish to be called and address as MUSA ADAMU and general public to take note

USMAN. I formerly known as USMAN ALHASSAN, now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN ALHAJI HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

JENNIFER - I, formerly known as MISS. OKPARA JENNIFER CHIDIMMA. Now wish to be known as MRS. JENNIFER CHIDIMMA-IFEANYI OGBODO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note

MARY - I, formerly known as MISS. A. OMOWARE. Now wish to be known as MRS. MARY OLOKO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADENUGA: I formerly known and addressed as salami kafayat oluwafemi and salami kafayat femi. Now wish to be known and addressed as adenuga kafayat folashade. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ABUBAKAR I formerly known as SHAFI'U ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and address as ABUBAKAR SHAFI'U KURFI. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

AISHA: I Formerly known as AISHA MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MOHAMMED BAKO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HASSANA: I Formerly known as RUTH NATANIYAL and want to be known and called HASSANA ADAMU. All other documents remained valid. General Public should please take note

MRS. MADUKANYA - I, formerly known as MISS. EDIKE, IMAOBONG LOVETH. Now wish to be known as MRS. MADUKANYA, IMAOBONG KELECHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OLUWADARE - I, formerly known as EMMANUEL JOHNSON OLUWADARE. Now wish to be known as OLUWADARE EMMANUEL. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADDITION AND CORRECTION OF NAME That my name was wrongly written in bank as TAJUDEEN RAMON. That I wish to add ABAYOMI to my names. That my correct and full names are RAMON TAJUDEEN ABAYOMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I Formerly known as BABAGANA ALHAJI MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as BABAGAN MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED : I formerly known as MOHAMMED BULAMA WAZIRI now wish to be known as MOHAMMED BULAMA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ILIYA I formerly known as JUJEL ILIYA JUGURYU, With DOB 01/01/1992, now wish to be known and addressed as ILIYA JOEL. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 18/05/1997, general public should please take note

NWAGA - That in my National Identification Slip details was wrongly captured as CHIBUIKE BEATRICE instead of NWAGA BEATRICE. That my correct name is NWAGA BEATRICE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note.

VITALIS - I, formerly known as MR. SUNDAY JONES CHIDUBEM. Now wish to be known as MR. VITALIS JONES CHIDUBEM. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ALIMI: I formerly known and addressed as Alimi tope rasak. Now wish to be known and addressed as Alimi temitope rasak. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

AUWALU : I formerly known as AWAL ISA now wish to be known as ALH AUWALU ISAH. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SANUSI: I Formerly Known As SANUSI IBRAHIM SHEHU now wish to be known and addresses as SANUSI SHEHU all former Documents remain Valid Date of birth is 01 January 1978 not 09 July 1976 and general public should take note

YAKURA: I formerly known as YAKURA ABUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as YAKURA ABUKAR. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

MRS. ENEH - I, formerly known as MISS. OKWOR MARTHA NNEKA. Now wish to be known as MRS. ENEH MARTHA NNEKA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ISHOLA - I, formerly known as ILERI SEUN ISHOLA. Now wish to be known as ISHOLA JOSEPH OLUWASEUN. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADANA: I formerly known and addressed as edoziem blessing princess. Now wish to be known and addressed as edoziem blessing Adana. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ABUBAKAR : I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MUSTAPHA now wish to be known as. ABUBAKAR MUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

AUWALU: I formerly known and address as AUWALU ISA DANKWANYO, now wish to be known and address as AUWALU MOHAMMED DANKWANYO. All former documents remained valid, general public should take note

ARRANGEMENTS OF NAME ALI: I Formerly known as MA'AJI ALI SHANI Now wish to be known and addressed as ALI MA'AJI SHANI All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

EZEALA - I, formerly known as OGWAI NDUBUSI COSMOS. Now wish to be known as EZEALA NDUBUSI COSMOS. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

TOPE DANIEL OYELEYE. I formerly known and referred to as TEMI TOPE DANIELSON OYELEYE, now wish to be called and referred to as TOPE DANIEL OYELEYE. The general public please take note.

EDUOZOR : I, formerly known and addressed as NWOBI WINNIFRED IFEOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as EDUOZOR WINNIFRED IFEOMA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ZARA : I formerly known as ZARA BUKAR TIJJANI now wish to be known as ZARA ALHAJI MUKTAR. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SHAMSUDDIEN I formerly known as SHAMSUDDIEN IDREES now wish to be known and address as SHAMSUDDIEN IDRIS ZAHRADEEN. All former documents remain valid and general public particular: UNION BANK PLC should take note

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Today's Fixtures

Premier League
 Burnley vs Aston Villa 7pm
 Chelsea vs Wolves 7pm
 Brighton vs Fulham 8:30pm
 Everton vs Leicester City 9:15pm
 Man United vs Sheffield 9:15pm

Spanish Copa del Rey
 Sevilla vs Valencia 7pm
 Almeria vs Osasuna 9pm
 Rayo Vallecano vs Barca 9pm

Coppa Italia
 Atalanta vs Lazio 5:45pm
 Juventus vs Spal 8:45pm



Solskjaer grateful for backing from Manchester United board

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said on Tuesday he is grateful to the club's hierarchy for backing him to get the job done despite a poor run of form, a day after Chelsea sacked Frank Lampard when they went through a

slump. Chelsea dismissed Lampard following 18 months in charge after a disappointing run of results – despite spending over £200 million in the close season – for the club to sit ninth in the standings. United are top of the league standings but were knocked out of the Champions League in the group stage last month and Solskjaer

explained their long-term plan accounted for some poor spells. “We know we would have some tough periods... We have been through two or three spells of bad form but they stood strong,” Solskjaer told reporters ahead of Wednesday's home game against Sheffield United. “We looked at the squad and the situation we were in. We had a

longer term plan in place. We know there were going to be some patchy periods and we had to stay strong mentally. “The leadership they have shown has been strong and steady, I'm grateful for that.” Solskjaer said striker Marcus Rashford trained on Tuesday and is available for selection after he tweaked his knee.

Court throws out two-year suit against NBBF

... Says Kida's board legally in charge of Premier League

By Olusola Jide @jide_olusola

A Federal High Court sitting in Abuja yesterday threw out the suit brought before it by the Kwese League Management Board and others stopping the Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF) from organising the Men's Premier Basketball League.

It will be recalled that the league was last organized in 2017 when the 'Management Board of Kwese Premier Basketball League' and Ibrahim Sa'ad (Chairman, Gombe State Basketball Association) who represent Gombe Bulls, Kwara Falcons Basketball Club and the Nigeria Basketball Premier League Owners' Council dragged the federation to court.

The suit (FHC/ABJ/CS/1317/2018) instituted in 2018 by the group asked the court to grant them the authority to organise the league, but after several postponements, it was finally quashed as the judge ruled that the case lacked merit.

Based on the arguments by both parties, the court in its landmark ruling said it was needless to go into substantive issues brought before it after the preliminary objections of the plaintiffs were granted.

Following its objection, the



■ Action recorded in the Nigerian Premier Basketball League before it was brought to a stop by the court case

court ruled that the case was not properly filed, hence the reasons for striking out the case which lacked merit, as people joined in the case, were not entities who derive legal recognition on their own.

The counsel who represented the Federal Ministry of Sports, Barrister Emmanuel Okibe argued that the Nigeria Basketball Federation divided into Musa Kida or Tijani Umar factions as the plaintiffs wanted the court to believe were not juristic persons and unknown

to law.

Although the court agreed with the plaintiff's counsel, Barrister Emmanuel Enejoh who represented the League Management Board and others that some bodies, even though not registered by law are recognized as juristic persons, but ruled that the appellants did not sue the NBBF as a body which could be regarded as a known entity but chose to sue Nigeria Basketball Federation, Kida Faction and Nigeria Basketball Federation, TJ Umar

faction which were unknown to law.

Barrister Okibe also said, “We argued that originating summons was not the proper mode of commencing this type of suit. Such summons are usually filed when the court is just meant to interpret a document where there are no dispute of facts which the court also agreed.”

Meanwhile, the comprehensive statement of the ruling is expected to be released on Thursday.

West Brom's Allardyce confirms Musa interest

West Bromwich Albion manager Sam Allardyce has confirmed the club's interest in Ahmed Musa, who is a free agent.

The fleet-footed forward has been without a club since he parted ways with Saudi Arabian side Al Nassr in October by mutual agreement. Musa moved to Saudi Arabia after ending his two-year stay with Premier League club Leicester City, where he struggled to establish himself and had to rejoin his former club CSKA Moscow on loan in his quest to enjoy more game time.

The forward made 50 league appearances for Al Nassr and scored nine goals to help the club win the league title in the 2018-19 season and the Super Cup trophy.

Musa is now set to make a return to the Premier League as Allardyce confirmed he is expecting the winger to have a trial with his side.

“He [Musa] is not here yet. He's a person of interest and when he arrives we'll alert everybody and let them know,” Allardyce said, as per West Brom Evening News.

“We've had many other players on the radar, many abroad, but we've not been able to secure that particular player yet.”

Kano Pillars target maximum points against Rivers United

By David Ngobua

Kano Pillars football club are confident of picking all three points when they take on arch rivals Rivers United this afternoon in their week six match of the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League, NPFL, at the Ahmadu Bello stadium Kaduna.

Pillars who are in 10th

position with eight points from five matches are aiming for at least the fifth place, if they would achieve their target of a resounding victory over Rivers United.

The 'Masu gida' boys also stand a chance of dislodging Lobi Stars from fourth position, if they can score as many as three goals without conceding any.

Lobi Stars are in fourth

place with goal difference of plus four while Pillars have goal difference of plus 2 and can achieve their aim after today's tie.

However, in case of either scored or barren draw, Pillars will only displace MFM who are in eight position on nine points with goal difference of plus one.

Meanwhile, the Stanley Eguma led Rivers United

are also aiming at victory to dislodge Nasarawa United from the top position.

The 'Pride of Rivers' on 12 points are just two points behind the table toppers and victory over Pillars will catapult them to the top with 15 points.

Pillars no doubt have their work cut out as their opponents who are on a good run in the continent having

reached the Confederation Group stage Cup playoff are full of confidence going into the match.

Interestingly, both teams have suffered only one loss each in the five matches they have played so far.

While Pillars defeat came against Enyimba FC in week five, Rivers United were beaten 1-0 by Wikki Tourists in week four.

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Dangerous maneuvers

"If you do not want to relate or be touched, do not go to the market". African proverb

By the time you read this material, the fire lit in Ondo and Oyo States in the last few weeks would be smouldering or lighting up other fires. A lot, at this stage, depends on the responses of many people with the responsibility to pull back the nation from a major crisis. The stakes are very high, and many of the key players have played their hands in a manner that leaves them very little room for maneuver. Events have moved at frightening speed since the killings in Oyo State and the ultimatum in Ondo State, and it will be difficult to undo some of the damage that has been done.

Even setting out a background to these latest assaults on the stressed foundations of the country is now hostage to entrenched parochial interests. The one version I am comfortable with says the governments and people of Oyo and Ondo States, like all Nigerians, have been increasingly worried over escalating incidents of kidnappings and banditry, most of them attributed to armed Fulani criminals. A few weeks ago, Amotekun operatives reportedly killed members of a Fulani family. Everything about the killings has been hotly disputed, except evidence of the killings itself and actual victims. The State governor, Commissioner of Police, Alaafin of Oyo, Amotekun leaders, Fulani communities and groups, prominent locals, ethnic champions and social media influencers all weighed in on the killings, making investigations and establishment of facts and bringing the law to bear on the situation virtually impossible.

In the case of Ondo State, the governor met with representatives of Fulani communities and then issued them a week's notice to vacate a forest reserve in the State. Here too, the trigger was suspicion that the forest harbours criminal Fulanis who are barely distinguishable from their kith and kin, Fulani herders. Fulani herders, although more familiar to communities all over Nigeria are not entirely without their own mountain of sins, and are now widely suspected of harbouring and providing cover for their criminal elements as well. Governor Akeredolu's quit notice was precisely the type of action that will instantly attract overwhelming, popular endorsement, and politicians will do virtually anything for it these days. Murmurs of protests arose and were met by a stout defence of the

legal basis of the governor's action. When President's spokesman, Garba Shehu stepped in with his charges of unconstitutionality of the decision and a lot of fancy words, which appeared to suggest that the basic rights of the Fulani community had been violated and should be restored by rescinding the quit order, the murmurs became an uproar denouncing President Buhari for harbouring people like Malam Garba Shehu, for being insensitive to the plight of ordinary Yoruba citizens, for backing his Fulani kith and kin and a lot more in a noisy reaction guaranteed to set ethnic blood boiling. Groups representing northern interests warned of dangers of the type of action being taken by leaders in the West, and these were met by more defiant rhetorics reminiscent of situations where entire populations were being prepared to be engaged in a war.

That, more or less, was where the nation stood until the meeting involving Governors of States in the South West, two from the North and Miyetti Allah on Monday 25th. From all appearances, the meeting was intended as a major damage control initiative, but the nation must wait a while to see if it succeeds in controlling any damage, and whose damage it controls. First, those who expected that the meeting will break grounds around the issue of the welfare and future of Fulani communities in Yorubaland will have to look hard to see if assurances that Fulanis are welcome in the West, banning open grazing, night grazing and mandatory registration for all Fulani will restore a healthy balance between host authorities and Fulani communities who have been shaken by a combination of popular hostility and governments seeking to reap from it. If Fulani stay put as they will most certainly do, even with additional conditions and restrictions, those who have sympathy for them will read a little victory. If threats and attacks cease and enforcers retreat, Fulani and their sympathisers will celebrate surviving a major scare. If Fulani rebuilds relations with host communities and police their settlements against bandits and kidnappers to the satisfaction of host authorities, there could be the hope of a near-total recovery of the space lost by good relations between communities in the South West.

There are sound reasons why there are many 'ifs' here. Governors have lit

a fire that will burn up more of their standing in their states. There will be many influencers that will pass the word around that Yoruba governors have capitulated and Fulani have won this round and will resume normal activities which, in this case, include banditry and kidnapping. Somehow, the impression that the South West must be a no-go area for Fulani or nothing appears to have taken root in the midst of all the heat and passion generated recently. People like Sunday Igboho (and there are quite a few of them) have tapped a strong, popular sentiment that Yoruba security and dignity are at stake on this particular Fulani matter. The idea that the Yoruba nation can stand up against Buhari's pampered Fulani and win, and then move on to other victories has deep roots in millions of minds. The distance between politicians who decide their own boundaries around this problem and folks who prefer to listen to local champions has widened spectacularly. Politicians, from Tinubu to governors and all others whose voices have not been heard to say what the rabble wants to hear are in very serious trouble.

This is why the governors' solution will not be sufficient to provide the type of assurances everyone needs to feel that justice and commonsense have prevailed. Governors will be hard put to stop communities seeking to enforce the lines drawn by them around the Fulani. Sunday Igboho still walks around in spite of orders to arrest him, a shouting testimony to the existence of severe limitations, which governors have. If police cannot, or will not arrest Igboho, and killers of Fulani in Oyo State are still at large, and youth who destroy Fulani settlements are roaming free, who will protect Fulani if enforcers or entire communities feel that governors have not leaned hard enough on the Fulani? Governors, local communities and Fulani can try but they will not stop banditry and kidnappings. Northern Governors and communities from which these elements deflected into violent crimes know this. Fulani in the West will be at the mercy of bandits and kidnappers' activities, and local communities and enforcers will not leave them in peace if they continue to connect them with criminals.

Ultimately, the federal government has to be more actively involved in deepening the foundations of co-existence between Fulani and host communities. It is difficult to see a continuation of the practice of herding across the length and breadth of the country with the type of spreading hostility generated around Fulani herders. A serious federal government will have to engage all major stakeholders in security and the future of the national assets, which livestock represent. It should be a matter of extreme urgency that the federal and Northern Governments invest in large scale ranching in parts of the North. Until that is done, the Fulani herder will remain a roaming threat to himself and national security.

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Ancelotti confirms Iwobi is fit for Leicester City clash



■ Alex Iwobi

Everton manager, Carlo Ancelotti has confirmed Alex Iwobi is fit for their Premier League game against Leicester City on Wednesday.

The forward was not involved when the Toffees defeated Sheffield Wednesday in the fourth round of the FA Cup on Sunday.

The Nigeria international has been delivering eye-catching performances for the Goodison Park outfit this season, scoring two goals and providing three assists in 19 appearances across all competitions.

Ancelotti revealed the 24-year-old will return against the Foxes while Ivory Coast international, Jean-Philippe Gbamin will not be available for the clash as he continues with his recovery.

Chelsea appoint Tuchel as head coach



■ Thomas Tuchel

Thomas Tuchel has been appointed as the new head coach of Chelsea.

The German was confirmed on Tuesday as the successor to Frank Lampard, who was sacked on Monday. The club said Tuchel had signed an 18-month contract "with the possibility of an extension".

Chelsea also confirmed that Tuchel would take charge of his first training session on Tuesday evening and will be in the Stamford Bridge dugout for Wednesday's Premier League clash with Wolves.

"I would like to thank Chelsea FC for their confidence in me and my staff," Tuchel told the club website.