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“Live life to the fullest, and focus on the positive”

– Matt Cameron



AFRICAN SAYINGS

“If you close your eyes to facts, you will learn through accidents”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ Uttar Pradesh, India
Polling officials with electronic voting machines head to their polling stations before the first phase of assembly elections

Photo: Pradeep Gaur/Sopa Images/Rex/Shutterstock

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IN-DEPTH

We must insulate Nigeria from happenings in other African countries – Duke

Mr Donald Duke is a former governor of Cross River State and was twice a presidential aspirant under two different parties. In this interview with Trust TV, he discussed zoning issues within the leading political parties in the country and the current political turmoil in West Africa. Excerpt:

By Mannir Dan Ali

Are you still mulling whether to be an aspirant again or you've put that aside and going to participate in the whole process leading up to this round of elections in 2023?

No, I'm not mulling about running at this time; I'm not in the race. My concern now is to ensure that we put the best forward. Analysing the country as it's today, I don't think we've had the luxury of another failure. I'm not saying categorically that the current administration has failed but I think largely, and even they themselves would admit that they have not met the aspirations or what we expect of them particularly in the areas of security and the economy. So, I'm hoping this time my party, PDP, can find a candidate that will unify the country and deal with issues that are bothering us.

Where do you stand in this divide of zoning or no zoning? And at the moment, would you support a candidate or an aspirant from the northern part of the country in your party, the PDP?

You know, I made a statement that my focus now is to get a good candidate to run the party. You can find the candidates anywhere; it's not limited to any particular zone. It's further complicated by the traditions of the party. So, for instance, in 1999 when we started this republic, I'm talking of PDP now, Obasanjo as president had four chairmen and they all came from the northern part of the country. With the advent of Yaradua, we'd Ogbulafor from Abia State. Then Jonathan, we'd Dr Mohammed, Bamanga Tukur and Muazu. So we've gone back and forth. Now when Uche Secondus was the national chairman, it's expected at the time that the presidential candidate would come from the North and that's what happened and Alhaji Atiku emerged. So, if you follow that reasoning, it is logical to say okay now we've a northern chairman so it should go to the South.

But the current president isn't from the PDP. That's the argument I heard people say.

Yes, it's also analytics you can come up with. Some even say Nigeria is bigger than all this. Some have even said that in the



■ Donald Duke

PDP, if you go North, the southern members of the PDP would go in the other direction. So, regardless of what you do, you can't really stop someone from running. But if there's a convention, and the sooner we do this the better, there will be a kind of gentleman's agreement and it should be written in the party's constitution because these things divide us. I heard an argument where they've said people are saying from 1999 to date, it's lopsided in favour of the South; you'd Obasanjo for eight years and Jonathan for six years and all that. All I can say is that, well Nigeria didn't start in 1999; it started in 1960. So, if we put all these together, it's more of northern leadership. Either way, I agree that it's important for various parts of the country to fulfill this aspiration and achieve their goals but it shouldn't be at the expense of the nation itself.

So, why is it that politicians or civilian rule which has been on for more than 20 years now has much or less presided over more of the divisions within Nigeria? Because things weren't like this; when you went to Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, you could well have been to University of Calabar and stayed within your locality or in Lagos. But you went to Ahmadu Bello

University in Zaria and you didn't feel anything and Ilorin as well.

I went to Federal Government College, Sokoto, and Ilorin as well, and I went to Ahmadu Bello University, so I can say that all my adult education in Nigeria was in the north, right.

So, why is it that you, your class, has kind of failed in terms of building in that feeling of unity or nationhood and at the end now we're just talking about North, South and all of that?

You know honestly it comes out to inadequacy. I have used these analogies several times. You can have a family of ten children. They're very close; the same parents, they love each other and they play but they're poor. But the moment the food is served, that's when you know who the first child is, that's when you know the last child. Because you got to use what you got to get what you want. But when there's enough food for everyone, who cares where they come from?

So, are you saying there's not enough for everyone?

No, we've not built an economy that can encompass everyone. So, people feel that by having their kith and kin in office and authority, they've at least some hope that it's easier to reach. It's

a fallacy; experience has shown that it doesn't work, even when you've a president. I don't see how the presidency really benefited Katsina State even though they almost had it back to back; two years of Yaradua and now many more years of Buhari. I don't think the Katsina State benefited. All the South West presidents came from Ogun State, yet, I don't think the state has benefited from that.

But why are you the politicians not communicating this enough?

You must appreciate that politicians are largely opportunists. Very few people in politics seek a large welfare. There's a lot of self-service in politics and it's not unique to Nigeria; it's worldwide. So, they're going to push someone who they think they can have advantage of or who they think can win the election for them. Now those who're pushing sectionalism for instance are self-serving.

So, how would it be possible in the coming election at least for the two major parties or your party, the PDP, to be able to bring out the best?

You know, politics is largely conflict resolution. You're going to see a lot of conflicts and all that, but the ability to sit down and resolve. But I must give PDP tremendous kudos in this regard. Look, we're part of the opposition. We're a party that's in disarray and that's why we got into opposition. But look at the last convention; it went smoothly. We produced a national chairman who's highly regarded.

You're trying to blame the APC for not zoning its presidential candidate to a certain part of the country but they keep saying zoning is a PDP affair; that they don't have zoning in their party. So, why are you trying to export PDP's problems to their party?

I didn't say that they haven't zoned. They're the ones going back and forth on zoning. Remember there's a publication that stated that they'd zoned a few days after NEC of the party refuted that. They're the ones talking about zoning. Whether there's zoning or not, it's no business of mine. My point is that they're unable to carry out the convention. It's postponed on and on from November to December,

now February which seems also uncertain. So, there's an uneasy calm.

So, does that make you hopeful that maybe you could upstage APC in the coming election even though people still recall your era with a lot of distaste?

People say that but believe me, if you're asked in this Republic, our finest hour was in Obasanjo's time when the economy was at its peak. Yes, we made mistakes and yes, we have poor leadership thereafter and we have uncertainty in form of governments; Yaradua era was on health, and for Jonathan era, he's literally adrift. And in Africa, oppositions don't win elections. It's the party in power that loses the election and that's what happened to PDP, they lost the election. Now we take that trajectory. Look at what's happening in APC today; if there is no leadership and the party and the country happen to be adrift, they'll lose the patience and support of the people.

But is it just the party or the nation? Won't you be concerned about what's currently happening in West Africa; that so many civilian governments are being overthrown, almost the repeat of the 1960s and all of that?

There's disenchantment everywhere and that's why we can't afford it in Nigeria. Therefore, we've to sit up. What's happening in these countries, you see them in smaller countries and West Africa is an interstate where people would migrate left, right and centre and all that. Yes, we've no respect for borders. Now you've coup attempts and successful coups happening; it is indicative that there's a general disenchantment in the subregion.

And why do you think it will never happen in Nigeria?

I never said that. It can happen if we go further adrift. People don't care who's governing. They just want a better life so whether you're wearing a uniform or a flowing gown doesn't matter for them. So we must not take it for granted that democracy is here to stay.

But there's also the fear that if there's anything like that, it could well lead to the disintegration of the country.

It's not marriage. Remember in 1966 that we went to a war, many of them were killed. So, it can happen. And you know history teaches, man doesn't learn from experience and all that. We're making mistakes. We're taking ourselves for granted, which is the lesson of 1966. Don't take any section or anybody for granted.

Transcribed by Dalhatu Liman

Spend public funds on medical tourism, get N500m fine, 7-yr jail term — Reps

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representative has passed for second reading, a bill seeking a fine of N500m or seven-year jail term for public officials that flout the provisions of the National Health Act 2014 and embark on medical trips with public funds.

The sponsor of the bill, Sergius Ogun (PDP, Edo), said the National

Health Act 2014 ought to be amended as it did not provide penalties for offenders.

He said the bill sought to amend the Principal Act to provide sanctions for any public officer who violates the provisions of the Act, especially Section 46 which, according to him, provides that: "Without prejudice to the right of any Nigerian to seek medical check-up, investigation or treatment

anywhere within and outside Nigeria, no public officer of the government of the federation or any part thereof shall be sponsored for medical check-up, investigation or treatment abroad at public expense except in exceptional cases on the recommendation and referral by the medical board and which recommendation and referral shall be duly approved by the Minister or Commissioner of Health of the state

as the case may be."

He said the amendment was to discourage medical treatment abroad at the detriment of the nation's indigenous health institutions.

He said the bill was to reinforce the need to revamp the poor state of the Nigeria's healthcare sector.

"The intent of this bill is to spur public officers to pay more attention to our health care sector

and take drastic steps to develop and improve on the sector," he said.

He cited Clause 2(2) of the bill which provides that "Any public officer of the Government of the Federation or any part thereof who violates the provision of sub-Section (1) above shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N500m or to an imprisonment term of seven years or both".

Reps summon ITF boss over unapproved budgetary expenditures

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives Public Accounts Committee yesterday summoned the acting Director-General of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Mrs Adesola Taiwo, over the operation of the agency's budget from 2018 to 2021 without the approval of the National Assembly.

The committee, while quizzing the management of ITF, which was placed on status enquiry following allegations infractions, directed that the acting DG appear before it next Tuesday.

The committee expressed displeasure over the absence of the ITF head, who was represented by Director of Finance and Administration, Yusuf Abdulmajid, and demanded that she appear along with the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance and Administration as well as the Director of Procurement.

The committee directed that a formal letter be written to the Clerk of the National Assembly and the Clerk of the House of Representatives demanding evidence of the conveyance of the agency's budget in the years under review from the Presidency to the National Assembly.

It vowed to uncover the circumstances surrounding the operation of the unapproved budget by the agency contrary to the provisions of the constitution, which empowers the president to convey the annual budget of ministries, departments and agencies of government to the National Assembly every fiscal year for approval.

The chairman of the committee, Wole Oke, said the attention of the Acting DG was needed to speak to the facts on the allegations levied against the agency.

He said the agency should also present the reports of its budget performance from January 2020 to date; records of donations, grants and other interventions, as well as detailed breakdown of amount disbursed and comprehensive list of beneficiaries.

According to a submission by the agency to the committee, in 2018, it got N37, 592, 730, 753; 2019, N43, 133, 753, 661; 2020, N43, 468, 030, 400 and 2021, N43, 947, 801, 437.



■ President Buhari presides over the Federal Executive Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at State house, Abuja yesterday

Photo: Tolani Alli

FG grants citizenship to 286 foreigners

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Federal Executive Council yesterday approved the granting of citizenship to 286 foreign nationals out of the 600 applicants.

The Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola, said the approval was sequel to the initial endorsement of the first set by the Advisory Committee on Nigeria citizenship.

He said another set was expected to be presented by the end of the first quarter or latest by the middle of the year.

He said the applicants "are from

virtually every part of the world; Americans, North and South Australian, Europeans, Arabs, Asians, all over."

"The grant of Nigerian citizenship is in two categories. There are those we consider for naturalization and there are those consider for registration. Who are the ones for registration? They're women married to Nigerians, they're called Naija wives, who, besides having the right of residency and movement, without any restriction or without requirement of visa to and fro to

country, are desirous of Nigerians.

"So, they become Nigerians, they get granted citizenship by registration. Whereas, foreign nationals who are desirous of Nigerians, they're not actually being wives of Nigerians, we give them citizenship by naturalization.

"So, the number of those granted Nigerian citizenship and naturalization, through the collection of applications is 208; while those issued registration are 78.

"So, today, the Council, as you can see, approved the grant of

citizenship to 208 applicants for naturalization and 78 applicants for registration. Making a total of have 286 people out of 600 who apply for citizenship as eligible to be fully processed through administration of oath and certification thereafter with renunciation of citizenship that is not acquired by birth."

This is the second time in this administration that foreign nationals are granted citizenship through naturalization.

A total of 335 persons had been granted citizenship in December 2017.

Medicinal plants effective for management of diseases - Minister

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Minister of State for Science, Technology and Innovation, Mohammed Abdullah, says available records have shown that medicinal plants play a key role in the health care.

He noted that about 80

percent of Africans now depend on phytomedicine for the management of diseases such as malaria, sickle cell anemia, diabetes and others.

He spoke in Abuja yesterday at the Nigerian-Chinese Herbal Medicine Awareness and Sensitization Campaign /

Exhibition of Herbal Products yesterday.

The minister, represented by his Special Assistant, Abdulhadi Abdullahi, said the growth of traditional medicine had slowed down due to lack of standards and poor quality control of plants which he said needed to be fully addressed

in order to secure the future development and harmonization of herbal medicines.

He said the ministry had one of her capital projects in the Department of Health and Biomedical Science geared towards the deployment of Natural Technology.

...Urge FG to establish fire stations in tank farms

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday urged the Federal Government to establish fire stations in communities hosting tank farms across the country to address incessant cases of fire outbreaks.

This followed the adoption of a motion on by Rep Thomas Ereyitomi who cited reports of recurring fire outbreaks at various tank farms which had killed people.

He said it was worrisome that most of the tank farms were located in residential and densely

populated areas, exposing residents to danger.

He expressed worries that there are insufficient fire stations in the areas hosting the tank farms, adding that the colossal damages from the fire outbreaks have been as a result of the late response by the existing fire service, owing to

the long distance between the fire stations and the tank farms.

He said setting up more fire stations around the hazard-prone communities where petrol tank farms are located will ensure quick response during emergencies and thus, save lives and properties.

Leaders reach common ground to save Nigeria

By Ismail Mudashir,
Mumini AbdulKareem
(Abuja), Lami Sadiq (Kaduna),
Abiodun Alade &
Yvonne Ugwuezuoha (Lagos)

Critical stakeholders in the country cutting across political divides - comprising 14 governors, captains of industries, ministers and pressure groups - have come together under the aegis of the 2022 Committee to chart a new course for the country.

Daily Trust gathered that they were hosted by Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu at Eko Hotel, Lagos at the weekend.

The meeting, it was gathered, was convened to pull the country from the brinks.

Ahead of the Lagos meeting, the conveners had secured the buy-in of President Muhammadu Buhari, sources at the meeting said.

There is uneasy calm occasioned by insecurity, secession moves, agitation for power shift, the need for a new constitution and restructuring before the 2023 general elections.

The president had recently hosted the organisers of the 2022 Committee at the State House Abuja after an earlier meeting they held at the nation's capital before the Lagos retreat.

Serving governors who attended the meeting include Aminu Tambuwal (Sokoto), Mohammed Badaru Abubakar (Jigawa), Babagana Zulum (Borno), Babajide Sanwo-Olu (Lagos), Abubakar Atiku Bagudu (Jigawa), Dave Umahi (Ebonyi) and Kayode Fayemi (Ekiti).

Daily Trust gathered that former governors who were part of the meeting were Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso (Kano), Senator Adamu Aliero (Kebbi), Saminu Turaki (Jigawa), Peter Obi (Anambra), Attahiru Bafarawa (Sokoto), Otunba Gbenga Daniel (Ogun), Ikedi Ohakim (Imo), Donald Duke (Cross River), Adams Oshiomhole (Edo) and Ibikunle Amosun (Ogun).

Two former Senate presidents, Anyim Pius Anyim and Bukola Saraki, were part of the meeting.

From the business community, Chairman/President of Dangote Group of Companies, Alhaji Aliko Dangote; Chairman of BUA Group, Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabiu; Mr Femi Otedola, Mike Adenuga, Jim Ovia, Atedo Peterside, Fola Adeola and Tony Elumelu, were on ground during



■ Nduka Obaigbena

the meeting.

It was further gathered that the pioneer chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Nuhu Ribadu, deputy governor of Zamfara State, Mahdi Ali Gusau, director of Publicity and Advocacy of the Northern Elders Forum (NEF), Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, former Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman and Bianca Ojukwu, wife of late Odumegwu Ojukwu, were part of the group.

Top government functionaries present at the meeting included the governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele; Minister of State, Power; Minister of State Petroleum; Minister of Information and Minister of Aviation.

How conveners secured Buhari's blessing

Daily Trust reports that President Muhammadu Buhari had during his meeting with the committee pledged to hand over a strong repositioned agriculture-led, diversified, home-grown economy, stable democracy and revamped armed and security forces to the next administration.

It was gathered that the massive turnout witnessed at the event as a result of the presidential support secured by the conveners of the event.

A top source told *Daily Trust* that the president was solidly behind the parley to proffer solutions to the problems militating against the advancement of the country.

The source said during the

recent meeting at the villa, the conveners told the president the rationale and the need for stakeholders to chart a new course for the country.

"The president threw his weight behind the move by the conveners. It was based on this that government functionaries attended the Lagos retreat," he said.

The meeting, it was further gathered, was aimed at achieving a national consensus around some issues and strengthening ideas and strategies that have to do with the transition of the country between now and 2023 as well as the transition of the country from elections onwards.

A member of the team said the idea behind the group was equally to give the current administration some support through some ideas and strategies as well as ease the country from where it is now, beyond the life of the current administration.

Various groups have been calling for national conference, national dialogue, among other meetings to chart new course for Nigeria.

We're for national rebirth - Conveners

The conveners of the retreat said it was held to attain a new consensus for national rebirth in Nigeria.

In a statement by Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam and Chairman of THISDAY/Arise Media Group, Mr Nduka Obaigbena, they noted that participants recognised that there was an urgent need to seek common ground and irreducible minimum actions to stabilise the



■ Kashim Ibrahim-Imam

polity.

The committee also refuted reports that it was working for the presidential ambition of a particular candidate in the 2023 elections.

"Working on the subcommittees of national security, the economy and Nigeria in transition, the participants recognised that there is an urgent need to seek common ground and irreducible minimum actions to stabilise the polity at this critical time of transition," the statement said.

It added that while the committee was interested in the quality of leadership that will emerge in Nigeria at all levels, it was only political parties that were empowered to choose candidates for elections.

They called on all patriotic volunteers, who are willing and able, to join the effort to stabilise the system to build a new Nigeria.

A source disclosed that the committee was a gathering of Nigerian elite working together with the political class and civil society to build a better Nigeria.

"The committee is made up of elite for the good of Nigeria. You have businessmen, leaders of thought as well as politicians from most of the political parties," the source said.

"In fact, some of them have declared to run in 2023 already, so the committee has nothing to do with political parties or candidates. It is just a group of elite who have risen above religious, political and ethnic considerations to build consensus around issues of the economy, national security,

governance and other critical areas of national life," he said.

A top member, however, hinted that the committee will be actively involved in the 2023 elections by ensuring that quality candidates are produced across party lines.

Nigeria will be in trouble if we fail - Kashim Imam

The co-convenor of the 2022 National rebirth committee, Kashim Imam, said the country will be in trouble if the committee failed in its national rebirth agenda for the nation come 2023.

Kashim spoke on a Channels Television Programme "Politics Today" monitored by our reporter last night.

The former presidential liaison officer to the Senate who said the committee assembled over 100 people, added that "the country will be in trouble if those gathered in that room do not solve our problems come 2023.

"The members of the committee cut across the APC and PDP during the 3-day meeting because we believe something must be done to salvage the country," he said.

On the assurance that the template of the committee will be implemented by the would-be president, Kashim said "anybody that wins will have a binding urge to implement our template because all the stakeholders are involved.

"We have members drawn from the political, business, judiciary and every sector you can name in the committee including Aliko Dangote, Jim Ovia, Femi Otedola among others," he said.

'Nigeria witnessing decline in daily COVID-19 cases'

By Ojoma Akor

Nigeria has been experiencing a decrease in the daily COVID-19 cases in the last one month compared to the months of December 2021 and the first two weeks of January this year.

The daily cases from the beginning of this month ranged from 35 to 158 compared to

December when cases were as high as over 1,000 in a day.

Yesterday, the country recorded 58 new COVID-19 cases. The country has so far recorded a total of 253, 838 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 3, 139 deaths.

According to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), in epidemiological

week three, the country recorded a decrease in new confirmed cases of #COVID-19 from 2, 617 to 1, 258.

In its COVID-19 situation report, the centre said in week four, the number of new confirmed cases decreased to 836 (1.4 percent) from 1, 258 (1.9 percent) reported in week three.

It added that the number of discharged cases increased to 2, 611 from 2, 356.

"In week four, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was 9, 891 of which 169 (1.7 percent) were positive compared to 255 (2.4 percent) out of 10, 567 tested in week three.

"In week four, the number

of outbound international travellers tested was 8, 075 of which 32 (0.4 percent) were positive compared to 86 (0.8 percent) out of 10, 468 tested in week three," the report said.

The NCDC advised the public to continue to get vaccinated, wear a face mask, keep physical distance, wash their hands and seek medical care if ill.



■ Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), retired Brig.-Gen. Mohammed Marwa (M); representative of the Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Prof. Abubakar Sadeeqe (3rd L); Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Umar Kari and members of War Against Drug Abuse Club, during the inauguration of Drug free University Campaign at University of Abuja yesterday
PHOTO: NAN

Bandits kill DPO, soldier in fresh Katsina attack

From Tijani Ibrahim, Katsina

Bandits have attacked Magamar Jibia, a town in Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State, killing the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), DSP A. A. Rano, and a soldier.

Daily Trust gathered that the DPO had led a reinforcement team to repel the bandits when they ambushed and killed him and the unnamed soldier.

A resident, Muhammad Aminu, said the gunmen also injured a senior

military officer simply identified as Col. Masoyi and abducted an unknown number of people in the attack.

“During the incursion, they ambushed and opened fire on the car which was conveying the DPO of Jibia, along with another soldier.

“Col. Masoyi was shot in his thigh and he is currently receiving treatment,” Aminu said.

Recall that the DPO, in the company of some military personnel, had been able to chase out bandits that attacked Daddara villages also in Jibia Local Government

where a village head and five others were killed.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Katsina, SP Gambo Isah, had posted the pictures and mourned the police officer on different social media platforms.

According to Police authorities in Katsina, bandits’ kingpins from Zamfara, such as Abdulkarim, Dan Karami, Dangote, and Abu Rabe are converging around villages in Jibia Local Government Area due to the ongoing military operations in Sokoto and Zamafara states.

Magaji still in custody 5 days after granted bail

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

A former Commissioner for Works in Kano State, Mu’azu Magaji, is still at the state central correctional centre, five days after being granted bail by a Kano magistrates’ court.

Magaji is facing a four-count charge bordering on defamation of character, intentional insult, injurious falsehood, and

inciting disturbance against Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje.

Chief Magistrates Aminu Gabari had granted him N1, 000,000 bail with two sureties in like sum who must be the village head of Dan Sarauniya and Hisbah commander from Dawakin Tofa or the Chief Imam.

He also asked him to deposit his passport to the court.

However, the reason for him not being released from the correctional facility has remained sketchy as his lawyer, Garzali Datti Ahmed, did not answer calls placed to him.

Magaji was reportedly arrested in Abuja on January 27 in a Gestapo style after featuring as a guest on Daily Politics, a programme on Trust Television. He was later flown to Kano at midnight

7 killed in rival cult war in Imo

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

Seven persons have been killed in Mmaahu Community in Ohaji Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State in a war involving two rival cult gangs.

The war was said to be between De-Gbam and De-Well cult groups.

Police said that 20 armed men wearing masks and led by one Ossy at about 10pm on Tuesday invaded the community and went to the house of the victims

where they shot them dead. The Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Mike Abattam, identified the victims as Charles Mgbarahor, Funky Anane, Charity Nwachukwu, Edeme Okoro, Isaac Ojenja, Ndubuisi Nwabusi, and Junior Ifeyinwoke.

Abattam said that the divisional police officer on receipt of the information immediately mobilised his men and other patrol teams to the area but on arrival discovered the hoodlums had fled the scene.

He said Ossy was one of the inmates that escaped during a jailbreak at Imo Correctional Centre, Owerri, and was suspected to belong to a cult group known as De- Gbam while those killed were suspected to belong to the rival De-Well.

Abattam said that the command had deployed additional tactical units to the community to support the operation of the Egbema Police Division and the area command to forestall a reprisal.

FG responsible for insecurity in Nigeria – Ortom

From Hope Abah Emmanuel (Makurdi)

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has blamed the root cause of insecurity in parts of the country on the negligence of the federal government.

Ortom said the insecurity was man-made and that if necessary steps to curb further spread were not taken, the country might be worse for it.

He spoke on Wednesday when he received a team from the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON).

“The problem of

insecurity in Nigeria today is manmade. The present federal government is responsible because I took proactive steps right from 2016 when I came in and I saw this coming. And today I am warning Nigerians, those who are sitting in their comfort zones, I want them to understand.

“Last week, one of my colleagues in the North East raised an alarm that ISWAP has taken over part of his state and they are gradually coming in. They are deadly and they have the capacity to overrun this country based on what he saw. And I agree with him that if we don’t take time, it

will happen.

“Like I raised alarm earlier about the challenges we have that if we don’t take time, one day, what happened in Afghanistan, God forbid, it will happen in Nigeria.

Ortom stressed that if the federal government had heeded his earlier advice and counsel, Nigerians would have been better for it.

Earlier, the Director-General of ASCON, Mrs Cecilia Gayya, said the college was training 500 civil servants in Benue following the partnership entered with the state for that number to be trained annually in human capacity development.

I have reasons to thank God, says Fayemi

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

Ekiti State Governor, Dr Kayode Fayemi, has said he has every reason to thank God for the grace he has given him to serve humanity with commitment, sincerity and compassion over the years.

He stated this at a thanksgiving mass organised to mark his 57th birthday at the Government House Chapel, Ado-Ekiti yesterday.

He attributed his successes to favours from God, noting that whatever he became was not because he was the best in his generation, family or community but because of God’s grace.

The governor, who prayed for the strength to finish well and strong, also prayed to God to ordain for the state a successor that would consolidate the various developmental projects and programmes initiated by his administration for the benefit of the people.

The Vicar General, Catholic Diocese of Ekiti State, Rev. Fr., Odesami Adewusi, in his short sermon, charged the governor to look unto God for guidance and inspiration on his political endeavour.

Adewusi said that the country was in dire need of people who would use leadership opportunities at their disposal to serve God for the benefit of the people.

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After rebuilding 803 homes: Zulum resettles Malari returnees with N58.5m cash, food

Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, was on Wednesday at Malari village in Konduga Local Government Area to flag off the safe resettlement of households who had been internally displaced for more than seven years.

The resettlement followed the reconstruction of 803 houses which were destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents during serial attacks about seven years ago.

The state's Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (MRRR), under the commissioner, Engr Mustapha Gubio, rebuilt the houses.

Zulum, at the resettlement ceremony, directed the allocation of N100,000 to each of the 500 community members whose houses

were not part of the 803 houses already rebuilt. The sum of N50m will be shared to the 500 persons.

He announced the allocation of cash to households returning to the rebuilt homes, comprising 240 male returnees that will get N20, 000 each and their 379 female counterparts to receive N10,000 each plus a wrapper regardless of whether some of them are married to the benefiting male returnees.

Zulum also announced the distribution of food and non-food items which, he said, were donated by the North-East Development Commission (NEDC). He said the donation was meant to support all returnees, with each household to get bags of rice, maize, gallons groundnut oil, mattresses; with women to get wrappers in addition.

The Governor commended the NEDC for ceaselessly providing interventions. He pledged the continued commitment of the state government to sustaining the ongoing reconstruction projects and the starting new ones towards the safe and dignified resettlements of IDPs and refugees who fled to neighbouring countries in the wake of attacks from 2013 to 2014.

In his remark, the Commissioner for MRRR, Engr Gubio, assured Zulum of his ministry's focus on ensuring the resettlement in line with the yearnings of the people.

In their separate speeches, top personalities from communities in Konduga Local Government Area, notably the state chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Ali Bukar Dalori; member representing

Konduga at the State House of Assembly, Ali Bulama Yejiya, and the chairman of the Borno State Local Government Service Commission, Senator Kaka Malam Yale. They spoke about the significance of Zulum's resettlement of Malari village which they similarly described as a milestone achievement.

They all paid tributes to Governor Zulum for relentlessly deploying measures to enhance security in different parts of Konduga and for regularly visiting communities to stand with them and support them whenever there was any incident.

They urged residents to remain supportive of the governor, keep cooperating with security personnel and be praying for the sustenance of emerging peace in Borno State.



■ Clockwise: Governor Zulum at the resettlement of Malari village returnees with provision of cash support for livelihoods, food and non food items, yesterday in Malari,,Konduga LGA.



■ Engr. Gubio

■ Hon. Dalori

■ Hon. Yejiya

■ Sen. Yale

Hijab: NSCIA talks tough, urges Kwara to change schools' names

- Warns against bullying of Muslim students
- Blames CAN for school violence

By Abbas Jimoh

The Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), headed by the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar III, yesterday urged the Kwara State Government to change the names of all the grant-aided public schools in line with the state's Education Law CAP E1 which made them public schools.

This followed last Thursday's violence at Baptist High School, Ijagbo, in Oyun Local Government of Kwara State, which led to the killing of Habeeb Idris, a Muslim student of the school when a rally by the Muslim students was reportedly disrupted by hoodlums and security agents.

The NSCIA, in a statement yesterday by

its Director of Administration, Zubairu Haruna Usman-Ugwu, said it would no longer sit by and allow the various court judgments secured by the Muslim Ummah on hijab usage and others to continue to be consigned to the dust bin of history.

"Henceforth, we shall, in conjunction with other stakeholders, institute a contempt of court proceeding against any person that violates a legally binding judgment of court if the government fails to do its duty.

"We call on the government of Kwara State to, as a matter of urgency, commence the process of changing the names of all the grant-aided public schools in line with the state Education Law CAP E1, which made them public schools," Usman-Ugwu said.

He also challenged the Kwara State Government to walk its talk on directives and adopt a more stringent approach to ending the "amorphous and systematic bullying" of Muslim students by the authorities of the grant-aided public schools on account of their religious beliefs.

He described last Thursday's violence as a sadistic and barbaric carnage unleashed on innocent Muslim students.

He said the victims of this premeditated violence were only exercising their constitutionally guaranteed right to peaceful protest over the decision of Oyun Baptist High School, Ijagbo, to deny some female Muslim students entry to the school premises on account of their use of hijab.

He also blamed the Kwara State Chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) for the violence, over the recent statement in which it vowed to reject any 'imposition' of the use of hijab in the so-

called mission schools in the state.

He stated: "It will be recalled that the Muslim students' despair peaked exponentially last week as tension rose and nerves frayed over this unjust treatment.

"This situation was aggravated by the inaction of the government of Kwara State to quickly arrest the situation and enforce its own directive which was restated on January 25, 2022 to all public schools in the state on the use of hijab and berets for willing students after the management of Oyun Baptist High School suddenly decreed that, female students should not wear hijab to the school again.

"With the indifferent attitude of government to this infringement, the students took their frustration and complaint to the Kwara State Teaching Service Commission and to the Government House in Ilorin prior to the protest at the school gate in Ijagbo.

Bandits kill commercial driver, abduct four in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Bandits have abducted four residents of Kwamdari Village in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Daily Trust gathered that the bandits invaded the community around 12:30pm on Monday.

A resident who simply identified himself as Umar said there was confusion in the village following the

abduction.

"They abducted the villagers after invading the community on Monday. The victims were taken into the bush by the bandits," he said.

It was also learnt that a commercial driver identified as Mansur Sani was killed by bandits on Monday at a place close to Buruku, a town along Kaduna Birnin Gwari Highway.

A community leader, Muhammadu Umaru, who confirmed the incident said he

had been buried on Tuesday according to Islamic rites.

He added that one other person called Ibrahim Zankoro sustained a gun injury on the same road and had been receiving treatment at a hospital in Kaduna.

As of the time of filing this report, the state government had yet to issue an official reaction.

Also, calls placed to the state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige, were unanswered.

Hisbah Board destroys 3.8m bottles of beer in Kano

From Lubabatu I Garba, Kano

The Kano State Hisbah Board has destroyed over 3.8 million bottles of assorted beer confiscated over the last few months.

The commander general of the board, Dr Harun Ibn- Sina, stated this during the destruction of the seized beer at Tudun Kalebawa, Dawakin Tofa Local Government Area yesterday.

Ibn-Sina said that the board was winning the fight against drug abuse, intoxicants, and all other societal vices.

He said the state government approved the destruction of the intoxicants, hence the conduct of the exercise.

At the event, Governor Abdullahi Ganduje has reiterated the state government's commitment to the welfare of the board's personnel.

He was represented by the member representing Albasu Local Government in the state house of assembly and the Chairman, House Committee on Religious Affairs, Sunusi Usman-Batayya.

Hanifa: Aisha Buhari visits Kano, says there must be justice

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The wife of the president, Aisha Buhari, yesterday evening visited Kano State to commiserate with the government, families and people of the state over the murder of the five-year-old Hanifa Abubakar, and the death of a famous cleric, late Sheikh Ahmad Bamba.

At a press briefing held at the government house, Aisha said she came purposely on a private visit to register

her condolence in person to the two families.

She said, "We hope and pray that justice will be done for her that will satisfy all that matters in Kano and me as the first lady of Nigeria.

"As a mother, I have children and grandchildren already in primary school. They trusted their teachers so much and we too. So, in a situation whereby our children are not safe in their schools, that means society has become something else.

"So, I think the punishment should be done in other to satisfy all the matters in Nigeria."

While thanking her for the visit, Kano State Governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, assured the first lady of justice in the matter.

"We assure you Justice will be done. As I have been mentioning, immediately justice is done, the governor of Kano state will not waste a second to sign my own responsibility," he said.

Soludo's inauguration to last 20 minutes – Anambra govt

Titus Eleweke, Awka

Anambra State Commissioner for Information and Public Enlightenment, Don Adinuba, has said there will be no fanfare at the inauguration of the governor-elect, Charles Soludo, on March 17.

He also said the inauguration would only

last for 20 minutes.

Adinuba said that the practice of hosting a crowd and having fanfare that normally characterised the inauguration of governors in the state would not hold, adding that Soludo would swing into action immediately after inauguration.

Confirming this position, a media assistant

to Soludo, Joe Anatune, said, "This inauguration will be different; one thing that is certain and it will mark a change of power without the usual fanfare," he said.

Efforts to speak with the state chairman of APGA, Chief Nibert Obi, proved abortive as he was said to be indisposed to comment.



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors of BUA Cement PLC is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2021.

Description NGN'000	31st December, 2021 (Unaudited)	31st December, 2020 (Audited)	▲ %
Net Revenue	257,332,986	209,443,487	22.9
Cost of Sales	(137,240,408)	(113,954,695)	20.9
Gross Profit	120,092,578	95,488,792	25.8
Operating Profit	104,769,412	82,022,015	27.7
Operating Margin (%)	40.7%	39.2%	1.6
Profit Before Tax	105,031,288	78,873,498	33.2
Profit After Tax	91,742,992	72,344,336	27
Total Comprehensive Income	91,867,118	71,520,102	28.4
Comprehensive Income (%)	35.7%	34.1%	1.6
Earnings Per Share (=N=)	2.7	2.1	26.8
Non-current Assets	585,929,145	527,668,304	11
Current Assets	142,576,462	238,634,275	-40.3
Total Assets	728,505,607	766,302,579	-4.9
Shareholders' Equity	397,821,847	375,954,728	5.8
Non-current Liabilities	193,811,121	182,247,661	6.4
Current Liabilities	136,872,639	208,100,190	-34.2
Total Liabilities	330,683,760	390,347,850	-15.3
Total Liabilities & Equity	728,505,607	766,302,578	-4.7

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Use your network to develop Igala land, Attah tells Uk'Omu Igala

From Labaran Tijjani, Lokoja

The Attah Igala and President, Kogi State Traditional Council, James Alaji Opaluwa, has called on all Igala sons and daughters to use their social, political and economic networks to develop the Kogi East Senatorial District, the home of Igala speaking people of Nigeria.

The paramount ruler made the call when the executive committee members of Uk'Omu Igala, the apex socio-cultural and political organization, led by its National Leader, Mr David

Abutu, paid him a courtesy visit.

The monarch urged the delegation to use their network to harness the mineral resources in Igalaland in order to bring about development and create employment for the teeming youths who languish in poverty and frustration due to lack of jobs.

He said, "Igala land is blessed with more than 65 per cent of natural resources found in Kogi State. However, most of them remain untapped, and for those being tapped, we are not deriving maximum benefits from them. I believe you have

the capacity to bring about development in Igalaland if you are united and passionate about it."

The Attah called on Igala sons and daughters to embrace peace and unity among themselves, eschew bitterness, political violence, greed, and pull-him-down syndrome, which he noted, had hampered development in the senatorial district.

Abutu, in his address, congratulated the paramount ruler for assuming the royal throne of his ancestors and pledged the support of the

group.

He said, "Uk'Omu Igala's objectives include engendering political, economic and social development in Kogi East Senatorial District. We engage in programmes and projects that will lead to political education and participation, economic empowerment for the underprivileged, and fighting for the rights of Igala people, to ensure we take our proper place in the Nigerian nation.

"One of the projects that are in the offing is Inikpi Radio, meant to facilitate dissemination of beneficial

information, education, and entertainment for the people of this geopolitical region."

Among those who visited the paramount ruler include Major General Patrick Akpa (retd), a former National Leader of Uk'Omu Igala; Dr (Mrs) Rakiya Abaji, Deputy National Leader; Dr Sabestin Abu, National Secretary; Princess Vera Otimi Olive, National Woman Leader; Alhaji M. K. Audu, National Financial Secretary; Mrs Vivian Idama, National Treasurer and Dr Theophilus Abbah, Director, Media and Publicity.

Blame FG if we ground universities – ASUU

From Jude A. Owuamanam, Owerri

The Academic Staff Union of Universities, Federal University of Technology Owerri chapter yesterday said lecturers should not be blamed if academic activities were grounded in the universities.

The union accused the federal government of deliberately destroying the country's educational system and toying with the future of Nigerian children.

The ASUU FUTO chairman, Chinedu Ihejirika, at a press briefing in Owerri alleged that the federal government was deliberately forcing ASUU to shut all public universities, nationwide by reneging to honour the Memoranda of Understanding and Memoranda of Action the association agreed with the government since 2009.

He warned that the looming strike would be "comprehensive and irreversible."

"ASUU is not making any fresh demand; rather we are insisting that all Memoranda of Understanding and Memoranda of Action be implemented. The contending issues include but are not limited to the signing of the renegotiated 2009 agreement," Ihejirika said. Ihejirika said that instead of the federal government implementing the 2009 MoU and MoA with ASUU, it rather chose to introduce a 'fraud-ridden salary payment system called Integrated Personnel Payroll Information System.'

He said that IPPIS had slashed the salaries of lecturers and also made some lecturers not to receive their salaries for many months.



International Women's Day 2022

March 8 : #Elevating the Voices of Women

In commemoration of the 2022 International Women's Day, Daily Trust is publishing a special feature to spotlight efforts being made by emerging women leaders in Nigeria to overcome the persistent social and systemic barriers to women's participation in influencing positive change in our country.

These emerging women leaders, who through thick and thin, are giving their best to build a better Nation for us all, abound in both the rural and the urban centres across the country.

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Happy Birthday

His Excellency the Chairman of the North East Governors' Forum (NEGF) who is also the Executive Governor of Borno State, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, along with the Executive Governors of Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe States, who are members of the NEGF congratulate Dr. John Olukayode Fayemi on his 57th Birthday.

Governor John Olukayode Fayemi, as Chairman of the Nigerian Governors' Forum (NGF) has exhibited exemplary stewardship of the Forum while also providing dynamic leadership to the affairs of his home State of Ekiti.

Governor John Olukayode Fayemi has at various times led Governors to parts of the Northeast as a show of solidarity and support over the security challenges faced by the subregion.



His Excellency,
Governor John Olukayode Fayemi
Governor of Ekiti State

We wish you and the entire good people of Ekiti State long life, happiness and prosperity.



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10"X4 COL	404,800.00	30,360.00	435,160.00	272,228.00	20,417.10	292,645.10
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9"X6 COL	546,480.00	40,986.00	587,466.00	367,507.80	27,563.09	395,070.89
9"X5 COL	455,400.00	34,155.00	489,555.00	306,256.50	22,969.24	329,225.74
9"X4 COL	364,320.00	27,324.00	391,644.00	245,005.20	18,375.39	263,380.59
9"X3 COL	273,240.00	20,493.00	293,733.00	183,753.90	13,781.54	197,535.45
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8"X3 COL	242,880.00	18,216.00	261,096.00	163,336.80	12,250.26	175,587.06
7"X6 COL	425,040.00	31,878.00	456,918.00	285,839.40	21,437.96	307,277.36
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4"X6 COL	242,880.00	18,216.00	261,096.00	163,336.80	12,250.26	175,587.06
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5x3	89,047.62	6,678.57	95,726.19	62,380.95	4,678.57	67,059.52
5x2	70,952.38	5,321.43	76,273.81	41,428.57	3,107.14	44,535.71
4x3	79,523.81	5,964.29	85,488.10	50,952.38	3,821.43	54,773.81
4x2	55,238.10	4,142.86	59,380.95	36,190.48	2,714.29	38,904.76
3x3	57,619.05	4,321.43	61,940.48	38,571.43	2,892.86	41,464.29
3x2	38,095.24	2,857.14	40,952.38	23,809.52	1,785.71	25,595.24
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NIGERIA'S UNFINISHED IGBO BUSINESS

The 2023 political/electoral season has opened. The search for the next President is on. While some Nigerians want the next president to come from their regional or ethnic section, others are calling for the prioritisation of "merit" without defining what it means in the context of Nigeria's politics.

As we debate, may I subtly remind Nigerians that there is a very important unfinished Igbo business. Fifty two years after the end of the Nigerian Civil War, Nigeria has not made up its mind exactly what to do with the Igbo nation. The entire country, with the help of our British colonial master and her allies and even foes, came together to quench Biafra's secession attempt.

After every conflict, efforts must be made to ensure that the war ends both in the battlefield and the minds of the protagonists. The former enemies must agree to become friends and brothers again for progress to become possible. The Bible says that two cannot walk together unless they agree.

The theatre of war must be rehabilitated. After the World War II, the victorious Allied Powers created the Marshall Plan to rebuild devastated Germany and Japan after committing them to henceforth pursue only economic, rather than militaristic, paths to their futures. Something similar happened even here in Africa after the genocide of 1994 in Rwanda which claimed over 800,000 lives. The Hutus and Tutsis decided to forgive each other and resume on a clean slate. It worked in Europe, Japan and Rwanda. It always works.

Have you ever pondered why Nigeria started sliding downhill shortly after the War? The answer is simple. The "No Victor, No Vanquished" declaration was a fraud meant to get the Biafrans to drop their arms. The "Reconciliation, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation" policy was a mere "419". The war continued in the minds of the hawks, especially the "federal" military. They took it to the political, economic and social arenas against the Igbo. If not for that mind war, the late former Vice President, Dr. Alex Ekwueme, would have emerged president of Nigeria in 1987 or 1999. But each time, the military thwarted him because he was Igbo.

On the other hand, the North voluntarily forwent the ambitions of their sons in 1999 and brought out

General Olusegun Obasanjo whom they had jailed for coup. They rallied the rest of the country to make him president to assuage the Yoruba nation of their hurt over the annulment of the June 12 1993 election and the murder of its winner, Chief Moshood Abiola, in detention.

They found it convenient to appease their war allies (Yoruba) rather than their enemies (Igbo). Since 1999, the North has been president twice (nine years so far), South West (eight years) and South-South (five and half years). All of them want to have another go, while the Igbo keeps being thwarted and blamed thereafter.

Since the end of the war and with the unfinished Igbo business, progress has eluded Nigeria. Poverty and insecurity bestride an otherwise blessed and mighty country like a colossus. Our education, health and infrastructure have gone to the dogs. The North, which led the war against Igbo and guzzles the lion's share of resources, is in abject poverty and under attack by its own sons.

They are drifting to the South for greener pastures. Even their people who occupy every visible post in the Muhammadu Buhari regime cannot protect them. Yet, the economic circumstances of the Igbo are among the best. There is karmic effect at work. Nigeria must sit down with the Igbo, end the mind wars and forgive one another. They must agree and decide on a new direction. As a confidence-building measure, a competent and patriotic Igbo must be given the mantle of leadership and full support just as Obasanjo got.

The second option should be to loosen the Nigerian Federation and allow each part 75 per cent autonomy to decide its future. If both options fail, the Igbo must be allowed to peacefully leave the Federation. When you put something in your mouth, it is either you swallow it or spit it out. If it stays in your throat it will choke you to death! Nigeria's unfinished Igbo business must be addressed now.

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INSIDE POLITICS

“Nobody would place their lives in the hands of an incompetent doctor because they share the same faith or continue to patronise a dangerously inept mechanic because they belong to the same tribe – Vice President Yemi Osinbajo

Northern elders to Akeredolu: Threats won't give you presidency

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

The Northern Elders Forum (NEF), yesterday, knocked the Governor of Ondo State, Rotimi Akeredolu, for saying any political party that fielded its presidential candidate from the North would lose the election.

The group stressed that every northerner has the right to compete and contest for the presidential seat in 2023, adding that the North could equally take a similar position by canvassing support for a northern candidate against the South.

Speaking with Daily Trust, the NEF Director of Publicity and Advocacy, Dr. Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, however, stressed that such utterances will only make the country suffer because Nigerians will end up selecting leaders, not on the basis of their qualities but threats and intimidation.

“Some sections of this country think that intimidating and threatening the North is what will yield the presidency to them and they are wrong, it will not,” he stressed.

The NEF spokesman said rhetorics



■ Akeredolu

and demands made by the governor of Ondo State and other leaders from the South were not only unhelpful and raised the temperature of the country but also do not help any southern politician who is good enough to actually canvas the support of the North.

“All these threats, ultimatums

and demands that are coming from politicians from the South, that only a southerner will become the president of the country, circumscribe the rights of citizens who are not from the southern part of the country.

“They don't help southern politicians who are good enough to actually say to the North; we are good enough for your

votes, trust in us,” he said.

When asked if such matters are discussed privately between southern and northern leaders, Baba-Ahmed answered in the affirmative but said, “there are multiplicities of influences. There are politicians who believe the only way they can secure some leverage is by speaking in these terms; intimidating, threatening and giving ultimatum.

“Those politicians don't have linkages with the real politicians who are looking for power through negotiations, through convincing people and doing the hard work of politicking.

“Then there are those who really don't care; an agenda has been set for them and they are not interested in the merit of their arguments.”

The said what is missing in Nigeria at the moment is an elite consensus of what it takes to get the country to survive between now and 2023 elections as well as making sure that the country transits to the elections with the most minimal of crisis, and what to do with the country or how the country can be re-engineered and rebuilt beyond 2023.

PDP N/Assembly caucus endorses Anyim for presidency

By Baba Martins

The joint caucus of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the National Assembly has endorsed the presidential aspiration of a former Senate president, Anyim Pius Anyim, come 2023.

Speaking at a consultative meeting between the presidential hopeful and members of the PDP caucus in Abuja, Senate Minority Leader Enyinnaya Abaribe (PDP, Abia) said the members of the caucus were

solidly behind Anyim's quest to become president of the country.

“The PDP joint caucus of the National Assembly is telling you to go ahead with your aspiration. As elected representatives of the people and also those in touch with the grassroots, we are with you,” he said.

Abaribe stated that usually, the National Assembly is taken for granted when people sought for executive positions. “But you have shown that as a former presiding officer of the National

Assembly, you have taken the right step.”

Speaking earlier, Anyim said he wanted to meet with his primary constituency, the National Assembly, which will give him direction on what to do.

He said he decided to seek the office of the president of the country on behalf of the members of the National Assembly, adding that they will be the ones to tell him to continue or not.

APC chairmanship: Adamawa delegates back Mustapha

By Saawua Terzungwe

The statutory delegates to the forthcoming national convention of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from Adamawa State have endorsed a former deputy national chairman of the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), Mallam Saliu Mustapha, as next national chairman of the party.

Mustapha is campaigning to become the party's national chairman at its February 26 national convention.

A statement by his media aide, Dapo Okubanjo, on Wednesday said the delegates, who are serving and former House of Assembly members, made the endorsement during a courtesy call on the aspirant at his campaign headquarters in Abuja.

Led by Hon. Umar Yapak, the Adamawa lawmakers said they arrived at the decision to back Mustapha because they saw him as a unifier based on his antecedents.

“We have heard how, as

deputy national chairman of the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), you were fair to all in terms of choice of party candidates.

“We also know that you will use your experience in party administration and your age to act as a bridge between the older generation of APC members and the younger ones amongst us.

“But we are asking that you ensure that the party has a better reward system in order to calm the nerves of aggrieved party members,” he said.

Political parties woo women, youth in Kano

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) has launched a new campaign that will work towards encouraging women and youth participation and inclusion in the politics and governance of the country.

The campaign, ‘WE-YOU PRO’, with a slogan Hope, Action and Progress for Women and Youths, is designed to ensure that

women and youth benefitted from the Not Too Young To Run Act for youth to take the mantle of leadership at various positions.

The parties that attended the launching of the project included youths and women from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Peoples Redemption Party (PRP), Young Progressive Party (YPP), Africa Democratic Congress (ADC) and Social Democratic Party (SDP).

Members of the civil society organisations and youth groups were also in attendance.

Speaking at the event, which was held at Tahir Guest Palace in Kano, the Country Director of AAN, and Convener of Civil Society Situation Room, Ms Ene Obi, said the essence of the campaign was to sensitise women and youth to come together and work towards a prosperous future and rescue themselves from becoming marginalised.

APC, Buhari ask court to dismiss appeal seeking to swear in Atiku

By John Chuks Azu

The All Progressives Congress (APC) and President Muhammadu Buhari have asked the Court of Appeal in Abuja to dismiss the appeal seeking to nullify his election and swear in Atiku Abubakar as president.

The Incorporated Trustees of the Civil Society Observatory for Constitutional and Legal Compliance (CSOCLC) filed the appeal over its contention that the affidavit made by the president in the 2019 general elections was false.

APC and President Buhari's submission is contained in their Respondents' Brief of Argument filed on January 31, 2022, challenging the appeal by the CSO.

The CSO, through its counsel, Nnamdi Ahaiwe Esq., filed the appellant's brief, which is contending that the affidavit made by President Buhari on November 24, 2014, at the FCT High Court “that all his academic qualification documents as filled in his Presidential Form, President APC/001/2015 are currently with the Secretary, Military Board as at the time of the affidavit is false.”

The CSO is also contending that “there was no any organ, institution, agency, department or authority known as and called the ‘Military Board’ existing in the Federal Republic of Nigeria as at the 24th day of November 2014, when the 3rd defendant, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR deposed to an affidavit sworn to at the High

Court of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja.”

The CSO added that in the event its reliefs succeed, the appellate court should grant a consequential order nullifying the election, withdrawing the certificate of return to office of the president and direct “the 1st defendant/respondent (INEC) to issue a new certificate of return in respect of the office of President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Alhaji Atiku Abubakar of the PDP being the candidate who came second in the 2019 general elections.”

In their reply, APC and Buhari submitted that the inability of the CSO to prove its allegation beyond reasonable grounds at the high court, being criminal, with a subpoena of the Secretary of the Military Board to produce the certificates, was fatal to their case.

They submitted that the Supreme Court has resolved the subject matter of the appeal in Atiku Abubakar/PDP vs INEC and others, maintaining that under the doctrine of stare decisis, the appellate court must stand by the earlier decision of the apex court.

Meanwhile, at the resumed hearing on Wednesday, two lawyers, Oluwole Afolabi and F. O. Amedu, appeared for both the APC and Buhari and contended that they were briefed.

Consequently, the three-member panel, presided by Justice Haruna Tsamani, adjourned the appeal to May 18 to enable the parties to reconcile the issue of representation.

Real reasons Gombe APC top shots are decamping

From Haruna Gimba Yaya,
Gombe

- They are on rescue mission – PDP
- No cause for alarm – Ruling party

Top shots of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Gombe State are decamping to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), raising apprehension in the political circle in the state.

The latest is a philanthropist, astute politician and one-time gubernatorial aspirant, Dr Jamil Isyaku Gwamna, who dumped the party in Gombe State late last month.

The gale of defections from the ruling APC, mainly to the opposition PDP, was described by political observers as a repeat of the fate that befell PDP in 2019, which led to its defeat during the polls.

Unlike what obtains in other states where members of the opposition party are decamping to the ruling party, in Gombe it is the opposite, as the frontline members of the ruling APC are either resigning their membership or decamping to the opposition PDP.

Before the 'political coup' staged by APC in 2019, PDP had been the ruling party in Gombe since 2003 when then the governor, now Senator Muhammad Danjuma Goje, wrested power from the late Abubakar Habu Hashidu of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP).

Political pundits said all the recent decampers to the PDP played a critical role in bringing the government of Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya to power in 2019, but they are said to be teaming up in PDP to dislodge APC in the 2023 elections.

In their respective remarks after announcing their defection, all the defectors cited internal crisis and 'lack of direction' by the APC-led administration in the state as their reason for dumping it.

However, our correspondent gathered that some of the defectors have long-term political ambition to call the shot from Gombe Government House, while others want to contest other political offices, which apparently may not be possible under the APC due to the power of incumbency wielded by the governor.

They, therefore, felt that there was the need to move to a party that would give them a level



■ Gov. Inuwa



■ Gwamna

playing ground and a chance to pursue their respective political ambitions.

A businessman, founder and former managing director and chief executive officer of Sun Trust Bank, Muhammad Jibril Barde, was the first to defect to the PDP.

Danbarde, as he is popularly called, was the first runner-up in the 2018 gubernatorial primary election that produced Governor Yahaya as APC's candidate for the 2019 gubernatorial election.

After losing the primaries to Yahaya, nothing was heard of Barde, as he dissociated himself from the party and was never seen during the political activities that culminated in the overwhelming victory of the APC during the polls.

Prior to officially declaring for the PDP, the ruling APC moved its state secretariat from a property belonging to Barde to a building owned by Governor Yahaya.

His defection was, therefore, obviously, to wrest power from the incumbent governor and be the 'number one' citizen of the state, the observers posit.

Another politician who defected from APC to PDP

is Mr. John Lazarus Yoriyo, who was a two-term deputy governor of the state during Goje's administration between 2003 and 2011.

Alhaji Abdulkadir Hamma Saleh also returned to the PDP having left for APC in the buildup to the 2019 elections.

Hamma Saleh had contested and lost the gubernatorial primaries to Senator Usman Bayero Nafada, who equally lost to the incumbent governor at the general elections.

Abubakar Abubakar BD, a two-term member of the House of Representatives that represented Gombe/Kwami/Funakaye Federal Constituency, was a grassroots politician and a one-time special adviser and general manager of Gombe Line Transport Company during the administration of former Governor Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo.

He left PDP for APC during the 2019 elections and played a role in the election that brought the incumbent government to power.

Dr Ahmed Mohammed Gana was the immediate past commissioner of health in the state. He was dropped during a minor cabinet reshuffle in 2021.

The medical doctor-cum-politician has a long-time ambition to represent the people of Gombe/Kwami/Funakaye at the National Assembly. He was believed to have returned to his former party, PDP, to contest for the seat again.

Similarly, Dr Jamil Isyaku Gwamna, a one-time gubernatorial candidate of the defunct ANPP in 2007 and governorship aspirant on the PDP in 2018, also resigned from the APC.

Sardaunan Gombe, as he is popularly called, had contested and lost the PDP's gubernatorial primary election in 2018 to Senator Usman Bayero Nafada.

He defected to APC less than 24 hours after losing the primaries. He met other big shots in the APC and played a vital role in the campaign that culminated with the victory of Inuwa Yahaya in 2019.

He, however, parted ways with the governor shortly after he (Gov Yahaya) assumed office. There are speculations that the Sardaunan Gombe parted ways with the governor over his ambition to succeed him.

Other party big shots that ditched the APC include an

ex-member of the House of Representatives, Alhaji Umaru Barambu, who represented Akko Federal Constituency, Dr. Danlami Arabs Rukejei and Reverend Jeremiah Gado among others.

Also, many party executives at the ward level and party members across the 11 LGAs of the state have been tendering their resignation from the APC almost on daily basis, over what they described as, "failure of the APC-led administration to reward their sacrifices."

Our correspondent reports that all the politicians that have so far decamped to PDP from the ruling APC, have played a role in the emergence of the current administration.

Political observers in Gombe are of the view that they are ganging up in the PDP to have a repeat of 2019, when they ganged up under APC and successfully ended PDP's 16 years rule in the state.

No cause for alarm – APC

Responding, the Publicity Secretary of APC in the state, Mr Moses Kyari, said politics is about interest and the decampers are free to join any political party of their choice.

He, however, debunked claims that people were leaving the party en masse, saying most of the high-profile politicians that decamped to PDP, left to realise their respective ambitions of contesting for political offices.

"If you look critically, most of the supposedly high-profile politicians that have defected have done so for either of these two reasons; for personal ambition to contest for an office or followed their political benefactors," he said.

They are on rescue mission – PDP

On his part, the Publicity Secretary of PDP in the state, Murtala Usman Dukku, said the high profile politicians are on rescue mission.

"They are on a rescue mission to save the state from bad governance under Governor Inuwa Yahaya led APC-administration. In fact, not politicians alone, all patriotic indigenes and residents of Gombe State are not happy with the current administration, hence they are teaming up to sack the party," he said.

Why I attended hearing of Jang's corruption trial – Gov Wike

From Yusufu Aminu Idegue (Jos) & Baba Martins (Abuja)

Governor of Rivers State Nyesom Wike has said he attended the trial of a former governor of Plateau State, Jonah Jang, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to show his solidarity to him.

Jang, a Board of Trustees (BoT) member of the Peoples of Democratic Party (PDP), is being tried by the EFCC over alleged financial crime. He was in court in Jos, the Plateau State capital, yesterday.

Speaking after attending the trial, Wike said, "I am in Jos to meet with PDP leaders and stakeholders in the state. And

it is an opportunity for me to also show solidarity with a BoT member of PDP who is standing trial in this court.

"So I'm in the court to show solidarity with Jang, to assure him that he is not alone in this trial. To tell him that this is one of the challenges facing former governors under this administration and to assure

him he will be victorious at the end of it all."

Meanwhile, the National Chairman of PDP, Dr. Iyorchia Ayu, has stated that the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) administration has deprived the country of development and enthroned incompetence and corruption.

Ayu made the assertion

when he led members of the National Working Committee and other top leaders of the party to a crucial meeting with General Ibrahim Babangida (rtd) in Minna, Niger State.

He said the visit was in furtherance of PDP's efforts to rescue and rebuild the nation from the misrule of the APC in the last six years.

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CITY & CRIME

Hoodlums on rampage in Kano metro, maim residents

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Hoodlums in their numbers have continued to wreak havoc in Kurna, Tudun Fulani area of Ungogo Local Government Area in Kano Metropolis, attacking and injuring residents.

The latest incident, which occurred penultimate Monday resulted in the amputation of a limb of one of the victims, with several others sustaining injuries.

When *City & Crime* visited the Murtala Muhammed General Hospital where the patients were receiving treatment, one of the victims, Muhammad Sani Inusa (Babangida), whose hand has been amputated as a result of the attack, narrated how the incident happened.

Babangida said, "I was sleeping in my house when a neighbour called and said hoodlums were knocking at his house and were about to break the door, threatening to kill him if they opened the door on their own."

"I didn't know that some of them were near my house, so I



Some of the hoodlums arrested



One of the victims of the attack

came out to help my neighbour. Immediately I came out one of them stabbed me on my head and I fell down. They continued stabbing all parts of my body. I heard one of them saying, 'Kill him, don't spare him.' When I realised they were targeting my head, I used my hands to block them, that was how one of them used a cutlass and cut my hand, including the bones, only the flesh was holding it."

Narrating further, Babangida said he trekked some distance to seek help.

He said, "When I reached the main road, I slumped and that was how police saw me and

brought me here. The doctors said my hand could not function again as the veins that circulated blood had been cut. The hand began to decay and that was why it was amputated."

Another victim, Aliyu Usman, who sustained injuries on his head and other parts of his body, said the hoodlums thought he was dead and left him.

Usman said, "That hour I received a call and came out as usual. Unfortunately, I fell inside a gutter near my house and they came on me. They stabbed my head over seven times and also some parts of my body."

Both victims lamented that they took all responsibilities of their medication and treatment, calling on government to support them.

Residents of the area also lamented incessant attacks by hoodlums, saying they now slept with one eye open.

Hamsu Abubakar, who spoke on behalf of the Ward Head of Kurna, said the distance between them and the nearest police station was far in case of emergencies.

He said, "This has been happening here, but this is the worst ever. It has led to one of

us losing his hand. Honestly we need government to support us."

When contacted, the Chairman of Ungogo LGA, Engineer Abdullahi Garba Ramat, said he was aware of the attack and that he even visited the victims in the hospital and paid for their medication.

He further said since his coming as chairman, he considered security as top priority given the security challenges faced by the surrounding communities and that they were recording success through the newly launched app, LURA, for reporting criminal activities.

He explained that, "We launched the application to ease our work of addressing the security challenges in the regions of the local government. We are deeply committed to end security challenges in Ungogo. Those culprits will be traced as we are already on the process to do that. They are not from our local government, they come in purposely to steal."

The spokesman of the police in the state, SP Haruna Kiyawa, promised to find out about the incident and get back to our reporter.

Son kills dad with pestle in Yobe

The police in Yobe State, on Wednesday, said a 20-year-old man, Mai Goni, has hacked his father, Goni Kawu, to death with a pestle in Masaba,

Bursari Local Government Area. The command's spokesman, ASP Dungus Abdulkarim, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the incident occurred on Tuesday at

about 7:30pm. He said Kawu (65) sustained a head injury as a result of the attack and was confirmed dead in the hospital.

ASP Abdulkarim said the suspect fled the scene after committing the crime, adding that the command had intensified effort to apprehend him.

2 Civil Defence officers arrested for robbery

An Ikeja High Court on Wednesday remanded Amarachukwu Asonta, a 27-year-old female officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), and her colleague, Adebayo Ajayi, 32, for alleged armed robbery.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Justice Oyindamola Ogala ordered the remand of the duo following their not guilty plea to a two-count charge of conspiracy and armed robbery.

The charges were proffered against the duo by the Lagos State Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

According to the Director of the Lagos State DPP, Dr Jide Martins, the NSCDC officers committed the offences at 2.20 a.m. on Jan. 30, 2018, along Yaya Abatan Road, Ogba, Lagos.

The defendants and others who are now at large, while armed with guns and other offensive weapons hijacked an Iveco container truck with registration number - LSR746XD.

"The truck contained 1,700 cartons of Chelsea and Action Bitters drinks valued at N2.7million, waybills, mobile phones and unspecified amount of cash," the DPP said.

Following the arraignment of the NSCDC officers, the DPP requested that the defendants should be remanded at the Correctional Centre.

"My lord, the matter has been on since 2018. The defendants are officers of the NSCDC. They have been evading the court and the court issued a bench warrant for their arrest."

"The first defendant (Asonta) had to be arrested with the aid of the NSCDC," Martins said.

The offences contravene Sections 297(2) (b) and 299 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015.

Following the submission of the DPP, the defence counsel, Mr Dapo Daramola, informed the court that he had filed an application for the bail of the defendants.

Justice Oyindamola Ogala ordered the remand of the defendants at the Correctional Centre and adjourned the case until Feb. 23 for the hearing of the bail application. (NAN)



A man conveys scraps to a weighing centre along Garki Area 11 yesterday Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi

Kano moves to address water shortage in rural communities

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) of the Kano State Government Kano, in partnership with an NGO, Swiss Mark-Sawa, has taken a step to address lack of potable water in rural areas of the state.

According to the Head of Partnerships and Innovation of Swiss Mark, Denmark, in Nigeria, Amidele Oshidele, said the project was to ensure that communities in Nigeria had access to potable water in a way that was affordable.

Oshidele said, "The project will be distributing 2,000 Sawa bags (Solar SACK) to nine LGAs of the state:

Minjibir, Gwarzo, Sumaila, Wudil, Gwangwazo, Warawa, Bichi, Rano and Bagwai.

"The sack can purify up to 2,000 litres of water, and it takes four hours to purify using sunlight usually working for biological contaminants like bacteria and fungi."

"We are conducting this pilot project with the support of the Ministry of Water Resources and will be distributing 2,000 bags to the most vulnerable local governments that were mostly affected by the cholera outbreak last year."

"It is a partnership, and this is a pilot project to ensure that the people even understand the technology and to ensure that we

introduce it to them. So right now, the samples will actually be going for free."

"Currently, the Federal Ministry of Water Resources have actually certified the product because we did a testing in Kano here and in Lagos."

"In Nigeria, we are also in partnership with the partner for development - a United States NGO which will also be supporting us with projects in Jigawa and Benue states."

"In Kano, we are doing this in partnership with the Ministry of Water Resources and RUWASA, and then in other parts of the country, it is also an ongoing project with other local and international NGOs."



Officials in search of water problem in Kano rural communities

Customs seizes 101 trailers of rice in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Ogun State Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has impounded 101 trailers of foreign rice within 13 months.

The Controller, Dera Nnadi, disclosed this at a press conference at the command's headquarters in

Iroko, Ipokia Local Government Area, of the state.

Mr Nnadi, while speaking on the activities of the command between January, 2021, and January, 2022, explained that 96 trailers with 57,758 bags of rice each, were seized in 2021, while five trailers with 3,008 bags were intercepted in January, 2022.

He explained that the command also stopped the illegal importation of "poultry products, used tyres, second hand clothing, dangerous drugs (tramadol and cannabis sativa), palm oil, petroleum products, assorted soaps and cream."

In total, the controller maintained that 1,389 seizures were made within

the period under review, adding that the duty paid value for all the items seized was N1.48bn.

He added that the NCS in Ogun was able to generate N43,921,205.50 through "fees collected from the auction sales of seized items, especially petroleum products, scrap metals and perishable items."

QUICK READ

Motorcyclist killed while crossing highway

By Adam Umar

Barely a day after a man was killed from a car accident at the Deidei junction, in Abuja, another one lost his life after a vehicle hit him not far from the area on Wednesday.

A witness, Yahuza Jibril, said the deceased, a commercial motorcyclist identified as Nasiru, was riding against traffic direction when he was hit by the motorist as he attempted to make a turn.

Contacted, the Zuba unit commander, Federal Road Safety Commission, Elizabeth Benedict, confirmed the incident, adding that the remains of the deceased have since been released to his relatives for burial.

Navy arrests 74 vandals over theft of N500m petrol

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Nigerian Navy, on Tuesday, said it has arrested a total of 74 suspected pipeline vandals over their involvement in the theft of N500 million worth of petrol in the South West.

The navy said its team also impounded four petroleum tankers used to convey the seized petrol and that effort was on to arrest other fleeing members of the gang.

The suspects were arrested by operatives of the Western Naval Command.

The outgoing Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral Jason Gbassa, made this disclosure in a speech he delivered at a farewell parade in his honour in Lagos on Tuesday.

Lafarge launches driving institute in South West

By Daniel Dada

One major way to reduce road-related incidents and raise the standard of drivers is through training, the Country CEO of Lafarge Africa Plc Mr. Khaled El Dokani has said.

Dokani was speaking at the launching of Lafarge Driving Institute in its Ewekoro plant in Ogun State, South-West Nigeria.

In a statement, Dokani said the continuing number of deaths and serious injuries on roads demands concrete mitigation action to improve road safety.

The Chief Finance Officer/Supply Chain Director of Lafarge, Mr. Lolu Akinyemi, said with the new facility, Lafarge is taking critical steps in implementing its training programme and investing in developing its drivers while embedding the ideal culture within its driver community.

Man in court for defrauding parents of WASCCE fees

A 47-year-old man, Emmanuel Apeh, was on Wednesday arraigned before a Badagry magistrates' court, Lagos, for defrauding five parents of a total of N200,000 intended for fees for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASCCE).

Apeh is facing a two-count charge of fraud and theft.

The prosecutor, ASP Akpan Nko, told the court that the defendant committed the offences sometime in December, 2021, at Newton College, Kilometre 25, Okokoimaiko, Badagry Expressway, Lagos.

ASP Nko told the court that the defendant obtained N200,000 as registration fees from five parents under the pretext of using it to register their children for WASCCE.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The Magistrate, Mr Patrick Adekomaiya, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties in like sum and adjourned the case to February 28. (NAN)

NULGE threatens to shut FCT area councils over salary

● Gives 48-hours ultimatum

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The FCT chapter of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) has issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the FCT Administration (FCTA) to pay the January in the six area councils.

Addressing newsmen shortly after the executive meeting of the union at its secretariat in Gwagwalada yesterday, the FCT chairman of NULGE, Comrade Abdullahi Ibrahim Kabi, said despite the Joint Account Allocation Committee (JAAC) meeting presided over by the Minister of State for the FCT, Hajia Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu, with the six

area council chairmen on January 2, 2022, area council staff were yet to receive their January salary.

Com Kabi said, "After the JAAC meeting held on January 2, 2022, area council staff are yet to receive their January salary, we don't know the offence. Therefore, we are giving a 48-hour ultimatum to relevant authorities to release what accrues to the staff."

He further said it was quite unfortunate that staff across the six area councils were left in hardship, saying failure of the stakeholders to pay the salary after 48 hours the union would have no option than to shut down the area councils' secretariats.

Hanifa: Women lawyers protest, demand end to child abuse

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Legal practitioners under the aegis of International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) on Tuesday took to the Kano streets to condemn and demand an end to child rights abuse that become rampant recently in the state.

The women lawyers made specific reference to the gruesome murder of five-year-old Hanifa Abubakar, reportedly by her school proprietor, Abdulmalik Tanko, as well as thousands of other cases of child rights abuse they said is going on in the state.

The organization therefore called for the quick assent to the Child Right Act by the state House of Assembly and the state government.

The chairperson of FIDA in Kano, Barrister Bilquis Ibrahim Sulaiman, said the protest was

to beg and call the attention of the government and all other stakeholders to ensure justice for the children now and in the future.

"Anybody in Kano that has a stake in this issue should please do all the needful to ensure that the Child Right Act is passed into law in Kano. It is the only thing that has adequate provisions to save the children from what is happening presently," she said.

She added that other reasons for the protest was how the culprits that undertake several child abuse are left unpunished which give them chances to do more of the bad act.

"If these people are not punished, definitely they will continue to destroy the future of our children. And only the Child Rights Act provides for appropriate punishment that is aimed at ending the menace," she said.

Gridlock in Ibadan as fuel scarcity worsens

Some parts of Ibadan City in Oyo State on Wednesday witnessed unusual gridlock due to the prevailing scarcity of fuel across the country.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the gridlock it caused by heavy presence of car owners in many filling stations visited in the town, left many commuters stranded.

Commenting, a businessman, Mr Mayowa Oluyinka, said that

the situation became chaotic as most of the filling stations were not dispensing the product to motorists who were on queue.

"Some of the filling stations don't have fuel while others are just hoarding the product till it becomes very expensive to buy," Oluyinka said.

Another motorist, Mr Sanmi Olatunde, said he queued for about 30 minutes before he could get the fuel in the town.



A motorist pushes his car to a nearby filling station Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi



**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA
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TRANSFORMING IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA (TRIMING) PROJECT

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Nigeria**

PROCUREMENT OF WORKS FOR PROVISION OF SOCIAL INTERVENTION FACILITIES (LIVESTOCK CROSSINGS, WATERING POINTS AND HAND PUMP BOREHOLES) AT KANO RIVER AND HADEJIA VALLEY IRRIGATION SCHEMES IN KANO AND JIGAWA STATES, NIGERIA

IFB No: FMWR/TRIMING/2021/NCB/W/04

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for the Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project that appeared in Development Business dated February 5, 2015.
2. The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) has received a financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Provision of Social Intervention Facilities (Livestock Crossings, Watering Points and Hand pump Boreholes) at Kano River and Hadejia Valley Irrigation Schemes in Kano and Jigawa States, Nigeria
3. The Federal Ministry of Water Resources (FMWR) through the **Project Management Unit (PMU)** of the Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Provision of Social Intervention Facilities (Livestock Crossings, Watering Points and Hand pump Boreholes) at Kano River and Hadejia Valley Irrigation Schemes in Kano and Jigawa States.

4. SCOPE AND LOCATION OF THE WORKS

The proposed contract is limited to construct boreholes, livestock crossing and watering points at various locations within Kano River and Hadejia Valley Irrigation Scheme (KRIS & HVIS) located in Kano and Jigawa States. The schemes are both operated by the Hadejia-Jama'are River Basin Development Authority with head office in Kano and with a Zonal Office in Hadejia. **Contract completion period is nine (9) months**

5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT WORK

The major components of the works included in the Provision of Social Intervention Facilities (Livestock Crossings, Watering Points and Hand pump Boreholes):

- Construction of hand pump boreholes;
- Construction of livestock watering points, including stone pitching;
- Construction of concrete livestock crossing in accordance to the specifications and;
- Preparation and implementation of social & environmental requirements; in addition to submitting corresponding budget required to implement each mitigation or enhancement measures aimed at adhering to these social and environmental requirements within the allowed Provisional Sum. This requirement will serve as the Contractors Environmental and Social Management Plan (CESMP)

6. EXPERIENCE and CAPABILITIES

Bidders must demonstrate that they have the necessary financial capability, experience and equipment to successfully carry out the works. Bidders must have the following experiences and capabilities:

- a) The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirements estimated **as NGN72 million**, net of the Bidder's other commitments.
- b) Minimum average annual construction turnover of **NGN865million**,

calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last **five (5) years**, divided by **five (5) years**.

- c) Experience in construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, sub-contractor, or management contractor and must have satisfactorily and substantially completed in the last five (5) years between 1st January 2015 and application submission deadline of a total value of two **(2nos) contracts each of a minimum value of NGN260million or 1no contract of a minimum value of NGN520million**

Additional information on experience and capabilities requirement for the works are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's **Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers** (January 2011) as revised in July 2014 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
8. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information during the office hours 8:00h to 17:00 Local time from Mondays to Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) by sending an email to the **National Project Coordinator** through this email address info@triming.org.
9. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **N25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Naira)** only through 'REMITA' web site: www.remita.net to our CBN Account Number: **0020293661163, Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project** Naira Account A and Service type '**Sale of Bid document**' and send the payment evidence to the email address below. The Bidding Documents will be available from **10th February, 2022** and can be collected by bidder either by hand, e-mail or through Courier.
10. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12.00hour (Local time) on 10th March, 2022**. Bids will be opened immediately after close of submission at 12.00 pm local time on Thursday **10th March, 2022** at the address below.
11. All bids must be valid for a period of 90 days after bid closing date and must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of **NGN8,000,000.00 (Eight Million Naira)** only.
12. The address referred to above is:

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APC, PDP and the analogy of the horse

Many who are knowledgeable about the horse will tell you that it is probably the most useful animal to mankind. It is a sturdy, powerful, well-built, and swift animal which has greatly aided man in his bid to conquer and dominate his immediate and far-flung environment.

Man's recognition and tribute to the horse is such that it is very often used as a measurement of power and strength. Words and terms like horsepower, stud, and thoroughbred are attributes that we have ascribed to the horse in recognition of its immense power, resilience and endurance in the service of man.

The horse itself recognises that it was created exclusively to serve man and is always ready for whatever tasks given to it by its master. Thus the horse craves to be controlled and dominated by its rider and, in this regard, it can take the rider who knows how to control it to the ends of the earth.

But just as the horse craves to be dominated and controlled for it to perform its tasks optimally, it nevertheless can be extremely difficult and even brutal if it senses that the rider does not have the skills to control it. At first sign that its rider does not have the skills to dominate and control it, the horse can buck its rider violently; throwing and trampling him off often fatally underneath its hooves.

As I watch both the All Progressive Congress Party (APC) and its twin, the People's Democratic Party (PDP), engage in an elaborate but deceptive hollow ritual of exhibiting power that they no longer possess and will soon enough be rid of what little remains of it in their possession, I am reminded of the analogy of the horse.

Like the horse, the exercise of power not only has to be justified with the application of the responsibility that goes with it; it abhors a vacuum. To those who wield it, power is alluring and as some would say, it is the ultimate aphrodisiac. But power can be deceptive and lulling, leading to a sense of complacency, hubris and false invincibility. And it is at that particular point when all sense of reasoning and nuanced introspection has departed from the wielders of power that they all too often invariably bite the dust.

The APC and the PDP are presently at that point where they cannot see themselves in the mirror. Both parties are posturing about the 2023 elections that they are neither prepared for nor even sure of. Both political parties are in an advanced state of decay consumed as it were by their corruption of the power that they seemingly wield; they cannot even see the looming danger to themselves of their poor exercise of power in the country.

The PDP was in such a state back in 2015 and by the time it realised the danger, it was left biting the dust. The PDP since then like humpty-dumpty has fallen to pieces and all efforts to pick back the pieces together have proved impossible and by all indications will remain so.

The PDP deceives itself that it is poised to cash in on the failings of the APC. But how can the party pull this off when it does not have a convergence point on any issue? It is a party run on the whims of a garrulous larger than life governor who has subjected it to his rule of thumb. With glaring contradictions within the party, how can it hold a successful convention to choose a presidential flag bearer without rancour?

Like PDP, like APC and perhaps even worse.

Between Asiwaju Tinubu and Vice-President Osinbajo, who will the APC elect to be its presidential flag bearer and how will the process and outcome not be problematic? And quite frankly many people believe it will be a miracle if the party remains intact after its February 26 convention.

It is back to the analogy I used about the horse. Both parties are made up of people who have exercised power one way or the other since the coming of democracy in 1999. But for the most part they have exercised power without the responsibility that comes with it. They have defined and exercised power within the narrow context of the trappings and the entitlement it brings and they are now attempting to make it a self-perpetuating template.

But the unresolved challenges facing the country which have morphed greatly under their collective watch, their exercise and justification

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to self-perpetuate themselves in power through their template are now exposed glaringly. The prevailing situation in the country, which they clearly do not have answers to, challenges their quest for power in 2023.

I make bold to say that both the APC and PDP, as presently constituted, will implode soon. It is not about flying about the country engaging in elaborate but ultimately meaningless meetings or driving around in convoys of vehicles announcing their presence. It is also not about addressing press conferences and saying things that we all know are not what is meant.

It is really about lack of capacity and ability which ostentatious posturing and drama by both parties cannot be hidden. That the two parties have found it hard going to organise the little matter of their conventions should tell us Nigerians that this lot doesn't just have it.

And the two parties will soon face the reality check that the exercise of power without control and responsibility imposes on political leaders. And like the horse, the power they have taken for granted and not applied responsibly will demand and exact a toll for their not using it well for the benefit of Nigeria on whose behalf they purported to exercise it.

OPINION

Kaduna: El-Rufai's dying patient - A rejoinder

By Alkasum Abba

The article by Suleiman A. Suleiman titled 'Kaduna: El-Rufai's dying patient' published on his back page column of Monday; January 24, 2022, is obviously not written to appraise the monumental infrastructural projects, which Mallam Nasir Ahmed El-Rufai of Kaduna State has embarked upon since his election as governor in 2015. Rather, it was written to poison the uncritical, feeble and politically biased minds about El-Rufai and his achievements. I cannot see how any fair-minded person, journalist, academic, or otherwise, will simply declare that the excellent roads and other beautiful infrastructures constructed in Kaduna, Zaria and Kafanchan are virtually a waste of resources! Rather, he calls for the construction of housing estates as panacea for igniting economic development or job creation. This is best described as economic logic turned upside down.

I write here as a person who has been living in Zaria since 1974 when I was admitted as an undergraduate student at Ahmadu Bello University, ABU, and also as someone who has been working at ABU since 1978 after completing my NYSC. Therefore, if you have known Zaria, the way I do, and have lived in it for about 50 years, like myself, you will have no choice but to applaud the renewal it has gone through in recent times, carried out by Governor El-Rufai. It is in this regard that I have the following issues to raise with the write-up:

Suleiman was obviously not happy about President Buhari's excitement after commissioning projects in Kaduna, Zaria and Kafanchan. This is his reaction to the president's commendation of Governor El-Rufai which he (Suleiman) said did not know what President Buhari saw in Kaduna, or how he looked or with what background information he interpreted what he saw.

He claimed that 48 hours before the president's visit, he was in Kaduna on an assignment and had gone round the city to observe, see and listen and learn for himself the realities on ground and did not take him long "to begin to have the impression that El-Rufai is simply killing the patient in the name of infrastructural development".

My question to Suleiman is how could someone, a journalist for that matter, who visited Kaduna just 48 hours before the commissioning of the projects expect to find workers on the site of completed projects, or even some of the ongoing projects, at that particular time? How could Suleiman conclude that few workers were employed during the construction when he did not go to check the projects at the time they were going on? I would like to inform him that when the rehabilitation of Hanwa Road in GRA Zaria was taking place, I did not see a single machine used in digging the drainage; our locals were employed to do this job and the machines came in only when they were fixing the drainage. Therefore, the claim that the constructions did not have a significant impact on the local economy is not based on factual evidence.

It looks like the objection of Suleiman to the "...massive road and other infrastructural projects completed or ongoing in Kaduna today" is based on his belief that "El-Rufai's entire projects are simply no compensation for the social and economic damage his work has wrought on the city (Kaduna)." He justified this by saying that about 65 per cent of Nigeria's economy is informal, statistics that are probably higher in the northern parts. Indeed, a World Bank report last year estimated that over 80 per cent of all employment in Nigeria is in the informal economy.

It is clear to me that Suleiman is trying to justify our continued economic backwardness by insisting that Kaduna State government should not aim at industrialisation but keep on focusing (even at this point of our economic development) on the informal sector rather than the formal sector. The fact that hawkers, roadside kiosks owners etc were displaced and dislodged in the process of reconstruction of roads seems to be the basis of his condemnation of the urban renewal projects. But such dislocation is the logical outcome of the process of changing the focus of the economy and that the affected people should make efforts to relocate to new areas.

Therefore, when we talk about economic development of society, we do not mix things up with sentiments, morality and low level politics.

To the credit of El-Rufai, he has attracted Olam, one of the biggest companies in the world that manufactures livestock, fish and poultry feeds, raises chicken and turkey as well as the manufacture of fertilizer for our farmers. Through this he has been able to create thousands of jobs in Kaduna State and beyond. Why is Suleiman neglecting this and hiding behind the protection of the informal sector to try to discredit the urban renewal efforts of El-Rufai?

The developmental prescriptions of Suleiman baffle me both from an economic and social point of view. He said the solution to urban overcrowding is not always expanded roads but mass housing and mass transportation, including robustly enforced traffic rules.

When I read the above, I became perplexed as to how the building of 50,000 housing units could substitute good urban roads, in a place like Kaduna, whose expanding economy is creating opportunities for private investment in the housing and other critical sectors of the economy. If the roads are left to continue to deteriorate, who will come to invest in a dilapidated, dusty, dirty and unattractive economic environment?

After I read your piece, I even started thinking that people like you, who live in Abuja, a city full of double-lane roads and other beautiful infrastructures, think that those of us living outside Abuja do not deserve to have a decent life! In the light of the above, if you really consider us in Kaduna State as "sick people", I will say yes, we have found a physician, one who has excelled in urban renewal. Thanks to Governor Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna State.

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As FG moves to resettle IDPs

On February 3, 2022, President Muhammadu Buhari inaugurated the Committee on the Repatriation, Return and Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the North East of Nigeria.

The members include ministers of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management, Social Development, Interior, Foreign Affairs and Defence.

Others are heads of leading military and para-military organisations, the North-East Development Commission, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, Internally Displaced Persons and National Emergency Management Agency.

The terms of reference include shifting from managing the situation to activating a permanent solution for effective and practicable restoration, developing a concise three-year action plan by the end of March 2022 that incorporates national and state-level plans and providing a clear pathway for the restoration of peace and development in the North-East.

The team is also expected to develop and implement a phased plan for the repatriation, return, resettlement of IDPs and restoration of livelihoods, incorporating global best practices that give dignity to the affected populations and to develop and implement a coordinated peace-building and reconciliation programme that is culturally appropriate and community-driven. It is also to strengthen collaboration with key donors, development partners and private sector organisations that are critical to the mobilisation of resources and implementation of programmes.

The committee is in line with an announcement by the Federal Commissioner, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, in October last year, of the federal government's plan to close down all IDP camps in the country to enable the refugees to move back to their communities and become productive citizens again, as they reintegrate into the society.

This is a welcome development as indeed it is about time the displaced persons are rehabilitated and resettled. We support any effort aimed at making life easier for this group of persons who have faced untold hardships.

According to statistics from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in Borno State, functional IDP camps are 245, comprising of 190,591 households with a total of 831,321 individuals. Thirty-two of these are government-run camps while others are run by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

The displaced persons include 353, 697 boys (0-18 years), 442,129 girls (0-18 years), 23,116 pregnant women, and 62,813 lactating mothers, 1,581 persons living with disabilities, 1,201 separated minors, and 941 unaccompanied kids. The list also includes 6,063 orphans (children), 16,578 elderly men, and 1,891 elderly women.

The statistics further show that a total of 130,056 were returnee households in the state, consisting of 740,595 individuals. In addition to these, in a chat with newsmen while distributing Christmas foodstuffs to IDPs last December, the Executive Secretary of State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Emmanuel Shior, said there are 17,000 IDPs in various camps in Benue State.

We cannot overemphasise the importance of this task and the need for the committee to give it the seriousness it deserves to ensure that the victims of insurgency and other crises finally find succour.

In resettling the IDPs, however, their security must be paramount. Wherever they are taken to must be fully secured. The security of the IDPs must go beyond assurances as government must ensure that the right security infrastructure is on the ground so that returnee IDPs don't suffer double jeopardy.

The committee must also reach out to all refugees from the region currently taking refuge outside the North East. For example, in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) alone, there are four IDP camps - Lugbe, Area One, New Kuchingoro and Kuje - this should be noted.

Adequate housing should be provided for them. In fact, the federal and state government agencies must intensify efforts to build new cities for displaced persons. Again, it must be emphasized that the camps closure and the settlement of the IDPs must be done in phases to avoid lapses that may endanger their lives.

The federal government's intervention agencies should also work with international NGOs for the IDPs to gain decent employment through interventions such as vocational training to keep them busy. They must be trained in their new trades while farmers should be helped with farming tools so that all eligible adults would be able to sustain themselves.

Most importantly, closing down and resettling IDPs should follow all international standards as spelt out in the Kampala Convention. This exercise must not be devoid of the usual tardiness associated implementation of programmes in the country.

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On wickedness to minor domestic helps

You may have seen the viral video of the small boy somewhere in Ondo State who was so severely beaten by his madam that he needed medical attention. His crime was that he "stole a piece of meat from the pot." Thankfully, a parliamentarian from the state took care of his medical bill and is - per the parliamentarian's Twitter post-making plans to adopt the little boy and provide him with a better life, and the madam is in police custody. Hopefully, she gets what she deserves.

A few days ago, a woman in Ogun State stabbed her husband's teenage nephew who lived with them to death over a broken mirror. We remember the stories which made the news in previous years: the woman in Abia State who doused her 10-year-old domestic help in hot water mixed with crushed pepper (and allegedly forced her to drink some of the water too) for breaking a plate; the woman in Awka who allegedly forced her housemaid to eat faeces and cockroaches; the woman in Enugu who inserted pepper in her help's vagina? The stories that make the news do so because they are extreme. Once they break, everyone is shocked. We ask how any human being could treat another - particularly a child - like that. And over what? Over broken plates and stolen meat. And yet we know that in many homes in Nigeria with domestic help, these boys and girls are regularly treated terribly with no hope of being rescued by anyone.

A friend told me of a woman in Enugu whose house help gave in to temptation and ate the meat that madam had asked her to boil and put aside for later (for the madam). Anyone who's ever cooked knows how real the temptation is to "taste" as you cook. And how much

worse it must be to fight the temptation knowing that you'd not get any of the food afterwards. The kid could have been a bit wilier and not eaten so much that she was discovered. Folks, she was a child. She could have been less greedy and taken a little bite, but how easy is it for children to practice self-control in the face of a delicious feast? Especially a feast that would be denied them? Anyway, her madam discovered her crime and decided that a simple beating wouldn't be enough. This woman went to the market and bought really tough *kanda*, cooked a potful of it, and asked the househelp to either finish the entire pot since "you like meat that much" or be beaten. Poor girl began on the meat but of course, she couldn't go through more than a few pieces before she began to cry and beg to be allowed to stop. The madam - this woman who thought of herself as a model Christian - stood over the girl and forced her to continue eating. When the girl began to puke, the madam lashed her mercilessly, breaking skin.

There was the housegirl who wasn't allowed to sleep on a mattress because the madam feared that she'd get too comfortable and forget her place if she slept well. She believed, like many do that house girls should live a life of hardness. No softness anywhere otherwise they may usurp their madams and take over as the madams of the homes. So, at night, after doing her chores and the family had gone to bed, the poor girl was banished to lie in front of the fridge in the kitchen. And this madam was God fearing. A good woman. A pillar of the society. The hypocrisy abounds.

I don't understand what it is about us (our women especially) that makes us particularly wicked towards young people in our employ. It doesn't even make sense to me that you'd employ a minor, proceed to treat them with absolute cruelty and having done that, trust them to cook and clean for you (and your family without expecting that they won't seek ways - big or small - to get some revenge (and therefore satisfaction)). If you do not fear God, don't you fear the ways in which these humans you're treating like dirt might seek retaliation? Maybe they're spitting in your food. Maybe they're beating your infants when you're not there. Maybe they will one day snap - like those that have before them - and do worse. Years ago, in Enugu, a house girl who had had enough put the baby she was supposed to be looking after in a carton and walked out, knowing that her employers would not return for hours. I don't remember how that incident ended. Recently, we heard of the 12-year-old maid who claimed to have given her employers an "affection potion" she got from a Babalawo so they'd treat her better. The couple died because the "affection potion" was poison. Biko, for your own sake as well, if you must have minors living with you and working for you - the unethicalness of employing children notwithstanding - treat them well.

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2023: Memo to APC, PDP on youth inclusion

In December 2021, I made an appeal to the two major political parties, All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), to review nomination form fees for office seekers under 35 years old in the 2023 elections.

Unfortunately, 43 days later, none of these parties have made any official statement on the matter. We must sustain the tempo until the cause is achieved.

The review of nomination form fees by both APC and PDP is urgent to strengthen our democracy, encourage diversity, and foster youths' inclusion in politics and leadership. It is socially, economically, and politically unhealthy to retain the same table used in 2019 for the 2023 elections.

In the 2019 elections, the gubernatorial expression of interest and nomination form sold for N1 million and N20 million respectively in the PDP.

Reports also show that PDP charged N12 million for both the expression of interest and nomination form for the Office of the President, N3.5million for Senate, N2.5million for House of Representatives, and N600,000 for the House of Assembly.

In a similar vein, the gubernatorial expression of interest and nomination form of the ruling APC attracted N2.5 million and N20 million respectively.

It also sold for N5 million the expression of interest and N40 million for nomination form for the Office of President, N7 million for Senate, N3.5million for House of Representatives, and N850,000, for the House of Assembly.

It is most worrisome that these political parties retained the fees in the recently held Anambra elections, Ekiti primaries, and others to be conducted in 2022.

While I understand that funds accrued

from the sale of forms for elective offices remain a major source of funding for their operations, the decision of the parties to make young people pay the same fees as more established office seekers is unfair and inconsistent with emerging realities in modern democracies.

As it stands today, the exorbitant fees for nomination forms are mitigating against the legitimate ambition of over 65 per cent of credible and capable young Nigerians to run for elective offices. No party must retain those crazy fees for the 2023 elections.

From 1999 to date, the abysmal record of youth participation in politics is a direct effect of our mega parties, PDP and APC's weak commitment to youth inclusion agenda. In spite of the notable efforts of #NotTooYoungToRun in improving eligibility and affordability of the political system which reduction in

fees of nomination encompasses is key to unlocking the space for young Nigerians.

Both the PDP and APC constitutions give women a 50% cut in regular fees for nomination forms which is commendable. But I cannot understand in 2022 why the same constitution would make no provision for the youths. Nigerian youths deserve a 60% cut in fees.

I appeal earnestly to the leadership of these parties to stop this alienation, review and reduce the fees for the nomination forms for office seekers below 35 years of age in the 2023 elections. It is the ultimate way to reciprocate the love and loyalty, maximise the talent and energy of the youths constituency, to promote inclusion, peace and development of Nigeria.

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Strengthening Nigeria-China relationship for mutual progress

On the 10th of February, 1971, a decade after Nigeria gained independence and not so long after the civil war, the China-Nigeria diplomatic tie was established based on peaceful togetherness, shared economic development strategy, and political solidarity in their multilateral relations.

Although Nigeria was not at par with the practical development of the People's Republic of China, both countries operated on sovereign equality. Since then, relations between the African and the Asian giants have blossomed in various sectors including fintech, construction, oil, banking, manufacturing, transportation, power and general merchandise. China remains one of Nigeria's closest allies and partners to this day.

A 2014 BBC World Service Poll reported that 80 per cent of Nigerians view China's influence positively, making Nigeria the most pro-Chinese nation globally. This sentiment can be traced to the deliberate policy of government in the 60's to attract Hong Kong/ Chinese direct investment. Most were sighted in Lagos, Kaduna and Kano. Further, Nigeria benefited from major Chinese development financed projects from 2000 (to date), costing excess of USD3 billion. China has a significant financial interest vested in Nigeria with loans primarily for infrastructural development.

There is no doubt that relations between China and Nigeria have deepened exponentially. Trade and Investment between these two countries were estimated at over USD50 billion in the past three years. Currently, an estimated 218 active Chinese companies in Nigeria are deeply engaged in various sectors of the economy. The President, China Chamber of Commerce in Nigeria, Ye Shuijin, recently said Chinese-owned companies operating in Nigeria generate sales of about USD20 billion.

One significant similarity that defines the existing bond between these two countries is the many geopolitical factors that they both face. The first is demography. Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa. Likewise, China has the most significant population in Asia and the entire world. Suffice to say that both countries have similar demographics and development agenda.

As one of the global technology leaders with innovative and highly competitive technology companies, China looks to replicate their successes beyond the Chinese market. One of the markets that have benefited from this expansion is the Nigerian tech sector. Nigeria is taking advantage of collaborations for knowledge exchange and transfer. Evidence of these collaborations is in Tech where Nigerian tech companies provide business solutions to banking, education,

and other sectors.

The education sector has also gained tremendously from this relationship through an increased number of Chinese Government Scholarships, exchange programmes and the establishment of Confucius Institutes (CI) for Chinese language teaching - cooperative ventures with local colleges and universities. There has also been an encouragement of teaching African languages in Chinese universities.

With the most significant African population (about 10,000 Nigerians) in China, and massive influx of Nigerian traders to China, the relationship between Nigeria and China has grown beyond just international and diplomatic ties. The presence of a vast Nigerian community in Guangzhou encouraged the governments in Abuja and Beijing to open a consulate-general in that city to further harness mutual understanding to help strengthen the ties between both countries.

As Nigeria joins the government and the people of China to usher in the Chinese New Year, on February 1, with enthusiasm, there is a renewal in the hope that our similarities across cultures and values will realise the shared vision of achieving sustainable development through further consolidation of our alliance.

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Optimism as Yobe moves to boost education

By Taiwo Adeniyi

Yobe State is among the states in the country with the largest out-of-school children. The Nigeria Education Data Survey, 2020 showed that the state recorded 57 per cent out-of-school children in 2020.

Only Kebbi State with 59 per cent had more out-of-school students in 2020 according to the survey launched by the National Population Commission in 2020.

While the number of out-of-school children in the states remains a major concern, students in schools are not spared from attacks by insurgents. Schools are targets of terrorists in the state. Leah Sharibu, a teenage schoolgirl was among 110 students forcefully taken from their school, Government Girls' Science and Technical College, Dapchi by Boko Haram terrorists.

While students have died in various attacks on educational institutions in the country, Sharibu still remains in captivity and billions of naira are required to reconstruct facilities that were left in ruins by the insurgents.

Among the schools that were attacked and facilities totally destroyed are GSS Damaturu, GSS Mamudo, GSTC Potiskum, GGSTC Dapchi, BEST Center Gaidam, BEST Center Goniri, GJSS Kanamma, GSTC Gujba, and FGC Buni-Yadi.

Others are Central Primary School Buni-Yadi, Shuwari Primary School Buni-Yadi and several other primary schools across Gujba Local Government Area.

The insurgents, during the attacks, set classrooms, dormitories, libraries, laboratories and other facilities on fire. The situation created a problem as multibillion naira facilities are razed leaving the government with the Herculean task of reconstruction at a huge cost in the face of dwindling resources.

Despite the best effort of the former governor of Yobe State, Senator Ibrahim Gaidam who constructed new schools, rehabilitated dilapidated ones, provided infrastructural materials to enhance teachers' effectiveness and efficiency, implemented sustained free tuition, and recruited new teachers especially in rural areas, there is still a gap in the education sector in the state.

Senator Gaidam, who was named Governor of the Year 2018 in Education by African Education Monitor magazine, still supports the education system as a senator.

There are other well-spirited Nigerians that are bothered by the disturbing state of education in the state and aligned with the strategy of the Yobe State Governor, Mai Mala Buni, who, on assuming office in 2019, declared a state of emergency in the education sector. The governor matched his words with actions by providing some basic supplies and ensuring reasonable class sizes for teachers and students alike.

Since assuming office, he has built new schools, especially in the highly populated parts of the state, including Damaturu, Buni-Yadi, Potiskum, Gashu'a, Nguru, and Geidam towns.



■ Yobe State Governor, Mai Mala Buni

These are commendable efforts. But they are nowhere near enough to address the education challenges that have festered in the state.

The State's Deputy Governor, Idi Barde Gubana, said the education sector in the state suffered a lot of destruction with 167 students and three teachers killed while 86 students were injured during a decade-long insurgency affecting the state.

He said the situation had caused congestion in most public schools especially those in the urban areas with students ranging from 100 to 300 per class. This is the situation with pupils of Mai Abali Primary School, Potiskum. The school has over 14, 000 students clustered in a few classrooms with 59 teachers. This shows that there are 237 students to a teacher.

A low student to teacher ratio enhances efficiency. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) while emphasising the importance of student-teacher ratio, said only qualified teachers should be considered when considering to reduce the number of teachers at Mai Abali Primary School, Potiskum.

"Qualified teachers play a key role in ensuring the quality of education, provided the pupil/qualified teacher ratio is considered an important determinant of learning outcomes and an indicator of the overall quality of an education system," a report by UNESCO said.

The pupils in Mai Abali Primary School, like other children across the state, have big ambitions of becoming successful entrepreneurs and fulfilled professionals when they grow up, but that dream could be shattered if the education system is left to the meagre resources available to the state government.

This is why the Yobe State Government decided to launch an Education Appeal Fund to join hands with the people of the state and Yobe's friends across the country to address the appalling situation in Yobe schools and give the state's education sector the new lease of life that it so desperately needs.

The proceeds of the fundraising would be channelled to the Education Trust Fund set up by Governor Mai Mala Buni.

The Education Trust Fund is a six-man committee that serves as the board of trustees. The board will receive, execute and account for all donations, ensuring that the fund is used to revive the education sector in the state.

Engr. Muhammad Ali Kachalla Abubakar is the chairman of the board, while Mohammed Bukar, Malam Sule Dauda, Alh. Ballama Manu and Prof. Maimuna Waziri are members with Prof. Mamman Yusuf Yusufari, SAN, as secretary.

However, the success of the Education Trust Fund in addressing the decay in the state's education sector partly depends on the accomplishment of the Yobe State Education Appeal Fund Raising Committee.

The fund-raising organising committee is chaired by Mr Idi Barde Gubana and is charged with the responsibility of appealing to Nigerians to support the plan of the state governor in reviving education and addressing critical areas which included quality of manpower, infrastructural provision, returning children especially girl-children to school and ensuring they complete their basic education.

The event will be held today at the Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel Abuja. The chairman of the occasion is

Ambassador Babajana Kingibe while the chief launcher is Alhaji Dahiru Mangal.

Mr Gubana said, "due to scarcity of resources and ever-growing commitment to put the state on the most appropriate track of speedy and sustainable development, well blended with our material endowment, we, therefore, resolved that more funds should be sourced to achieve our objectives."

He said the appeal became necessary so that the government can focus on increasing access and equity in basic and secondary education through the establishment of more schools, especially for girl-child and people with disabilities, renovation of existing structures and construction of more classrooms and other school buildings.

Mr Gubana said the state has the plans but lacks the required funds to adequately actualise its goals. He said the plans include "recruitment, training and retraining and improved welfare package for teachers. Enhanced monitoring and evaluation mechanism through adequate funding, provision and maintenance of operational vehicles and training of quality assurance officers, provision of adequate teaching and learning materials, improved feeding and promotion of extracurricular activities among others."

Expected at the appeal fundraising event is Senate President Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan who is the co-host. The chief launcher is the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of Mangal Group of Companies, Alhaji Dahiru Barau Mangal.

All state governors are the host joined by Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim, Senator Ibrahim Gaidam, Senator Ibrahim Bomo, Engr Abubakar D. Aliyu, Malam Adamu Adamu, Muhammad Musa Bello, Adamu Maina Waziri and Kashim Ibrahim Imam.

The Emir of Fika/Chairman Yobe State Council of Traditional Ruler, Muhammad Abali Ibn Muhammad Idrissa, is the Royal Father of the Day.

The funding-raising efforts have also been championed by the local governments and other dignitaries as demonstrated by the N100 million funding raising event organised by Potiskum Local Government Area.

The programme attracted the Minister of Power, Engr Abubakar D. Aliyu, who mobilised financial support worth N40 million before donating N3 million. Previous donations have been commended by Governor Mai Mala Buni who said, "it is heart-warming that the good people of the state share our vision and mission to change the face of education in the state."

"These contributions would no doubt complement government efforts in addressing the problems of education in the state."

The state government expects that today's event will provide the much-desired drive, along with contributions already received, in accomplishing and repositioning the state's education sector for the benefit of future generations.

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	410	558	478	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	410.43	558.10	478.24	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	410.87	558.20	478.48	58.73	101.29	0.71

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$83.57
GOLD	\$1,740.60
SILVER	\$22.60
NATURAL GAS	\$5.4

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N563	N580	N694
SELLING	N565	N595	N705

By Muideen Olaniyi

The federal government will launch an investigation to unravel the circumstances behind the circulation of adulterated petrol with methanol quantities above the country's specification.

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva, announced this Wednesday while fielding questions from State House reporters after the Federal Executive Council meeting.

The minister also said matters over damaged vehicles as a result of the "unusual" incident would also be taken into consideration in dealing with the situation.

Sylva, who said the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited, could handle the current development, said: "Nobody has, before now, checked for methanol in our fuel, it's not very usual and this is the first time this is happening".

When asked about those responsible for the importation of the adulterated fuel, the minister said: "The issue did not come up in council, but of course, you will recall I was here yesterday (Tuesday) to brief Mr President on the issue. I'm not in a position to disclose the identities of the companies, but there are some issues and we are actively tackling them.

"Nobody has, before now, checked for methanol in our fuel, it's not very usual and this is the first time this is happening and NNPC is very much up to the task. I will also convey your question to NNPC and maybe the Midstream and Downstream Regulatory Authority, but we're actively handling it and I want to assure you that the problem will be a thing of the past very soon."

Heads to roll as FG probes importation of adulterated petrol

● May compensate damaged vehicles' owners



Timipre

Asked if there was any plan to blacklist the companies that supplied the adulterated fuel and compensate people whose vehicles had already been damaged, Sylva said: "I didn't expect you to rush to any conclusions, there will be a major investigation to unravel everything and then let's really get to the bottom of it before we can come

back and tell you what is going to happen to the culprits. We know that some people's vehicles must have also been damaged, that is also going to be taken into consideration in dealing with the situation."

The Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika, who attended the post FEC briefing, said the contaminated fuel did not affect the aviation industry.

"The question regarding whether there is fuel contamination that affects civil aviation, there's none, to my knowledge, as of now."

Daily Trust gathered that people who usually inspect the fuel on behalf of the NNPC before it is shipped to the country were mainly foreigners.

On Tuesday, the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), confirmed the circulation of adulterated petrol with methanol quantities above the country's specification.

At least 100 million litres of adulterated Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) were said to be in circulation in the country.

A European company was believed to have imported the product on behalf of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited.

Daily Trust reports that the "bad" product had already gone across Lagos, Abuja, Cross River, Delta and many other states, with attendant queues as stations try to withdraw the 'bad' fuel.

Africa needs N201tr to tackle COVID-19 impact – Adesina

By Muideen Olaniyi

The President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr Akinwumi Adesina, has said Africa requires \$484 billion (about N201.7 trillion) to tackle the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Adesina said this in a paper titled: "Mobilising Financing for Africa's Accelerated Economic Recovery, Development and Integration", which was delivered at the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, attended by President Muhammadu Buhari.

He said, "To address the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic and support economic recovery, Africa will need some \$484bn over the next three years. To eliminate extreme poverty by 2030, the continent will need \$414bn to \$784bn per year. Africa will need \$7bn to \$15bn a year to deal with climate change. The continent will also need between \$68bn and \$108bn per year to fix the infrastructure financing gap."

Adesina also said the continent's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) declined by \$165bn (N68.7trn) in 2020 during the heat of the pandemic.

According to him, "It has been a global economic cyclone. Africa witnessed a decline in GDP growth of 2.1 per cent in 2020; its lowest in 20 years. Africa's GDP fell by \$165bn. Over 30 million jobs were lost and over 26 million people fell into extreme poverty."

The AfDB boss, who, however, praised the effort of African leaders in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, warned against outsourcing Africa's security to foreigners.

He said, "I wish to commend the leadership effort of the African Union and our heads of state and government for the critical roles you have played in dealing with the pandemic and the socio-economic challenges in its wake. Today, thanks to these efforts, 11 per cent of the population has been fully vaccinated, and another 16 per cent has been partially vaccinated.

"However, while developed countries have moved to booster shots, Africa is still struggling with basic shots."

NNPC earns N93bn from crude oil, gas export

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited said it earned \$224.29 million (about N93.424 billion) from crude oil and gas exports in August, 2021, as against \$191.26m (N79.7bn) recorded in July, 2021.

A breakdown of the figures captured in the August, NNPC Monthly Financial and Operations Report (MFOR) indicates that export of crude oil amounted to \$7.77m, while gas and miscellaneous receipts stood at \$65.26m and \$151.26m respectively.

According to

highlights of the report contained in a statement by the Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, Garba Deen Muhammad, on Wednesday, crude oil and gas export receipt from August 2020 to August 2021 was \$1.84bn.

The national oil firm produced 233.57 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas last August translating to 7,534.67 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd) daily average. And in one year, 2,890.67bcf of gas was produced representing average daily production of 7,303.61mmscfd between August, 2020 and August, 2021.

From the 208.64bcf of

gas supplied in August, 2021, 131.35bcf was sold; comprising 40.22bcf local sales and 91.13bcf was exported. In one year, NNPC recorded 2,792.28bcf of gas out of which 537.51bcf went for the local market and 1,245.93bcf for export.

The firm also sold 1.532bn litres of white or refined products by its subsidiary - Petroleum Products Marketing Company (PPMC) in August 2021 to earn N203.43bn with petrol accounting for 99 per cent of the sales.

It sold 20.032bn litres of white product in one year which was N2.619tr with petrol accounting for 99.81% of that at N2.613tr.

Investors made N9.7tr announcement in 2021 – NIPC

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), on Wednesday said it recorded N9.7 trillion investments from likely investors who showed interest in investing in the country.

The acting Executive Secretary/CEO of NIPC, Emeka Offor, during a media parley, said the figure was 39 per cent of what was recorded in 2020, thus, an indication of a thaw on the impacts of investment opportunities due to the fears of COVID-19.

He stated that the announcements made by location saw Lagos (N3.6tr) drawing the highest interest, followed by Bayelsa (N1.5tr),

Delta (1.2tr), Akwa Ibom (N833 billion) and Adamawa 416bn.

By sectors, investment projects into the manufacturing sector led with 20 projects drawing N4.3tr; "Construction (16%), electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (13%), information and communication (12%), and mining and quarrying (9%) made up the top five sectors for the year."

Daily Trust reports that the announcement does not translate into actual investments as from the N6.9trn made in 2020 only N958bn investments were made. Also, some investments may take to actualize.

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – SUMMARY OF TRAIN HEADWAY AT IDU AND RIGASA

TRAIN NO.	DEPARTURE										ARRIVAL									
	AK 1 (Exp)	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10	AK 1	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10
IDU	07:00	--	9:50	--	12:20	--	14:20	--	--	18:10	--	8:50	--	12:58	--	16:12	--	18:01	20:14	--
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NEWS

Reps push for foreign betting coys to pay tax

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives is considering a legislation to compel foreign betting companies in Nigeria to pay tax.

The house stated that the betting companies were making a lot of money in the country, but that there was no benefit to the country in the form of tax.

The house, therefore, passed a bill for an act to amend the National Lottery Act in order to provide a framework for the enforcement of the law.

The bill is titled: "A Bill

for an Act to Repeal the National Lottery Act No 7, 2005 and the National Lottery (Amendment) Act No 6, 2017 and Enact the National Gaming Bill".

Speaking at the public hearing on the bill on Wednesday, the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Governmental Affairs, Akin Alabi, said, "We are talking about how foreign operators that have customers in Nigeria are not paying to Nigerian authorities."

"Like one of the biggest gaming companies in the world, Bet365, anybody can go to Bet365 (online) and

register and fund and start playing.

"So they are making money off Nigerians but they are not paying any kobo to the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)."

In his opening remark, the Speaker of the House, Femi Gbajabamila, who was represented by Deputy Leader of the House, Peter Akpatason, said the bill was very important and deserved a thorough consideration, debate by the parliament, as well as engagement with all stakeholders, in the best interest of the country and its people.

Purple appoints acting chair, board members

By Simon Echewofun
Sunday

The board of Purple has appointed Mrs Jumoke Akinwunmi as acting chairman effective January 1, 2022, continuing in her role as an independent director.

This followed the retirement of Mr Olutola Mobolurin as chairman and independent director on the board of Purple after nine years.

A statement from the property and assets firm indicates that Mobolurin helped to grow Purple from a start-up to a group of companies with total assets of N25bn and paving the way for its 2022 strategic plan

to grow total assets to N75bn in the near term, and that he will continue as advisor to the board of Purple as it takes necessary steps to grow its total assets.

The new Chairman, Mrs Akinwunmi, has over 25 years of experience in the real estate sector and was interim Managing Director (MD) of the Family Homes Funds.

The firm also appointed independent directors including Fiona Ahimie who is the current MD of FBNQuest Securities Limited.

Ms Seyi Sowale, another independent director, remains on the board of Purple and has now been

reassigned as Executive Director, Finance, Strategy and Commercials.

Other members of the board are Muhtar Bakare, Sir (Pharm) Nnamdi Obi, Prof Hilary Onyiuke, Adedoyin Afun, Olatunbosun Omoniyi and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Obinna Onunkwo.

Commenting, the Chief Executive Officer of Purple and its subsidiaries, Olaide Agboola, said the board of Purple was delighted to have these highly skilled and respected personnel led by Mrs Jumoke Akinwunmi, continue with the other members of the board as Purple drove towards a greater growth period.



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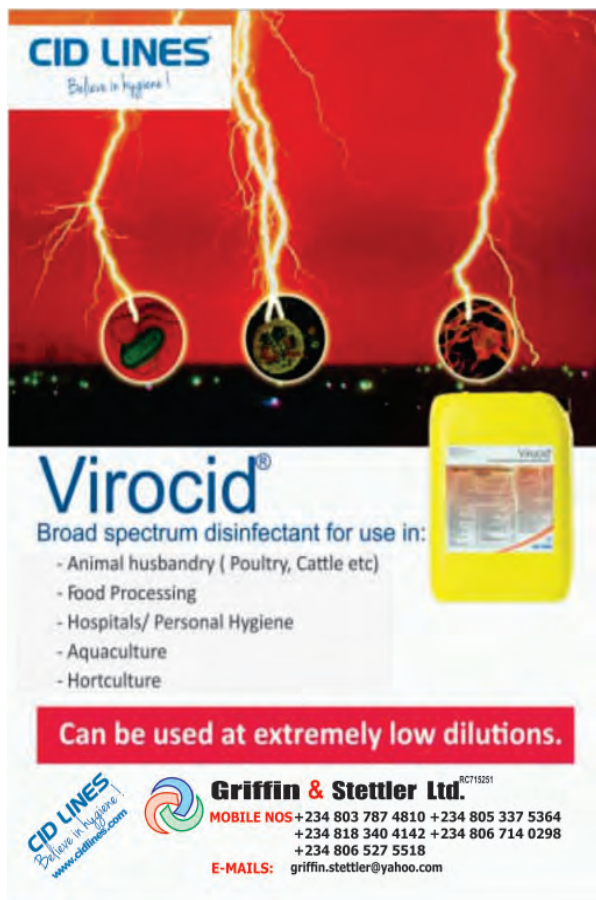
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NEWS

Otedola appoints ally to FBN Holdings Board

From Vincent Nwanma

The single-largest shareholder of the FBN Holdings Plc with some 7.6 per cent stake, Femi Otedola, may have appointed a loyalist, Julius B. Omodayo-Owotuga as Non-Executive Director of the Group.

This is after a three-month battle for the soul and heart of FBN Holdings Plc between Otedola and Hassan Odukale. Odukale's related companies, mainly Leadway Assurance, remain an influential shareholder of FBN Holdings.

Omodayo-Owotuga is

said to be a core loyalist of Otedola, who currently serves as the Deputy CEO at his Geregu Power Plc and formerly Executive Director, Finance at Forte Oil Plc, prior the divestment of the business by Otedola.

In a notice to the Nigeria Exchange Limited, FBN said Omodayo-Owotuga has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of FBN Holdings Plc. "The appointment has been approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria," FBN said in the notice dated February 1, 2022.

Previously, he served as Group Executive Director, Finance and Risk Management at Forte Plc (now Ardova Plc), with

executive accountability for various functions, including finance, risk management, internal control, and treasury.

The battle for the soul of FBN is quite understandable as First Bank is the country's second-biggest lender in terms of customer base, a major financier of big projects in Nigeria's oil and gas, power, and other sectors with a significant impact on the nation's economy.

The share price of FBN Holdings seem to have stabilised, closing at N11.05 per share at the close of market on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, some 3.07 percent loss year-to-date.

It was also learnt that the Group may restructure its agency banking business, Firstmonie, considering the valuation of competing non-bank agency banking businesses such as Opay, which is valued at over \$1bn last year when it raised \$400m led by SoftBank.

Commenting on Owotuga's appointment, the Chief Executive Officer of Deep Trust and Asset Management Ltd, Isaac Olorunbun, noted, "This appointment is an expected corporate action ahead of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, where shareholders would ratify and/or elect new Directors for the group".

AEDC unveils 180,000 MAP meters, launches website vending

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) is set to install 180,000 meters under the Meter Asset Provider (MAP) for customers who pay for them.

The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) of AEDC, Engr Oluwafemi Zacchaeus, who disclosed this at a sensitisation session in Abuja on Wednesday, said of the 180,000 meters to be deployed, 135,000 units were single-phase, while 45,000 units were three-phase meters.

He said six vendors had been shortlisted for the MAP scheme, noting that AEDC was ready for massive installations as customers pay for them.

He said, "Within one week, once the payment is made, you will have the meter. Already we have 50,000 meters in our stores ready for installation. So, meters are available."

The Chief Marketing Officer (CMO), Me Donald Etim, said customers who paid and got the MAP meters will have a refund.

He said, "The MAP Metering programme gives customers the option of paying for a meter while the money is refunded to them through the issuance of energy credit over a period of 36 months."

He added that the regulated price for a single-phase meter was N63,061.32, while a three-phase meter went for N117,910.69.

Meanwhile the company also launched its website vending platform to provide an alternative of vending for meters instead of using third party vendors.

Etim said, "AEDC's bid to enhance customers' experience has received a boost with the development of a platform that allows electricity customers to buy energy directly from the company's website rather than go through a third party."



■ From left: Technical Adviser Downstream to Minister of State Petroleum Resources, Dr Ishaku Abner; Deputy Ambassador of Turkey to Nigeria, Mr Alper Haner; Turkish Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr Hidayet Bayraktar; Minister of State Petroleum Resources, Chief Timipre Sylva; Turkish Energy Counsellor, Dr Tabip Gülbay, and Chairman, National Gas Expansion Programme, Dr Mohammed Ibrahim, during a courtesy visit by Bayraktar and his team to Sylva, in Abuja, on Wednesday

Ibom Air begins flight operations to Yenagoa

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Ibom Air, a commercial airline owned by Akwa Ibom State government, has commenced commercial flight operations at the newly commissioned Bayelsa State International Airport in Yenagoa, the state capital.

With the commencement of flight operations at the airport, Ibom Air has increased the number of commercial airlines at the airport to two, since United Nigeria Airline (UNA) started operations upon the opening of the airport last September.

The inaugural flight by Ibom Air, which touched down at the airport around 4pm on Tuesday, will complement the other carrier, United Nigeria

Airline, which had earlier started operations.

Speaking during the inaugural landing of Ibom Air, Bayelsa State Governor Douye, commended the airline for its services that have ensured the airline's rapid growth within a short period.

He observed that the story of the South South region was changing from that of deprivation and underdevelopment to a developed region and called on governors of the region to forge closer ties in order to better the lot of the people.

Earlier, the Chief Operating Officer, Ibom Air, George Uriesi, said it is a new vista in the relationship between Bayelsa and Akwa Ibom and promised that they would continue to deliver the top class services the airline is known for.

United Airlines airlifts 260,000 passengers in 1 year

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

United Nigeria Airline, one of the new entrants into the domestic aviation space, has airlifted over 260,000 passengers in its first year of operation.

The airline marks one year in the industry, having started operations in February last year using Enugu Airport as its hub. The carrier also plans to spread its tentacles to the regional markets in the next few months.

The Chairman/CEO of the airline, Chief Obiora Okonkwo, who disclosed this at a briefing to mark the one-year anniversary of the airline, disclosed that expansion in their

operation is targeting Benin, Kano, Jigawa and Yola.

The airline's inaugural flight departed Murtala Muhammad International Airport Lagos to Akanu Ibiam International, Enugu on February 12, 2021.

One year later, the airline said it has come to stay, as it increased its fleet from an initial four EMB 145s to five with the addition of an A320.

Okonkwo stated that the 260,000 passengers' figure represents 75 per cent of their total capacity.

According to the CEO, the airline opened the Owerri and Port Harcourt wings and in May, responded to demand by creating additional flights

to Lagos and Abuja.

"We hit Yenagoa in July, becoming the only airline operating into Bayelsa International Airport. We further responded to high demand on the Owerri, Asaba and Enugu routes by creating additional flights to those airports in November and in December, we started flying into the newly built Anambra Cargo Airport at Umueri.

"Through this, we have created over 500 direct jobs and more than a thousand indirect jobs.

"We are now in the process of expanding our domestic operations to reach, in the next few weeks, Benin, Kano, Jigawa and Yola," he said.

IBEDC, Oyo gov't in row over power bills, tax

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Oyo State Government on Wednesday shut down offices of the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) in Ibadan over alleged refusal of the company to pay over N400 million tax.

The company however through

its Chief Operating Officer, Engr. John Ayodele explained that the state government is owing the company N450m, which was the reason IBEDC disconnected power supply in the state secretariat.

Ayodele said: "The Oyo state Government on Wednesday 9 February 2022 commenced

the sealing of our offices within the state over some suddenly contrived debts labelled revenue bills and personal income without due notification."

However, the state government through the State Commissioner for Information, Culture and Tourism, Dr Wasiu Olatubosun dismissed claims that the State

sealed off the IBEDC premises in Ibadan because the company disconnected the government house. He said the government approached the High Court of Justice in Ibadan to seek an order to seal off the premises of IBEDC because the company has been ignoring bills served it by the Oyo State Board of Internal

Revenue Service for the past two years.

"It is important for everyone to remember that it is the duty of all, individuals and businesses, to pay taxes and levies. Without these payments, the government cannot provide basic necessities and perform necessary functions."

ENERGY

Stories by Simon Echewofun
Sunday

With energy tool, FG targets 30m electricity connections in 8 years

The Federal Government earlier this month launched the Nigeria Integrated Energy Planning Tool (IEP). It is said to be the first real attempt to have a tool that harnesses energy resources in the country towards attaining sustainable energy access by 2030, just eight years away. In this piece, *Daily Trust* analyses the role the IEP tool will play in bridging the estimated 30.6 million electricity connection gap.

The IEP, which was launched on February 3, by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, identifies the least-cost mix of solutions to meet demand for a variety of energy services.

The tool, which also had global leaders in the energy sector in attendance during its launch, integrates electrification, clean cooking and productive uses for Nigeria.

Developed by the FGN in collaboration with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) with support from the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet and funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, the IEP has online geospatial visualisation platform capacity that could provide real-time energy access data, analysis and results for the public and private sectors.

Speaking at the launch of the tool, Osinbajo said

the tool promotes a holistic approach to achieving SDG7 and energy development while also supporting local manufacturing, expanding local solar technology value chains and potentially creating 250,000 new jobs in Nigeria's energy sector.

Osinbajo urged the international community to support Nigeria's transition effort with more realistic climate finance support.

Quest to reach 30.6m new connections

According to experts' analyses of the IEP tool, the least-cost plan for providing universal electrification through grid, mini-grid and solar home systems amounts to \$25.8bn. And for Nigeria to achieve universal access by 2030, the tool estimates that 19.3 million additional connections will be required in addition to the expected 11.3m connections in places that already have access to electricity but may witness population growth.

Results of research inputted on the tool showed that a mini-grid represents the least-cost technology for the bulk of these connections (8.9m connections), with grid (5.4m) and solar home system (5m) sharing a similar number of



connections between them.

It also states that due to more activities across communities, at least 200,000 mini grids may be needed to meet the energy demand. This may cost about \$22.9bn, of which \$20bn would be up-front capital investment in solar which has lesser operating cost.

The tool also estimated that around 53 per cent of households in mini-grid settlements and 92 per cent of households in solar home

system settlements will require public support to afford to fully own the energy systems.

The IEP tool also visualises clean cooking energy as it targets over 40m households cooking with emissions intensive and polluting cooking methods by 2030.

"To address this, there is an overall opportunity to expand clean cooking solutions to 3.7m households with LPG cooking solutions; 3.5m households with e-cooking solutions; or 4.3m households with biogas cooking solutions. The overall cost of implementing these solutions would be \$478m for LPG, \$83m for e-cooking and \$847m for biogas," said a note on the platform.

Osinbajo also reiterated President Muhammadu Buhari's commitment to lifting 100 million people out of poverty and driving economic growth.

"The government is also keen on managing long-term job losses in the oil sector that will result from global decarbonisation, calling on the international community to support Nigeria's energy access and energy transition efforts through much-needed climate finance commitments," he noted.

The United Nations Deputy

Secretary General, Amina J. Mohammed, said Nigeria was making a bold move towards the Energy Transition Plan that outlines a pathway to net zero by 2060.

She said, "Without prioritising universal energy access, including clean cooking, we will not achieve our global net zero targets. Energy is also critical to achieving multiple Sustainable Development Goals, including improved healthcare, better jobs and livelihoods, and greater gender equality."

The CEO and Special Representative to the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), Damilola Ogunbiyi, in her comments said: "Nigeria is leading the charge with their ambitious commitment to achieve net zero by 2060. I hope this demonstrates to other countries an invaluable tool for achieving their own energy access goals."

Speaking on the impact of the IEP tool, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr Rajiv J. Shah, said, "Not only will it advance our efforts to empower millions of people in Nigeria, it will also provide a model for clean electrification programs, showing the world how to change energy for good."

N621bn NNPC road projects yet to take off – Tanker drivers

The Petroleum Tankers Drivers (PTD) branch of Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) is protesting the failure of the federal government to fix 21 critical federal roads worth N621 billion within the timeline NNPC Limited had agreed.

In December 2021, NNPC handed over a N621bn cheque for the 21 road projects after signing a pact with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and contractors that would build the roads.

But speaking yesterday, the National Chairman of PTD, Salmon Akanni Oladiti, said, "We are approaching the rainy season and we asked our people to go and check and the report is negative."

He also lamented that the money for the road projects is allegedly being diverted.

"Unfortunately, and to our greatest shocks, we heard it from very reliable sources that some vultures in the garbs of

being state governments, officials of Ministry of Works and Housing and politicians are already depleting these funds and misappropriating them on roads and projects not intended in the agreement as approved by the Federal Executive Council.

"The money meant for the road, people have started touching it, let them come and prove otherwise.

"This is an open day robbery, but we are assuring all and sundry that our Union will go to all lengths to expose these unscrupulous individuals. Every kobo of the approved fund must be accounted for and we must see and broadcast the pre and post rehabilitation of all the identified 21 federal roads to the whole nation. Tax payers' money must be accounted for," he stated.

Oladiti said after a PTD meeting in September 2021, there was a decision to go for strike but NNPC Ltd intervened in October.

"NNPC had intervened to finance the rehabilitation

of identified 21 critical roads at an estimated sum of N621bn through the Road Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme."

When asked on what the union will do over the failure to fix the roads, Oladiti, simply said "Action speaks louder than words" adding that contractors were only given promissory notes which was not real cash to execute the projects.

The roads selected

for rehabilitation are the critical routes used for petroleum products transportation which will ease the delays and other challenges faced by truck drivers in transporting products.

Our reporter reached out to the Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, Garba Deen Muhammad, for an update on the road project but there was no response on that.

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'Gombe recorded lowest crime rate in January'

Gombe State, the Jewel in the Savannah, has been described as one of the most peaceful states in the country considering many critical security indices that placed it high on the ranking.

This was declared in a report by Eons Intelligence, a media organisation and strategic intelligence and advisory group which specializes in analysis of crimes, political, economic risk and opportunities in Nigeria.

The report analysed the crime incidences to include kidnapping and other heinous crimes that resulted in death of people for January 2022.

The report revealed that Niger State had the highest crime rate in the country in the month under review with a total of 396 kidnap victims and 267 total death cases, followed by the north-western states of Zamfara and Kaduna.

Despite sharing borders with the insurgency-stricken northeastern states of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa, Gombe maintained a rather peaceful serenity, recording zero death and zero kidnapping incidences last month due to the well-planned security policies and strategies of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's administration.

During his electioneering campaigns in



■ Cross section of Batch A trainees of the newly introduced GoSTEC during a morning drill at Amada camp

2019, Yahaya had vowed to reduce crime rate to the barest minimum and mitigate security threats.

The Eons Intelligence's report came at a time when Governor Yahaya flagged off the Gombe State Security, Traffic and Environmental Corps (GoSTEC) Programme in which 2,000 youths across

the 11 local government areas of the state will be trained and engaged in various developmental activities, including security where they will assist the statutory security outfits in the state.

Also, Gombe State was recently adjudged the most peaceful state in the North-East by the forum of State Directors of Security.



■ Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya (R) with Chairman of Nigeria Governors' Forum and Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi

Gombe governor hails Fayemi at 57

Gombe State Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya has felicitated with his Ekiti State counterpart and chairman of the Nigerian Governors' Forum (NGF), Kayode Fayemi, on the auspicious occasion of his 57th birthday.

In a congratulatory message, Governor Inuwa described the NGF chairman as an indefatigable leader with penchant for excellence.

"Your Excellency, as Chairman of NGF and Governor of Ekiti State, you have always brought to bear your pedigree of excellence, political sagacity, experience and uncommon patriotism in handling matters of national interests.

"I sincerely commend your exemplary leadership and remarkable performance both within our league of the Nigerian governors and as governor of Ekiti State, where your achievements have stood you out and made you a reference point of good governance and positive transformation.

"We, in Gombe State, join your family and the good people of Ekiti State and indeed millions of your well-wishers in celebrating your attainment of 57 years which is a great milestone in life worthy of celebration," Inuwa stated.

He prayed Almighty God to continue to bless Fayemi with good health, wisdom and long life to keep serving the people and humanity.

Government reiterates commitment to food production

In an effort to boost food production, Gombe State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to working with farmers' associations to ensure food security and create job opportunities in the state and the country as a whole.

The Commissioner for Agriculture, Alh. Muhammadu Magaji Gettado, said this at the flag-off of the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN) 2021/2022 inputs' distribution for dry season farming, held in Dadin Kowa, Yamaltu Deba Local Government Area.

He said boosting food production had been a major priority of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's administration since its inception in 2019.

He said having realized the importance of agriculture, Governor Yahaya saw the need to establish an industrial park where agricultural produce would be processed thereby creating employment opportunities to the teaming youths.

He commended the FIFAN Special Project Coordinator, Alh Abubakar S. Bello, his team and the Central Bank of Nigeria for

promoting rice farming in the State through which the massive rice production was achieved.

Earlier, President, Rice Farmers' Association of Nigeria, Alh. Aminu Abdullahi Goronyo, represented by Alh. Bamanga Hayatu, charged the beneficiaries to use the farming inputs to improve their living conditions.

Also, the CBN Head of Development Finance, Abdullahi Baba Isah, lauded the women farmers in the state for keying into the Anchor Borrowers programme.

Gombe gov vows to end youth restiveness, political thuggery

Gombe State Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya has reiterated his commitment to ending youth restiveness and political thuggery in the state.

He said the habit of using youths for political thuggery and criminality by politicians would not be condoned by his administration.

He said this while addressing the trainees of Batch A of the GoSTEC programme during an induction ceremony held at the

NYSC temporary orientation camp, Amada.

He described GOSTEC as a home-grown innovation aimed at harnessing the potential of youths in the state.

Two thousand youths across the 11 local government areas of the state will be engaged under the programme.

Governor Inuwa said: "GoSTEC was designed to mobilise youths across the 11 local government areas of Gombe State with a view to giving them appropriate

training that will enable them shoulder the responsibility of enforcing the relevant traffic, security and environmental laws in close collaboration with the statutory security agencies so as to ensure a safe, secure and clean environment for all people of Gombe State in accordance with the dictates of the law.

"With the launching of this noble corps in our state, we are yet again fulfilling one of our campaign promises by uplifting

the living standard of our youths through the creation of decent employment opportunities and engaging them positively in the overall development of Gombe State".

He described the induction as the beginning of youth friendly initiatives of his administration.

The governor assured that many people-oriented programmes of his administration were on course.

Gombe begins land title verification, recertification

The Gombe State Government has commenced the land title verification exercise across the 12 designated layouts within the metropolis earlier revoked by Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya for the implementation of the Gombe Capital Special Development Zone Project.

It called for verification and recertification exercise of all titleholders of the audited layouts under the supervision of Project Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee, headed by Professor Keftin Amuga.

It would be recalled that Governor

Inuwa had, in June 2021, revoked the land title documents of some government layouts in the state for the implementation of the special project initiated by his administration to provide a safe and conducive environment to both local and foreign investors in the state, especially in terms of land use and urbanization due to exponential growth of the metropolitan area of the state.

In an interview with newsmen, the Director-General of the Gombe State Geographic Information System, GOGIS, Dr Kabiru Usman Hassan, said:

"To ensure resumption of activities in the zone, Gombe State Government has called for a land title verification exercise and has directed all holders, beginning with GDP/16, 16A, and 16B to go to Project Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee at Gombe International Hotel for a provisional clearance before coming to GOGIS for the recertification process".

He said the government meant no harm to titleholders, but intended to help them obtain full ownership of their plots.

He said once the titleholders secured the

final clearance from the agency, approval would be issued to them to build or make financial transactions on their plot(s).

When asked about the benefits one will get after the verification exercise, the Director-General said it would allow them to get their plots captured in the GOGIS's secured land database which shall secure the land title against any claim, such as double allocation or possible encroachment by anyone in the future.

"Soon, other land titleholders at the remaining layouts would also be called, as the exercise is in phases", the DG added.



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INDUCTION OF NEWLY QUALIFIED SURVEYORS

The Council at its 91st meeting held on Thursday, 4th November 2021 approved the results of candidates that were successful in the last Professional Examinations conducted by it.

The underlisted persons, will therefore be inducted by Council, having successfully fulfilled all the requirements.

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Pre-Induction Workshop comes up Wednesday 9th February, 2022 at the National Universities Commission (NUC) Maitama, Abuja.

The Induction Ceremony is scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday 10th February, 2022
Time: 9.00am prompt
Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC) Central Area, Abuja.

Attendance is strictly by invitation.

Signed:-
SURV. KABIR, M. M., fnis
Registrar/CEO



SURVEYORS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (SURCON)
(ESTABLISHED BY CAP S.18 L.F.N 2004)

2022 PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

The Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) 2022 Professional Qualifications Examinations into all cadres of the profession is scheduled to take place from 26th - 30th September, 2022 in Abuja, Nigeria. Entry forms are now available for download at www.surcon.gov.ng.

- A) Professional Examinations and Interviews for Pupil Surveyors seeking full registration as Surveyors.
Candidates seeking to undergo this examination must have been enrolled as Pupil Surveyors by the Council and must have at least two years' practical experience in an approved office.

Duly completed application form and synopsis of projects to be included in the folio are expected to reach the Secretariat at 10 Yauri Street, off Jere Street, Garki II, Abuja, not later than Thursday 14th April, 2022. The evidence of payment of a non-refundable examination fee of ₦180,000.00 paid into the Treasury Single Account (TSA) through the Remita platform (ref. code 1000265886) in favour of Surveyors Council of Nigeria, must accompany the completed form and synopsis of projects. So also is the letter from project supervisor(s).

Submission of folios (in approved format) containing approved projects to be effected not later than Friday 26th August 2022 in hard and soft copies (flash drive only). PROMPT SUBMISSION OF FOLIO IS PART OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates must ensure that the Supervisors of their projects are current on the payment of practice fees and annual subscriptions/levies of SURCON and NIS respectively. Supervisors are warned not to endorse for candidates, projects which were not carried out under their direct supervision as false attestation shall attract outright disqualification of the candidate and appropriate sanctions will be instituted against such Supervisors.

- B) Direct Professional Examinations for Survey Technologists, Technicians and Pre-Technicians.

Candidates who have completed a two-year training after enrolment are required to submit to the Council's Secretariat, their duly completed examination forms together with a non-refundable examination fee of ₦135,000.00 for Technologists, ₦90,000.00 for Technicians and ₦45,000.00 for Pre-Technicians paid into the Treasury Single Account (TSA) through the Remita platform in favour of Surveyors Council of Nigeria, not later than Friday 26th August 2022.

- C) Preparatory Workshop for Professional Examination Candidates.

A compulsory 2-day workshop to assist Pupil Surveyors to have a better understanding of Rules and Regulations governing folio submission and Professional examinations will take place on Friday 11th & Saturday 12th March 2022 in Lagos, Enugu and Kaduna. The aim is to enhance the general performance of candidates in the forthcoming examinations. Examination Guidelines will be available for sale at the venues and at the Council's Secretariat.

The Co-ordinators for the workshops and their assistants are:

- i. Surv. O. O. Ojo (Lagos) Tel:08023016117 Email : sunmade_2001@yahoo.com
Surv. (Dr) Olawole O. Taiwo 08034958036 Email: drolawoletaiwo@yahoo.com
- ii. Surv. B.O. Ekpeta (Enugu) 08063508249 Email : boekpete@yahoo.com
Surv. K. Nwosu 08035798447
- iii. Surv. S. A. Gatah (Kaduna) 08069776097 Email : samuelgatah@yahoo.com
Surv. D Thompson 08134076650

All candidates for the workshop are requested to pay an enrolment fee of ₦22,500.00 into the Treasury Single Account (TSA) through the Remita platform (ref. code 1000177974) and tellers sent to surconmails@yahoo.com on or before Friday 4th March 2022.

(Sgd.)
SURV. KABIR, M.M
REGISTRAR/CEO



VETERINARY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
No. 8 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama District,
P.M.B. 433, Garki – Abuja



VACANCY

Internal and External Advertisement

Applications are invited to fill the vacant position of the Registrar of the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN). The VCN is a quality assurance organ of the Federal Republic of Nigeria established in 1953 for the purpose of coordinating and overseeing the training and practice of the Veterinary profession in the country. The Council also runs a Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons (CVSN). It has its headquarter in Abuja with offices in the six geo-political zones.

The Registrar is the Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary to Council. He/She keeps custody of the seal of the Council, the Register of names and addresses of members and records of veterinary practices and premises. He/She is responsible to the President of Council.

QUALIFICATIONS
REGISTRAR

Possession of the following qualifications:

- (a) (i) A degree in Veterinary Medicine from a recognized University;
(ii) Full registration with the Veterinary Council of Nigeria with a current Practising Licence;
(iii) NYSC discharge certificate or certificate of exemption;
(iv) At least a Master's degree in any specialty of Veterinary Medicine and Fellowship of the College of Veterinary Surgeons Nigeria (CVSN);
(v) A demonstrable computer knowledge;
(vi) A Postgraduate degree or diploma in Administration is an advantage;
- (b) (i) At least 15 years post-registration cognate experience;
(ii) At least 10 years of administrative experience in an organization employing not less than twenty (20) people;
(iii) Provide three (3) referees who will send confidential letters.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Four (4) years Tenure and renewable for another four (4) years once.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applicants are required to forward twenty-five copies of their application with copies of relevant credentials and detailed resume/curriculum vitae (clearly indicating dates of birth, qualifications and their Local Government/States of Origin among others) to:

The President
Veterinary Council of Nigeria
No 8, Zambezi Crescent, Maitama District,
P.M.B. 433, Garki
Abuja.

Applications must reach the President not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this advertisement. Candidates are obliged to contact their referees to forward their reference letters under confidential cover to the President, Veterinary Council of Nigeria.

Note that one of the referees must be from the candidate's current place of employment or last known place of employment (if currently unemployed). Contact address should not be a P.O.Box and candidates should indicate telephone number(s) and e-mail address to facilitate urgent communication, please.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and Council reserves the right not to enter into any correspondence with any applicant.

Announcer
President, Veterinary Council of Nigeria

GOLDEN HARVEST

COMMODITY INDEX

Commodity	Kano (Dawanau mkt)	Bakori Mkt, Katsina	Mpape (Abuja)	Mangu, Plateau	Wadata market Markurdi, Benue
Maize (100kg)	₦24,500	₦23,500	₦27,000	₦19,000	100kg of Maize – ₦21,000
Beans (100kg)	₦45,000	₦41,000	₦54,000	₦65,000	100kg of small Beans – ₦60,000
Sorghum (100kg)	₦24,000	₦22,000	₦26,000	₦33,000	100kg of big Beans – ₦67,000
Rice (Milled 100kg)	₦57,500	₦46,000	₦50,000	₦62,000	100kg of G/Corn – ₦27,000
Millet (100kg)	₦24,500	₦25,500	₦28,000	₦34,000	100kg of Local rice – ₦25,000
Wheat (100kg)	₦35,000	₦36,000	—	—	100kg of Millet – ₦30,000
Tomatoes (B/basket)	₦10,300	₦7,600	₦15,000	₦8,500	Big Basket of tomatoes – ₦10,000

Quote

"If more people embark on snail farming, the produce will be more available like we have in the poultry sector. We have more people going into poultry in their numbers in comparison to snailery." Mr Sunday Ido, a Lagos based snail farmer in their numbers in comparison to snailery."

— Mr Sunday Ido, a Lagos based snail farmer

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Nigeria's bird flu control stalls in states

...As feeds, others complicate situation



By Vincent A. Yusuf (Abuja), Ibrahim Musa Giginyu (Kano), Hassan Ibrahim (Maiduguri), Mahmoud Idris (Katsina) & Hope Abah Emmanuel (Makurdi)

Nigeria is losing the fight against bird flu across the states as more farmers refuse having their farms depopulated without immediate compensation.

Our correspondents across the states report that poultry farmers who are already facing continuous rise in prices of feeds, vitamins, labour and other associated costs will rather sell off their infected birds than report the disease to government.

Although *Daily Trust* gathered that the situation is different in some states like Zamfara and Katsina where insecurity has forced many farmers out of business, with only few who still run their farms with bird flu as the least among their headaches.

Since the recent outbreak of the flu many weeks ago, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is yet to speak openly to farmers and the public on the current state of the control measures and compensation, a situation that has further heightened the farmers' fear and mistrust.

Our reporter in Kano reports that lack of adequate provision

for compensation has forced poultry farmers in the state to kill and sell off their birds than report the presence of the disease to the authorities. The same thing happened in Plateau, as *Daily Trust* earlier reported.

However, the Kano State Chairman of the Poultry Association of Nigeria (PAN), Alhaji Umar Usman Kibiya, revealed that despite the fact that the spread of the flu had reduced, there was no any form of compensation to affected farmers, adding that the development had led to many farmers not reporting the outbreak on their farms.

Alhaji Umar said, "Though reports on the spread of the flu has reduced, we are made to understand that the reduction is as a result of lack of effective compensation machinery, and that has stalled the control measure put in place by the association. We have discovered that some poultry farmers have resorted to killing and selling their affected birds without reporting to the association for proper action due to the fact that even if they report no provision for compensation has been made by authorities concerned."

A poultry farmer, Alhaji Kabiru Bello, said he sold all his birds despite the fact that he knew they were affected to minimise the losses he would incur if he allowed the birds to die or be killed by authorities that would pay him no

compensation.

Even at the state government level, a source who spoke with our reporter revealed that the agriculture ministry was currently underfunded and could not do anything on the issue, stating further that the ministry was now rendered incapable as agencies under it now functioned far better as various activities are now being conducted by the anointed agencies and not the ministry.

Daily Trust investigation has revealed that despite the outbreak of the flu, poultry feed has also added price. It was reliably gathered that a 25kg bag of layer mash is now selling for between ₦6,500 and ₦6,800; depending on the producing company.

In Katsina, poultry farmers told our correspondent that they were more concerned about running cost and insecurity than the bird flu outbreak.

A poultry farm manager in Funtua, Isah Abdullahi, said insecurity had since forced them to sell off the birds as they could not risk their lives to work in the area.

Abdullahi said, "To most of us in this zone, it is not the question of bird flu, but who can invest huge amounts of money on the outskirts of towns at the mercy of bandits. Cost of chicken feed also is scaring, especially to a starter, hence majority of us now switched to noiler chickens instead of layers or broilers as they are more resistant

to infection and could be reared for both meat and egg.

"If we report the outbreak government will kill and bury the birds without giving us any meaningful compensation; but if we sell them to hotels and barbeque spots we will raise money to cover some losses."

A small scale poultry farmer, Jume Sani said, "Last week I lost about a 100 birds, and some of my friends doing it on small scale have also suffered the virus attack. We are really pained considering how we are using our meagre resources to keep them."

For hundreds of Borno small scale poultry farmers, they have abandoned the business following increasing number of deaths of birds associated with suspected Newcastle bird disease rampaging Maiduguri, the state capital.

Already, many farmers have been dislodged from the system as result of hike of animal care, including feed, vitamins and antibiotics, which have skyrocketed within the last three months.

One of the victims, Falmata Usman, told *Daily Trust* that the recent death of birds, hike of animal care like feed and other vitamins had forced her to abandon poultry farming.

Falmata said, "I was into poultry farming for over five years and I used to grow between 150 and 250 chicks twice, especially towards a festive period. I lost over 80

birds last December as a result of a strange bird disease, coupled with the high cost of feed. I sold the remaining ones and decided to venture into another business because the mortality of last year was worse than this season."

In Benue, what is killing poultry farmers is not bird flu, but the cost of production.

A poultry farmer, Rose Oche, said, "Since November we have been buying chicken feed at ₦7,500 per bag as against ₦5,900 a few weeks before then."

Another poultry farmer, Timothy Abah, said the price of feed was on the rise daily.

Mr Abah said, "Every day, the price of chicken feed is going up. A 25kg bag of layer mash has moved up to ₦7,200; finisher is ₦8,200 and grower ₦6,800."

The state Chairman of PAN, Francis Mson, disclosed that it was only last week that he got to know about the outbreak of avian influenza in the country when they were called for a meeting in Makurdi.

Mson said, "It was there they brought all the samples for us to see and urged us to get to the farmers and tell them about it. So, I just sent that information to our farmer groups."

"The average farmers could not be able to keep up to 100 birds now. In December, we bought feeds at ₦8,000, ₦8,500, with the least at ₦7,000, which is Oracle Feed, but now Supreme Feed is ₦8,500. Amon and Jagaban feeds also sell at the same price of ₦8,500."

Effort to get details of the current state of the bird flu control measures in states from the Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development failed because officials refused to react to the inquiry.

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FMAN, CBN SUPPORT 150,000 WHEAT FARMERS IN 15 STATES- NEWS



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Gov Abdullahi A. Sule inspects a guard-of-honour when he visited Command Science and Technical Secondary School Rinze, Akwanga LG.

Engineer Sule commends security agencies for synergizing towards sustaining peace

Nasarawa State governor, Engineer Abdullahi Sule, has commended security agencies operating in the state for synergizing towards sustaining peace across the state.

Engineer Sule made the commendation in a welcome speech during the opening session of a two-day quarterly security meeting organised by the Department of State Security, (DSS), for the North Central zone, holding in Lafia, on Wednesday.

Engineer Sule appreciated members of the state security council, as well as other stakeholders, working to guarantee the prevailing peace in the state.

While describing the event as an excellent initiative, the governor noted that security requires lots of strategy, thinking and planning.

He pointed out officials of the DSS are adequately trained to carry out these essential qualities that will ensure lasting peace.

"Here in Nasarawa State, we are so grateful that all our security agencies are being able to come and work in synergy," he stated.

He traced the relative peace being enjoyed in the state to this existing synergy between security agencies operating in the state.

Engineer Sule particularly commended the DSS in the state for identifying and profiling security threats in Nasarawa State, with the Nigeria Police able to act on intelligence being provided by DSS, supported by the military and civil defence.

He expressed satisfaction that in Nasarawa State, security is the responsibility of all, including traditional rulers, vigilante, communities, as well as aggrieved ethnic nationalities such as the Miyetti Allah and Tiv farmers.

"They all come together for us to define a direction for our state. And I think this has worked very well for us," he stated.

The governor pointed out there every need for the security agencies to synergize, with a view to tackling spill over effects from security challenges in neighbouring states of Niger, Kogi, Kaduna and Plateau.

The governor welcomed the DSS quarterly meeting as it will also provide a platform to synergize towards checking activities of criminal elements who sojourn into Nasarawa State while heading to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) where they will carry out their nefarious activities.

In an opening remarks, state director, Department of State Security Services, Abel Amos Achi, said the essence of the meeting was to brain storm and proffer solutions to security challenges across the North Central zone.



Chairman of ALGON in Nasarawa State, Aminu Muazu Maifata when he led his colleagues on a courtesy visit to governor Abdullahi Sule.



Dep Gov, Dr. Emmanuel Agbadu Akabe addressing committee members for the visit of President Muhammadu Buhari to Nasarawa State.

Engineer Sule, Senator Al-makura, inaugurated as members of APC campaign council for FCT polls

Nasarawa State governor, Engineer Abdullahi Sule has been inaugurated as the co-chairman of the APC National Campaign Council for FCT Abuja Councils Election 2022, among other members.

Engineer Sule was inaugurated alongside Ebonyi State governor, David Umahi, who will chair the council, at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, on Monday.

Immediate past governor of Nasarawa State, Senator Umaru Tanko Al-makura, was also inaugurated as a member of the APC national campaign council for the FCT council polls scheduled to hold Saturday, February 13.

Inaugurating the APC national campaign council, National Chairman, Caretaker Extraordinary Convention Planning

Committee CEPCP of the party and Yobe state Governor, Mai Mala Buni, charged members of the council to deliver the party in the coming election.

Represented at the event by Senator Abubakar Yusuf, the national chairman of the APC, mandated the campaign council to ensure that APC wins all the six area councils making up the FCT.

APC women honours Engineer Sule for inclusiveness, professionalism

All Progressives Congress (APC) women in Nigeria have presented an award to Nasarawa State governor, Engineer Abdullahi Sule, for his women inclusiveness policy, as well as for bringing professionalism to bear in governance.

The APC Women in Nigeria, presented the award at a ceremony that held at the Nasarawa Governor's Lodge, in Abuja, on Tuesday.

Predicting the award to Engineer Sule, National Woman Leader of the APC, Hon. Stella Okotete, said they singled out the governor for the award because of his women inclusiveness policy, which saw to the appointment of a 29-year old female as a commissioner.

The women in APC equally recognised the governor, for bringing professionalism to bear in the governance of the state.

Hon Okotete, who was supported by the Minister for Humanitarian Affairs, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouk, to present the award to Engineer Sule, said it was in recognition of his hard work and the platform he provides for women to play critical roles in governance and leadership.

She recalled that during the recent APC women national conference, it was resolved that women should seek for more inclusiveness in both leadership and governance, with the APC women agitating for more women in both elective and leadership positions in the country.

"It was resolved that, we will push to see more women at the states and national assemblies, as well as at executive councils at both state and federal levels," she stated.

The APC national woman leader

explained that, they singled out Engineer Sule for the He-for-She award because he is providing women with the platform to actively participate in leadership and governance.

"We had to give the He-for-She award to the Nasarawa State governor being a very gender friendly government and an administrator par excellence who is giving women a platform for visibility," she said.

She added that, with the award, APC women will be able to convince their stakeholders and leaders of the progressives to give more women opportunities to serve and exhibit their potentials.

Hon Okotete expressed hope that other governors will emulate the Nasarawa State governor, by giving more women opportunities to showcase their potentials.

She therefore used the opportunity of the event, to appeal to the governor to provide more visibility for women ahead of the 2023 general election.

Responding, Engineer Sule thanked the APC women for identifying him for the award, stressing that women have continued to play key roles in his life.

He particular appreciated the Minister for Humanitarian Affairs, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouk, for the role she continued to play towards alleviating the plight of the vulnerable members of the society across the country

Engineer Sule equally appreciated Federal Commissioner at the Ministry for Humanitarian Affairs, Hajiya Imaan Suleiman Ibrahim, for making the nation proud while discharging her responsibilities.

EDUCATION

"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message."
— Steve Irwin

NBTE approves 11 HND, 9 ND programmes for IMAP Lafia

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

In a bid to enhance effective learning, the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has granted full accreditation for 11 Higher National Diploma (HND) and nine Nation Diploma (ND) programmes for five years to Isa Mustapha Agwai Polytechnic (IMAP) Lafia, in Nasarawa state.

However, the accreditation visitation team

had in December 2021 conducted the exercise in the institution between 6th-10th.

In a statement obtained by *Daily Trust* in Lafia, at the weekend, the Rector of the institution, Dr. Justina Anjiode Kotso, revealed that 20 numbers of programmes were submitted for accreditation out of which 11 programmes were granted full accreditation for five years with effect from the 2021/2022 session.

According to her, the board had granted full accreditation for five years to the Polytechnic with effect from the 2021/2022 academic session.

The programmes given full accreditation are HND Business administration and management, HND Public administration, HND accountancy, HND Leisure and tourism management, HND science laboratory technology, HND hospitality management and

HND Urban and regional planning.

Others were ND social development, ND statistics, ND library and information science and ND mass communication.

She also noted that accreditation for four programmes have been withheld, pending curative measures on certain equipment needs identified by the NBTE, saying that the board will be invited for verification as soon as the remedial measures are put in place.

We are working to save indigenous languages from extinction – Prof. Pate

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

It has been a year since you assumed the office of vice chancellor, how has the journey been?

Alhamdulillah, we have been able to improve on what we have found on the ground as well as try to consolidate on the record we have made in the university. When I came in I promised to build on what I have found and also intend on focusing on six major areas.

Firstly, academic and physical development, secondly, improving and sustaining standard and quality in the system, third, to strengthen our relationship with the host community that is the town and gown, four, focusing on staff and student welfare, five, improving on our Information and Communication Technology (ICT) visibility and the sixth about resource mobilisation.

We have been able to do some things under all these areas. And so far, we have reason to be grateful and to Allah and also thank the owners of the university, that is the federal government for all the support. Then here one can mention specifically stakeholders like the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), the Gombe State Government, the National Universities Commission (NUC) and our staff and students and of course the host community. They have all played significant roles in helping us to sustain peace and tranquility in the campus.

Did you introduced new courses and programmes that would help the students competitiveness in contemporary Nigeria?

Yes, both at the undergraduate and the post-graduate level. At the undergraduate level, we have been able to obtain the approval of the NUC to commence seven new programmes. We have courses like Mass Communication, Procurement Sciences, Entrepreneurial Sciences, International Relations and a few others.

So, we are comfortable with that. Secondly, we have been able to split some of our programmes, we have additional faculties. For example, faculty of humanity and social science are now two faculties.

Professor Umaru A. Pate is the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Kashere (FUK), Gombe State. In this interview, the professor of Mass Communication spoke on the move to unbundle mass communication course and efforts towards saving indigenous languages from going to extinction and more.



■ Pate

So, in that aspect there is progress. We also have a plan to start college of medical sciences. And again, at the post-Graduate school we have been able to commence new programmes at the masters and the post-graduate diploma levels. We are also grateful to get the approval of the NUC and JAMB to increase our enrollment quota, in line with the additional departments that we have established.

What is the level of preparation for the take-off of the Campus Radio Station?

We have gone very far in that respect. TETFund is supporting us to establish a Radio Station as well as a TV studio to support our training in mass communication. And already we have gone very far and as I am talking to you the mast of the radio station has been erected and we are expecting the studio equipment to arrive from the manufacturer through the contractor within the first quarter of the year. And once the equipment are in and we are also able to get our license from the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), our radio station will hit the airwaves. We are optimistic that before the first half of the year, our radio station will be in air.

And for the TV studio, we may not necessarily apply for the license to broadcast but the TV studio will be completely set up, where we can record, edit and facilitate training for students, particularly for those that are interested in broadcast. So, in that respect I think we have made good progress and we thank TETFund for coming to our aid in that regard.

Definitely the radio with the broadcast facilities will facilitate our intention to introduce a new programme in Mass Communications. As you may be aware the federal government has unbundled the programme and instead of having Mass Communication alone, we now have eight new programmes.

And is it the intention of the university that in the course of time to establish our own faculty of communication with the additional departments, so that we could be like any other university that trains for a Bachelor of Sciences in Journalism, Broadcasting, Public Relations, Advertising, Development Communication, Media and Information Studies and all of that. So, we are working quietly towards that respect.

How were you able to get

funds for all these projects and programmes, despite the economic challenges in the country posed by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Well, we thank God that despite all the difficulties and the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government through the TETFund has sustained its effort and remains committed in funding the institutions, especially for our capital projects. And some of the projects I have talked about are coming from the TETFund as well as some of our stakeholders that are gracious enough to assist us like the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), the North East Development Commission (NEDC), they have been helping us with interventions and also through the offices of people like Senator Muhammad Danjuma Goje, the Gombe state government, who are also helping us in their own way in the development of the university and we remain grateful for all of that.

You are leading a move through the MacArthur Foundation to revive translation of local languages in broadcast stations. What is the motivation behind this?

This has been part of my engagement while I was at the Bayero University, Kano (BUK), and I am still associated with it through the MacArthur Foundation. We have been focusing on the issues of indigenous language broadcasting, to see how we can improve on what exists and how we can use our indigenous languages particularly in broadcasting, to promote things like investigative journalism, advocacy and issues of corruption and all of that.

It may interest you to know that despite our claim to be indigenously conscious the amount of time we devoted to indigenous languages in our broadcasting stations is relatively low and we need to do more. And there are a number of reasons why you see that sometimes our broadcast media organisations have been reluctant to allocate a lot of air time to

local languages.

First, they look at the political economy of broadcasting in these languages. They tell you that advertisers sometimes are not willing to sponsor programmes in local languages. Then they look at the availability of the competent staff who can translate and broadcast in some of these languages.

Then we have the proliferation of these languages, by the time a radio station says it is going to devote even if it is just an hour each to the number of the local languages available in a state, they may end up taking over almost all the airtime broadcasting in the local station. And particularly for the private stations, they need money to survive and if advertisers are not interested in broadcasting through these languages, it becomes a challenge for you. So, there are a number of issues which I believe we scholars are addressing at a number of conferences. And we are also discussing the instrumentality of our curriculum to address them in our various institutions.

So, it is an ongoing thing and MacArthur has been quite supportive and helpful in promoting the activities and particularly to see that the quantum of programming in our indigenous languages is increased for many more people to buy into it.

Can you shed more light on the partnership between the FUK and the UNICEF?

You know that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a major stakeholder for maternal and child health in this country and particularly in our region. They have been playing a very big role particularly in child health and institutions like our own can be a very good partner for them. We have the resources in terms of personnel, we can help them in promoting some of the things they do and equally we can mainstream some of the great ideas that they have and some of the resources available into our courses to promote child health and protection of children right and all that. So, UNICEF is right to seek our partnership. We are also right because we need each other, we can have an efficient relationship that we can promote what they are doing and also enhance the content of our curriculum.

Senate okays bill to allow pensioners withdraw 75% of benefits from RSAs

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate yesterday passed for second reading, a bill seeking to allow retirees withdraw 75 per cent of their benefits from their retirement savings accounts.

The bill, tagged 'Pension Reform Act 2014 (Amendment) 2022' was sponsored by Senator

Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko (Sokoto North).

Wamakko said the bill sought to amend the Pension Reform Act 2014 to provide for a definite and reasonable percentage a retiree can withdraw from his/her retirement savings accounts.

He said the bill also sought to "provide for succor to retirees in the delay and other

difficulties they stumble upon in withdrawing their savings from retirement savings account."

He noted that the inability of pensioners to access their benefits after service had resulted in their suffering which, in most cases, led to untimely deaths.

He said: "These Nigerians who have retired from service after several years serving the

nation are finding it extremely difficult to be the owners of their pension savings in this new arrangement.

"So, unless that law is made categorically clear that they can withdraw the 75 per cent which we are proposing in this amendment, then they can definitely have some relief as retirees."



From left, Registrar University of Lagos, Oladejo Azeez; Vice Chancellor, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe; Hydrographer, Nigeria Navy, Rear Admiral Chukwuemeka Ebenezer Okafor and Director Legal services, Commodore Jemila Abubakar Sadiq during the signing of MOU between Nigeria Navy and Unilag on hydrographic survey partnership in Abuja yesterday

Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe

2022 census: NPC inaugurates technical working group

By Faruk Shuaibu

The National Population Commission has inaugurated the Census Technical Working Group that would supervise and provide guidance on all technical issues for the 2022 census project.

The NPC, in a statement yesterday, said the group would also serve as a clearing house for all census matters.

The census is expected to be held in May, according to the commission, after 16 years.

The chairman of the commission, Nasir Isa Kwarra, enjoined members to bring to bear their technical expertise and wealth of experience spanning the last two censuses in the discharge of their responsibilities to enable the NPC to deliver the first digital census to the nation.

The chairman of the Census Committee of the Commission, Dr Ipalibo Macdonald Harry, said the CTWG was created to enhance the technical quality of the entire census process.

Members of the group are Acting Director-General of the commission, Mrs Patience Mbagwu, chairman; Dr Inuwa Bakari Jalingo, secretary; with directors and selected deputy directors of the various departments of the commission as well as the Chief Technical Adviser, Dr Collins Opiyo, a technical assistance to the Nigeria's census project from the United Nations Population Fund.

Reps to Buhari: Declare emergency on ritual killings

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives yesterday asked President Muhammadu Buhari to declare a state of emergency on ritual killings in the country.

This followed the adoption of a motion by Toby Okechukwu (PDP, Enugu) who noted that ritual killings had assumed an alarming rate in Nigeria in recent times.

Okechukwu drew attention to reported ritual killings with increasing cases

of abductions and missing persons in different parts of the country.

He said in most cases, the culprits also raped, maimed, killed and obtained sensitive body parts of unsuspecting victims for rituals.

He cited a 2017 report by the Red Cross Society on 10,480 missing persons in Nigeria.

He said: "Although our communities are getting more religious with the proliferation of churches and mosques, the

ugly trend of ritual killing is on the rise as the quest for wealth at all cost pervades our society.

The House urged the Inspector-General of Police to take urgent steps to increase surveillance and intelligence gathering with a view to apprehending and prosecuting ritual killers.

It asked the National Orientation Agency, parents, heads of schools, religious leaders and the media to undertake a campaign to change the negative narrative.

FEC approves N13bn contracts for aviation, petroleum ministries

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Federal Executive Council yesterday approved N13bn contracts in the Ministries of Petroleum Resources and Aviation.

The Minister of Aviation, Hadi Sirika, said the FEC approved a contract for the replacement of Aviation Operations bridges for N12,097,215,800.09.

He said the contract, with the completion period of 12 months, was awarded at 7.5% Value Added Tax.

"This contract is not only for supplying, but also for installation and maintenance, including spare parts and is awarded to a company called Gulf of Africa International Limited," he said.

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre

Sylva, said the council closed out the contract for the construction of the 17-storey local content building in Yenagoa with the final release of N1.817bn."

Buhari condoles Emir of Maradun on wife's death

By Muideen Olaniyi President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday condoled the Emir of Maradun, Alhaji Garba Tambari, on the death of his first

wife, Hajiya Rabi Garba.

Buhari, in a statement by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, also commiserated with the Maradun Emirate Council.

He prayed for the peaceful repose of the departed who he said was a pillar of support to the emir for more than four decades, making landmark contributions to his successful reign as a traditional ruler.

AIT, NTA to broadcast Globacom's Battle of the Year Nigeria

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Glo Battle of the Year Nigeria which kicked off last Saturday will from this week be broadcast on the Nigerian Television Authority and the Africa Independent Television.

The programme, which premiered on GloTV, will air today between 6pm and 7pm on NTA and tomorrow on AIT,

between 9pm and 10pm, Glo said in a statement yesterday.

The show will subsequently air weekly on GloTV app on Saturdays by 8pm, NTA on Sundays by 8pm and AIT on Tuesdays by 9pm, the statement added.

"While most of the participants were at their best and made it difficult for the judges, a few of them did not live up to the competition's high standards and

therefore didn't advance to the next round. Among the winners who qualified for the semifinals from the first episode are dance talents equally gifted in other aspects of life including Abuja based gymnastics coach, BBOY Irah, six-foot tall dancer, BBOY Off, sociology graduate BBOY Victor Vic, Enugu based graphic designer BBOY Bliss, and fashion model BBOY Softy", it added.

NDLEA seeks drug integrity test for varsity students

By Abbas Jimoh & Seun Adeyi

Chairman/Chief Executive, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Mohamed Buba Marwa, has asked all tertiary institutions in Nigeria to make drug integrity test an institutional policy for new and returning students as part of efforts to tackle drug abuse among the youth.

He spoke yesterday at the University of Abuja while launching the 'Drug-free University Campaign'.

He also called for a partnership between the NDLEA and the university system that would allow the agency to set up outposts on campuses to strengthen the fight against illicit drugs.

He said: "It's expected that the University of Abuja, being the 'University of National Unity', will be the first public university in Nigeria to adopt the Drug Integrity Test for fresh and returning students of the institution."

Vice Chancellor, UniAbuja, Prof. Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, pledged the institution's commitment to fighting drug abuse in the university and other possible areas.



ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS KANO STATE JOINT STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

7th Feb., 2022

The National Chairman,
Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee
All Progressives Congress (APC)
Abuja-Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

RE-GUIDELINES FOR THE HARMONISATION OF THE PARTY STRUCTURE IN KANO STATE

We, the undersigned, hereby write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 7th February, 2022 in respect of the above subject matter, which was submitted to the Leader of our Forum, Senator Ibrahim Shekarau (Sardaunan Kano).

Once again, we appreciate your tireless concern and efforts to "restore sanity and bring back unity of purpose and re-enact the trust among the APC, Kano State family".

You may wish to recall that since the commencement of the reconciliation moves, several meetings were held at your instance and submissions made by both sides relating to the proposed composition of harmonized leadership of our party in Kano State at all levels.

We had anticipated that the communication from you would be reflective of the proposals and/or submissions made to you.

Regrettably however, your said letter to us never contained the proposals and/or submissions put forward by both sides, nor even made specific reference to them.

Furthermore, to our utter dismay and disenchantment, the letter had even gone viral in the social media emanating from Kano State Government circles even before reaching us, mischievously paraded as conclusive evidence that the party would be surrendered to the "H.E. Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje faction."

In the circumstances therefore, we are constrained to notify you Sir, that the entirety of the content of your letter is totally unacceptable to us.

Once more, we wish to reiterate our firm commitment to the promotion and preservation of the integrity of our great party and its leadership.

We wish you Allah's guidance and protection as you continue to pilot the affairs of our great party, the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

1. **Dist. Senator Ibrahim Shekarau.**
(Kano Central)

2. **Dist. Senator Barau I. Jibrin.**
(Kano North)

3. **Hon. Tijjani Abdulkadir Jobe.**
(D/Tofa/Rimin Gado/Tofa Fed. Constituency)

4. **Hon. Nasiru Abduwa Gabasawa.**
(Gezawa/Gabasawa Fed Constituency)

5. **Hon. Barr. Haruna I. Dederi.**
(Karaye/Rogo Fed Constituency)

6. **Hon. Sha'aban Sharada.**
(Kano Municipal Fed. Constituency)

7. **Alh. Shehu Dalhatu.**
(Chairman, Buhari Support Group.)

THE SENATE**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

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**THE JOINT SENATE COMMITTEES ON ANTI-CORRUPTION AND FINANCIAL CRIMES,
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INVITE

**Stakeholders and the General
Public to submit Memoranda**
ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS

1. Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Bills 2021, **(SB. 642 and SB. 789)**
2. Public Complaints Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2022, **(SB.644) and**
3. Proceeds of Crime (Recovery and Management Bill. 2021 **(SB. 645)**

The Public Hearing is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date:	Thursday, 17th February, 2022
Venue:	Senate Conference Hall 022, Ground Floor, New Senate Building, National Assembly Complex, Abuja
Time:	11.00am prompt

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR
His Excellency,
Senator Ahmad Lawan, Ph.D., CON
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Chief Host:
Distinguished Senator Suleiman Abdu Kwari
Co-Host:
Distinguished Senator Michael Opeyemi Bamidele
Co-Host:
Distinguished Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure

Stakeholders and interested members of the public are to submit twenty (20) hard copies and a soft copy of Memoranda to the Committee Clerk in Room SB 60, White House Basement, National Assembly Complex Abuja on or before 15th February, 2022.

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1. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)
2. Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
3. Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit
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6. IMMIGRATION
7. POLICE
8. Department of State Services (DSS)
9. Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
10. Ministry of Interior
11. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12. Ministry of Finance
13. Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms (TUGAR)
14. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
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16. Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC)
17. National Intelligence Agency
18. Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
19. Banks
20. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
21. Accountant-General of the Federation
22. Auditor-General for the Federation
23. National Security Adviser (NSA)
24. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
25. Nigeria Correctional Services
26. Public Complaints Commission
27. Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA)

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE GUSAU JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT GUSAU
MONDAY 7TH OF FEBRUARY, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP
HONOURABLE JUSTICE AMINU B. ALIYU JUDGE

FHC/GS/CS/24/2021

BETWEEN:

1. BASHIR SALEH
2. ABDULRAHMAN HARUNA
3. IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD TURAKI

PLANTIFFS

AND

1. ALH. DR. BELLO MUHAMMAD MATAWALLE
2. BARR. MAHADI ALIYU GUSAU
3. ALL PROGRESSIVE CONGRESS
4. INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION
5. ATTORNEY GENERAL OF FEDERATION

RESPONDENTS

JUDGMENT

The Plaintiffs by their Originating Summons dated 26/7/2021 and filed on the same dated seeks for determination of the following questions:-

- Whether upon proper construction or interpretation of the provisions of combine effect of Section 177 (c), 180 (c) & (d) and 221 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) the 1st Defendant's defection on 29th June, 2021 from the People's Democratic Party which sponsor his election to the office of Governor of Zamfara State and becoming a

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member of the All Progressive Congress (3rd Defendant) mid-stream in his 4 years term in office has repudiated/resiled from his election to said office and consequently resigned from the office of Governor of Zamfara State effective 29/6/2021.

- Whether upon a proper construction or interpretation of the provisions of Section 177 (c), 180 (c) & (d) and 221 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) the 1st Defendant's declaration on 29th June, 2021 from the People's Democratic Party which sponsor his election to the office of Governor of Zamfara State and becoming a member of the All Progressive Congress (3rd Defendant) mid-stream in his 4 years term in office has repudiated/resiled from his election to said office is entitled to continue to parade himself yet as the Governor of Zamfara State.
- Whether upon a proper construction or interpretation of the provisions of Section 177 (c), 180 (c) & (d) and 221 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) the 1st Defendant's defection on 29th June, 2021 from the People's Democratic Party which sponsor his election to the office of Governor of Zamfara State and becoming a member of the All Progressive Congress (3rd Defendant) mid-stream in his 4 years term in office has repudiated/resiled from his election to said office is entitled to continue to exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Governor of Zamfara State.
- Whether upon a proper construction or interpretation having regard to the provisions of Section 177 (c), 180 (c) & (d) and 221 of the Constitution and given the fact that the 1st Defendant has repudiated/resiled his election and resigned from the office of Governor of Zamfara State on 29/6/2021, the 4th and 5th Defendants can

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lawfully continue to accord recognition to and deal with the 1st Defendant as the Governor of Zamfara State.

The Plaintiff further seek for the following reliefs:

- A declaration that the 1st Defendant was returned by the 4th Respondent as duly elected to and/or assumed the office of Governor of Zamfara State on 29/5/2019 by virtue of being the candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party which scored the majority of lawful votes cast at the 2019 governorship election in Zamfara State.
- A declaration that the 1st Defendant upon his defection on the 29/6/2021 from the People Democratic Party which sponsored his election to the office of the Governor of Zamfara State and joining or becoming a member of the All Progressive Congress (3rd Defendant) mid-stream in his 4 (four) years term in office has repudiated/resiled from his election to the said office and consequently resigned from his election to the said office of Governor of Zamfara State effective 29/6/2021.
- A declaration that upon the defection of the 1st Defendant from the Peoples Democratic Party on the 29/6/2021 and joining or becoming a member of All Progressive Congress (3rd Defendant) and his consequent resignation from the office of Governor Zamfara State, the 1st Defendant is not entitled to parade himself yet as Governor of Zamfara State.
- A declaration that upon the defection of the 1st Defendant from the Peoples Democratic Party on the 29/6/2021 and joining or becoming a member of All Progressive Congress (3rd Defendant) and his consequent resignation from the office of Governor Zamfara State, the 1st Defendant is not entitled to exercise the powers

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and/or perform the functions of the Governor of Zamfara State.

- A declaration that any act performed by or decision taken by the 1st Defendant from 29/6/2021 in purported exercise/performance of powers/functions of Governor of Zamfara State are unconstitutional, unlawful, null, void and of no effect whatsoever.
- An order of Injunction restraining the 1st Defendant from further parading himself as the Governor of Zamfara State and or performing the functions of the said office having resigned from the said office on 29/6/2021.
- An order of injunction restraining the 4th and 5th Defendants as representative of the Federal Government of Nigeria from any further dealings with the 1st Defendant in the capacity of the Governor of Zamfara State, the 1st Defendant having resigned from said office on 29/6/2021.

The Originating Summons is accompanied by 24 Paragraphs Affidavit deposed to by Ibrahim Muhammad Turaki, the 3rd Plaintiff. The Affidavit in support of the Originating Summons has annexures, they are exhibits A, A1, B, B1, C, C1, and D and a written address.

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In reaction to the Originating Summons of the Plaintiffs, the 1st Defendant filed a Counter Affidavit dated and filed on 23/9/2021 of 30 paragraphs deposed to by Ibrahim Ma'aji in compliance with Rules of this Court, he filed a written address. The 1st Defendant further filed a notice of preliminary objection dated 16/8/2021 and filed on 24/8/2021.

The 2nd Defendant filed a Counter Affidavit dated and filed on 7/9/2021 with a Written Address and a notice of preliminary

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objection dated 6/9/2021 and filed on 31/8/2021. The 3rd Defendant did not file any process in this suit.

The 4th Defendant on his own part has filed an 8 paragraphs Counter Affidavit deposed to by one Hussaini Abdullahi which is dated 3/8/2021, but deemed filed and served on 4/11/2021 and a Written Address.

Though the 5th Defendant has filed a Written Address dated 1/11/2021 and filed on 4/11/2021 he was not present when the processes were adopted but it was deemed adopted under the Rules of this Court.

The position which has been consistently held by the Supreme Court, is that whenever an issue of jurisdiction is raise in a suit it is fundamental that the court shall enquire and determine whether it has or does not have the requisite jurisdiction to hear and determine the case as any proceeding conducted by a court which is devoid of jurisdiction is a nullity.

The 1st Defendant's notice of preliminary objection is praying for the following:-

1. An Order Striking out and or dismissing in its entirety the above mentioned Suit NO FHC/GS/CS/14/2021 for want of jurisdiction and competency, as the court lacks jurisdiction and the suit constitute an abuse of court process.

The grounds upon which the objection is brought are as follows:-

1. The Suit NO FHC/GS/CS/14/2021 filed by the Plaintiffs/Respondents is unconstitutional, incompetent and constitute a gross abuse of court process.

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2. The person purportedly named in the suit as 1st Defendant is the present Governor of Zamfara State ALH. Dr. Bello Muhammad Mutawalle who by the provisions of Section 308 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as altered, cannot be proceeded against in a court of law while his tenure is subsisting.

3. By virtue of the pendency of suit no FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021 and FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021 filed by the same 1st Plaintiff/Respondents and through proxies in this Honourable Court seeking the resignation and removal from office of the 1st Defendant/Applicant from his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the 3rd Defendant/Respondent, All Progressive Congress (APC), this suit amount to forum shopping and gross of abuse of court progress.

4. That the Plaintiff/Respondents have also earlier filed a similar suit through the instrumentality of their political party and proxies before the Federal High Court in Suit No FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021 between Peoples Democratic Party Vs Independent National Electoral Commission and 6 others and suit No FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021, People Democratic Party & 2 Ors Vs Bello Muhammad Mutawalle & 3 Ors seeking the reliefs as in the instant suit.

5. The end result of the aforementioned suits is to remove the 1st Defendant from office as the sitting Governor of Zamfara State as a result of his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party to 3rd Defendant.

6. That the suit is speculative as same discloses no reasonable cause of action against the Defendants.

7. That the Originating Summons that set the machinery of this suit in motion failed to comply with the mandatory provisions of Section 97 of the Sheriff and Civil Process Act, LFN, 2004.

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8. That this Court lacks the jurisdiction to entertain this suit as there is multiplicity of actions before this Honourable Court in respect of the same subject matter and parties.

9. An issue as this bothering on an election process is exclusively a subject matter within the jurisdiction of an Election Petition Tribunal.

10. This Honourable Court lacks the requisite jurisdiction to adjudicate on this suit being an election matter.

11. This suit is incompetent, the condition precedent for this Honourable Court assuming jurisdiction having not been fulfilled.

12. This Honourable Court ought properly in the circumstances to strike out or dismiss this suit for want of jurisdiction.

13. This suit was wrongly commenced by Originating Summons as facts giving rise to filing of this suit are hostile. This Honourable Court in the alternative ought in the circumstances of this suit order parties to file pleadings.

The 2nd Defendant's notice of preliminary objection is praying the court for the following:-

1. An Order of this Hon. Court striking out the suit against the 2nd Defendant for non-disclosure of a reasonable cause of action.

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The grounds of his objection are:-

1. The facts, questions and reliefs sought in the Originating Summons did not disclose reasonable cause of action against the 2nd Defendant.

2. This suit is speculative, vexatious and an abuse of process of court.

The 4th Defendant's ground for his objection are as follows:-

1. The Plaintiffs have no locus standi to institute this action.
2. The removal of a Governor or Deputy from office is the exclusive preserve of the House of Assembly over which court has no jurisdiction.

The grounds of the notice of preliminary objection of the 1st Defendant is very broad and I am of view that it is sufficient to accommodate all issues raised in the notices of preliminary objection of the 4th Respondent, therefore I will use the 1st Defendant notice of preliminary objection in deciding whether or not this court has jurisdiction in this case.

The 1st Defendant's notice of preliminary objection has six issues for determination and I reproduce them hereunder:-

1. Whether suit no FHC/GS/CS/14/2021 filed by the Plaintiffs/Respondents is unconstitutional, incompetent and constitute a gross abuse of court process by virtue of the pendency of suit no FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021 and FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021, filed by the same Plaintiffs/Respondents and their proxies in this court.

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2. Whether suit no FHC/GS/CS/14/2021 filed by the Plaintiffs/Respondents is unconstitutional, incompetent and constitute a gross abuse of court process by virtue of the pendency of suits no FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021 and FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021 filed by the same Plaintiffs/respondents.
3. Whether this Hon. Court has the requisite jurisdiction to entertain this suit as the subject matter is predicated on election matter which is outside the jurisdiction of this Hon. Court.
4. Whether this suit was wrongly commenced by Originating Summons as the facts giving rise to the filing of this suit are hostile and whether this Hon. Court in the alternative ought in the circumstances of this case Order parties to file pleadings.
5. Whether as the Governor of Zamfara State, the 1st Defendant/Applicant is constitutionally permitted to freely associate and assemble in accordance with the provision of section 40 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as altered).
6. Whether having regard to the fact that the 3rd - 5th Defendant/Respondent reside outside the jurisdiction of this Hon. Court, the failure by the Plaintiffs to comply with the provisions of section 97 of the Sheriff and Civil Process Act, Cap S6 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 does not render the purported service of Originating Summons on the 1st Defendant/Applicant in this suit incurably defective.

On the first issue the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant submitted that legal proceeding cannot be proceeded against the 1st Defendant on the ground that he is the sitting Governor of Zamfara State. Learned counsel goes on to argue that from the facts distilled from the Plaintiffs Affidavit and Originating

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Summons, they are praying among others for the court to declare the seat of the 1st Defendant vacant and be subsequently removed from office for the defection from the Peoples Democratic Party to the 3rd Defendant, All Progressive Congress and therefore, the court by virtue of section 308 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), the 1st Defendant is immuned from legal proceeding he refer me to case of ALI VS ALBASHIR (2005)3 NWLR (Pt1073) at 131 Paras B-F, TINUBU VS IMB SECURITIES (2001) LPELR 3248 SC PP 42-43 Paras D-D, GLOBAL EXCELLENCE COMMUNICATIONS LTD & ORS VS MR DONALD DUKE (2007) LPELR-1323, FRN VS DARIYE (2011) LPELR 1451 CA.

It is the contention of the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant that having regard to the peculiar nature of this case viz a viz the provisions of section 308 of the Constitution, it is illegal and unconstitutional for the Plaintiffs to apply to this Hon. Court vide Originating Summons seeking declaratory claims bordering on resignation and removal from office. Now lets look at section 308 of the Constitution.

Section 308 of the Constitution provide thus:-

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution, but subject to sub-section 2 of this section-

- (a) "No civil or Criminal proceeding shall be instituted or continued against a person to whom this section applies during his period of office;
- (b) A person to whom this section applies shall not be arrested or imprisoned during that period either in pursuance of the process of any court or otherwise; and

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- (c) No process of any court requiring or compelling the appearance of a person to whom this section applies, shall be applied for or issued".

Sub-section 3 provides thus

"This section applies to a person holding the office of President or Vice President, Governor or Deputy Governor, and the reference in this section to period of office- is a reference to the period during which the person holding such office is required to perform the functions of the office".

The Supreme Court in interpreting the above section the case of AMECHI VS INEC (2008)5 NWLR (Pt 1080)227 held that provision of section 308 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 is not meant to deny a citizen of this country his right of Access to court. It is a provision put in place to enable a Governor while in office, to conduct the affairs of governance free from hindrance, embarrassment and the difficulty which may arise if he is being constantly pursued and harassed with court processes of a civil or criminal in nature while in office, it is a provisions designed to protect the dignity of the office. However, the provision under section 308 ensures that the period when a Governor enjoys immunity shall not be taken into account in computing the time limit for initiating an action under statute of limitation. Section 308 cannot be relied upon where the nature of the suit is such that the res in dispute will not be destroyed permanently with the effluxion of time. To hold that section 308 can be invoked in a matter relating to the eligibility for a political office where the tenure of such office has been set out-in the constitution will translate into denying to a Plaintiff his right of access to the court. It is only in a case where a deferment of Plaintiff's right of action is not likely to destroy the res in the suit that section 308 can be invoked;

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From the above decision, it is clear that the res in this suit will be destroyed permanently with effluxion of time and section 308 of the Constitution did not apply in this case and I so hold, see ALAMIEYESEIGHA VS IGONIWARI (2007)7 NWLR (Pt 1034) No. 2. This issue is resolved against the 1st Defendant.

The respect of the 2nd issue the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant stated that for a process to amount to an abuse of court's process, it must not be willy-nilly be between same parties, same issues, same reliefs and a multiplicity of action, it is sufficient if the parties, issues and reliefs are substantially and materially the same. Counsel submitted that in this case it will still amount to abuse of court process even if the claims or reliefs are worded differently but where the end result of the two or more actions is the same, the end result of this suit is principally to disqualify and or remove the 1st Defendant as the Governor of Zamfara State which is the same with Suits No. FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021 and FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021 which are pending before this Honourable Court, he refer me to cases AJAOKUTA STEEL COMPANY LIMITED VS GREEN BAYINVESTMENT & SECURITIES LIMITED & ORS (2019) LPELR-SC 254/2018, FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC VS T.S.A INDUSTRIES LIMITED (2012) LPELR-9714 SC among others.

I have carefully gone through the Originating process and all other processes filed in support of the Plaintiff, I have also meticulously gone through exhibits DEA1, DEA2 and DEA3 which are the processes filed in Suit No. FHC/GS/CS/14/2021, FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021 and FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021 and compared all the processes in these three suits, I am of the view that though the Plaintiffs in the instant case are different from Suit No. FHC/ABJ/CS/489/2021 and FHC/ABJ/CS/650/2021, the issues raised and the relief sought therein are substantially and materially the same in the 3 cases mentioned above. I am in total agreement with the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant that this

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case is an abuse of court process and I so hold, this issue is resolve in favour of the 1st Defendant.

On the third issue for determination, the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant in his submission stated that this court lacks the requisite jurisdiction to adjudicate in this suit being a suit founded on the removal of a sitting Governor. A Governor once elected, can only be removed from office under section 180(1) and not through a civil action. he refer me to NAKOJU & ORS VS ADELEKE & ORS (2007) LPELR-1510 SC. It is the contention of the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant that a sitting Governor of a state can only be removed from office through petition emanating from an Election Tribunal and not through a civil suit. With greatest respect to the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant, this argument is misconceived. The issue in which this court is called upon to determine from the questions for determination and reliefs sought in this case is about the defection of the 1st Defendant from Peoples Democratic Parties to All Progressive Congress and not on election of the 1st Defendant into the office of Governor of Zamfara State.

Section 272(B) of the Constitution of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides as follows:-

"Subject to the provisions of section 251 and other provisions of this Constitution, the Federal High Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determined the question as to whether the term of office of the member of the House of Assembly of a State, a Governor or Deputy Governor has ceased or become vacant".

It is very clear that from the provisions of section 272(3) of the Constitution, it is the Federal High Court that has to the exclusion of all other courts, the jurisdiction to hear and determine whether the term office of a Governor or his Deputy has ceased and become vacant. I hold that this court is seized with jurisdiction to hear and

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determine whether the term of Governor has ceased or become vacant. This issue is resolve against the 1st Defendant.

On issue number four, the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant has submitted that this suit ought not to have been commenced by Originating Summons because there is a serious dispute as to facts. Originating Summons is only applicable in circumstances where there is no dispute as on question of facts or even likelihood of such dispute, he refer me to FAMFA OIL VS A.G FEDERATION & ANOR (2003) LPELR-1239 (SC), TI TILAYO PLASTIC INDUSTRIES LTD & ORS VS FAGBOLA among other.

I have carefully gone through the Origination Summons and all other processes filed in this suit and I am of the view that the main question for determination which is not in dispute is the defection of the 1st Defendant from Peoples Democratic Party to All Progressive Congress. There is no dispute as to the facts of this case, and the exhibits attached to the case are capable of resolving the main issue in this case and I so hold. This issue is resolved against the 1st Defendant.

On the fifth issue, it is the submission of the 1st Defendant that he is by the constitution guaranteed the fundamental right of association and assembly by virtue of section 40, he refer me to the case of ATTORNEY GENERAL OF FEDERATION VS ABUBAKAR (2007)10 NWLR (Pt 1041)1 at 124.

Section 40 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides as follows:-

"Every person shall be entitle to assemble freely and associate with other persons and in particular he may form or belong to any political party, trade union or any other trade union or any other association for the protection of his intrest".

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In ATTORNEY GENERAL FEDERATION VS ABUBAKAR Supra, the Supreme Court held that there is no-where in the 1999 Constitution where it is stated that the President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be removed or is removable from the office if he defects from political party on whose platform he was elected to that office and joins another political party. This decision is binding on this court. I hold that the fact that the 1st Defendant has defected from the party on whose platform he was elected as Governor of Zamfara State and joins another party, he cannot lose his seat as the Governor. This issue is resolved in favour of the Defendants.

The last issue is whether the non-compliance with section 97 of the Sheriff & Civil Process Act has rendered this case defective and is liable to be set aside.

It is the contention of the learned counsel to the 1st Defendant that the Plaintiff failure to seek and obtain an Order of this Court to issue and serve the process outside jurisdiction render the whole process defective which is liable to be set aside, he refer me to the case of N.P.A VS EYAMBA & 4 ORS (2005)12 NWLR (Pt 939)409 at 447-449 Paras H-A, OWNERS OF MR ARABELLA VS V.N.A.I.C (2008)11 NWLR (Pt. 1097) Page 205-206, Paras F-G, 207 - 208 PARAS F - B, BELLO VS NATIONAL BANK OF NIGERIA (1992) 8 NWLR (pt. 246) 206 @ 217 - 218 among others.

With respect to the learned Counsel to the 1st Defendant, the decision he cited to support are no longer the position of law now. These authorities cited above were decided under the former Rules of Court which was abrogated with the coming in force of the new Rules in 2019. In the case of BIEM VS S.D.P (2019) 12 NWLR (Pt 1687), pages 405 - 406, paras. H - C the supreme Court has this to say:-

Order 6 rule 31 of the Federal High Court Rules interpret the phrase "outside jurisdiction" to mean outside the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the

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instant case, the originating Summon issued by the Federal High Court, Makurdi which was to be served in Abuja could not be considered to be outside jurisdiction and therefore did not require to be endorsed as a concurrent writ".

From the above decision it is clear that a issued in the Federal High Court of any Division does not require for leave to serve out of jurisdiction to be sought and obtained first before it can be served. This issue is also resolved against the Defendants.

The notice of Preliminary Objection of the 1st Defendant succeed and I accordingly dismiss the suit.

Now having decided that the notice of the preliminary Objection is sustained, and the case dismissed, i will still go ahead and decided the cases on its merit, assuming but not conceding that I am wrong.

The Plaintiffs contention in their argument is that the office of a Governor can only be held by a person sponsored by a political party, having regard to the combined effect of the provisions of section 177 (c) 180 (c) and (d) and 22 of the constitution which clearly disallows independent candidate vying for elective offices under the constitution. Any person who is elected to the office of a Governor on a ticket of a political party would not be allow to cling unto that seat if he defects to another party. It is a political party that sponsors a candidate in an election, he refer me to AMAECHI VS INEC & ORS. (2007) 18 NWLR (PT. 1065) 105, WADA & ORS VS BELLO & ORS (2016) LPELR - 47015SC @ 43.

The Plaintiffs further submitted that the 1st Defendant may only continue to hold the office of the Governor of Zamfara State if the Peoples Democratic party which sponsored his election consents or acquiesces in his doing so. Where the said party decides to sleep over its right or acquiesces in the action of the 1st Defendant, aggrieved stake holders like the plaintiffs herein are entitle to ask

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the 1st Defendant to vacate the office of Governor of Zamfara State. The 1st Defendant ought to have expressly resigned, having refused or neglected to do so, the court has an abiding duty to hold that he is deemed to have resigned from office of Governor of Zamfara State on 29/6/2021.

The 1st Defendant submitted that the suit at hand is neither before an election Tribunal nor is it a pre-election matter. The judgment the plaintiffs are seeking to interpret it exhibit D attached to the Affidavit in support of the Originating Summons has been overtaken section 14, of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) he refer me to C.P.C & ANOR VS OMBUGADU & ANOR. (2013) LPELR - 21007 (SC) OZOMGBA CIH VS AMADI & ORS (2018) LPELR - 45152 (SC), HARUNA VS APC & ORS (2019) LPELR 47777 (CA).

Learned Counsel to the 1st Defendant Contended that a Political Party is merely vehicles on which a candidate can ride to contest an election and nothing more. The votes belong to the candidate and not political party. The political party ceases to have any relevance over a person that has won an election and has been sworn in as a legislator, Governor or President. Learned Counsel further stated that the reliance of the Plaintiff on Section 177 (c), 180 (C) & (D) & 221 of the Constitution (as amended) is completely irrelevant and inapplicable in the circumstances of this case. The Section referred to pre-election matters and resignation from office of Governor and has nothing to do with cross carpeting or defection from one political party to another.

It is further argued on behalf of the 1st Defendant that there is nothing in the Electoral Act that stated the Governor must continue to be in the same political party on whose platform he was elected to sustain his position as the Governor of the state. Both the constitution and the Electoral Act have no Provision prohibiting the defection from one political party to another, he refers me to the case of Attorney General of Federation vs

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Abubakar (2007) 10 NWLR (PT 1041) 1 at 124, once a candidate is sworn in as Governor, the Governor becomes cloth with immunity within the ambit of the provision of Section 308 and is entitled to the benefits of the Constitutional provision dealing with the freedom of association as provided under Section 40 of the constitution.

It is the submission of the learned counsel on behalf of the 2nd Defendant that there is no reasonable cause of action against the 2nd Defendant as there is no nexus between him and the process filed by the Plaintiff. None of the paragraphs of the Affidavit in support of the Originating Summons disclose any reasonable cause of action against the 2nd Defendant, he refers me to THOMAS VS OLUFOSOYE (1986) 1 NWLR (PT 18) 669 at 668 - 689 Paras H - A, SHELL PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT NIG LTD & 1 OR VS XM FED LTD & 1 OR (2006) LPELR - 3047 (SC) at 11 - 14 paras. G - G among others.

The 4th Defendant has argued through his learned Counsel that Section 177 of the Constitution regulates qualification for election as a Governor of a state. The section does not regulate governance by a Governor upon his election to the office of the office of the Governors of a state and it did not regulate his revenue. The relevant provision of the constitution to the tenure of the office of a Governor is Section 180 of the Constitution and by virtue of that Section, the Political party that sponsored a candidate has no control on the tenure of office of the candidate.

The learned Counsel to the 4th Defendant stated that Section 135 of the constitution which is in pari material with section 189 of the constitution was interpreted by the Supreme court in the case of A.G FEDERATION VS ABUBAKAR SUPRA. The learned Counsel stated further that there is no provision in the constitution of Nigeria which entitle this court to remove a Governor for any alleged defection from political party that sponsored his election into the office of a Governor the power of removal of a Governor is vested in

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the House of Assembly of a state by virtue of Section 188 and 189 of the constitution.

The 5th Defendant stated that in construing the provision of the constitution as to whether the constitution envisages the legality or otherwise of defection of Governor of a state from a political party that sponsored his election, this court is expected to examine the wording of the constitution that are plain, clear or unambiguous, he refer me to the case of GLOBAL COMMUNICATION LTD VS DUKE (2007) LPELR - 1323 (SC) and A.G FEDERATION VS ABUBAKAR (supra). Learned Counsel stated that it is the constitution that created the office of a Governor and it is the same constitution that provides the modalities on how a Governor may be removed or the office may become vacant, he refer to Section 180, 188 (1) and (2) and 189 (1) (a) of the constitution and there is nowhere in the Constitution where it is provided that the Governor shall vacate office or be removed from office if he defects from the political party on whose platform he was elected and join another party.

I have meticulously reviewed all that the argument filed by the learned Counsels on behalf of the Parties, I have equally reviewed the Originating summons, the affidavit in support of Originating Summons and all the processes filed and in my view there is only one question that call for determination. And wit.

Whether the 1st Defendant who was elected on the Platform of the People Democratic Party has lost his seat as the Governor of Zamfara State when he defected to the All progressive Congress (the 3rd Defendant)?

The office of a Governor is created by Section 176 (1) of the constitution, and section 177 list the qualification for election as a Governor, section 180 (1) of the constitution provides the instances where a person shall hold the office of a Governor. From the communal reading of sections 180 and 188 of the Constitution, the

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Governor will cease to hold office when his successor in office takes the oath of that office, he dies while holding such office, he resigned from the office or he is impeached in accordance with the provision of Section 188 of the constitution. In A.G FEDERATION VS ABUBAKAR (SUPRA) the Supreme Court in interpreting the provisions of Section 68 (1) (g) and 109 (1) (g) of the constitution, the court held that

"It is manifest from the provision of section 68(1) (g) and 109 (1) (g) of the 1999 Constitution that the makers of the constitution intended to, and indeed made punishable the defection of member of the Senate, House of Representative or a House of Assembly from Political party before the expiration of the period from which the legislative house was elected by declaring the seat of such member vacant. However, no similar provision is made for the vice president or president. In other words, if the makers of the constitution had intended the Vice President or President to suffer the same fate as member of the Senate, House of Assembly, they would have inserted such provision in the Constitution in clear terms".

It is clear that it is only the member of the Senate, House of Representative and House of Assembly of a State that loses his seat upon defection from the platform of the party which he is elected to another party. I can find no provision in the constitution which state that a Governor will lose his seat whenever he defects to another party other than the political party in which he is elected.

The 1st Defendant as a Governor has the right to assembly and association with respect to joining or belonging to a political party. The Supreme Court in A.G FEDERATION VS ABUBAKAR (supra) held that:

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"By virtue of Section 40 of the 1999 Constitution, it is unconstitutional to deny a citizen of Nigeria the right to opt out of any Political Party, or the right to join or belong to any political Party, trade Union or any other association for the protection of his interest provided that the political party is recognised by the Independent Electoral Commission. In the instant case, it was not shown by credible evidence that the political party to which the 1st Respondent defected was not recognized by the Independent National Electoral Commission. In the Circumstances, the 1st Respondent ought not to be penalised for joining the Political party".

L.T. Muhammad JSC as he then was at page 157 of the report said

"1st Respondent is alleged to have defected or cross carpeted to another political party. Although defection or cross carpeting to another party or dumping the original party that sponsored one for election to a particular office which is created by the constitution or in the same vein, condemning or criticizing that party or its members who by virtue of the same election hold some offices created by the constitution, is painful, unconscionable and immoral, it is however, not illegal. I cannot find any fault with the lower Court's adumbration on section 40 of the constitution Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, chapter IV therefore which guarantees a citizen of this country freedom of association.

The 1st Defendant in exercise of his right of freedom of association as guaranteed under section 40 of the constitution can defect to any party of his choice and still maintain his seat as Governor of Zamfara State. The fact that he has defected from the

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platform of the party on which he was elected does not and will not make him lose his seat as the Governor, and I so hold.

On the whole I find this case is devoid of any iota of merit. The case ought be dismissed and I accordingly dismiss it. I award the cost of N1,000,000 (One Million Naira Only) in favour of each of the Defendants against the Plaintiffs.

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HON. JUSTICE AMINU B. ALIYU
JUDGE
7TH FEBRUARY, 2022.

APPEARANCE:

Plaintiffs absent, Bashi Abubakar Representing the 2nd Defendant, 1st and 3rd, 4th and 5th Defendant absent.

Edwin Inegedu Esq. For the 2nd Defendant with Ibrahim Jibrin Esq.

Julius Anthony Esq with Nanyak Jamfa Esq. for the 4th Defendant holding the brief of Ibrahim K. Bawa SAN

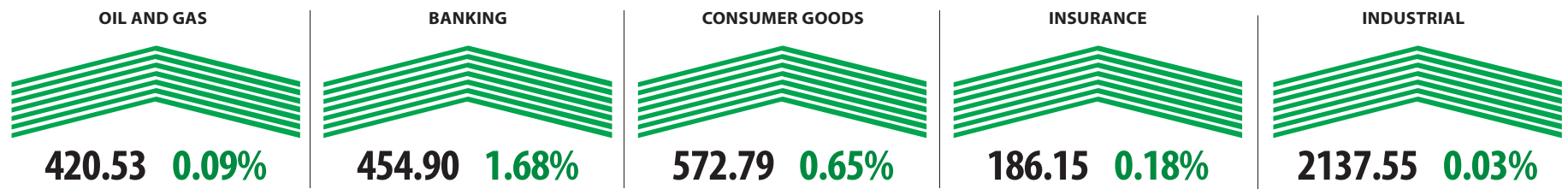
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COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
1 ACCESS BANK PLC	362,561.30	10.20	-0.97	169	10,166,869
2 UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	294,115.02	8.60	-0.58	190	9,691,492
3 ZENITH BANK PLC	847,705.33	27.00	0.19	339	24,324,646
BANKING					
4 FBN HOLDINGS PLC	394,848.22	11.00	-0.45	149	7,837,358
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
5 MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	4,009,839.07	197.00	-1.01	290	2,912,482
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
6 DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,682,731.43	274.80	-	56	49,623
7 LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	426,856.58	26.50	-	118	2,115,799
BUILDING MATERIALS					
8 SEPLAT ENERGY PLC	509,592.99	866.00	-	60	793,684
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
9 ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
10 FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	792.00	0.36	-	12	138,252
11 OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	121,909.70	127.80	-	52	109,904
12 PRESCO PLC	104,500.00	104.50	10.00	130	2,725,954
CROP PRODUCTION					
13 LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	5,940.00	1.98	-1.00	28	2,974,110
LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL SPECIALTIES					
14 JOHN HOLT PLC	307.43	0.79	-	3	5,530
15 S C O A NIG. PLC	890.26	1.37	-	20	677,533
17 U A C N. PLC	25,787.60	8.95	-0.56	56	1,767,459
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
18 ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
19 JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	41,520.00	25.95	-0.19	63	1,396,910
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
20 UPDC PLC	18,559.97	1.00	-5.66	40	5,526,215
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
21 DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
22 CHAMPION BREW. PLC	17,224.89	2.20	-	20	865,996
23 GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
24 GUINNESS NIG. PLC	106,343.09	48.55	-	70	621,709
25 INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	135,653.45	5.05	1.00	43	2,484,309
26 NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	387,639.93	48.00	-	69	4,254,256
BEVERAGES—BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
27 BUA FOODS PLC	1,112,400.00	61.80	-4.04	36	305,248
28 DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	213,177.11	17.55	-	134	513,140
29 FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	122,806.37	29.95	2.57	62	1,141,735
30 HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	27,359.18	3.45	-	37	498,455
31 MULTI-TREE INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
32 N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,603,809.9	0.00	-	0	0
33 NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	35,105.06	13.25	-	20	165,942
34 UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,706.05	9.90	-	0	0
FOOD PRODUCTS					
35 CABBURY NIGERIA PLC	16,246.45	8.65	-0.57	37	322,364
36 NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,137,461.72	1,435.00	-	51	330,607
FOOD PRODUCTS—DIVERSIFIED					
37 NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,231.72	16.20	-	88	652,971
38 VITAFAM NIG. PLC	30,520.60	24.40	-	58	837,557
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
39 P Z CUSONS NIGERIA PLC	25,609.58	6.45	-	27	408,057
40 UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	75,546.82	13.15	-4.36	35	467,959
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS					
41 ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	220,194.61	12.00	-0.41	54	1,515,171
42 FIDELITY BANK PLC	83,447.42	2.88	0.35	130	22,294,577
43 GUARANTY TRUST HOLDING COMPANY PLC	801,999.68	27.25	-0.37	376	32,353,859
44 JAZZ BANK PLC	24,178.82	0.70	-	29	102,935
45 STERLING BANK PLC	48,943.71	1.70	-2.94	37	4,433,425
46 UNION BANK NIG. PLC	170,356.40	5.85	-	33	717,414
47 UNITY BANK PLC	5,844.67	0.50	-	7	208,850
48 WEMA BANK PLC	33,559.79	0.87	2.35	56	4,429,460
BANKING					
49 AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
50 AIICO INSURANCE PLC	26,721.85	0.73	5.80	58	8,072,302
51 AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	21,960.00	2.44	-	24	122,643
52 CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	6,957.93	0.65	1.56	8	1,540,897
53 CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	10,354.84	0.57	-	2	306,167
54 CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	11,995.84	0.50	-	19	392,664
55 GOLDFINCH INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
56 GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	11	1,011,069
57 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
58 LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	1,943.60	1.06	-	7	18,128
59 LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	7,140.00	0.51	-	5	255,930
60 MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	5,015.41	0.25	-3.85	28	3,026,661
61 NEM INSURANCE PLC	16,004.54	3.31	-	51	3,817,891
62 NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	0	0
63 PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	5,963.65	0.45	-2.22	8	1,102,124
64 REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,667.50	0.40	-5.00	15	2,470,239
65 SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,727.47	0.24	-4.17	21	4,286,880
66 STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
67 STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
68 SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,091.89	0.36	9.09	13	214,995
69 UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	0	0
70 VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,189.33	0.23	-	0	0
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
71 NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,687.61	2.05	-2.38	18	26,638,190
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
72 ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,720.00	1.04	-	1	1,053
73 ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
74 FINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,505.00	1.32	-	0	0
75 RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,365.95	0.20	-	0	0
76 UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
MORTGAGE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
77 AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	13,200.00	6.60	1.54	41	1,053
78 CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	46,466.73	7.90	-	15	706,621
79 DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	0	0
80 FCMB GROUP PLC	59,408.13	3.00	-	41	559,987
81 NIGERIAN EXCHANGE GROUP	49,004.69	24.95	1.84	182	17,230,931
82 ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	4,270.66	0.83	-1.19	12	1,097,471
83 STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	453,494.90	35.00	-	73	332,498
84 UNITED CAPITAL PLC	66,300.00	11.05	-1.34	81	1,573,691
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
85 EROCORP PLC	2,886.90	5.79	-	0	0
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
86 MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	1,968.43	1.99	-	2	84,996
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
87 FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	16,377.93	7.85	-2.97	35	1,375,096
88 GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	7,235.05	6.05	-	29	334,703
89 MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	7,677.30	4.45	-	25	129,478
90 NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,437.47	1.81	-	8	114,646
91 PHARMA-DEKO PLC	392.45	1.81	-	3	140,192
PHARMACEUTICALS					
92 COURTEVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	1,811.52	0.51	-7.27	15	1,083,877
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
93 OMATEX VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	0	0
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
94 CWG PLC	3,105.54	1.23	-	2	416
95 NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	324.00	3.00	-	2	10,350
IT SERVICES					
96 CHAMS PLC	986.17	0.21	-	8	10,766
97 E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	13,269.13	2.00	-	2	55,820
PROCESSING SYSTEMS					
98 AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	4,776,610.56	1,271.00	-	10	1,250
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
99 BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,420.03	8.25	-	14	57,070
100 BUA CEMENT PLC	2,395,903.05	70.75	-	44	3,964
101 CAP PLC	15,371.06	19.50	-	26	3,964
102 MEYER PLC	292.18	0.55	-	1	1,155,677
103 PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,230.00	10.00	-	0	60
BUILDING MATERIALS					
104 AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	85	40,766
105 CUTIX PLC	8,454.35	2.40	-3.61	19	460,669
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
106 BETA GLASS PLC	26,473.52	52.95	-	19	666,726
107 GREIF NIGERIA PLC	232.39	5.45	-	0	2,081
108 TRIPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	475.16	0.96	-	1	0
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS					
109 NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	7	1,041
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS					
110 INDUSTRIAL & MEDICAL GASES NIGERIA PLC	3,954.32	9.50	-	9	3,122
CHEMICALS					
111 ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION IND. PLC	1,583.68	7.20	-	0	0
METALS					
112 MULTIVERSE MINING AND EXPLORATION PLC	895.01	0.21	5.00	7	893,250
MINING SERVICES					
113 THOMAS WATV NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-	0	893,250
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS					
114 JAPAL GOLD & VENTURES PLC	2,442.45	0.39	-	12	0
ENERGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES					
115 OANDO PLC	62,405.69	5.02	5.68	101	95,306
INTEGRATED OIL AND GAS SERVICES					
116 ARDOVA PLC	16,802.01	12.90	-	101	4,716,642
117 CONOIL PLC	18,389.73	26.50	-	35	376,346
118 ETERNA PLC	7,107.59	5.45	-	25	17,786
119 MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,129.86	13.55	-	18	87,432
120 TOTAL ENERGIES MARKETING NIGERIA PLC	81,824.76	241.00	-	4	25,252
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS					
121 AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	57	210,347
ADVERTISING					
122 MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	139	717,163
AIRLINES					
123 R T BRISCOE PLC	352.91	0.30	-	252	5,529,111
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS					
124 RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,512.28	3.68	-	18	305,991
125 TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	379.77	0.81	-	4	30,100
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY					
126 TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	0	0
HOSPITALITY					
127 CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	4,940.61	3.19	-	1	35,240
128 IKEJA HOTEL PLC	3,035.04	1.46	9.77	10	314,164
129 TOURIST COMPANY OF NIGERIA PLC	6,379.88	2.84	-	0</	

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CHANGE OF NAME

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IGBODO: I, formerly known as **IGBODO MARTIN FRANCIS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IGBODO MARTINS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ETUBI: I formerly known as **Muhammed Jumal / Etubi Jumal** now wish to be known as **Etubi Jumal**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

MONDAY: I formerly known as **TELA HENRY MONDAY** and **HENRY TELA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MONDAY HENRY**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I, formerly known as **NAFIU ALIYU** with **D.O.B 01-05-1982** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAFIU ARZIKA TSALIBAWA** with **D.O.B 03-09-1982**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI HABIBU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR HABIBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: This is to inform the general public that my name was wrongly arranged as **ABU ANDREW USMAN** and **USMAN ABU ANDREW**, my correct name is **ANDREW USMAN ABU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUKTARI LABBO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. AUTHORITY CONCERNED and the general public should please take note.

SULAIMAN: I formerly known as **Sulaiman Adamu** now wish to be known as **Sulaiman Adamu Alhaji**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **USMAN ALI KUNAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN ALI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

AIGBONO: I formerly known and addressed as **SOLOMON AIGBONO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ENOCH CLETUS AIGBONO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SHEMA'U ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI SHEMA'U ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

AMINU: I, formerly known as **HAUWA ISA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINU HAUWA ABDULAKADIR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FAVOUR: I formerly known as **UADIA ESEORHEN OMOlade** now wish to be known and addressed as **ONUJIOGU FAVOUR OMOlade**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

IKYUMEN: I formerly known as **ATULE IKYUMEN** now wish to be known as **IKYUMEN JEREMIAH ATULE**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **BASHIR IMRANA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **IMRANA ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **EGBE EVALSAM GABRIEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **EGBE EVALSAM SAMUEL D.O.B 22/4/2003 NOT 12/2/1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

SAIDU: I, formerly known as **SAIDU ADAMU ABBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAIDU ADAMU ABBAS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS OKORIE JULIET NNENNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS CHIDIEBERE JULIET NNENNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **KHADIJAT MUNDI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED KHADIJAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **AHMAD HAFSATU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED HAFSAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED HUSSAINI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHAJI HUSSAINI ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISAH: I, formerly known as **ISAH ABIBU GAMBO** with date of birth **5/12/1985** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAH ABIBU GAMBO** with date of birth **7/7/1982**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ISMA'ILA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RAYYANU SA'ADU**. All former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should please take note.

ATTABOR: I, formerly known and called **SEFIYAT FARUNA**, now wish to be known and called **SEFIYA DORCAS ATTABOR**. All former documents remain valid. Union bank plc, and the general public should please to take note.

OLOSEI: I formerly known and addressed as **MRS ESECHIE OLOSEI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS IGBAPE ESECHIE OLOSEI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI AHMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED D.O.B 1/1/1982 NOT 8/3/1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

CARINE: I formerly known as **AGU OLUCHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **AGU OLUCHI CARINE**. All former documents remain valid. Nysc, Authority concerned, general public take note.

PATIENCE: I formerly known, addressed as **OCHOECH PATIENCE OCHOYABA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **OCHOECH PATIENCE OCHIAMA**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **UMAR RABE** but now wish to be known and addresses as **UMAR RABIU** all my former documents to remain valid general public, financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **CHUKWUMA MARK ANDREW** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWUMA MARK OSSAI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

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

BRIGHT: I, formerly known as **SONGU SOLOMON TERHEMBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AONDONA BRIGHT SOLOMON.T**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OKWA: I formerly known and addressed as **OKWA PAUL OWOICHO** wish to be known and address as **OKWA PAUL**. All other documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as **YUSUF ABDULKARIMU**, now wish to be known and address as **YUSUF ABDULKARIM YUSUF** all former documents should remain valid. general public should please take note.

SAMUEL: I, formerly known as **TYONONGO SAMUEL ORNGU** now wish to be known and addressed as **RICHARD SAMUEL ORNGU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **FOLARIN KABIRAT ADUNNI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEYEMI KABIRAT ADUNNI**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

UMMUSALMA: I formerly known as **UMMU ABDULLAHI SALMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMMUSALMA UMMI ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA SULEMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA SULEMAN MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

OKWA: I formerly known and addressed as **OKWA ENENCHE MONDAY** wish to be known and addressed as **OKWA ENENCHE**. All other documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

GRACE: I formerly known, addressed as **AMARACHI JOSEPH**, now wish to be called and addressed as **JOSEPH AMARACHI GRACE**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I was formerly known as **RAHAMA SADA LAWAL** That now wish to be address as **RAHAMA MUHAMMED LAWAL** all former documents remain valid. General public please take note

I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA UMAR YAKUBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA UMAR ABDULKADIR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

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

USMAN: I formerly known as **USMAN USAINI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINI USMAN**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as **USMAN ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU USMAN JIMADA GANA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

MUAZU: I, formerly known as **MUAZU AHAMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUAZU AHMED MAKERA**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **NISAIBA SURAJU**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **NUSAIBA SIRAJU NIWAU**, all former documents remain valid, all authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITIO OF NAME: I was formerly using **BLESSING MARKUS** as my name. That I have added the name **MEDUGU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BLESSING MARKUS MEDUGU**. That I want the General public and to whom it may concern to please take note.

BLESSING: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS IGUNBOR FAITH BLESSING**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OMONZOKPIA FAITH BLESSING**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as **LAZARUS SAMUEL**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **LAZARUS RICH SAMUEL** and my correct Date of Birth is **18/08/1993**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YERO: I, formerly known as **YAHAYA UMAR MOHAMMED** and **YAROSON UMAR YAHAYA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHYA UMAR YERO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SA'ADATU: I, formerly known as **SA'ADATU ISAH** and **SA'ADATU ALIYU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SA'ADATU ISAH FADA**. All former documents should remain valid. All authorities concern should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **TUKUR DANMALAM**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **MOHAMMAD TUKUR DANMALAM**, All former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

RECONCILIATION OF NAME: That my First school Leaving certificate, Declaration of Age and Diploma statement of result captured the name **ADAMU AHMADU**. That my **NECO** statement of result captured the **ADAMU A. AHMADU**. That all the names refer to one and the same person. That I want the General public and to whom it may concern to please take note.

UNOALEGIE: I formerly known and addressed as **JEMINETU BRAIMAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ENAKELE UNOALEGIE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

SHEBA: I formerly known as **SHEBA DAVID DANDAJIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEBA SUNDAY LIKITA**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SALEH: I' formerly known, addressed as **FRANCIS SALEH**, now wish to be called and addressed as **FRANCIS SUNMEH SALEH**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

YUSUF: I, formerly known as **MALAM YUSUF ABDULRAHAMAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF ABDULRAHAMAN**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **1. MARYAM MUSBABU 2. MARYAM MUSBABU DAGA**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **MARYAM MUSBABU**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MICHAEL CHUKWUEMEKA NWODO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MICHAEL CHUKWUEMEKA ROBERT**. All former documents remain valid. General Public to please take note.

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

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **ABDUL-KARIM AL-KHAMIS MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known as **ABDUL-HAKIM AL-KHAMIS MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JANET: I' formerly known, addressed as **JANET YOHANNA THOMAS**, now wish to be called and addressed as **JANET YOHANNA**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

HADIBU: I formerly known as **BALA HADIBU** now wish to be known as **HADIBU BALA**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I Formerly known as **ALI MAMMAN MASTA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALEH ISHIYAKU MUHAMMAD** with **DOB 1/1/1992** All my documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should take note.

AMINU: I formerly known as **MALAM AMINU DANFIKA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINU ABDULKADIR**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

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

SARA'ATU: I formerly known as **SARAATU SAMBO**, now wish to be known as **SARA'ATU ABDULLAHI SAMBO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

NYILIU: I' formerly known, addressed as **PANNA YAMBA ELIJAH**, now wish to be called and addressed as **NANGADA NYILIU PANASKO**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as **AUWALU JAMILA** now wish to be known as **ALIYU, JAMILA**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known as **IDI DANASABE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA ILIYA**. All former documents remain valid. POLARIS BANK Authority concerned and General Public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **JULIET CHINASA ODO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JULIET CHINASA ROBERT**. All former documents remain valid. General Public to please take note.

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

LADI: I formerly known as **MISS LADI IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. LADI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **BADEMOSI FEYINFOLUWA OLUWADUNGIN**, now wish to be known and address as **BADEMOSI KEHINDE FEYINFOLUWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I formerly known as Last name : **JONAH**, **FIRST NAME :JOSEPHINE** now wish to be known as Last name: **BABA**, First name: **JOSEPHINE**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known as **ADAMU SALE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR NUHU**. All former documents remain valid. POLARIS BANK Authority concerned and General Public please take note.

OJO: I formerly known and addressed as **KOLAWOLE** now wishes to be known and addressed as **OJO** all former documents remain valid. Union Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

PROMISE: I formerly known and addressed as **ABASS AMISU** also known as **ABASS ATSAFUUGHENA**. Now wish to be known as **ILUKHOLOR ATSAFUUGHENA PROMISE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

YAHAYA: I formerly known as **BWALA SALEH YAHAYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SALEH YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

PAULINA: I formerly known, addressed as **OPA PAULINA ONETE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OSAZUWA PAULINA ONETE**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as **Aliyu Abdulrahman** now wish to be known as **Aliyu Abdulrahman Salihu**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

SARATU: I Formerly known and address as **SARATU AMINU** now wish to be known and address as **BALA SARATU** with correct date of birth **09/07/1992** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

RALIYA: I formally known and addressed as **RALIYA TASIU RALIYA** now wishes to be known and addressed as **RALIYA TASIU MUHAMMAD** all former documents remain valid. First, Bank, Union Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **THEOPHILUS OLASUNKANMI ONI** now wish to be known and addressed as **THEOPHILUS EMMANUEL ONI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATIMA HILMA ABDULSALAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABDULSALAM** with **D.O.B 15/05/1970**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known, addressed as **HUSSEIN ALIYU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **HUSSEIN MOHAMMED ALIYU**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MURJA: I formerly known as **NI'IMAH MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **MURJA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known as **FATIMA ATIKU NAGODI** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA AHMED NAGODI**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note

STANLEY: I formally known and addressed as **STANLEY AMDIFE ONYEBUCHI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **STANLEY IKWERE ONYEBUCHI** former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, Access Bank and general public should please take note.

MARYAM: I formerly known as **MARYAM ABDULLAHI MARDIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

HASSAN: I formerly known as **MOH'D JODA HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED JODA HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

RUTH: I formerly known as **RUTH JOHN ALI**, now wish to be known as **JOHN RUTH MILLION**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

ISA, I formerly known as **ISAH ALHAJI** DOB=01/02/1967 now wish to be called and addressed as **ISA YAU** DOB=29/03/1970. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

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

I, formerly known as **TALATU APOLLOS MAISAMARI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARY TALATU ORJI**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HASDOEN: I formerly known as **YENVEL HIASDEN** on my NIMC Identity card, now wish to be known as **SALLAU HASDOEN YENVEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AISHA, I formerly known as **AISHA IDRIS UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA ARMA IDRIS**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public should please take note.

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

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

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

I, formerly known as **ALHERI HARUNA ANDREW**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHERI SOLOMON SUNDAY**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YAKUBU: I formerly known as **ABDULMALIK YAKUBU MUSA**, now wish to be known as **ABDULMALIK ABDULLAHI YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **NAJA'ATU UMAR ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **NAJA'ATU HAMZU SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

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

was formerly known and called as **JAMILA AZEEZ ABDUL** now wish to be known and called as **JAMILAT ABDULAZEEZ**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

HAUWA'U: I, formerly known as **HAUWA'U ABBAS**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA'U ABBAS ZUBAIRU**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

JOSEPHINE: I formerly known as **NYOUGH MNGUSUUN JOSEPHINE AND NYOUGH MNGUSUUN JOSEPHINE**, now wish to be known as **KHONDUM MNGUSUUN JOSEPHINE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **KABIRU BABAN ZILAI** now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIRU BABA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and General Public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULKADIR ABDULAZIZ** wish to be known and addressed as **ZAILANI ABDULAZIZ** former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

MARYAM: I formerly known as **MARYAM HASSAN** now wish to be called and address as **MARYAM HASSAN MRS MUSILIHU** All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public should please take note

YAHAYA: I, formerly known, addressed as **DANDANKOYE AISSA NATALIE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **YAHAYA ALSSA NATALIE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note

MARTHA: I formerly known as **GWOK MARTHA NAWAK**, now wish to be known as **GOWOK, MARTHA NAWAK**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **IBRAHIM Dayyabu** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM Dankama Dayyabu**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **HAUWU BUHARI ABU** wish to be known and addressed as **NAJA'ATU IBRAHIM** former documents remain valid general public should take

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA BABAWO** and now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA ABDULRAHMAN** All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

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

OLUWAFEMI: I formerly known as **ABISOYE OYETUNDE OLUWAFEMI MICHEAL**, now wish to be known as **ABISOYE OLUWAFEMI OYETUNDE MICHEAL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MISS ZAINAB BASHIR BADAWI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ZAINAB BASHIR ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid NYSC Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **HAMZA ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMZA YUSUF ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **RABI IBRAHIM** wish to be known and addressed as **RABI IBRAHIM BAKINKASUWA** former documents remain valid general public should take note

AKINOLA: I formerly known as **AKINOLA ADEGBOYE AKINOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKINOLA ADEGBOYE ADEBISI** All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

JONAH: I Formerly known as **JONAH GAJI** Now wish to be called and addressed as **JONAH YOHANNA GAJI** All Former documents remain Valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

KOSISOCHUKWU: I formerly known as **QURIX KOSISOCHUKWU PETERSON**, now wish to be known as **QURIX KOSISOCHUKWU UZOMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **UMAR ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formally known as **Abubakar Sadiq salisu** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SADEEQ SALISU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern, Stanbic Ibtic Bank and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM SHEHU** wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM IDRIS** former documents remain valid general public should take note

UMAR: I formerly known as **SANDA UMAR KAKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR KAKA SANDA** All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

JAMES: I, formerly known as **ESSIEN ANDIFON AUGUSTINE** now wish to be called and addressed as **JAMES ANDIFON ESSIEN** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

RUTH: I formerly known as **HABIBA IMRAN MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known as **RUTH REUBEN OKISOR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MISS HABIBA IMRAN MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS HABIBA IMRAN ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid NYSC Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **ALH UBA ANAS** now wish to be called and addressed as **ANAS UBAH**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI SALIM USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN SALIM ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

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

TAYLOR- HARRY: I formerly known as **KAZEEM EBUNOLUWA OLUWATOBI** now wish to be known and addressed as **TAYLOR- HARRY EBUNOLUWA OLUWATOBI** all former documents remain valid. Any authority and the general public should please take note.

PRECIOUS: I formerly known as **DANIEL PRECIOUS ARUKU**, now wish to be known as **PRECIOUS DANIEL UGOCHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **HALIMATU SANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALIMA SANI GWARZO**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **BASIRU MUHAMMAD SAIDU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAIDU SHUAIBU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

YUSIFI: I formerly known as **MANSUR YUSIF SABO** now wish to be called and addressed as **MANSUR SABO YUSIF**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

THAT MY NAME WAS WRONGLY CAPTURED ON MY POLARIS BANK ACCOUNT AS BELLO GABI, THAT MY CORRECT NAME IS GABI MUHAMMAD BELLO, AUTHORITY CONCERN TO NOTE

MARIYA: I formerly known as **MARIYA MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARIYA MUSA ABDULLAHI** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note.

NANNA: I formerly known as **MISS. NANNA VONDIPI LAR**, now wish to be known as **MRS. IREZE NANNA VONDIPI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

LABAN, I formerly known as **LABAN EZEKIEL LAUMADU** now wish to be called and addressed as **LABAN MONDAY**. All former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK LTD** and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ZAINAB HARUNA AMINU** wish to be known and addressed as **Zainab Umar Muhammad**. Born on **22-09-1998**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

SHAMSIYYA, I formerly known as **SHAMSIYYA BELLO SA'ID** now wish to be called and addressed as **SHAMSIYYA SA'ID ADAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as **IDRIS BUKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **BUKAR IDRIS** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note

AZI: I formerly known as **DANIEL MARKUS AZI**, now wish to be known as **MARKUS INYAM AZI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MATHIAS, I formerly known as **MATHIAS SOLOMON SAMUEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **MATHIAS SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. **UNITY BANK PLC** and the general public should please take note.

SA'IDU, I formerly known as **SA'IDU ALHAJI MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **SA'IDU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK PLC AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE**.

I formerly known and addressed as **NADIA MALIK ABDULKADIR** wish to be known and addressed as **nadia malik Abdulkadir Abdulkadir**. All former documents remain valid general public should take Note

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

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **BELLO SAMIRA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD NASIR SAMIRA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note

RUTH: I formerly known as **MISS. LUKA RUTH**, now wish to be known as **MRS. GUKOP RUTH NICHOLAS**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

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

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **SHAMSIYYA MUHAMMAD**, and now wish to be called and addressed as **SHAMSIYYA MUHAMMAD ADAM**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

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

ESTHER: I formerly known as **ESTHER DANJUMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ESTHER ABBA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note

NAOMI: I formerly known as **OGBU NAOMI CHINYERE**, now wish to be known as **ONWUCHURUBA NAOMI CASMIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

SALISU, I formerly known as **SALEH GARBA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALISU GARBA D.O.B 01/01/1998**. All former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK PLC HADEJIA BRANCH** and the general public should please take note.

SHUAIBU: I formerly known as **BADAMASI SHUAIBU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BADAMASI SHUAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

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

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA HAMZA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA HAMZA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

CHUNDUNG: I formerly known as **RAPP CHUNDUNG RAPP-ANNA**, now wish to be known as **RAPP CHUNDUNG PATRICK**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

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

MUHAMMED: I formerly known as **ALI MUHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED ALIYU** All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

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

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHAT KABIR HASSAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA HASSAN HUSSAIN** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concerned and general public should please take note

GRACE: I formerly known as **MISS. OKIBE GRACE ORI**, now wish to be known as **MRS. OTSE GRACE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

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

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

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

MUHAMMADU: I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU A. MUKTAR** now wish to be called and address as **MUHAMMADU ABDULLAHI MUKTAR**, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note.

CHIMERUO: I formerly known as **ADUMASI CHIMERUO JOY**, now wish to be known as **OBIOZOR**. First name: **CHIMERUO** Middle name: **JOY**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

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

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

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

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE I, **FRANCISCA IGBE EMMANUEL** got married to **AMEH ADOYI EMMANUEL** on 12th August, 2017 at **OGOBIA IN OTUKPO L.G.A. OF BENUE STATE** now wish to be called and addressed as **Mrs FRANCISCA IGBE EMMANUEL** all the general public should please take note

ZAKARIYYA: I formerly known as **YASIR ZAKARIA**, now wish to be known as **SALIHU YASIR ZAKARIYYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MISS AISHA BELLO IMAMUDEEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS AISHA BELLO IMAM**. All former documents remain valid NYSC Authority concern and general public to note.

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

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

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

KHADIIJA: I, formerly known as **AISHA SALE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KHADIIJA SA'ID**. All former documents remain valid. Heritage Bank, general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

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MURJANATU: I, formerly known as MURJANATU YUSUF, now wish to be known and addressed as MURJANATU YUSUF KHIDIR. All former documents remain valid. Society for Public Health Education Nigeria and General Public should please take note.

MARIYA: I, formerly known as MARIYA MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as MARIYA DAUDA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

SULAIMAN: I, formerly known as MARIYA SANI, now wish to be known and called SULAIMAN SANI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

BABATUNDE: I formerly known as BABATUNDE SEUN KAYODE now wish to be called as BABATUNDE VICTOR KAYODE. All former documents remain valid. General public all authority concern should please take note.

SALISU: I, formerly known as AMINU SALISU, now wish to be known and called SALISU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

MUHAMMED: I formerly known as MUHAMMED NANA AISHAT now wish to be called as MUHAMMED NANA AISHAT OYIZA. All former documents remain valid. General public all authority concern should please take note.

AMINU: I have been bearing AMINU ADA JANET. Since birth that i now wish to be known and called AMINU JANET ADA. Union bank and authority concern Please take note.

PATIENCE: I formerly known as PATIENCE EMMANUEL now wish to be called as PATIENCE LUKPWI EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid. General public all authority concern should please take note.

NWORGU: I formerly known as NWORGU ONYEBUCHI OSONDU. Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as NWAOGU DAVID OSONDU. All former documents remain valid. Public note.

AGBONAGA: I formerly known as AGBONAGA STEPHEN. Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as AGBONAGA STEPHEN. DOB 7/11/1991. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

YUHANNA: I FORMAL Y KNOWN AS ADAMU YOHANNA ADAMU NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS YOHANNA ADAMU ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. AUTHORITY CONCERNED TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

OLADUNWO: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OSIBAMOWO LATEEFAT OLAWUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as MISS OLADUNWO LATEEFAT OLAWUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YETUNDE: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS YETUNDE FLORENCE AREMU. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS YETUNDE FLORENCE AKINOSO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNSOLU-OGUNMEFUN: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OGUNMEFUN DAMILOLA MARY. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OGUNMEFUN DAMILOLA MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DOSUNMU: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEDOSUNMU OLAMILEKAN ABASS. Now wish to be known and addressed as DOSUNMU ABASS OLAMILEKAN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINDELE: I, formerly known and addressed as AMUSAN BASIRAT OMOWUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKINDELE BASIRAT OMOWUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ANWOJUE: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OLANIYAN ABIDEMI OYINLOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ANWOJUE ABIDEMI OYINLOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADELANI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADELANI IKEOLUWA ADEOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADELANI IFEMIDE ADEOLA. That I was born on 17th day of June, 1995 not 17th day of June, 2000. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SOFELA: I, formerly known and addressed as SANNI OLAYINKA OLUWASEUN. Now wish to be known and addressed as SOFELA OLAYINKA OLUWASEUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADESANYA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AKINYEMI NOFISAT ADEYINKA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADESANYA NOFISAT ADEYINKA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KUYE: I, formerly known and addressed as SALAMI OLUFOLAKE ABOSEDE and SALAMI OLUFOLAKE ARINOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as KUYE MARY ARINOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNLANA: I, formerly known and addressed as RUFAI OLUWATOSIN RUTH. Now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNLANA OLUWATOSIN RUTH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FIYINFOLUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as Fiyinfoluwa Alero Omojola and also known as Fiyinfoluwa Omojola. Now wish to be known and addressed as Fiyinfoluwa Alero Oyeleke. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLANREWaju: I, formerly known and addressed as AGBAJE ADEWUNMI OMOBOLANLE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLANREWaju ADEWUNMI OMOBOLANLE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OYERONKE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss BANKOLE ABENI OYERONKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OYERONKE ABENI SOGEKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ODOH: I, formerly known and addressed as AJINWA THERESA. Now wish to be known and addressed as ODOH THERESA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: I, Mrs ADAMS JENNIFER wish to add AMAKA to my name. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADAMS AMAKA JENNIFER. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NWAFOR: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss MBAGWU MARYANN OGOCHUKWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs NWAFOR MARYANN OGOCHUKWU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FAGBEWESA: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUOKUN OPEYEMI LABAKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as FAGBEWESA OPEYEMI LABAKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLADELE BALIKIS OREOLUWA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEWALE BALIKIS OREOLUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SAADUDEEN: I, formerly known and addressed as SAADUDEEN GAFAR OLOOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as SAADUDEEN ABDULGAFAR OLOOLA. That I was born on 24th day of December, 1988 not 19th day of June, 1986, 24th day of December, 1989. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, NIMC and General public please take note.

ILODUBA: I, formerly known and addressed as ILODUBA EBERE CHUKWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as ILODUBA EBERE JANE as written/typed on my documents. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADELEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEYEMI ADELEKE MOSHOOD. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADELEKE MOSHOOD ADEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALIMI: I, formerly known and addressed as SALAMI WALIYAT OLAMIDE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALIMI WALIYAT OMOLOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJIBADE: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNSANMI TOMIWA TITULOPE. Now wish to be known and addressed as AJIBADE TOMIWA TITULOPE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINLAJA: I, formerly known and addressed as OKUSI SIMILOLUWA OLUBUKOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKINLAJA SIMILOLUWA OLUBUKOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and General public please take note.

UYAELUMUO: I, formerly known and addressed as OKAFOR NGOZI ROSELINE. Now wish to be known and addressed as UYAELUMUO NGOZI ROSELINE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IKHAZUAGBE: I, formerly known and addressed as ANANI ZEBBY. Now wish to be known and addressed as IKHAZUAGBE OZEBEFO ZEBBY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

PETER: I, formerly known and addressed as PETER OKERINOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as PETER OLULEKE OKERINOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLAJIGA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss DJOSSOU OLUWAFISAYO ABIGAIL. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OLAJIGA OLUWAFISAYO ABIGAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINLADE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEYEMO ADEKUNBI OMOLOYO. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKINLADE ADEKUNBI OMOLOYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OBANLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss SAKA PENTHO DAGBEYON. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OBANLA PENTHO DAGBEYON. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OFIME-CHUKWUKA: I, formerly known and addressed as EVELYN NGOZI IFEKORONYE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OFIME-CHUKWUKA EVELYN NGOZI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DUROJAIYE: I, formerly known and addressed as DUROJAYE FOLAKE COMFORT. Now wish to be known and addressed as DUROJAIYE FOLAKE COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BAMISAIYE: I, formerly known and addressed as JOY EGEMO OLOSO, now wish to be known and addressed as JOY ELIOTA BAMISAIYE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

OYEYINDE: I Formerly known and addressed as ODEJAYI OLUWABUNMI GIFT, now wish to be known and addressed as OYEYINDE OLUWABUNMI GIFT. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ADESOKAN: I, formerly known, called and addressed as DOSUNMU BUKOLA OLAITAN, now wish to be known, called and addressed as ADESOKAN BUKOLA OLAITAN, due to change in my marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ONAKOYA: I, formerly known and addressed as KAREEM MEDINAT TEMITOPE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ONAKOYA MEDINAT TEMITOPE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AINA: I, formerly known, called and addressed as ADETAYO ADEBISI RUKAYAT, now wish to be known, called and addressed as AINA ADEBISI RUKAYAT, due to marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

NEXT OF KIN: I, That I, Adu Thompson Mamurhomo of no 10 Regal Inaya Street Lakowe phase 2, Ibeju Lekki Lagos, am the son and next of kin to late Mr Adu Dickson Aruswane who died on the 27th of July 2021. Therefore, eligible to receive his benefits and entitlement. General public kindly please take note.

CHUKWUDI: I, formerly known and addressed as LEBECHUKWU TOCHUKWU NGOZI. Now wish to be known and addressed as CHUKWUDI TOCHUKWU NGOZI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SAMUEL: I, formerly known and addressed as ODULANA OPEYEMI MOJISOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as SAMUEL OPEYEMI MOJISOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TALATU: I, formerly known as OBADIAH TALATU now wish to be known and addressed as TALATU ADAMU AWUYA. All former documents remain valid public to take.

NASIRU: I Formerly known as Ahmed Isah Now wish to be known and addressed as Nasiru Isah All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

LYDIA: I, formerly known as LYDIA ADAMS UMARU, now wish to be known and addressed as LYDIA ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Access bank Plc and general public should please take note.

That I was formally known as MUHAMMAD AHAMAD now wish to be known and address as MUHAMMAD AHMAD MAIDUGU general public to take note.

AUDU: I Formerly known as AUDU AUDU Now wish to be known and addressed as AUDU HASSAN All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

MARYAM: I formerly known as MARYAM ALIYU DANJUMA now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM MUHAMMADU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

IDRIS: I formerly known as HAFSAT IDRIS BARA'ATU now wish to be known and addressed as HAFSAT IDRIS, D.O.B 22/11/1995. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ISA: I formerly known and addressed as NASIRU YUSUF TELA now wish to be known and addressed as NASIRU YUSUF ISA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABDUL AZEEZ LATIFAT formerly known as OGUNLEYE LATIFAT now wish to be known and addressed as ABDUL AZEEZ LATIFAT. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

REBECCA: I formerly known and addressed as REBECCA HASSAN AND REBECCA YAKUBU MOLLO now wish to be known and addressed as REBECCA YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known and addressed as ADAMU AUDU AUDU now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU ADAMU AUDU. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ALEX: I formerly known as AUGUSTINE ALEXANDER, now wish to be known and addressed as AUGUSTINE ALEX. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

I Formerly Known As AISHA LAWAL KAURA now wish to be known and addresses as AISHA LAWAL NURA all former Documents remain Valid NYSC and General public should take note please.

MUNA: I formerly known as MANU MAIVA KULAHA, now wish to be known and addressed as MANU KULAHA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ADAMA: I, formerly known as ADAMA ALHAJI BUKAR now wish to be known and called ADAMA ABDULMUMINI ALHAJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

HAJARA: I, formerly known as HAJARAH ADAM MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and called HAJARAH ADAM MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ALI BUKAR LAWAN do solemnly declare that: The names ALI BUKAR LAWAN, BUKAR LAWAN ALI and ALI LAWAN BUKAR are referred to me, as i used to answer either of the names. Now i wish to be known and called ALI BUKAR LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

M-AUDU BULAMA UMAR do solemnly declare that: The names M-AUDU BULAMA UMAR and UMAR BULAMA ABDULLAHI are referred to me, as i used to answer either of the names. Now i wish to be known and called M-AUDU BULAMA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

WAZIRI: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR WAZIRI, now wish to be called as ABUBAKAR WAZIRI BUKAR, All former documents remain valid, with DOB From 25/10/2000 TO 25/10/2001 authority concern and general public to take note.

NANCY: I formerly known as KULLA BULUS now wish to be known and addressed as NANCY SILAS. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

SANI: I formerly known as SAIMA SANI SIMPLE now wish to be known as SAIMA MOHAMMED SANI. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as YADIGA ALHAJI MODU and DIYA MODU now wish to be known as HAUWA ALHAJI MODU. With D O B 01/01/1991 to 01/01/1999. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA ABUBAKAR JIBRIN now wish to be known as AISHA IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

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

HANAFI: I formally known as HANAFI SALE now wish to be known and addressed as HANAFI SULEIMAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMINA IBRAHIM ADAMU do solemnly declare that: The names AMINA IBRAHIM ADAMU and ADAMU IBRAHIM AMINA are referred to me, as i used to answer either of the names. Now i wish to be known and called AMINA IBRAHIM ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

Salisu, I formerly known as HUSSAINI SALISU, Now wish to be known and addressed as SHUAIBU SALEH ALAGARNO. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

I Formerly Known As SHAMSIYA YUSUF now wish to be known and addresses as SHAMSIYA YUSUF MUHAMMAD all former Documents remain Valid General public should take note please.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI AMINU now wish to be known as MOHAMMED AUDU. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as ASTA USMAN, now wish to be known as AISHA USMAN BUBA. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known and addressed as HUSSAINI ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU HUSSAINI MALAM. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

JOSPHINE: I formerly known as JOSPHINE JONAH With DOB 22/03/1996 now wish to be known and addressed as JOSPHINE JONAH MATAIMAKI. All former documents remain valid with DOB 22/03/1998. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

ISHAKU: I formally known as ISHAKU THOMAS WEST, now wish to be known and addressed as ISHAKU THOMAS, all former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

RAYMOND: I formally known as RAYMOND EKENE CHIEJINA, now wish to be known and addressed as RAYMOND EKENEDIRICHUKWU CHIEJINA, all former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ISA: I formerly known as ISA ISA ALI now wish to be known as ISA ALI. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

NASIR: I formerly known as NASIR LAWAL ABDU now wish to be known and addressed as NASIR ABDU LAWAL. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

SAMAILA: I formerly known as SAMAILA GARBA now wish to be known and addressed as SAMAILA GARBA ISA. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

AMINA: I, formerly known as AMINA NUHU With DOB 16/04/1982, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA ZUBAIRU. All former documents remain valid with DOB 15/05/1988. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR GONI KALLA, now wish to be known as addressed as BUKAR GONI KALLA. All Former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

GUTTI: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD GUTTI. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ESTHER: I formerly known as ESTHER SAMAILA KIDARJU, now wish to be known and addressed as ESTHER USMAN BUKAR. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

NABOBOH: I formally known as TIMIEBI MARY NABOBOH, now wish to be known and addressed as TIMIEBI NABOBOH, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BUBA: I formally known as MARYAM BUBA, now wish to be known and addressed as MAIRAMA BUBA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BADARA: I formally known as RASHIDA MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as RASHIDA MUHAMMAD BADARA, all former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DANLADI: I formally known as ALICE MICHAEL, now wish to be known and addressed as ALICE DANLADI, all former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

Maryam: I formerly known as MARYAM MOHAMMAD MANGAUDU now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ALIYU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

RAHAMA: I formerly known as RAHAMA SALMANU now wish to be known and addressed as RAHAMA HALLIRU. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ADDITION OF NAMES: That on my BVN my name appeared as EZE OMEKA CHIMELE. That I now wish to add CELESTINE to my name(s). That my full name is EZE-OMEKA CHIMELE CELESTINE. All documents bearing my former names remain valid general public should take note.

VIVIAN: That I was formerly known, called and addressed as MISS. VIVIAN ONYINYECHUKWU UNAKA, now wish to be known, called and addressed as MRS. VIVIAN ONYINYECHUKWU MARYCLARET ONYINYECHEREM. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

MRS PRINCESS: I, Formerly known and addressed as MISS PRINCESS CHINASAOKWU AJIE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS PRINCESS CHINASAOKWU ADIMCHINOBI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

AKALEFU: I, Formerly known and addressed as **AKALEFU RONALDO CHIBUNNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AKALEFU CHIBUNA VICTORY**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

EMERUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **KASARACHI ELERUWA SIXTUS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EMERUWA KASARACHI SIXTUS**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

MUSA: I, That i was formerly known as **BABANGIDA SARAH**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MUSA SARAH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

FIWORI: I, formerly known and addressed as **BEAUTY MARCUS FIWORI** new name **FIWORI BEAUTY**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

Mrs **OKORO: I**, formerly known and Addressed As Miss **EKIGWE CHIOMA IRENE**, Now wish to be known as Mrs **OKORO CHIOMA IRENE**. All Former Documents Remain Valid general public please take note.

I, formerly known as **HASSAN SAMIR BELLO** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMIR BELLO ALHASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. Stanbic IBTC Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

MRS OZOEMENA: I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS AGBA UZOAMAKA SANDRA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OZOEMENA UZOAMAKA SANDRA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

OGUOMA: I, Formerly known and addressed as **CHILEM DARLINGTON CHIGOZIE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUOMA DARLINGTON CHIGOZIE**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I, JOHN-WEST IYOWUNA EDNA, That in some of my certificates, I used the name as **JOHN-WEST IYOWUNA EDNA**. That I wish to add **EDNA** to my name. That my full and correct name is **JOHN-WEST IYOWUNA EDNA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS DEMBEN: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS MARTHA EGBE JOSEPH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS DEMBEN, MARTHA GHAPPONA**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

MISS OFOREH: I, Formerly known and addressed as **MRS CHUKWUEMEKA MAKUACHUKWU BLESSING**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MISS OFOREH MAKUACHUKWU BLESSING**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ALHAJI AHMAD** with **D.O.B 02-07-1973** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD ABDULLAHI ALH** with **D.O.B 04-02-1974**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

My name was wrongly written as **OBI UCHECHUKWU BOBBY**, instead of **OBI UCHECHUKWU VALENTINE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OBI UCHECHUKWU VALENTINE**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

This is to confirm that the names **DOM-CHIMA CHIDINMA** and **AMAECHI CHIDINMA TATIANA** refer to one and the same person, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMAECHI CHIDINMA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

NAPOLEON: I, That I was formerly known as **MISS. ANYAEHIE, QUEEN COLLETH**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. NAPOLEON QUEENETH UDOSINACHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

LEMOHA: I, formerly known, called and addressed as **JACOB OLUCHI**, now wish to be known, called, and addressed as **LEMOHA OLUCHI**. All documents bearing my former name still remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as **HASSANA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSANA UMMARU**. All former documents remain valid. My Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **AUWAL SULAIMAN, AUWAL IDRIS, MUHAMMAD AUWAL SULAIMAN, MUHAMMAD AUWAL IDREES** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD AUWAL IDREES**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

That during the registration of **BVN** my name was wrongly written as **THOMPSON-JOHN MARY** instead of **THOMPSON JOHN MARY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **THOMPSON JOHN MARY**. My correct date of birth is 21st April, 1995 not 28th November, 1999. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

AYODEJI =I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS POPOOLA KEMISOLA MOTUNRAYO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AYODEJI KEMISOLA MOTUNRAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

That my name was written on my **BVN** as **CHOICE ROBINSON** instead of **NWOKAH CHOICE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWOKAH CHOICE**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

AHIAURE: I, formerly known and addressed as **AHIAURE AMADI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHIAURE JOHNSON AMADI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as **MERCY UKWASI INYAJO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MERCY KENNETH WILSON**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as **RASHEED HAJIYA RAMATU HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **RAMATU HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

That during the registration of **BVN** my name was written as **USONG BASSEY** instead of **AKPAN, BASSEY UBONG**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AKPAN, BASSEY UBONG**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

ADEDIRAN= I, formerly known as **ADEOYE, TOSIN ELIZABETH**. Now wish to be known as **ADEDIRAN, TOSIN ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

EKEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MR EKERE VICTOR CHISOM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EKEKE VICTOR CHISOM**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

UMOINYANG = I formerly known, called and addressed as **SUNDAY UMOH SOLOMON** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMOINYANG SOLOMON SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. All relevant authorities and the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS HAUWAWU ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS HAUWAWU ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

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

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform general public about the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy No. **LKN/RES/91/2418 Plot No. 2324**, situated at Farawa Quarters, Kano state, belonging to **AHMED ALI YOLA DANYAYA**, Add. Block P2 Flat Kundia Housing Estate, Kano. All efforts made to trace the original Certificate of Occupancy prove abortive, members of the general public to note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

MRS. GLORY: I, formerly known as **MISS GLORY PATRICK UMOH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. GLORY MARSHALL STEPHEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: I, MR. **RENNA GIFT KOKO**, wish to correct that my name was wrongly arranged as **MR. GIFT KOKO RENNA** instead of **MR. RENNA GIFT KOKO**. That my correct arrangement is **MR. RENNA GIFT KOKO**. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

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

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
Lost of Document, on 9 /2/2022 one **ALI ABDULLAHI DUKURAWA M** Staff of Government College Maiduguri, Came to Metro Police Station and reported that on 15/01/2022 while at Government College Maiduguri he discover his Sales Agreement of his Plot of Land situated at Moromti Njimitilo between him and one **MUHAMMAD GONI ALI** was lost, that, all effort made to trace the missing document prove abortive.

SOLACE - I, formerly known as **SOLACE BENSON**. Now wish to be known as **SOLACE SE-ONABA BENIBO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AKUJOR: I, formerly known and addressed as **OBIOA MIRIAN NZUBECHI**, Now wish to be known as **AKUJOR MIRIAN IJOMA**. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

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

BETHEL HOUSE OF SALVATION MINISTRY INT'L
This is to inform the general public that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part C of the Companies & Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.
NAMES OF MINISTRY TRUSTEES
1. Dr. Banda G. Monday
2. Mr. Bulus Yero
3. Dr. Emmanuel Gabriel
4. Mr. Thaddeus Ugwueke
5. Bro. Joseph Mamman
AIMS / OBJECTIVES
1. To preach the word of God in holiness, righteousness and truth for salvation of the lost souls.
2. Disciple people through the word of God, making their lives transform in holiness prepared for the kingdom of heaven.
3. To raise and bring back those who are lost to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Touching the lives of people both spirit, soul and body through; educational institutions, distribution of essential materials and food stuff, media organization outreaches, health facilities and medical outreaches, corporate organizations, philanthropists, donors as well as target group mentorship training programmes.
5. Prayers / deliverance, to set free those under captivity of the devil.
6. Special programs for widows, orphans and the less privileged persons.
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.
SIGNED
DR. EMMANUEL GABRIEL
Secretary

KING-DAVID: I, formerly known and addressed as **KING-DAVID EMMANUEL GOGO EBENEZER**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KING-DAVID EBENEZER JNR**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

Mrs **ESTHER: I**, formerly known and addressed As Miss **AMUEGBUNEM ESTHER CHIKA** Now wish to be known as Mrs **ESTHER CHIKAONYEMACHI OGUOMA**. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

I, formerly known as **KAOJE MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MOHAMMED KAOJE**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, CHIKEZIE JACINTHA wish to be bring to notice of general public that my date of birth was wrongly written as 14th February 1992 instead of 14th July 1996. My correct date of birth is 14th day of July, 1996. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

MBA: I, formerly known And Addressed As **MBA UDE MBA**, Now wish to be known as **MBA UDE KALU**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please take note.

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

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Deed of Assignment executed between **Mr. Samuel Abimbola Babaola and Chief Chukwuma Ejimbe** in respect of Landed Property covered with Certificate of Occupancy No. **LKN/CON/RES/2005/288** belonging to **Chief Chukwuma Ejimbe**. All efforts made to trace the original document prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of **ORIGINAL LETTER OF ALLOCATION FOR THE SALE OF 2BEDROOM FLAT (FLAT 1, BLOCK B, BAYELSA COURT) BY FMW&H**, constructed under the prototype Housing Scheme at Gaduwa Estate, allocated to **Yusuf Yakubu** of No. 20 Tukur Road, Nasarawa G.R.A. Kano by the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing. All efforts made to trace the said documents proved abortive. If found please return to the nearest police station. Authorities concerned to take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Deed of Assignment executed between **Mallam Abubakar Audu and Mrs. Merit Chukwuma Ejimbe** in respect of Landed property covered with certificate of occupancy No. **LKN/RES/RC/82/1353** belonging to **Mrs Merit Chukwuma Ejimbe**. All efforts made to trace the original document prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform and to draw the attention of the general public that **AL- ISHAQ MEMORIAL MOSQUE** that is located at Mando - Kaduna, Kaduna State is now to be known and called **AL- ISHAQ MEMORIAL SCHOOL** and that all its former documents remain valid. This publication is for record purpose. Relevant Authorities Concerned and the general public to note.
Signed : Management

LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE MAIDUGURI BORNO STATE
LATE GAPANI DLAKAI - Deceased
Papers are herein submitted to together with order book, may letter of Administration be issued to the petitioner **MOSES GAPANI** the lawful SON/NEXT OF KIN of the said deceased.
A1 - Application for letter of administration dated 31/03/2021 filed.
A2 - Declaration as to next of Kin sworn to and filed on the 01/04/21.
A3 - Affidavit in lieu of death certificate sworn to and filed on the 01/04/21.
A4 - Notice of publication has been published in the **BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE** of 8TH APRIL, 2021.
C5 - Oath **MOSES GAPANI** sworn to and filed on 01/04/21
D6 - Bond in the sum of **N BENEFIT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA, NPF PENSIONS LIMITED & MONEY WITH FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK PLC.**
E7 - Justification of sureties sworn to and filed on the 01/04/21.
E8 - All fees have been paid.
E9 - Total amount on the inventory shows at **N BENEFIT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA, NPF PENSIONS LIMITED & MONEY WITH FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK PLC.**
At Maiduguri dated this 5th May, 2021.
Sign:
Probate Registrar.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
CAVEAT
THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE HOUSE AT NO. 10, OLD OTTA ROAD, ORILE AGEGE, LAGOS STATE BELONG TO **LATE ALHAJI ABUBAKAR BABA IBRAHIM AND THE DOCUMENTS OF THE HOUSE HAS BEEN MISPLACED AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE IT PROVED ABORTIVE. THAT THIS NOTICE PROHIBIT ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING THE FAMILY FROM USING THE SAID DOCUMENTS.**
SIGNED
M.ADELE SANI ESQ
Musoddiq Adele Sanni & Co.
No.8, Olaide Tomori Street off Medical Road, Ikeja, Lagos State.
Solicitor to the family.

AUCTION
This to inform the general public that there will be public auction sale of A.C pipes, property of Kaduna State Water Corporation as follows:
Date: Wednesday- 16th February, 2022
Time : 12:00pm prompt
Venue: Kaduna State Water Corporation, City Strategic Business Unit, Fofar Doka-Zaria.
For further details please contact Global Finetex Nig. Ltd On the following phone lines.
08033111978, 08032843022 and 08068249916

SPORT



■ Players of troubled Heartland warming up before the NPFL Week 11 match against Gombe United in Owerri yesterday

Former Africa's fastest man, Fasuba, to mentor athletes in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaieye, Ado-Ekiti

Former Africa's fastest man, Olu-soji Fasuba, has expressed his desire to start "sports mentoring" for sportsmen and women in Ekiti state and Nigeria as a whole.

Fasuba, who was at the Oluyemi Kayode Stadium in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State capital, said his vision is to start mentoring Ekiti rising athletes on how to attain their desired heights in sports and how to manage fame and resources at their disposal as super stars.

The Ado-Ekiti born sprinter also promised to come up with some initiatives that would benefit sportsmen and women in the state.

He commended Ekiti State government on sports development in the state.

He reiterated that 'Ekiti comes first in whatever I plan to do while Nigeria follows' just as he promised to regularly visit Ekiti State after his current contract in the United Kingdom expires.

Earlier, the sprinter met with the Chairman, Ekiti State Sports Council, Mrs. Olusola Osetoba, the General Manager, Mr. Adekunle Adeyemi and athletics coaches headed by Mr. Isiakha Oluymi.

Osetoba called on Fasuba, not to be far away from his roots, pointing out that upcoming athletes would gain from his experience.

It will be recalled that Fasuba financially supported the recently held Athletics Coaches Association Festival of Relays in Ado-Ekiti.

Alukwu rescues point for Heartland in 1-1 draw with Gombe United

By David Ngobua

Gombe United were denied their first away win in the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League season (NPFL) as relegation threatened Heartland fought back to force them to a 1-1 draw in the week 11 match played yesterday at the Dan Anyiam stadium in Owerri.

Jonathan Alukwu's scrappy goal eight minutes from time rescued the hosts from what would have been their sixth consecutive defeat.

It was Heartland who threatened to draw the first blood in the 15th minute

when a sweet move from Ebuka Okoro found Jonathan Alukwu close to the visitors' box but he instead passed to Chukwudi Nwaodu who wasted time to shoot before the ball was intercepted by Chidera Eze and Usman Abbas.

Gombe United also came close in the 34th minute when Ibrahim Yahaya had a chance to go one-on-one with goalkeeper Femi Thomas but the same Gbadamosi made a last ditch effort to send the ball to corner kick.

However the visitors broke the deadlock in the 34th minute when Ibrahim Yahaya effortlessly dribbled Ikenna

Stephen close to the near post and laid a pass to Chidera Eze who calmly slotted the ball into the bottom right corner for the curtain raiser.

On resumption, Heartland were handed the opportunity to level scores from the spot but Gbadamosi skied his effort well off target.

Jonathan Alukwu finally equalised for Heartland in the 84th minute through a goalmouth scramble from a free-kick taken by Samuel Okon.

Two minutes before regulation time, United almost restored their lead when Gbadamosi played a back pass to Femi Thomas who fumbled

with the ball under pressure from Yusuf Abdulzeez before the ball rolled out for a corner kick.

The 1-1 draw brought to an end Heartland's losing streak as they had gone five matches without a point. Their last victory came at home against Wikki Tourists on January 9.

Heartland lost twice at home to Kano Pillars (1-0, week 9) and Enugu Rangers (3-0, week 7) while their away losses came at Abia Warriors (1-0, week 6), Rivers United (3-0, week 8) and 3SC (4-0, week 10).

For Gombe United, the draw is their second in the campaign having forced Nasarawa United to a 1-1 draw in week 2.

West Ham fines Zouma N141m for kicking his cat

...Adidas severs ties with defender, Vitality suspends sponsorship of West Ham

Premiership side, West Ham United, have fined Kurt Zouma two weeks wages - understood to be £250,000 - (N141, 026, 625.00) which will be donated to animal welfare charities.

This punitive measure was meted to him after a disturbing video emerged of him, hitting, dropping, and kicking his pet across his kitchen floor on Monday.

Zouma's cats have since been taken away by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (RSPCA) for a check-up at a veterinary.

RSPCA released a statement on Wednesday saying the cats "are safe and in our care".

"Our priority is and has always been the wellbeing of these cats," an RSPCA spokesperson said.

"They've been taken for a check-up at a vets and then will remain in our care while the investigation continues.

"We're grateful to everyone

who expressed their concern for these cats. We were dealing with this issue before the video went viral online and are leading the investigation.

"We continue to investigate so we cannot comment further at this time."

The 27-year-old West Ham defender issued an apology but Essex Police confirmed "urgent enquiries" were underway in conjunction with the RSPCA.

The club initially condemned their player's actions after the video emerged but backed manager David Moyes' decision to start the player for the win against Watford on Tuesday night.

Moyes has said Zouma would remain available for selection while the club's internal investigation ran its course.

West Ham United confirmed the club is continuing to support an RSPCA investigation.

"Kurt and the club are

co-operating fully with the investigation and the player has willingly complied with the steps taken in the initial stage of the process, including delivering his family's two cats to the RSPCA for assessment. Kurt is extremely remorseful and, like everyone at the club, fully understands the depth of feeling surrounding the incident and the need for action

to be taken."

Meanwhile, Adidas confirmed Zouma is no longer associated with the company after "investigating the incident internally".

In addition, more than 150,000 people have signed an online petition calling for Zouma to be prosecuted.

West Ham's wellness partner,

Vitality, has suspended its sponsorship of the club with immediate effect.

On his part, Zouma has issued an apology for the attack and insisted it was an isolated incident.

"I also want to say how deeply sorry I am to anyone who was upset by the video," he said. "I would like to assure everyone that our two cats are perfectly fine and healthy.

"They are loved and cherished by our entire family, and this behaviour was an isolated incident that will not happen again."

A West Ham statement said: "West Ham United unreservedly condemns the actions of our player, Kurt Zouma, in the video that has circulated.

"We have spoken to Kurt and will be dealing with the matter internally, but we would like to make it clear that we in no way condone cruelty towards animals."



■ Kurt Zouma and the cat he allegedly assaulted

LINE OF SIGHT

with
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Kwara's unending war of the veils

The title of this column is not from a fantasy novel. Neither is it from an epic TV show like *Game of Thrones* or *Lord of the Rings*. It is from recent happenings in Kwara State, happenings that should not have a place in this 21st century.

Last week in the Oyun area of the state, a man was shot dead outside a school for protesting the exclusion of his daughter from classes.

For reasons that pertain to faith, the administrators of some 10 missionary schools in the state are revolted by the sight of some of their students, who happen to be Muslims, turning up for classes with hijab on their heads. Something about this makes their eyes turn, their heads spin and makes anger froth from their mouths. Apparently, this rage is contagious and because of that, parents of these hijab-wearing students have been experiencing head-turning, eyes-spinning, frothing rage as well.

This eye-turning and head-spinning have been going on for years now. Two court cases have been filed and judged. In both instances, at the high court and the appellate court, the school administrators lost, were ordered to allow students with hijab to attend classes and be at peace with their parents.

The devil may care! The school administrators heaved, huffed and said, no way, Jose! So, on Wednesday of last week, when some students turned up for classes in their uniforms and heads covered, they were locked out of the schools. From the photos online, these hijabs were shoulder-length little things that some malams will dismiss as unworthy of the name hijab. Not those long flowing things some people find intimidating. But I digress.

The girl's parents said, 'a'uzubillahi! They too heaved, huffed and left their works and homes to go and protest. The eye-turning and head-spinning got out of hand and led Muslim parents and Christian parents to throw stones at each other as if they were children fighting "Chalo!"

In the mayhem outside Oyun Baptist High School, Ijagbo, Habeeb Mustafa was shot dead outside his daughter's school.

This country!

The schools in contention were missionary schools. There are about 10 of them or so in Kwara State. But sometime in the 1970s, the government decided to fund the schools from the common wealth of the people of the state. The missionaries have been administering the schools for some time now. These missionaries are so passionate about their faith as the Muslims are passionate about keeping their hijabs and getting an education. The passion overdose resulted in scenes

playing out outside of Kwara schools in 2022, as if this was Civil-rights era America, when angry white men waved their fists and spewed racial slurs from both corners of their mouths at the first black students, little innocent things like the students in Kwara, who under police escort walked into their school.

I am not familiar with the details of the court judgement, other than the fact that they ruled that students with hijab should be allowed to take classes. It only seems logical, doesn't it, that based on the constitutionally enshrined rights of freedom of opinion and expression, association and the right to practice faiths without prejudice and discrimination, and the fact that the schools are being funded from the government's

The crimes that have been committed in this country and in these houses of worship, often in the name of God, will make the pious ancients hide their faces in shame. And we should be hiding our faces too, except we don't have the requisite shame for even this gesture. So we tear each others' eyes out over hijabs and crucifixes to proclaim our love for God because we, in fact, place more emphasis on the symbolism of religion than on actually doing what religion requires of us—being decent humans

purse, that it should not discriminate against others.

To be fair, the question should be asked: would a non-Muslim student attending an Islamic school, not that this happens often (but indulge me), be allowed into class without a hijab, with her weave-on resting on her shoulders or her *shuku* sitting atop her head? I doubt it very much.

This sad development is coming shortly after the whole country, or most of it, or a fair bit of it on social media at least, united in grief over the murder of little Hanifa Abubakar and just days after most of the world united in hope, then despair, then grief over the Moroccan boy Rayan whose rescue from a well was followed with keen interest around the world and reminded us all of our collective humanity.

How quickly this sense of togetherness has been thrown out the window.

Nigeria as a country is bedevilled by

endemic poverty, insecurity and other problems that will not fit into all the hijabs, turbans, babban riga, cassocks and habits were they to be sewn together.

In a conversation with a poet a few days before about the state of Nigeria, she mentioned the country's diversity as an excuse for our persistent reluctance to evolve, as if diversity was some sort of curse. Uniformity of tribe and faith has never guaranteed peace or unity. The Somalis, of the same ethnicity, have been at war with themselves for decades. North Korea has dug four known underground tunnels through hard rock, just so they can raid and kill their kith and kin, same families, same old gods, to the South.

Nigeria's problem today is not that British act of 1914 compressed hundreds of ethnic nationalities into one country. We spend too much time moaning over it we fail to see that we are a people busy building walls and segregating ourselves—this tribe from that, that faith from this. Walls of stereotypes, crescents, crucifixes and flimsy veils.

Today a Chidimma, born in Kano's Sabon Gari could live her entire life there and not know how to speak Hausa because of the invisible wall that secludes her from the Kano she lives in. A Malam Audu, pocket stuffed with naira, will find it hard to find a shop to rent or a plot to buy in Aba because he is from 'ala Hausa'. Because there is an invisible wall designed to keep him out.

Over the last 20 years, we have witnessed an incredible proliferation of religious schools across the country, like a rash of bad skin infections. Some of them decent, some, well... horrendous, to be honest. Combined, each year, they produce thousands of graduands who are often neither well-educated nor truly religious.

If we talk piety and religion, yes, the churches and mosques have mushroomed, their public address systems searing the nights and the mornings with their performative devotions to a God they are all too eager to disregard should the opportunity present itself.

The crimes that have been committed in this country and in these houses of worship, often in the name of God, will make the pious ancients hide their faces in shame. And we should be hiding our faces too, except we don't have the requisite shame for even this gesture. So we tear each others' eyes out over hijabs and crucifixes to proclaim our love for God because we, in fact, place more emphasis on the symbolism of religion than on actually doing what religion requires of us—being decent humans. How the reasoning that loving God means hating others baffles me. But apparently, in Nigeria, that is how to practice faith.

In the final analysis, if we give ourselves permission to think objectively as rational beings, we will see that all this quibbling that often leads to murder, arson and unbridled savagery will not please God, except if the God one serves is a vicious, bloodthirsty monster. I don't understand how one will raise hands tainted with the blood of another, a man, a woman or even a child, in prayer to the God who made these people.

This murderous eye-turning, head spinning, frothing rage in Kwara should stop.

SPORT REPORT

Tearful Del Potro loses comeback at Argentina Open



■ Juan Martin del Potro

Argentine great Juan Martin del Potro made a losing return to tennis after a two-and-a-half-year injury absence on Tuesday, beaten in straight sets by compatriot Federico Delbonis in the Argentina Open.

In what was expected to be one of Del Potro's final appearances before retiring, the 33-year-old former US Open champion was overcome with emotion towards the end of Delbonis's 6-1, 6-3 victory in 1hr 23min.

The former world No 3 wiped away tears as he prepared to serve what would turn out to be the final game of the match.

Joshua's promoter says rematch with Usyk set for May



■ Anthony Joshua

Anthony Joshua's promoter Eddie Hearn said the British boxer's rematch against heavyweight rival Oleksandr Usyk is set to take place in May. Joshua lost his WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO belts to Ukraine's Usyk on a unanimous points decision in front of a sell-out crowd at London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in September 2021.

British media reported that Tyson Fury had offered Joshua a fee to step aside from his contractually obligated rematch with Usyk to allow the Ukrainian to face Fury for the undisputed heavyweight title bout. But those talks collapsed.

"It's clear AJ will be fighting Usyk, which is his preferred choice," Hearn told BBC Radio 5 Live's Boxing podcast on Tuesday.