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The things taught in colleges and schools are not an education, but the means of education

– Ralph Waldo Emerson



AFRICAN SAYINGS

“The good mother knows what her children will eat”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ Dancers perform during a traditional Chinese Dragon Dance, during the celebration of the Chinese New Year (Year of the Rabbit) at the Nan Hua Temple in Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa

Photo: LUCA SOLA / AFP

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20th Daily Trust Dialogue: Experts to analyse presidential candidates' promises

By Faruk Shuaibu

Four eminent Nigerians will on Thursday analyse the campaign promises of top contenders for the presidency in the 2023 general elections at the 20th Daily Trust Dialogue.

The event which is billed to hold at the NAF Centre in Abuja is organised by the Media Trust Limited, owners of *Daily Trust* and Trust Television.

In a statement yesterday, the Group Chief Executive Officer of Media Trust Limited, Mounir Gwarzo said that the dialogue would lead to the experts proffering solutions and airing what they feel the next president of Nigeria should focus on to positively transform the country.

Gwarzo disclosed that the four panelists selected for the 2023 edition of the dialogue with the theme, "Interrogating the 2023 Presidential Agenda," included a member of the Board of the Centre for Democracy and Development, Mr Jibrin Ibrahim; a foremost entrepreneur and former Chairman of

the Board of Directors of First Bank of Nigeria (FBN), Mrs Ibukunoluwa Awosika; a human capacity development specialist and scion of the Enahoro family, Dr Eugene Enahoro; and a lecturer in Analysis of Business Problems at the Lagos Business School, Dr Yetunde Anibaba.

"The Archbishop Emeritus of the Catholic Church in Abuja, John Cardinal Onaiyekan, will preside over the 20th edition of the annual dialogue, which is to be moderated by Dr Suleiman Suleiman, the Deputy Editor-in-Chief and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper."

The GCEO said that a veteran journalist and Sarkin Karshi, Abuja, Alhaji Ismaila Mohammed, MFR, would serve as the Royal Father at the event.

He further stated that unlike in the past two years, the 2023 edition would have physical convergence with the removal of restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Participants to grace the occasion are leaders of prominent socio-cultural

and political groups in Nigeria, the National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria (NCTR), the National Council of Women Societies (NCWS), as well as the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN)."

"Other dignitaries expected at the 2023 Dialogue include serving and past state governors, serving and former lawmakers, chairmen, women and youth leaders of the major political parties in the country, members of civil society organisations, development partners and diplomats," Gwarzo.

The GCEO said this year's event would be broadcast live by Trust Television on StarTimes Channel 164; NigComSat's Free TV; Moreplex 715; ArabSat Badr Sat7; AVO TV; and LIMEX World TV, as well as on YouTube and other social media platforms.

"The annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue is part of Media Trust Limited's contributions to stimulating discussions by Nigerians and fellow Africans towards enhancing national, and

indeed, African integration and cohesion, which are crucial for sustainable socio-political growth and economic development of Nigeria, and the African Continent at large.

"Since 2002, Media Trust has hosted the annual public lecture series to discuss topical issues on various aspects of governance. The series of Dialogues had been attended by past Heads of Government, the leadership of the National Assembly as well as captains of commerce and industry, aside from members of the diplomatic corps."

"The *Daily Trust* Dialogue had equally been graced at different times by eminent personalities from across Africa. They include Mr. Festus Mogae, former President of Botswana; late Flt. Lt. Jerry Rawlings, former President of Ghana; and Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, former Prime Minister of Tanzania. Others are the late Mrs Winnie Mandela of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle; Dr. Mo Ibrahim; and Mrs. Samia Nkrumah, daughter of late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah," he added.

Alleged defamation: MKO Abiola's wife demands N100bn from police

By John Chuks Azu

Professor Zainab Abiola, one of the wives of the presumed winner of the 1993 presidential election, MKO Abiola, has slammed a N100billion defamation suit against the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Alkali, and three others.

Other defendants in the suit filed before the Federal High Court Abuja are the Nigeria Police Force (NPF); one Ibrahim, and her former orderly, Teju Moses.

The plaintiff through her lawyer, Tawo Eja Tawo (SAN), argued that the police violated her fundamental human rights to life and the dignity of a human person.

In her statement of claim, Abiola averred that she was framed up on September 20, 2022 in the manner she was arrested on the grounds of assault on Moses, by inflicting bodily injury on her, which she said caused so much damage to her name and reputation, including defamation, shame, ridicule, harassment, trauma, humiliation and public embarrassment.

Professor Abiola, who was on September 23 remanded at the Suleja Correctional Centre in Niger State by a magistrate court in Wuse Zone 4, Abuja, which later granted her bail on October 5, said

CCTV cameras in her house would prove that such an incident never happened there.

The plaintiff said that as a Chief Legal Consultant (CLC) of the police, she was framed up because she refused to pay a N20m bribe to expand her functions.

She said, her refusal to offer the N20million bribe infuriated Ibrahim and he had been nursing evil plans and grudges against her, adding that Ibrahim in his desperate bid to achieve his plans insisted that Moses remained her orderly even after she was declared unfit and withdrawn by the IGP.

"Contrary to the allegations, I have never asked the former orderly to carry out any domestic chores as sophisticated robot machines like Alexa are installed in the place," she averred.

The plaintiff sought "An order of the court directing the defendants to tender an unreserved public apology in all print and electronic media.

"An order of this court directing the defendants to pay the sum of N1 billion as general damages and an award of 10 per cent interest on the judgment sum from the date of judgment until final liquidation of the judgment."

The court has fixed February 28 for the hearing.



■ From left: Representative of the Minister F.C.T, Alhaji Shehu Ahmad; Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Sen. Adeleke Mamora; Minister of State for Science, Technology and Innovation, Chief Henry Ikechukwu and the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Mrs Monilola Udoh, during the closing of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Expo 2023 in Abuja at the weekend

Photo: NAN

Diphtheria death toll hits 34, Kano records 100 infections

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has said that the death toll from Diphtheria disease across the country is now 34 as Kano State has registered 100 cases.

The NCDC, via its official website on Sunday, said that the deaths were between December 2022 and early January 2023 from Lagos, Kano, Yobe, and Osun with Kano State alone registering 25 deaths.

The agency blamed the increase in the infection and resurgence on the low vaccination coverage across the country.

Diphtheria is a vaccine-preventable disease that was common decades ago.

Due to the effectiveness of childhood vaccination programmes, most people have forgotten what diphtheria looks like.

"The fact that we are having a resurgence of diphtheria now suggests that there have been critical reductions in vaccination coverage among pockets of our population.

"This reduced level of population immunity has given rise to the cases that we are seeing.

"It is not a matter of

diphtheria spreading from state to state, the bacteria that causes the disease is present everywhere in our environment.

"Any state where you find diphtheria now, you are likely to find that it will be associated with suboptimal vaccination coverage, either in general or in pockets of the population," it said.

Meanwhile, the identified cases of diphtheria in Kano have risen from 25 to 100 in less than two weeks.

Three persons in 13 local government areas of the state have died.

The local government

areas where the diseases are ravaging include Ungogo, Nassarawa, Bichi, Dala, Dawakin Kudu, Fagge, Gwale, Kano Municipal, Kumbotso, Rano, Dawakin Tofa and Gwarzo.

Of the 100 cases, the state health ministry said eight were confirmed, while awaiting more results.

Three among the eight have also been confirmed dead and 22 among other suspected cases.

Currently, 27 patients are on admission receiving treatment while 41 have been managed and discharged successfully. (NAN)

Ekweremadu's assets: Reps minority hails ruling stopping EFCC

By Balarabe Alkassim

The minority caucus in the House of Representatives has welcomed the Court judgement stopping the forfeiture of assets belonging to the former deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

In a statement signed by the Minority Leader, Ndudi Elumelu (PDP, Delta), on Sunday, the caucus commended the judiciary for its courage.

It added that the judgement again reinforced the tenets of fairness and even-handedness in pursuing justice.

"As lawmakers, our caucus further holds that the Federal High Court has, by this judgement,

further strengthened the confidence and trust of the citizens in the judiciary as the last hope of the common man, particularly in a democratic setting.

"The caucus strongly hopes and believes that in all, justice will prevail at the end of the day in Senator Ekweremadu's matter," the statement said.

It could be recalled that a Federal High Court, Abuja vacated an earlier interim assets forfeiture Order on 40 properties allegedly linked to former Deputy President of the Senator, Senator Ike Ekweremadu.

He is also presently facing a human trafficking and organ harvesting allegation in the Courts in the United Kingdom.

High costs hinder consumers' access to electricity meters

By Simon E. Sunday

Millions of Nigerians are yet to exit the estimated electricity billing arrangement because of the high cost of meters, which are available at the offices of the 11 Distribution Companies (DisCos) under the Meter Asset Providers (MAPs), a *Daily Trust* investigation has revealed.

At one time, the meters were not there for consumers who were most eager to have them installed in their homes and business premises.

It is generally believed that accessing electricity via meters is more reliable in terms of cost-effectiveness, as consumers are made to pay more through estimated billing.

However, following persistent pressure and outcry from many Nigerians, the federal government, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, rolled out various methods of procuring the prepaid meters.

But while the meters have been made available in various outlets of DisCos, consumers say high cost has stopped them from accessing them even as they continue to face rising estimated and unfair billing.

The *Daily Trust* survey of consumers in Lagos, Abuja, Kano and Kaduna, on Monday revealed that although they were willing to buy meters, the cost of the device is what most of them could not afford at the moment.

Also, some consumers complained of how they bought meters but were allocated those registered under different account names and which already had huge accumulated bills.

Prices of meters

Prospective buyers have different meter options based on their needs.

According to the meter cost duly approved by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) since November 2021, a single-phase meter sells for N63,061.32 inclusive of a 7.5 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT), while a three-phase meter costs N117,910.69.

However, some consumers who have had to pay and got meters recently, said the installers often demanded more for 'transport fare' for the installation. Experts and buyers describe this as corruption.

A customer of the Abuja DisCo (AEDC) in Ado town of Nasarawa State, Eje Moses, said although he was on Band D (four hours of power supply daily), it was tough before he could afford the meter.

"I approached the Ado office of AEDC for a meter only to be told I have to pay N64,000 for a single phase. I did not have that money at once and there is no arrangement for instalment



■ Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu

payment," he said.

Mr Ogom Onuora, a resident of Sabon Tasha in Kaduna, also said meters were available but the deterrent was the high price.

"I got a three-phase meter recently, and I spent nearly N120,000 for the purchase and installation. I have two other properties but the high cost has not allowed me to install the meters in them. I hope the DisCos find a way to reduce the cost," he said.

More worrisome for Ali Okpe is that the meter is still not the property of the consumer even if he pays for it.

He said, "I lived in Gwarinpa (Abuja) but I recently built my house and moved to Kubwa. When they connected power to my new house, AEDC officials told me I could not formally move the meter from my old residence, that I could only transfer the unit in it.

"I was made to pay for a new single phase MAP meter at N63,000 which I was still told would not be my property, but that there will be a gradual refund. This is fraudulent by all means," Okpe lamented.

Unpaid bills

Also speaking, Adebayo John, said he got a meter at Kurudu, Abuja, only to find out that it had over N50,000 unpaid bill in the account.

"When I got the meter, I found out that I had N50,000 debt with someone's name. I complained and it took a month of back and forth before they replaced the meter, saying it was a mistake by the installers."

Only 38% of 12.6m registered customers have meters - Report

Although the NERC has severally reiterated an end to estimated billing with adequate metering, its second quarter power sector report of June



2022 showed that the country is far from reaching that target.

This is just as only 38.74 per cent of the 12,643,630 (about 12.6 million) registered customers have meters which are 4,898,721 (4.899m) customers; leaving a larger chunk of 7.8m customers without meters and reeling under the rising estimated bills.

Customers have continually complained that the estimated billing was unfair and did not reflect their actual power consumption, as they were often presented with bills higher than what they consumed.

According to the NERC report released recently, the number of registered customers increased by 101,049 while the metering rate increased slightly by 0.95% between March 2022 and June 2022.

NERC issued the updated MAP and National Mass Metering Programme (NMMP) Regulations in 2021, where the MAP was for meters people could buy and the NMMP was for free meters the DisCos could install. The report further stated that more customers were metered in the second quarter of last year, with 167,956 installed meters. Out of these, only 34,390 (20.48%) were metered under the NMMP scheme (free meters) and the rest, 133,566 representing 79.52% customers, were metered under the MAP intervention.

Justifying the increase in meters bought by consumers, Michael Okoh, the convener of Nigeria Power Consumers Forum, said people who could no longer bear the incessant increase in estimated bills would borrow to buy the meters and not for luxury's sake.

"It is painful that Nigerians have to cough out money at this time to buy meters, but if you do not, what you will pay as estimated bills in just six

months will be over the cost of a single-phase meter. It is practically exploitation on the part of the DisCos," he said.

It was observed from the report that more customers got meters under the Abuja, Eko, Enugu, Ibadan, Ikeja, Kaduna, Port Harcourt and Yola DisCos.

Yola DisCo, which did not install any meter in March, however, installed about 5,000 by June 2022 through its free (NNMP) meter scheme.

'Unfair bill'

As the cost of meters remains an issue, the DisCos are receiving more complaints of 'unfair' estimated billing and service interruptions.

The NERC report as of June 2022, released last week, showed that of the 234,393 complaints received in the second quarter of last year by DisCos, 111,956 (47.76%) were on metering, 32,930 (14.05%) related to billing, and 23,438 (10.0%) interruption related.

"On the issues of metering/billing, the commission has introduced a process that enables it to independently verify whether DisCos are complying with the capping regulations that have been put in place to protect unmetered customers from overbilling," NERC said in the report.

"Any DisCo that bills a customer above the energy cap outlined by the commission in the capping order is in violation of the capping order," it said.

But while NERC said over 90% of the complaints to the DisCos were addressed, a lot of complaints that were escalated to NERC Forum Offices by customers who were not satisfied at the DisCos' level, were not resolved.

NERC got 1,538 appeals with 904 pending from the first quarter; out of the 2,442 appeals across all 31 forum offices, the

offices resolved 1,222 (50.04%) and left nearly half of them unresolved.

The regulator then blamed fewer sittings at the offices for the high unresolved complaints. "The reduction in the number of sittings in 2022/Q2 as compared to 2022/Q1 was as a result of the expiration of the tenures of forum members across many offices," it said.

Experts push for free meters, NERC says soon

Part of what would accelerate metering and ensure a drop in the nearly seven million metering deficit is the activation of the next phase of free meters (NMMP) and stopping the sale of meters. Mr Okoh of NPCF said there is no way in other countries that consumers have to pay for meters.

"It is absurd, consumers are only paying because they do not have a choice, but it's not so in other countries," he said.

Also speaking, Bade Yusuf, a member of the power consumers' forum in Nasarawa State, called on government to prevail on the DisCos to reduce the cost of meters.

"If government truly wants access to meters, then the prices must drop."

The spokesman of NERC, Dr Usman Abba-Arabi, who responded to the enquiries said: "The NMMP is an ongoing process and very soon it will be finalised and we will announce it to Nigerians.

"NERC is committed to ensuring that all Nigerians have access to meters towards closing the metering gap."

The spokesman said NERC has been working with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the World Bank to finalise on funds to begin the disbursement for the second phase of the NMMP (free meters).

20th Daily Trust DIALOGUE

Theme:

Interrogating the 2023 Presidential Agenda

Chairman of the Event



John Cardinal Onaiyekan
Archbishop Emeritus of Abuja.

Royal Father of the Day



HRH Alhaji Ismaila Mohammed, MFR
(Veteran Journalist)
Sarkin Karshi, Abuja.

Panelists



Mrs. Ibukun Awosika
Former Chairman,
First Bank of Nigeria (FBN).



Prof. Jibrin Ibrahim
Professor of Political Science and
member of the Board of the Centre
for Democracy and Development (CDD).



Dr. Yetunde Anibaba
Lecturer, Analysis of Business
Problems, Lagos Business School.



Dr. Eugene Enahoro
Human Capacity Development Specialist
and CEO, Heltoni Services Limited.

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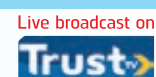
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Dozens flee as bandits raid Niger communities

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

Dozens of women and children from Egwa, Chiro and other communities, a few miles away from Gwada in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State on Sunday afternoon fled their homes when bandits struck and raided the villages.

Daily Trust gathered that the bandits who launched the attack around 1pm on Sunday carted away over 600 cattle from a Fulani Settlement in Egwa Village near Gwada town.

The Shiroro LGA chairman, Akilu Kuta, who was on his way to Minna from Kuta, was said to have narrowly escaped when he rammed into the bandits who were crossing the road from Chiri to Egwa along Gwada road.

A resident of the Egwa village, who pleaded for anonymity said: "Bandits invaded Egwa community, which is a few kilometres from Minna; they operated more than three hours and carted away more than 600 cows from the Fulanis

who are taking refuge at Egwa. The council chairman escaped narrowly from sporadic gunshots on his way to Minna. Since then, no security personnel have been drafted to the community. We are living now at the mercy of God."

He said the bandits also broke the yam shade belonging to the village head, Alhaji Tanko Baba and made away with some of his yams.

"They also broke into shops on the main road and carted away thousands of naira. One person was injured as a result of an accident with a Sharon car that was coming from Kuta with passengers while trying to run for safety.

Sincerely, the situation has been terrible. Now, many people have fled the community to find refuge in Kuta or Minna for fear of night attack," he added. Another source said the bandits first blocked the Kuta-Egwa-Gwada road and operated for more than 30 minutes, shooting sporadically, robbing people of their money, mobile phones and breaking shops before

moving to the Fulani settlement where they rustled more than 600 cows.

He said women, children and other vulnerable people had deserted the communities for fear that bandits might return at night.

When contacted, the Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun promised to get details and revert but could not as at the time of filing this report.

Sources said bandits had been having a field day in the last five days in Shiroro and Munya local government areas.

They said Gwada, which houses major IDP camps, was no longer safe following the Sunday attack.

On Friday, bandits shot dead the councilor representing Allawa Ward, Saleh Yakubu on his way to his community from Kuta. Yakubu was reportedly shot dead between Tegina and Allawa while returning to his community after closing from work in Kuta, the headquarters of Shiroro LGA.

Police uncover kidnappers' armoury in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Bauchi State Police Command has uncovered an underground armoury of suspected kidnappers at the Tudun Wada area of Liman Katagum, Bauchi Local Government Area.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Ahmed Wakil, who disclosed this in a statement Sunday in Bauchi said, "Operatives attached to the command acted on credible intelligence and uncovered an armoury

of suspected kidnappers."

He said a patrol team attached to the Liman Katagum Divisional Police headquarters led by the DPO while on patrol around the Tudun Wada area uncovered the underground armoury yesterday.

He listed the items recovered to include three AK47 rifles, one LAR rifle, 49 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, nine AK47 magazines, one pair of army camouflage jacket and one pair of police camouflage trousers.

Daily Trust's Board of Economists loses member

From Abubakar S. Mohd, Zaria & Simon Echwofun, Abuja

The death has occurred of Prof. Aminu Yusuf Usman who was a member of the Board of Economists of Daily Trust Newspapers.

He died on Sunday after an illness at his residence in Kano.

The late Usman, a Professor of Economics and Head of Department of Economics, was a Senior Lecturer and Dean of Social Sciences, Kaduna State

University. He was also the Managing Director, Al-Amin Global Consult Limited. He was survived by a wife and children.

He had since been buried according to Islamic rites after a funeral prayer at Kofar Gayan Low Cost Jum'at Mosque in Zaria in the early hours of yesterday.

Prof. Usman, who was an active member of the Daily Trust Board of Economists, was energetic at the quarterly meeting of the board in November 2022.

A statement issued by



Prof. Usman the Chairman of the Daily Trust Board of Economists, Prof. Binta Jibril, described the passing of Prof. Usman as shocking.

Prof. Jibril, who said members were yet to come

to terms with the incident, recalled that she attended a meeting which Prof. Aminu chaired in Kano recently.

The chairman commiserated with the family on behalf of the board.

"We are all in shock and deeply condole with his family. May Allah have mercy on his soul," the statement further read.

Other members of the board expressed surprise over the incident and condoled with the family.

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I remain committed to Tinubu's campaign – Yahaya Bello

By Seun Adeuyi & Dalhatu Liman

Governor of Kogi state, Yahaya Bello, yesterday said his unflinching commitment to the Tinubu/Shettima Campaign is not in doubt.

A report in one of the daily newspapers (not Daily Trust) on Sunday claimed that the Kogi governor who is the National Youth Coordinator of the Tinubu/Shettima Campaign Council had withdrawn his support from the campaign.

But in an interview on Channels Television's Daily Politics, Bello said the publication was done in bad faith to create distrust, acrimony,

and chaos in the party by people who were desperately trying to disparage his support for Tinubu.

He called upon the medium to retract the story within 24 hours and urged all regulatory bodies to weigh in and sanction the publisher.

The governor said, "I woke up to see that particular fake news in the air today. It's quite unfortunate. I am urging all the law enforcement agencies and all regulatory bodies regarding journalism, and media practitioners practicing in Nigeria, to please live up to their responsibilities.

"The current electoral law empowers even INEC to investigate things like this and prosecute the liars; those who perpetrate

fake news as far as this election is concerned.

"Let me further reassure millions of Nigerian youths and Nigerians, followers and supporters in the country and across the world, that I remain very supportive of our leader and the president in the waiting, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the flag bearer of our great party, the All Progressives Congress, and my own brother, His Excellency, Sen Kashim Shettima.

"I am expecting that the management of the media house will retract that particular publication and tender public apology and give it a lot of publication within 24 hours, else

I think my lawyers are capable of doing the needful."

Bello debunked the rumors that he was not mobilising youth and other groups of the party towards victory, maintaining that until he was openly challenged for not doing well for the victory of the party in the forthcoming elections that he would still take such accusations as mere a pinch of salt.

The governor added, "There has never been any assignment statewide and nationally that I have not carried out diligently and delivered on the task that is given to me. You recall the mobilization of the membership of the women and people living with special needs where we were able to mobilise

over 41 million for our great party.

"I have contested for this particular ticket and God almighty gave it to our leader and president in the waiting - Bola Ahmad Tinubu. Ever since that happened, I am the first person as a contestant that came out openly to give my blessings to endorse him and to start working for him even before he reached out to me.

"In fact, I don't even need our leader Asiwaju to reach out to me because I believe in him, I study him, I envisioned exactly what he is going to do for this country. And I pray fervently for the success of the party and I will continue to do all my best to ensure that he succeeds and wins this general election."

Ganduje unveils state anthem

From Salim U. Ibrahim, Kano

Governor Abdullahi Ganduje has unveiled Kano State anthem in an effort to inculcate patriotism maximally in citizens of all categories.

A statement issued by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Abba Anwar, assured that the current administration would do everything possible to continue preserving the history, culture and business excellence of the state for the overall development of the country.

At the unveiling ceremony, which took place at Coronation Hall, Government House, Kano, Sunday, he commended his wife, Professor Hafsat Abdullahi Ganduje for her ingenuity in kick-starting the process that resulted in the development of the state anthem.

"Ours is to promote love, a deep sense of responsibility and to also show the greatness of our dear state. As our national anthem is bringing us together for the service and unity of our motherland, so also this state anthem will follow the same pattern at the state level," he added.

For the state anthem to gain more ground, the governor said: "We are taking this anthem to the State House of Assembly for legislation. That whenever we have any public function, after singing the national anthem, the state anthem will always follow."

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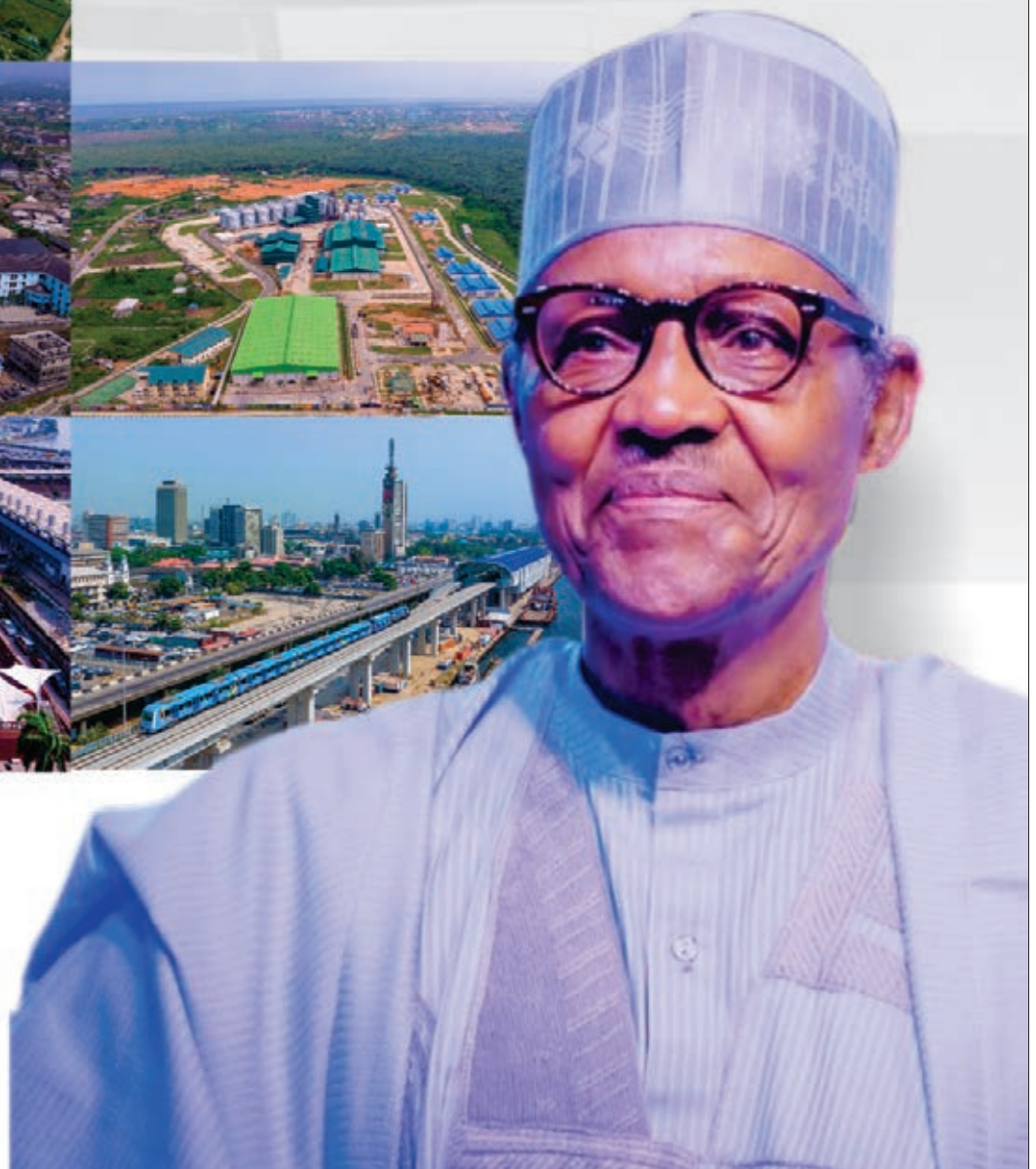
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“God will not forgive elected leaders at all levels who fail to use public resources to deliver developmental projects in the society — Bauchi state governor, Bala Mohammed

PDP to Buhari: Sack Keyamo for 'abusing' office

Urges president to call security meeting over 'Jagaban Army'

By Baba Martins

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday asked President Muhammadu Buhari to sack the Minister of State for Labour, Festus Keyamo, for allegedly abusing his office.

Keyamo, the spokesman for the APC Presidential Campaign Council, had on January 16 issued a 72-hour ultimatum to anti-graft agencies to arrest and probe the PDP presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar, over alleged corruption cases.

After the expiration of the ultimatum, Keyamo, last Friday, filed a suit at the Federal High Court in Abuja seeking an order compelling the anti-graft agencies to arrest and prosecute Atiku.

The spokesman for the PDP Presidential Campaign Council, Daniel Bwala, at a press conference

in Abuja, yesterday, said Keyamo was using his office to intimidate the agencies of the federal government.

He said: “We call on the president to sack the minister of state for labour and employment forthwith for using official position funded by tax payer’s money to interfere with the conduct of free, fair and credible elections.”

The PDP also called on the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency to probe the APC presidential candidate, Bola Tinubu, over alleged drug-related offences.

Reacting, the APC campaign council described the PDP as copycats.

“I’m laughing; these PDP fellows are pathetic: I was told they copied our style and all their spin doctors held a joint conference. Copycats. Nothing new. All old, unproven stories against @officialABAT. What is gripping the nation now is Special

Purpose Vehicles (SPV). #Atikugate”, Keyamo tweeted.

Meanwhile, the spokesperson of the PDP Presidential Campaign Organisation, Kola Ologbondiyan, has urged President Buhari to call a National Security Council meeting to address the threat posed by the formation of the ‘Jagaban Army,’ to the sovereignty of Nigeria.

He made the appeal in a statement in Abuja on Sunday.

“Nigerians are concerned that since the public outcry over the exposed design by the APC and its presidential candidate to use a parallel army code-named the Jagaban Army, to undermine our national security, affront the Nigeria Army, cause confusion, disrupt the 2023 elections and derail our democratic process, neither the APC Campaign nor Asiwaju Tinubu have disowned the formation or its nefarious plans,” he added.



■ Keyamo

Kwankwaso’s ally dumps NNPP for PDP in Gombe

From Haruna Gimba
Yaya, Gombe

Dr Babayo Liman, the North-East Zonal Secretary of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) and a member of the Rabiu Kwankwaso presidential campaign council have defected to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Dr Liman announced his defection from NNPP alongside hundreds

of supporters of the Kwankwasiyi Movement in Gombe State and declared their support for Atiku Abubakar, the PDP presidential candidate.

Briefing reporters in Gombe, Dr Liman said he resigned from NNPP and joined PDP to support its presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar.

“We registered more than 3.6 million people in the North East region under NNPP and Gombe

is one of the states in my zone, hence the need for me to go round and inform my supporters that I have defected to PDP.

“I have resigned my appointment as the Northeast zonal secretary of the NNPP and as a member of the presidential campaign council of the NNPP, as well as the coordinator of the Kwankwasiyi movement in the zone,” Liman said.

Bagudu’s wife rallies Kebbi women for Tinubu

From Ismail Adebayo,
Birnin Kebbi

Dr Zainab Bagudu, wife of Governor Abubakar Bagudu of Kebbi State, has mobilised women from the state’s 21 LGAs to canvass votes for the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the governorship candidate of

the party in the state, Dr Nasiru Idris.

The governor’s wife, at a campaign rally in Argungu area of the state yesterday, said the APC deserved women’s support and votes in the forthcoming elections because it has done so much for them at the state and national levels.

She said, “I enjoin you to come out in large numbers

and vote APC government from top to bottom. Let APC continue with its good work. The APC government across the country has done well for women.”

Dr Zainab said President Muhammadu Buhari’s administration has demonstrated its support for women across the country through various empowerment programmes.

Brother of late Kwara Assembly leader clinches APC ticket

From Mumini
Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The brother of the late Kwara State House of Assembly leader, Oba Abdulkadir Magaji, has been declared the candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for Ilorin Central Constituency following a rerun primary election.

Oba is the younger brother of the late

Olawayin Abubakar Magaji, who died earlier this month over what sources attributed to heart-related issues.

Until his death, he was the candidate of the APC for the Ilorin Central Constituency seat in the state’s assembly.

He polled 17 votes in the rerun primary held over the weekend at the Kwara State Art and Culture Complex in Gerin Alimi,

Ilorin, the state capital.

Other aspirants, Isiaka Muhammad Toyin and Sulaiman Abubakar (Sai Kai) got seven and one vote respectively in the exercise that was witnessed by INEC officials.

Some party members had rejected the moves by the APC leadership in the state to pick the deceased brother through consensus.

LP gov’ship candidate, other leaders shun Obi rally in Kano

Ex-Anambra gov pledges to unite Nigeria

From Clement A. Oloyede
& Salim Umar Ibrahim
(Kano)

Kano state gubernatorial candidate of the Labour Party (PDP), Bashir I. Bashir and other party leaders yesterday boycotted the presidential campaign rally of the party in the state.

Bashir was absent at the campaign rally held at the Kano Pillars Stadium in Sabongari area of the state along with other party leaders, including the chairman of LP Presidential Campaign Council, Mohammed Zarewa; state coordinator of Peter Obi’s campaign, Balarabe Wakili; and Idris Dambazau, a member of the presidential campaign council.

When contacted, Bashir said the leaders of the party

would meet and review incidents leading to the rally and address the press in the next 48 hours but refused to comment further.

However, a senior member of the party familiar with the development, who asked not to be named, confided in Daily Trust that the leaders’ issue was with the vice-presidential candidate, Datti Baba-Ahmed and not with Peter Obi, the presidential candidate.

He said the leaders of the party in the state were surprised and disappointed that they were not being carried along with the campaign activities of the party, and that none of them was contacted until Saturday evening when Obi’s entourage arrived in Kano.

“Obi earlier told them that Baba-Ahmed would lead

the northern mobilization with their support and he (Obi) released money for the campaign but the VP has refused to carry any of them along for reasons best known to him. How can you be coming to campaign in Kano and not carry the governorship candidate and other leaders along?” he asked.

Meanwhile, Obi yesterday told the teeming supporters at the campaign rally that if elected he would continue to unite Nigerians and shun actions that would further divide the country along ethnic and religious lines.

He pointed out that the previous administrations and other political actors have been taking advantage of ethnicity and religion in taking the country back.

Vote for me, I’ll be an active lawmaker – Ganduje’s son

By Abdullateef Salau

The candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the Dawakin Tofa, Rimingado and Tofa Federal Constituency of Kano State, Abba Umar Ganduje, has promised to be an active lawmaker if elected.

The son of the Kano State governor, Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, also pledged to deliver dividends of democracy to his constituents.

If elected come February 25, Ganduje will replace Tijjani Abdulkadir Jobe,

who is a fourth term member of the House of Representatives.

At an interactive session with newsmen in Abuja, he said his experience both in the private and public sectors would help him to address the challenges of his constituency.

“My well-articulated programmes will be tailored to address the deprivations that the people in our constituency have suffered over the years under the incumbent lawmaker.

“I intend to serve through effective and efficient representation and by

bringing the dividends of democracy to the people of our constituency,” he said.

He also said he would, at all times, bring into focus the concerns of his people on the floor of the Green Chamber.

“Getting to the National Assembly on my people’s mandate by God’s grace, my programmes will come through the promotion of legislation that will address our peculiar needs and through direct personal interventions to support the great people of my constituency.”

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Northern Borno: A deprived region of Nigeria?

By Hurso Adam

The Boko Haram conflict has been ongoing since 2009 and has caused immense suffering in North Eastern Nigeria in particular and countries within the Lake Chad area in general.

Borno State, especially the Northern part, is most affected by the many years of conflict; almost all schools and police stations there were destroyed by the insurgents. The conflict transformed the area into a stark example of decay and deprivation. For over a decade now Boko Haram's criminal activities and the shrinking of the Lake Chad as a result of the climate change have left the population in extreme poverty and displaced. Lack of access to basic necessities such as healthcare and education has left the people living in Northern Borno in an even more desperate state. The people are left with limited to no job opportunities, families are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet.

Despite the efforts of the governments and NGOs, hunger and disease are also rampant in the area and children are particularly impacted and the future seems uncertain for them. The situation in Borno and Yobe states is a humanitarian crisis that requires all buttons to be pressed.

Another issue that contributes to the underdevelopment of the region is poor or weak political representation. For decades, the region has been underrepresented in both state and national governments, leaving its people without a voice in decisions that affect their lives. This has led to a lack of necessary infrastructure, including roads, healthcare and education, which has further hindered the region's development.

Without the proper attention and resources, for example, Northern Borno remains in a state of poverty and deprivation. It is essential that there is an increase in political representation for the region, as well as a commitment to providing essential resources and infrastructure so that the people can have a better quality of life.

It is widely acknowledged that Governor Babagana Umara Zulum has a genuine desire to improve the situation in Northern Borno. He has implemented various initiatives such as providing cash donations to the displaced people and launching economic development projects in an effort to address the longstanding issue of poverty and deprivation in the region.

However, Gov Zulum's efforts have yet to make a significant impact on human development. This is likely due to a lack of resources.

President Muhammadu Buhari's political support to the region needs to be maintained by the next government come May 29, 2023.

Also, to ensure that Governor Zulum and NEDC's initiatives are successful, it is essential that additional support is provided by the federal government and the international community. Only then can the people of the conflict's most affected communities be given a chance to rebuild their lives.

To address this, there is an urgent need for a comprehensive approach to demobilise and reintegrate former members of the Boko Haram group back into society. An effective demobilisation

and reintegration programme must begin with a strong commitment from both affected governments within the Lake Chad Basin and the international community. It should include effective policy measures designed to tackle the underlying causes of the conflict, such as poverty, inequality and lack of economic opportunity. All efforts should focus on providing former combatants with essential support and the necessary tools to become law-abiding citizens as well as educate the population. To ensure successful, peaceful and prosperous society youths must be provided with adequate education and job opportunities.

Despite the efforts of the governments and NGOs, hunger and disease are also rampant in the area and children are particularly impacted and the future seems uncertain for them.

To make a better representation for Northern Borno at all levels of government, those in power should strive to increase the voices of local citizens. This includes listening to the concerns of the people and working to develop policies that address their needs.

Additionally, government leaders must ensure that effective communications channels are in place so that people can easily access information or ask questions related to their rights and responsibilities. It is also important that governments dedicate resources to building essential infrastructure in the region, such as roads linking Damasak-Mallam Fatori-Cross Kauwa and healthcare facilities (there is no single Federal Medical Centre (FMC) or a functioning general hospital in Northern Borno, a senatorial district comprising 10 LGAs sharing international borders with Niger and Chad republics).

Finally, governments should invest in education initiatives to ensure that the next generation of Northern Borno is better prepared to contribute to society.

As President Buhari continues to pursue a comprehensive strategy to combat Boko Haram, it is hoped that Northern Borno and other communities will soon be able to overcome the hardships they have endured.

The national and state governments should put their efforts into developing their communities by offering the necessary resources and infrastructure to guarantee adequate health care, education and economic prospects for the people as well as ensuring equitable political representation. This commitment is needed in order to provide the people with the chance to rebuild their lives.

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S L Akintola: His life and lessons for today (II)

Among the leaders of Nigeria's First Republic, probably none has been so unkindly treated, none so maligned by most commentators on that part of our history than Chief S. L. Akintola, the second and longest-running Premier of the Western Region. Though he lost his life in the tragic happenings of January 15, 1966, along with the many key players in the political and military establishment, Akintola was singled out not to be mourned by the generality of the people he purportedly led. Professor Osuntokun's book on the life and times of Akintola is a courageous and more even-handed attempt to have another look at the quarrel between him and Chief Awolowo that triggered the 1966 coup and the sordid aftermath.

The delay in rehabilitating the memory of Akintola is mainly because Chief Awolowo came out of prison with even a larger-than-life image. He was literarily lionised by the regime of General Yakubu Gowon. He not only assumed the leadership of the Yoruba, Asiwaju Awon Yoruba, but also became the leading civilian in the federal military government. The military government appointed Awolowo as the Commissioner (Minister) of Finance and vice-chairman of the Federal Executive Council (FEC). Sitting on that perch would have given any other person ample opportunity to spread his tentacles around the country and make more friends across the old political divides.

Somehow, Awolowo decided to remain his old self - acutely aloof and continued to plot how he would win future elections without the help of some of the majority parts of the country. General Olusegun Obasanjo as head of state allowed him even more opportunities when he made him Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, at the time the federal government took it over from the dissolved Northern Region. It didn't help much as my ABU final-year set of 1976 were the only graduates his tenure produced. Awolowo superintended our graduation ceremony in December 1976 after which he promptly resigned to make time for his other political pursuits.

Many believe that had Awolowo remained longer as Chancellor of ABU he would have had the opportunity to engage the Northern intelligentsia

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and political leaders on their home turf and probably engender some understanding of his aspirations. Alas, that was not to be as Awolowo lost a golden opportunity to gain the support of northern politicians. The mutual suspicion continued unabated. When the elections came up in 1979, Awolowo came up as a presidential candidate and he was defeated. Another attempt in 1983 produced the same dismal result for him.

From my perspective, had Akintola lived as leader and premier of the western region the rapprochement between various parts of the country would probably have been faster. People point to his performance as leader of the Action Group party in the pre-independence coalition at the federal level where he served with distinction as a minister in various departments and the lasting relationship he established with other ministers from other parts of the country. He was a gregarious gentleman, an orator in both English and his Yoruba language, and a legendary, gracious debater.

Awolowo's performance in the National Assembly after independence was at best mediocre. He was not an eloquent speaker and did not enjoy debates. To make matters worse, he was not a clubbable person who did not endeavor to make friends. In any case, he had disdain for northern politicians whom he regarded as 'unlettered aristocrats'. No wonder Osuntokun has referred somewhere in the book that Awolowo "was, and remained, too dogmatic and uncompromising for the leader of a major political party aspiring for ascendancy in a politically and ethnically pluralistic country."

Awolowo died in 1987 and it was only after that serious rapprochement began between the West and other parts of the country. The arrowhead at the time was Chief MKO Abiola who made serious inroads into the North and was able to win the hearts of the opinion leaders to add to his support in the West and win the 1993 presidential election which unfortunately the military regime of the time annulled. When the next presidential election was held in 1999, President Obasanjo had more votes from the North than in the West where he came from, an indication of the rapprochement emerging between the two regional blocs.

However, the most successful ever coming together of the two blocs was in 2013 with the fusion of the Northern-based CPC and ANPP, a break-away faction of the PDP and APGA with the West-based ACN led by Bola Ahmed Tinubu. This strong coalition, the APC, was able, in 2015, to wrest power from a sitting president and with a majority in the national and state assemblies. They were also able to win a majority of states in the gubernatorial elections across the country. As the 2023 elections beckon, it doesn't look like the two regional blocs are in any haste to discard a winning formula which idea began with S. L. Akintola in the 1950s.

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Probe outgoing governors' N5.8 trillion debts

The Debt Management Office (DMO) on January 6, 2023, released comprehensive data on the domestic and external debt overhang in 28 states ahead of this year's general elections. In some of the states, governors that incurred the debts are outgoing; in others governors are seeking a second term. Though previously assumed to be humongous, when the DMO made public the details of the debts owed by states, it still came as a shock to Nigerians. Published on the DMO's website, the debts as of September 30, 2022 and June 30, 2022, respectively, were as follows: states' domestic debts amount to N4.38 trillion; while accumulated external debts by the states was about \$3.15 billion or N1.42 trillion, making a total of N5.8 trillion.

The data indicated that Lagos State, where Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, is running for a second term in the March 10, 2023 governorship election, owes the highest with N877.04 billion in domestic debt and \$1.27 billion in foreign debt. It is followed by outgoing Governor Nasir El-Rufai's Kaduna State, with a domestic debt of N86.86 billion and external debt of \$586.78 million. Outgoing Governor Nyesom Wike's Rivers State owes the third highest debt with a domestic debt of N225.51 billion and foreign debt of \$140.18 million. Cross River comes next with N175.2 billion in domestic debt and \$215.75 million in external debt. Other outgoing governors who are leaving huge debts behind include Udom Emmanuel (Akwa Ibom); Samuel Ortom (Benue); Ifeanyi Okowa (Delta); David Umahi (Ebonyi); Mohammed Abubakar (Gombe); Aminu Masari (Katsina); Bello Bagudu (Kebbi); Abubakar Bello (Niger); Aminu Tambuwal (Sokoto); Simon Lalong (Plateau); and Darius Ishaku of Taraba.

In principle, debts by governments at national and subnational levels, whether domestic or external, should not be sources of worry to Nigerians. However, in many states, there is not enough revenue generation for the repayment of the debts. This concern was raised by the World Bank which stated in its December 2021 update that states' debts would increase above 200 per cent of the revenue generated in 2022 and 2023. The report explained further that the debt level for an average state was estimated to rise from 154.6 per cent of revenues in 2021 to over 200 per cent of revenue in 2022 and 2023. By implication, debts owed by state governments are practically unmanageable, except revenue generation increased by more than 200 per cent of the current rate.

According to DMO's Director-General, Patience Oniha, the global picture of the country's debt is well beyond the N44 trillion that has been lamented over in recent months. Nigeria's total debt stock is projected to hit about N77 trillion in 2023, as soon as the National Assembly sanctions the controversial N23 trillion Ways and Means extra-budgetary expenditure, which has grave implications for the country's economy in the near future.

Daily Trust is concerned about the burgeoning debts in states because some of the projects for which loans were taken are hardly on ground. Many projects for which debts were incurred have been left uncompleted; and for those that are completed, the costs are outrageous and may not worth the investment. This way, many state governors since 1999 have passed on unmanageable debts from various sources to their successors. Many state governments have failed to implement the national minimum wage due to huge debt overhang, as projects executed with loans are either dubious or failed to generate revenues that should have been used to offset those debts.

The current predicament is evidence of the failure of state houses of assembly to carry out their constitutional oversight function over the state executives. Lawmakers in states operate more like mere rubber stamp to the whims and caprices of state governors, failing to scrutinise requests for loans, and not standing up to the executive to demand explanation about loan requests that may well be unsustainable. We believe the step taken by the DMO to release the debt profile of each state at this time that the country is going to the polls is important and appropriate. We hope that going forward, the DMO data on debts by the state will indicate not only overall totals, but also the timeline in which the debts were incurred by state executives. That way, Nigerians will know by how much each outgoing governor has burdened their states with unsustainable debts.

More importantly, state legislatures must enact laws guiding the unquenchable appetite of governors for loans, for example, by specifying that a governor cannot request any loans during the last six or 12 months of their tenures, except for clearly specified and extreme circumstances. We challenge state assemblies to probe the loans taken by outgoing governors. The National Assembly must amend the constitution to ensure governors are prevented from taking loans on behalf of sub-national levels if their debt profile is beyond a certain threshold, as it is now evident that such debts cripple governance at state and local government levels. Civil society organisations (CSOs) must enlighten citizens to rise up against state governors who seek frivolous loans on their behalf. Enough of unsustainable loans in Nigeria.

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The great climate opportunity

In 2021, I was overcome by a great yearning to do more work around climate, mostly because of the varying effects of climate change I was witnessing, locally in Nigeria as well as across world. Also, I was at an inflection point as an entrepreneur, and I felt it was the right time to focus on the fight for a healthier planet in addition to my work in agriculture. I felt like it was essential to mitigate climate change impacts in order for the world's vulnerable farmers to prosper. Since then, I have been focused on building to reduce carbon emissions. One of my biggest learnings on this journey is the critical role of climate finance.

companies that are not able to reduce their emissions as much. Another example is carbon offset projects, such as reforestation or clean energy projects, that generates carbon credits by removing or avoiding emissions. These credits can then be purchased by a company or country to offset its own emissions.

It is important to note that carbon credit systems are still evolving and are often controversial as there are concerns that carbon credits may not be effective in achieving actual emissions reductions, and that they may be open to fraud or mismanagement. Additionally, carbon credit systems have been criticised for not being transparent or accountable enough, and for not reaching the people and places that need it most. This is one of my motivations to pioneer efficient, transparent and accountable systems of accessing carbon markets, especially for the smallholder farmers of the world.

President Muhammadu Buhari signed Nigeria's Climate Change Bill into law on November 18, 2021 with a mandate to achieve low greenhouse gas emission, and green and sustainable growth by providing the framework to set a target to reach net zero between 2050 and 2070. The Act includes provisions to adopt National Climate Change Action Plans in five-year cycles and establishes the National Council on Climate Change in a bid to ensure national emissions are consistent with a carbon budget. This Act has huge implications for private sector and represents remarkable opportunities for innovators and entrepreneurs.

At the recent COP27, President Buhari also reiterated commitment to net zero emissions in line with the Climate Change Act and particularly demanded more from the world, specially developed countries to tackle the effects of climate change in Africa. I was greatly inspired by this and proud of the President for demanding commitments to address challenges. I genuinely believe climate finance is the best way to demonstrate this commitment by funding climate action. This is why I am working across continents to democratise access to carbon markets, and eventually other forms of climate finance using technology.

One important aspect of climate finance is that it is designed to be "additional" to other funding sources. This means that it is intended to provide funding for projects and programmes that would not otherwise have been possible, and that it is intended to support sustainable development.

Climate finance refers to all funding for projects and programmes that help to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. This can include funding for renewable energy projects, such as wind or solar power, as well as for programmes that help communities to adapt to changes in weather patterns or sea levels. Climate finance can come from a variety of sources, including governments, international organisations, and private investors.

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Carbon credits are a form of climate finance that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable development. They work by allowing companies or countries that produce a lot of emissions to offset their emissions by purchasing carbon credits from other entities that have reduced their emissions below a certain level. These credits represent a certain amount of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases that have been removed or avoided from the atmosphere, and they can be bought and sold in carbon markets.

One example of a carbon credit system is the emissions trading scheme, where a company or country is given a certain amount of emissions allowances, and it can buy or sell these allowances depending on their emissions levels. This creates a financial incentive for companies to reduce their emissions, as they can sell any unused allowances to other

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**THE PRESIDENCY
THE GOVERNING BOARD
NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD**

CALL FOR NOMINATION/APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2023

The Governing Board of the Nigerian National Merit Award is currently soliciting nominations or applications for the award of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) for the 2023 round. The deadline for nomination is **31st March, 2023**. Nominations are valid only for the year of nomination. However, candidates who have been previously nominated should state clearly additional work(s) done since they were last nominated or the new grounds for re-consideration of their nomination.

ABOUT NNMA

NNMA is a value driven agency of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It was established by Act 53 of 1979 as amended by Act 96 of 1992 (CAP 122 LFN, 2004). The Mission statement for NNMA reads: "Committed to stimulating and rewarding, academic and professional excellence for national development of Nigeria".

THE NNOM AWARD

- i. The Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) is an "Order of Dignity" and distinct from the National Honours. It was instituted to accord proper and due recognition for outstanding intellectual and academic attainments and contributions to the general development of Nigeria. The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is required by law (NNMA Act Section 8) to confer the NNOM Award annually, on the recipient(s), on the first Thursday in the month of December. The objective of the Award is to stimulate and reward excellence in Science, Engineering/Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Arts & Culture and other fields of human endeavor.
- ii. **A recipient of NNOM Award is entitled to:**
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 - c. such other privileges as are enjoyed by recipients of high levels of national awards and honours.

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- i. The Award is open to all citizens of Nigeria at home and abroad.
- ii. Any Nigerian citizen of outstanding merit can be nominated by one or more Nigerian citizens. Any person may by himself/herself, where not sponsored by another person, apply to the Board for this purpose. Where two or more Nigerians are collaborating on any deserving undertaking, they can be similarly nominated for a joint Award.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- i. Nominations shall be made strictly on the prescribed Nomination/Application Form, and in the format therein. Sponsors should provide brief information on themselves. The Nomination/Application Form may either be collected at the NNMA secretariat or downloaded from the NNMA website, www.nnma.gov.ng. The form as advertised is also valid.
- ii. Only one nomination/application may be submitted on the prescribed application form.
- iii. In private consultation with the nominee, the nomination/application form shall be accompanied by:
 - a. The *curriculum vitae* of each candidate.
 - b. A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award.
 - c. A list of not more than ten publications cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae which in the nominee's consideration, buttresses his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. Copies of the ten publications must be submitted with the application.
 - d. 3 portrait photographs of the candidate.
- iv. All nominations and supporting documents, including copies of the ten publications submitted to buttress the nominee's claim to uniqueness and merit, must reach the Secretary of the Nigerian National Merit Award on or before the stipulated deadline. Any nomination or application including the specified requirements arriving later than the deadline will not be considered.
- v. All supporting documents, including the nomination form should be sent in three (3) copies.
- vi. Candidates with incomplete documents shall not be considered.
- vii. Neither the Governing Board nor any of its Specialized Committees of Assessors shall entertain or enter into any correspondence with candidates or their sponsors regarding the processing of, or decision on any Nomination.
- viii. The Nomination/Application Form and supporting documents shall be addressed, sealed and delivered on or before 31st March, 2023 to:

The Secretary,
The Presidency,
Nigerian National Merit Award,
Merit House, No.22, Aguiyi Ironsi Street,
3rd Floor, Maitama, Abuja.
E-mail: nnmaabuja@gmail.com
website: www.nnma.gov.ng

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- i. Selection will be made from the wide range of contemporary works which are innovative, creative, essentially Nigerian in content and of national and international distinction; such works should emphasize the uniqueness of the achievements to humanity generally and Nigerian society in particular.
- ii. The achievements may constitute a specific break-through in any field or may be of a cumulative nature; and
- iii. The Award emphasizes distinct merit and upright morality, as this is the highest Merit Award in the Country.
- iv. Nominators must not make public the names of nominees.

- v. **Kindly note that any candidate that is found to lobby for the award shall be disqualified.**
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 - Science
 - Medicine
 - Engineering/Technology
 - Humanities, Arts and Culture and other fields of human endeavour.
- vii. When and where necessary, External Assessors are usually engaged from the national or international academic community.

ANNOUNCEMENT/INVESTITURE

- i. Successful candidates will be notified about the outcomes of the process between October and November 2023, to be followed by an official public announcement latest two weeks from the date of Investiture.
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- iii. The Investiture holds back-to-back with the Annual Forum of Laureates of the Nigerian National Order of Merit.

NOMINATION /APPLICATION FORMAT

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9. Candidates who have been previously nominated should state new grounds or additional works done since last nomination.			
10. Signature of Nominee/Applicant			Date:

**(SIGNED)
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Practical Ways To Improve Your Ability To Fall And Stay Asleep At Night – Part II By Dr. Charles Uzodimma

In our last article, I discussed methods for improving sleep through actions that ensures the health of the body and brain.

This is plausible because sleep only occurs when the body and the brain are in good condition for the optimal function of the brain's sleep clock, which regulates sleep.

An environment that promotes comfort and sleep would be necessary to prevent sleep interruptions and support the complementary functions of the body and brain. I emphasized that it's important to intentionally seek out better sleep because it improves our mood and ensures that our body and brain are functioning properly.

I also highlighted the following practical ways to get more sleep – adopting a consistent sleep schedule by going to bed and getting up at the same time every day; paying attention to what we eat and drink by consistently drinking adequate water daily, frequently eating at least two/three times daily just enough quantity of healthy meals of low-carbohydrates, less sugar, high-fibre, low fats and high protein, minerals and vitamins; avoiding excess alcohol especially two hours before bedtime when it gives arousal effect during sleep from a by-product of alcohol in the

body, stimulants like caffeine and smoking; taking regular SAFE exercise in the daytime; freeing the mind through stress reduction and managing worries; and lastly promptly treating illnesses which can disturb sleep and avoidance of sleep medication abuse.

Now, here are steps to get our sleep environment and mode restful and sleep-inducing.

First, there are the acts proven to be relaxing thereby inducing sleep modes such as listening to soothing soft music, reading a favourite book, taking a warm bath, repetitive recitation of familiar statements or counting numbers, gentle yoga, deep breathing exercises or quiet meditation.

Secondly, if we eliminate noise, reduce or turn off bright lights, and maintain a cool, comfortable temperature, we may make our sleeping environment tranquil and restful.

Lastly, if the sleeping surfaces are quality mattresses and pillows that are conducive for supportive posture, they will not only be appealing at sight but also trapping once the body lies on it, easily taking the body to where it knows not – the world of sleep. The conducive sleeping surfaces will support

different good sleeping positions, prevent and relieve body pains. Such mattresses and pillows have the right firmness for excellent body support. Because your body weight and mattress pressure will also be spread out evenly, pressures and heat from the surfaces are relieved and dissipated with good blood circulation and comfort assured.

The surface says, "I have breathable responsive memory and I am durable! Specifically, a pillow has different sizes, thicknesses and firmness. It should be placed under the head & neck only, and not under the shoulders. It fills the natural hollow under the neck, between the head and shoulders. While lying on the side the lower hand should not be on the pillow; it can be under, in front of or away from the pillow. All of these arrangements ensure that the neck is in a neutral position, the head, neck and backbone maintain natural curves and are in alignment. This prevents and relieves neck pain. All jointly justify the investment in such quality products.

So, what is stopping us from deliberately investing in quality products, while adopting practical habits to get better sleep?

Let us remember that when you sleep,

where you sleep and how you sleep affect your mental health, physical well-being and living a healthy life. We all need quality sleep to be set for productivity in our endeavours.

Do you need further information on the above subject? Are you looking for ways to maintain quality sleep for general well-being and healthy living? Remember, a doctor is an appropriate person to offer relevant advice for the maintenance of quality sleep and solution to sleep difficulties. Do you want to contact the Orthopaedic Sleep Consultant, Dr Charles Uzodimma, kindly send your request to sleepinfo@vitafoam.com.ng OR Whatsapp: 08129982143.

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The Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement Centre of Excellence (SPESSECE), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria was established in 2009 by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in collaboration with the World Bank to bridge the knowledge and skills gap in the area of Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards. Thus, the Centre focuses on building Human and Institutional Capacities through Teaching, Learning and Research at various scales

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The Forum is to engage stakeholders on issues of capacity building programmes in areas of Procurement Management, Sustainable Environmental Studies and Social Development Studies. The forum avails stakeholders to explore opportunities for training and collaborate with the Centre in several areas of activities.

Date: Tuesday February 7, 2023

Venue: Main Hall, Raw
Material Research and Development
Council, Maitama, Abuja.

Time: 10:00am prompt.

Come and be part of this discourse for sustainable development of Nigeria.

Signed
Prof. Mohammed Bello Yunusa
Centre Leader

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CITY & CRIME

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Abuja-Kaduna train attack suspect nabbed

By Adam Umar

Vigilantes in Zuba town in the FCT have arrested a suspect, Bello Yellow, linked to the Abuja-Kaduna train attack. The suspect was arrested in the early hours of Sunday when he

alighted from a car around Dan-Kogi Motor Park. A vigilante said the suspect was sighted by members of the Miyetti Allah Vigilantes. He said, "They called the attention of four members attached to the motor park for assistance. He was apprehended and taken to

our office where he was searched and detained before being handed over to the police around 4am." The source stated that in the course of the investigation, N103,000 cash was found in his possession, as well as three sticks of cigarette and a lighter. The vigilante source stated that

the Divisional Police Officer in Zuba personally came to their office with his men to pick the suspect. He noted that, "Though the Fulani vigilantes gave the suspect's name as Bello Yellow, he calls himself Bature Shabe, and that he came from Ilorin in Kwara State and was on his way to Shenagu Forest near Zuba where his elder brother, Alhaji Shabe, resides.

2 arrested for kidnapping herdsman in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Operatives of the Ogun State-owned security outfit, So-Safe Corps, have arrested two suspects for kidnapping a herdsman. The corps said it received a distress call on January 20, that a herder, simply identified as Oseni, was kidnapped at Olorunda-Lukosi, Iro in Owoode-Egba LGA while grazing his cows.

The So-Safe spokesman, Moruf Yusuf, on Sunday, told newsmen that the suspects, Mohammed Lawal (20) - a resident of Sharagi area of Karaoke; and Sarafa Asimiu (25) - a resident of Amusa Yusuf house, Oke-Aje, Ibadan, also possessed their victim of the sum of N130,000 and the documents of his motorcycle. Yusuf explained that the suspects later demanded N4m as ransom for Oseni.

He said, "The So-Safe Corps patrol team's timely response led to the arrest of the suspected kidnappers, while others are at large despite the intensive combing of the location," noting that they had been handed over to the police. He added that the abducted herdsman, who was rescued unhurt, had been handed over to the police.

Yobe water project targets 27m litres daily - Commissioner

The Yobe State Commissioner for Water Resources, Alkali Jajere, has said that 27 million litres of water would be produced and distributed daily under phase one of the Damaturu Water Project.

Jajere, who noted that the federal government-funded project was expected to be completed in April, explained that the project involved the construction of three work stations with a joint capacity to produce 27 million litres daily. Jajere said that the three stations located at Sunsumma, Nayinawa and Mallamari areas had been completed. (NAN)



The blind suspect

Blind man, leper arrested with hemp in Osun, Kano

By Abbas Jimoh

Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have arrested a blind 67-year-old man, Aliyu Adebisi, in whose house they found 234kg of Indian hemp at the Sokoto village, Owena Ijesa in Atakumosa East LGA of Osun State.

Spokesman of the agency, Femi Babafemi, who disclosed this on

Sunday in Abuja, explained that the suspect, in his statement, said a drug dealer kept the consignment with him for a fee of N6,000 per month and had paid three months upfront.

Similarly, a leper, Haruna Abdullahi (45), was arrested at Garko town in Kano State on Thursday, January 19, and 2.2kg of Indian hemp and quantities of diazepam and Exol were

recovered from him. Babafemi further said that desperate efforts to bring into Nigeria 126.95kg of cocaine and skunk concealed in herbal tea packs and imported vehicles by drug cartels from Brazil and Canada were thwarted at the Akanu Ibiam International Airport (AIIA), Enugu, and the Tin Can seaport in Lagos by NDLEA operatives.

'Cleric' absconds with woman's N30m jewellery in Kwara

From Mumin Abdulkareem Ilorin

A magistrates' court in Ilorin, Kwara State, has remanded one Mohammed Muritala, a self-acclaimed Islamic cleric, and one Olajumoke Fafemi in a correctional centre over criminal conspiracy, breach of trust, trespass, theft and obtaining money under false pretence.

The Police First Information Report (FIR) had it that the complainant, Muslimat Ayoku Fagbemi, said Olajumoke

introduced Muritala to her as a cleric who would heal her of a leg disease.

The FIR reads in part: "The duo conspired and fraudulently collected N300,000 from the complainant under false pretence to cure her of a leg disease.

"On 02/02/2022, you Muhammed Muritala also went to the complainant's house and deceived her to bring all her jewellery to enable you to spray them with spiritual water because of an evil spirit in her room, and she placed them on

her bed.

"You then handed her a bottle of prepared prayer water and instructed her to go and wash her leg at the backyard of which before she returned, you and Olajumoke absconded with her jewellery valued at N30m."

The prosecutor, Gbenga Ayeni, who told court that Muritala confessed the crimes, said some of the jewellery had been recovered.

The Magistrate, Gbadeyan Kamson, ordered the remand of the defendants and adjourned to February 2.

Nurse, daughter abducted in Abuja regain freedom

By Adam Umar

Three persons, including a nurse and her daughter, who were abducted in Yimi community on the outskirts of Zuba town in the FCT have regained their freedom.

City & Crime had reported how gunmen dressed in suits raided the community on January 8, and abducted the nurse, her undergraduate daughter, as well as a provision

shop owner.

Speaking to City & Crime on their release, husband of the nurse, Abubakar Muhammed, said his wife, Sumayya Abubakar, was the first to be released three days after the incident due to her health condition and after N2m ransom was paid.

Muhammed, who is the son to the district head of the community, said his daughter, Aisha Abubakar, was later released last Tuesday after a

similar amount was paid.

He said the third victim, Ibrahim, was released in the early hours of yesterday after a N1m ransom was paid.

A vigilante disclosed that while the nurse was released to her family around Dobi community in Gwagwalada Area Council, her daughter and the shop owner were separately released around Kwakuti community along the Suleja-Minna highway in Niger State.

Forum calls for establishment of Shariah Court in Oyo

The Elders Consultative Forum of Supreme Council for Shariah, Oyo State, chapter, has called on Oyo State Government to establish Shariah Court in the state.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Shariah is a divine rules and regulations that bind all aspects of Muslim lives, regulates their affairs in relationship with Allah and other human beings. The Chairman of the forum, Alhaji Lasun Sanusi (SAN), made the call on Sunday at a seminar for Independent Shariah Court Judges in Ibadan.

Sanusi said the practice of Shariah would reduce criminality, promote good governance and peaceful environment.

He said there had been an Independent Shariah panel in the state established by some Muslims to create an avenue for entertainment of cases or settlement of disputes among Muslims in accordance with Islam Law (Shariah).

Sanusi said that the Independent Shariah panel required government recognition through the establishment of shariah court so that its verdicts could be backed by law and adhere to by parties.

The forum chairman said that the Constitution of Nigeria already recognised freedom of religion, adding Muslims are entitled to operate within the parameter of Islamic Law.

"Our demand is that whatever Islamic religion entails should be given to us so that Muslims will know they have right to practice their religion in accordance with Section 38 of the Nigeria Constitution.

"Shariah is not all about killing as erroneously believed by some individuals and is not biding on non-Muslims," he said.

The chairman said that sharing property, divorce and other aspect of Muslim lives should be in accordance with Islamic Law. According to him, government has not facilitated the working of these rights which are already in the Constitution.

He called on the state government to establish Shariah Court since it has established Customary Court.

In his lecture, Justice Tajudeen AbdulGaniyu, Justice Customary Court of Appeal in Oyo State, said that Shariah Panel should be seen as a temporary measure while the ultimate goal was the creation of Shariah Court.

AbdulGaniyu urged all strata of Muslim Community to increase efforts and peacefully demand for the creation of Shariah Court in the state.

The judge said that the performance of the panel in the last 20 years had showed that most of the cases handled by them were unresolved or withdraw, an indication of lack of power of enforcement by the panel. (NAN)

Alleged defamation: MKO Abiola's widow slams N100bn suit against police, others

Professor Zainab-Duke Abiola, widow of late MKO Abiola, has dragged the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Alkali Baba and Inspector Teju Moses to court for defamation.

Mrs Abiola, through her counsel, Tawo Tawo (SAN), in her statement of claim, averred that she was framed on September 20, 2022, by the defendants for allegedly assaulting Insp Moses.

Abiola was arrested for allegedly assaulting Moses, her former orderly, for refusing to carry out menial and domestic chores at her house.

Abiola, in a suit marked FHC/ABJ/CS/2370/2022, claimed that her personality and image had been irredeemably battered by the defamation and assassination of her character which had diminished her status.

The plaintiff averred that the alleged defamation caused her so much damage, trauma, ill health and reduced her standing and recognition in the global society bearing in mind the fact that she had attained international reputation.

She claimed, "Contrary to the defamatory statement in the print and electronic media as well as online media, I never assaulted my former orderly nor did I instruct anyone else to do so.

"Such an incident never took place in my house as there are CCTV all over the street surroundings to debunk the claim.

"Contrary to the allegations, I have never asked the former orderly to carry out any domestic chores as sophisticated robot machines like Alexa are installed in the palace.

"I was never a suspect but a victim of a frame up by the defendants."

She added that the acts of the defendants were libelous, scandalous, slanderous and defamatory by calling her unprintable names both in the conventional and social media.

The plaintiff noted that she was, adding that she was pleading and relying on all relevant materials and documents pertaining to the suit.

Prof Abiola, who is the chief legal consultant of the police, in her writ of summons, prayed the court for a declaration that the act of the police against her caused her nightmares as she was in constant fear for her life.

She, therefore, prayed the court to order the defendants to pay her the sum of N100 billion as damages.

She also asked the court for an order directing the defendants to tender an unreserved public apology in all print and electronic media: "An order of court directing the defendants to issue a press statement retracting the assertions they made earlier.

The case has, however, not been assigned to a judge.

Police shoot man to death in Kano

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

Policemen from the Kwalli Division in Kano Municipal Local Government Area of Kano State have shot to death a man, Muntari Bala.

It was gathered that there was a misunderstanding between the deceased and the policemen on Thursday whereupon a policeman, popularly called Holanda, pledged to be the one behind Bala's death.

The brother of the deceased, Yakubu Babangida, who is a personnel of the Kano Road and Traffic Agency

(KAROTA), said the incident happened around 9pm on Friday.

He said, "They shot him on his neck while he was sitting down behind his residence shortly after returning from a village to buy feed for the animals he was rearing.

"The policemen and my brother were all known in the neighbourhood and there were people when Holanda made the statement. Unfortunately, yesterday, they came around and shot him.

"We have tried to reach out to the DPO or anybody at the police station but they refused to attend to us. They

said we should take him to the hospital and remove the bullet on his neck without giving us any officer.

"When we refused, they attached an officer to us who escorted us to the Muritala Muhammed Specialist Hospital where my brother was confirmed dead."

The police spokesman of the command, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, said the command was yet to ascertain the facts of the matter.

He said, "The command received different versions of the story. Therefore, we have invited all parties involved to the police command so that we can address the issue and know what exactly happened.

2 Kano labourers die in pit toilet

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Two labourers died in a pit toilet at the Sabon Gari Market in Fagge LGA of Kano State on Saturday.

Spokesman of the state's fire service, Alhaji Saminu Abdullahi, stated that the accident happened in the night.

He said the older victim, 27 years old, was working inside the pit when he got trapped and that in an attempt to rescue him, his colleague, a 17-year-old boy, went into the pit and was also trapped.

He said, "We received an emergency call about the accident and immediately sent our rescue team to the scene."

"The fire service brought the duo out unconscious and took them to the Muritala Muhammed Special Hospital where they were confirmed dead," noting that their corpses were handed over to the police at the Sabon Gari Division.



Saminu



Suspects arrested by the police in Bauchi State recently

Kidnapping: DSS testifies against Sarkin Fulani of Kwara

From Mumin Abdulkareem, Ilorin

An operative of the Department of State Security (DSS), Femi Babalola, has told a court that the Sarkin Fulani of Kwara State, Adamu Usman, confessed to have masterminded the abduction of one Abubakar Ahmadu and collected N1m for his release in a statement he volunteered at the DSS office in Ilorin.

Babalola disclosed this while testifying before Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court, saying, "Abubakar Ahmadu (the victim) in his voluntary statement that he was forced into a private vehicle belonging to one Ibrahim Sahun, blindfolded with his hands tied, and taken to a detention facility under the instruction of Harjo (Sarkin Fulani) where he was kept until 10th of August when he was released to his family.

"And this led to the invitation of the alleged kidnapper, Usman Adamu (Harjo), on the 11th to our office. In his statement, he confessed to have staged the abduction of Abubakar, noting that the ransom was agreed upon at the instance of his brother,

Idrissa Adamu, and the meeting was held inside Gide's house."

Adebayo Adelodun (SAN), the defence counsel for Usman Adamu and Gide Mohammed, objected to the admissibility of the DSS statements on the ground that its operative, Babalola, while recording them, didn't comply with the provisions of Section 33(2) of the Kwara State Administration of Criminal Justice Act that their statements should be made in the presence of a legal practitioner or a relative of choice.

He termed the statements as "enlarged versions of the exact statements made by the defendants" and prayed the court to grant the first defendant bail on health grounds.

However, the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), Ayoola Idowu Akande, said the provisions as cited by Adelodun were just "procedural laws" not fit enough to render the statements of the defendants inadmissible before the court.

The judge struck out the bail applications and adjourned the case to February 1, 2023.

FUTA student commits suicide

Mr Olona Oluwapelumi, alias Black, a third year industrial design student of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), has hung himself in his off-campus lodge in Akure, Ondo State.

It was gathered that his friends went to his apartment in the early hours of Saturday and found the door locked and after several phone calls without a response they broke in and found his body dangling from a rope.

His friend who spoke anonymously said that the suicide might be connected to depression and financial constraint.

His neighbours said that Joseph was a jovial and friendly man who never entered into arguments or fought with anyone.

A neighbour disclosed that it was discovered that the Facebook page of the deceased, who was an entrepreneur and made designer wears with the brand name: "Tart Angle", contained a post about suicide, noting that several of his posts contained messages seeking financial help to enable him run his business.

The neighbor further said, "On

October 8, 2022, his Facebook post read: "Suicide kinda answers all; it's the only thing that listens and trusts you when you left all to yourself. Good night and goodbye."

Meanwhile, FUTA authorities have yet to make an official statement on the student's death.

The spokesperson of the police command in Ondo, SP Funmi Odunlami-Omisanya, said that the corpse had been deposited at a mortuary while investigation into the death would soon start. (NAN)

QUICK READ

Bayelsa lecturer dies in car crash

The Dean of Student Affairs of the Niger Delta University, Amadoma, Bayelsa State, died in a car crash on Saturday, the police disclosed on Sunday.

Police spokesman in the state, SP Asinim Butswat, said the police found the charred lecturer in his burnt car after it had crashed on the Tombia-Amasoma highway.

He said, "On January 21, policemen responded to a scene of a fatal car accident on Tombia-Amasoma road and discovered that the only occupant of the vehicle, a Toyota Corolla, was burnt to death.

"The corpse has been evacuated to the morgue. Investigation is ongoing."

200 FCT residents get free medical care

An Abuja-based hospital, Silver Cross Hospital, in collaboration with Sharing Smiles Initiative and Pet Fernandes Foundation, has provided free blood pressure, glucose level check, ultrasound scanning, medical and surgical consultations; HIV, eye, malaria and cervical cancer screening to more than 200 persons in Gwagwa community in the FCT.

The Silver Cross team comprising medical doctors, nurses and pharmacists at a one-day medical outreach conducted medical screening, examination, tests and shared drugs and foodstuff to the beneficiaries.

The Chief Medical Director of the hospital, Dr Patrick Ezie, said that the outreach was aimed at reaching out to the less-privileged.

Catholic bishop tasks Christians on unity, cooperation

The Catholic Archbishop of Calabar, Most Rev Joseph Ekuwem, on Sunday, in the FCT, urged Christians to shun divisions in the body of Christ and embrace unity for national development.

Ekuwem made the call at the 2023 annual lecture and merit award of the National Missionary Seminary of St Paul in Gwagwalada with the title: "Missionary Cooperation and Integral Development".

Ekuwem said the essence of the lecture was to reposition the church and its members on its outreach and services to people within and outside the church, especially in Nigeria.



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2023 SCP SEASONAL CLIMATE PREDICTION

THEME: STRENGTHENING CLIMATE RISK EARLY WARNING SERVICES FOR IMPROVED FOOD SECURITY AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN NIGERIA

DATE: Tuesday, 24th January, 2023

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: Abuja International Conference Center, Area 11, Garki, Abuja-FCT

Signed: **PROF. MANSUR BAKO MATAZU**
Director General/CEO NiMet & Permanent Representative of Nigeria with WMO

MONDAY BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	446.13	540.04	473.34	63.94	118.5	0.70
Central NGN	446.63	540.64	473.87	64.01	118.7	0.71
Selling NGN	447.13	541.25	473.40	65.08	118.8	0.72

COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$82.15/bbl
GOLD	\$1,799.07/ounce
SILVER	\$19.39/ounce
NATURAL GAS	\$4.63/MMBtu

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N733	N745	N915
SELLING	N743	N760	N930

Flight delays, theft top list as aviation ranks 3rd in FCCPC 2022 complaints

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Nigerian aviation industry came in third in the complaint received by the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) in 2022.

The commission received 674 aviation-related complaints according to statistics by the commission.

Topping the 2022 list is financial services with 5,709 complaints; second, electricity and power with 3,293; telecommunications, 605; and E-commerce, 508.

Others are electrical electronics, 415; food and beverages, 222; satellite/cable services, 122; postal/courier services, 71; road transport, 69; land/construction, 65; real estate/mortgages, 63; health services, 52; and education, 29.

The total number of complaints received by the commission from its headquarters and zonal offices was 13,580 from January to December 2022.

Sectoral analysis of complaints resolved showed that out of the total number of 13,580 complaints received, 3,327 were resolved.

The figure showed an increase of about 30 per



cent compared to 2021 when the commission received 10,178 complaints and resolved 1990.

Speaking on the aviation industry statistics, the Director Operations, FCCPC, Dr Adamu Abdullahi, listed the complaints received to include delays, cancellations, pilfered baggage, lost baggage, airport experience, general condition of the terminals, cooling system, and discourteous service, among others.

“Essentially delays, cancellations, lost and pilfered baggage.”

According to him, the complaints were lodged on their website www.fccpc.gov.ng requesting details of the complainant, phone number, and others to

receive feedback.

Adamu, who was once in the apex aviation regulatory authority, NCAA, as a director in charge of consumer affairs, explained that there was an understanding with aviation that whenever there is a complaint that has to do with the sector, there must be a time limit within which a response is expected.

He, however, frowned at the failure of airlines to let their passengers know if there was a problem.

He said, “Most times, if you explain to passengers what is happening, they can understand, but the problem is, operators, don’t get out and tell the public what is actually going on with their operations.

“You buy a ticket, you

come and sit in the airport for hours on end, and you don’t even get any sort of information on the status of your flight and that really angers passengers.

“If you normally carry them along and tell them, these are the challenges that you are facing, it normally brings down tempers, and that is always what we encourage our service providers to do in the airlines.”

The FCCPC operations director explained that currently, the commission is working on a Memorandum of Understanding, (MoU) with the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and all sectors of consumer protection because they have the core competencies and laws to address their sectors.

NPA raises wage after 15 years as workers laud Buhari, Koko, others

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

President Muhammadu Buhari was on Saturday lauded by the workforce and the unions of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) for a recent salary increase after 15 years of stagnation.

The Board and the management of NPA had called out workers for Long Service and merit award ceremony held in Lagos where the staff expressed appreciation to Buhari, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr Boss Mustapha, the Ministers of Transportation, Mu’azu Jaji Sambo and Prince Ademola Adegoroye.

Also extolled by the workers were Labour and Productivity Minister, Dr Chris Ngige, and the NPA Managing Director/CEO, Muhammed Bello Koko for their initiative and approval of the wage raise.

No fewer than 387 staff bagged long service awards out of which 11 emerged Best Employees of the Year (2022) in the merit award category, seven got special recognition awards while two senior staff -- Mr Nelson Ovbude of Delta Port, Warri, Delta State and Mr Jibril Buba of Tin Can Island Port, Lagos bagged the Best Port Manager Awards.

The cleanest port award went to One Port, Rivers State.

Lagos State Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu was represented at the event by the Commissioner for Transportation, Dr Frederick Oladeinde.

Speaking at the occasion, Mustapha, commended the phenomenal revenue generation drive of NPA as an essential revenue earner for the government under the management of Bello Koko, adding that the exponential growth informed Buhari’s approval of salary increase for workers.

The NPA MD, Bello Koko, commended the SGF, and the ministers for their efforts in securing Buhari’s approval for breaking the 15-year salary stagnation.

Bello-Koko said that the Buhari administration’s achievement was securing the International Standard Organisation (ISO) certification for Onne and Calabar ports in 2022.



■ Koko

Buhari commissions \$1.5bn Lekki Deep Seaport, rice mill, blue rail, others today

From Eugene Agha Lagos

President Muhammadu Buhari is expected to officially commission the \$1.5 billion Lekki Deep Seaport, the 32-metric tons per hour Lagos Rice Mill and the Blue Rail Project, among others, today (Monday) in Lagos.

By its size and depth, the Lekki Deep Seaport is expected to be the game changer in West and Central Africa.

Other projects slated for commissioning are the 18.75km six-lane rigid-pavement Eleko Junction to Epe Expressway; the John Randle Centre for Yoruba Culture and History; and the MRS

Lubricant Factory in Apapa

Buhari, during his two-day working visit, will be conducted round the port’s 1.5km long main.

The seaport’s turning circle is 600 meters, which is enough for a vessel of up to 16,000 standard containers (TEU). The approach channel is 11 km long.

The chairman of Lekki Port, Mr Biodun Dabiri, had earlier said: “From what I can see, in the next four to five years, the economy of the Lekki environs would be worth \$25 billion which translates to N10 trillion – an investment amount almost similar to the whole budget of Nigeria.

“I can tell you that if we focus

on this axis alone, the ranking of Lagos as one of the largest economies in Africa would be better; we could move from the 4th to 3rd, 2nd and eventually Number 1.”

The Lekki Deep Seaport made history last year as it received the first-ever vessel (Zhen Hua 28) to berth at the port.

The port has three terminals: the container terminal, the liquid terminal, and the dry bulk terminal.

According to the promoters, the container terminal has an initial draft of 14 metres, with the potential for further dredging to 16.5 metres. The terminal is able to handle 2.5 million 20-foot standard

containers per year.

The deep-sea port of Lekki is the first port in Nigeria with ship-to-shore cranes. It has three of these container gantry cranes; they belong to the “Super-post-Panamax” group – this means that they can reach and unload the rearmost row of containers even if the container ship is wider than the Panama Canal (49m or 160ft maximum boat beam).

The STS cranes have a fixed rail at the quayside. They can lift 65 tons in twin-lift mode, 50 tons in single-lift mode or 85 tons under a hook.

The port’s computerised system will allow container identification and clearance from the office, and

human interaction will be minimal in the physical operations

When phase 2 is completed, the deep sea port will have three liquid berths. The liquid cargo terminal will handle vessels up to 45,000 DWT (dead weight tonnage) and can expand to reach a capacity of 160,000 DWT.

Liquids (like petrol or diesel) will be handled at a tank farm near the port. The docking area is equipped with loading arms. It is also connected by pipelines along the breakwater.

The bulk terminal with an available quay length of 300m can accommodate a Panamax class vessel (75,000 DWT).

Concerns over plans to exit police from CPS as liabilities hit N213bn

By Philip Shimnom Clement

Industry players in Nigeria's pension sector have raised concerns over the plan by the Senate to exit personnel of the Nigeria Police Force from the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS).

Currently, there are two bills before the upper legislative chamber; the Police Pension Board (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (Sb 1009) and Nigeria Police Special Forces (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (Sb 846) held by the Senate committee on Police Affairs.

The bill, which was jointly sponsored by senators Ishaku Abbo, representing Adamawa North and Mohammed Ali Ndume, Borno South, is seeking the establishment of a Police Pension Board that will take over the administration of pension for the Nigeria Police Force and, the establishment of Nigeria Police Special Forces for the training of police officers.

The lawmakers say the rationale behind sponsoring the bill arose from the low amount of benefits payable to the police under the contributory pension, an issue the National Pension Commission said could be addressed by enhancement of the rate of pension contribution under the CPS, rather than an outright exemption.

In the same vein, the Inspector General of Police, Usman Baba Alkali, who was represented by Police DIG Sanusi Lemu, said the swift passage of the bills would boost the morale of the police officers to tackle the range of criminalities, including armed robbery, kidnapping and terrorism facing Nigeria today.

Checks by *Daily Trust* show that the key reason why the federal government was unable to sustain pension payments under the Defined Benefits Pension Scheme was the huge amount accruable and the resultant effect on its budget.

Subsequently, it directed

It is also important to note that the exemption of the NPF and any other agency from the CPS would erode the pool of long-term investible funds accumulated under the CPS

that only the military and intelligence agencies be exempted from the CPS.

The exemption of the military and the intelligence agencies is contained in Section 5 of the Pension Reform Act (PRA) 2014.

Consequently, at a public hearing on the two bills over the weekend, the Director General of the National Pension Commission, Mrs Aisha Dahir-Umar, pointed out that exiting the police force from the contributory pension will have dire consequences on the economy.

Daily Trust recalls that the federal government's liability under the CPS for police personnel now stands at N213.4 billion as accrued pension rights and monthly employer pension contributions.

Accrued pension rights are retirement benefits of government employees who were in service before July 2004, prior to the enactment of the Pension Reform Act 2004, which means that these liabilities were inherited from the old pension scheme.

Represented by Mr Clement Oyedele Akintola,

commissioner in charge of the Inspectorate division at the commission, the PenCom DG said, "It is evident that the Defined Benefits Scheme is not sustainable as exempting the Military, Department of State Security and the Nigeria Intelligence Agency has resulted in the very high allocation of resources to fund their retirement benefits.

"It is also important to note that the exemption of the NPF and any other agency from the CPS would erode the pool of long-term investible funds accumulated under the CPS," he stated.

He told the audience that PenCom did not see a reason for the police to exit the CPS but saw reasons for enhancement.

PenCom argued that exclusion of the NPF from the CPS would also affect existing retirees under the Retiree Life Annuity, which would negatively affect the flow of capital into the insurance industry, thereby undermining the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) of the federal government.

Pension liabilities will be huge burden to economy – Operators

Making a presentation on the bill, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pension

Fund Operators Association of Nigeria (PenOP), Oguche Agudah, said allowing the police to exit the contributory pension will mean taking Nigeria back to the dark days of owing retirees pensions and gratuities.

He said the concern is about the sustainability of the funding of the police board, transparency of the system as entrenched in the CPS and its risk for the nation's financial system.

"In the 2023 budget, Nigeria has a deficit of about N10 trillion, as such adding another huge wage bill from the police force to this deficit will slow down economic growth.

"The system is not perfect, I must admit. What is needed to be done is to rejuvenate the system and make it work perfectly,"

Oguche said.

Also speaking to *Daily Trust*, a non-governmental organisation, Contributory Pension and Happy Retirement Advocacy (COPEHRA), said the grievances making the police want to exit the CPS could be resolved within the system.

The legal adviser of the team, Barr. Ayinla Mahmud, while making the presentation, said all the grievances of the police could be corrected within the CPS.

He said: "Currently, the government is saddled with heavy recurrent statutory expenditures as well as providing funding for necessary and important capital projects.

"A 3-year review of our country's budget performance has shown that a large chunk of the budget is dependent on borrowed funds by virtue of rising budget deficits.

"The government is always finding ways to cut down on the cost of governance, overhead and recurrent expenditures in a bid to provide more for capital and developmental programmes and projects.

"Incurring a life-long recurrent pension liability with increasing funding by the year is of no benefit to the economic viability of the nation," he added.



■ Mrs Dahir-Umar

Efficient freight forwarding key to seamless shipping – Minister

By Chris Agabi

The Minister of State for Transportation, Prince Ademola Adewole Adegoroye, has said the federal government is committed to entrenching an efficient freight forwarding system in the country.

He stated this in Kano State at the commissioning of the Kano Zonal Office of the Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN), a statement by

Henshaw Ogubike, the Director, Press and Public Relations, said.

Prince Adegoroye noted that the construction and commissioning of the CRFFN's Kano Zonal Office were in furtherance of the federal government's vision and determination to establish a smooth operating freight forwarding system in the country and expand the participation of littoral and non-littoral states in maritime and general logistics.

"The need to promote professionalism, entrench global best practices and develop the capacity of freight forwarding practitioners cannot be overemphasised, hence the policy of having zonal offices in the six geopolitical zones of the country," the minister said.

The CRFFN's Kano Zonal Office is to oversee the council's affairs in all 19 northern states and ensure a strong presence of the council in the region.

Freight forwarding is the

coordination and shipment of goods from one place to another through single or multiple carriers such as air, marine, rail or highways.

The minister, while enumerating the anticipated benefits and impacts of the CRFFN's Kano Zonal Office, expressed optimism that the new office will further encourage the safe, timely, sustainable and environmentally friendly movement of cargo using the road and rail modes.

He pointed out that the office would aid revenue generation for the government through the collection of Practitioners' Operating Fees (POF).

Also speaking at the occasion, the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr Magdalene Ajani, noted that it was imperative to establish CRFFN's zonal offices across the country to ensure effective and efficient regulation and promotion of freight forwarding.

ECONOMIC INSIGHT

Jaiz cuts ATM withdrawal limit over scarcity of new notes

By Sunday Michael Ogwu



JAIZ Bank has pegged the withdrawal limit per individual on its Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) to N40,000 per day, effective immediately.

The foremost non-interest bank made the disclosure in a mail notification to its customers across the country.

The bank noted that the move became necessary in a bid to comply with the Central Bank of Nigeria's directive to load only newly redesigned naira notes into bank ATM terminals.

"The decision to reduce the cash withdrawal limit on ATM is in line

with the distribution and availability of the redesigned naira notes nationwide," the notice added.

The Jaiz Bank notice is coming on the heels of the CBN accusing some commercial banks of frustrating its efforts in implementing the disbursement of the new naira notes by hoarding

them in their vaults.

"We stopped dispensing old currencies since the new ones came out. There is no reason why the ATMs should not dispense money, and the money they collected is in their vaults," CBN Director of Strategy, Emenike Chimele, was quoted as saying in Port Harcourt, yesterday.

Nigeria's active mobile subscriptions hit 222m in 2022

By Sunday Michael Ogwu

Active subscriptions for telecommunications services across the mobile networks of MTN, Airtel, Glo and 9mobile rose to 222 million at the end of 2022 compared to 195 million subscriptions the country had as of December 2021.

This represents 14% growth for the year, according to the latest industry data released by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

The data shows that the growth was driven largely by MTN, which recorded the highest gain of 15.4 million subscriptions in the year. In total, the four GSM operators recorded a combined 27 million

increase in subscriptions in 2022.

The country's teledensity, which measures the number of active telephone connections per 100 inhabitants living within an area, also jumped from 102.40% in December 2021 to 116.60% in December 2022.

According to NCC, the teledensity is calculated based on a population estimate of 190 million.

A breakdown of the growth indicates that MTN, which is the largest operator by subscriber number, gained 15.4 million new subscriptions in 2022. This brought its total active customer database to 89 million from 73.5 million it recorded in December 2021.

Airtel added 6.1 million

new subscriptions but the gain was not enough to displace Glo from the second position in terms of subscription numbers. The telco's active customer database rose to 60 million at the end of 2022 from the 53.9 million it recorded in December 2021.

Glo also recorded a 5.3 million increase in subscriptions in the year to maintain its position as the second-largest operator. The new activations on the network brought Glo's total subscriptions to 60.3 million from 54.9 million it recorded in December 2021.

9mobile recorded a marginal growth in the year as its subscription database rose by 63,362 to 12.8 million in December 2022.

TGI's Terra Cube wins brand quality award

By Linda Ifeakor

Terra Seasoning Cube, a food brand of TGI Group, has won the Outstanding Seasoning Cube Brand of the Year award at the National Quality Conference and Exhibition in Lagos.

According to a statement from Allied Integrated Promotions Management Limited, organisers of the event, the award was a result of a competitive public poll it conducted among seasoning consumers across Nigeria, who chose Terra for taste and flavour.

Daily Trust reports that

the product has been in the Nigerian market for only four years. Tropical General Investments (TGI) is the manufacturer of the local rice brand, Big Bull.

Commenting, the Group Executive Director - TGI, Deepanjan Roy, acknowledged the award, noting that the company has continued to deliver on quality.

"We are truly humbled by this award.

"For us at TGI Group, it is a privilege not just to maintain the quality that has made Terra Seasoning Cube the number one choice of consumers in

2022, but to work harder to ensure we maintain the quality and standard that would continually make the brand the first choice of consumers," Roy said.

Also speaking, Probal Bhattacharya, Chief Marketing Officer, TGI Group, expressed delight over the brand's preference.

"We do not take this award for granted," he said.

"The award is just an assurance to us that we are on the right track to achieve the objective of providing consumers a seasoning that adds quality and value to their lives."

THE ENTREPRENEUR

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Entrepreneurship success – Handling business losses (I)

Nobody likes losses of any type. But losses are a part of this life and business. Understanding business losses, their types, magnitude, reach, why/how they occur and knowing what to do about them can help us pre-empt, manage, and/or learn from them to do better in business and life.

What is a business loss? Generally speaking, no longer having something in full or in part in unwanted circumstances, is what we term as a loss. Losses occur in virtually all aspects of our lives. For instance, we could lose some property that we own, our health or a loved one. For our purposes here, however, we will be considering businesses losses only.

A business loss is often said to occur when expenses exceed revenues or when market value of assets falls below their book value. We, definitely, lose in both circumstances. But these definitions of losses are, quite understandably, restricted to what we can measure and ascribe a financial value to. Beyond what we can measure and ascribe financial values to, however, a businessperson needs to spread out the net to be able to understand, see and smell many more types of possible losses. For example, a business may 'lose' opportunities to make more money in ways that we cannot measure when a high-flying salesperson suddenly leaves the organisation. The business may lose the patronage of some accounts managed by the departing salesperson who may take those accounts to the next organisation they join. The point is, the mind of the entrepreneur should be more alert and open to events that portend threats to the capacity of the business to make money, regardless of whether the consequences of the events can be financially measured or not.

On the basis of the above, therefore, we may say a business loss occurs within a particular accounting period or may occur in subsequent accounting periods as a result of any event that immediately hurts or may subsequently hurt the business irrespective of whether the loss may be financially measured or not. Understanding losses this way removes the restriction mentioned earlier, thereby making us more alert to the implications of what we do and the happenings around us.

Let us now try to understand the different types of business losses, financial or not, measurable or not, as well as their possible impacts.

Types of business losses: Understanding the types of business losses that may happen to a business is important because each may be caused by different events and therefore need different handling actions either to pre-empt them before they occur or manage them after they occur.

For accounting purposes, losses may occur due to any or a mix of some of the following:

- Costs incurred that do not produce any benefit
- Decrease in the value of resources
- Excesses of expenses over revenues (for individual transactions and for all transactions over an accounting period)
- Contingent losses as a result of

expected and unexpected events

'Operating losses' occur when finished products, sell for less than the amount the business spent to produce and/or simply to obtain and make the products available to the market. The total costs in such situation will include both the direct and indirect costs attributable to the production and distribution of the product. Individual transactions may be profitable by producing positive gross profits but the total contribution from all transactions may not be sufficient to cover the selling, general and admin expenses, thereby leading to a net loss on the overall. On the other hand, 'capital losses' occur when capital assets, like land and manufacturing equipment are sold for less than their book value. The net book value of such assets is generally taken as the amount invested to acquire them less the depreciation charged over the years they have been in use.

Losses may also be termed as 'normal' or 'abnormal'. A loss is considered 'normal' when it cannot be avoided in the ordinary operations of the business. For instance, in conveying a consignment of tomato from Kano to Enugu, some 'acceptably reasonable' quantity is likely to be destroyed even with the best of loading and unloading practices. A loss is 'abnormal' when it occurs beyond the range of what is 'normally acceptable' such as due to outright carelessness in loading and unloading of the vehicle conveying the tomato from Kano to Enugu.

Understanding each type of loss and the appropriate accounting treatment, where possible, is important in tracing its causes, establishing its implications/consequences in the business as well as what can be done to pre-empt or mitigate it.

Impact of losses: Different losses have different impacts on a business. The impact could be in terms of their direct/indirect financial magnitude and/or reach. The magnitude refers to the quantum of their impact in impairing (or potentially impairing) the financial position of the business whilst the reach refers to how wide within the business and how far in time the consequence of the loss may impact the business negatively. The quantum of 'normal' losses is usually low, and their reach do not typically go deep when absorbed in the financials. For example, the loss of a few tomato in the loading and unloading may easily be absorbed by the same consignment/transaction and a gross profit is still declared. Abnormal losses, on the other hand, may or may not be large in quantum and may or may not be wide and deep in reach. For instance, a fire incidence may be quickly and effectively contained that the damage done to the business is minimal and shallow. However, it could also be widespread, consuming both working and capital assets thereby not only hampering current operations but, in addition, hurting the near-term operational capacity of the business.

It is important for the entrepreneur to understand the types and dynamics of different business losses for their business success and personal emotional management. Next week we will take up specific types of losses and what the entrepreneur can do about them.

Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD Katsina State APC Gubernatorial Hopeful *Connecting with the Grassroot*



Katsina State APC Gubernatorial Hopeful Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD and his campaign team navigated bandits ravaged areas in the State to solicit for their votes.

The campaign train was in Safana, Jibia, Batsari, Faskari and other frontline local government areas in the State. His campaign voyage to these areas has thus disabused the minds of political opponents in the State and beyond who had claimed that Katsina is not safe.

The campaign train successfully covered the 11 local government areas that made up the Katsina Central Senatorial District.

Below are images from the tour across some of the local government areas.



DIKKO RADDA ON MY RADAR

By Tahir Ibrahim Tahir
Talban Bauchi

Katsina State has been ravaged by the worst of the banditry that has befallen the North West. Its vociferous flames have burnt both the rich and mighty, and the poor and downtrodden. So when it comes to Katsina, social status doesn't matter, neither do political affiliations, as all have been hit by the wave of banditry that cut across quite a number of North Western States. Maiwada Danmallam's short brief in Hausa about Dr. Dikko Radda, APC's gubernatorial candidate's up close and personal experience with banditry and kidnapping; caught my attention, and the inquisitiveness to find out more about who Dr. Dikko Radda is and what his candidature portends for Katsina State, should he be successful in the 2023 forthcoming elections. From Maiwada, I'd garnered that Dr. Radda's older brother was killed by bandits in Katsina State. Another brother of his was again kidnapped by bandits, and quite an amount of ransom was paid, to get him released by the bandits. So this is one candidate, who had suffered first hand, the pain and agony, of what this new spell of terrorism is, and has also lost a dearly loved one to the mindless killings of the bandits, who have been on a bloodbath campaign across the North.

Dr. Radda belongs to the same APC, under whose watch he had undergone the trauma of losing the life of a loved one. His unique experience therefore, has carved him stronger, and built him as a more formidable character for the struggle that lies ahead of him, in the race for the number one seat of Katsina State. He has little or nothing to fear in combatting the terror visited upon the peace loving people of Katsina State. He seems to have an edge over the others, in understanding what Katsina needs first. The restoration of confidence in its citizens, making them believe once again, that the State can protect lives and property, and uphold law and order. Little wonder, he is visiting every Ruga and corner of Katsina State, traversing the villages and hamlets that have been struck by the same bandits that have also attacked and killed members of his family. He is building confidence in the voting populace, making them understand that their problems and his are one and the same. He is sending a clear message that it is not going to be a government of two different sets of people; one in the urban areas, rich and comfortable, and the other in the rural areas, poor and security-challenged. I posed the question, Who is this Dr. Radda, a technocrat turned politician, who is now running a hamlet to hamlet campaign like some modern day robinhood?

Dr. Radda hails from Dutsinma local government of Katsina State. He had his primary school education in Radda from 1974-1980. He went on to attend Teacher's College at Zaria, from 1980-1985.

He then attended College of Education in Kafanchan from 1986-1990, where he got his NCE. He was then rigorously trained at the famous Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, ATBU, Bauchi, where he obtained a B-Tech Agric Economics and Extension (Hons), from 1992 to 1996. Two years after, he joined the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he completed his MSc. in Agric Extension and Rural Sociology from 1998 to 2004. He went back to ABU Zaria for another Masters in International Relations and diplomacy. Dr. Radda obtained his PhD in 2015. His working experience reflects humbling beginnings as a classroom teacher for a good ten years, from 1989 to 1999. He moved to the banking industry, working with FSB from 1999 to 2003. He later became the local government Chairman of Charanchi Local govt. from January 2005 to April 2007. He worked in the National Assembly from 2012 to 2014 as a Senior Legislative Aide. He was also National Welfare Secretary of the APC from June 2014 to July 2015. He later became the Director General, and Chief Executive of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises, SMEDAN.



DIKKO UMAR RADDA, PhD



Dr. Radda may have started out as a technocrat, building a career that has enriched him with the knowledge and experience needed to become the number one citizen in Katsina State; but his personal experience has equipped him with maybe even more. States that have suffered the banditry menace may be tilted towards the opposition parties competing with the APC. Katsina is one of such. This means that Dr. Radda has an uphill task of facing the narrative, and turning it in his favor, and that of the ruling APC. The advent of the security forces in the North East that is fast eradicating the Boko haram scourge is being replicated in the North West. With an equipped and resilient army, working hand in hand with local vigilantes and the traditional leadership of the affected communities, banditry will be a thing of the past. Dr. Radda is more educated than all his opponents put together, just as his experience dwarfs all of theirs put together. He has felt the full brunt of the banditry monster

and should be well prepared to conquer it gallantly; even if in honor of his late brother, and of course the thousands of other lives that have fallen to these dare devils. From the campaigns being taken to the doorsteps of the voting populace, to the promising responses as feedback from the very organised and objective campaigns of Dr. Dikko Radda, surely, victory is certainly on Radda's radar.

Tahir is Talban Bauchi.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The University of Ilorin intends to execute and complete its TETFUND Annual Merged Intervention Allocations 2020-2023.
- 1.2 Interested, competent and reliable consultants are invited to submit Expression of Interest in not more than one LOT of the under listed Services:

2. SCOPE OF SERVICE

Services of Consultants are required for the proposed construction of a) Faculty of Social Science Building, b) Department of Home Economics and Food Science, c) English Drama Studio and d) Faculty of Law Complex:

- Lots 1(a-d): Architect;
Lots 2(a-d): Structural Engineer
Lots 3(a-d): Mechanical & Electrical Engineers; and
Lots 4(a-d): Quantity Surveyors:

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Interested firms should submit two (2) bound EOI documents duly signed, paginated, separated by dividers and arranged in the order outlined hereunder:

- a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Forms CAC2 and CAC7, or Business Name where applicable;
- b. Evidence of Firm's Tax Clearance Certificate (or Personal Income Tax Clearance Certificates of all the Partners in case of Business Name) for the last three (3) years valid till 31st December, 2022;
- c. Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 15 and above);
- d. Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 5 and above or the bidder's annual turnover is N50m and above);
- e. Evidence of Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022;
- f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31/12/2022 or valid Certificate issued by BPP.
- g. Evidence of Firm's current registration with relevant regulatory professional body such as COREN, QSRBN, ARCON etc.;
- h. Sworn Affidavit:
 - disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;
 - that no Director has been convicted in any Country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter;
 - that the Company is not in receivership, the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings;
- i. Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years -2019, 2020 & 2021, duly acknowledged by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);
- j. Reference Letter from a reputable Commercial Bank indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;
- k. Company Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project, including copies of their Academic/Professional qualifications COREN, QSRBN, ARCON;
- l. Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Valuation Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and Photographs of the projects;
- m. For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided indicating among others the Lead Partner (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Clearance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Clearance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner);
- n. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering/Forwarding letter under the Company/Firm's Letter Head Paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (preferably GSM No.), and e-mail address. The Letterhead Paper must bear the Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the page, duly signed by the authorised officer of the firm

4. SUBMISSION OF EOI DOCUMENTS

Interested firms are to submit two (2) bound Expression of Interest (EOI) documents separated by dividers and arranged as indicated above. The documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Registrar, University of Ilorin, P.M.B. 1515, Ilorin, and clearly marked with the name of the project. Furthermore, the top hand corner of the sealed envelope should bear the LOT NR and specialization of the bidder and drop in the designated Tender Box at the Office of the registrar, 2nd Floor, Senate Building not later than **12:00noon on Monday, 20th February, 2023**.

5. OPENING OF EOI DOCUMENTS

The EOI documents will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon on Monday, 20th February, 2023**, at the Basement of the Auditorium of the University in the presence of Observers, bidders or their representatives, while the Financial bids will be kept unopened. Please, ensure that you sign the EOI Submission Register in the office of the Registrar, as the University of Ilorin, Ilorin will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted EOIs.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. EOI must be in English Language and signed by an official authorised by the bidder;
- b. EOI submitted after the deadline for submission would be returned un-opened;
- c. All costs will be borne by the bidder;
- d. Only shortlisted firms will be invited at a later date for collection of Request for proposals;
- e. The University of Ilorin, Ilorin is not bound to shortlist any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

Signed
Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar and Secretary to Council



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INVITATION TO TENDER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The University of Ilorin, Ilorin was established in the year 1975 as a public University. The University intends to utilize fund approved for the Year 2009 TETFund Special Intervention for the construction of a COBES Office in Aran-Orin
- 1.2 Experience and competent Contractors are invited to submit bids for the Construction of the project.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

LOT NO	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
H1	Construction of four (4) Bedroom Bungalow Block 'A' and Perimeter Block Wall Fence including Associated External Works for Community Based Experience Services (COBES), Aran-Orin

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Prospective bidders should submit the following documents:

- a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Forms CAC2 and CAC7, or CAC1.1;
- b. Evidence of Firm's Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years valid till 31st December, 2022;
- c. Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 15 and above);
- d. Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 5 and above or the bidder's annual turnover is N50m and above);
- e. Evidence of Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022;
- f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31/12/2022 or valid Certificate issued by BPP.
- g. Sworn Affidavit:
 - disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;
 - that no Director has been convicted in any Country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter;
 - that the Company is not in receivership, the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings;
 - That the company does not have existing loan or financial liability with a bank, other financial institution or third party that is classified as doubtful, non-performance, bad or whose repayment portion has been outstanding for the last four (4) months;
- h. Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years -2019, 2020 & 2021, duly acknowledged by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);
- i. Reference Letter from a reputable commercial bank indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;
- j. Company Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project, including copies of their Academic/Professional qualifications (e.g. COREN, QSRBN, ARCON, CORBON, etc.);
- k. Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Valuation Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and Photographs of the projects;
- l. For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided indicating among others the Lead Partner (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Clearance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Clearance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner);
- m. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering/Forwarding letter under the Company/Firm's Letter Head Paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (preferably GSM No.), and e-mail address. The Letterhead Paper must bear the Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the page, duly signed by the authorised officer of the firm

4. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested Companies are to collect the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) from the office of the **Directorate of Procurement, Vice-Chancellor's Office, University of Ilorin, Ilorin**, on evidence of payment of a non-refundable tender fee of ₦10,000.00 per Lot, paid into the University of Ilorin's Remita Account in any reputable Commercial Bank in Nigeria.

5. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Prospective bidders are to submit bid for each of the Lot desired, two (2) hard copies each of the technical and financial bids with softcopy of financial bid only in MS Excel format, packaged separately in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as "Technical Bid" or "Financial Bid". Thereafter, put the two sealed envelopes together in a bigger sealed envelope addressed/delivered to; **The Registrar, University of Ilorin, Ilorin** and labelled with the **"PROJECT NAME/TITLE"** and **"LOT NUMBER"** clearly written on the top Right-Hand corner. Furthermore, the reverse of each sealed envelope should bear the name and address of the bidder and should be submitted to the Office of the **Registrar, University of Ilorin, Ilorin**, not later than **12:00 noon on Monday, 20th February, 2023**

6. OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS

Only the Technical Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon on Monday, 20th February, 2023**, in the presence of Observers, bidders or their representatives, while the Financial Bids will be kept un-opened. Please, ensure that you sign the Bid Submission Register in the office of the **Registrar, University of Ilorin, Ilorin**, as the University will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

- i. Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorised by the bidder.
- ii. Bids submitted after the deadline for the submission would be returned un-opened.
- iii. All costs will be borne by bidders.
- iv. Only the pre-qualified bidders at technical evaluation will be invited at a later date for financial bids opening, while the financial bids of unsuccessful bidders will be returned un-opened.
- v. Tendering with false document is an offence, which will lead to disqualification and prosecution.
- vi. The University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria is not bound to pre-qualify any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement Process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

Signed
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NDIC
Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation
Protecting your bank deposits

**VERIFY YOUR CLAIMS IN
UNYOGBA MFB
(IN-LIQUIDATION)**

30th
January 2023
to
10th
February 2023

The Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), the official Liquidator of **Unyogba MFB** whose license was revoked, is in the process of **paying insured sums** to Depositors. Therefore, we advise that all eligible depositors of the bank should meet NDIC officials at the closed bank's branches in **Kogi State** or any NDIC office in order to verify their claims.

The verification exercise will commence from **Monday, 30th January, 2023** till **Friday, 10th February, 2023**. Eligible depositors can also visit the NDIC website at www.ndic.gov.ng/claims/ to download and fill out the Claims Form.

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3.	Itobe Branch	Itobe Town	Ejule Branch
4.	Anyigba Branch	Anyigba Town	Anyigba Branch
5.	Abocho Cash Center	Abocho Town	Anyigba Branch
6.	Egume Cash Center	Egume Town	Anyigba Branch
7.	Ibaji Cash Center	Ibaji Town	Anyigba Branch
8.	Ugwolawo Branch	Ugwolawo town	Ugwolawo Branch
9.	Ogodu Cash Center	Ogodu Town	Ugwolawo Branch
10.	Abeju Kolo Cash Center	Abeju Kolo Town	Ugwolawo Branch
11.	Federal Polytechnic Idah Branch (FPI)	Idah Town	Fed. Poly Idah Branch
12.	Idah Branch	Idah Town	Fed. Poly Idah Branch
13.	Ajaka Cash Center	Ajaka Town	Fed. Poly Idah Branch
14.	Odolu Cash Center	Odolu town	Fed. Poly Idah Branch
15.	Okpo Branch	Okpo Town	Okpo Branch
16.	Ankpa Branch	Ankpa Town	Okpo Branch
17.	Imane Cash Center	Imane Town	Okpo Branch
18.	Ogugu Cash Center	Ogugu Town	Okpo Branch

The completed form along with scanned copies of supporting documents should be emailed to claimscorrections@ndic.gov.ng.

Depositors can also contact the representatives of the Director, Claims Resolution Department at any NDIC Zonal Office to file their claims, and seek assistance or clarification.

Director, Claims Resolution Department
Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation
Lagos Office
Mamman Kotangora House (8th Floor)
23a, Marina
P.M.B. 12881, Lagos

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1	Abuja HQ	Head, Bank Examination Unit (BEU), NDIC, Abuja, 447/448, Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Garki, Abuja	094801261
2	Lagos	NDIC, Mamman Kotangora House (8th Floor), 23A Marina, Lagos	07080517483 09038112996 08188559729 08067298386
3	Abeokuta	No. 1, Oshole Road, Ibara GRA Abeokuta	08033137255
4	Bauchi	Plot No. 3, Bank Road, P.M.B. 0207, Bauchi	07038510761
5	Benin	28A/28B, Benoni Hospital Road, Off Airport Road, GRA, Benin City, Edo State	08023124220
6	Enugu	No. 10, Our Lord's Street, Independence Layout, Enugu	08065996819
7	Ilorin	No. 12A, Sulu Gambari Road, Ilorin	08023073975
8	Kano	Plot 458, Muhammad Muhammad Street, Off Maiduguri Road, Hotozo, GRA, Kano	08133151192
9	Owerri	Plot 56, Area A, World Bank Area, New Owerri Landmark, Behind Immaculate Hotel, Opposite Fidelity Bank Plc.	09135137677
10	Port Harcourt	No. 104, Woji Road, Off Olu Obasanjo Road, GRA, Port Harcourt, Rivers State	08054663230
11	Sokoto	No. 2, Gusau Road, Opposite NNPC Mega Station, Sokoto	094801085
12	Yola	No. 6, Numan Road, P.M.B. 2227, Jimeta, Yola, Adamawa State	08067910599 08067923383

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FEDERAL TEACHING HOSPITAL KATSINA DISCLAIMER

The Management of the Federal Teaching Hospital, Katsina has been notified of a fake LinkedIn account created by one Abdullahi Shugaba with the picture and profile of the Hospital's Chief Medical Director, with the sole aim of defrauding the public by claiming to give contract for supply of Laptops to the Hospital.

The fraudster has been soliciting for quotations to be submitted to the Chairman, Ministerial Tenders Board for award of Contract for supply of 300 units of HP Pentium, 500GB RAM, 4G ROM laptops valued at One Hundred and Five Million Naira (NGN105m).

The Management of the Hospital is hereby notifying the public that the purported contract did not originate from the Federal Teaching Hospital Katsina. Whoever engages in any transaction with this fraudster does so at his/her own risk.

**Signed:
Management**

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148 passengers unhurt as Itakpe-Warri train derails

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

There was panic yesterday when a passenger train plying the Warri-Itakpe route derailed leaving many passengers stranded.

It was gathered that the train derailed in a forest in Kogi State forcing many passengers to abandon the train for fear of attacks.

The derailment happened a few weeks after some passengers were kidnapped

• NRC suspends service

at the train station in Edo State.

The incident has forced the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to suspend the route pending when the track would be repaired even as the 148 passengers on board as well as the 30 crew members escaped unhurt.

The Coordinator of Warri Itakpe Train Service, Engr. Sanni Abdulganiyu in a statement said: "The Warri Itakpe Train Service

WITS 01 derailed at km 30 Ajaokuta-Itakpe section of the track at about 12:30hrs of Sunday 22nd January 2023.

"Thankfully, there was no fatality and no casualty. We were immediately alerted and security personnel comprising the; Army, Police, NSCDC and the community vigilante were immediately drafted to the accident point with the assistance of the local government chairman.

"All the 148 passengers and 30 crew members were evacuated to a safe place and arrangements were made to convey 148 passengers to their various destinations and they have been successfully conveyed."

On what might have caused the derailment, he stated: "The cause of the derailment is not yet determined. Due to this incident, the service along the corridor has been suspended. Further details would be communicated to members of the public".



Motorists waded through a dilapidated portion of Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway at Ile-Epo Market in Lagos State

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

Gunmen kill 4 in Bauchi community

The Police Command in Bauchi has confirmed the killing of four persons by unidentified gunmen at Gambar Sabon-Layi community in Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ahmad Wakil confirmed the incident in an interview with the News

Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Bauchi on Sunday.

He said the gunmen attacked the community at midnight on Saturday and abducted one other person.

He said the Commissioner of Police, Aminu Alhassan had ordered discreet investigation to arrest the culprits.

Kano records 4 new cases of Lassa fever

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Kano State government has recorded four new cases of Lassa fever across the state.

This is coming as the state is currently facing another outbreak of Diphtheria, with reports.

The state Commissioner for Health, Dr Aminu Ibrahim Tsanyawa disclosed this while briefing newsmen in the state.

He said the 26-year-old index case of Lassa fever (names withheld)

was admitted on January 10, 2023 at the Abdullahi Wase Specialist Hospital.

He said three other cases were uncovered from 10 samples obtained from the high-risk contacts of the index case, while three persons tested positive.

"The four confirmed cases are presently at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Isolation Centre," he said.

According to him, the last confirmed case of Lassa fever in Kano was in January 2020 with three persons dead and 292 cases on the watch list.

Hold me responsible if Atiku fails, wife tells women

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Wife of the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mrs Titi Atiku Abubakar, has asked Nigerian women to hold her responsible if her husband, Atiku Abubakar fails to fulfill his campaign promises when elected as president.

She also promised that Atiku would not marginalise the South West, saying "a vote for Atiku is a vote for the Yoruba."

She stated this at a town hall meeting with Ogun women in Abeokuta, the state capital.

Mrs Atiku noted that if her husband is voted

in, she would become the first Yoruba First Lady, urging the Southwest to give maximum support to her husband in the February 25 election.

She also vowed that her husband would end poverty and insecurity.

Also speaking, PDP National Woman Leader, Prof. Stella Effah-Attoe, urged the women not to keep their PVCs inside the wardrobe after collection but to ensure they go out en masse and vote PDP candidates.

The wife of the PDP governorship candidate in the state, Adenike Adebute, commended Mrs Abubakar for always fighting the course of Nigerian women and children.

Benue killings: I've restrained myself from being a lawless governor – Ortom

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State on Sunday said despite restraining himself from becoming lawless, the federal government has continued to turn deaf ears to the killings of his citizens.

The governor spoke in a chat with journalists shortly after he visited victims of Thursday's attack on Abagana community opposite

the IDPs camp, who are receiving treatment at the Benue State University Teaching Hospital (BSUTH) in Makurdi.

Our correspondent reports that a total of nine persons including a husband, wife and their four children were killed in the attack with one having his head cut off and taken away by the bandits.

The governor expressed disappointment over the continued invasion and killings of Benue citizens

by armed terrorists, saying, "We are fed up with this kind of lawlessness that is going on.

"I have restrained myself from becoming a lawless governor or a lawless leader, because this will lead to anarchy and when we get to that level, that is war and nobody can pray for war. Those who have experienced it before, including security agencies, none of them will ask for this kind of situation," he added.

Ortom who was visibly

saddened by what he saw, said since 2015, he had been crying out loud over the issues of terrorism occasioned by armed foreigners from other parts of Africa coming into Nigeria to take it and make it their country.

Chief Medical Director of the BSUTH, Prof Terrumun Swende, who conducted the governor round the wards where nine of the survivors were receiving treatment briefed him on the condition of each victim.

Afenifere raises concern over hostile campaign

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

As the general elections draw nearer, the Pan Yoruba socio-political organisation, Afenifere, yesterday raised concern over the increasing verbal and physical attacks in the ongoing electioneering campaigns across the country.

Afenifere through its National Publicity Secretary, Comrade Jare Ajayi, stated that

political parties and their candidates should focus on issues regarding how they will tackle the myriad of challenges that the country is facing rather than coming up with utterances and actions that border on "de-marketing of opponents and possibly causing bodily harms on other people".

Daily Trust reports that the campaign has recently become acrimonious with candidates hurling verbal

attacks on one another while physical attacks have also been reported in a few places.

It would be recalled that Mr. Festus Keyamo, SAN, last week came up with various allegations against the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Atiku Abubakar.

In the same vein, the spokesman for the PDP, Honourable Debo Ologunagba, had accused the presidential candidate

of the ruling party, the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu of directing "his party members to unleash violence on Nigerians".

Afenifere said the verbal attacks emanating from some candidates and their spokespersons were encouraging their unscrupulous supporters to violently attack opponents in a manner that could result in bloodshed.

Kwara gets World Bank's N887m to fund primary healthcare

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

Kwara State government has secured over N887m World Bank funding to boost and support infrastructure upgrade in primary healthcare facilities in the state.

Executive Secretary of the Kwara State Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Nusirat Elelu disclosed this on Sunday.

Elelu added that the support comes under the Immunisation Plus and Malaria Progress by Accelerating Coverage and Transforming Services (IMPACT) project, for which the government has paid a counterpart fund.

She said at least one primary healthcare facility in each of the 193 wards of the state will receive N4.6m for facility upgrade.



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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF LAPTOPS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) was established by the ESPR Act, 2005 to create, promote and preserve efficient and market structures and to ensure the optimal utilisation of resources for the provision of electricity services in Nigeria. NERC wishes to invite competent and reputable Companies with proven experience and capability to tender for the supply of Laptops.

2.0 SCOPE OF SUPPLY

The scope of supply for this project is the procurement of Laptops for the Commission (full details of the specifications are contained in the bid document).

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Interested and reputable suppliers should submit two (2) bound copies of tender documents duly signed, paginated, separated by dividers and arranged in the order outlined hereunder:

- a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Form CAC 1.1 or CAC2 and CAC7;
- b. Evidence of Company's Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years valid till 31st December, 2022; with minimum average annual turnover of N50 million;
- c. Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 15 and above);
- d. Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 5 and above or the bidder's annual turnover is N50m and above);
- e. Evidence of Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2022;
- f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31/12/2022 or valid Certificate issued by BPP.
- g. Sworn Affidavit:
 - disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;
 - that no Director has been convicted in any Country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter;
 - that the Company is not in receivership, the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings;
- h. Evidence of current registration/accreditation with Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN) and National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA);
- i. For Supply of Equipment: Letter of Authorisation as representative of the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs);
- j. Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years - 2019, 2020 & 2021, duly acknowledged by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);
- k. Reference Letter from a reputable commercial bank in Nigeria, indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;
- l. Company's Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project, including copies of their Academic/Professional qualifications;
- m. Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs (in size, nature & complexity) executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Valuation Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and Photographs of the projects;
- n. For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Clearance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Clearance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner)

- o. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering/ Forwarding letter under the Company/Firm's Letter Head Paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (preferably GSM No.), and e-mail address. The Letterhead Paper must bear the Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the page, duly signed by the authorised officer of the firm.

4.0 COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested Companies are to collect the Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) from the Procurement Unit on 4th Floor, Wing A upon showing evidence of payment of a non-refundable tender fee of NGN10,000.00 paid into the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission's Remita Account (023100400100), through any reputable Commercial Bank of your choice in Nigeria.

5.0 SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Prospective bidders are to submit two (2) bound copies each of the technical and financial bids, with a soft copy of financial bids only in MS Excel format, packaged separately in sealed envelope and clearly marked as "Technical Bid" or "Financial Bid". Thereafter, enclose the two sealed envelopes together in a bigger sealed envelope using the address stated below and clearly marked "Supply of Laptops". Furthermore, the reverse of each sealed envelope should bear the name and address of the bidder and should be dropped in the designated Tender Box located at the Commission's Registry Unit on the Ground floor, Wing A not later than **12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 21, 2023**.

The envelopes should be addressed as follows:

**The Chairman
Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission
Plot No. 1387, Cadastral Zone A00
Central Business District, Abuja.**

6.0 OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS

Only the technical bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in the Commission's Hearing Room Wing B, 4th floor, Plot No. 1387, Cadastral Zone, A00, Central Business District, Abuja, in the presence of Observers, Bidders or their representatives, while the financial bids will be kept up-opened**. Please ensure that you sign the Bid Submission Register in the Commission's Registry Unit on the *Ground floor, Wing A*, as the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids. For further enquiries, please contact the **"General Manager (Procurement)"** on e-mail maryam.abubakar@nerc.gov.ng and copy iniobong.umoru@nerc.gov.ng

7.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorised by the bidder;
- b. Bid submitted after the deadline for submission would be returned un-opened;
- c. All costs will be borne by the bidders;
- d. Bid documents can also be collected in soft copies and Bidders can submit through Post (Courier Services) but the Commission would not be liable for delivery at wrong address;
- e. Only pre-qualified bidders at technical evaluation will be invited at a later date for financial bids opening, while the financial bids of un-successful bidders will be returned un-opened;
- f. The Commission is not bound to pre-qualify any bidder and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

SIGNED:

Chairman

Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission

2023: Obi promises to kick out corruption

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

The presidential candidate of the Labour Party (LP), Peter Obi promised to stamp out corruption from Nigeria and restructure the country's security governance structure to make it work if elected.

Obi, who promised to block all areas of revenue leakages, said corruption was hindering the country from realising its full potential.

He made the pledge during a meeting with Southern Kaduna traditional rulers, Muslims and Christians in Kagoro, Kafanchan of Kaura and Jema'a local government areas respectively in the southern part of the state.

"Nigeria is the only country with membership in OPEC but is not producing oil. We need to move from consumption to production. We need to start saving to rebuild our country."

According to him, the creativity and productivity of youths and women made them well placed to transform society.

Amnesty programme scholarship scheme not cancelled – PAP

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

The Presidential Amnesty Office has said that contrary to the speculations that it has cancelled its students' scholarship scheme, the scheme is still in operation.

The Special Assistant, Media, to the Interim Administrator of Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP), Mr. Freston Akpor, said in a statement yesterday that PAP has not announced any outright cancellation of the scholarship scheme.

The PAP spokesman restated an earlier statement of the office, which announced a temporary suspension of the programme due to the huge debt profile of the scheme.

Gombe denies ordering arrest of journalist

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

Gombe State government has denied hands in the arrest of Yakubu Halliru, a local radio journalist with Radio Nigeria Jewel FM.

The New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) Publicity Secretary, Muhammad Kabir Makko, had said the state government ordered the arrest of Halliru and a stalwart of the party in the state, Malam Ahmed Mandi, after a programme.

Mandi had while promoting the governorship candidate of his party, Khamisu Ahmed Mailantarki, on the programme alleged that the new fence of the Gombe State Government House under construction gulped over N4billion.

He expressed dissatisfaction over the construction of a new wall for the government house amidst cries by residents of the state over lack of people-oriented and visible developmental projects by the Governor Muhammadu Inuwa

Yahaya's administration.

But Ahmed Shuaibu Gara, Special Adviser on Information Management and Strategy to Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, in a statement said the state government only tabled a complaint to the police against the radio guest who made unfounded allegations against the government.

"Gombe State government did not order the arrest of any journalist. What we know is that the government complained to the police, which is our right to

do so. We have monitored a radio programme where a guest was invited to a political programme.

"In that programme, the guest alleged that we spent over N4 billion to fence the Gombe Government House. We presented to the police our records of the entire state budget for maintenance of all public buildings between 2019 and 2022.

"So, under the principle of fair hearing, we wanted the police to help us ask him for his own evidence."

Trust TV PROGRAMME GUIDE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:00-7:30AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	KIDDIES SHOW	ROUND UP
7:30-8:00AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	HEALTHY LIVING	KIDDIES SHOW
8:00-8:30AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DOCUMENTARY
8:30-9:00AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DIVINE PATH
9:00-9:03AM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS HIGHLIGHTS
9:03-10:00AM	EYEWITNESS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS HIGHLIGHTS
10:00-10:30AM	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
10:30-11:00AM	DOCUMENTARY	BBC/VOA	NATIONALIST	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS (LIVE)	ADAMS KITCHEN
11:00-11:30AM	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
11:30-12:00PM	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	TRUST CHECK		VOA
12:00-12:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
12:30-1:00PM	INSIDE ABUJA	BBC/VOA	DOCUMENTARY	BBC/VOA	DOCUMENTARY	BBC: AFRICA EYE	BBC: SPORTS AFRICA
1:00-1:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
1:30-2:00PM	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	SHOW TIME	INSIDE SOKOTO
2:00-2:03PM	NEW SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEW SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEW SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEW SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEW SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	VOA: STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA
2:03-2:30PM	TECH PROGRAM	REMINISCENCES	TODAY'S WOMAN	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	VOA: STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA
2:30-3:00PM	BBC: MONEY DAILY	REMINISCENCES	BBC: MONEY DAILY	BBC: MONEY DAILY	BBC: MONEY DAILY	NEWSFEED	HEALTHY LIVING
3:00-3:03PM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	SPORTS HIGHLIGHT	
3:03-3:30PM		NEWSFEED		NEWSFEED		SPORTS HIGHLIGHT	
3:30-4:00PM	YOUR RIGHTS	SHOWCASE	INSIDE SOKOTO	HEALTHY LIVING	POETRY WITH MARIAM	SPORTS HIGHLIGHT	SHOWCASE
4:00-4:03PM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	WEEK IN REVIEW	KIDDIES SHOW
4:03-4:30PM	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	WEEK IN REVIEW	KIDDIES SHOW
4:30-5:00PM	VOA: AFRICA TO AMERICA	VOA TEK	YOUR RIGHTS	AGRIPRENUER	LIGHT OF ISLAM	INSIDE ABUJA	AGRIPRENUER
5:00-5:30PM	BOOK READING	TRUST CHECK	KIDDIES SHOW	30 MINUTES	TRUST CHECK	TODAY'S WOMAN	POETRY WITH MARIAM
5:30-6:00PM	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	AFRICA UPDATE	DIVINE PATH
6:00-6:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	EYEWITNESS	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
6:30-7:00PM	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY	INSIDE KASTINA	ROUND UP	EYEWITNESS	ADAMS KITCHEN	AFRICA UPDATE
7:00-7:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	REMINISCENCES	
7:30-8:00PM	30 MINUTES	DOCUMENTARY	TECH PROGRAM	DOCUMENTARY	NATIONALIST	REMINISCENCES	TECH PROGRAM
8:00-9:00PM	DAILY POLITICS (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS (LIVE)	DOCUMENTARIES	EYEWITNESS
9:00-10:00PM	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)	NEWS HOUR (LIVE)
10:00-10:30PM	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY	REMINISCENCES	EYEWITNESS	ROUND UP	TRUST CHECK
10:30-11:00PM	YOUR RIGHTS	DOCUMENTARY		REMINISCENCES	EYEWITNESS	SHOW TIME	DOCUMENTARY
11:00-11:30PM	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY
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COMPANY REGISTRATION

CHANGE OF NAME

LEGAL NOTICE

- I formerly Carol Eluemunor Bardi-Nnaji now wish to be known and Called Carol Eluemunor Uche-Babantah. Daar Communication and public take note

EMMANUEL: I formerly known as **JIBRIN HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAKARIYA EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ACHIN: I FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **ACHIN CYNTHIA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **ACHINMYLIAN CYNTHIA**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SHAIBU: I formerly known as Shaibu Ochoyoda, now wish to be known as Shaibu, Miracle Ikulolono. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

NGUR: I formerly known as **MEDE LUCY MBAWAN**, now wish to be known as **NGUR LUCY MBAWAN**. And my correct date of birth is 10th June 1968. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

MKEGH: I formerly known as **TERKURA TERSOO JAMES**, now wish to be known as **MKEGH JAMES MGBHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

AFOLABI-MICHAEL: I, formerly known and addressed as **AFOLABI JOY MICHAEL** and **AFOLABI FEHINTOLUWA JOY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AFOLABI-MICHAEL FEHINTOLUWA JOY**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

HALIMA: I formerly known as **HALIMA ABDULLAHI JAJERE** now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMA MUKTAR BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

HAFSAT: I formerly known as **HAFSAT MAGAJI**, now wish to be known and called **HAFSAT MAGAJI AZARE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SADDIQ: I formerly known as **ABBATI INUWA**, now wish to be known and called **SADDIQ MUHAMMAD INUWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HADIZA MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be called **HADIZA SALISU AHMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME: I formerly known and addressed as Muhammad Muktar Bako, now wish to be known and addressed as Muhammad Muktar Adamu. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **HAJARA BUBA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SAUDAT ABUBAKAR MAI SHANU**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

I, formerly known as **JAMILA SHEHU BABAYO** Now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMILA TIJJANI SHEHU** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

I, formerly known as **SANI LABBATI** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI MOHAMMED LABBATI** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

I formerly known and called as **miss OLAOYE CHRISTIANA ADENIKE**, Now wish to be known and called as **mrs ADEWOJO CHRISTIANA ADENIKE OLAOYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **JIBRIN HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN JIBRIN MOHAMMED** with date of birth **8/5/1988**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

JULIET: I formerly known and addressed as. **AIDUDO JULIANA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **AKHANEMHE JULIET**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

KWEGHE: I formerly known and addressed as. **ONAZI BRIGHT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **TAKWAN BRIGHT KWEGHE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

JUDITH: I formerly known and addressed as. **EMMANUEL JUDITH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **ILUAFEMI JUDITH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

JOHN: I formerly known and addressed as. **ANNA TYOVENDA JOHN** also known as. **ANAR TYOVENDA JOHN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **ANOR JOHN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

JEMILAT: I formerly known and addressed as. **MISS KHALID JEMILAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **MRS SAIBU USENI JEMILAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

GLORIA: I formerly known and addressed as. **MISS IRAOYA OMOKHAFUE GLORIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **MRS ABDULLAHI OMOKHAFUE GLORIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

VICTORIA: I formerly known and addressed as. **MISS IKPAKPA VICTORIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **MRS PHILEMON VICTORIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ODOH: I formerly known and addressed as. **ODOH MARTINS CHIDERA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **ODOH GABRIEL CHIDERA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

OSIGWE: I formerly known and addressed as. **LAWRENCE ELIJAH RITCHIE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **IKHIANOSIMHE ELIJAH OSIGWE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

LUCKY: I formerly known and addressed as. **AJIBOLA LUCKY IDONIJIE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as. **AKINALDE LUCKY PAUL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUNKAILA AMINAT KOOPE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLATEEF AMINAT** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

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HAUWA AHMAD ABDULLAHI: I was formally known and called **MUHAMMAD HAUWA**. But from now henceforth, I wish to be known and called **HAUWA AHMAD ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public to please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **UMEH PASCHALINE KENECHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **UWAKWE PASCHALINE KENECHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **OLALEKAN SAMUEL OLAJIDE, OLALEKAN Samuel** Ajobola, now wish to be known and addressed as **AJAYI-OBE AJIBOLA OLALEKAN**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLATUNDUN PELUMI ADEOTI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS BADERINWA MUJABAT OLATUNDUN**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **ALAWODE RAMAT TAIYE** now wish to be known and addressed as **TAIYE ALAWODE LAWAL**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and called **MISS LADI ALFA**. NOW I WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MRS AGAYI LADI**. ALL MY FORMER DOCUMENTS BEARING MY NAME REMAIN VALID. THE MANAGEMENT OF ECO BANK AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THIS DEPOSITION.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **COMFORT SUNDAY**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **ANUBA SUNDAY COMFORT**. ALL MY FORMER DOCUMENTS BEARING MY NAME REMAIN VALID. THE MANAGEMENT OF **UBA, UNION BANK PLC** AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THIS DEPOSITION.

CHANGE OF NAME: I am formerly known and addressed as **JOSEPH PHILIP, VANDI PHILIP JOSEPH** and **JOSEPH VANDI PHILIP**. That I now wish to be called and addressed as **PHILIP JOSEPH** as it appeared on all my documents. That I want the National Identity management commission, First Bank and any other Bank to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **RAJI AKINTUNDE LATEEF** now wish to be known and addressed as **RAJI AKINTUNDE ABDULLATEEF**. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

MALACHY: I formerly known and addressed as **EMEKA MALACHY OSIGWE** now wish to be known and addressed as **OSIGWE MALACHY**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, general public should please note.

AZEEZAT: I formerly known and addressed as **AZEEZAT ABDULKAREEM (Miss)** now due to marriage, wishes to be known and addressed as **AZEEZAT ABDULKAREEM ALIYU (MRS)**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, First Bank, general public should please note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD BALA, MUHAMMAD MURTALA BALA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALA BALA** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AISHATU UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSANA UMAR** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SAIDU ABDULAZIZ** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAIDU ABDULHAZIZ** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **UMORU MSHELIZAH UMARO** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMORU MSHELIZAH HARUNA** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AHMADU SHAGERO** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMADU HAMIDU** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MURTALA ABBAKAR MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALA ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD D.O.B 1/1/1988 NOT 1/1/1985**. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ZAINAB SANUSI KODA** now wish to be known. Called and addressed as **ZAINAB SANUSI MUHAMMAD** and my correct and proper date of birth is **03/02/1993**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

NURA I formerly known as **NURA MOHAMMED DOGURU, NURA MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

SA'ADIYYA I formerly known as **SA'ADIYYA WADA SHEHA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SA'ADIYYA WADA SHEMA**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

I SANI USMAN my Date of Birth was wrongly captured in my **WAEC** as 1st-October,1991. My Correct **DOB:1st-January,1991**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

SAADU I formerly known as **SADU IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAADU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

HAJIYA I formerly known as **RABIU SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJIYA UMMA MAKUDAWA**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

MEMUNAT: I formerly known as **ABULSALAM MEMUNAT TUNDUN** on my **BNV** and my **ECO** bank account, now wish to be known as **SALAMI MEMUNAT OLATUNDUN**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA ALHAJI ALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA ADAMU MUSA** All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DANLADI: I formerly known as **DANLADI VICTORIA ILIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **DANLADI VICTORIA** All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as Ibrahim Sufyan now wish to be known and addressed as Ibrahim Sufyan Abdulumin. All former documents remained valid. **SUBEB** Kaduna, Eco Bank, Leadway Pension and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **Miss VOU DACHUNG** now wish to be addressed as **Mrs CHRISTOPHER VOU DACHUNG** and my date of birth is **19-12-1988** not **19-12-1983** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **KAMIR HAUWAW SHUAIBU** Now wish to be addressed as **KABIR HAUWAW SHUAIBU** and my date of birth is **28-06-2000** not **1-01-1996** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

UMAR*: I formerly known as ***UMAR KAWU*** now wish to be known and addressed as ***UMAR MUHAMMAD BELLO*** All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned the and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **FATIMA IDRIS** now wish to be known as **FATIMA MUFTAHU IDRIS** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

KAMILU: I formerly known and called **MUHAMMED KAMILU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED KAMILU**. Date of birth 20th July 1968. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.

I was formerly known as **HAMDI ELSAYED MOHAMED ABDU** now wish to be known and called as **HAMDI ABDU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

HAJARA: I formerly known as **HAJARA TANIMU SAIDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJARA YAKUBU SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General Public Should please take note.

MARYAM: I formerly known as **MARYAM ABDURRAHMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ABDURRAHMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU UMARU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD BARAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

I formerly known as **HUSSAINI MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addresses and **HUSSAINI MOHAMMAD YUNUS** all former document remain valid authority concerned and general public should take to note,

I formerly known as **SANI MUKTAR** now wish to be called and addresses **SANI MUTARI** all former document remain valid authority concerned and general public should take to note

I formerly known as **RAHILA MAHMUD AHMAD** now wish to be called and addresses and **RAHILA WADA AHMAD**. all former document remain valid authority concerned and general public should take to note

CLEMENT: I formerly known as **CLEMENT OKHIRAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CLEMENT OKHIRAN OHIOZOJE**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

HAMISU, I formerly known as **HAMISU ADAMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMISU KANTA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI FATIMA BULAMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR YUSUF ALIYU** now wish to be called and addressed as **YUSUF ALIYU ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JAMES, I formerly known as **JAMES INAM** or **JAMES STEPHENSON** now wish to be called and addressed as **JAMES INAM STEPHENSON**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ISHAKU WADA** now wish to be known as **ISHIYAKU WADA 1/1/1977** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as **UMMI AMINU** now wish to be known as **UMMI AMINU SANI** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as **Marvelous Ifunanya Igbonekwa** now wish to be known and called as **Marvelous Ifunanya Edwin**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

Change of Name, I was formerly known as **Saleh Sidi Ibrahim** now wish to be known and called as **Saleh Ibrahim**. All my former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note

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LAMI: I formerly known as **LAMI Y. DAGI** Now wish to be called and addressed as **LAMI YAKUBU** to update My Account details All Former documents remain valid **UBA BANK PLC** Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

ANNABEL: I have been bearing **ANNABEL SHEKARA YOHANNA** since birth that I now wish to be known and call **ANNABEL SHEKARA SOLOMON.** general public and authority concern please take note

AKINBODE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ODERINDE OLUWASEUN TEMITAYO.** Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs AKINBODE OLUWASEUN TEMITAYO.** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

GARBA I formerly known and addressed as **GARBA MOHAMMED HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **GARBA MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **RAMATU ISHIYAKU** now wish to be known and addressed as **RAMATU ABUBAKAR.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as **HAUWA BABA SHERIFF,** now wish to be known as **HAUWA BABA UMAR.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ABDULRAUF: I, formerly known as **ABDULRAFIU DAUDA,** now wish to be known and called **ABDULRAUF DAUDA.** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **OGOMA CHRISTIAN CHIDALU.** That henceforth, I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **NELSON CHRISTIAN CHIDALU.** That all the documents bearing my former names remain valid, the General public and Authorities Concerned should please take note.

SHOMUYIWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **SHOMUYIWA IBRAHIM OLALEKAN.** Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **SHOMUYIWA IBRAHIM OLAILEKAN.** All former documents remain valid, Polaris Bank and general public take note.

MAIMUNA I formerly known and addressed as **MISS MAIMUNA SHEHU SHARIFF** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MAIMUNA SHEHU MUSA** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

FUTUK: I formally know **UMMULKHAIRI AMINU FUTUK,** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMMULKHAIRI AMINU SAMAILA** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MRS. THELMA = I, formerly known as **MISS. THELMA OBJAJULU OGOSI.** Now wish to be known as **MRS. THELMA OGOSI CHIMA.** All former documents remain valid. The general public take note

PATIENCE: I, formerly known as **BAKO PATIENCE YALIEEN,** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS PATIENCE YALIEEN VICTOR.** All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OSHUNGBOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **IRIVBEGUAI PHLOMENA OHIORENUA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **OSHUNGBOYE PHLOMENA OHIORENUA,** due to changes in marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

JIMOH: I, formerly known and addressed as **JUNAID BALIKIS BOLANLE.** Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **JIMOH BALIKIS BOLANLE.** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

MARYAM I formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM AKUBA RYEMCHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM AKUBA AUWAL** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

USAINI I formally known as **HUSSEIN MUHD MALLAM,** now wish to be known and addressed as **USAINI MUHAMMED.** All former documents remain valid general public take note.

MRS. IKECHUKWU = I, formerly known as **MISS. MGBECHUKWU CALLISTA ADANNA.** Now wish to be known as **MRS. IKECHUKWU CALLISTA ADANNA.** All former documents remain valid. The general public take note

OPEYEMI: I formerly known as **OPEYEMI OLUWABUNMI KEHINDE** Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **SADO OLUWABUNMI KEHINDE.** Former documents remain valid. Public note.

ADESANYA: I, formerly known and addressed as **FATADE OMOTOLA ABIODUN.** Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ADESANYA OMOTOLA ABIODUN.** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

That I am the same person bearing the name **OSUNKUNLE ABDULKABIR and OLAOLUWA ABDULKABIR OLAMIDE.** Henceforth wish to be address as **OLAOLUWA ABDULKABIR OLAMIDE.** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA ALHAJI INUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ALHAJI MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

FALMATA I, formerly known as **FALMATA NUHU ALAMAI** now wish to be known and called **FALMATA ALAMAI NUHU (MRS).** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MRS. PEARL = I, formerly known as **MISS PEARL CHIMERE DENNIS.** Now wish to be known as **MRS. PEARL CHIMERE DUMZUA.** All former documents remain valid. The general public take note

SALISU: I, formerly known as **MUKTAR SAIDU,** now wish to be known and addressed **SALISU SAIDU KUTAMA.** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS KOLEOLA MOPELOLA GRACE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS ADEOSUN GRACE MOPELOLA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS OBIZO CHIMARRAGE THERESA. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ORJI CHIMARRAGE THERESA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

MOHAMMED I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD YA'U YAHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED YA'U YAHAYA** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HADIZA I, formerly known as **Miss HADIZA ALKALI** now wish to be known and called **(MRS) HADIZA USMAN ALKALI.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MRS SAMEUL: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS DZEVE DEVE DEBORAH,** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS SAMEUL DEVE DEBORAH.** All former documents remain valid. General public take note

ABIDEMI: I, formerly known as **MISS OTITOU ABIDEMI COMFORT,** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ABIDEMI COMFORT OTITOU GODWIN.** All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public to please take note

AFOLABI-GBOLAGADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss GBOLAGADE TOYIN KHADIJAT.** Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs AFOLABI-GBOLAGADE TOYIN KHADIJAT.** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS HAMAD MUSTAPHA BABATUNDE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ANIMASAHUN MUSTAPHA BABATUNDE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA AHMAD BARDE** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MUSA BARDE** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD HASSAN,** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MOHAMMED HASSAN.** All former documents remain valid. With correct **DOB 24/07/1997 NOT 27/04/1997.** General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **LUBABATU ABUBAKAR SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **LUBABATU MUHAMMAD.** All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ADAM: I, formerly known as **ADAMS FAI'VA ZIRRA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAM TIZHE ZIRRA.** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BIOBAKU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEDIRAN FOLUKE IYABODE.** Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **BIOBAKU FOLUKE IYABODE.** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

GARBA. I Formally Known and Address as **GARBA MADI BULUS.** Now wish to be called an address As **GARBA BULUS.** All former document remain valid, Authority Concerned and General Public Should take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA ISAH SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR MASHIO** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

- MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as **USMAN MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM** now wish to be known as **MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM.** with **D O B 01/01/1995 to 01/01/1999.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **HASSAN SAGIRU** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF SAGIRU.** All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

NURA: I, formerly known as **MIKAIL MOHAMMED,** now wish to be known and called **NURA MUHAMMAD MIKAILU.** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

REMOVAL OF NAME I was known and addressed as **GOJI FELIX FERDINAND** as it appears in my National Identity Card, Voters card and Banks. Now want to remove **GOJI** from my name. Hence, wish my name to appear, known and addressed as **FELIX FERDINAND.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public please take note.

SAMAILA I formally known as **SAMAILA MUHAMMAD** now wish **DOB 02-09-1999** to be known and addressed as **ISMAIL KIRUWA MUHAMMAD** all former documents remain valid **DOB 03-01-2000** general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **YUSUF IBRAHIM** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM.** With **D O B 01/01/1996 To 01/01/2003.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ALHAJI: I formerly known as **ALHAJI JIBRIN ISAH** And **JIBRIN ISA,** now wish to be known as **ALHAJI JIBRIN ABDULKADIR.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS MUSA AISHAT AYOKA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ALIYU AISHAT AYOKA.** All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

AUGUSTINE: I, formerly known as **AUGUSTINE ALEX** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUGUSTINE GODWIN** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **FAMIWO GBENGA,** now wish to be known and addressed as **SIMEON OLUWAGBEMIGA.** All former documents remain valid, Banks and General public should please take note.

I, GAMBO SULEIMAN MUSA do solemnly declare that: the names **GAMBO SULEIMAN MUSA** and **ALHAJI GAMBO SULEIMAN** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **GAMBO SULEIMAN MUSA.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MARYAM I, formerly known as **MARYAM BABAGANA** now wish to be known and called **MARYAM BABAGANA ABDULLAHI (MRS).** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as **HANMAN ADAMU,** now wish to be known as **ADAMU BAKARI HAMMAN.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

The General Public is hereby notified of the Loss of the Original land document in favour of **MOHAMMED HABIB ALKALI, 'M'** of Moduganari ward Maiduguri Borno State, in respect of Original Copy of Grant with file No. **BO/38830** of a piece of land in Maiduguri with sheet 46 while in transit from Moduganari Bus-stop to Moduganari Bypass Maiduguri, Borno State. Sometimes around **16/10/2022.** He reported at the state Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCID) Maiduguri Borno State. All efforts made to trace the original document proved abortive. general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, Garba Usman of No.12C Aliyu Road Kofar Low Cost Zaria wish to inform the general public of the loss of Original Deed of Assignment for House No.12 Aliyu Road Kofar Gayan Low Cost Zaria Kaduna State issued to me by Kaduna State Development and Property Company Limited (KSDPC) The said Deed of Assignment got lost on the 12th February, 2021 at Zaria and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest Police Station or the above mentioned address. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) File No. **CON/RES/88/151,** Situated at Na'ibawa Quarters Zaria Road Kumbotso Bearing the name of **AMIRUDEEN MU'AZU ALIYU** of Block 2 Flat 2 Presidential Air Fleet NAF Base Abuja. All efforts made to trace the original C of O proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

AL-BASMALH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above name has applied for Registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020.

TRUSTEES:
1. ALIYU MUSA ABDULLAHI -CHAIRMAN
2. MUHAMMAD MURTALA SULAIMAN -SECRETARY
3. ISMAIL ADAMU
4. USMAN ABDULHAMID
5. BUBA UMAR YAZAD

Aims and Objectives
1. To communicate with the local community to know its needs and worries
2. To urge individuals in the community to love knowledge seek and spread knowledge and be self-reliant.
3. To design and implement social projects training that contribute to the development of an individual in his local community.
4. To upgrade the local community to a better level in terms of social and cultural terms and spreading health and environmental awareness.
5. To support the local community for the proper implementation of social projects and for reaching the largest number of beneficiaries.
6. To create and independent ground to attract individuals to volunteer in the social field.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General of the Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi Street Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.
Signed: Secretary.

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE BAUCHI 94 SET ASSOCIATION

The General public is hereby notified that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

NAME OF TRUSTEES
A. MALAMI HAMZA MUHAMMAD (CHAIRMAN)
B. ALIYU MUHAMMAD JAMEEL
C. ABBA SALISU
D. BATURE YAHUZA
E. ABUBAKAR INUWA BABA
F. MUSA MUHAMMAD NURA
G. ILIYA LONDON MOLMELA
H. MAHDI MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR
I. DADA USMAN (SECRETARY).

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE
A. To promote peace unity and cooperation among members of the association.
B. To strengthen relationships among the members and assist one another where necessary.
C. To possibly empower members and provide skills to the community

Any objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Street, Maitama P.M.B. 198, Abuja within 28 days-of this publication.

GARKUWA POVERTY ALLEVIATION FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part 'F' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020

NAMES OF TRUSTEES:
1. YA'U ADAMU === CHAIRMAN
2. SADA SANDA RUNKA === SECRETARY
3. KABIR DAYYABU SAFANA === V. CHAIRMAN

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
1. To Work For Uplifting Poor Rural/Village People For Their Overall Development.
2. To Tackle Poverty, And To Source And Distribute Grant To Less Privileged.
3. To Improve The Living Standards Of Orphans, Widows, And The Disabled Through The Provisions Of Food, Clothes, Shelter, Education, And Counseling.

Any objections to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi street Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.
SIGNED: SECRETARY

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of a Right of Occupancy (R of O) issued on 22/03/2011 in Abuja with respect to Plot No 295 located at Cadastral Zone D09 Kagini, Abuja belonging to **GIDEON TRUMAN.** All efforts to trace the said document has proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police Station. The Land Administration Department FCT & the general public is kindly invited to take note accordingly.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy **Plot No. 1920 File No. RES/91/7676,** Situated at Farawa Quarters. **TP/UDB/191.** Bearing the name of **HADIZA KUBURA MOHAMMED** of Kumbotso Local Government. All efforts made to trace the original Certificate of Occupancy proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

COMPANY REGISTRATION

CHANGE OF NAME

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

SPORT



■ Action recorded yesterday in the 3-0 defeat of Nasarawa United by Akwa United at the New Jos Township stadium

Akwa United thrash Nasarawa United 3-0 in Jos

...As Lobi Stars, Insurance also record away victories

By David Ngobua

Former champions, Akwa United thrashed embattled Nasarawa United 3-0 in the 2023 Nigeria Premier Football League (NPFL) Week 3 Group A match played yesterday at the New Jos Township stadium.

Having lost two matches in a row, Nasarawa United were desperate for a win but fell behind in the 43rd minute when James Ajako put Akwa United ahead.

On resumption, things moved from bad to worse for the 'Solid Miners' as Ndifreke Effiong doubled Akwa United's lead in the 47th minute before putting the icing on the cake with his

brace in the 74th minute to seal victory for his side.

In Umuahia, new discovery, Kumaga Suur was the hero for Lobi Stars who ended Abia Warriors unbeaten run. The youngster's header in the 56th minute was all that Lobi Stars needed to inflict the first defeat of the season on Abia Warriors.

Insurance also maintained their winning streak with another away 1-0 win at Kwara United. Imade Osehkho's goal in the 25th minute made the difference.

Elsewhere, Plateau United survived an early scare at home as they fought back to beat Enyimba 2-1. Chibuike Nwaiwu had put

the visitors ahead in the 24th minute but Ifeanyi Onyebuchi restored parity for Plateau United in the 35th minute before Kazeem Ogunleye won the maximum points for the hosts from the spot in the fifth minute of second half added time.

But victory remained elusive for Enugu Rangers after they were forced to a 1-1 draw at home by Sunshine Stars. Imo Keminachi's own goal in the 14th minute gave Rangers the lead but Ibrahim Yusuf found the equaliser for the Akure Gunners' in the 36th minute.

Newcomers Doma United made history by winning their

first match in the NPFL after Emmanuel Ogwuche's goal in the 59th minute gave them a 1-0 win over Dakkada FC at the Pantami stadium.

Wikki Tourists miserable run continued in Yenagoa where they suffered another 2-1 loss to Bayelsa United. Robert Mizo and Israel Consul scored a goal each in the 45th and 69th minute before Idris Mohammed Guda reduced the tally from the spot in the fifth minute of added time.

Meanwhile, El-Kanemi Warriors failed to record back-to-back victories as they were forced to a 0-0 draw by Gombe United in Maiduguri.

Nketiah strikes late as Arsenal edge Man Utd in thriller

Arsenal restored their five-point lead at the top of the Premier League with Eddie Nketiah scoring twice in a 3-2 defeat of Manchester United, including a 90th-minute winner, in a rip-roaring clash at The Emirates on Sunday.

It looked as though it would end honours even after United withstood a late siege but Nketiah tapped in from close range to send the home fans into raptures.

A game that fully lived up to expectations saw Marcus Rashford give United the lead with a stunning early opener only for Nketiah to head Arsenal level in a frantic first half.

Bukayo Saka's flashing drive gave Arsenal the lead in the 53rd minute but Lisandro Martinez's header levelled it up before the hour mark to set up an absorbing finale.

Saka struck the post and Nketiah was denied by David de Gea but the hosts were relentless as they avenged their loss to United earlier in the season - their sole defeat.

Mikel Arteta's side have 50 points from 19 games with City on 45 and United in fourth place on 39, below Newcastle United on goal difference.

Meanwhile, Leeds United and Brentford played out a 0-0 draw in the Premier League at Elland Road on Sunday as the hosts failed to move far from the relegation zone following a frustrating afternoon.

African aviation golf tournament debuts in Lagos

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Golfers in the aviation industry at the weekend converged on the golf course closest to the Murtala Muhammed Airport in Lagos for the West African leg of Aviation Cup Africa Golf Tournament 2022.

The Ikeja Gold Club which shares history with aviation in Nigeria played host to golfers selected from various segments of the industry including GDS (Global Distribution System), airlines, travel agencies to in-flight catering, among others.

The tournament was sponsored by SkyTeam Alliance - Kenya Airways, Delta Air Lines - Sky Care Catering Services, Golfview Suites & Conference Centre, Dees Hotel and Radisson Blu Anchorage.



At the end of proceedings, Dare Olayiwola of Sabre Travel Solutions with 26 handicap, recorded 93 gross - which equalled 67 Nett - to win the men's category of the competition.

He went home with a flight ticket to continental US, on Delta Air Lines operated aircraft.

Bukola Rokosu, the commercial manager of Delta Air Lines in Nigeria, was the only lady that played in the competition, automatically earning her the trophy and a flight ticket courtesy of Kenya Airways.

At the prize presentation held at Golfview Suites & Conference Centre, Hafeez Balogun, the country manager of Kenya Airways was inaugurated as the first Captain of the Nigerian chapter of African Aviation Golf Group - an alliance of golfers who operate within the aviation industry, across the continent.

NLO approves 5 stadia for 45 clubs in Lagos

From Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

In preparation for the 2022/2023 Nation-Wide League One (NLO) season, billed to kick off in April, the organisers of the league have approved only five stadia in Lagos that have met the standards required for matches.

The NLO Chief Operating Officer (COO), Mr. Shola Ogunnowo who disclosed this to our correspondent in Lagos, regretted that most of the stadiums in Lagos were undergoing renovation and won't be ready in time for the new season.

He said "Most of the state government owned stadiums in Lagos are majorly under renovation. Onikan stadium, Teslim Balogun stadium,

National stadium, Agege stadium and Igbogbo stadium are not ready for use.

"So, none of these facilities are available for us to use this year and it is difficult for us to send teams away."

He listed Legacy pitch, NIS stadium, Abati barracks new stadium, Navy town stadium and strong tower stadium as the approved stadia ready for use by over 45 clubs both at the division 1 and 2 level.

Ogunnowo also said the league organisers have approached the owners of the approved stadia to let their facilities at affordable cost to the clubs.

"In as much as we don't have many facilities around these communities that they can use, we try to ensure the good ones that are available are being utilized.



SPORT REPORT

Haaland fires another hat-trick in win over Wolves



■ Erling Haaland

Norwegian goalscoring phenomenon Erling Haaland fired his fourth Premier League hat-trick of a remarkable season to earn Manchester City a comfortable 3-0 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers on Sunday.

City dominated the first half and deservedly took the lead after Haaland headed home from a pinpoint cross from Kevin De Bruyne in the 40th minute.

It was a matter of time until City got that crucial second goal, with Haaland converting from the spot following a foul on Ilkay Gundogan five minutes after the break. The Norwegian then quickly completed his treble to put the game to bed.

Swiatek crashes out of Australian Open, Tsitsipas survives



■ Iga Swiatek

World No 1 Iga Swiatek was bundled out of the Australian Open fourth round on Sunday, with title threat Coco Gauff also exiting in tears, as a pair of underestimated Grand Slam champions tore open the women's draw.

The top seed was sent packing by Elena Rybakina in the early match at Rod Laver Arena, the Pole falling 6-4 6-4 to the Kazak Wimbledon winner who started her tournament in the Melbourne Park wilderness of Court 13.

Men's Third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas avoided a similar fate by claiming a thrilling 6-4 6-4 3-6 4-6 6-3 win over Italian Jannik Sinner and keep his dreams of a maiden Grand Slam title alive.

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Random thoughts on campaigns

Election seasons are marked by such intense political activity that even those citizens who otherwise don't pay attention to the news or vote can hardly avoid some of the politicking in the campaigns intruding into their daily lives. For politicians, journalists and active voters who breathe the political air for survival, this sense of unusual attention to politics during election campaign seasons is even more so.

For all, that sense has been enhanced by the somewhat unique nature of this particular election campaign itself where so much political activity is being packed into it by not just politicians and media but also by citizens and citizen groups. As someone for whom paying attention to politics at all times is as much a hobby as a job and professional calling, I have been both amused and alarmed at some of the events and activities playing out so far in this campaign cycle.

On Chatham House Pilgrimage

One of these is what we might call the emerging Chatham House Pilgrimage by our presidential candidates. To the best of my knowledge, this pilgrimage debuted in 2015 when President Buhari, then a candidate for the office he now occupies, got the opportunity to use the Chatham House platform to burnish his credentials to a global audience. We now know that Candidate Buhari's invitation to Chatham House was not a random event at the instance of the organisers, but the result of an active lobby by his friends and friends of friends in the international political arena.

Since then, three of the four leading presidential candidates—Tinubu, Obi and Kwankwaso have spoken at Chatham House in this election so far. Reactions to the whole idea of talking Nigerian politics officially from a foreign platform has been rather negative. Many Nigerian pundits have dismissed it as part of our general attitude of kowtowing to foreign powers and institutions. There is a grain of truth in this because for our politicians and leaders, external legitimacy is always much more precious to them than giving accountability here at home.

Still, for me, Chatham House Pilgrimage merely fills the vacuum left by our own local institutions, particularly civil society organisations, media, universities and think-tanks. In the 2003 election, both the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) organised a debate each among presidential candidates in that election, in Abuja and Kaduna respectively. These debates were not only wholly local Nigerian initiatives, but were funded entirely by those organisations themselves.

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since then, these two platforms would have become an institutionalised part of our presidential election processes by now. And by now, every presidential candidate would know that they must give account of themselves and their suitability for office at either one of these platforms. More broadly, other than the Daily Trust Annual Dialogue, which independent and serious platform is available for our political leaders, both sitting and prospective, to showcase their ideas and thoughts to the electorate? So, while we might grumble about what the Chatham House Pilgrimage might mean for our political independence, let us remember that both nature and politics abhor vacuum.



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Be 'Obidient' and 'Yusful'

No one has done more to animate this campaign than the supporters of the Labour Party presidential candidate, Mr Peter Obi. Of course, the candidate himself and his running mate, Senator Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed are in the lead for not only throwing the election open, but also by using social media to engage their supporters. All of this is good. However, I cannot but observe two things, one amusing, the other alarming, about the Labour Party presidential campaign.

Has anyone noticed that since Governor Charles Soludo publicly called out his predecessor's fanciful projections of his achievements, Peter Obi has literally stopped talking about his Golden Years as Anambra State governor? Suddenly, Peter Obi no longer reels out his superlative accomplishments and untenable statistics when he was governor of Anambra State at every turn as he began at the beginning of his campaign. In fact, the man no longer

talks about his time as governor at all. Even his supporters no longer talk about Anambra as much as before. What changed? While I have nothing against Peter Obi, I find it amusing that just one critical voice is enough to pull the rug from under his campaign's main thrust.

It is also hard not to say shame on the Nigerian media whose job it is to call out any candidate's exaggeration or even falsification of their previous records in office. Unfortunately, the media went to sleep and gave Obi's fanciful statistics a free pass and by implication, conferring legitimacy on them. But if Mr Obi can no longer tout his achievements in Anambra, he still has many lieutenants doing the campaign for him, not only social media, where he leads other candidates but also from the pulpits across the country. That places of worship are also campaign spaces in Nigeria is not new, but its intensity and pervasive reach this time should worry us all.

But more worrisome still is the dominant attitude with which the 'Obidients' come into this election. I have attended several Twitter Space discussions by Peter Obi's supporters, in addition to following others of their social media activities, just for my own personal education as a Nigerian. The unmistakable impression you get is that in the minds of his supporters, Peter Obi has already won the election and that the only thing that would prevent him from assuming the presidency in May is if the election is tampered with one way or another. His supporters don't see any scenario for Obi losing the election free and fairly, and cannot even psychologically accept such a scenario as a possibility in this election.

I find that attitude dangerous and I hope the authorities have a plan for cooling tempers if the election does not go as the Obidients expect, since one cannot count one's eggs before they are hatched. The attitude to accept victory or defeat is important for democratic elections, more so at a time when, the world over, democracies are dealing with the consequences of the inability to accept electoral defeat, as we have seen in the U.S and Brazil recently.

Kano Peace Accords

While looking to meet with some governorship candidates in Kano to reinforce discussions and preparations for the Media Trust Kano State Gubernatorial Election Debate holding on February 4, myself and some colleagues received informal invitation to attend the Peace Accord event signed by candidates in that state's governorship election last week. It was a saucerful event, even though I couldn't help but wonder about certain aspects of it. For a peace accord between the political parties and their candidates in Kano State, the presence of Muslim and Christian religious clerics was rather too prominent in my view, since it implies potential conflict between these two groups in the state. But that cannot be the case in a governorship election in Kano, unless someone somewhere is making spurious assumptions. More tellingly, I thought that such peace accords should really be in the South East in this election, rather than in Kano. But then again, these are just my random thoughts on the campaign.