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<b>KADUNA</b> SUNNY 35 MAX 17 MIN	<b>MAIDUGURI</b> SUNNY 34 MAX 15 MIN
<b>ENUGU</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN	<b>P/HARCOURT</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 29 MAX 18 MIN
<b>JOS</b> PARTLY CLOUDY 31 MAX 14 MIN	
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(Temperature in centigrade)

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We speak in proverbs. The person who is intelligent will understand

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

"The price of greatness is responsibility"



- Winston Churchill

## PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



■ The House majority leader, Steny Hoyer, walks past resting members of the national guard as he arrives at the US Capitol Washington DC  
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CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:38	12:46	4:01	6:30	7:34
ENUGU	5:40	12:44	3:59	6:25	7:29
KADUNA	5:37	12:45	4:00	6:28	7:32
KANO	5:32	12:40	3:55	6:24	7:28
KATSINA	5:34	12:46	4:01	6:32	7:36
LAGOS	5:55	1:02	4:17	6:43	7:47
MAIDUGURI	5:15	12:23	3:38	6:06	7:10
P/HARCOURT	5:51	12:54	4:09	6:30	7:34
SOKOTO	5:45	12:54	4:09	6:36	7:42

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	CHAMPION	NASCON	JAPPAULGOLD	MANSARD	ARDOVA
OPEN	1.23	17.50	1.39	1.51	21.85
CLOSE	0.11	1.55	0.12	0.13	1.85
CHANGE	9.82	9.72	9.45	9.42	9.25
LOSERS	COURTVILLE	NEIMETH	UNIONDAC	JAIZBANK	JOHNHOLT
OPEN	0.22	2.06	0.31	0.70	0.50
CLOSE	-0.02	-0.14	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
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# IN-DEPTH

FEATURE

## How gunmen kidnapped 18 Kano traders in Kogi

From Sani Ibrahim Paki, Kano

Gunmen in Kogi State have kidnapped 18 Kano traders who were travelling to Abia.

The victims, all from the popular Kantin Kwari Textile Market, were travelling to Aba in Abia State to buy goods when their vehicle was attacked by gunmen who herded them into the bush.

*Daily Trust* gathered yesterday that the traders had left Kano on Sunday with the intention of reaching Aba before they were intercepted.

Abductors of the 18 traders have already contacted relatives with ransom demands, *Daily Trust* learnt.

Textile seller Danladi Giredi, an elder brother to one of the victims told *Daily Trust* how the incident happened.

"My brother usually travels to Aba after every two weeks to buy yards. On Saturday last week, he told me that he will be travelling again tomorrow (Sunday) and we bade him farewell.

"After they departed Kano, he called my mother and informed her that their car developed a fault and was in flames, so, they put the fire off and continued the journey until it developed the same problem.

"So, they decided to halt the journey and another was sent to them before they could proceed.

"They continued the journey until they passed BUA Cement Factory after Okene, in Kogi State, where another driver, coming from the other lane, warned them that armed robbers have blocked the road.

"They stood there for a while, indecisive. Then gunmen came from their back, emerging from the bush, shooting sporadically. Some of the passengers had already come out of the car, so on hearing the gunshots, they ran away.

"But, my brother, Khalid was still in the vehicle alongside 18 others, so they were trapped inside and abducted. The car is a luxury bus belonging to Welfare Transport," he said.

Giredi further explained that the bus was carrying about 50 passengers, most of whom escaped into the forest.

"They were 19 trapped.

● Abductors demand N25m

● We're asking for contributions to raise ransom -Relatives

● We're doing our best to secure their release - Market board



One of them is lame, so the kidnapers freed him and went away with the 18. They also shot the bus' spare driver.

"While on the journey, he (Khalid) was always calling our mum on phone. After informing her earlier that their car was in flames, she decided to keep calling him afterwards to make sure all was well. But, he was not answering," he said.

**'Mum, your son is kidnapped'**

Giredi added that "She then told our younger brother that Khalid was not answering her calls. After she kept calling, the driver of their car later answered, as he has already thrown his phone and wallet in the car before their abduction.

"He (the driver) told her that her son was kidnapped and that he was only able to escape because he hid under the car. Others broke their legs while trying to escape.

"Later, around 4 pm on Monday, a lady called me on the phone, asking if I am Khalid's brother and I replied yes. Then she hooked me with

one of the kidnapers and asked how close we are.

"From there, we started the negotiation process. They said we should pay N5m. when I told them that we don't have the money, they said some were asked to pay N10m, some N15m. he then cut off the call.

"Then I called him later in the evening where he asked whether we have raised the money. I asked for a discount again but he cut off the call again.

"The following day (Tuesday), I called them again and told them that I want to speak to my brother. He informed me that they are being tortured," he said.

On the identity of the abductors, Giredi said although all their communication was done in Hausa, their accent suggests they are Fulani.

After all efforts of possible negotiations have proved futile, the relatives agreed to negotiate collectively for all the 18 victims as not all of them have a uniform capacity to raise the required amount.

Another source in the

market, who pleaded anonymity said, "I later called one of the staff of the luxury bus company and he said I should stop calling them. That we should negotiate for all the 18 victims instead as some of them don't have the amount to pay.

"He called them and they asked us to pay N50m for all the victims, but, we agreed to pay N5m yet they declined. They were even insulting us that they have a lot to do with the money, just like every person. We added one million the following day (on Wednesday), they still didn't agree.

"After very long negotiations, with threats of killing them, torturing them, we finally agreed on N25m," the source concluded.

**'We are asking for contributions to raise the amount'**

As at the time *Daily Trust* arrived at the Kantin Kwari Market, Giredi alongside other relatives of the victims were already going around the market, asking for

contributions from fellow businessmen to raise the amount for the ransom.

"People are still contributing, but raising N25m is not that easy. After raising what we can get here, then we (the relatives of the victims) will also contribute the balance," Bashir, one of those raising the money, said.

On whether there is any plan by the market board to support them, Giredi said they only told them that they are aware but have so far not promised to offer anything.

Meanwhile, the Managing Director of Kantin Kwari Market Management Board (KKMMB), Alhaji Abba Muhammad Bello has said that the Kano State government through the board is doing everything possible to ensure their safe return.

On whether they will help the victims' relatives in raising the ransom amount, he said the state is on top of the situation but declined further comment as he said he doesn't want to pre-empt their plans especially since the issue is centred on security.

# Amotekun goes berserk, kills 11 in 3 weeks

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Christiana T. Alabi (Lagos), Peter Moses (Abeokuta), Jeremiah Oke (Oyo), Hameed Oyegbade (Osogbo), Raphael Ogbonaiye (Ado Ekiti), Bola Ojuola (Akure), John C. Azu. Abbas Jimoh & Idowu Isamotu (Abuja)

Controversy has continued to trail the setting up of the Western Nigeria Security Network (WNSN) popularly known as Amotekun following allegations of abuse against the initiative even as some states in the South-West continue to dilly-dally about it, *Daily Trust* can report.

The Amnesty International, human rights activists and some lawyers yesterday urged the federal authorities to call to order those behind Amotekun before the operations of the security outfit further degenerate to a militia group.

The issues surrounding the Amotekun operations appeared more disturbing especially in Oyo State, where the operatives are wielding dangerous weapons including guns during their operations.

Many people have been killed by Amotekun operatives even as their political leaders continued to live in denial while defending or justifying their activities.

The latest incident was the Wednesday's killing of another 21-year-old student, Tosin Thomas, in Ibadan, less than 24-hours after Governor Seyi Makinde defended the operatives of Amotekun when he insisted that they did not kill some innocent Fulani herders.

Speaking on the killing, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Olugbenga Fadeyi, yesterday confirmed in a statement in Ibadan that an Amotekun operative was responsible for the killing of the student at a Total Filling Station at Mokola roundabout in the evening.

The commandant of Amotekun, Col. Olayanju Olayinka (rtd), confirmed the incident yesterday.

Mr Olayinka, however, said the operative, who shot the deceased, has been dismissed and handed over to police.

*Daily Trust* gathered in the build-up to the killing, two young men had a misunderstanding, which led to one of them inviting men of Amotekun to the venue.

The source said when the operative got to the venue, he did not engage them before he fired the gunshots which hit the deceased.

The Amotekun operatives have reportedly killed 11 people within three weeks in Oyo State.

*Daily Trust* reports that on December 24, 2020, the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) accused members of Amotekun deployed in Oyo town of killing a 400-level student of the University of Ibadan, Akolade Gbadebo.

Also, on January 3, a member of the corps, Ibrahim Ogundele, allegedly shot Fatai Yekini, also

an officer of the Amotekun corps, at Isale-Oyo area of Oyo, as Special Police Constabulary attached to Ojongbodu Police Station.

On Saturday, three Fulani residents of the state were allegedly killed by the Amotekun corps in Okebi, Tapa area of Ibarapa Central Local Government Area of the state.

However, a family head, Mogaji Wale Oladoja, cautioned members of the public not to change the narrative of the incident, adding that it is unfair to turn it into a tribal war.

He said Yoruba and Hausa people have been living peacefully for many years without crisis, adding "inter-marriages have been happening between them from time immemorial."

According to him, "We don't have to turn this to ethnicity war for no reason. Almost 10 people were killed in that area in less than a week and you expect security men to fold their arms. Let's be reasonable."

On their activities, Oladoja said; "If not for the Amotekun, those hoodlums could have hijacked the state from the people. Those Amotekun people are really working since the police stopped working after the #EndSARS protest. They are really helping us."

## We are not against Amotekun but...Fulani group

The Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State, Alhaji Saliu Abdulkadir, said his people were not in any way opposed to the activities of Amotekun but the operation must follow due process and they must respect human rights.

He insisted that the incident of Saturday where a prominent Fulani member identified as Alhaji Usman Okebi and two of his sons were killed was an attack on innocent herders in the community.

"They said they were kidnappers yet you met them in their residence. This was a man who was preparing for the wedding of his children, which was to take place that day. It is sad indeed," he said.

He said Amotekun should have arrested them and handed them over to the police instead of killing them on mere suspicion that they were kidnappers.

However, the state Commander, Col. Olayanju said men of Amotekun were well trained, adding that the law that established the outfit empowered them to use weapons.

## Amotekun disturbing activities - Amnesty International

Commenting on the development, Amnesty International said it is "concerned about recent allegations against Amotekun."

A statement last night signed by Ms Osai Ojigbo, Director, Amnesty International Nigeria, said, "The allegations (of killings) must be investigated to

ensure accountability.

"Amotekun must not become human rights abusers like the police. Amotekun emerged due to people's dissatisfaction with how the Nigerian security agents were responding to proven cases of conflicts and attacks in their region. But such bodies must be properly defined by law and their roles must be clearly elucidated and human rights should be the governing principle.

"As long as human rights are not the foundation, there would always be that risk of abuse. The same complaint we have against the federal police, we would also have with any other; so, the core thing is for the stakeholders to be clear from the beginning about how this security outfit would bring safety and security, using international human rights standards. That is the only way it can be effective," the statement said.

## Operatives trained with neo-colonial methods - Falana

Reacting, a human rights lawyer, Femi Falana (SAN) said the operatives of Amotekun are being trained by retired military and police personnel with a neo-colonial background.

"The teachers have total contempt for people. Hence, the operatives are engaged in horrendous human rights of the people. The central command of Amotekun should be constituted by accredited representatives of mass organisations and funded by state governments," he said.

Also reacting, the Executive Director of the Citizens Advocacy for Social and Economic Rights (CASER), Frank Tietie attributed the reports of human rights abuses by Amotekun to the socio-cultural environment of the country in which the outfit operates.

Making a distinction with the colonial policing system, which was oppressively meant to protect the exploitative interest of the colonial masters, Tietie said the cultural practice of security in the country is such that the offender is to be dehumanised and paraded in the streets.

"What we are experiencing with these stories we hear about Amotekun violating human rights is expected naturally from an arrangement that is predominantly influenced by socio-cultural considerations, which disregards human rights," he said.

Another human rights activist, Mr Jaye Gaskia, wondered why Amotekun operatives bear arms when the federal government has not licensed any state to arm its security network.

While maintaining that the idea of creating Amotekun was a laudable one, Gaskia said, "The first thing is to be clear about one thing on security, particularly internal security, it is basically the responsibility of the federal government.

"But the constitution also says that the state assemblies also

have powers to legislate for the peace and the good governance of the state. So, in a sense, it is a shared responsibility.

"The problem with what is happening right now is that, setting up Amotekun as a security network in the South West, for instance, is probably a step in the right direction.

"It goes beyond simply setting up an agency; it is more important to put systems in place. When you have a state that traditionally violates the rights of citizens, it doesn't matter what new agency you set up, if you don't change that character, this is what is going to be happening.

"So, what we have is that we have Amotekun and the personnel are hardly trained, they hardly have any orientation. They are trained like the way you train all these private security guards. There is no human rights component to their training.

"We have not seen a human rights curriculum in terms of any training of their personnel. So that is the problem that we have at the moment right now. And then again, we also have to answer the question of how come the Amotekun personnel are killing people because they are not supposed to be carrying arms, and the right to bear arms is a federal right. I am not aware that the federal government has granted any state licence for their security networks to carry arms.

"These, for me, are issues and more importantly, you can't take people's life simply without a jury, without the accusation, without adjudication. You can't be the judge or the jury or the accuser yourself. That is absolutely the same thing the police were doing. And now, we are transferring it to the various security networks that are emerging across the country," he said.

## The coming of Amotekun

Amotekun was inaugurated on January 9, 2020, in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, by the Western Nigeria Governors' Forum led by Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo State.

It was a response to what the governors called escalating insecurity in the region with many stakeholders calling on them to find a lasting solution to the impasse.

After the inauguration of the security outfit, there was uncertainty in the region as Amotekun could not take off immediately casting doubt on the commitment of the governors to drive the initiative.

It took six months before the Amotekun corps took off in states like Oyo, Ondo, Ekiti and Osun but it has remained unclear when the initiative would commence in Lagos.

The Majority Leader of Osun State House of Assembly, Tunde Olatunji, said the Amotekun operatives can carry certain categories of firearms.

"Even individuals can get license and own firearms. Some of the operatives already have licence for their arms even before the establishment of Amotekun.

"In Osun, Amotekun operatives can carry firearms as the law that established the corps permits it. However, we have a lot of mechanisms to check them and avoid misuse. More so, the Nigeria constitution stipulates punishment for misuse of firearms," he said.

The Amotekun Corps Commander in Ekiti State, Brig. Gen. Joe Komolafe (rtd), said the corps is working hard to curb crimes in the state.

In Ondo, the Commander of Amotekun corps, Chief Adetunji Adeleye, said though the corps is working with other security agencies, the Amotekun Law 2020 in Ondo State allows the operatives to carry arms.

## Amotekun like no other

*Daily Trust* reports that many states have civil security outfits like KAROTA (Kano), KASTLEA (Kaduna), and Civilian JTF (Borno) that are complementing the works of police and civil defence but they are not allowed to carry arms. There were also no much complaints after their formation because they were restricted to individual states.

However, in early 2020, shortly after the launching of Amotekun, the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, declared the regional security outfit illegal.

He said no state government, whether singly or in a group, has the legal right and competence to establish any form of organisation or agency for the defence of Nigeria or any of its constituent parts.

He said if his office had been consulted, it would have given the "proper information and guidance to ensure that Nigeria's defence and corporate entity are preserved at all times."

He noted that Nigeria is a sovereign entity governed by laws meant to sustain its corporate existence as a constitutional democracy.

Analysts believed that Malami made the statement because the framers of Amotekun wanted it to be a regional outfit.

After back and forth, most of the governors went back to their state and submitted bills to their houses of assembly for the establishment of Amotekun.

In December 2020, a retired Inspector General of Police, Sunday Ehindero urged Amotekun operatives to strictly adhere to the country's constitution that forbids them from bearing fire-arm in the course of their operation.

Ehindero said the regional corps was to be an information and intelligence gathering outfit rather than an arm carrying one, stressing that the law that established the outfit doesn't make provision for it to be arm-bearing.

# Troops killed 2,403 terrorists, bandits, kidnappers in 9 months - Presidency

By Muideen Olaniyi & Idowu Isamotu

The Presidency said various units of the Nigerian Armed Forces, in coordinated operations, across the country between March 18 and December 30, 2020 had eliminated over 2,403 terrorists, bandits, kidnappers and criminals of other sorts.

Presidential spokesman, Femi Adesina, stated this in "a checklist of successes of the Nigerian Armed Forces", released to State House reporters in commemoration of this year's Armed Forces Remembrance Day.

He said this was in addition to terrorists and bandits killed during air strikes by the Nigeria Air Force.

The checklist segmented the achievements into

regions with special attention on the activities in the northeast mostly affected by the activities of the Boko Haram terrorist group.

The checklist also revealed figures of the rescues of kidnapped victims, recoveries of arms and ammunition, as well as those of stolen petroleum products and crude within the period in review.

"The Armed Forces of Nigeria from 18 March to 30 December, 2020 neutralized 2,403 criminal elements (terrorists, bandits, kidnappers, cattle rustlers, etc.) across the country.

"This is in addition to scores of other terrorists and armed bandits killed during air strikes. Troops also rescued a total of 864 kidnapped victims across the country. In addition, a total of 9,684,797 litres of stolen AGO

and 33,516,000 litres of DPK were recovered.

"Equally, 1,910 criminal elements were arrested and large cache of arms, ammunition and equipment were recovered during the period. Furthermore, a total of 46,581.8 barrels of stolen crude oil and 22,881,257 litres of stolen PMS were recovered by the troops of the Armed Forces of Nigeria", the checklist said.

Meanwhile, the operation mounted to enforce the recently doused partial closure of the nation's land borders, known as Operation Swift Response (OSR), led to the seizure of smuggled items and products worth N12.5 billion between August 2019 and December 2020 it lasted.

Earlier in Abuja yesterday, the Defence Headquarters had said fewer than 64

terrorists were killed in different encounters in the northeast within one week by the troops of Operation Lafiya Dole and its subsidiary Operation Tura Takaibango.

Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Defence Headquarters, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche, disclosed this to journalists in Abuja while giving updates on operations of the military.

He said several other terrorists were also killed and 11 terrorists' gun trucks and other equipment destroyed in massive air strikes by the Air Task Force during the period.

He said the troops had on January 7, raided a Boko Haram terrorists' enclave at Goniri and Gorgi in Gujba and Damaturu Local Government Areas of Yobe killing scores and recovered 10 gun trucks from the terrorists.

Enenche said the newly inaugurated subsidiary Operation Tura Takaibango had on January 9, killed 28 terrorists at Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe, stressing that several others escaped with gunshot wounds as well as recovery of one-gun truck and cache of arms and ammunition.

"Similarly, on the same day, troops had an encounter with some BHT/ISWAP terrorists at Gonan Kaji Village along Damaturu-Buni Yadi Road in Yobe. During this period, 30 terrorists were killed while caches of arms and ammunition were recovered.

"In same vein, on Jan. 10, troops engaged with some terrorists at Kafa Village in Damboa Local Government Area of Yobe killing six terrorists and recovering one-gun truck and several weapons," he said.

## 2 police inspectors, 1 other die in Kogi road accident

Three persons, including two police inspectors, on Thursday, died in a motor accident on Ajaokuta-Ojodu-Ayingba road in Kogi.

The Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Corps in the state, Solomon Aghure, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Lokoja.

He said the victims were travelling in an

ambulance van to Ayingba when the accident occurred.

Aghure further stated that the policemen and the driver of the ambulance were travelling with an empty casket to pick the corpse of a police sergeant from a mortuary in Ayingba.

He said that the ambulance, in which

they were travelling, collided with a Mercedes Benz truck coming from the opposite direction at a spot in Ojodu community.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the accident was also confirmed by the Spokesman of the state police command, DSP William Aya.

He explained that the

two policemen were detailed to pick the corpse of the deceased sergeant at Ayingba and accompany it to Adamawa for proper burial, as requested by the family of the

deceased.

Aya said that the driver of the truck and his motor boy took to their heels immediately the incident happened to evade arrest.

He said that the

corpses of the two police inspectors had been deposited at a morgue in Lokoja, while that of the civilian driver of the ambulance had been released to his family. (NAN)

## No harm should befall Kukah - CAN warns

By Abbas Jimoh

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has cautioned those threatening the Catholic Bishop of Sokoto, Matthew Hassan Kukah, to stop their unlawful action.

It also urged security agencies to ensure the safety and security of the cleric.

CAN General Secretary, Joseph Bade Daramola, gave the warning in a statement yesterday.

He said the CAN had been watching the unfolding scenario since Bishop Kukah spoke his mind on the state of the nation in his Christmas homily and how some groups of people had been threatening him with re and brimstone.

Daramola alleged that all relevant security agencies were pretending as if nothing unusual was happening.

"We wonder if

those threatening the Catholic Bishop of Sokoto are above the law or if they are sacred cows in the country. We have studied the whole Christmas message of Dr. Kukah and we are yet to see any incitement against Islam or non-Christians.

"We see nothing wrong in his message to the nation that has been under the siege of terrorists, herdsman killers, bandits and kidnappers as if there was no government in place. We see nothing wrong in telling a government whose lopsided appointments are against Christians the whole truth.

"If criticism against a Muslim President today, is an incitement to violence against Islam, it then means those who were criticising the duo of former Presidents Olusegun Obasanjo and Goodluck Jonathan when they were in power were actually

attacking Christianity.

"When did the police and the Directorate of the State Security Services lose their power to miscreants and lawless people who are making boast of their lawlessness without a challenge? We wonder if those Muslim groups who are threatening to deal with Kukah got equal response from their Christian counterparts, are we not setting up the country on re?" he said.

He said Kukah was posted to serve in Sokoto by the papacy and threatening him to leave "is a global threat to Christianity."

"There is a Catholic priest whose name is synonymous with President Muhammadu Buhari, yet, the Catholic Church has not deemed it t to sanction him because freedom of speech and association is not only a constitutional matter, but godly.

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# Be fair to my govt, Buhari tells critics

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday called on Nigerians, especially the elite, to be fair in their criticism of his administration by looking at the situation of the country before the assumption of the current government.

Buhari, according to a statement by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, spoke at the State House, Abuja, while receiving Reverend Yakubu Pam, the Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Christian

Pilgrims Commission.

He said: "Those criticising the administration should be fair in terms of reflecting on where we were before we came, where we are now and what resources are available to us and what we've done with the limited resources."

"We had to struggle paying debts, investing in road repairs and rebuilding, to revamp the rail and try to get power. This is what I hope the elite, when they want to criticise will use to compare notes."

Buhari, while speaking on the security situation

especially in the Northeast, expressed hope that the efforts of the government would be felt at the end of the day.

He said: "What was the situation when we came? Try and ask people from Borno or from Adamawa for that matter and Yobe. What was the condition before we came and what is the condition now? Still, there are problems in Borno and Yobe, there are occasional Boko Haram problems, but they know the difference because a lot of them moved out of their states and moved to Kaduna,

Kano and here (in Abuja). We were not spared of the attacks at a time. The government is doing its best and I hope that eventually, our best will be good enough."

He also assured that the welfare of Internally Displaced Persons was paramount on the agenda of government.

"The people in IDP camps, the weak, aged, I feel sorry for the young because this is the time they are supposed to get education. We must not allow this time to pass because it will never be regained. So, we're really interested in what

is happening there and we are doing our best," he said.

The president, who lauded the Executive Secretary on his appointment and activities on peace building around the country despite his short time in the saddle, assured him of the listening ear of the government whenever he had contributions to make.

Earlier in his remarks, Reverend Pam said the commission had proposed to host Christian religious leaders in a summit to help douse pressures within the polity, among other plans.

## Strike: NASU, SSANU asks branches to convene congresses

By Idowu Isamotu

The Joint Action Committee has ordered all branches of the Non-Academic Staff Union and the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities to hold joint congresses on Tuesday to decide the possible commencement of an indefinite strike over the non-implementation of the agreements the Federal Government signed with the unions in October last year.

The committee, in a circular titled 'Request for Branch Resolutions', issued the directive yesterday after a meeting that reviewed the just concluded three-day nationwide protests by the unions.

The unions had, among other things, protested 'the Federal Governments handling of the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System <<https://punchng.com/ippis-varsity-workers-protest-may-down-tools/>>, the sharing formula of the N40 billion earned academic allowances. The circular was co-signed by the NASU and SSANU Presidents, Dr Makolo Hassan and Mohammed Ibrahim respectively.

The JAC said its leadership would meet next Thursday to collate and make a decision on the branch resolutions which would be communicated to the branches, subsequently.

"The National JAC further observed the need for members of the unions (NASU and SSANU) to take ownership of subsequent decisions in respect of the way forward after the nationwide protests.

"To this end, branch chairmen of NASU and SSANU are hereby directed to convene joint congresses simultaneously on Tuesday 19th, January 2021 to take a resolution on the possible commencement of an indefinite and total national strike in respect of non-implementation of the issues contained in the Memorandum of Understanding signed and agreed with the unions by the Federal Government on 20th October 2020."



Yobe state Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Dr Mohammad Sani Idris presenting a report on Tsangaya Almajiri System of Education to Governor Mai Mala Buni in Damaturu yesterday

## FG reopens Third Mainland Bridge Feb. 15

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Federal Government has said the Third Mainland Bridge in Lagos will be reopened on February.

The Minister of Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, disclosed this while inspecting the construction work on major roads and bridges in the state.

He said most of the works on the bridge were almost completed.

*Daily Trust* reports that the bridge was closed last year for six months which was to elapse this January.

But Fashola explained that two weeks were lost to the #EndSARS protests of last year, adding that the reopening would take place next month.

He said: "We lost two weeks during the civil protest and our completion date earlier was towards the end of January, which has slipped."

"We are hoping that by 15th of February we should be done and the bridge should be opened to the public."

Fashola stated that the Third Mainland Bridge construction was delaying the repair work on Falomo, adding that the government was conscious

of the inconvenience that the closure of two major bridges at the same time would cause to motorists.

In the course of the construction work, the Federal Government has been diverting traffic to one lane resulting in daily gridlock on the bridge.

Fashola said: "That is one of the reasons why I also came to see how far and when this bridge will be opened to the public because this is delaying our work on Falomo Bridge."

"We've done some work on Falomo Bridge, we are going to have to close Falomo Bridge as

soon as this is done so that we can also replace the expansion joints there .

"All the other preliminary work has been done there, but we left it in order to reduce the inconvenience to commuters in and around Lagos.

"So, the Eko Bridge that was closed is open now, this one (Third Mainland Bridge) is going to be opened by February 15."

The minister also inspected the rehabilitated Obalende Bridge damaged by tanker fire and commended the contractor for doing a good job.

## Protest: Members of ex-servicemen association dissociate selves, condemn leader's action

Some members of the executive of the Ex-servicemen and Family Welfare Association have dissociated themselves from the protest led by its President Anthony Agbas on Wednesday in Abuja.

The vice president of the association, retired Master Warrant Officer Samuel Unubi and the secretary, retired Sgt. Thaddaeus Garshom, disclosed this while briefing

newsmen on Thursday in Abuja.

Unubi said the protest led by the president was uncalled for, saying that issues of minimum wage, arrears of pension and debarment allowances being raised were being attended to by the Military Pensions Board.

He said the members of the executive had met with MPB where they were told about the progress and efforts of the

Ministry of Defence, MPB and Salary and Wages Commission towards addressing the issues.

"Our pension is not delayed but what it's due for us is what we are talking about, if it comes or if it is supposed to come let it be handled speedily without delay, because this is what is grieving many of us (retirees)."

"Any appropriate action taken at the appropriate time will always go well," he said.

On his part, the Secretary of the Association, Garshom, said the protest was single handedly organised and led by the president of the association, Agbas without the support of other members.

Garshom said that he rejected the idea of the protest when the president discussed it with him on the grounds that it was inappropriate to go on such protest. (NAN)

## Northern elders to elite: Rescue Nigeria from failed leaders

By Idowu Isamotu

The Northern Elders' Forum (NEF) yesterday appealed to the Nigerian elite to rescue the nation from what it described as "failed leaders".

According to the forum, the country is in a fragile state.

The forum, through its Director, Publicity and Advocacy, Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, said this in Abuja while speaking at the '2nd Never Again Conference: 51 Years After Nigerian-Biafran Civil War' organised by an Igbo think-tank, Nzuko Umunna.

He said the President Muhammadu Buhari had failed in all aspects of governance, calling on

all well-meaning Nigerians to rise to the occasion of making Nigeria great again by speaking with one voice towards national cohesion.

"We finished this war in 1970 and within four years, virtually all the Igbos who had left the north who were still alive came back to the north, they continued with their lives. Northerners moved to the east and Nigeria moved on.

"Here, we are 51 years after, abusing each other, disputing history. It is a good thing that we are saying 'Never Again', but we need to recognise, 'Never What Again?' The post-civil war elite has substantially failed this country, even more than those who plunged this country into the disaster that ended in 1970.

"The elite of Nigeria still speaks in a manner that suggests that we are still fighting a war. This means this country has not made any progress at all.

"We need to be very careful. We need history but our present and future should not become captives of the past. If we do that, we will never fix the problem, we will always fight over what happened in the past."

Presidential spokesmen, Femi Adesina and Garba Shehu, neither answered phone calls nor responded to separate text messages sent to them seeking reactions to the allegation by the NEF that Buhari had failed in all aspects of governance.

## New COVID-19 variants not cause for concern - NCDC

By Ojoma Akor

Director-General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, Chikwe Ihekweazu, says the new variants or strains of the COVID-19 virus in the country are not a cause for concern because viruses mutate all the time.

He said they could only be of concern when the new variants or strains are associated with increased transmission.

He stated this yesterday during the World Health Organisation's online news briefing on the latest COVID-19 developments on the continent.

He said Nigeria had not announced new variants so far because there had been no increased transmission and morbidity.

Ihekweazu said the Nigerian authorities had also ramped up production of oxygen and brought in the private sector.

WHO Regional Director for Africa, Matshidiso Moeti, said it was important for

countries to improve routine sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 viruses on the continent to better monitor the emergence of variants and their subsequent spread across countries.

She said the WHO, together with the Africa CDC, had supported countries to step up genome sequencing through a network of specialized laboratories.

She said the WHO had also helped in shipping samples, providing laboratory supplies as well as technical guidance and mobilizing funds.

According to her, the Covax Facility is working towards providing about 600 million doses for Africa this year, adding "We expect the first doses to arrive by the end of March, with a larger roll-out by June."

The COVAX Facility, a global initiative that brings together governments and manufacturers to ensure COVID-19 vaccines reaches those in greatest need, wherever they live.

## NSCDC deploys 1,926 personnel for Kano LG poll

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps command in Kano State has deployed 1,926 personnel for the Jan.16, local government council poll in the state.

Mr Abu Tambuwal, the state NSCDC Commandant said this in a statement by the spokesman of the corps, ASC Ibrahim Abdullahi, on Thursday in Kano.

Tambuwal said the personnel drawn from various departments, divisions and units of the corps were deployed to provide adequate security as well as to ensure crowd control in 8,084

polling units, wards and collation centres across the state.

"We will ensure maximum and adequate security for the protection of electoral officials, voting materials as well as the electorate in all the respective polling and collation centres.

"Additionally, the corps will ensure orderliness at polling and collation centres and unauthorised persons will not be allowed into the centres," he said.

According to him, NSCDC in collaboration with sister security agencies will take effective control

to forestall any threat to law and order before, during and after the election.

He advised miscreants, hoodlums as well as political thugs to desist from disrupting the election.

"Anybody found wanting will be made to face the full wraff of the law," he said.

The commandant also enjoined the electorate to observe and adhere with the COVID-19 protocols such as social distancing and the use of facemask during the election. (NAN)

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# Police raid Ogun hotel, seize N2.2m, N10m hard drugs

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Operatives of Ogun Police Command have raided drug dealers' hideout in Abeokuta and seized a cache of illicit drugs, machetes, and cash from the peddlers.

The seizures, N2,722,750 cash and over N10m worth of hard drugs were recovered from the peddlers' den, named "Mayas", an abandoned hotel

at Lafenwa, Abeokuta.

The notorious hideout was said to be about 700 metres away from Lafenwa Police Station in the state capital.

The state Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, who briefed newsmen about the development at the command's headquarters, Elewera, described it as a "big haul of seizure."

Ajogun said the command's tactical teams stormed the

hideout in the early hours of Tuesday 12th January 2021 and those who were present at the hideout fled into the nearby canal leading to Ogun River.

He added that the items recovered include N2,222,750.00, 110 parcels of weeds suspected to be Indian hemp, 55 packs of codeine, two packs of Emzoline, and six-packs of Uniplex codeine.

According to him, other

seizures are four packs of Pandeen expectorant, 12 packs of Rephnol, three packs of Backwoods honey, one carton of max cough codeine, battle axes, machetes, and dangerous charms.

He said efforts were being made to track down the dealers, who escaped, and their agents.

Ajogun said, "The seizure is a big haul. We want whoever wants to lay claim to these

illicit drugs and money, to come forward.

"Effort is being made to track down the dealers who escaped with their agents. Let me reiterate that Ogun State Police Command is committed to chasing drug barons, their agents and criminals associate out of business in the state.

"We will not relent in our efforts until this goal is achieved."

## ENDSARS: Osun panel summons four police officers

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Osun State Judicial Panel of Inquiry on Police Brutality, Human Rights Violations and Related Extra Judicial Killings has summoned four police officers to appear before it.

At the sitting yesterday, the panel ordered the former Osun State Commissioner of Police, John Omoronike; former Area Commander, Ilesa, Joshua Atunise; a Superintendent of Police,

Omoyele and one Inspector Muyiwa to appear before it.

The Chairman of the Panel, Justice Akinola Oladimeji (rtd.), said the police officers were summoned to give evidence in some of the cases before the panel.

He said the panel would do everything possible to ensure justice for all.

"If the officers that we summoned refuse to come, then we will give further order within the ambit of the law," he said.



■ Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Umar-Farouq (Standing) speaks during a courtesy call on the Emir of Daura, Dr Umar Farouq Umar after flagging off payment of rural women's grant in Katsina State on Wednesday

Photo: NAN.

## Emir confers late dad's title on Kwankwaso's brother

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

The Emir of Karaye in Kano, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar II, has confirmed Alhaji Saleh Musa Saleh Kwankwaso (Baba) as the Makama of Karaye and District Head of Madobi.

Alhaji Saleh Musa is a junior brother to a former governor of the state, Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso.

The post was held by their late father Alhaji Musa Saleh Kwankwaso, who died recently.

The Information Officer, Karaye Emirate Council, Haruna Gunduwawa, said the appointment

was recommended and approved at the council's meeting held on Wednesday January 13, 2021.

While congratulating the new Makama, the emir enjoined him to emulate his late father, who he described as a complete gentleman, just and peace-loving, who championed the course of his people.

A National Diploma holder in Building Engineering, Alhaji Musa Kwankwaso, was born in the year 1964. He served as the village head of Kwankwaso in Madobi Local Government Area, before his appointment as Makama of Karaye.

## Kano records 26 new COVID-19 infections, 52 recoveries

The Kano State Government has recorded 26 new COVID-19 infections, bringing the total active cases in the state to 276.

The state Ministry of Health made this known via its verified Twitter handle @KNSMOH in Kano on Thursday.

"Twenty-six new cases were recorded from 118 results received on Wednesday from the laboratories, and 52 additional COVID-19 patients were discharged," it said.

The ministry said that the state had so far conducted

60,254 COVID-19 sample tests since the outbreak of the pandemic in the country.

"Total confirmed cases 2,491 and 276 active cases," it said.

The ministry said 2,145 patients had been discharged and 70 deaths recorded in the state.

The ministry urged residents of the state to observe safety protocols by maintaining personal hygiene, hand washing, use face mask, as well as social distancing to stem the spread of the pandemic. (NAN)

## 13 nabbed for robbing travellers in Lagos

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Operatives of the Police Rapid Response Squad (RRS) have arrested 13 robbery suspects for allegedly attacking passengers at the Ojota area of Lagos.

The police said the suspects attack travellers in the earlier hours of the day and late at night and robbed them at gunpoint.

Lagos police spokesman, Muyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the arrest, reiterated

the command's commitment to ridding the state of traffic robbers.

Adejobi said the 13 suspects were arrested on Wednesday around Motorways, Old Toll-Gate and Olusosun Dumpsite, Ojota, Lagos.

He gave the names of the suspects as Akeredola Taiwo, 33, Oriyomi Solola, 28, Olanrewaju Sikiru, 25, Hakeem Ridwan, 22, Joseph Ovie, 33, Muhammadu Aminu, 32, Monday Nweke, 35, Emmanuel Anthony, 24, Onyeka

Muoghara, 40, Salaudeen Rilwan, 32, Kayode Dele, 31, Silas Manner, 27 and Favour Elijah, 26.

"Some of the suspects were caught red-handed while taking drugs in their hideouts around the corridor; and they were actually fingered and recognised by the residents and eyewitnesses to have been involved in some of the previous traffic robberies and other crimes being perpetrated in the areas," he said.

## NAPPS suggests phased reopening of schools · Says another prolonged closure may collapse private schools

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Private schools' owners, under the aegis of the National Association Proprietors of Private Schools (NAPPS), have suggested a phased reopening of schools especially for public schools with a high population.

They said instead of postponing the January 18 resumption date, the phased re-opening would allow some students to attend classes in the morning and others in the afternoon or alternative days of the week.

President of NAPPS, Chief Yomi Otubela stated this while reacting

to the federal government's proposed review of resumption date for schools.

Otubela stressed that there was no basis for the continued closure of schools in the country due to COVID-19 as this may lead to negative consequences especially for the nation's fragile educational system.

He mentioned that over 30 percent of private schools have been totally shut down.

On the possibility of adopting remote learning, he said the challenges associated with remote learning could bring negative consequences due to

learners' exposure to explicit contents, high cost of data and power supply among others.

According to him, private schools cannot afford another prolonged closure of schools to prevent the total collapse of private education sub-sector.

He pointed out that the majority of students live in unorganised environments that are not helping to curb the spread of the virus.

But putting them in organised environments like schools will protect them better especially when their parents and guardians are at work, he added.

## We'll not relent in supporting families - FG

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The federal government yesterday said it would not relent in its efforts to support families especially women and children.

The Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Pauline Tallen, stated this in Abuja while receiving

the ministry's new Permanent Secretary, Dr. Mrs. Anthonia Ekpa.

She said Ekpa's deployment to the ministry would facilitate harmonisation of efforts to further uplift the ministry and its agencies.

Ekpa is an experienced civil

servant and had lectured gender for years. She also has several academic publications on gender studies to her credit.

She assured the minister of her loyalty and commitment to ensure the realisation of the aspirations of the government and the minister for the sector.

## Schools resume January 18 – FG

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Federal Government yesterday said schools would resume on January 18.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Education, Ben Bem Goong, in a statement, said the decision was taken after extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders, including state governors, Commissioners for Education, proprietors and heads of institutions, staff unions and students.

He said the consensus of opinion was that the resumption date of January 18 should remain; while parents and respective

institutions must ensure full compliance with COVID-19 protocols.

He said the schools must ensure compulsory wearing of facemasks by all students, teachers and workers in all schools and temperature checks and hand washing facilities must be at strategic locations in all schools

He said schools must also ensure constant supply of water and sanitizers, enforcement of maintenance of social distancing and suspension of large gatherings such as assembly and visiting days as well as avoid overcrowding, “including limitations in class sizes and hostel occupancy.

“Other protocols include availability of functional health clinics with facilities for isolation and transportation of suspected cases to medical facilities.

“Adherence to all other non-pharmaceutical protocols, restrictions and containment measures as may be prescribed/ approved by the PTF from time to time must be applied.

“These measures which are to ensure safe reopening of schools for academic activities will be subject to constant review as we urge teachers, school administrators and other stakeholders to ensure strict compliance.”

## COVID-19: We haven’t declared fresh lockdown – FG

By Abbas Jimoh

The Federal Government yesterday denied declaring a fresh lockdown over the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

National Coordinator, Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, Sani Aliyu, in a short video message, said: “We’re aware of a fake message that has been going round on WhatsApp that we’ve declared a lockdown in the country. That’s absolutely not true. I call on the general public to please ignore

this message and continue with their normal activities.

“I’m also calling on the public to please abide by our non-pharmaceutical interventions, including wearing of facemasks in the public, washing their hands and keeping physical distancing.

“There’s an established way we send out to the public, including declarations when it comes to infection control. So, please ignore what has been going round on WhatsApp.”

## NMA worried over rising coronavirus infections among healthcare workers

The Nigerian Medical Association yesterday expressed concern over the increasing rate of COVID-19 infections among healthcare workers in Lagos State, advising them to be more safety conscious.

This is contained in a statement jointly signed by Dr Adetunji Adenekan and Dr Ime Okon, the chairman and the secretary of the Lagos State Chapter of the association on Thursday.

“The events of the last few weeks have been quite unprecedented and very shocking within the medical community of our beloved state.

“There has been increased rate of infections (morbidity) and deaths (mortality) of our most cherished members of the NMA, Lagos chapter.”

The NMA urged all healthcare workers to be more safety conscious at this time and adhere strictly to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control COVID-19 guidelines. (NAN)

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# COVID-19: 53 health workers test positive in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

**Fifty-three health workers in Edo State have been infected with coronavirus since the resurgence of the virus.**

The state's COVID-19 Incident Manager, Dr. Andrew

Obi, disclosed this yesterday in Benin, Edo State capital, during a meeting of the state task force on coronavirus.

Obi said the state has recorded eight new cases and one death from the disease.

"We have, in the last 24 hours, recorded 8 new

coronavirus cases and one death. 240 samples were collected from the various screening and testing centres across the state. As of today, Thursday, January 14, 2021, we have 238 active cases of the virus in the state.

"Since the second wave of

the deadly disease, Edo State has recorded 447 confirmed cases, out of which 53 are health workers. The state has also recorded 202 recoveries and 12 deaths from the disease," he said.

He said the state would soon roll out more measures

to halt the spread of the disease, adding that the risk communication and disease surveillance mechanisms were being strengthened to protect lives.

He urged residents in the state to adhere strictly to safety guidelines.

## Gunmen kidnap 1 in Kwara

By Romoke W. Ahmad

One person has been reportedly kidnapped while another was shot by gunmen in Kwara State.

The incident happened on Wednesday between Obbo-Aiyegunle and Osi, Ekiti Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the victims, Julius and Jacob Olanrewaju, were traveling from Obbo-Aiyegunle to Omu-Aran in Irepodun Local Government Area when the incident happened.

A witness, who preferred not to be named, said: "The hoodlums attacked their vehicle and kidnapped Julius

while Jacob attempted to escape and ran into the bush. The gunmen shot at him but he feigned dead making the suspected gunmen to leave him writhing in pains."

The family of the victims said they were yet to establish contact with the kidnappers.

The traditional ruler of Obbo-Aiyegunle, Justice Joseph Gbadeyan (rtd) said his community members had met over the matter and urged the state government to fix the dilapidated road.

Contacted, the state Police Command's spokesperson, Ajayi Okasanmi said he was not aware of the incident.

## Bandits kill 2 in Kaduna

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

Two people have been confirmed dead in Chikaji village in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The incident happened when suspected bandits invaded the home of one Alhaji Yunusa Gambo, a farmer in the village and attempted to kidnap him along with one Mallam Surajo.

The state government said the duo had attempted to flee but were shot by the armed bandits.

A statement by the state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, stated that security agencies have commenced investigating the incident and have sustained patrols in the area.

Aruwan said troops under the auspices of Operation Safe Haven had also averted what could have been a bloody clash between herders and farmers in Ungwan Marwa and Marmara communities in Jema'a Local Government Area.

He stated that cattle under the care of one Bayerajo Sule had destroyed farms belonging to three farmers named; Abigail Michael, Emmanuel Bulus and Jonathan Vincent but instead of appealing for calm, four others from both herders and farmers were alleged to have incited the respective parties for a clash.

He said the suspects, whom he identified as Alhaji Abdullahi Idi, Gamji Alhaji, Apollos Auta and Matthew Moses have been arrested for further interrogation.

## State of emergency on education paying - Yobe gov

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

Yobe State Governor, Mai Mala Buni, said the State of Emergency declared by his administration on basic and secondary education was achieving the desired results.

Buni stated this yesterday in Damaturu while receiving the report on the strategic plan on basic education submitted by the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB).

He said a total of 12,042 students were registered for WAEC, out of which 725 students scored distinctions and credits in all the nine subjects.

"We also had 2,530 students who scored distinctions and credits in five subjects and

above including English and Mathematics.

"There were 8,042 others who scored credits with a pass in Mathematics while 7,008 scored credits with a pass in English," the governor said.

Buni described the performance as "unprecedented, very impressive and very encouraging."

"It also shows that we are on course and the declaration of emergency on education is worthwhile and paying," he said.

He assured that the government would continue to work on measures that would consolidate the drive towards salvaging education in the state.



■ From left: Permanent Secretary, Oyo State Ministry of Education, Mr Titilola Sodo; Provost, Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo, Razak Adefabi; Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Mr Olayinka Akanji, at the signing of agreement on payment of minimum wage between Oyo State Government, the NLC and Heads of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education, in Ibadan yesterday. Photo: NAN.

## Kaduna task force evacuates 162 Almajirai

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Kaduna Special Taskforce on the Enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines yesterday raided Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi's Almajirai School located at Askolaye and evacuated 162 children.

Out of the Almajirai evacuated by the task force, nine were foreigners from Niger Republic, Burkina Faso, and the Benin Republic.

Daily Trust gathered that the raid was carried out midnight around 12:30 am on Wednesday when a majority of the children were at sleep.

It was further gathered

that the children that were evacuated from the school were taken to Hajj Camp along Mando Road in the state.

The Chairman of the taskforce, Garba Yahaya Rimi, said 162 Almajirai were evacuated from the school.

He told Daily Trust that they are waiting for the state government directives on what to do with the children as their details are being sorted out at the Hajj camp.

"We have 5 from the Niger Republic 5, Burkina Faso 3, and the Benin Republic 1. This is what they said because we had to ask them one after the other but two children couldn't explain themselves

well. So, in total we have 162 children," he said.

He further added that the committee will also expand the operations to other places within the state.

A senior teacher at the school, Malam Nasiru Abdulrahman, confirmed the raid.

He described the raid as very wrong, saying the children were loaded in vehicles by soldiers, police, and other security agencies that stormed the school.

He also described the state government action as an attempt to stop Quranic knowledge in the state, which will fail.

## 10 convicted for violating environmental laws in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A mobile magistrate court in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State, has sentenced ten persons to one-month imprisonment for violating the state's environmental laws.

The magistrate, Mr Timothy Abe, while delivering the judgment said the culprits were found culpable under the Environmental Laws of 2020 for dumping refuse in unauthorized locations in

Ado-Ekiti.

He, therefore, sentenced each of them to one-month imprisonment with an option of fine.

The prosecutors, Mrs Ogunsan Bolaji and Mr Ogundoro Sunday said the state's environmental task force, caught the offenders in the act of dumping refuse on the road median at Similoluwa, Adebayo and Adehun areas of Ado Ekiti.

Ekiti State Commissioner

for Environment and Natural Resources, Barrister (Mrs.) Iyabo Fakunle-Okieimen, who condemned the act, said anyone found violating the environmental laws in the state would be penalised in accordance with the extant laws.

Fakunle-Okieimen said the government was committed to the provision of a healthy environment for the people to guard against the outbreak of epidemics in the state.

## Sokoto home affairs commissioner, Jeli Abubakar, dies

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

The Sokoto State Commissioner for Home Affairs, Abdulkadir Jeli Abubakar III, is dead.

He died on Thursday after a protracted illness.

Abubakar was a younger brother to Sultan Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar.

He was once the

Commissioner for Information and Director, National Orientation Agency (NOA).

The deceased was survived by two wives and many children.



**GEELY HOLDINGS, DAIMLER AG (of Mercedes-Benz) and other Family Brands to launch Highly Efficient Powertrain System for Hybrid Applications**

**Amazing news from Mikano International Limited, Exclusive Partner of Geely Automotive in Nigeria**

Daimler AG and Geely Holding, the respective parent companies of Mercedes-Benz AG and Volvo Cars, have launched plans to collaborate on developing highly efficient powertrain systems for next-generation hybrid vehicle applications.

The cooperation is expected to see the companies work together on hybrid powertrain solutions to enhance their global competitiveness and create true economies of scale. Areas of potential cooperation include engineering, sourcing, industrialization and efficiency measures.

Both groups see efficient drivetrain technologies as central to the ongoing transformation of the automotive industry, and will accelerate the transition to emission-free driving.

Both groups will use global R&D networks to work together on a next-generation gasoline engine specified for hybrid applications to be produced at the companies' powertrain facilities in Europe, which could be utilized by Mercedes-Benz AG together with its established partners as well as the wider Geely Holding Group portfolio of brands including Volvo Cars.

Quoting Markus Schäfer, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz AG; responsible for Daimler Group Research and Mercedes-Benz Cars COO, "Our goal continues to be CO2-neutrality. By 2039, our ambition is a completely carbon-neutral new passenger car fleet.

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Also quoted by Hubertus Troska, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG, "Daimler is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing our global competitiveness with our strong engineering competency and our cooperation with industry-leading partners.

Finally quoted by Conghui, President of Geely Holding Group, President and CEO of Geely Auto Group said: "Clean and highly efficient powertrains are integral to our core competitiveness. With our full commitment to electrification supported by our new 'Sustainable Experience Architecture (SEA)' as the core pillar, we will continue to seek competitive advantages in R&D, Production, Supplier Management and other fields and focus on the development of premium electrified vehicles. This project reflects the need for economies of scale and targeted research and development investment in clean and highly efficient powertrains and hybrid drive systems and their applications. Together with our partner, we will jointly develop next generation of advanced technologies in order to remain at the top in the industry in times of wide-ranging change."

The new project with the wider Geely Holding Group is part of Mercedes-Benz's comprehensive drivetrain strategy for the future.

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### SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL PAYE TAX RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The Management of Kano State Internal revenue Service is hereby reminding all employers of labour, corporate entities, business enterprises and all private sectors to hurry and file their annual PAYE tax returns before the end of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as in accordance to the provision of Section 47, 48 and 81 of the Personal Income Tax Act Cap P.8 LFN as amended 2011.

2. Also self assessment for the individual are to be dully complied before the end of 31st March, 2021 as provided in the said.

3. The return is expected to include and not limited to :-

- i. Copy of payroll of all employees (temporary and permanent, expatriate and local) for the year 2020 with breakdown of total emoluments paid to them and the PAYE tax deducted there from (**Form H1**).
- ii. Schedule of remittances of the tax deducted and copy of the receipts.
- iii. Copy of payroll for the year 2021.
- iv. Employers can also filled their returns online through our e-mail address [info@kirs.gov.ng](mailto:info@kirs.gov.ng) or [tax@kirs.gov.ng](mailto:tax@kirs.gov.ng)

4. However, the document should be filled not letter than 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021 failure of which will attract conviction for a penalty of N500,000.00 as provided in Section 81 (3) of the said Act. You are expected to submit the documents in both hard and soft copy.

**Abdurrazak Datti Salihi (ACTI, ACA, CFA)**  
Executive Chairman



# YOBE STATE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM

From The Table of the Hon. Commissioner

## YOBE IS MOVING, BUNI IS WORKING!

Thirty years after the creation of Yobe State, Damaturu the state capital and all the major towns in the state are still operating weekly markets in makeshift thatch roofed structures. The situation in these markets are both archaic and unprogressive with no potentials to improve commerce, trade and economic development.

It is therefore not surprising when His Excellency Hon. Mai Mala Buni in his inaugural speech pledged to construct modern markets to boost commerce and trade to stimulate the economy, improve local revenue generation and boost the purchasing power of the citizenry.

"You will all agree with me that the state lacks modern markets to promote trade and commerce, government would embark on construction of ultra-modern markets in Damaturu, Potiskum, Gashua, Nguru, Geidam, Buni Yadi and Ngalda" the Governor declared.



**Alh. Barma Shettima**, Hon. Commissioner,  
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism,  
Yobe State

### Damaturu Modern Market

To fulfil this commitment, Governor Buni in October 2019, laid foundation for the construction of the N3.5 billion Damaturu modern market with 638 assorted shops. Work has steadily progressed and currently at 70 per cent completion.



### Gashua Modern Market

The construction of the N2.4 billion 505 shops Gashua modern Market was launched in September 2020. It is now at 50 per cent completion stage.



### Nguru Modern Market

The N2.6 billion Nguru Modern Market with 577 shops capacity was launched in October in 2020 and work is currently at 30 per cent.



### Potiskum Modern Market

Similarly, the Potiskum N2.6 billion market with 577 shops capacity launched in December 2020 has also attained 30 per cent completion, just a month after its take off.

Other facilities in all the markets include banks, fire fighting stations, security posts, stores, refuse dump sites, parking spaces, mosques, roads and drainages and water facilities.

Meanwhile arrangements have reached advanced stage for the award of Geidam and Ngalda modern markets.

**Potiskum Trailer Transit Park**

Government has also awarded contract for the construction of the Modern Truck Transit Park in Potiskum. Fencing of the site is now at 90 per cent completion. The transit camp shall have multipurpose ware house, dormitory, clinic, plaza market, public toilets, food court, football pitch, administrative block, fire service station, police station, service bay, wash bay, mosque, internal roads, parking space trailers and cars, walkways, water and electricity facilities. Phase one of the contract has been awarded at the cost of N2.8 billion with work on-going.



**Flour Mills, Aluminium and Polythene Bags Companies**

For several years, the three state owned industries; Yobe Flour and Feed Mills, Sahel Aluminium Company and the Yobe Polythene Bag and Woven Sacks Company had remained dormant due to break down of the machines and equipment. This administration resuscitated the Flour mills at N80.4 million, Sahel Aluminium at N94.9 million and Polythene bag at N78.7 million. The three companies are now back to life and producing at maximal capacity, creating employment opportunities, boosting the economy and enhancing local revenue generation.

**Yobe Flour and Feed Mills**



**Yobe Aluminium Industry**



**Yobe Polythene Bags and Woven Industry**



**Yobe State Concrete and Pole Industry**

Meanwhile, government has awarded contract for the resuscitation of the Gujba Fertilizer blending company at the cost of N73.8 million with work at 50 per cent completion. The Yobe Pre-stressed pole industry awarded at N65.3 million has achieved 50 per cent completion.



**Conclusion**  
The ministry of commerce, industry and tourism is determined to be in tune with the changes introduced by the Governor Mai Mala Buni administration to exploit our potentials in trade, commerce and tourism, to expand the economic fortunes of the state. The ministry assures its unshaken loyalty and support for government to achieve its desired goal of moving Yobe state forward to improve the lives of the people.

**GLOBAL CONNECTION****Tope Fasua**

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**The citizens and Nigeria's nation building (I)***Old Greek philosophers made a distinction between three types of people:*

1. The Idiots
2. The Tribesmen
3. The Citizens

The idiot is not particularly a mentally-retarded person, as is now being used in modern parlance, but someone who is totally obsessed with their own, and only their own wellbeing. Idiots do not care how the pursuit of their own ends impacts the rest of society. There are thus ancient and modern idiots, in that while they had people who were concerned only about subsistence in the old economies, today we have people who are obsessed with worldly acquisitions for their own aggrandisement in a global capitalist economy. Both types of people achieve the same result for societies.

The next stage in the evolution of people in this line of Grecian philosophy is what they called the Tribesmen. Now a tribesman is not necessarily someone who belongs to some tribe (we all do), but someone who finds it difficult to see the value of diversity. A tribe is a group of people united by social, physical or economic issues, such as language, religion, region, culture, and so on. Now before anyone takes this and runs with it, note that it is not only similar languages or cultures that make a tribe. People fuse together for different reasons that promote their interests. It could even be security. As societies grew into what is called civilisation, people learnt to depend on each other in their 'tribes'. Tribes formed armies and went to war to expand their territories or protect themselves from decimation, slavery and annihilation. Civilisation itself is derived from the Latin word that means 'living in cities'. Civilisation is the ultimate destination, wherein a tribesman no longer feels the need to protect only the things he believes in, but is ready to let go, adjust, sacrifice and take on new ideas, and to give others a chance. Diversity.

A Citizen is one that understands the art and science of dwelling in a civilisation. He/she understands why they need to coexist with others in society, the dependency among people, and why they must be part and parcel of the governing and administration of wherever they live. They don't necessarily have to be in politics but they find their voices and continue to amplify such voices, within an atmosphere of cooperation and civilisation, towards making society better than they met it. Today we have global citizens, who are not only concerned with their immediate community, but with global affairs. This is what we all must strive to attain. There are glass barriers everywhere but from time to time, we will find out that our opinions can shape the world.

Different kinds of engagement

From the above, it is clear that being a citizen is the modern aspiration we should all strive to attain. In thinking about this, I realised we can impact society in several ways, viz;

- Through our informed interactions
- Through writing
- Through protesting/open demonstration of grievances
- Through politics

There is an interesting quote that often courses through my mind. It goes;

*Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.*

This saying, credited to Sir Francis Bacon, emphasises my point above. One of the greatest challenges we will have in our time

is that many people have so little time to read. History has disappeared from school curriculum, so the actions we take today are devoid of the salt and seasoning that history affords; those actions come out bland and often directionless. We must thus pull back and remind ourselves of the need to be good, voracious readers. And the advantage is for the youths of today. You have billions of pages of great, edifying material on the internet. You can teach yourself anything, using Youtube. If you find it hard to sit and read, invest in a reading app.

The challenge here is that we need full, ready and exact youths, who know exactly what they want and will approach society as leaders, with a knowledge of history, a mastery of technology, an immersion in the knowledge that is almost freely accessible on the internet, and the visioning that comes with the art of leadership. You must learn to speak, write, communicate, converse, like champions, like world beaters and world changers.

Is Nigeria a nation?

One of the biggest contentions of our time is the question 'what is a nation?' In other words, is Nigeria a nation? I listened recently to a programme on BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation), wherein I heard one of Nigeria's all-time greats, Ernest Ikoli, say that Nigeria was a mere geographical expression. This is also a statement that is often credited to Chief Obafemi Awolowo. The question is; which nation is not a geographical expression? Indeed the statement is traced to one Count Von Metternich, an Austrian Minister and Aristocrat, who made the statement about Italy circa 1847, in the heydays of the Austrian empire, clear 100 years before Awolowo documented same about Nigeria in 1947. In 1847, Metternich said 'Italy is a mere geographical expression', in recognition, or perhaps mild mockery of the fact that Italy was then a disparate amalgamation of about 30 kingdoms. Today, no one says the same about Italy. The country has probably turned its disadvantage to an advantage. Unity.

I went in search of the meaning of a nation and this is what I found;

*"A nation is a large group of people with strong bonds of identity - an 'imagined community,' a tribe on a grand scale."*

*"Historical events uniquely fuse together the population of a given territory into a nation. These nations share 'a soul' and memories of 'endeavours, sacrifice, and devotion.'"*

*"...A politically organised nationality..."*

*"A community of people composed of one or more nationalities and possessing a more or less defined territory and government"*

*"A territorial division containing a body of people of one or more nationalities and usually characterised by relatively large size and independent status"*

*"A heroic past, great men, glory [are the links between people] upon which one bases a national idea. . . . A nation is . . . a large-scale solidarity, constituted by the feeling of sacrifices that one has made in the past and of those that one is prepared to make in the future."*

From the above definitions, it seems building a nation is a deliberate effort by all CITIZENS in an atmosphere of camaraderie, cooperation, justice and fairness, mutual respect, knowledge of history, sacrifice, humanity, solidarity. It is left to you, the citizens, especially the energetic, magnetic, passionate, innocent, connected, networked, tech-savvy, futuristic, and visionary youths to build this nation. Never allow anyone to tell you it cannot be done.

The only question is; HOW?

**President Buhari, Oby Ezekwesili and the Kankara schoolboys**

By Onjefu Okidu

Nigeria's calumny campaigners got a brand new agenda recently when former Education Minister, Oby Ezekwesili, in her usual mudslinging, ridiculously and shamefully stated on Channels TV that, "President Buhari sent the Kankara schoolboys on excursion to terrorists." Oby's all negative vituperations on the president since 2015 is understandable and un-worrisome. But, very worrisome is the bandwagon effect her nefarious conversations are having on gullible Nigerians. To be sure, since she made that statement on Channels TV, a growing body of comments on the Kankara schoolboys abduction has been as nefarious as hers.

In a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Yinka Odumakin, published in the Vanguard of December 18, 2020, the Pan Youruba socio-political organisation, Afenifere, describes the rescue of the boys as "a joke." The Ohanaeze Ndigbo Youth Council (OYC) in the Daily post of December 19, 2020, describes the abduction and release of the boys as "an award-winning drama of the year, 2020." Writing in the Tribune of December 19, 2020, Farouq Kperogi concluded: "the abduction was contrived to lead unearned veneer of competence to the Buhari regime." By negotiating the release of the boys, the convener of Nigeria Concerned Advocacy, Deji Adeyolu, opined that the president "is encouraging terrorism."

The list of organisations and individuals who have keyed into the Ezekwesili's grueling campaigns of calumny is inexhaustible. Clearly, these are organisations and individuals like Oby who have not seen anything good in the Buhari administration since 2015. In a real sense, is it possible for a president of a country who has served approximately for six years not to have done one single commendable deed? Actually, glorifying irresponsible and thoughtless conversations such as Ezekwesili's raises uncomfortable questions for the future of Nigeria.

For any right thinking Nigerian, the dilemma facing the Buhari government with respect to abduction, banditry and attacks is very visible. When the government strategically calculates and loses time, it attracts condemnation. When it acts swiftly and succeeds, its effort is twisted, turned on its head and interpreted vilely.

Before the rescue of the Kankara schoolboys, the government had been facing (and still facing) barrage of attacks for its inability to rescue the Chibok girls abducted during the Jonathan regime. Rather than commending the government for rescuing most of the Dapchi girls, the calumny campaigners cannot see through any commendable reason but to generate sentiment that the government has willfully left a Christian girl, Leah Sharibu, to suffer in the hands of her abductors. Their thoughts are wholly fixated on the ridiculous to harm the reputation of the government.

Now, the Buhari government has moved very swiftly to rescue the Kankara schoolboys. The Calumny campaigners have also moved very swiftly to rubbish the efforts of the government. Most painful is the fact that their messages have become very cheap. Hence, the Nigerian media contents are full of opinions, views and observations of organisations and individuals who take pleasure in using communication to counter the commendable efforts of the government in pursuit of dubious

agendas.

It is very unfortunate that some "respectable" individuals and organisations in Nigeria have not really given enough thought to the country's social problems as they have given to modern political trivia. These are organisations and individuals who in concrete terms have not contributed much to solving the social problems facing the country but have always accepted as the truth anything that favours them and as falsehood anything that does not.

As a former minister and a leader on her own right, it is expected that Oby should not altogether become plastic like beer parlour gossips and weld enormous appetite for rabble rousing. There can be little doubt that Nigeria is enmeshed in a vicious circle. This is so because of past failures of leaders like Oby who has been engrossed in political trivia while making social transformation a mere tantalising rhetoric.

Despite the fact that the views of Oby and Co. on the Kankara schoolboys abduction are not perceptive, their loudness in the media precludes almost everyone from being heard. For instance, the unprofessional spew by Channel TV's Kayode Okikiolu on the station's political programme, *Sunday Politics on 20 November, 2020*, unveils a deeper malaise. In truth, beyond peddling the general pedestrian views on the handling of national security by the president, Mr Okikiolu more or less parroted the nefarious observations of Oby and Co. in its raw form. In fact, he went as far as playing the video clip of Oby's outlandish outburst.

Invariably, making such a garbage a central theme of an interview with a Senior Media Assistant to the President, Femi Adesina, further exposed the rascalness, recklessness and the intemperate nature of the Nigerian media. Journalists are not stenographers. Their job is not to parrot just any information but to scrutinise and interpret it. The rule is that questionable assertions that amount to rubbish should be ignored. It is sad that often, Nigerian media men and women become openly ecstatic in portraying views that are clearly unfit for public consumption – the outlandish, the garbage, the trash, the lies, the indecent etc.

Despite the increasingly profound and often intractable social problems facing the country, it is grossly evil to compound the situation through filthy, poisonous and toxic conversations. Clearly, Oby and others who hold similar views to hers on the Kankara schoolboys' abduction and rescue cannot be counted as patriots. Patriots do not indulge in raw misinformation and badmouthing to create confusion, chaos and disintegration. Yeah, they are not heedless rabble-rousers but men and women who can sincerely and honestly help their country in time of trouble.

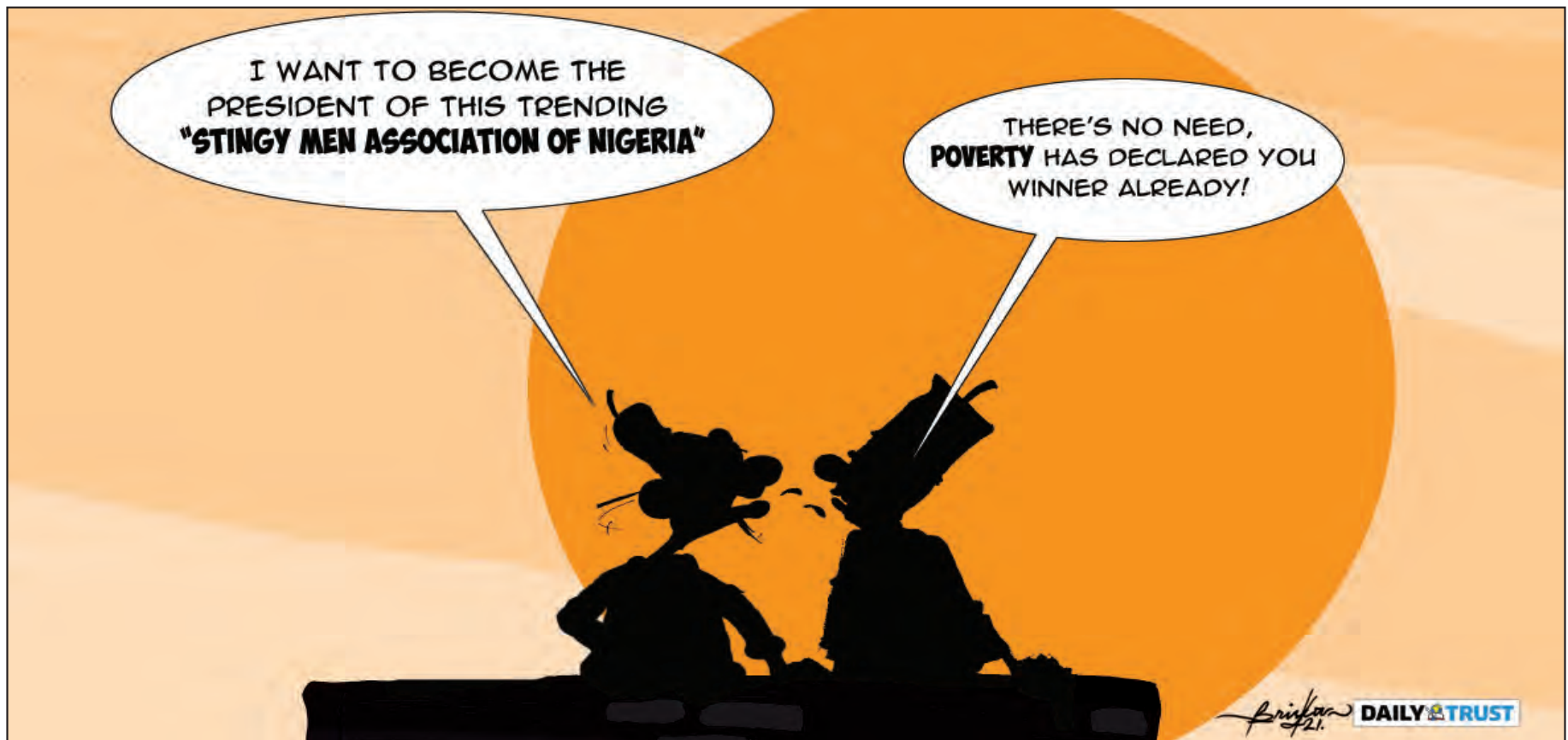
As the Buhari government struggles to overcome and reverse the persistent socio-economic difficulties facing our country, it is expected that we all render our support. Whatever may be the true cause of Oby's ridiculous attacks on the president with its concomitant restlessness and gnawing discontent, it is generally admitted that it is high time we evaded our trivial past, falsehood, treacherous cunning and tantalising conversations as a people, and attain some levels of decency.

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## Wanted: A Heroes' Day

January 15 is here! It is the date on the nation's official calendar that never fails to intrigue. As if you have forgotten, January 15 is the Armed Forces Remembrance Day, a special date set aside to salute Nigerian soldiers who died in the two world wars of 1914 to 1918 and 1939 to 1945 as well as those who died during the preventable civil war of May 1967 to January 1970.

As the name indicates, the emphasis is on members of the Armed Forces, not non-military Nigerian heroes and heroines the country has produced. Though the country has produced many non-military heroes, Nigerians are still waiting for an imaginative government to carve out a Remembrance Day for them. Aside from instituting a low-key Armed Forces Remembrance Day since 2015, the Buhari/Osinbajo administration has a moral and historical duty to introduce a Heroes' Day on the nation's official calendar.

Fact is celebrating Armed Forces Remembrance Day on January 15, the anniversary of the needless murder of some of Nigeria's finest political leaders by some over-pampered members of the Armed Forces is simply insensitive. It is a double tragedy that the Remembrance is on the day that officially marked the end of the better-forgotten civil war in 1970. Heck! Are we healing old wounds? Or opening them up?

Let us recall, for the purpose of education, some of the mind-bending events in the wee hours of January 15, 1966. In Kaduna, death came to Sir Ahmadu Bello, Premier of the old Northern Region through Major Patrick Chukwuma Nzeogwu who invaded the premier's lodge at a time honest men were in bed and killed the main tenant and his wife in cold blood. No member of the Premier's security detail or member of Sardauna's household would have

believed Nzeogwu, one of the so-called "Yaran Sardauna" (Children of Sardauna) could bring himself up to the dastardly act of killing a man who showed deep interest in his career and wellbeing and whom he (Nzeogwu) fondly called Baba!

In Lagos, drunken soldiers invaded the official residence of Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the nation's first and only prime minister, disrupted his midnight prayers at gunpoint, took him away and killed him near Otta, in present-day Ogun State. Also executed, Gestapo-like, was Chief Samuel Ladoke Akintola, premier of the defunct Western Region and Festus Okotie-Eboh, the nation's trendsetting finance minister. Their murderers were members of the Armed Forces that the nation, ironically, salutes every January 15.

Aside from killing these political leaders, the soldiers effectively ended the nation's burgeoning democracy and set the stage for a long military interregnum. The immediate effect of the actions of the bloody coup was the suspicion it introduced into the Armed Forces, which effectively set the pace for the needless and avoidable 30-month civil war. Nzeogwu and most of his fellow conspirators are dead, but through elaborate celebrations every January 15, they are presented to Nigerians, alongside deserving members of the Armed Forces, as the best things to happen to Nigeria!

What makes the deaths of January 15, 1966, even more painful is that the victims were innocent of the cooked-up charges of treasury-looting levelled against them. None of the men stole public funds, none was accused of owning foreign bank accounts and, with the possible exception of the flamboyant Chief Okotie-Eboh, the murdered politicians maintained Spartan lifestyles. Even in the case of Okotie-Eboh, his killers never

substantiated claims that he amassed public funds to drive his flamboyant lifestyle.

For Sir Ahmadu Bello, his only worldly possessions were two mud houses, one in Sokoto and the other in his birthplace of Rabah, all in present-day Sokoto State. On his part, the Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa was still indebted to his bank for an overdraft he drew for the upkeep of his family at the time he was murdered! So, were these men killed because they were corrupt as alleged by their killers? Nothing can bring back these men but there will always be a big question mark as to why the nation continues to celebrate them.

What, exactly, do we celebrate on January 15? End of the civil war? Aside from the estimated 2 million Nigerians lost to the war, the scar of the war are still there for all to see. If truth be told, everything must be done to stop segregationist elements in the country if Nigeria must avert another recession into either a civil or uncivil war. If we still do not deem it fit to offer a public apology for the dastardly act of some members of the Armed Forces, at least, we should be decent enough not to celebrate murderers on a date that sticks out like a sore thumb.

And lest this position is misread and misrepresented, there is absolutely nothing wrong with an Armed Forces Remembrance Day. By all means, the event should continue to be on the nation's calendar but let another date be chosen for this purpose. For the sake of decency, let us set aside January 15 as Heroes Day to celebrate and salute outstanding Nigerian heroes and heroines.

It is time to set aside another date as Heroes Day if, for whatever reasons, January 15 is too appealing to be retained as Armed Forces Remembrance Day.

*Abdulrazaq Magaji lives in Abuja*

## Happy Armed Forces Remembrance Day: Letter to enemies of peace

Here goes a letter to those adamant who think Nigeria is an unshakeable stronghold, immune to arms they shoot, disharmony they plant, who forget that Nigeria survives on the blood and souls of her people and every war means agony for some household. I beg you in the name of the one who is above all to stop any attack and let peace reign.

For the sake of those soldiers whose lives were cut short, and those that spend their remaining lives dead-alive tending to pain and trauma of war, Lay down your arms, so there will be no victim of war, so no one will bear the brutality of war

Pity the barrack children, the war you bring take their fathers away from them and deny them the fatherhood they deserve.

I call on you from local and international to have pity on the women; the mothers and wives of the soldiers you killed, the soldiers your violence and incivility will kill.

Even, exempt the leaders and commanders the reason to order and witness the death of their people, so they will live with less regret and sleep better at night.

I plead with every parent to nurture their wards right, every gospels and preacher to teach their followers in the way of peace, unity and dispelling extremism. I beseech the leader to lead well, let peace be the baseline of any policy you implement. The hate you give is the war you get, the war you bring, brings death and agony. Let our soldiers live.

May the fallen heroes rest in peace!  
God bless Nigerian Armed Forces!  
God bless Nigeria!

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## Executing the 774,000 jobs scheme

With President Muhammadu Buhari's final approval, Nigeria's flagship Special Public Works Programme for the employment of 774,000 Nigerians from the nation's 774 local government areas (LGAs) took off on Tuesday, January 5th.

Under the programme, 1,000 people from each of the 774 LGAs are employed. Each beneficiary will be earning N20,000 monthly.

The implementation of the gigantic pilot project programme, which would be coordinated by constituted state committees, is to cost N46.44 billion. It is actually N52 billion, if the costs of administration and logistics are added. And already, the funds were appropriated in the 2020 budget.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment, through its parastatal, the National Directorate of Employment (NDE), is leading the implementation for the recruitment of the beneficiaries and executing its mandate which is slated to last for three months.

The federal government had on July 7, 2020, announced the commencement of the programme.

But immediately, misunderstandings erupted between the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the National Assembly regarding the implementing body.

While the Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Mr Festus Keyamo, said that the Ministry would implement the programme, the lawmakers ruled that out.

At a meeting in National Assembly aimed at discussing the progress of the planned employment programme between Mr Keyamo and the Joint Committee on Labour, there was war of words.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives then passed resolutions insisting that the NDE would implement the programme.

The lawmakers also urged the Ministry of Finance not to release any funds for the implementation of the Special Public Works programme if it would breach the due process, Appropriation Act 2020 (As Amended) as well as the NDE Act.

But Mr Keyamo accused the lawmakers of wanting to sabotage the recruitment process despite receiving 15 percent jobs slots.

The federal legislators accused Mr Keyamo of hijacking the programme from the NDE. The Minister hit back, saying the lawmakers were the ones trying to take over the project.

Unsatisfied with the resolution and posture of the National Assembly, Mr Keyamo insisted that the programme cannot be implemented without his approval according to the NDE Act. He said the controversy surrounding the programme is an attempt by the National Assembly to bypass him in the implementation of the project.

Consequently, the National Assembly suspended the programme in the heat of its face-off with the Minister, demanding further explanations.

But President Buhari overruled the National Assembly, directing Keyamo to go ahead with the execution of the programme but through the NDE.

The programme was earlier slated to kick off on October 1 but Keyamo said President Buhari approved the postponement of the scheme to November 1, 2020, owing to floods in some of the project sites in the states.

Finally, it has taken off. This 774,000 Special Works Programme should be executed in the most transparent manner for it to achieve its desired impact. If well executed, it would definitely pull hundreds of thousands of Nigerian youths off the streets and reduce crime.

Therefore, the greedy hands of federal government bureaucrats and politicians and their allies must not be allowed to hijack the project. This must not be jobs for cronies and political associates or thugs. It has to be allocated in such a way that every political ward and community must be represented in the selection to ensure its balance and fairness.

This must not turn out to be another scheme to siphon funds from the federal government coffers to individuals connected with the projects and their political backers.

In addition, every participant must be paid as and when due and the participants must fully execute assignments given out in the course of the programme.

The nation's anti-corruption agencies – Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) should monitor the implementation to ensure monies budgeted are well spent.



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# What impeachment means for Trump, Biden and America

Exactly one week after security forces with guns drawn defended the House of Representatives against an angry mob, legislators gathered in the same chamber to impeach the president that mob supported.

It marked the first time in the 231-year history of the United States that a president has been impeached twice in his term. For a president who likes to boast about the historic successes of his presidency, it is an ignominious ending to his time in office.

The single article of impeachment accuses the president of inciting the riot that broke out at the US Capitol after he spoke to a crowd of thousands at a pro-Trump rally near the White House on Wednesday morning. It will now be forwarded to the US Senate, where the 100-member body will once again sit as a jury presided over by the chief justice of the US Supreme Court.

The outcome of that trial, which will not begin until after Joe Biden's inauguration, is very much in doubt. At this point, however, the political implications for the House's action can begin to be assessed.

Just over a year ago, the House of Representatives impeached Trump the first time without a single Republican vote. This time around, 10 members of his own party broke ranks to support the resolution - and more condemned his words and actions on the day of the capitol riot.

Liz Cheney, the third-ranking Republican in the chamber and the daughter of former Vice-President Dick Cheney, was the most notable defection.

"There has never been a greater betrayal by a president of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution," she wrote in a statement that was frequently quoted by Democrats during the impeachment debate.

Already there is word that some Republicans in the Senate are open to voting to convict the president of the charges. The New York Times reported on Tuesday night that Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was "pleased" that Trump was on the verge of being impeached and hoped that the process would allow the party to make a clean break with a president.

He has since said he will reserve judgment until the trial is concluded - but such reports from the senator's usually tight-lipped office do not materialise out of thin air. Battle lines within the party, even tentative ones, are being drawn.

The split in the House on Wednesday sets up a choice for Republicans in the days ahead. On one hand is continued allegiance to the president's brand of politics - one that created a new coalition of voters

that delivered the White House and Congress in 2016, but lost both in 2020.

On the other is an uncertain future - but one free from the president's unique brand of heat and rhetoric.

In the hours after last week's riot, Democrats grappled with how best to respond to - and punish - the president for instigating an attack that, in their view, not only threatened US democracy but also put their lives at risk.

In the end, they decided making Trump a twice-impeached president, despite coming in the final week of his presidency, was their most effective move.

Democrats on Wednesday were not just impeaching Donald J Trump, however. They were indicting Trumpism as a whole. The impeachment article specifically referenced

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**The impeachment trial, however, presents some very real practical challenges for Biden in the early days of his presidency. A Senate preoccupied with the process of passing judgment on Trump is one that will be unable to focus on enacting Biden's ambitious first-100-day agenda. It is also one that may not be able to quickly confirm Biden's administration appointees, limiting his ability to successfully manage the sprawling apparatus of the federal government**

the months that Trump spent attacking and undermining November's general election. And during debate in the House of Representatives, they attacked Trump's behaviour over the course of his presidency and went after Republicans in Congress who echoed the president's rhetoric.

There may be Republicans who want to move on from Trump and Trumpism, but it's clear at least some Democrats in Congress will try to tie the president - and last week's riot - around the neck of the entire Republican Party.

Imagine, for a moment, an alternate course of history over the past few months.

Donald Trump, instead of vociferously challenging his election defeat, quietly conceded in November. The Republicans would probably have won at least one of the run-off elections in Georgia and

would still control the Senate. Trump, instead of facing a very real threat from Republicans eager to bury him, would be a kingmaker for the party.

Another presidential run in 2024 would be a very real possibility.

Instead, Trump is on the ropes. He's been silenced from social media, including his beloved Twitter account. Even if he is not prohibited from running for office by a Senate conviction, his power and influence within the Republican Party has been dented.

Public opinion polling, as well as his vocal defenders in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, suggest the president still has a significant well of support within his party. But the past weeks will embolden his adversaries, who sense an opportunity to deliver a lasting knockout to the president while he's down.

He's at greater risk now than ever before.

For five years, Trump has been proving critics and prognosticators who penned his political epitaph wrong. He's survived scandals and controversies that would take down most other politicians.

This time, at long last, could be different.

Upon taking the oath of office, President-elect Biden will have to contend with a pandemic that is claiming the lives of more than 4,000 Americans a day and an economy that is once again worsening. Now he'll have to do so while a Senate grapples with the impeachment trial of his predecessor.

Republicans warned on Wednesday that impeachment would further inflame and divide Americans at a time when the nation needs to heal. It would, they say, make Biden's promise to unify the nation all the harder.

That may end up being the case, although Democrats have been quick to counter that talk of healing rings hollow after Republicans waged a lengthy campaign to undermine the legitimacy of Biden's election.

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Biden has asked whether the Senate could conduct a part-time trial of Trump, working on confirmations and legislation when it is not sitting as a jury for the ex-president.

*Culled from the BBC*

# Congratulations

to the

## JAGABAN KONTAGORA!

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to felicitate with my friend and brother, **Hon. Abdullahi Idris Garba**, the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on FCT, on his turbaning as the Jagaban Kontagora.

This, indeed, is a well-deserved traditional title and an excellent recognition by your people.

May Allah protect you and give you the ability to discharge the responsibility that comes with your new title.

Allah Ya ja Zamanin Jagaban Kontagora!

Hon.  
Abdullahi Idris  
**Garba,**

Chairman, House Committee on FCT/  
Jagaban Kontagora



Signed:

**Engr. Magaji Da'u Aliyu and family.**

# BUSINESS

**CBN EXCHANGE RATES**

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

**COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 10, 2021)**

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

**BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES**

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

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Scores of telecom subscribers have said they still purchase data bundles at the same prices one month after the prices were supposedly slashed by 50 per cent through a federal government directive.

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, had said the price of data of 1 Gigabyte (GB) was reduced from N1,000 to N487, beginning from November 2020.

Pantami said it was in line with the directive he gave to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) on that.

“The average cost of 1GB of data has reduced from the January 2020 cost of N1,000 to N487.18 in November, 2020,” the minister had said in a statement by his Technical Assistant, Mr Femi Adeluyi.

He had said the reduction was due to the implementation of the Nigerian National Broadband Plan (2020-2025) launched by President Muhammadu Buhari on March 19, 2020.

“One of the goals of the Plan is to reduce the average cost of 1GB of data to a maximum of N390 by 2025.

“Based on the Report by NCC, the average cost of data as at November 2020 was N487.18, which amounts

## Data prices unchanged despite 50% reduction claim



to 47.33% lower than the projected value.

“The Report also indicates that the cost of data in November 2020 was less than 50% of the cost of data in January 2020.”

However, in an updated survey by *Daily Trust*, data subscribers said the claim that data cost reduced by 50 per cent was not true as they still buy 1G at N1000, a month after the announcement was made.

Yemi Adeolu in Lagos said the prices of data bundles did not reduce. “It seems the operators didn’t accept

that directive from the government; data prices still remain the same.”

Musliyu Ladipo, also debunked the claim. “Though I have noticed that the operators now give some additional gigabytes as bonus, but the price still remains the same.”

There is also a similar response from Francis Dikwe, a Lagos resident.

Commenting, the president of National Association of Telecommunications Subscribers of Nigeria (NATCOMS), Chief Deolu Ogunbanjo said there was

technical reduction as the operators had only increased data bundles for the old prices.

“For instance some of them increased their N1000 from 1G to 1.5G.” He said reduction in prices isn’t the issue but that the government should hammer on quality of services from the telecom operators.

Meanwhile the Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria (ALTON) said the Federal Government’s directive was dictatorial and could push off investors.

Its head, Engr. Gbenga Adebayo said: “We have said several times that when policies interfere with commercial matters the industry will be jeopardized. To arrive at prices, NCC conducts survey and research, and after all that will benchmark the country’s tariffs based on what is obtained in other jurisdictions.”

When contacted, NCC did not immediately respond, but a top official who spoke in confidence said the decision to reduce the data cost was not made by the Commission.

“Probably that is why the telcos were not obeying it in totality,” the official said.

## FG inaugurates committee on export grant

By Francis Arinze Iloani

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Adeyi Adebayo, has inaugurated a steering committee for the implementation of the Export Expansion Facility (EEF).

The Minister said if Nigeria failed to grow its non-oil exports, the economy would remain vulnerable to external shocks with attendant ripple effects of devaluation, inflation and unemployment.

He said, “Export growth is at the centre of our strategy for diversifying Nigeria’s sources of foreign exchange and reducing the vulnerability of the economy to external shocks. We have witnessed time and again, the devastating impact that events outside our control can have on our livelihoods due to our reliance on a primary source of foreign exchange,” he said.

The Minister said that the EEF aimed at protecting export businesses from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, safeguarding jobs and de-risk the economy from shocks like COVID.

“Its primary goal is to increase Nigeria’s export capacity in the near term and its export volumes in the medium term,” he said.

Besides, it represented a huge financial commitment from the government and demonstrates President Buhari’s commitment to export diversification.

The committee is headed by the Minister as chairman with Mr Nnamdi Okonkwo, a former MD of Fidelity Bank Plc as vice chairman while Dr Ahmed Bashar, the Special Adviser to the Minister of State for Industry, Trade & Investment, will serve as secretary.

## 96 firms bid to rehabilitate NNPC pipelines, depots

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said 96 companies have indicated interest in rehabilitating the downstream infrastructure ranging from critical pipelines to depots and terminals through the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) financing model.

This was disclosed on Thursday during a virtual public bid opening exercise which was held at the NNPC Towers, Abuja for the pre-qualification of companies for the contract.

A press release by the Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division of the NNPC, Dr. Kennie Obateru, stated that the public opening of the bids for the contract was in keeping with the NNPC Management’s commitment to

transparency and accountability in all its processes and transactions.

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Pipelines and Storage Company (NPSC), Mrs. Ada Oyetunde, said, “An open tender for pre-qualification of interested companies was published in August 2020 in the national dailies, for the rehabilitation of NNPC downstream critical pipelines and associated depots and terminal infrastructure through Finance BOT to cover the four lots namely: Lot 1: Port Harcourt Refinery related infrastructure, Lot 2: Warri Refinery related infrastructure, Lot 3: Kaduna Refinery related infrastructure and Lot 4: System 2B related infrastructure.”

She said the objective is to get them ready to support the refineries when they become operational after their

rehabilitation.

The NPSC boss said with the BOT arrangement, the assets will be fixed to evacuate products from the refineries. After that, there will be an open access model and charge market reflective prices and tariffs to recover the investment.

The Group General Manager, Supply Chain Management, Mrs. Aisha Katagum, commended the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) and the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) for providing guidance for the project and assured the bidding firms of a fair, equitable and transparent selection process.

The bid opening exercise was observed by representatives of ICRC, BPP, the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) and Civil Liberties Organisations (CLOs).

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

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## NEWS

## Sigma jolts youths with retirement goals

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Sigma Pensions has urged youths to start early in setting their retirement goals and vigilantly save towards it.

The Head Risk Management, Sigma Pensions Ms. Paula Benedict said this yesterday at a collaborative webinar organised by Sigma Pensions and Junior Achievement Nigeria (JAN) youth webinar, which had over 100 youths in attendance.

The webinar is a financial literacy initiative for youth themed 'Break Free' along with the Founder of Twelve Vest, Mrs Tomie Balogun and the Head, Business Development, Piggyvest, Mr. Ayo Akinola who spoke on the opportunities in the country.

According to Benedict, "For those who don't have a pension account, know what to look out for, you need to set your retirement goals and look at your pension to see how your pension manager is handling your funds and if there is need to change your manager because this is the right time to do that."

The Unit Head, Brand & Marketing Communications, Sigma, Mrs. Yetunde Adebisi, said: "We also want to help guide people on their finances and savings for a prosperous retirement."

The Twelve Vest founder, Mrs Balogun said: "Nigeria is best positioned to take advantage of the opportunities we have today and for those thinking of leaving, please consider if the opportunities that would open up there would be better than what is possible in Nigeria."

## Flour Mill, firm to boost pest control action

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Flour Mills of Nigeria (FMN) has partnered with AgBiTech, a pesticide distributor, to expand pesticide distribution to protect maize and other crops from damages caused by the Fall Armyworm (FAW) infestation.

Golden Agri Inputs Limited (GAIL), a member of the FMN Group will implement the partnership, a statement by the Group Managing Director of FMN Boye Olusanya said.

"I believe this partnership with AgBiTech is especially important because it offers farmers an efficient option of pest management products that prevent yield losses."

The Head of Africa & South Asia for AgBiTech, Dr. Shachi Gurumayum said Fawligen has been tested and evaluated by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) for two consecutive years in Nigeria.

Commenting, the CEO of AgBiTech, Adriano Vilas-Boas, said: "This partnership in Nigeria is a very important step for AgBiTech. The uniqueness of our Fawligen leveraged by the robust GAIL/FMN market platform will bring Nigerian growers a valuable choice to effectively and sustainably manage FAW."

## Aspira, Sani Danja promote hygiene, personal care in Kano

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Aspira Nigeria Limited, a Kano based company, said it is promoting increased hygiene especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic just as it has named Sani Musa Danja, a Nigerian singer and actor as its brand ambassador.

Aspira commenced its operations

## Fear over AMCON's divestment from Arik, Aero

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The planned divestment of the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) from Arik Air and Aero Contractors is causing ripples in the aviation industry.

Already the establishment of the Nigeria Eagle by AMCON has unsettled many amidst fears that the federal government's recovery agency is planning to take over some Arik aircraft into the new airline.

AMCON in 2017 took over Arik Air over alleged indebtedness by the former owners of the airline. It had in 2016 taken over the management of Aero Contractors, the oldest indigenous carrier.

With both airlines under AMCON's management, the federal government became the biggest operator in the domestic market. But four years later, there is uncertainty over AMCON's

exit plan in the two airlines.

Last year, speculations were rife about the move by AMCON to rebrand Arik Air into Nigeria Eagle but this was swiftly debunked by the agency.

Its Head, Corporate Communications Department, Jude Nwazor had noted that the corporation currently has more than five airlines in its aviation portfolio, saying the proposed entity has nothing to do with rebranding any of the airlines under it.

According to him, AMCON had approached the NCAA to license "an independent entity where all of its aviation assets would be transferred and efficiently managed in a synergetic manner."

"AMCON currently has more than five airlines in its aviation portfolio among other assets that are scattered all over."

"The proposed new entity, therefore, has nothing to

do with the rebranding of any of the airlines within its portfolio as being speculated in several online publications," he had said.

Daily Trust learnt that the entity christened, 'Nigeria Eagle' was incorporated as NG Eagle Limited RC: 1600277 on July 11, 2019, with a share capital of one billion. The shareholders are AMCON with 499.9 million, while the rest shares are held by other private investors.

Though the NG Eagle is yet to acquire its Air Operator's Certificate (AOC), already there is uncertainty over the proposal to transfer some Arik aircraft into the new entity.

There are fears in the industry that such a move could emasculate the airline, after losing its position as the largest airline in the West and Central Africa to Air Peace.

It was learnt that Arik, which had over 30 aircraft earlier now has below 10

serviceable aircraft.

Aviation analyst and former General Secretary of the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE), Comrade Olayinka Abioye said, "The intent and purpose of AMCON is to make these entities fail so that they can sell them to themselves, create a rogue airline to replace them and life goes on."

Also speaking, Group Capt. John Ojikutu (rtd), an aviation security expert, said the Arik's problems were worsened by AMCON, which it said: "knows little or nothing about commercial aviation nor economic regulations."

When contacted yesterday, AMCON's spokesman, Nwazor, did not respond to the request for clarification on the new entity. Our correspondent put a call through to him and also sent a text message enquiry but got no response.



■ From left: Deyemi Okanlawon, Celebrity Judge, Deyemi Okanlaeon; Celebrity Judge, Sisi Yemie; Human Resources Director, Africa, PZ Cussons Plc, Joyce Coker; Head of Marketing, Africa, PZ Cussons Plc, Daniel Gyefour; and Celebrity Judge, Ufuoma Mcdermott, at the Cussons Baby Moments 7 press briefing recently held in Lagos.

## 'Customs recovered N1.7bn duty in 2020'

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Federal Operations Unit (FOU), Zone A, of the Nigeria Customs Service said it recovered N1.752 billion from shortfalls on duty payment from some importers in 2020.

It said the amount was recovered from the diversion and undervalued imported consignments both at the seaports and the land borders

The Acting Controller of the Unit, Deputy Comptroller Usman Yahaya, during a briefing at the headquarters in Lagos, said the revenue, which would have been lost, was recovered through the issuance of Demand Notices (DN) after interceptions and documentations were made.

Yahaya said, "In the course of the Unit's operations between January-December

2020, we had recovered the sum of N1.752bn as revenue by identifying shortfalls on duty payments."

He said goods were also seized during the period. They include 31,129 of 50kg bags of foreign rice, 11,290 cartons of foreign poultry products, 3,562kg of Indian hemp, and 9,801 kegs of 25 litres of vegetable oil.

The others are 560 used

vehicles, 24,612 used tyres with Duty Paid Value (DPV) of N20.9bn. Yahaya also said no consignment on transit would be unjustifiably delayed at the ports or land borders as long as it complies with the extant guidelines on the procedure for import and export clearance. "We are totally committed to the course of facilitating legitimate trade".

in 2009, locally producing various brands of soaps and detergents. Both its manufacturing plant and headquarters are located in Kano; it also distributes hygiene, personal care and laundry care products in Nigeria.

In a statement, the Head, Marketing and Advertising, Santhosh Kumar Nair, spoke about the choice of Sani Danja.

"I believe his presence with us would significantly boost the value of our products. He is one of the most popular celebrities, and he has made enormous contributions to the growth of the entertainment industry."

In his remarks, Danja who had endorsed the company's products said, "Being a brand ambassador of Aspira Nigeria

Ltd. is a great achievement because this is a company that produces so many products. And it is based in Kano and so as an indigene of Kano, it is a great privilege.

"I am also excited that the Aspira Nigeria Ltd. has a range of quality products that are effective and one that adds value to the life of the common man," the entertainer noted.

**NEWS**

**'N1.5tr needed yearly for renewable energy access'**

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

**T**he Minister of State, Power, Mr Goddy Jedy-Agba has said Nigeria would require \$4 billion (about N1.525 trillion) annually to increase access to clean and renewable energy to boost the supply of electricity to consumers in Nigeria.

The minister spoke recently during a virtual global power sector players' conference presided over by the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres.

A statement from his office said Mr Agba outlined the challenges

as well as achievements recorded in the power sector in the last five years by President Muhammadu Buhari led administration.

The minister told the United Nations and officials of the participating countries that the Nigerian government is demonstrating its commitment especially with the ongoing five million solar home system connection programme under the COVID-19 recovery strategy tagged, Economic Sustainability Programme (ESP).

The minister called on the stakeholders to support the ESP and other renewable energy programmes of

Nigeria, noting that 85m households are targeted to benefit from the clean and renewable energy sources, identified to be low in carbon emission.

The UN scribe, Mr Antonio Guterres assured continuous support to Nigeria in the power sector, in response to the position paper presented by the minister of state for power who represented the Nigerian government at the conference.

President of African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, said the bank will continue to support public private initiative to promote the power sector.

**Entrepreneurs seek resumption of int'l flights in Kano**

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

Entrepreneurs and members of the business community in Kano state have appealed to the federal government to allow international flights to resume at Aminu Kano International Airport.

They said they have lost billions of naira worth of revenue since the flights were shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government had promised the reopening of the Kano and Port Harcourt airports for international flights in November, 2020 after it had three months earlier opened the Lagos and Abuja airports for international flight.

However, worried about the delay in reopening the airport in Kano for international flights as promised by the federal government, the business community in Kano led by Alhaji Dalhatu Abubakar, the President of the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA), at a press conference on Thursday, appealed to the government to consider their plights and save their business activities from perpetual collapse.

He reminded the government that Kano as the commercial centre of the country needs to be considered in the opening of the airports while insisting that they

are fully ready to ensure further compliance with the COVID-19 protocols.

"We all acknowledge the fact that there is relative peace in Kano despite the insecurity bedeviling the country and this cannot be unconnected with our people being busy doing one enterprise or the other which, if the closure of the airport continues might lead thousands to lose their livelihood.

"In the meantime, there are over 500 travel agencies in Kano whose jobs are threatened by the refusal to allow flight operations in the state. An un-estimated amount of money running into billions of naira is lost as a result," he added.

**AfCFTA: FG urged to publicise negotiated trade items**

By Abbas Jimoh

The National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS) has urged the federal government to develop a method that would summarise and publicise all items negotiated on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement to clarify its implementation.

The President of NANTS, Dr. Ken Ukaoha, made the call in a letter addressed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo.

He said since Nigeria agreed to ratify the deal which went into effect on January 1, 2021, the government should start a sensitisation programme for stakeholders, citing

that the Trade Office should clarify the implementation process through a synthesis for all items.

"For this reason, we request that you cause the Ministry, or the Nigeria Office for Trade Negotiations (NOTN), which has been responsible for AfCFTA negotiations so far, to develop a synthesis which summarises all items negotiated on AfCFTA.

"Such articulated documentation that captures all the thematic issues should be produced and made available to all key stakeholders. It would help stakeholders to have a clear and up-to-date understanding of the subject, so that they can use the same to engage in thorough and effective sensitisation of their members," Ukaoha said.

**Sasakawa trains farmers on improved practices**

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) has conducted a pre-season Training of Trainers (ToT) for agricultural extension service workers and Community Based Facilitators (CBF) on maize and rice production in Kano.

The training which was held under a collaborative project between the Kano state government and the Islamic Development Bank also focused on marketing strategies using most modern methods along the value chain.

According to Sasakawa's senior Crop Productivity Enhancement officer, Mr

Benjamin Shamaki, said "We have 270 participants and it is expected that these participants will work with 45,000 farmers on rice and maize production during the dry season using modern techniques they have learnt during these two days training for an enhanced crop production."

Shamaki added that the farmers have also been linked up with up-takers that will buy their product after production.

A beneficiary from Kura local government, Malam Habu Isa, stated that he had learned different approaches to dry season farming adding that he was taught modern ways of farming as well as use of other agricultural facilities.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE ON REGISTRATION OF NEW INSURANCE BROKERS

The National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) has received applications from the under listed companies for registration as Insurance Brokers to transact insurance business in Nigeria. In fulfillment of the statutory provisions of extant law for the registration/licensing of insurance Brokers, the general public is hereby informed that the Commission has commenced the process of registering the companies. Members of the public are requested to submit/report any objection or otherwise against these registrations to the Commission within 21 days from the date of this publication, please.

SIN	NAME OF COMPANY	RC NO.	DATE OF INCORPORATION	ADDRESS	PROPOSED MD	DIRECTORS
1	DIG Insurance Brokers Ltd	1635273	21/11/2019	12, Chief Mike Nwanukoni Close, off Hollandia Way, Ajao Estate (Lagos)	Duke Nmalakachi Eruenweugu	1. Duke Nmalakachi Eruenweugu 2. Ifejiaka Isaac Amechi 3. Ihuigwe George 4. Igwe Boniface Onwuka 5. Ogonna Chijoke Emmanuel 6. Orogun Dennis Onoriode
2	Profit Insurance Brokers Ltd	1642572	18/12/2019	38, Adegbenjo Street, Candas, Ipaja, Lagos	Orowale Temitope Idowu	7. Orowale Temitope Idowu 8. Adelola Adeolu Akanji 9. Olemola Abosede Racheal 10. Wajuyaye James Ayodele
3	Total Exposure Insurance Brokers Nigeria Ltd	160870	01/06/2017	25A, Offin Road Lagos	Fatai Akintola Babalola	11. Fatai Akintola Babalola 12. Esho Olaimpe Atinuke Ajike 13. Monsuru Bawallah Ademola
4	Standout Insurance Brokers Ltd	1637379	28/11/2019	Plot 24, Gbazango Extension, Kubwa, Abuja (Abuja FCT)	Farinu Emmanuel Olusegun	14. Farinu Emmanuel Olusegun 15. Okunawo Mary Oluyemisi 16. Onaire Folashade Helen 17. Somfun Ajebowale Ojubayo
5	Proximate Insurance Brokers Ltd	1637831	02/12/2019	No 28, Okanlawon Ajayi Street, Surulere, Lagos, Lagos	Uzor Ene Moses	18. Uzor Ene Moses 19. Solarin Babatunde Solomon 20. Adeniji Adesola Modinat 21. Ogunfowokan Olusola David
6	Salex Insurance Brokers Ltd	1580693	30/04/2019	Suite 1, T.B.S Complex Onikan (Lagos Island Lagos)	Chiejine Anwuli Victoria	22. Chiejine Anwuli Victoria 23. Nnali Festus Ezeali 24. Nwanne Okafor Victory Chukwunanya
7	Peculiar Treasures Insurance Brokers Ltd	426535	28/05/2018	11, Norman Williams Street, South West, Ikoyi, Lagos	Umanah Edet Bassey	25. Omoyeni Jeremiah Adebisi 26. Orisejfor Oluwayemisi Adedamola 27. Omoyeni Solomon Adebayo 28. Umana Edet Bassey
8	Rhythms Insurance Brokers Ltd	1703772	27/08/2020	37, Sunmola Street, Mende Maryland Lagos, Lagos	Ibitoye Busuyi Makarajuola	29. Olaofe Foluso Oluremi 30. Ibitoye Busuyi Makarajuola 31. Olaofe Folayinka Oluwatoyosi 32. Orubolaye Abiodun
9	Jovestar Insurance Brokers Ltd	1652830	27/01/2020	Plot 1100, Oando Plaza, Opposite DRTS (VIO) Headquarters, Mabushi, Abuja	Benjamin Ndudi Eborah	33. Sylvester Olemhen Uagbale 34. Oisasume John Ik hazuagbe 35. Benjamin Ndudi Eborah
10	Silver Coin Insurance Brokers Ltd	1641002	12/12/2019	Suite 3E Copper House, Wuse - Zone 5, (Abuja FCT)	Ife Nini Sylvester	36. Ife Sylvester Ekanem 37. Ife Nini Sylvester 38. Ipinnwa Kolawole Folusho
11	P.R.A Insurance Brokers Ltd	1687711	15/07/2020	37, Sunmola Street, (Mende, Lagos)	Olatunji Ayuba Olakunle	39. Adegbenro Aminat Aderinsola 40. Olatunji Ayuba Olakunle 41. Adebola Oladipo Simeon 42. Ajetunmbi Bamise Samson 43. Nwaogu Chukwuemeka Iheanacho
12	Ketkins Insurance Brokers Ltd	1679943	29/06/2020	Suite AF07 Annex A Building, Metro Plaza, Central Business District Abuja (Central Business District FCT)	Omosola Babatunde	44. Omosola Babatunde 45. Kolawole Oluwayinka Enock 46. Akilapa Suji
13	Comstar Insurance Brokers Ltd	1422130	30/06/2017	245 Lekky County Homes, Ikota, Lekki, Lagos State	Fidelis Okechukwue Ojeah	47. Ojeah Okechukwue Fidelis 48. Chuku Innocent Ofulue 49. Ojeah Joy Ogugwua 50. Ofili Loretta Isoma 51. Olusegun Obiageli Juliet 52. Grandeur Benedicta Dumkenuchuku 53. Akinkuowo Fidelis Onyebuchi 54. Ojeah Emmanuel Chukwuemeka
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16	Alhikmah Insurance Brokers Ltd	1414733	06/02/2020	Suite 11, East Pavillion, Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos	Albert Uzoma Obilor	6. Albert Uzoma Obilor 7. Shuaibu Idris 8. Mohammed Abubakar Matazu 9. Adamu Babangida Ibrahim
17	Smart Insurance Brokers Ltd	1667874	13/03/2020	4B, Amodu Tijani Close, off Sanusi Fafunwa Street, (Victoria Island Lagos)	Olusegun Olowolaiyemo Tijani	10. Olusegun Olowolaiyemo Tijani 11. Ananika Kumar Sabat
18	Dillas Insurance Brokers Ltd	1401313	24/03/2017	30, Ayinde Giwa Street, Surulere, Lagos	Mudasiru Adewale Bello	12. Obuvie Kingsley Akporaro 13. Obinna Micheal Osuji 14. Obianuju Lilian Ikegwuonu 15. Mudasiro Adewale Bello 16. Funmilayo Bunmi Obuvie
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21	Winford Insurance Broker Ltd	1272653	07/07/2015	Plot 29, Block G, Eden Gardens Extension, Lekki Peninsula Lekki Lagos	Arogundade Julius Oladejo	30. Mrs Adanikin Oluremi 31. Adedeji Adeyose 32. Arogundade Julius Oladejo 33. Awoyemi Ayodeji
22	CSI Insurance Brokers Ltd	1636132	26/11/2019	No. 46, Marina Street, Reinsurance House, 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor (Lagos, Lagos)	Stephen Bamidele Aina	34. Okate Lawrence Akhanoya 35. Okate Celestine Oyathekhwa 36. Bello Abdulkadir Abu 37. Bamidele Stephen Aina
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26	Kinetic Insurance Brokers Ltd	1439608	20/09/2017	77, Ojuelegba Road, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor (Front Office) Surulere Lagos	Ali Dolapo	49. Ali Dolapo 50. Adedolapo - Ali Abimbola
27	OAB Insurance Brokers Company Ltd	739247	03/04/2008	No 13, Oluokole Street, Akerele Surulere, Lagos State	Ogun Elizabeth Olkaiide	51. Ogun Elizabeth Olkaiide 52. Williams Gabisu Ayodele 53. Ogun Olabunmi 54. Kehinde Johnson 55. Oluwayode John Ayanlowo 56. Tunji Sosanya 57. Jubreel Adeyamo
28	Addosser Insurance Brokers Ltd	1513422	26/07/2018	32, Lewis Street, Sangrouse Lagos Island, Lagos, Lagos		58. Sobulo Ayodeji Taofik 59. Ogunbona Dare Ayobami 60. Adare Ayodeji 61. Adaeze Ush Nneka 62. Rafiu Adekunle Salam

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# How clause in Finance Act unsettles local auto makers

Stories from Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Local automobile makers have expressed concerns of threat to their growing businesses as provisions in the new Finance Act 2020 slashed the vehicle import duty.

They said the implication is that more vehicles may be imported rather than consumers patronising vehicles that are made in Nigeria.

Daily Trust takes a peek at the clauses in the new Act.

Finance Act 2020: Part VI – Customs and Excise Tariff {Consolidation}, etc

38. The first Schedule to the Act is amended by inserting and replacing, as the case may be, the following duties and levies:

{a} Duty on Tractors {HS Headings 8701} from 35 per cent to five per cent.

{b} Duty on Motor Vehicles for the transport of more than 10 persons {HS Headings 8702} from 35 per cent to 10 per cent.

{c} Levy on Motor Vehicles



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for the transport of persons {cars} {HS Headings 8703} from 35 per cent to five per

cent. {d} Duty for Motor Vehicles for the Transport of Goods {HS

Headings 8704} from 35 per cent to 10 per cent. Provided that vehicles

exempt from applicable duties and levies shall continue to enjoy such exemption.

## Vehicle inspection compulsory - Lagos VIS

Henceforth Lagos State motorists are expected to take their vehicles to any of the state's computerized vehicle inspection center after obtaining their road worthiness certificate, the Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) has said.

The VIS said any motorist who obtains a road worthiness certificate now has a 30-day window to bring the vehicle for inspection.

Director of VIS, Engr. Akin George Fashola while speaking on the 2021 outlook for the vehicle inspection service said

the motoring public should prioritize their safety.

Daily Trust reports that the practice has been for motorists to apply for the road worthiness certificate and renew it as the case maybe without ascertaining whether the vehicle is truly road worthy or not.

But Fashola explains that after 30 days when the vehicle is not submitted for inspection, the road worthiness certificate would be invalidated in line with the law.

He said, "After 30 days, you didn't bring it, you are going to get a ticket. So compulsorily if

I get my road worthiness you must bring the vehicle for testing as well. It is a must. You have 30 days and after 30 days you didn't bring your vehicle, that road worthiness would be invalidated and you would get a ticket.

"You go to any of the vehicle inspection centres, you can apply, take your vehicle. But if you can't go with your vehicle immediately, you have 30 days to bring that vehicle for inspection and after 30 days you would get a ticket even though you have a road worthiness certificate.

"We have 18 centres currently spread across the state. Four

more would be coming up this year. We have enough. Our particular focus this year is going to be on commercial articulated vehicles. The enforcement is going to be taken to their doorstep and this is not a laughing matter."

The Director also said the service would be tougher on people using their vehicle for commercial operation without being registered. According to him, people usually give excuses that they want to sell their vehicle but he said the service has a temporary vehicle tag (TVT) which lasts for 30 days but

the motorist is not expected to use the vehicle for commercial operation.

"So if you want to sell your vehicle, you need to have that tag, you should not drive a vehicle on the road of Lagos State without an identification mark.

"That TVT does not mean you have registered your vehicle. It just means you have an identification mark and when you are ready to sell it, you can take that off and sell it to whoever you want to sell it to so that it is registered properly," he said.

## IVM Connect debuts with ride-hailing

The IVM Connect is one of the latest additions in the offering of indigenous automaker, Innoson Vehicle Manufacturing Company Limited (IVM). Innoson Motors has rolled out vehicles like the IVM UMU, IVM G5, G6, G8 among others. But the IVM Connect has been

deployed solely for the ride-hailing service introduced by the automaker to empower the unemployed youth.

It started with 500 new vehicles within the Eastern region where the IVM is headquartered with plans to extend the initiative to other parts of Nigeria.

The IVM Connect is a five-

seater car with 1.5 litre petrol engine, power steering, automatic transmission, front airbags, fully air conditioned, power windows, multimedia system, automated/ electronic rearview mirror and remote control lock with sensor.

Chairman of Innoson Group, Owners of IVM, Dr.

Innocent Chukwuma, said in an interview that under the IVM Connect empowerment {ride-hailing} scheme which kicked off in Enugu last year, the 500 benefitting youths are expected to make daily returns of N6,000 for about 30 months, after which they take full ownership of the vehicles.

"We {Innoson} invested heavily in designing and producing hundreds of units of two new affordable vehicle models – IVM Connect and a seven-seater IVM mini bus. And they are there for immediate delivery," he said.

But like other indigenous manufacturers, the Innoson group Chairman is not pleased with the decision of the Federal Government to slash levies on imported vehicles, saying it is not encouraging to indigenous manufacturers who have invested heavily in local assembly plants.

"This is a huge incentive to the importers who have little or no contribution to the economy. What this reduction will do is to further empower importers to kill the local auto industry by driving them out of the market," he warned.



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## My vision is to create air-condition brand – Technician, Balogun

By Olusola 'Jide

It is often said a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step and this is apt in the life of Akeem Olukunle Balogun, the founder and CEO of Climate Technical Services Ltd.

Speaking with YOUTHVILLE, Akeem delved into the murky waters of doing business in Nigeria when he decided to launch his mechanical services company in 2002 with the core focus on Heating Ventilation and Air Condition (HVAC)

He was a staff trainee with Nairda Electromechanical Limited for years, when he decided it was time for him to be his own boss and become an employer of labour as well as follow his passion for mechanical engineering.

He expected that there will be challenges along the way but was ready to face these challenges, and has opened his corporate office and international standard fabrication workshop in Lagos.

Balogun said: "A lot of challenges, and let me say the challenges started in 2010 when I got incorporated because a lot of potential clients see me as a young person that you can hardly trust with their funds.



"I decide to accept most job and allow client to purchase material and I do the labour only, and mostly work as a subcontractor, then decide to let my company profile look bigger than me as an individual because doing a lot of projects and getting lower pay helped me to build my profile," he said.

He acknowledged that he experienced sleepless nights in the course of doing his job. According to him, he would work without mobilization funds just

to get the job and improve his profile and yet still not get paid where he had to question himself for taking such risks

"I would work without mobilization fees and some clients will refuse to pay afterwards. Working with some indigenous contractor as a subcontractor makes you question your decisions a lot of times.

"Despite the challenges faced, Akeem is optimistic of having his company developing its own brand of air-conditioning and being a household name when it comes to mechanical services.

"I want to have our own brand air condition and to build a holistic mechanical firm, which ranges from a fabrication workshop to the servicing of our branded air condition in Africa, and with where we are now I think dreams are coming through gradually," Balogun explained.

The Computer Science graduate however urged youths to put in a lot of work and sacrifice if they want to be successful.

"There is a lot of work and sacrifice to put in before you can even get to a slice of what you are aspiring for. Even after 10 years of incorporation we are still not there as we are thriving to be the best," he concluded.

## Winners emerge in data science challenge

By Zakariyya Adaramola

AXA Mansard, a member of AXA, the global leader in Insurance and Asset Management has announced the winners of its Data Science Week 2020 Hackathon challenge.

The Hackathon event supported by Zindi Africa is a private challenge event on data analytics opened to AXA Mansard employees.

The challenge which lasted for four days had 21 data scientists enrolled and four on the leaderboard. Three winners were announced by Tekedia Institute, a United States-based institution with a focus on business management and leadership development.

Speaking on the Data

Science Week challenge along with other nine speakers from three continents, the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Data Officer, Ngozi Ola-Israel, explained that the challenge was geared towards driving the increased adoption of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence solutions in the organization.

He said the event is to empower employees of AXA Nigeria with these relevant skills for them to be more effective in their tasks thereby bringing more value to the business.

Ngozi noted that the company will continue to take active steps to use data analysis to make a sustainable impact in the insurance space.

## Voyage School records 100% success in NECO results

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Chairman/Chief Learning Officer of Voyage International School, Abuja, Mallam Yussuff Oriyomi, has said the students once again recorded excellent academic results in the just released 2020 Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) of National Examination Council (NECO).

Oriyomi said this followed a similar remarkable achievement in their BECE, UTME and WAEC results released in 2020.

According to the Chairman, 11 students sat for the examination and the students in the breakdown of their results recorded the lowest of C5s and above, to A1s, and that none of

the students had a score from C6 or below.

He maintained that despite the challenge of COVID-19 the students had maximum teaching from their teachers both virtual and physical and were able to breach the gap created by lockdown.

Oriyomi said VIS is known for its commitments to ethical conducts which includes students discipline, zero tolerance for examination malpractice, high moral standard and strong Qur'an and Arabic Education.

He said the school is poised to develop their students to become knowledgeable in their studies to compete globally wherever they found themselves and to also be exemplary Muslim global citizens.

## Bayelsa youths seek for jobs at fresh oil fields

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Youths in Koluama communities in Southern Ijaw Local Government of Bayelsa State have called to be employed by operators as the Oil Mining Leases (OMLs) 83 and 85 have been developed to production start-up.

A Nigerian firm, First Exploration and Production (First E&P) acquired the oilfields from Chevron in 2015 as a Joint Venture (JV) with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

A youth leader in Koluama coastal settlement, Mr Leghemo Ebrasin, in an interview said having an indigenous operator shows the Nigerian Content policy was yielding results

He said that the youths from neighbouring

communities support the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the oil firm and its host communities in 2018.

Ebrasin noted that youths have formed a cooperative society to drive youth empowerment schemes as well as have developed a database of unemployed youths to enable matching of skills and job opportunities.

On the proposed 23 kilometre undersea pipeline, he urged the oil firm and its contractors to consider palliatives for local fishermen who will be displaced while the project goes on.

"The members of the fishing vocation would definitely be affected when the laying of the undersea pipeline starts so they should be assisted while our youths who are trained in underwater pipeline welding should be engaged to work," he noted.

## Leverage on FG empowerment schemes, youths urged

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Junior Chamber International (JCI) Nigeria has raised an alarm over the high rate of unemployment as it urged youths to leverage on the opportunities provided through various empowerment schemes by the federal government.

The President of JCI, Abiola Olorunnisola, at a press conference in Lagos, however pledged partnership with the Federal Ministry of Youths and Sports to ensure the deserving youths benefit from the various programmes.

He said the JCI would be organizing

economic summits and forums in partnership with the Bank of Industry as well as the Chamber of Commerce within and outside Nigeria to tackle unemployment.

Abiola said over 30,000 youths are being targeted for the programmes. "We have been in discussion with the Ministry of Youth on how we can partner to ensure that this high rate of unemployment is reduced. Some of our youths also didn't take advantage of the programmes that the Ministry has.

"If you log on to their website, you would see that there are a lot of fantastic opportunities for youths of the country

to tap into but most of our youths didn't check the information but they are there on their website."

Olorunnisola disclosed that the organisation has initiated JCI Rise, "to sustain and rebuild economies and strengthen workforce morale as we face the impact of COVID-19 pandemic together.

"JCI will continue to sustain its existing projects such as the peace is possible advocacy campaign project, as well as the I am Naija campaign aimed to educate, unite and engage all Nigerians in promoting our national identity and also creating a peaceful nation for all."



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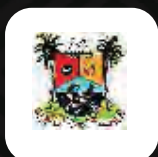
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## CALL FOR MEMORANDA AND INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEARING

### Invitation to A One Day Public Hearing and Presentation of Memoranda on:

- (I) **Advance Healthcare Development Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.371)**
- (ii) **Federal Tertiary Teaching Hospitals Development Tax Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.136)**
- (iii) **Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 480)**
- (iv) **Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 216)**
- (v) **National Maternal and Perinatal Deaths Surveillance (Established, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 581)**

As a follow up to the referral made by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Committee in respect of the foregoing Bills and in furtherance of best legislative practices of allowing participation by the citizenry in the making of laws for the Federation, the Senate Committee on Health do hereby invite the **Stakeholders and the general public** to present to it, written memoranda on the aforementioned Bills on or before **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

In order to facilitate the writing of such memorandum the full text of the Bills could be accessed from the National Assembly website [www.nass.gov.ng](http://www.nass.gov.ng) or collected in person from the address below:

**Office of the Clerk, Senate Committee on Health, Room – 1-11, Basement Floor, New Senate Wing, National Assembly Complex, Abuja.**

All written memoranda in respect of the Bills should be:

- Written in English
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To: **The Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, National Assembly Complex, Abuja.**

Specifically invited are the following:

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3. All Ministries of Health in the 36 States and FCT Secretariat of Health
4. All Medical Regulatory Bodies
5. All Chief Medical Directors/Medical Directors of Federal Tertiary Hospitals
6. Civil Society Organizations
7. Nigeria Medical Association (NMA)
8. Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN)
9. Joint Health Sector Union (JOHESU)
10. International Donor Organizations/ Development Partners (WHO, UNICEF, etc.)
11. National Health Insurance Scheme
12. National Universities Commission
13. All Other Relevant Medical Professional Bodies/Associations

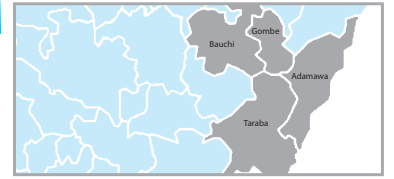
A One Day Public Hearing on the Bills is scheduled to hold on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021 by 10:00 a.m at the Senate Conference Room 231, Second Floor, New Senate Wing, National Assembly Complex, Abuja.**

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## Taraba monarch calls for deployment of more security operatives

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

The District Head of Benye Maraban Donga, in Donga Local Government Area of Taraba State, Dwaseh Nahum Tigno has called for the deployment of more security operatives to his area to address insecurity.

He made the call in his palace during an interview with North East Trust, saying the call was necessary in order to ensure the security of lives and property of

people in the community.

The monarch thanked the federal government for awarding the Maraban Donga-Donga road.

He said the entire community was happy over the commencement of the road project adding that the community has yearned for the road for many years.

He said the road is a shortcut from the southern part of the state to Plateau, Nasarawa and Bauchi States as well as the Federal Capital Territory.

Mr. Dwaseh Nahum, however, said his community would continue to be vigilant in order to guard construction workers and their equipment working on the road project.

He urged youths in his domain to engage in viable ventures and shun all vices while appealing to the government to pay more attention to youth development.

Meanwhile, the Senator representing Taraba South Senatorial Zone, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha who initiated

the Maraban Donga-Donga project, told North East Trust that the safety of workers handling the road project was a top priority to him and the community who have been yearning for the project.

He explained that the community that had agitated for the project for decades, would not allow anything to hamper its execution.

He said the area where the road project was sited suffered communal crisis and

kidnappings and that was why meetings were held with all stakeholders in the community to find ways to safeguard the lives of construction workers and their equipment.

The lawmaker stated that the community had resolved to be more vigilant in order to get rid of criminal elements in the community.

He commended President Muhammadu Buhari for approving the award of the project.

### Foundation pays medical bills of 9-year-old orphan in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

The Nura Manu Foundation has paid the medical bills of a nine-year-old orphan, Ibrahim Saidu Isa, who went through plastic surgery at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital (ATBU-TH) as a result of serious burns after falling into a boiling pot five years ago.

North East correspondent, who visited the hospital met Saidu on his hospital bed recuperating from the surgery that was conducted on him Monday after the foundation paid for the surgery, diagnosis and other medication.

A representative of the foundation, Comrade Ibrahim Hashimu Abdullahi, told North East Trust that the foundation has widened the scope of its activities from paying scholarships to humanitarian services.

Abdullahi explained that the little Saidu has attracted the attention of the foundation after reading his story in the Daily Trust newspaper being a vulnerable child who was denied access to be enrolled in primary school because of his

medical condition.

He said the intervention was aimed at supporting the child to regain his health so as to compete with his contemporaries favourably in school and also have a better life like other children.

The mother of the child, Aisha Saidu, thanked the foundation for coming to their aid, saying amidst tears, "I will forever remain grateful to this foundation for erasing the agony of living with my son for five years battling with burns, pains, physical and emotional stress. I pray Almighty Allah to continue to uplift and bless the founder, Alhaji Nura Manu as well as anyone who contributed to this intervention."

She equally lauded the efforts of the good young men and their neighbours at Anguwan Sarkin Bindiga area of Bauchi metropolis who brought their plight to the limelight that led to the intervention that saved the life of her son.

It will be recalled that Daily Trust had on November 27, 2020, published the story of the displaced orphan seeking N250, 000 for plastic surgery to treat burns in ATBU-TH.



■ Taraba state Deputy Governor Haruna Manu cutting tape to flag off construction of N6.3Billion Maraban Donga \_Donga Federal road in southern Taraba (Right) while senator Emmanuel Bwacha, Senator representing Southern Taraba in the Senate who initiated the project stands by (Left)

photo by Magaji Isa Hunkuyi.

### NEMA, others sensitise Gombe motorists on disaster prevention

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has trained road transport workers in Gombe State on disaster prevention and management, to ensure the safety of road users.

NEMA's Head of Operations in the office, Mr Simon Katu, told the participants that the training was a fall out from their past operation tagged, 'Operation Eagle Eye,' which was held in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

He said the agency deliberated with key stakeholders and discovered that there was a need for a fruitful and refresher meeting with transport workers, in order to create more awareness that would help the road

transport workers in the reduction of disasters on roads especially in the New Year.

Mr Katu added that the theme of the one-day workshop was 'Safe Home for Safer Roads,' saying the agency was using the theme as a way of teaching road workers that safety on roads starts from homes.

"If you have a better mindset and a sense of preparedness from home, once you go to work, you will be more professionally prepared to carry out your activities," he said.

According to the NEMA boss, the training would help the road workers to be more pro-active as well as encourage them to have emergency response units with first aid services at various motor parks.

The state Sector Commander of FRSC, Ishaku Ibrahim, said

the collaborative effort between FRSC and NEMA was yielding positive results in terms of reduction in road crashes.

He said the strategic planning from home before embarking on any journey was key to safety on the roads.

The sector commandant said the home is the starting point of any journey; "if you leave home disorganised and in a hurry, there is a greater tendency of such movement resulting in a crash."

Our correspondent reports that participants at the workshop include officials of the Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIOs), Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) and the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) among others.

### Fire claims mother, two children in Kirfi

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

A mother and her two children lost their lives in a fire outbreak in their home in Riban Garmu village, Dewu Ward in Kirfi Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

An eyewitness, Ibrahim Kirfi, told North East Trust that they suspected an electrical spark as the cause of the fire, which happened at night.

He said the fire burnt out the four-bedroom-house, where the deceased were sleeping.

He said efforts to rescue the deceased were unsuccessful, adding that four other people also sustained injuries and are receiving treatment in the hospital.

Meanwhile, the member representing Kirfi in the Bauchi State House of Assembly, Honourable Abdulkadir Umar Dewu has paid a sympathy visit to the victims on behalf of Governor Bala Mohammed.

He urged the families of the victims to take the incident as an act of God and pray to almighty Allah for the repose of the lives of the deceased.

He presented a donation of N250,000 to the victims' families.

A community leader in the area Mallam Muhammadu Riban Garmu expressed their gratitude to the governor of Bauchi State and the lawmaker.

# BENUE/PLATEAU TRUST



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## Group takes campaign against social vices to criminals' den in Jos

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

In its continued efforts to tackle the activities of Sara-suka and other social vices within Jos City, the Jos Peace Vanguard (JPV) has taken a campaign against the menace to the Congo-Russia community of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Benue/Plateau Trust reports that Congo-Russia has been

known to be an area where criminal-minded young men and women meet to engage in different kinds of nefarious activities.

The group, in collaboration with the executive secretary of the Muslim Pilgrim Board, Sheikh Auwal Abdullahi, visited the young boys and girls in the area who are into drugs and thuggery to tell them the negative impact of drug abuse in society and on their health.

Sheikh Auwal Abdullahi appealed to them to stop taking illicit drugs or getting involved in criminal activities capable of ruining their lives. He urged them to be responsible and become leaders of tomorrow.

While calling on them to repent and live a normal life, Sheikh Abdullahi also charged religious and community leaders to employ all necessary means to preach against all kinds of criminal acts within

their community and be watchful over their children.

Earlier, the JPV's Chairman, Malam Nura Alhassan told the young men and women that their visit was aimed at changing their lives for the better.

The chairman further called on individuals within Jos and its environs to provide the young men and women, especially those who have finished school, with

jobs and assist those who want to continue with their education.

One of the youths, Abdurrahman Dawud, who promised to repent told our correspondent that he was into drug abuse because he was jobless after completing a diploma programme. He said, "I have realised that what we are into is not good. What they are telling us is nothing but the truth."

### Artisans, shop owners count gains of Jos polo tournament

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

Tens of artisans and shop owners operating around the General Hassan Usman Katsina Polo ground are still counting their fortunes a week after the end of the international tournament.

Many of them, who spoke to Benue/Plateau Trust, said they have made a lot of sales from participants and visitors, who attended the week-long event.

The tournament attracted many players from across the country who participated, as well as supporters and spectators who came to watch the game.

Christopher Yilzuhun, who runs a car wash centre said he got more customers during the tournament than before.

He said before the tournament, he only managed to wash between three to five cars daily, but that during the tournament he was washing up to 10 cars.

Similarly, Albert Usata, who runs a provision store for his father, said his sales rose significantly during the tournament.

He also appealed for frequent holding of such tournaments and other events at the Polo ground, saying that apart from boosting their own already established businesses, it would encourage others to begin small scale businesses.

The Polo tournament attracted over 32 teams, with players coming from England, Argentina and South Africa.



■ Some of the youths during the campaign

## Benue set to vaccinate 1.2million children against measles

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Benue State Government has planned to immunise at least 1.2million children against measles and other childhood killer diseases in all its 23 local government areas.

Children between 15 months and two years are expected to benefit from the

immunisation, which has already started with Makurdi, the state capital.

Executive Secretary, Benue State Primary Health Care Board (PHCB), Dr Bem Ageda, told journalists at the beginning of the exercise in Makurdi, that the immunisation was free and would be carried by the

outpost staff at all health centers across the state.

Ageda said that the exercise was approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to give children of between 15 and 24 months doses that will boost their immune systems and prevent them from other diseases.

He explained that children,

who were immunised before for yellow fever and other diseases but fall under 15 and 24 months, are eligible for the immunisation.

Ageda advised parents and caregivers to present their children to be immunised to enable them grow up healthy and be useful to themselves and the society.

## Court remands two market women for conspiracy, breach of trust

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

An Upper Area Court, Kasuwan Nama, Jos yesterday, remanded two market women for conspiracy and breach of trust against a woman who sells food items in Jos.

The suspects, Mrs. Grace Mbazu (45) and Christy Garba (38) were arraigned before Justice Lawal Suleiman, in a

suit filed by the Commissioner of Police, Plateau State Command, Mr. Edward Ebuka.

According to the First Information Report (FIR), one Mrs. Joy Charles, had reported to Jos Area Command that in December 2020, that Mrs. Grace and Christy, have conspired and collected, one bag of crayfish, seven jerry cans of palm kernel, seven

bags of rice and one bag of ogbono, totaling N322,500 and had not paid her the money.

But all the accused pleaded not guilty to the allegations.

The defence counsel, Uche Ukeze, applied for their bail but was opposed by the prosecution counsel, Uchang Ibrahim, who said the accused had cheated his client and were in the habit of cheating people,

claiming that they have done a similar thing before.

Having heard the submissions of both counsels, the judge remanded the accused in the Jos Correctional Centre, pending the hearing of the bail application on 20/01/2021.

The judge adjourned the matter to 18/2/2021, for a hearing in the substantive suit.

# KANEM TRUST

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## Participants say FG's public works initiative will lift them out of poverty

From Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri

**H**ajja Fanna from Gamboru, Ngala Local Government Area, Borno State, was among the 27,000 unemployed youths given temporary jobs under the Extended Special Public Works (ESPWs) Programme which was unveiled yesterday in Maiduguri on Wednesday.

Like most of her colleagues, Fanna received a wheelbarrow, cutlass, broom, bucket, rain boots as well as other environmental sanitation tools from the officials of the National Directorate of Employees (NDE), the agency empowered to conduct the programme. She said she would not mind sweeping the streets and discarding refuse as long as she would receive payment. Money saved from work would be used to start a business venture, she explained.

Fanna said hundreds of youths, whose small and medium businesses were destroyed by insurgents and left in poverty, hoped to revive their livelihoods from the allowances obtained under the programme.

Mustapha Bukar and Bazanna Umar, both from Jere Local Government, too, said the programme would help them get rid of joblessness and move out of poverty and depression. They would use their allowances to start financially self-sufficient businesses.

Bukar and Umar agreed that lack of farming opportunities in the rural communities, because of insurgency, had left thousands of families struggling to make ends meet and said that social protection programmes were required to



■ Wome beneficiaries with their working tools

help millions of youths entangled in the vicious circle of poverty.

Acting Director General, NDE, Malam Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo, said the programme was a significant step in the Nigeria's quest to win the war against mass unemployment while ameliorating the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the labour absorptive capacity of the public work sector made it a vehicle in the job creation process and maintenance of public infrastructure. He said the programme which would be implemented in the 774 local government areas across the country was the most far-reaching grassroots

based employment creation initiative.

He said the programme was designed as a veritable tool through which the lives of 774,000 unemployed youths will be positively touched in the next three months.

According to him, many communities would be transformed by the programme.

"Our communities will receive face-lift through the activities of the participants as they will engage in various community and environment-specific work activities ranging from drainage evacuation and maintenance, irrigation, Great Green Wall and orchard maintenance among

others," he said.

The DG said working tools and protective wears were provided to the participants who were documented and their details captured by designated banks to ensure fraud-free, transparent and fair service delivery. He said supervisors were appointed in all the electoral wards of the country to ensure effective monitoring.

In his remarks, Minister of State for Agriculture, Alhaji Mustapha Baba Shehuri, said 27,000 unemployed youths and women from the 27 LGAs of the state will benefit directly from the programme.

The minister disclosed that the participants who would engage in public works would earn allowances which would be paid regularly.

"This will cost the federal government the sum of N1.62 billion as direct allowances to be paid to the participants. The socio-economic effects of this quantum of money going directly into the local economy of the communities in Borno State cannot be overemphasised," he said.

The minister said the government had in many ways provided learning and training programmes to mitigate unemployment and improve economic growth.

Deputy Governor of Borno State, Hon Umar Usman Kadafur, said the economic hardship being caused by insurgency in the state was exacerbated by the COVID-19 restrictions and called on federal authorities to give special attention to the state. He maintained the programme would fight unemployment and poverty in the state.

## Why I am into animated comedy - Maiduguri's upcoming artiste

From Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri

A Maiduguri-based entertainer, Usman Lawal, popularly known as Lil A Bangis, 20, Maiduguri, said he got into animated comedy because it was popular among youths.

In addition, he said he could make some extra income to take care of his needs.

Bangis, who used phone tools to make motion pictures by changing drawings, created voices in Kanuri and Hausa languages in his cartoons. The cartoons, which are posted into his YouTube channel, had kept a lot of audiences entertained and attracted patronage.

Bangis said he hoped to set up a company that could make big impact in the entertainment industry nationwide.

He said the future of the entertainment industry in Nigeria looked brighter as investors like him felt confident of the sector. And that the growth rate had improved and the revenue was

expected to hit billions of Naira.

"Apart from animated comedy, I have mimicked many popular musicians but, in the end, given them the credit for the work they have done. Again, by the time the followers of my online channel grow to a certain number, I may generate revenue from it," he said.



■ Usman Lawal

## SEMA partners WFP to support over 500,000 households in 2021

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

The Yobe State Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with World Food Programme (WFP), has unveiled plan to support 548,775 households with different interventions in the state.

SEMA Executive Secretary, Dr Mohammed Goje, disclosed this after a review meeting of quarter one WFP work plan held in Damaturu.

The WFP Head of Damaturu Sub-Office, Mr Zacharie Bagula, explained that the meeting was aimed

at strengthening the synergy the organisation had with the state.

While presenting the draft work plan, the WFP Head of Programme, Anita Narahari, informed the government that the scale up would in total target 548,775 beneficiaries with cash transfer targeting 451,054, in kind support 56,911 and 40,810 nutritional support.

The Head of Programme further said targeting and SCOPE registration will occur simultaneously in each location and training of the field staff would be

"classroom-based" to ensure efficiency.

The SEMA boss commended the WFP team in the state especially in complementing government's effort in responding to the plight of the vulnerable IDPs.

He assured them of the agency's readiness to ensure effective monitoring, providing enabling environment and capacity transfer to state team for sustainability and ownership.

He equally sought the WFP's support for staff capacity building in warehousing and stock keeping.

## Group trains 243 women on Skill acquisition

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

The Humanitarian Network for Northern Nigeria (HNNN), through its Skill-up Young Women (SKY) project has completed the training of 243 apprentices in various skills in Potiskum Local Government Area of Yobe State.

The beneficiaries were

engaged for two weeks in different categories of small businesses of interest which include cosmetology, catering and small wall decoration.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony, the HNNN Coordinator, Bukar Mohammed Atiyaye, disclosed that the exercise was part of the organisation's objectives of

empowering women.

He noted that the training was aimed at equipping young women comprising widows, displaced and young graduates, with several entrepreneurship skills on viable businesses for self-reliance.

He said that the project, which started last year, has so far reached 20 percent of its target.



## AROUND THE WORLD

### UGANDAN

#### Ugandans choose between long-time leader and popstar politician

Ugandans wearing face masks to brave the pandemic turned out in force on Thursday to vote in an election pitting long-time leader Yoweri Museveni against popular singer and lawmaker Bobi Wine.

Long lines of voters snaked out of polling stations in the capital Kampala, a stronghold for an opposition galvanized by Wine despite a campaign scarred by deadly crackdowns. Police and soldiers patrolled the streets of Kampala during the day and the city was calm as night fell. A curfew in force since March because of COVID-19 comes in at 9 p.m. (1800

GMT). After polls closed at 4 p.m., hundreds of Wine supporters in Kampala returned to their polling stations to heed his call to "protect the vote" by watching the count. At the station where Wine voted, security forces chased his supporters away.

At three polling stations Reuters visited during counting, cheers rose up from throngs of young people every time an election agent raised a ballot cast for Wine. There was silence when the president's name was read out. "I know Museveni always rigs to stay in power. This time we are staying to watch each step of the

process," said Sam Ndaula, 26, a roadside vendor.

Reggae artist and lawmaker Bobi Wine, 38, is channelling the anger of many young Ugandans who say former guerrilla leader Museveni, now 76, is an out-of-touch dictator failing to tackle unemployment, corruption and surging public debt.

Museveni, who has been in power since 1986, calls Wine an upstart backed by foreign governments and homosexuals and says his administration guarantees stability and progress, including much-needed hydropower dams and roads.

### FLINT

#### Two former health officials charged with manslaughter

The water contamination in majority-Black Flint, Michigan is seen as an example of environmental injustice and racism.

Two former Michigan health officials have been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of nine people who got Legionnaires' disease during the Flint water crisis.

Prosecutors revisiting how the city's water system was contaminated with lead and bacteria also hammered a key adviser to

ex-Governor Rick Snyder with extortion and perjury crimes. Snyder joined a parade of former state and local officials pleading not guilty in Genesee County courts. He is facing misdemeanor charges of willful neglect of duty in Flint in a case that was filed Wednesday night, the first governor or former governor in Michigan's 184-year history to face charges related to time in that office.

Details behind the charges were not disclosed

in court. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and prosecutors planned to hold a late morning news conference.

Wearing a mask, Snyder, 62, said little during his brief hearing, which was conducted by video. He replied, "Yes, your honour", when asked if he was living in Michigan. A conviction carries up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine upon conviction.

Defence lawyer Brian Lennon called the case a "travesty".

### CANADA

#### 'Canada, allies expect Biden to re-engage U.S. on world stage'

Canada and other U.S. allies are looking to President-elect Joe Biden to re-engage with the world on such issues as climate change and free trade, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a Reuters Next interview aired on Thursday. The Liberal Party prime minister also said the U.S. electoral system and its institutions had held up following last week's violent attack on the U.S. Capitol by what

he called "a small, angry mob."

"There is a need for a re-engaged United States in global circles," said Trudeau, 49, who took office more than five years ago. Biden, who defeated U.S. President Donald Trump in a November election, will be sworn in on Wednesday.

"One of the things that a lot of the traditional allies and friends of the United States are looking forward to is a re-engagement on

some of the big themes, whether it's freer trade, climate change, protecting democracy or coordinating against some of the rise of authoritarianism we're seeing around the world," he said. Trump often clashed with traditional allies on trade. He imposed tariffs on Canadian aluminum and steel and paralyzed the World Trade Organization's role as global arbiter on trade by blocking appointments to its appeals panel.

### ALGERIA

#### Five civilians killed in Algeria roadside bomb blast

Three others were wounded in the region of Tebessa, Algeria's ministry of defence said in a statement.

Five civilians were killed and three wounded in a roadside bomb attack in eastern Algeria, the defence ministry said, the deadliest attack targeting civilians in recent years.

The bomb went off as a car drove by in the region of Tebessa on Thursday, the ministry said in a

statement.

"Five citizens died and three others were wounded when a homemade bomb exploded as their car drove in Oued Khenig-Roum, near the district of Telidjane in Tebessa prefecture," it said without elaborating. The same statement added that an armed group fighter was killed by troops in the neighbouring region of Khenchela, but it was not immediately clear if the

two incidents were related.

"Following an ambush in Oued Boudekane ... in Khenchela prefecture, a detachment of the People's National Armed Forces shot dead ... a dangerous terrorist," the statement said. A machine gun, ammunition, mobile phones and a radio transmitter were recovered during the operation, the defence ministry said.

Al Jazeera and News agencies

### UNITED STATES

#### Impeachment: Trump faces Senate trial after historic second charge

Donald Trump faces trial in the Senate after becoming the first US president to be charged with misconduct in office for a second time.

Mr Trump is accused of inciting a mob that stormed Congress last week after he repeated false claims of election fraud. Five people died. The trial will be held after the president leaves office next Wednesday.

If Mr Trump is convicted, senators could also vote to bar him from

ever holding public office again. The trial follows Wednesday's vote in the House of Representatives that formally charged - or impeached - the president with "incitement of insurrection" for his role in the riot.

The Republican president has rejected responsibility for the violence. In a video released by the White House after the vote, he called on his supporters to remain peaceful, without mentioning his

impeachment.

The FBI has warned of possible armed protests planned for Washington DC and all 50 US state capitals in the days before Joe Biden, a Democrat, is inaugurated as the new US president.

#### What happens next?

The Senate - the upper house of the US Congress - will hold a trial to determine the president's guilt but this will not happen during Mr Trump's remaining week in office.



■ Nancy Pelosi holds the signed article of impeachment against Donald Trump

Photo: Shawn Thew/EPA

### ZAMBIA

#### Bad debt: We haven't lost our sovereignty to China - Zambia

Zambia says it has not lost its sovereignty to China over debt it owes the Asian country. China has provided billions of dollars of loans for infrastructure projects to a host of African countries. Zambia is one of China's most prominent debtors. Critics said the country risk losing critical state-owned enterprises to China if it failed to settle its outstanding debt obligations.

But the Zambian government allayed the

fear, saying it has not offered any of its assets as collateral for securing the Chinese loans.

"Zambia has not lost its sovereignty to China and there is no indication that it would happen in the nearest future," Zambian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Solomon Samuel Jere, said.

He told journalists at a briefing in Abuja that the country was in the process of repaying the loans.

He therefore urged

the public to ignore the "malicious rumours" that the Chinese government intends to repossess some Zambian state-owned enterprises because of the government's failure to settle its outstanding debt obligations. "Zambia has not been bought by China. As an Embassy, we wish also to refute the despicable report circulating on social media that Zambia has lost its sovereignty to China over bad debts," he stressed.

### ETHIOPIA

#### Major violations of international law at Tigray refugee camps - UN

There have been major violations of international law at two refugee camps in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, the U.N.'s refugee agency (UNHCR) said on Thursday.

It said satellite imagery showed fires burning and fresh signs of destruction at the Shimelba and Hitsats camps for refugees from neighbouring

Eritrea, who fled political persecution and compulsory military service before the conflict in Tigray.

"These are concrete indications of major violations of international law," Filippo Grandi, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said in a statement.

Reuters published satellite images on

Tuesday from California-based company Planet Lab Inc that showed destruction in the two camps during the first week of January.

Aid agencies say they have been unable to reach the camps since conflict erupted in Tigray in November between Ethiopian federal forces and the party that used to govern the region.

### GHANA

#### Typing mistake delays court bid to annul Ghana poll

A typographical error by the legal team of Ghana's defeated presidential candidate John Mahama has forced the adjournment of his court case to demand a re-run of last month's election.

Court papers asked for the re-run to be held between Mr Mahama and the election commission - rather than President

Nana Akufo-Addo, who was declared the winner of the poll with 51.6% of the vote compared with Mr Mahama's 47.4%.

Mr Mahama - a former president - alleged that the election was marred by widespread irregularities. The election commission denies the allegation.

The Supreme Court agreed to adjourn the

case until Friday so that Mr Mahama's lawyers can correct the mistake.

Both the election commission and Mr Akufo-Addo have dismissed the petition as "incompetent" and "lacking merit". Meanwhile, the court ruled in favour of the president's request to allow proceedings to be broadcast live on television.

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## Kogi monarch donates outpost to NSCDC

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Ohinoyi of Girinya chiefdom in Kogi Local Government Council of Kogi State, Alhaji Muhammed Ganaguda Momoh, on Thursday, handed over a newly completed office, fully furnished, to men of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to be used as an outpost.

Alhaji Momoh, while speaking during the official commissioning/handing

over of the edifice, said he decided to build and donate the office to the corps in order to combat cases of kidnapping, cattle rustling, armed banditry and other crimes in the chiefdom.

He said the idea to build and donate the NSCDC outpost in his domain was as a result of consultations with the NSCDC Area Commander of Gegu-Beki, ACC Olaleye Timothy, whom he said has promised to deploy his men and officers to the outpost in

Girinya community.

He said the chiefdom has witnessed incessant cases of kidnapping, banditry and robbery especially along the highway, which he said shares borders with Niger State.

“It was on this premise that members of my traditional council, titleholders and my entire subjects decided to come together to mobilise funds to build and donate the edifice to men of the NSCDC in order to serve as an outpost,” he said.

The Chairman of Kogi Local Government Council, Alhaji Isah Abdulkarim, who performed the official commissioning of the NSCDC outpost, commended the Ohinoyi for building and donating the structure.

The local government chairman also commended the NSCDC State Commandant, Dr. Peters S. Maigari, for his commitment to combating crimes and vandals across the state.

He assured the state

commandant of his administration's support to ensure that the lives and property of the entire people of the local government are protected.

The State Commandant of the NSCDC, Dr Peter Samuel Maigari, represented by the corps deputy commandant, Gbenga B. Ojo, said it was his desire to strengthen and protect the lives and property of the entire people of not only Girinya community but entire people of Kogi state.



■ From first right, Gegu-Beki Unit Commander of the NSCDC, ACC Olaleye Timothy, second right, the chairman of Kogi Local Government Council, Alhaji Isa Abdulkarim, the Ohinoyi of Girinya, His Royal Highness (HRH) Alhaji Muhammed Ganaguda Momoh, (m) the representative of the state Commandant of the NSCDC, DC Gbenga B. Ojo, shortly after commissioning of the NSCDC outpost in Girinya community, on Wednesday.

Pic: Abubakar Sadiq Isah

### Address our erosion problem, Ejinya community appeals to government

From Adama John, Lokoja

Ejinya community in Ankpa Local Government of Kogi State has reiterated its call on the state government to come to the aid of the community in addressing the perennial problem of gully erosion that has destroyed many structures.

The community is worried that despite repeated calls on the government to do the needful in addressing the problem, indications are that it is not listening to the appeal.

The Chairman of Ejinya Community Development Association (ECDA), Mr. Augustine Oguche who spoke to our North Central Trust correspondent said that it was time government swung into action and save further buildings from being eroded.

Mr. Oguche pointed out that the better time was now that the rains have gone.

He acknowledged the fact that representatives from the local government in both the state House of Assembly and House of Representatives have visited and expressed their shock over the destruction caused by the erosion, adding that urgent action was needed now.

According to him, no fewer than 10 houses will be washed away in Ejinya Efofe by the time the next rains come if cogent actions were not taken before the advent of the next rains.

He said that the erosion has devastated the main road in recent years.

## Kogi LG boss calls for peace after 2 die over land dispute

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Chairman of Kogi Local Government Council of Kogi State, Alhaji Isa Abdulkarim, has warned people of Gande and Edumose communities to maintain peace and harmony following a land dispute, which claimed the lives of two indigenes in the area.

Abdulkarim, who was joined by his Bassa Local Government counterpart, Muhammed Shuaibu Mukhtar, condemned the clash between the people of the two neighbouring communities.

He said it was unfortunate

that despite the fact that they shared the same ancestral history of Egbura Koto tribe of the Koton-Karfe kingdom and are also bounded by marriage ties, they allowed the land matter to lead to the loss of lives.

He said it was important for both communities to sheath their swords and allow peace to reign, saying his administration and that of his counterpart from Bassa local government will put heads together to ensure that a lasting resolution to end the decade land dispute in the area.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Bassa Local Government

Council, Muhammed Shuaibu Mukhtar, commended both village chiefs of the two communities for ensuring that no further casualties were recorded during the communal clash.

He, therefore, appealed to the youths of the two communities to stay away from engaging in any utterances that may further ignite violence among people of the two communities.

The Okumagu of Egbura Koto Fellele, Alhaji Osidi Musa, who represented the Ohimegye of Igu-Kotonkarfe kingdom, Alhaji Abdulrazak Isah Koto, warned that violence was tantamount to

disunity, which he said always resulted in the destruction of lives and property.

The monarch, therefore, urged the warring communities to embrace peace saying the best way to achieve peace in any society was through dialogue.

North Central Trust learnt that trouble broke out after youths from the two communities engaged themselves with dangerous weapons after a farmer from one of the community was alleged to have trespassed into the disputed land, which shares borders with the neighbouring village.

## \$60m RAAMP projects to be executed in Kwara

By Romoke W. Ahmad

The sum of \$60million is to be spent under the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) in Kwara State.

This was made known during the flag-off of the 5.2km Alapa-Arobadi pilot road in Asa Local Government Area by the State RAAMP Coordinator, Engr Abdulwahab Akorede.

He noted that the 5.2km Alapa-Arobadi road would improve rural access, trade as well as reduce post-harvest losses.

“Kwara State is the first among the 13 participating states in

Nigeria to commence the 6-7 year project with expected credit of \$60m for each state. RAAMP will no doubt transform the rural lives in Kwara State,” Akorede said.

Speaking earlier, Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman AbdulRazaq, said the project would see the construction of 700 kilometres of rural roads in the state.

“Under this project, the administration will upgrade 125 kilometres of road to asphalt or sealed materials, carry out spot improvement on 450 kilometres of road and routine maintenance on 700 kilometres of road. The

government will also carry out the backlog of maintenance on 200 kilometres of road, five river crossings will be fixed, while some existing markets will be upgraded to hubs,”

“All of these are to be done in partnership with the World Bank and other international donor agencies. The projects are worth US\$60m and would be spread across the 16 local government areas of the state in phases,” he said.

“We cannot claim to promote food security or seek investments from outside when the roads that lead to farmlands and other agricultural settlements

are in bad shape. We cannot claim to seek a brighter future for future generations when our schools and other enabling infrastructure are in shambles.”

Speaker of the Kwara State House of Assembly, Salihu Yakubu-Danladi, described the initiative as laudable as it would open up rural areas and improve socio-economic activities in the hinterlands.

The National Coordinator of RAAMP, Engr Aminu Muhammad thanked Governor AbdulRazaq for his exemplary leadership in paying counterpart funds for the RAAMP initiative, promising to offer the needed technical support to Kwara State.

# FOCUS ON KATSINA

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## Covid-19: Katsina Health Workers well positioned to tackle impending pandemic – Masari



■ Governor Masari during the distribution of PPEs and other consumables to health facilities across the state yesterday.

Katsina state governor, Aminu Bello Masari has said that the Health Care Workers in the state were well positioned to tackle the impending second wave of COVID 19.

Masari made this known yesterday in Katsina during the flag off ceremony for the distribution of drugs and medical supplies to health facilities across the State.

“As we face the Second Wave of Covid-19 Global Pandemic it is worthy to mention that through collaboration with our partners, Health Care workers were trained in Case Management,

Surveillance and infection prevention and control.

Drugs were also procured for managing cases. A vigorous sensitization campaign was conducted to ensure all the people of Katsina State have the correct information on COVID 19 and ways of preventing the disease. Stakeholders from Ministry of Education were also trained on safe re-opening of schools with provision of Infection Prevention Control materials to all schools,” the governor has said.

Masari said it was not out of sheer

coincidence that Partners in the health sector who clearly witnessed all the efforts made by the state were taking more interest and coming forth to render support in taking health care service delivery to the next level.

The governor expressed gratitude and appreciation to all those Partners that have supported the state in its efforts and assured them of Government’s continuous support in order to see that they too achieve their mandate as they synergize with the state particularly during the trying period of Global pandemic and insecurity in some areas of the State.

Earlier in his remarks, the state Commissioner of Health, Engr. Yakubu Nuhu Danja, said the Masari administration had invested heavily in the health sector over the last 5 years.

“This investment is indisputable if one assess the renovation rehabilitation, upgrading and constructions of general hospitals, comprehensive and primary Health Centres across the 34 LGAs provision of hospital equipment, upgrade of the Colleges of Nursing and Midwifery and that of Health sciences.

Other areas according to the commissioner include employment, training and retraining of health personnel, implementation of primary health care under one roof, establishment of Contributory Healthcare Management Agency and Drugs and Medical Supplies Agency.

“The Government’s commitment in sustaining the supply of essential medicines and other medical supplies under both the drugs revolving fund

and free Medicare schemes has made tremendous impact on the health of the common man,” he added.

He said the materials distributed were the antimalarial drugs and drugs for treating some ailments in children procured by the state Health Ministry and Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs; More antimalarial drugs, some equipment and delivery packs were donated by Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

Other donors were Brown Button Foundation who donated many delivery kits and drugs for facilitating delivery while all the all the equipment for personnel protection, disinfection, sanitation and general cleanliness were donated by Lafiya Programme.

He further stated that Another Partner SuNMap 2 has delivered their donation of drugs and commodities for Malaria eradication in Katsina State.

In her remarks, SuNMap 2 state team lead, Hajjiya Hafsa Musa Baba, said the programme supported by Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), is a 5-year project to support malaria eradication in Katsina state, and has donated 84,699 pieces of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN) and 23, 680 doses of antimalarial drugs to the state.

Also in speaking, the National coordinator of Lafiya Programme, Dr. Usman Gwarzo, said the Lafiya Project, also sponsored by the FCDO has donated PPEs and other consumables to Katsina state to the tune of N315m in two batches.

## Insecurity: Masari tasks media practitioners on responsible reportage

Katsina state governor, Aminu Bello Masari has called on media practitioners in both conventional and social media, to be responsible and patriotic in their information dissemination.

Masari made the plea yesterday during a one-day seminar for media practitioners, local government information officers as well as users of social media in the state

The security awareness seminar with the theme “Enhancing Security in Katsina State through professional journalism” was organized by the office of the Special Adviser to the Katsina state governor on Security matters in collaboration with the Nigeria Union of Journalists, Katsina state council

Masari said conventional journalists and social media users alike should take a cue from the recent happenings in the United States, which is believed to be the number one country in many facets of life, but due the misuse of social media, the country was nearly brought down to its knees.

“If as strong and powerful as America is and such a thing could happen, what more of Africa or Nigeria in particular? I think it’s a food for thought,” he said.

“We are not saying, do not tell the truth. No, tell the truth, print the truth, speak the truth even if it is against the government, but two things are important, how and when you report it and whom you report it,” he added.

He encouraged positivity and constructive criticism as



■ Governor Masari (R), his Deputy, Mannir Yakubu (L) and SA Security matters, Ibrahim Katsina (Standing behind) during a seminar organized on security awareness for media practitioners yesterday.

against negativity and destructive criticisms.

Earlier in his welcome address, the convener of the seminar, the SA to the governor on security matters, Alhaji Ibrahim Katsina, said, the essence of the seminar was due to the realization that while the security forces could win the physical war, it was only the media that could win the psychological war, hence the need to work together, using shared methodology to win the entire war.

Also in his goodwill message, the NUJ Chairman, Katsina state council, Alhaji Tukur Hassan Dan’Ali, there was a need of synergy between the conventional media, the social media and the security forces in order to support the

government in its fight against insecurity.

They all charged the participants to make best use of the knowledge acquired at the workshop in fighting against all forms of criminality.

Three papers were presented at the seminar MEDIA AS A TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BANDITRY AND OTHER CRIMES, by Dr Samaila Balarabe, Department of Mass Communication, Hassan Usman Katsina Polytechnic, Katsina, Misuse of Social and Conventional Media during Security Challenge: The Way Out, by Dr Mukhtar El-kasim, HOD, Department of Mass Communication, Hassan Usman Katsina Polytechnic, Katsina, and other by Bashir Ruwan Godia.

## Katsina National Talent Hunt: Emirs of Katsina, Daura pledge support

Katsina and Daura Emirate councils have assured to continue to support the activities of Katsina National Talent Hunt Challenge to achieve its mandate.

The Emir made their separate pledges when they received the committee on National Talent Hunt Challenge who visited them in his palaces.

On his part, the Emir of Katsina Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman who expressed appreciation for the visit said the initiative would encourage youths in the state to become self-reliant.

The emir however, lamented over the rising insecurity satiation in the state which included the issue of Banditry, Drug Abuse and Kidnapping, saying such laudable programmes could go a long way in engaging youth away from idleness which breeds criminality.

Also speaking in his palace, the emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar,

said the programme would empower the youth to utilize their talents in contributing towards the socio-economic development of the society.

Speaking earlier, the Special Adviser to the Katsina state governor on higher education, Dr. Bashir Usman Ruwan Godiya, said the Katsina National Talent Hunt was an initiative of governor Masari to support youths from 8 to 40 years of age to become self-reliant in future.

Bashir Ruwan Godiya said the committee was at the emir’s palaces to seek for their fatherly advice to ensure success of the challenge.

In his remarks, the coordinator of the programme, Faisal Ja’afar Rafin Dadi, said about 600 participants have so far registered for the programme, saying talented youth would be selected irrespective of whether they have acquired western education or not.



## CITY NEWS

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# Why I 'tied' my husband spiritually - Wife

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

A customary court sitting in Mapo, Ibadan, on Thursday, dissolved a 15-year marriage between a mother of two, Olubunmi Faseyitan, and her husband, Kolawole, over "witchcraft" suspicion.

President of the court, Chief Ademola Odunade, dissolved the marriage after Faseyitan admitted that she asked a witch doctor to "tie her husband

spiritually to milk him dry."

The arbitrator ordered Kolawole to pay N6, 000 monthly for the children's upkeep.

Earlier, Faseyitan said: "I never wished death on my husband. All I wanted was to keep him in bondage and make him sick until he serves his purpose.

"I only told the witch doctor so that people would be convinced that his second wife was responsible for the calamity that befell him."

Earlier, Kolawole, a factory worker, prayed for the dissolution of his 15-year-old marriage on grounds that his wife was into black magic.

"I did everything possible to please her, but it was not enough. I abandoned the home for her. She confessed to me," he said.

He tendered the recorded conversation between his wife and the alleged witch doctor as an exhibit before the court.

## QUICK READ

### Alleged Invasion: Ogun Assembly threatens warrant of arrest against Monarch

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The House of Assembly in Ogun State yesterday summoned the Oniraniken of Iranike (Elewu Oku), Oba Adewale Adeniji, to appear before the lawmakers on January 23.

The monarch was variously summoned to appear before the lawmakers over allegations of threat to life and invasion of Olumeru Adeyemi Sodiya Family land, Idarika Kanuyi Village, through Agerige Village, by Okerala farmland in Sagamu, which was levelled against him.

The Speaker, Olakunle Oluomo, who announced this at the plenary on Thursday, said if the monarch fails to appear, the assembly would invoke section 129 of the 1999 Federal Republic of Nigeria's Constitution (As Amended) by issuing of a warrant of arrest against him.

Oluomo said the third invitation extended to the monarch became imperative owing to two previous invitations already extended to him in the previous year which he failed to honour.

The assembly through its Committee on Lands and Housing led by Hon. Damilola Soneye had earlier summoned the monarch to explain allegations levelled against him.

Soneye and other lawmakers had earlier engaged concerned members of the community on their petition against the monarch who was expected to appear before the lawmakers on Thursday.

The lawmakers also directed him to produce all necessary documents including land title documents in his custody in relation to the landed property allegedly acquired forcefully through a court judgment.

Meanwhile, the assembly has called on the state governor, Dapo Abiodun, to intervene by directing the entire security apparatus domiciled in the state to stem the menace of cultists in Ijebu-Ode and its environs.

The assembly noted that communities within Ijebu Ode, Ijebu North East, Ijebu East and Odogbolu local government areas in Ogun State are "currently experiencing avoidable loss of lives resulting from clashes among rivalry cult groups."

The assembly also challenged all concerned stakeholders especially the Judicial Arm of Government to evolve more legal measures at ensuring stringent bail conditions for suspected cultists and those involved in related cases to serve as a deterrent to others.



■ Residents queue up for drinking water in Suleja, Niger State, yesterday

Photo: NAN

## Benue imposes dusk-to-dawn curfew on 2 LGAs

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Benue State Security Council has imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew on two local government areas of the state as part of measures to contain criminal activities in the vicinity.

The affected areas include Ukum and Katsina-Ala local governments which reportedly became safe havens for banditry, kidnapping, and armed

robbery among other insecurity challenges.

State's deputy governor, Engr. Benson Abounu, who made this known while briefing journalists at the end of the Security Council meeting in Makurdi, explained that the curfew remains in force with immediate effect between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am daily.

Abounu also said that the council resolved to sustain the ban on the use of motorcycles of all kinds

in the area pending a further review of the security situation.

He however clarified that movement of patients and pregnant women among other very necessary cases for medical attention using motorcycles where there is no vehicular presence would be allowed after thorough investigations.

The deputy governor emphasised that the decision to ban the use of motorcycles in the affected

localities followed heinous attacks on residences in the areas which led to the deaths of many, just as he noted that the ban had proven to be very successful.

Abounu however confirmed cases of burning of some motorcycles in the area by alleged security agents but that a stop was put to that action immediately it was brought to the attention of the leadership of Operation Whirl Stroke.

## Oyo secures N800 million loan for water projects

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Oyo State government has inaugurated the board for the State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASSA) to further strengthen the work of the agency in making water available for the people at the rural and urban communities.

While addressing the members who include Evangelist Sunday Ayobami, Hon. Gabriel Olayiwola and Engr. Abu Salami at their inaugural meeting, the Chairman, OYORUWASSA, Engr. Najeem Omirinde, said the agency had suffered neglect from successive administrations which led to most of

the equipment of the agency getting obsolete.

He said the present administration has revamped the working of the agency with the recent purchase of a rig and repair of the existing ones.

"With the present administration's support, serious steps of transformation have commenced in earnest in respect of approval of repair of old drilling rigs and compressor, purchase of new drilling rigs, ready for commissioning by His Excellency.

"We have had the approval of a bank facility to the tune of N800million which would be counterpart funding to get listed and secure a grant of

N2.9billion from the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Abuja, partnership with several nongovernmental organisations like the Water-Aid for provision of hand washing facilities, WASH Clean Nigeria Campaign, and others.

"Consequent upon the above, I welcome you onboard to this agency and I solicit your support, commitment and understanding in order to assist the state government to uplift the standard of living of the citizens in the area of provision of quality water and reduction of water-borne diseases in the state," Omirinde said.



# CRIME

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## Tenant arraigned for biting off landlord's lip

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

A mild drama took place on Tuesday in court when a police prosecutor asked a magistrate for a stiff punishment on a tenant for allegedly biting off his landlord's lip for asking for money meant for his rent.

The tenant, Ernest Ekeh, was charged with assault and breach of peace before an Ejigbo Chief Magistrate Court, Lagos.

The prosecutor, Kenneth Asibor, said the tenant had before the attack, threatened to deal with his landlord, Matthew Kunle, if he dare to show face at his door post over the issue of rent payment.

The police said the incident which occurred at Igando area of Lagos was reported to the police at Igando Division by the landlord.

"My Lord, the accused, who was visibly angry at the sight of his landlord, grabbed

him by his shirt, rained down blows on him before biting off his lower lip.

"He doesn't deserve to be freed. I urge you to hand down a stiff punishment to serve as a deterrent to other tenants who may want to take laws into their own hands," he said.

The policeman told the court that the tenant and his landlord had been having issues over payment of rent and decided to use the outbreak of COVID-19 and

the lockdown as an excuse.

He said the landlord threatened to eject the tenant, which got the tenant angry.

The assault was reported to the Police at Igando Division and the suspect was arrested. He was subsequently charged before the Magistrate Court sitting in Ejigbo, Lagos.

The accused however pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor, Supol Kenneth Asibor, then asked

the court to give a date for hearing to enable the police to prove that the defendant actually committed the alleged offence.

The Presiding Magistrate, Mr. E.O. Ogunkanmi, granted Eke bail in the sum of N50,000 with two sureties in like sum.

However, Eke was unable to meet the bail conditions and was remanded in the correctional centre pending when he will perfect his bail conditions

## Again, Oyo police indict Amotekun for killing 21-year-old student in Ibadan

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Less than 24-hours after the Oyo State governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde, defended the operatives of the state security network codenamed *Amotekun*, the state police command indicted the operatives for killing another 21-year-old student, Tosin Thomas.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Olugbenga Fadeyi, confirmed this to *Daily Trust* in a statement in Ibadan on Thursday morning.

The victim was allegedly killed in a Total filling station at Mokola roundabout on Wednesday evening.

*Daily Trust* gathered that on Wednesday evening, two young men had a misunderstanding which led to one of them inviting men of the *Amotekun* to the venue.

The source said when the men of *Amotekun* got to the venue, they did not engage the young men before one of them fired the gunshots which hit the victim.

*Daily Trust* further learnt that the victim was taken to the University Teaching Hospital where he later gave up on Thursday morning.

Eyewitnesses told our correspondent that the incident created tension in the community which made shop owners close their businesses for the day.



■ Ogun State Police Command displayed seized drugs and cash from a notorious hideout yesterday

## Court remands 36-year-old man over membership of secret cult

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

An Ado-Ekiti Magistrate Court has remanded a 36-year-old man, Sunday Olayokun, at the correctional centre, in Ado-Ekiti for allegedly belonging to Eiy Secret Cult.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Johnson Okunade, told the court yesterday that Olayokun

is reasonably suspected to have committed the offence of membership of Eiy Secret Cult.

According to him, the offence is punishable under Section 2 of secret cult abolition and prohibition Law 2017 within the Ado-Ekiti.

The prosecutor asked for a short adjournment pending the issuance of legal advice from

the Director of Public Prosecution, DPP.

Counsels to the defendant, J.O. Olajide and J.S. Balogun, represented the defendant in court.

The Magistrate, Bankole Oluwasanmi, ordered that the defendant be remanded at the correctional centre at Afao road and adjourned the matter until February 26, 2021, for further hearing.

## Suspected cultists in police net over Sabo killings

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Police in Osun State have arrested three suspected members of a dreaded secret cult known as 'Ikiola' over killings at Sabo in Osogbo, Osun State capital, recently.

The three suspected cultists include Lawal Dauda and Bello Taofeek and their leader, Aderemi Serif, who is popularly known as Sungbengbe.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, CP Wale Olokode, told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the suspects were responsible for the two persons killed at Sabo and many others injured.

The police chief said the suspects attacked two Hausa men selling tea and *Suya*, stole their money and destroyed their wares.

The CP said "the fracas led to the killing of one Zakariyahu Abdulahi, a Hausa man, while several others were injured."

One of those that sustained injuries during the attack later died at the hospital where he was receiving treatment.

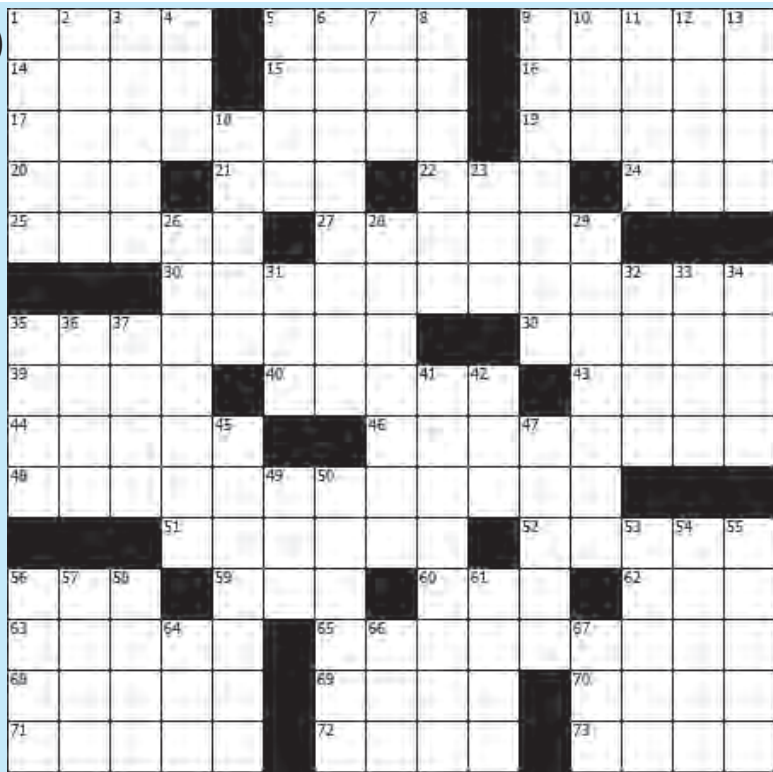
CP Olokode said the three suspects have made useful statements and that efforts are being intensified to arrest more suspects in connection with the case while an investigation continues.

But the ring leader of the gang, Serif, who is popularly, in a chat with *Daily Trust* at the headquarters of the Osun State Police Command said he was innocent and that he was arrested because he is a Yoruba man.

CP Olokode said the suspect would be arraigned in court after a diligent investigation and assured the residents of the safety of their lives and property.

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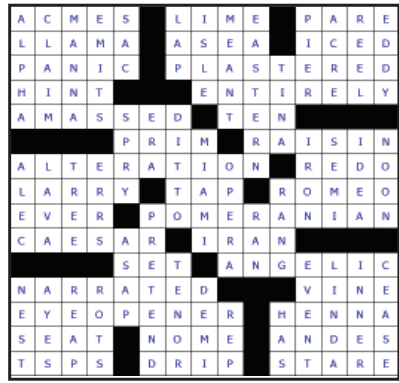
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- 14. Annapolis alum's employer
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- 19. Stupefy
- 20. Byron's always
- 21. Address role, 1965
- 22. Munchkin
- 24. Pressure meas.
- 25. Assignment
- 27. Angle of a circle
- 30. Older way to travel
- 35. Like some fables
- 38. Military blockade
- 39. Flower bed
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- 43. Natural depression
- 44. Put on cloud nine
- 46. Focused on
- 48. Faster way to travel
- 51. Selfish person
- 52. Symbols of silliness
- 56. Historic period
- 59. Mischievous child
- 60. Reverence
- 62. 1968 hit "Harper

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- 2. Escapade
- 3. Part of a blossom
- 4. The Big Apple (Abbr.)
- 5. Pane's place
- 6. Heavenly
- 7. Miss Piggy's question
- 8. Obstruct
- 9. Bursts of deep, loud laughter
- 10. Apiece, in scores
- 11. Organ part
- 12. Those with know-how
- 13. Bombay dress
- 18. Prevent legally
- 23. It participates in cover-ups
- 26. Terrier type
- 28. Ointments for bruises
- 29. Lack of sophistication
- 31. By way of
- 32. Kind of shift
- 33. Girl-watch or boy-watch
- 34. Can't live without
- 35. Imitator
- 36. Songstress Fitzgerald
- 37. Stuff in a bar
- 41. Mexican coins
- 42. One-point Scrabble tiles
- 45. Borders
- 47. Large Asian feline
- 49. Male cat or turkey
- 50. Foundation of broken stones
- 53. Time to remember
- 54. Glower
- 55. Worm-\_\_\_ (decrepit)
- 56. Make a change for the verse?
- 57. Chinese staple
- 58. Latin bird
- 61. Showed sorrow
- 64. Household pest
- 66. Prime Minister Hirobumi
- 67. Cave resident

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (179)



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 179

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SNAPSHOT >>

# Woman 'hasn't driven for a week' after terrifying find inside car door handle



A driver said she returned to her car and was about to open the door before spotting what looked like "hairy caterpillars" in the gap - and it's now been identified by people on Facebook. She shared a photo of her car in Armidale, New South Wales, with the message: "Thought it was hairy caterpillars at first. Haven't used my car for a week." A mysterious creature can be seen hiding under the door handle, before a close up clearly shows the hairy legs and body of a large arachnid, which has since been identified as a branded huntsman. The post was shared to the 31,000 members of the Australian spider identification page on Facebook, where moderators said they had to delete many of the comments for swearing as other users shared their extreme reactions to spotting the spider. The vehicle's owner revealed she had spotted the spider "at the last moment" before grabbing the handle, and one person commented thus: "I like spiders but I'm sure I'd need new undies if I put my hand under there unknowingly." Another said: "This has now given me massive anxiety."

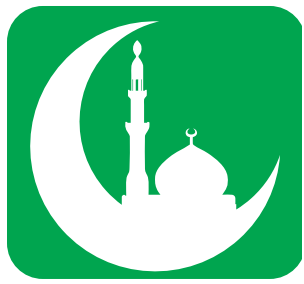
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SIGN LANGUAGE >>

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## The debate between Imam Abu Hanifah and Imam Malik (II)

Abu-Hanifa said that the above shows that the Prophet would not disapprove of answering hypothetical questions. Imam Malik countered by saying that the Prophet (s.a.w) did that for a purpose, Abu Hanifah responded saying: "In Iraq we do it for a purpose too." Eventually both Imams reached a conclusion of holding on to what they were doing, but to then integrate both approaches for the benefit of Islam.

It is evident from the above that differences of opinion are a natural phenomenon. It also shows that in an atmosphere where the protection of the Ummah is paramount scholars and jurists should be prepared to represent all aspects of the law while avoiding the tendency to shield truth as a strategy for protecting their own ego. While both Imams differed on important aspects of Islamic jurisprudence, they nonetheless showed civility, decorum and mutual respect for each other.

After the two Imams left the meeting, Al-Layth Ibn-Sa'ad, an Egyptian Imam whose juristic school of thought was just as superior as the other four Imams but had no students to spread it, was keen on knowing the impression of both sides. He went to Imam Malik and asked him what kind of opinion he had formed about Imam Abu Hanifah. Imam Malik was said to have wiped his sweat and said: "By the Almighty, Abu Hanifah made me sweat. By the Almighty, he is a true jurist. I have never seen a man debate like that. By the Almighty, if he told you that this iron rod is made out of gold, he would convince you." Thereafter, Al-Layth went to Imam Abu Hanifah and asked him about the kind of personality he thought Imam Malik had. Abu Hanifah said- "I debated hundreds of men, but I have never seen a man accept the truth as fast as him."

The lesson in the above encounter, in the mutual love exhibited by these two great scholars, one to the other, are self-evident. We need to teach the coming generations the necessity to respect differences of opinion as a divine blessing on humanity. Our scholars of today should be interested in building empires of knowledge not in the other empire that would come to ruin immediately they transit to the great beyond.

But what happened after the above encounter between these great jurists is more instructive. First, Imam Abu Hanifah was said to have sent his son Hamaad to Madinah to learn the jurisprudential approach of Imam Malik and to be thoroughly immersed in the grammar of the latter's famous book, 'Al-Muwata'. On his part, Imam Malik was said to have sent requests to Imam Abu-Hanifah to send his books to him in Madinah for his perusal and further enlightenment. Again this runs contrary to the situation today when to emerge as a scholar is to close all gates for further intellectual pursuits. The moment he is referred to as an Ustad, he begins to posture as if it was unto him the Quran was revealed.

Meanwhile, the story of the interface between Imam Malik and Imam Abu Hanifah continued. Muhammad Ibn al-Hasan, a student of Abu-Hanifah was said to have held a session in Iraq to present the approach of Malik to Islam law and jurisprudence. It is also reported that Imam Abu-Hanifah once sent a message to Imam Malik asking him for his opinion on an issue before announcing his own opinion to the public.

Further, unlike Imam Malik, Abu-Hanifah did not approve of describing a sinful person as a disbeliever yet he was in the habit of presenting the former's opinion side-by-side with his. The contacts established by the two jurist invariably strengthened the stream of jurisprudential integration in Islam even as their individual approaches to matters of law never suffered diminution in the process.

**QUR'AN:** "Say, [O Muhammad], "Travel through the land and observe how was the end of the criminals." And grieve not over them or be in distress from what they conspire"

[AN-NAML 27:69,70]

**HADITH:** Abu Hurairah (RTA) reported: My friend, the Messenger of Allah (SAW) directed me to observe fast for three days in every month, to perform two Rak'ah (optional) Duha prayer at forenoon and to perform the Witr prayer before going to bed.

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

## Imams across UK to reassure worshippers about COVID-19 vaccines

Imams in mosques across the UK will deliver sermons at today's prayers seeking to reassure worshippers about the safety and legitimacy of COVID-19 vaccinations and reminding them of the Islamic injunction to save lives.

The coordinated move comes amid some scepticism and anxiety within Muslim communities about the vaccines, and concern about slow take-up in some parts of the country.

Imams will say that the vaccines are halal – permissible in Islam – and there should be no hesitation in taking them. They will urge worshippers to dismiss rumours, myths and "fake news" about the jabs and say: "It is our ethical duty to protect ourselves and others from harm."

The initiative comes from the Mosques and Imams National

Advisory Board (Minab) and the message will be delivered via more than 100 mosques, some of which are operating online because of the risk of infection.

"Scepticism is driven by two things," said Qari Asim, the chair of Minab and an imam in Leeds. "First, there are legitimate questions about whether the vaccines are halal, which we have looked into and both vaccines in use in the UK are perfectly permissible."

Myths include suggestions that people could be "tagged" during the vaccination process. In an article on Imams Online, Asim points out that "there is already an unprecedented amount of scrutiny and intrusion into our private lives with our phones, CCTV, GPS, and other technological advancements.

"Vaccination is not linked to

surveillance or any other form of information-gathering," he said.

Minab has partnered with the British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) in its campaign to convince Muslims of the safety and legitimacy of the vaccines, and is hosting a series of webinars to answer people's questions.

The Muslim Council of Britain has also circulated BIMA's position statement on the Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccines, which states they contain no animal products or human embryo cells.

Muslim religious and community leaders are concerned about hostility if there is poor take-up of the vaccines. "We do not want to fan the flames of Islamophobia and give rise to scapegoating communities," wrote Asim (UK Guardian)



■ Saudis and foreign residents arriving to perform Umrah in the Grand Mosque complex in the holy city of Mecca, recently  
Photo: AFP

## China possibly committed 'genocide' against Xinjiang Muslims - U.S. commission

China has possibly committed "genocide" in its treatment of Uighurs and other minority Muslims in its western region of Xinjiang, a bipartisan commission of the U.S. Congress said in a report released yesterday.

The Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) said new evidence had emerged in the past year that "crimes against humanity - and possibly genocide - are occurring." The CECC also accused China of harassing Uighurs in the United States.

China has been widely condemned for setting up complexes in Xinjiang that it describes as "vocational training centers" to stamp out extremism and give people new skills and which others have called concentration camps.

The United Nations says at least 1

million Uighurs and other Muslims have been detained in Xinjiang. Faith leaders, activist groups and others have said crimes against humanity, including genocide, are taking place there. Beijing denies abuse accusations.

CECC co-chair, Democratic Representative Jim McGovern, called China's actions to crush human rights in the past year "shocking and unprecedented" and urged Congress and the incoming Biden administration to hold Beijing accountable.

Meanwhile, The UK has imposed sanctions on Chinese businesses in retaliation to the country's "horrific" and "harrowing" treatment of Uyghur Muslims in the province of Xinjiang.

Foreign secretary Dominic Raab announced on Tuesday that the

government would launch a review into which UK products can be exported to Xinjiang and introduce financial penalties for Chinese firms that do not comply with the Modern Slavery Act.

The sanctions will also see UK public bodies exclude businesses complicit in human rights violations from their supply chains.

Raab told MPs that the evidence for these actions against Uyghur Muslims was overwhelming and that the UK had "a moral duty to respond".

The new sanctions are the latest escalation in growing tensions between the UK and China.

The UK earlier this year sanctioned Hong Kong for new draconian national security legislation imposed by Beijing on the region. (CITYAM, Reuters)



# INSIDE POLITICS

## PoliQuote

We have a Northern president but if you look at the clamour in Northern Nigeria today, it is saying that we have a president who is indigenous to the North by all definitions but operates more favourably towards the South-West in terms of awarding contracts and their completion – Dr. Aminu Hayatu, lecturer, Department of Political Science, BUK

## 2023 presidency: South West speakers drum support for Tinubu

### ● Kogi speaker in Jos, woos legislators for Bello

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The 2023 presidential project of former Governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu got a boost yesterday with former and incumbent speakers of state houses of assemblies in the South-West endorsing him.

This is, however, coming amidst what his loyalists and supporters see as “mounting opposition” against him within the APC.

The supporters, however, insist that no amount of opposition could stop him from succeeding President Muhammadu Buhari in 2023.

*Daily Trust* reports that Tinubu has not declared interest in the position as he has consistently said the time was not ripe for 2023 politicking.

But several groups have emerged drumming support for him, the latest being current and past speakers of states in the South-West geopolitical zone who met in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital to solicit support for him.

The meeting, it was learnt, was at the instance of the Speaker, Lagos State House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa, who reportedly introduced the Bola Ahmed Tinubu (BAT) Foundation and Movement to the gathering.

He explained that the BAT Foundation was set up to break the shackles of poverty in the society and to create a coordinated humanitarian image for the National leader of APC.

Obasa said while Tinubu has not indicated interest in the presidency, there was the need to deliberate on “this all-important issue on behalf of Tinubu.”



■ Bola Tinubu

BAT National Coordinator, Ambassador Aliyu Saulawa, said the BAT Movement has a mission to actualise power shift to the South-West and promised to work for Tinubu to clinch the coveted position.

The speakers at the end of the meeting unanimously resolved among others that “Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, being a Yoruba man with the capacity, experience and means should be the candidate to be supported to emerge as the next president of Nigeria”.

*Daily Trust* reports that several support organisations have also intensified advocacy and mobilisation for Tinubu 2023 presidency.

Meanwhile, the Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Prince Mathew Kolewole, yesterday urged legislators across the country to support Governor Yahaya Bello’s presidential ambition, come 2023. According to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), Kolawole stated this in Jos during a visit to the Speaker of the



■ Yahaya Bello

Plateau House of Assembly, Abok Ayuba and his colleagues to solicit for their support for Bello’s ambition.

He was accompanied on the visit by his Deputy, Ahmed Mohammed, and other Kogi lawmakers.

“Our mission in Plateau is to congratulate the Speaker, Plateau House of Assembly, Abok Ayuba on his election as the Chairman of North-Central zone of Speakers Conference of Nigeria.

“We are also here to brief him and canvass support for his Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, the Governor of Kogi State, who is the youngest governor in Nigeria to run for president come 2023,” he said.

In his remarks, Ayuba said that the Plateau lawmakers would support Bello if he set an example by granting Kogi State House of Assembly autonomy.

He said that autonomy was one of the key things that the Speakers Conference of Nigeria had been fighting for its implementation.

## Why Gov Sule deserves 2nd term - Ex-gov Adamu

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

A former governor of Nasarawa State, Senator Abdullahi Adamu (APC, Nasarawa West), has said that the second term of Governor Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa will ensure continuity and stability in the state.

Adamu stated this when he led stakeholders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from his senatorial zone on a thank-you visit to the governor at the Government House, Lafia, over the appointment of Dr. John Mamman, as the state caretaker chairman of the party.

He pointed out that a second term for Governor Sule would ensure the continuation of the laudable development strides on-going in the state.

Responding, the governor said: “My administration is always encouraged to do more not only for the zone but Nasarawa State as a whole, mostly because of the massive support from the zone, especially whenever the state government initiates something that will go to the zone.”

Meanwhile, the former Speaker of the Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Alhaji Musa Ahmed Mohammed, has lauded Governor Sule for the payment of severance package to the members of the fourth assembly in the state.

He lauded the governor when he led other members of the fourth assembly on a thank you visit to the Government House, Lafia.

## Rep Makama cautions Bauchi APC chieftains against attacking Adamu Adamu

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

A member of the House of Representatives (APC, Bauchi), Ibrahim Makama has cautioned members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Bauchi State to stop attacking the leader of the party in the state, Mallam Adamu Adamu.

Some members of the party accused Adamu, who is the Minister of Education, of not doing enough for party members in the state.

Makama made the call when he interacted with journalists in Bauchi, saying by the convention of the party, the minister is the leader of the party. He urged all to accord the minister the maximum respect for the party to succeed in the state.

“This is most unfortunate. The habit of blaming everyone else for our woes must stop immediately. We had a needless and senseless power tussle in the party even when everyone agreed that the minister is the leader, yet some supporters of the party are saying different things because of their ambition,” he said, adding that with the cooperation of all, APC will produce the next governor of Bauchi in 2023.

## Ekiti PDP leaders meet, vow to sack APC next year

From Raphael Ogbonnaie, Ado-Ekiti

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ekiti State has vowed to dislodge the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the 2022 governorship election in the state.

The opposition party said the days of the ruling APC are numbered, saying that it would do everything that is lawful to secure the state from the “clutches of hyenas parading themselves as progressives”.

The PDP said the result of the election in the state would shock the APC, which it said has betrayed the electorates by outrightly failing to redeem its electoral promises.

The party, which stated this at a meeting held by PDP leaders across the 16 local government areas of the state, said the APC-led government had inflicted more sufferings on the people with incoherent policies and

obnoxious actions.

Present at the meeting included; Senator Biodun Olujimi, ex-deputy governor Sikiru Lawal, former acting-governor, Tunji Odeyemi, Alhaji Lateef Ajijola, Eng. Alana Agboola and Chief Makanjuola Ogundipe.

Others were immediate past chairman, Gboyega Oguntuase, members of the PDP State Working Committee and party’s leaders across the 16 LGAs.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, Kehinde Odebunmi, PDP said it was ready to liberate the Ekiti people from poverty, unemployment, insecurity and among other challenges confronting the state.

The party, however, tasked its executive members across all levels to commence aggressive membership mobilisation to control the state from the jugular of the ruling APC.

## Crisis: Stakeholders urge Buni to reverse Kwara chair’s removal

By Romoke W. Ahmad

Concerned All Progressives Congress (APC) youth stakeholders in Kwara State yesterday called for the reversal of the sack of the state chairman, Bashir Bolarinwa by the national caretaker committee of the party.

The group comprising of youth organisations of the party from the three senatorial districts of the state threatened not to allow the forthcoming party’s membership registration exercise to hold in the state if the

removal is not reversed.

Addressing journalists in Ilorin on Thursday, the APC youth stakeholders, while describing the removal as illegal and undemocratic, called on the national caretaker committee of the party, led by Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State, to rescind the decision in the interest of the party in the state.

The spokesperson of the youth, Mallam Ahmed Ishowo, described the recent political developments in APC in the state as sad.

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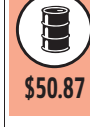
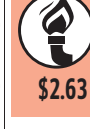
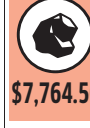






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Thursday, January 14, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
				
<b>276.03</b> <b>5.15%</b>	<b>413.67</b> <b>2.35%</b>	<b>598.02</b> <b>0.73%</b>	<b>234.06</b> <b>5.32%</b>	<b>2,060.69</b> <b>1.68%</b>

**NSE GENERAL INDEX**

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
<b>BANKING</b>					
ACCESS BANK PLC	337,679.64	9.50	3.83	329	27,682,892
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	309,504.76	9.05	2.84	267	26,887,032
ZENITH BANK PLC	828,867.44	26.40	1.93	464	42,813,568
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	269,214.70	7.50	2.04	285	44,533,521
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,419,558.19	168.00	1.82	93	354,710
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,038,600.25	237.00	3.04	97	3,872,056
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	378,533.19	23.50	3.98	355	61,851,791
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,333.08	8.05	-	11	15,979
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,705,761.89	79.90	-	47	187,450
CAP PLC	14,000.00	20.00	-	36	518,848
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	0	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,935.93	2.44	-	3	35,000
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
<b>EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION</b>					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	317,760.06	540.00	8.76	45	122,487
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	2	96,000
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,452.00	0.66	3.13	39	4,624,619
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	-	13	8,386
PRESCO PLC	72,000.00	72.00	-	10	149,349
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	5,760.00	1.92	9.09	125	9,890,623
<b>DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES</b>					
JOHN HOLT PLC	194.58	0.50	-1.96	10	331,925
S C A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	38,615.59	0.95	2.11	232	136,578,001
U A C N PLC	21,609.72	7.50	-0.67	164	24,988,941
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION</b>					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	29,383.20	18.55	4.80	33	528,586
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
<b>REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT</b>					
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	14,847.98	0.80	-	37	1,154,392
<b>AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS</b>					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
<b>BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS</b>					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	9,630.28	1.23	9.82	4	269,228
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	1	16,331
GUINNESS NIG PLC	41,288.72	18.85	-0.26	73	1,290,634
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	182,662.07	6.80	-	34	179,361
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	464,220.16	58.05	0.09	44	1,143,457
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	247,188.97	20.35	3.56	236	6,598,222
FLLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	123,011.39	30.00	2.39	145	7,990,663
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,833.45	1.24	3.33	56	2,108,511
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,201.07	6.74	-	15	285,867
NASCION ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	46,365.17	17.50	9.72	52	695,797
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBOURY NIGERIA PLC	17,467.28	9.30	3.33	49	1,232,825
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	50	490,502
<b>HOUSEHOLD DURABLES</b>					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	2	3,126
VITAFODAM NIG PLC	11,257.60	9.00	-0.56	69	2,706,938
P Z CLISSONS NIGERIA PLC	20,646.48	5.20	-	31	881,627
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	77,557.57	13.50	-	59	338,940
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	119,272.08	6.50	1.56	66	5,876,922
FIDELITY BANK PLC	78,231.95	2.70	0.75	129	22,811,898
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	971,228.91	33.00	1.85	624	68,993,112
JAIZ BANK PLC	20,624.97	0.70	-2.78	36	1,487,366
STERLING BANK PLC	58,732.45	2.04	2.51	67	4,555,535
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	163,076.22	5.60	4.67	51	1,998,625
UNITY BANK PLC	8,182.54	0.70	-	15	1,116,703
WEMA BANK PLC	28,930.85	0.75	7.14	56	4,968,129
<b>INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES</b>					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	1	100,000
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	24,807.92	1.20	1.69	41	3,508,291
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	54,360.00	1.51	9.42	102	32,327,788
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,425.44	0.32	3.23	10	1,283,790
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	11,263.16	0.62	3.33	10	653,820
EDENRATON INSURANCE PLC	11,995.84	0.50	8.70	61	3,895,903
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	2	10,300
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	3,295.55	0.45	7.14	144	25,805,038
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,300.00	0.63	3.28	18	3,200,221
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	4,357.37	0.39	8.33	124	70,590,783
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,075.80	2.30	-	18	2,539,054
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,857.48	0.24	4.17	43	9,607,703
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,626.28	0.50	6.38	28	5,812,713
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,000.63	0.30	7.14	49	19,586,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,727.47	0.24	9.09	23	11,651,933
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	1.00	-	0	0
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	4	3,490,903
VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,328.00	0.24	9.09	40	13,658,790
<b>MICRO-FINANCE BANKS</b>					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	3,933.02	1.72	-	5	13,099
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,000.00	7.00	3.40	53	1,587,915
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	35,291.19	6.00	-	23	661,057
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	10	606,700
FOMB GROUP PLC	63,764.73	3.22	0.63	61	4,007,447
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,595.06	0.31	6.90	48	12,303,800
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	41	485,133
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	31,140.00	5.19	2.17	138	5,933,821
<b>HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS</b>					
ENKOCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,101.47	0.31	-3.12	8	212,970
<b>MEDICAL SUPPLIES</b>					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	2	1,916
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS</b>					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,597.26	4.60	-	15	123,255
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,371.14	7.00	-	54	638,021
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	6,642.15	3.85	-	25	248,797
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,912.26	2.06	-6.36	16	561,022
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
<b>COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS</b>					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	781.44	0.22	-8.33	7	698,000
<b>COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS</b>					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	647.19	0.22	-	1	200,000
<b>IT SERVICES</b>					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	254.88	2.36	-	2	10,200
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	356.37	0.72	9.09	1	101,949
CHAMS PLC	1,220.98	0.26	8.33	46	13,816,823
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	1	245
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>					
ARTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	44	58,705
<b>ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS</b>					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC	3,681.16	2.09	-	10	70,633

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

**GAINERS**

SEPLAT	43.5	8.76%
DANGCEM	7	3.04%
MTNN	3	1.82%
ARDOVA	1.85	9.25%

**LOSERS**

NEIMETH	-0.14	-6.36%
GUINNESS	-0.05	-0.26%
NAHCO	-0.04	-1.75%
JAIZBANK	-0.02	-2.78%

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**Lagos:** 08038600327  
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**Costing:**

Change of Name - N3,000		
Loss of Documents - N9,450		
Registration of Trustees - N15,500		
<b>Product &amp; Services (B&amp;W)</b>	<b>(Colour)</b>	
1 x 1 col	N5,000	N8,000
2 x 1 col	N9,000	N15,000
2 x 2 col	N18,000	N27,000
3 x 2 col	N 28,000	N 42,000

**CHANGE OF NAME**

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

**SHOLA:** I formerly known and address as **SHOLA MUYIWA AJIBADE** now wish to be call and address as **SHOLA AJIBADE** all former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should take note.

**ELIZABETH:** I formerly known and addressed as **EZE JENNIFER CYNTHIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OHIORENOYA VICTORY ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I was formerly known as **MOHAMMED JAMIL YUSUF** now wish to be known and address **MOHAMMED YUSUF SAYAYA** all documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and the general public should please take note.

**GLORY:** I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS GLORY EDET ENE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS GLORY ENE OKONJI**. All formal Documents remains valid. General public take note.

**FUNKE:** I formerly known as **YUSUF FUNKE BLESSING** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADEBAYO FUNKE BLESSING**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

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

**MUHAMMAD:** I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA**, now wish to be known as **MUHAMMAD SALIHU MUSTAPHA**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

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

I was formerly known and addressed as **ABDULQUADRI NAZIPI HAMZA** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **NAZIFI HAMZA** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

**IKHUORIA:** I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS AMADI OGECHI VINAPRISCA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS IKHUORIA OGECHI VINAPRISCA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**FATIMA:** I formerly known as **FATIMA AHMED IDRIS**, now wish to be known as **FATIMA IBRAHIM BASHAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**ANGELA:** I, formerly known as **IGHAYERE ANGELA OGBEIFUN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IGHAYERE ANGELA EWALIFOH**. All former documents remain valid. FCDA and the General public should please take note.

**SHEHU:** I formerly known as **SHEHU HUSAMATU ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known as **SHEHU HUSSAMATU**. DOB-09/07/1974. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

**OMOKHEFUE:** I formerly known and addressed as **JIMOH FALLIAT OMOKHEFUE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OSASERE FALLIAT OMOKHEFUE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **BILYA SANI** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **BILYAMINU SANI** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

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

**NENROTUMWA:** I formerly known as **BAKO NENROTUMWA MANABE**, now wish to be known as **BAKO NENROTUMWA AZI**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should please take note.

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

**KAA:** I formerly known as Kaa Patience, now wish to be known as kaa mzamber patience, Date of birth 14 December 1986 not 14 December 1981 or 1982. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

**OSI:** This is to notified the general public that my name was wrongly written as **IWENEKAI PHILIP OSI**. Instead of **IWENEKAI PHILIP OSI**. Now wish to be known as **IWENEKAI PHILIP OSI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **BILKISU ABUBAKAR** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **BILKISU ABUBAKAR SHEMA** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MURJA SHEHU** my date of birth was mistakenly written as 25th May, 1978 now wish to be known and addresses as **MURJA SHEHU** my correct and proper date of birth is 5th October,1977, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

**PRECIOUS:** I formerly known as **KIM DAVID PAM (PRECIOUS)**, now wish to be known as **KIM PAM PRECIOUS**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**ANTHONY:** I, formerly known as **AUGUSTINE UDEDIBOR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BENJAMINE ANTHONY CHIDUBEM UDEDIBOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**TERLUMUN:** I formerly known and addressed as **MANGER HANNAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **TERLUMUN MWUESE VERA**. All former documents remain valid. **UBA Bank PLC** and the public should note.

**AMIEJAYOLO:** I Formerly known and addressed as **IYOHA ANGELA PRECIOUS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AMIEJAYOLO DAVID ANGELA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **ZAINAB ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be addressed as **ZAINAB ABUBAKAR**. My date of birth was wrongly captures as 111982. The correct date of birth is 21101976. All former documents still remain valid. General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **1. SHAMSUDDEN SALE KETARE 2. SHAMSUDDEN SALE**, now wish to be known and addresses as **SHAMSUDDEN SALE** ,all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

**MAGDALINE:** I formerly known as **NYANGO, MAGDALINE UMBU**, now wish to be known as **ATIGHIR, MAGDALINE UMBU**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**BASIL:** I, formerly known as **IDOGWU BASIL CHINAKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IGWEBUEZE BASIL CHINAKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **OBIECHINA PROMISE ADAOBI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOGBO PROMISE ADAOBI**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

**CHANGE OF NAME:** That I am formerly known and addressed as **SEFIAT ADAMU** That now want to be called and addressed as **SAFIYA BUBA** That I want Management of Access Bank and to whom it may concern to please take note.

I formerly known as **LAWAL ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **LAWALI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. **GTBANK** and General Public please take note

I formerly known as **SANUSI ZAKI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **SANUSI UMAR MY CURRENT PHONE NO 0812225576** former documents remain valid general public to take note

**NA'ANBAK:** I formerly known as **HARUNA NAANBAK**, now wish to be known as **GULEK, NA'ANBAK RUNGFUNG**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

**AMINA:** I, formerly known as **FATIMA USAINI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**MUHAMMAD:** I, formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED BAGUDO DOBI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD DOBI ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, formerly known as **SHAMSIYA MUHAMMAD** wish to be known and addressed as **SAFIYYA MUHAMMAD TUKUR** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **SALMANU YAU** now wishes to be known and addressed as **SALMANU YAU GALADIMA ALL** former documents remain valid general public to take note

**MUTANG:** I formerly known as **JOHN MUTANG**, now wish to be known as **ALFRED MUTANG**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**MORIAM:** I' formerly known as **AWEDA MORIAM AYINKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKWKOKU MORIAM AYINKE**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**USMAN:** I, formerly known as **USMAN YA'U HAYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN YA'U**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

**MOHAMMED:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ABDULRAHMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ABDULRAHMAN MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, formerly known as **MAIMUNA YAHAYA SANTURAKI** wish to be known and addressed as **MAIMUNAT YAHAYA ALIYU** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MANGIDA YUSUF BENJAMIN** now to be called **MINDIGA JIMMIRUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**CHRISTY:** I formerly known as **MISS. HWYERE CHRISTY**, now wish to be called **MRS. YASHIM, HWYERE CHRISTY**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**DUPE:** I' formerly known as surname **OBI-OMU = first name DUPE**, now wish to be called and addressed as surname **OBI-OMU = first name, DUPE**, middle name **BUKKY**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**AHULA:** I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **AKOMBO ABIGAIL IVEREN** AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **AHULA ABIGAIL IVEREN**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH:** I, **UMAR USMAN ABDULLAHI** wish to notify the general public that my actual date of birth is 20/2/1960 not 12/2/1959 authority concerned should please take note

I, formerly known as **ADO MALAM BABA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU MOHAMMED** all my documents remain valid. authority concerned and general public should take note

I formerly known as **ZAINAB MOHAMMED** now be to call **ZAINAB MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

**PATIENCE:** I formerly known as **MISS. FULANI PATIENCE FOMPUN**, now wish to be known as **MRS. CALVIN PATIENCE CAXTON**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**ACHEINU:** I' formerly known as **ADAKONYE ACHEINU** now wish to be called and addressed as **NOAH EJIGA ACHEINU**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**IJIGA:** I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **OKOH STEPHEN IJIGA** AND MY WRONG DATE OF BIRTH IS 23/1/1999 AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **STEPHEN OKOH** AND MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 23/2/2000. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**JONATHAN:** I formerly known as **AUDU ELAM LEPE** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUDU JONATHAN** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

**DANO:** I Formerly known and address as **ABBATI .D. ELHAMZAT YUSUF**. Now wish to be known and address as **YUSUF EL-HAMZA DANO**. All former documents remain valid general public should take.

**ALHAJI:** I formerly known and addressed as **ISAH ALIYU MASTER** with date of birth 23/02/1977 now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAH ALIYU ALHAJI** with date of birth 03/08/1987 all former documents remain valid, Union Bank, NIMC and general public should take note.

**JULIE:** I formerly known as **MISS. OYAIDE OGHENETEGA JULIE**, now wish to be known as **MRS. OYAIDE-ISHAKA OGHENETEGA JULIE**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

This is to inform the general public that late **MR. LUKMAN ABDULLAHI GIDADO** died on the 17/9/2016 at Federal Medical center Keffi Nasarawa State. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

**LAWAL:** I formerly known as **Rotimi Saidat Adebola**, now wish to be known as **Lawal Adebola Saidat**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

**ISHAYA:** I formerly known as **TALATU ISHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **TALATU ISHAYA MARAMA DOB 20/12/1968 not 15/4/1968** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **BASIRU ZAKAYAYAU YAHAYA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED BASIRU ZAKARIYYA**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**ISMAIL:** I formerly known and addressed as **OMOLUABI OMOLUABI ISMAIL** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISMAIL LAWAL** all former documents remain valid, First Bank, NIMC and general public should take note.

**SAMUEL:** I formerly known as **ORJI ONYEDIKACHUKWU SAMUEL**, now wish to be known as **AMOBI ONYEDIKACHUKWU SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**ILIYASU:** I' formerly known as **MUHAMMAD MISAU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ILIYASU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**SUNDAY:** I formerly known as **Ochapa Sunday Abraham** now wish to be known as **Sunday Abraham Ochapa**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

**ENDE:** I formerly known as **CHARITY ENDE MYEM** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHARITY ENDE MYEMDOOSHIMA** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

**SALIHA:** I formerly known and addressed as **SANI SALIHA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALIHA SALIHU** all former documents remain valid, First Bank, NIMC and general public should take note.

**EMMANUEL:** I formerly known as **ORJI SOMTOCHUKWU EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **AMOBI SOMTOCHUKWU EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

**TARU:** I' formerly known as **GIMBIYA TURA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **GIMBIYA TARU**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

**JAMILA:** I formerly known as **Jamila YS**, now wish to be known as **Jamila Amadu**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME:** My name was wrongly written as **UGHELU VICTOR AQUILLA** instead of **UGHELU, ARINZE VICTOR**. I wish to be known and addressed as **UGHELU, ARINZE VICTOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formally known and addressed as **KAWUWA ILIYASU SOJA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HALADU GARBA**. All my former documents remain valid, general public and Authority concerned should take note

**LAKA:** I formerly known and addressed as **UMAR ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR ADAMU LAKA** all former documents remain valid, Unity Bank, First Bank, NIMC and general public should take note.

**EMMANUEL:** I formerly known as **SIMON EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **WISDOM EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME:** This is to inform the general public that **HILARY HEZEKIAH NOMYOKPOMI, HEZEKIAH NOMYOKPOME HILARY, HILARY HEZEKIAH NOM and HILARY NOMYOKPOMI HEZEKIAH** are one and the same person, henceforth wish to be called **HILARY HEZEKIAH NOMYOKPOMI**. All former document remain valid. General public to take note.

**SAHABI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ZAKIRU USMANU** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN SAHABI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**DJANKADO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **HAMIDA MUSA LAWAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAMIDA MUSA DJANKADO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I am bearing the name of **BALA HASSAN** now wish to be known as **HASSAN BALA** all Documents remains valid general public should take note.

Formerly known as **HALIMATU SAADIYA HARUNA** but now Mrs **HALIMATU SA'ADIYA HARUNA LAWAL** for international passport. General public should take note, nursing and midwifery council, National Hospital Abuja. All other documents remain valid.

**MARVELLOUS:** I formerly known as **GODWIN MARVELLOUS ELUHOME**, now wish to be known as **GODWIN MARVELLOUS ELOHOR**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

Colley: I wish to affirm that **Pius Chidi Ikedi** and **Colley Eza** belongs to one and the same person, I now wish to be known and called **Colley Eza**. Former documents remain valid. Zenith Bank PLC and United Bank of Africa, authorities concerned and the general public to note.

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

I formerly called as **SARAH YUSUF**, now wish to be known and called as **SERAH SILAS YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I am bearing the name of **MAIWADA AMINU** now wish to be known as **AMINU MAIWADA** all Documents remains valid. general public should take note.

I hereby wish to notify the public that the names **MONDAY AUDU** and **MONDAY AUDU TENWIA** referred to the same person and henceforth wish to be known as **MONDAY AUDU TENWIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SAMUEL:** I formerly known as **SAMUEL DODO**, now wish to be known as **SAMUEL JOSEPH DODO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**ALIYU:** I formerly known and address as **ALIYU MUHAMMAD MATI** now wish to be call and address as **ALIYU MUHAMMAD** all former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should take note.

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

I was formerly called **ZION BAIWAH JATAU**. Now wish to be called **ZION BISKE JATAU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I am bearing the name of **DAHIRU DARMA** and **ABU DARMA DAHIRU** now wish to be known as **DAHIRU DARMA ABU** all Documents remains valid general public should take note

Formerly the name was **SULEIMAN IBRAHIM** now want to be call and address as **SULAIMAN ALHAJI IBRAHIM**, the correct date of Birth is 25/January/1994. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general Public should take note please.

**NENPINMWA:** I formerly known as **GOMAM NENPINMWA GOZHAM**, now wish to be known as **NEWAN NENPINMWA GOZHAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

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**Account No: 2002911690**  
**Sort Code: 011084060**

**Bank: UBA Plc**  
**Account No: 1007117397**  
**Sort Code: 033080013**

**Bank: GTBank Plc**  
**Account No: 0024570856**  
**Sort Code: 058083231**

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CHRISTIANA: I formerly known as OKONKWO CHRISTIANA NWADINMA, now wish to be known as UCHE CHRISTIANA OKONKWO NWADINMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

YARO : I formerly known as CATHERINE TAMSAGA now wish to be called as CATHERINE ABIMELECH YARO. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note.

MARYAM, I formerly known as LANITANA AMINU HARUNA DOB=25/8/1986 now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM IDRIS MOHAMMED DOB=2/6/1993. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABBA, I formerly known as ABBA ISYA now wish to be called and addressed as ABBA AJI ISHAQ . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as ATTAH RUTH, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM RUTH. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AKINGBALA: I, formerly known and addressed as EBINIYI MARIAM . Now wish to be known and addressed as AKINGBALA MARIAM. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KATHERINE: I formerly known as MISS. KATHERINE TITILAYO MAMMAN, now wish to be known as MRS. KATHERINE TITILAYO ADEIRAN. All former documents remain valid. Jos university teaching hospital and general public should take note.

BASHIR I formerly known as LAMI BASHIR now wish to be called and addressed as LAMI D/ MADANA . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note.

MUHAMMED, I formerly known as DATTI SABO now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMED LAWAN SABO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINAMI, I formerly known as AMINAMI KABON now wish to be called and addressed as AMINAMI GAMBO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BASHEER: I formerly known as MUSA BASHEER ADAMS ONIMISI now wish to be called as MUSA BASHEER ADAMS ONIMISI all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

ABDULSALAM: I, formerly known and addressed as BASHORUN AMINA ENIOLA . Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULSALAM AMINA ENIOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as GYAM ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED DUNGSOK. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

AHMED I formerly known as AHMED SULEMAN TANIMU now wish to be called and addressed as AHMED SULEMAN UMAR . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

MUSTAPHA, I formerly known as MUSTAPHA, MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as MUSTAPHA. MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NURA, I formerly known as NURA GARBA HASSAN OLD DATE OF BIRTH 17/12/1993 now wish to be called and addressed as NURA GARBA DATE OF BIRTH 17/12/1995. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JOHN: I, formerly known as JOHN REMIGIUS, now wish to be known and called JOHN MAIJAMA'A REMIGIUS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

AMUSAT: I, formerly known and addressed as AMUZAT HAMMED OLAYINKA . Now wish to be known and addressed as AMUSAT HAMMED ADEYINKA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JAMES: I formerly known as ISHAYA GWOTT PAM, now wish to be known as GYANG JAMES DALYOP. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

MAIMUNA, I formerly known as MAIMUNA ADAM KAKA now wish to be called and addressed as AL-MUSTAPHA MAIMUNA SHARIF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MOHAMMED YUNUSA now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD YUNUSA TSAKUWAWA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

MURTALA, I formerly known as AHMAD MURTALA ABDULHAMID now wish to be called and addressed as MURTALA ABDULHAMID. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NANA: I formerly known as FIRDAUSI LABARAN ALI now wish to be called as NANA FIRDAUSI LABARAN all former documents remain valid wrongly date of birth 13/9/1995 correct date of birth 13/9/1994 general public all authority concern should please take note

ADEOSE: I, formerly known and addressed as AJOSE DAMILOLA AYOMIDE . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEOSE DAMILOLA ABISOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DAVID: I formerly known as EMMANUEL DAVID ANGYIBADUN, now wish to be known as EMMANUEL DAVID ATIZI. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

ISMAIL, I formerly known as ABBA ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as ISMAIL ADAM ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as BASIRU ALASAN IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as BASIRU ALASAN. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

Change of name, I formerly known as MARYAM ABUBAKAR BAGOBIRI now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I, formerly known as YUNUSA MUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and called MUSTAPHA YUNUSA. All former documents remain valid. FCMB, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

IKAMENYIN: I, formerly known and addressed as IKAMENYIN SAM UDOUKPONG . Now wish to be known and addressed as IKAMENYIN SAMPSON UDOUKPONG. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

Re-arrangement of name JENNIFER: I formerly known as TSETIM JENNIFER DOOWUESE, now wish to be known as TSETIM DOOWUESE JENNIFER. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

ADO, I formerly known as MUSA HAMZA now wish to be called and addressed as ADO HAMZA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MR GAMBO MUHAMMED JULI now wish to be called and addressed as GAMBO JULU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

JAMES: I formerly known as JAMES GUZUM BULUS but now wish to be known as JAMES GUZUOM BULUS BATURE. All former documents remain valid. The authority concern and members of the public please, take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as IBRAHIM BELLO GOMA now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM BELLO all former documents remain valid. general public should please take note.

MONDAY: I, formerly known and addressed as AKPAN MARY FRIDAY . Now wish to be known and addressed as MONDAY MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as IBRAHIM IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and addressed as HARUNA TABRA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULKARIM, I formerly known as ABDULKARIM ABU HASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULKARIM IBN HASSAN. DATE OF BIRTH: 26 OCTOBER, 1990. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as FAIZA JAMILU JAMILU now wish to be called and addressed as FAIZA JAMILU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

SADIYA: I formerly known as AISHA MUHAMMED now wish to be called as SADIYA MUHAMMED all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

ANUMNU: I, formerly known as ANAYO GODSPOWER, now wish to be known and called ANUMNU IKENNA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ADEBAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as HAMZAT QUADRI ALAO . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBAYO AKEEM ADEMOLA. That my correct date of birth is 20th day of March, 1975. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

WAZIRI: I formerly known as YUSUF NAZIRU, now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF WAZIRI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULKADIR, I formerly known as ABDULKADIR LAWAN now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULKADIR LAWAN KHALIL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as usman sadiq now wish to be called and addressed as Shehu Sadiq Aliyu. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

BASHEER: I formerly known as MUSA BASHEER ONIMISI now wish to be called as BASHEER ADAMS ONIMISI all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

AISHA: I was formerly known and addressed as AISHA MUSA now wish to be known and called AISHA ISAH. All documents bearing either of the names belongs to me and remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AJAYI: I, formerly known and addressed as AJANI OLUSEUN . Now wish to be known and addressed as AJAYI OLUWASEUN JOHN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as UMAR ALHAJI, now wish to be known and addressed as MODU ALHAJI UMAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULKADIR, I formerly known as UMAR ISA now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULKADIR ISA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RABIU, I formerly known as RABIU ADAMU INUWA now wish to be called and addressed as RABIU ADAM INUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ZAINAB: I formerly known as ZAINAB SABO now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB SABO DAUDA all former documents remain valid. National ID Card and general public should please take note.

DAVID: I, formerly known as MARY DAVID AHMADU, now wish to be known and addressed as DAVID MARY AHMADU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AJIBOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as MOSES DEBORAH . Now wish to be known and addressed as AJIBOYE DEBORAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

WANZAM: I formerly known as BUKAR UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as BUKAR UMAR WANZAM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HABIBU, I formerly known as HABIB HAMZA now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBU HAMZA ALI-BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM USMAN MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as YUSUF YARO now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF SHUAIBU all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

SARAH: I Formerly known as SARAH ANTHONY now wish to be called and addressed as SARAH ANTHONY BALA To correspond with my BVN All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

AJIDE: I, formerly known and addressed as DUROJAYE ABRAHAM KAYODE . Now wish to be known and addressed as AJIDE ABRAHAM KAYODE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BAZHEGLA: I formerly known as USMAN ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known as ABDULLAHI USMAN BAZHEGLA. All former documents remain valid, general public take note

RITA, I formerly known as ZION MAWEDO DAVID now wish to be called and addressed as RITA MAWEDO DAVID. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

DAYYABU, I formerly known as FALALU MOHD DAYYABU now wish to be called and addressed as DAYYABU FALALU ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

KAREN: I formerly known as KAREN UCHE UKATA now wish to be called and addressed as KAREN UCHE UGI all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MUSA ADAMU my date of birth was wrongly captured as 17/01/1980 my correct date of birth is 01/01/1975 all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

HUNSU: I, formerly known and addressed as TAIWO TAWA MARY . Now wish to be known and addressed as HUNSU TAWAKALITU MARIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as USMAN ALKALERI, now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN BABANGIDA SAHEH. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

SADDIQ, I formerly known as SADDIQ RABIU BAFFA now wish to be called and addressed as SADDIQ RABIU MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SADIK, I formerly known as SADIQ SALISU 01-01-1975 now wish to be called and addressed as SADIQ ALHAJI SALISU 01-01-1974. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JEMIMAH: I Formerly known as GRACE TANKO Now wish to be called and addressed as JEMIMAH DANUJMA To correspond with my credentials All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

JIBRIN: I formerly known as JIBRIN ISHAKA TANKO now wish to be called as JIBRIN ISYAKA all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

OKECHI: I, formerly known and addressed as OZOKOLO ELIZABETH NNENNE and OZOKOLO ELIZABETH OGOCHUKWU . Now wish to be known and addressed as OKECHI ELIZABETH NNENNE. That I was born on 7th day of April, 1986 not 7th day of April, 1987. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I was formerly known as KABIRU SAIDU SADIQ now wish to be known and called as SADIQ ABDULLAHI KABIRU. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

SULE, I formerly known as SALE IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as SULE IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RABIATU, I formerly known as RABIATU ISA JAMAARE now wish to be called and addressed as RABIATU ISA ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note

HAFSAT: I, formerly known as HAFSAT MUKTAR DALHAT, now wish to be known and called HAFSAT MUKTAR SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

GBADAMOSI: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. ABDULRAHEEM HALEEMAT YETUNDE . Now wish to be known and addressed as Miss GBADAMOSI HALEEMAT YETUNDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IFECHUKWU: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss IFECHUKWU PECULIAR CHUKWUEMEKA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs IFECHUKWU PECULIAR OLUATAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as SALIHU YUSUF now wish to be called as SALIHU YAU SALIHU . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HAMZA IRO now wish to be called and addressed as IRO ZANDAM. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

SAIFULLAHI, I formerly known as NURA RIBADO now wish to be called and addressed as SAIFULLAHI MUHD LIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

DUSON: I, formerly known as YAAKO BARIDAKARA BARRY, now wish to be known and called DUSON YERE-UE BARRY. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

JESUFUNWA: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINYEMI OLUWATOYIN FATIMA . Now wish to be known and addressed as JESUFUNWA OLUWATOYIN BLESSING. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMUSAN: I, formerly known and addressed as ADISA OLAMIDE MONSURAT . Now wish to be known and addressed as AMUSAN OLAMIDE MONSURAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

RAKIYA, I formerly known as RAKIYA ADAMU Old DOB 01/01/1970 now wish to be called and addressed as RAKIYA ABDULKARIM New DOB 10/07/1980. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MURTALA, I formerly known as MURTALA AHMAD TIJJANI now wish to be called and addressed as MURTALA AHMAD MURTALA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as SANI MAI RODI now wish to be called and addressed as SANI ABDULLAHI MAIRODI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ISTIFANUS: My Name was mistakenly written as LUCIUS ISTIFANUS on my BVN Instead of ISTIFANUS LUCIUS YABO Now wish to be called and addressed as ISTIFANUS LUCIUS YABO All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

ADEOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEOLA AJOKE . Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEOLA AKINLADE AJOKE MULIKAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EJIOFOR: I, formerly known and addressed as NOAH DARLINGTON CHINAZA . Now wish to be known and addressed as EJIOFOR DARLINGTON CHINAZA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM GARBA DANLITI now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM GARBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HABIBU, I formerly known as HABIB ABDULKADIR now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBU ABDULKADIR ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

CHRISTIANA, I formerly known as CHRISTIANA NYAM now wish to be called and addressed as CHRISTIANA TUNDE AYO . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as SULEIMAN ALHASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as YAHAYA ALHASSAN all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AMIENS: I, formerly known and addressed as AMIENGHEMIEN GODWIN JAMES . Now wish to be known and addressed as AMIENS GODWIN PIUS. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AFOLABI: I, formerly known and addressed as DAIRO OLUWATOBI MARY . Now wish to be known and addressed as AFOLABI OLUWATOBI MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known as JIBRIN MARYAM ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as JIBRIN FURAIRA ABDULLAHI . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note.

MURTALA, I formerly known as MURTALA YAHAYA now wish to be called and addressed as MURTALA YAHAYA USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I Formally known and addressed as: GRACE SUBEWOPE JOSEPH. now wish to be call; GRACE JOSEPH. Bank of Agriculture, first bank, all authority concern.

KEHINDE: I formerly known as MARGARET UKANAH DANIEL, now wish to be called and addressed as KEHINDE OIZA UKANAH .All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

EZIEBUO: I, formerly known and addressed as UDECHUKWU ANASTESIA IJEOMA . Now wish to be known and addressed as EZIEBUO ANASTESIA IJEOMA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OZOR: I, formerly known and addressed as AUSTINE GIFT . Now wish to be known and addressed as OZOR ONYINYECHI VICTORY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known as JAMEELA ABDULLAHI YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU ISAH YUSUF . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

ASHIRU, I formerly known as YAHAYA HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as ASHIRU YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAIM ALYU ISA now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM HASSAN ALYU: dob: old: 04\*01\*1982. New: 02\*04\*1988. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AYUBA: I formerly known as AYUBA PERIYA PONA now wish to be called and addressed as AYUBA PERYA all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note

AKINYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as OKE ARAMIDE RACHAEL . Now wish to be known and addressed as AKINYEMI ARAMIDE RACHAEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEYANJU: I, formerly known and addressed as AIDEVAN PATIENCE . Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEYANJU PATIENCE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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OGAGA: I, formerly known and addressed as BLESSING EHIS OSAZEE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ONAWHOSE OGAGA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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

FATI formerly known and addressed as FATIMA ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as FATI ABATCHA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. With DOB FROM 01/01/1997 TO 26/10/1983. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MUSA: I, formerly known as MUSA ALHAJI GONI now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA ABDULKADIR GONI. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

QUEEN-HARRIS - I, formerly known as QUEEN-HARRIS ADAUGO ANYAUGO. Now wish to be known as QUEEN-HARRIS ADAUGO OGBONNA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

KIRIKA - I was formerly known as KIRIKA ANTHONY ONU. That I now wish to be known as KIRIKA ANTHONIA ONU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

RE ARRANGEMENT OF NAME UZONDU: That my name was wrongly arranged on some of my documents as UZONDU EVERLY EKE. instead of UZONDU EKE EVERLY. That the correct arrangement of my name is UZONDU EKE EVERLY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SADI: I formerly known as SUFYAN ADAM AJI, now wish to be known and addressed as SADI WAZIRI MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMINU. I formerly known as AMINU ADAMU DATTI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU ADAMU CHAMO. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 05/01/1973. General public should please take note.

SUNDAY: I, formerly known as HARRYSON SUNDAY now wish to be known and addressed as HARRISON SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. And my correct DOB is 01-01-1970 not 10-12-1970. General public should take note.

ISU - I, formerly known as ISU, KOSUDIN SMITH TITUS. Now wish to be known as ISU, KOSUDIN SMITH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

RUTH - I was formerly known as MISS. RUTH AMARACHI ONWODI. That I now wish to be known as MRS. RUTH AMARACHI IKEDINOB. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OLULANA : I formerly known and addressed as OGUNDELE JOSEPH AYODELE Now wish to be known and addressed as OLULANA JOSEPH AYODELE. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

KHADIJAT I formerly known as KHADIJAT IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and addressed as KHADIJAT SAMBO DATSUGWAI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

AL-AMIN: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD AL-AMIN now wish to be known and addressed as AL-AMIN MUHAMMAD TUKUR. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

USMAN I formerly known and addressed as USMAN HASSAN USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN HASSAN MUHAMMED All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MERCY - I, formerly known as MERCY BEN. Now wish to be known as MERCY BENEFACTOR. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

TUADOR - I was formerly known as MONEY BARIWERELOO JESSINTA. That I now wish to be known as TUADOR BARIWERELOO KENULE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OLAOSBEKAN : I formerly known and addressed as AJBOYE OLUWATIMILEHIN HOPE Now wish to be known and addressed as OLAOSBEKAN OLUWATIMILEHIN HOPE, by virtue of marriage. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

ALI I formerly known as MAKINTA ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as MIKAILA ALI. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

NASIRU: I formerly known as NASIRDEEN MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as NASIRU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

BASHIR: I formally known as AUDU GARBA ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as BASHIR ABDU GARBA. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DONALD - I, formerly known as ADIGUN NURE ADEOYE. Now wish to be known as DONALD JOHN ADEOYE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DEREFAKA - I was formerly known as TAMUNOSIKI HAROLD OGBANGA. That I now wish to be known as DEREFAKA HAROLD OGBANGA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ARIYO : I formerly known and addressed as LAWAL FAUSAT AJOKI Now wish to be known and addressed as ARIYO FAUSAT AJOKI. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH I ABDULLAHI SALISU OF SABUWAR UNGUWA, KATSINA with DATE OF BIRTH:05/02/1974 not 10/01/1975. All former documents remain valid and general public particularly: FRSC should take note

HADIZA: I, formerly known as HADIZA ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and called HADIZA AUDU. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

That I was formally known as ABDULKADIR LAWAN SAIDU now wish to be called and address as IBRAHIM ISA and my correct date of birth as 01/01/1981 general public to take note

MRS. SANDRA = I, formerly known as MISS. OGBUAGU SANDRA MUNACHISO. Now wish to be known as MRS. SANDRA MUNACHI ISRAEL-EKANEM. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OKENWA - I was formerly known as OKENWA CHIMMELI NELY. That I now wish to be known as OKENWA CHIMMELI LYNDA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MARY : I formerly known and addressed as OKEKE NGOZI AUGUSTA Now wish to be known and addressed as OKEKE NGOZI MARY. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

- USMAN : I formerly known as ADAM SHERIFF now wish to be known as USMAN SHARIF. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

RAKIYA: I Formerly known as AISHATU ABBA with DOB 21/09/1965 now wish to be known and addressed as RAKIYA ABBA. All former documents remain valid. with DOB 21/09/1992. ZENITH BANK PLC And General public should please take note

ADAMA : I formerly known as FALMATA MOHAMMED now wish to be known as ADAMA IBRAHIM. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

NKWOCHA : I formerly known and addressed as, RUTH TIMIPRE, now wish to be known and addressed as, MRS. TIMIPRE RUTH NKWOCHA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

DAVIES - I was formerly known as OWANATE DAVIES MICHAEL. That I now wish to be known as DAVIES MICHAEL OWANATE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DAVIDS : I, formerly known and addressed as SAMUEL OGECHI DAVIDS, now wish to be known and addressed as SAMUEL CHIMDI DAVIDS. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MICHAEL : I formerly known as MICHAEL KAPI now wish to be known as MICHAEL KAPI CHIROMA. With D O B 28/10/1989. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

YAGANA : I formerly known as MARYAM TIJJANI ALHAJI GANA and MARYAM ALHAJI GANA now wish to be known as YAGANA TIJJANI SALEH. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

That I was formally known as IBRAHIM ABDULKARIM now wish to be called and address as IBRAHIM ABDULKARIM KWAMI general public to take note

OKORO : I, formerly known and addressed as AMAECHI REMIGIUS CHUKWUDI, now wish to be known and addressed as OKORO REMIGIUS CHUKWUDI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ANTHONY - I was formerly known as ANTHONY GODWIN UTIBE. That I now wish to be known as ANTHONY EMMANUEL JOHNSON. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

KOMOLAFE : I, formerly known and addressed as MISS MERCY OLBUNMI KOLAWOLE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. MERCY OLBUNMI KOMOLAFE, due to change in my marital status. That I was born on the 10th of November, 1983. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MUSA : I formerly known as MUSA M. UMAR now wish to be known as MUSA MALLAM UMAR. With D O B 01/10/1992 to 20/02/1992. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

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

HAJARA: I formerly known as HAJARA ALI ZOAKA, now wish to be known as HAJARA DEBORAH YOHANNA. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

DILOSI - I was formerly known as NINA CHARLES. That I now wish to be known as DILOSI CHARLES. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME - I, AGBESSI VICTORY DURU, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written on my BVN as DURU VICTORY JERALDINE instead of AGBESSI VICTORY DURU. That my correct name is AGBESSI VICTORY DURU. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ABUDU : I, formerly known and addressed as LAIMI ZAINAB AFUSAT, now wish to be known and addressed as ABUDU ZAINAB OLUWAFERANMI. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

SUZANA : I formerly known as HANNATU HENA now wish to be known as SUZANA DAVID. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

HAUWA I, formerly known as HAUWA TITUS now wish to be known and called HAUWA WATHLANAFA with 15/08/1977 as D.O.B. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ZARA: I, formerly known as ZARA GONI BUKAR now wish to be known and called ZARA GONI ABUBAKAR with 01/01/1988 as D.O.B. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

EJIREFE - I was formerly known as OMEREADINMA BLESSING NNEOMA. That I now wish to be known as EJIREFE BLESSING NNEOMA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR SADDIQ Now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR SADDIQ KA'OJE All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known and addressed as JAMIU FATIMO. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR FATIMA SILAME. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OFFOR - OBIAJULU: I formerly known as OSOGU FRIDAY now wish to be known as OFFOR - OBIAJULU FRIDAY. All former document remain valid. General public should take note

TANIMU I formerly known and addressed as ISA UBA now wish to be known and addressed as BUHARI TANIMU All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

BELLO: I formerly known as BELLO MUAHAMMAD now wish to be known as BELLO TUKUR MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

OSHARENA - I was formerly known as AKWUBA RITA ONYINYE. That I now wish to be known as OSHARENA JOHN RITA ONYINYE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as JAMILA MUHAMMAD Now wish to be known and addressed as JAMILA ABDULLAHI All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADETOLA : I, formerly known and addressed as ADETONA ADEFUNKE ABISOLA, now wish to be known and addressed as ADETOLA ADEFUNKE ABISOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ABUBAKAR : I formerly known as ABUBAKAR SADIQ now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR SADIQ MAINA. With D O B 20/02/1994. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

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

YARIMA I formerly known as Rabiatu Aminu. Now wish to be known and addressed as Magajiya Abdullahi Yarima. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

UGWUANYI - I, formerly known and called as EZE EDITH NKIRUKA, now wish to be known and called as UGWUANYI EDITH NKIRUKA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as USMAN ABUBAKAR Now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN WALI All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKINRINOLA : I, formerly known and addressed as AKINODE BUKOLA BOSEDE, now wish to be known and addressed as AKINRINOLA BALIKIS BOSEDE. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MARYAM I Formerly Known As MARYAM UMAR WAKILI now wish to be known and addresses as MARYAM MUHAMMAD all former Documents remain valid first bank and general public should take note

IDRISS I formerly known and addressed as YAU ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as YAU ABDULLAHI IDRISS All former documents remain valid. DOB 01/01/1995 to 11/10/2000 All concern and authority General public should please take note.

YERIMA I, formerly known as YERIMA DANBURAM now wish to be known and addressed as YERIMA DANBURAM KWASAKO. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

DAVID: That i was formerly known as MISS. OGOLO GIFT NGOWARI. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. WEKULOM GIFT DAVID. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MARTHA BADI ADAMU Now wish to be known and addressed as MARTHA MUSA All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONYEBUCHI: I, formerly known and addressed as EZEJA UCHENNA SAMUEL. Now wish to be known and addressed as ONYEBUCHI UCHENNA SAMUEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

. DAUDA I, formerly known as DAUDA ALIYU now wish to be known and addressed as DAUDA ALIYU KOMSAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

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

SALEH I formally known as ABBAKAR IBRAHIM SALEH and now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM SALEH. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note.

INNOCENT: That i was formerly known as GEORGE AMBLESSED EMEDEIONG. Now wish to be known called and addressed as DOMINIC AMBLESSED INNOCENT. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

. I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR A,S, BEDI Now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ANTEMO SULEIMAN BEDI All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KAREEM: I, formerly known and addressed as SALAU ABDUL AHMED. Now wish to be known and addressed as KAREEM AHMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SABO. I formerly known as SABO MOHAMMED DOB 1-1-1970, now wish to be known and addressed as SABO MOHAMMED YUSUF DOB 20-4-1959. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

BILYAMINU: I Formerly Known As BILYAMINU ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addresses as BILYAMINU MOHAMMED all former Documents remain valid general public should take

NURA I formerly known as Nura Hassan Dan Hassan, Now wish to be called and addressed as Nura Hassan. All former document remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

BENSON: That i was formerly known as MISS. EKEME-OBONG FRIDAY OKITANIE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. EKEME-OBONG WILLIAM BENSON KOMENE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MUSTAPHA ISAH Now wish to be known and addressed as YAHAYA SHEHU WITH 15-08-2000 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AGBENIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as AGBENIYI GANIYAT ASHABI BOSE. Now wish to be known and addressed as AGBENIYI GANIYAT ABOSEDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HASSAN. I formerly known as ABBA ISMA'IL, now wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

AMINATU: I Formerly Known As AMINATU MOHD now wish to be known and addresses as AMINATU MUHAMMAD MAHE all former Documents remain valid general public should take note

BALA: I formerly known as ALHAJI BALA AUDU, now wish to be known and addressed as BALA AUDU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, ONWUKA VITALIS CHUIJOKE, That during the opening of my Bank Account with STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC my name was wrongly written as ONWUKA VITALIS D.C instead of ONWUKA VITALIS CHUIJOKE. That my correct name is ONWUKA VITALIS CHUIJOKE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as YUSUF HAMMED WITH D.O.B 15-06-1990 Now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF HAMMED OLALEKAN WITH D.O.B 06-06-1994 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FADIPE: I, formerly known and addressed as FADIPE OLAKUNLE. Now wish to be known and addressed as FADIPE OLAKUNLE GABRIEL. All former documents remain valid. First Bank and General public please take note.

USMAN. I formerly known as USMAN MOHD, now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN ADO. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I, HALIMA MAINA GONI do solemnly declare that: the names HALIMA MAINA GONI and HALIMA MAINA are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called HALIMA MAINA GONI. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

OFOEGBU = I, formerly known as OFOEGBU IDOREYIN BASSEY. Now wish to be known as OFOEGBU IDOREYIN GOLDEN. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM = I, formerly known as OJIH BLESSING RITA. Now wish to be known as IBRAHIM RITA BLESSING. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. KENDRA - I, formerly known as MISS. KENDRA BARIMENE GEORGE. Now wish to be known as MRS. KENDRA BARIMENE NWIDADAH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ANIMASAUN: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEJIMI OLUYEMISI OMOLADE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ANIMASAUN OLUYEMISI OMOLADE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

.HASSAN. I formerly known as MUSTAPHA MSHELIA HASSAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA HASSAN. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

NASIRU: I formerly known and addressed as NASIRU MURTALA SUFWAN now wish to be known and addressed as NASIRU MURTALA. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should take note.

IBRAHIM = I, formerly known as OJIH BLESSING RITA. Now wish to be known as IBRAHIM RITA BLESSING. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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SERAH I formerly known and addressed as SARAH ABBA PHILEMOM, now wish to be known and addressed as SERAH ABBA. All former documents remain valid. With DOB FROM 01/09/1997 TO 21/10/1998 All concern and authority General public. should please take note.

ROSE I, Formerly known as AKWASHIKI ROSE now wish to be known and addressed as AKWASHIKI ROSE SUNDAY. All former document remain valid public to note.

SERAH I formerly known and addressed as SARAH ABBA PHILEMOM, now wish to be known and addressed as SERAH ABBA. All former documents remain valid. With DOB FROM 01/09/1997 TO 21/10/1998 All concern and authority General public. should please take note.

ZAYYANU I formerly known as ZAYYANU ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as ZAYYANU USMAN. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should take note.

MRS. KENDRA - I, formerly known as MISS. KENDRA BARIMENE GEORGE. Now wish to be known as MRS. KENDRA BARIMENE NWIDADAH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT This is to inform the general public of the loss of original grant of occupancy certificate, in respect of plot No. 40, bearing BO/37361, at Bolori layout, Maiduguri belonging to Hajja Halima Ali 'M'. All efforts to trace the said documents proved abortive. The general public and all relevant authorities should take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

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SCHEDULE	
DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
<b>IDRIS MU'AZU</b> WHO DIED ON THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE TRANSCORP HILTON ABUJA.	<b>IDRIS RAHIMA</b> GUARDIAN TO <b>IDRIS MU'AZU</b> OF KADUNA ROAD, NIGER STATE. WIDOW AND SON.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021  
SIGNED:  
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<b>IBRAHIM MOHAMMED GIADE</b> WHO DIED ON THE 20 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AND WAS RETIRED.	<b>IBRAHIM HAMISU GIADE, GIADE HABIBA IBRAHIM AND ABDULMUMINI ANAS MUHAMMAD</b> OF HOUSE T3, VON GARDEN CITY ESTATE LUGBE AND NO. 170A, NZUBE ESTATE, LOKOGOMA APO ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW AND BROTHER.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
<b>ONWORDI VICTORIA (NEE) IFERI</b> WHO DIED ON THE 20 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2017 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LOKOJA.	<b>KENNETH AZUBIKE ONWORDI GUARDIAN TO, OLIVIA CHINEYE ONWORDI AND KENNETH JESAM ONWORDI</b> OF NO. 3, TERA STR. FHA KARU ABUJA. WIDOWER, DAUGHTER AND SON.

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<b>MR. AMODU ADAH JOHN (ASC II)</b> WHO DIED ON THE 11 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN CORRECTIONAL SERVICE.	<b>MRS. PHOEBE AMODU AND MR. PHILIP OKOH AMODU</b> BLOCK A5 KARU SITE, ABUJA AND 7 DARAZO STREET AREA 1 SECTION 2 GARKI, ABUJA. WIDOW AND BROTHER.

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<b>BELLO DANGOTE</b> WHO DIED ON THE 17 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 1997 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	<b>SEKINA MOHAMMED IBRAHIM AND AISHA BELLO DANGOTE</b> OF 901 OLU AWOTESUN STR. JABI, ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

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<b>EDU SARAFAD EEN GBADEBO</b> WHO DIED ON THE 12 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	<b>KOLAPO ABIMBOLA MISTURA AND OGUNLANA ROMOKE EDU</b> OF NO. 22, RASAKI STREET GRA OSOGBO, OSUN STATE. SISTER AND SISTER.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
<b>MRS RUFUS OREDOLA CHRISTIANA</b> WHO DIED ON THE 21 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE OKENE, KOGI STATE.	<b>RUFUS OJO SAMSON OF MASAKA,</b> NASARAWA STATE. SON.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
<b>ESSIEN OKON ANKO</b> WHO DIED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2018 AND WAS RETIRED.	<b>MAGDALENE ESSIEN ANKO, JOSHUA ESSIEN ANKO AND DANIEL ESSIEN ANKO</b> OF B4, IKOT OMIN STREET, STATE HOUSING, CALABAR. WIDOW, SON AND SON.

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<b>ABU MALIK</b> WHO DIED ON THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE SETRACO NIGERIA LIMITED.	<b>SHEMAWO MALIK AND RAFATU MALIK</b> OF NO. 4 F. EBURUCHE CLOSE GBAZANGO EXT. KUBWA ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

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<b>SULEIMAN ABDULLAHI GUNU</b> WHO DIED ON THE 19 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	<b>HANATU SULEIMAN ABDULLAHI GUARDIAN TO AND SULEIMAN ABDULLAHI YUSUF, SULEIMAN ABDULLAHI AMINA</b> OF HOUSE 20, KADO ESTATE, PHASE II, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON AND DAUGHTER.

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<b>AKPAN, EFFIONG UDO</b> WHO DIED ON THE 16 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.	<b>MRS. BUKOLA EFFIONG (AJOKI) GRD. TO SIGNOR UDOMA EFFIONG</b> OF BLOCK 40, FLAT 122, KUBWA, FCT ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.

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<b>ANTHONY ALEX PRECIOUS</b> WHO DIED ON THE 19 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA AIRFORCE.	<b>MR. ANTHONY SUNDAY</b> OF C/O DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ASOKORO FCT ABUJA. BROTHER.
<b>S G T. DAVID DANJUMA OZNA/52/3377</b> WHO DIED ON THE 21 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN ARMY.	<b>DAVID SERAH TALATU</b> GUARDIAN TO AND <b>DAVID PERTER DESMOND</b> OF 176 GDS BN GEN. A. O AZAZI BARRACKS DUKPA GWAGWALADA, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
<b>MR. AUGUSTINE EKPAPKO</b> WHO DIED ON THE 5 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE TRANSCORP HILTON, ABUJA.	<b>MRS. BLESSING EKPAPKO (A.K.A ODEY OMALI)</b> GUARDIAN TO AND <b>ELISHA AUGUSTINE UKAN</b> OF BEHIND DEEPER LIFE CHURCH, KURUDU, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.

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<b>IFECHUKWU SIMON</b> WHO DIED ON THE 29 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 AND WAS A STUDENT.	<b>SIMON J. OBAGO AND SIMON - OBAGO NNEKA LORRITTA</b> OF HOUSE B26B, CITY OF DAVID EST. LIFE CAMP. FATHER AND MOTHER.
<b>ADOH RAPHEAL PRINCE</b> WHO DIED ON THE 11 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED.	<b>CONSTANCE ADOH GRD TO AND ADOH BEST</b> OF OPPOSITE ARAB CONTRACTORS ROAD, MPAPE, FCT ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
<b>RT REV. JOSHUA FOLUSO TAIWO</b> WHO DIED ON THE 11 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA ANGLICAN COMMUNION.	<b>MRS TAIWO OLUFUNMULAYO AINA, MR. TAIWO TOLUPE DANIEL AND MR TAIWO ALEXANDER OLUWATOBI</b> OF HOUSE 89 RD 5 AIDENCO EST. GALADIMAWA DISTR. ABUJA AND HOUSE 21 EFAB CITY EST DAKWA ABUJA. WIDOW, SON AND SON.

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CHIEF REGISTRAR

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SCHEDULE	
DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
<b>GARUWA JEBDI</b> WHO DIED ON THE 13 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE.	<b>ROSE JEBDI GRD TO JEREMIAH JEBDI</b> OF SABON WUSE NIGER STATE. SON AND WIDOW.
<b>ALMUSTAPHA USMAN SHARIF</b> WHO DIED ON THE 23 <sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2008 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ABUJA.	<b>ABUBAKAR KAURA SHARIF, GAMBO ALMUSTAPHA USMAN SHARIFF AND MURJANATU ALMUSTAPHA USMAN SHARIFF.</b> UNCLE AND WIDOW.
<b>OKPANACHI SYLVANUS</b> WHO DIED ON THE 27 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE (MABUSHI DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA).	<b>CECELIA INIKPI OKPANACHI GRD TO, OKPANACHI PETER OJODOMO AND OKPANACHI PAUL OJOJOGU</b> OF SAUKA EXT. KUJE ABUJA. WIDOW, SON AND SON.

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<b>MR BANGSHIKA C.M</b> WHO DIED ON THE 30 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2001 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, ABUJA.	<b>VINCENT K. WURANTI</b> OF CBN QUARTERS, D25 FLAT 198 GARKI ABUJA. BROTHER.
<b>OHANELE CHIGOZIE UCHENNA</b> WHO DIED ON THE 13 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	<b>OHANELE EMMANUEL OBIOMA, OHANELE PRECIOUS NMAEZI GRD TO AND OHANELE PETER CHIKAZIRIM</b> OF NO. 13 THAMES STR. MAITAMA ABUJA. WIDOWER, DAUGHTER AND SON.
<b>MR ANTHONY AYOGU AMAKA (A.K.A. AMAKA - EME)</b> WHO DIED ON THE 19 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA.	<b>MARY JANE IJEOMA AMAKA AND MERCY AGEGBU AMAKA - EME</b> OF BLOCK 90 FLAT 6 KARU SITE, ABUJA. DAUGHTER AND WIDOW.

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<b>DECEASED</b> LATE MUSTAPHA MOHAMMED OF MALUMFASHI LOCAL GOVT. DIED ON 6/11/2020 AT MALUMFASHI	<b>APPLICANT FOR GRANT</b> JABIR MUHAMMAD OF LAYIN SHANU QTRS MALUMFASHI BROTHER OF THE SAID DECEASED.
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<b>DECEASED</b> LATE MAGAJI SHEHU OF NIGERIA POLICE FORCE KATSINA STATE COMMAND DIED ON 8/8/2020 AT KATSINA	<b>APPLICANT FOR GRANT</b> AHMED HASSAN & ABUBAKAR MAGAJI ALL OF TURARIKA QTRS KATSINA. SONS OF THE SAID DECEASED.
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<b>DECEASED</b> LATE ABDULLAHI UMAR OF KTARDA DIED ON 2ND JANUARY, 2021 AT DAURA	<b>APPLICANT FOR GRANT</b> UMAR A. ABDULLAHI OF UNGUWAR KUSUGU, DAURA L.G.A. SONS OF THE SAID DECEASED.
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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> UMAR ABDULLAHI MARAFA (AKA UMAR MARAFA, UMARU ABDULLAHI MARAFA AND UMARU MARAFA) WHO DIED ON THE 28 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FCDA.	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> HAFSATU UMAR MARAFA AND FATIMA UMAR MARAFA OF NO 1 KAURA ROAD ANGUWAN RIMI KADUNA STATE. DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER.
<b>ABUGU ELIAS AMAECHI</b> WHO DIED ON THE 9 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	<b>ABUGU MARTINA O.</b> GUARDIAN TO ELIAS ABUGU AND ELIAS OGOCHUKWU OF LUVU, MASAKA, NASARAWA STATE. WIDOW, SON AND DAUGHTER.
<b>MISS ZAINAB DANIMOH JIMOH</b> WHO DIED ON THE 15 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND INVESTMENT.	<b>MRS HADIZA DANIMOH JIMOH AND MRS SAFIYA ALIYU MUSA</b> OF BLOCK 124C PHASE II FHA QTRS KUBWA ABUJA. MOTHER AND SISTER.

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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> FATIMA SHUAIBU CISSE WHO DIED ON THE 31 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, ABUJA.	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> FADIL AHMED CISSE AND SHUAIBU BILKISU LARABA OF AREA 1, SECTION 2, BLOCK 4 FLAT 1 DUTSINA CLOSE AREA 1 GARKI ABUJA. SON AND SISTER.
<b>JOHNSON JOSE IWAJOMO</b> WHO DIED ON THE 2 <sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FED. MIN. OF YOUTH AND SPORTS.	<b>ADEWALE KENNETH IWAJOMO AND TITILAYO OGUNTOMEHIN (A.K.A JAN)</b> OF PLOT 38, GBZANGO EXT. KUBWA ABUJA. BROTHER AND SISTER.
<b>IWUBE OGHENERUME MERCY</b> WHO DIED ON THE 21 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018 AND WAS A BUSINESS WOMAN.	<b>IWUBE IJEOMA, IWUBE JOHN AZUKA AND IWUBE VICTOR CHUKWUKA</b> OF FLAT C4, PLOT 268 AMAC HOUSING ESTATE, LUGBE ABUJA. DAUGHTER, WIDOWER AND SON.

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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> NDANAZA ALIYU DANLADI WHO DIED ON THE 17 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION (FCTA).	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> DANLADI YOHANNA SHEKONYA, EMMANUEL DANLADI AND SULEIMAN LIDIA OF KAROUMAJIGI VILLAGE ALONG AIRPORT ROAD ABUJA. SON AND SON AND WIDOW.
<b>TAIWO ADEREMI BISI DAVID</b> WHO DIED ON THE 21 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018 AND WAS RETIRED.	<b>TAIWO JOHN OLUWATOBILOBA AND TAIWO MARY FUNMLAYO</b> OF BLK 5, FLAT 15, AGRIC QTRS, WUSE ZONE 4, ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW.
<b>CHRISTOPHER BABA GABU NIS/4931</b> WHO DIED ON THE 12 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE.	<b>MRS. GABU CHRISTY CELINA AND GABU GABRIEL (A.K.A. EWUGA)</b> OF BESIDE AUNTY ALICE COLLEGE, MARARABA, NASARAWA STATE. WIDOW AND SON.

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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> AGBOR PATRICIA OFIE WHO DIED ON THE 10 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE, ABUJA.	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> IDIKU SUNDAY OKO AND OGAAH VICTOR OWOJOKO GUARDIAN TO AGBOR EMMANUEL W. OWOKONU OF JABI ABUJA AND 74-23 ROAD, KADO EST ABUJA. BROTHER, SON AND SON.
<b>UMEKWE UCHE MISS</b> WHO DIED ON THE 2 <sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE JABI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ABUJA.	<b>MR JOSEPH UMEKWE C. GRD TO AND MASTER NZUBECHUKWU UMEKWE</b> OF VICTORY AVENUE BEHIND JIBECO FILLING STATION SULEJA. BROTHER AND NEPHEW.
<b>EMMANUEL AYEGBA</b> WHO DIED ON THE 14 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA ARMY (RTD).	<b>LEWIS AYEGBA AND CALISTUS AYEGBA</b> OF PLOT 2149 CADASRAL ZONE E 27 APO RESSETLEMENT ABUJA. SON AND SON.

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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> ZAKARI USMAN WHO DIED ON THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABUJA.	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> USMAN ZAINAB AND USMAN AWWAL OF UNGUWAR MAGAJIN MALAM SULEJA. WIDOW AND SON.
<b>JAMILA ABDUMUMINI</b> WHO DIED ON THE 16 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE SHARIA COURT OF APPEAL ABUJA.	<b>ABDUMUMINU AMINU AND FATIMA ABDUMUMINU</b> OF OLD KUTUNKU PARK ROAD G/LADA. BROTHER AND FATHER.
<b>M O S E S T I M O T H Y NANLE/16NA175/5514</b> WHO DIED ON THE 23 <sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA ARMY.	<b>BITRUS DANLADI</b> OF AFCS, JAJI MILITARY CANTONMENT, KADUNA STATE. BROTHER.

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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> LASAKA HABILA WHO DIED ON THE 5 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE.	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> HABILA LASAKA LASAKA AND HABILA SARATU LASAKA OF ASO YELWA MARARABA NASARAWA STATE. SON AND WIDOW.
<b>ALABI LATEEF KAYODE</b> WHO DIED ON THE 4 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 AND WAS RETIRED.	<b>ALABI FEMI SHERIFF AND ALABI BINTU ADERONKE</b> OF BESIDE OMEGA 2 HOTEL, OFF KJJE ROAD, GWAGWALADA ABUJA AND M14, RAFI ROAD, KWARI, KADUNA STATE. SON AND WIDOW.
<b>FLORENCE AGNES EKEH</b> WHO DIED ON THE 27 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018.	<b>EKEH HENRY EMEKA GUARDIAN TO AND JESSICA NWACHUKWU</b> OF JIKWOYI LAYOUT PHASE II SSS QUARTER FCT ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER.

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<b>DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS:</b> MRS. KAFILAT TOYIN TAIKU ADEFUWA WHO DIED ON THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE PRESIDENCY (OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION).	<b>APPLICANTS FOR GRANT</b> ABIOLA AIRAT ADEFUWA AND HAFSAT YETUNDE ADEFUWA OF BLOCK A 13A, FLAT 4, KARU SITE ABUJA. DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER.
<b>SUNDAY NWANAKA IGBONABA</b> WHO DIED ON THE 21 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016 AND WAS RETIRED.	<b>IGBONABA NGOZI ROSEANN AND OTUORIMUO CHUKWUFUMNAYA SANDRA</b> OF NO. 23 IK8 ROAD SECTOR, F SOLOMON STREET, LUGBE ABUJA. DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER.
<b>OCHENI SALOME</b> WHO DIED ON THE 27 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE.	<b>OCHENI STEPHEN ABRAHAM AND OCHENI MIRIAM STEPHEN</b> OF GOVT, SECONDARY SCHOOL NUKU ABAJI, FCT ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER.

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<b>EJIOFOR EMMANUEL NDUBUISI</b> WHO DIED ON THE 27 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 AND WAS RETIRED.	<b>EJIOFOR STELLA AND EJIOFOR CHARLES ONYEKACHUKWU</b> OF BLOCK 47 FLAT 5 BENDEL STREET AREA 2 GARKI ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
<b>OGUNGBEMI ISMAIL FOLASOLE</b> WHO DIED ON THE 2 <sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.	<b>OGUNGBEMI MODINAT IYABO (AKA) IYABO MEDINAT OGUNGBEMI GRD TO AND ISMAIL ABDULLAHI AYOMIDE</b> OF BLOCK MA 2A, SUNNYVALE HOMES DAKWO DISTRICT ABUJA. WIDOWER AND SON.

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**LOSS OF DOCUMENTS**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Offer of grant and land Sub-lease documents in respect of Plot of Land laying and situated at No.18 Jakada Road Kofan Gayan Low-Cost, Zaria belonging to Ayuba Said of 285B Anguwan Kaura Zaria City, Kaduna State, that he bought from one Hajiya Gambo Ibrahim of Zaria City, Kaduna State. The said documents got lost at Kubwa, Bwari LGA Abuja and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest Police Station or the above mentioned addressed. The general public particularly KADGIS to please take note

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original grant of occupancy certificate, in respect of plot No. 41, bearing BO/37530, at Bolori layout, Maiduguri belonging to Abubakar Umar 'M'. All efforts to trace the said documents proved abortive. The general public and all relevant authorities should 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 Grant Right of Occupancy for Plot No: 11 File No: B031983 Situated at Forestry Quarters Maiduguri Belonging to ASMA'U JIBRIN. All effort made to trace the said missing document proved abortive. If found please return to the nearest Police Station.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF LOSS/MISPLACED OF ORIGINAL Grant/Re-Grant of Certificate of Occupancy in respect of plot No.225 Kuje Area Council Extension AA4 File No. PI 42090 in Kuje Area Council Dated 12/03/2007. All efforts made to trace the said missing documents proved abortive. If found kindly return to the nearest police station. General public should please take note. Sign: ENGER MOHAMMED SANI EGBABON.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENTS**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of documents belonging to Mr. Onitiri Ifeoluwa, with plot No. CRD 2207 located at Lugbe 1 layout, Abuja, measuring about 1,481,722sq.m was misplaced by one late Mr. Tosin. All effort to trace the said documents proved abortive. If found please contact the nearest police station.

**Bank Details**

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

Pay into any of our Accounts: Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD, Send your payment mandate to our email addresses	<b>Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc</b> Account No: 0000913253 Sort Code: 221081552	<b>Bank: First Bank Plc</b> Account No: 2002911690 Sort Code: 011084060	<b>Bank: UBA Plc</b> Account No: 1007117397 Sort Code: 033080013	<b>Bank: GTBank Plc</b> Account No: 0024570856 Sort Code: 058083231
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# Cultist nabbed for killing 2 over chieftaincy tussle

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Detectives from the Satellite Town Police Station, Lagos State Command have arrested a notorious cultist, Wasiu Bashorun, (popularly known

as Two SIM) over the death of two persons during a chieftaincy tussle in the area.

Police said the suspect allegedly hacked the two deceased persons with a cutlass before he shot them at close range.

The police said Bashorun had been on the police wanted list for years for various crimes committed within the satellite town and the Ojo area of the metropolis.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa

Adejobi, who confirmed the arrest in a statement yesterday, said the Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, had earlier ordered a manhunt for Bashorun.

Adejobi said the suspect, whose notoriety spreads

beyond Satellite Town to Ojo, Iba and environs, was nabbed in the wee hours of Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Ijegun, by the surveillance team of Satellite Town Police Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer, Chike Oti.

## Kwara women get refund for school building

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, yesterday visited two community primary schools in Irepodun Local Government Area of the state and reimbursed women group who contributed money to construct them.

The women said they saved a fraction of the federal government's conditional cash transfer since 2017 to build the schools – Nomadic LGEA Nursery and Primary School, Agindigbi, and St. Luke LGEA Primary School, Onila.

The governor gave the two communities N500,000 each as a refund to the women, which was said to be above what they had spent.

"We are returning the money expended by these women, who were instrumental to the construction of existing structures in the two schools. We are in these communities to ensure that these facilities are completed. We will also expand the school to ensure that the 60 pupils sharing a classroom becomes a thing of the past," he said.

AbdulRazaq also promised to intervene in the provision of potable water, electricity and other amenities in the two communities.

The Village Head of Agindigbi Agbamu, Alhaji Okanlawon Adam, commended the governor for his interest in ensuring quality education for the children, describing the visit as the first in the history of the community.

"Women in this community contributed to build this. We need the support of the state government to build more classrooms and provide other amenities," Adam said.

Motunrayo Sulaiman, one of the beneficiaries of the federal government's conditional cash transfer programme, said the women benefitting from the scheme in the community decided to contribute N2,500 each from their monthly stipends to construct classrooms in the area.

At St Luke Primary School, Onila, the only teacher in the school Mathew Ibiyeye said the structure, which is at window level is being constructed by women within the community.

## Apprentice arraigned over stealing

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

A 31-year-old apprentice, Olayele Olorunyomi has been dragged before a magistrate court in Ondo town, Ondo State for allegedly stealing items worth N683,849 belonging to one Adeghoyega Segun.

Olorunyomi was brought before the court for conspiring with others still at large to commit the offence.

Items said to have been stolen include cash of N647,340, one Tecno mobile phone value at N26,500, two mobile phone chargers valued at N4,000 and one Holy Bible valued at N6,0000.

The defendant is facing a two-count charge of conspiracy and stealing. Police prosecutor,

Inspector Bernard Olagbayi said the offence was contrary to and punishable under sections 516 and 390(9) of the Criminal Code Cap 37 Vol 1 Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge preferred against him. Counsel to the defendant, S.O Okewoye, asked the court to grant his client bail in most liberal terms.

Magistrate Musa Al-Yunus granted the defendant bail in the sum of N500,000 with one surety in like sum. He said the surety must be resident within the jurisdiction with evidence of payment of tax for the current year. He, however, adjourned the case to February 4, 2021, for hearing.

## COVID-19 vaccine: Kano to get highest allocation

By Idowu Isamotu

In the interim share of 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, Kano State is expected to get the highest doses with 3,557, a data released by the Executive Director of the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA), Faisal Shuaib, has shown.

The data showed that Lagos will get the second highest quantity with 3,131 out of the 100,000 doses expected to be shared across 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory.

Further breakdown revealed that Katsina will get 2,361; Kaduna, 2,074; Bauchi, 1,900; Oyo, 1,848; Rivers, 1,766; Jigawa, 1,712; Niger, 1,558; Ogun, 1,473; Sokoto, 1,468; Benue, 1,423; Borno, 1,416; Anambra, 1,379; Kebbi, 1,268; Zamfara, 1,336; Delta, 1,306; Imo, 1,267; Ondo, 1,228; and Akwa Ibom, 1,161.

Also, Adamawa, 1,129; Edo, 1,104; Plateau, 1,089; Enugu, 1,088; Osun, 1,032; Kogi, 1,030; Abia, 955; Gombe, 908; Yobe, 842; Ekiti, 830; Taraba, 830; Kwara, 815; Ebonyi, 747; Bayelsa, 589; FCT, 695 and Nasarawa, 661.



■ Nigerians queue to be captured for a national identity card at NIMC headquarters Abuja yesterday

Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe

## Obasanjo mourns Kanu, Akin-Olugbade

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A former President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, yesterday lamented that Nigeria's pool of dedicated, resourceful, patriotic leaders, has been depleted following demise of former Military Administrator in Imo and Lagos States, Rear Admiral Ndubuisi Godwin Kanu (rtd). Obasanjo also mourned an Ogun State-born lawyer and business mogul, Dr Bolu Akin - Olugbade, who died from COVID - 19 complications on Wednesday.

He paid glowing tributes to the duo in separate condolence letters addressed to the family of the deceased.

In a letter of condolence to Mrs. Gladys Ndubuisi-Kanu, wife of the late former

military administrator in the 70s, Obasanjo eulogised her husband, noting that he was a dedicated officer, a gentleman and a real patriot.

"No doubt, the ranks of the nation's leadership have been depleted by the loss of a dedicated and resourceful patriot who served the nation in various capacities as a Military governor of Imo state and Lagos state in 1975 and 1977 respectively," he said.

Similarly, the former president, also described Akin-Olugbade, as passionate Nigerian, who was always in defence of her unity as he was devoted to his roots.

Obasanjo remarked that the business mogul would be greatly missed by his community, local government

area, State and the nation in general.

Obasanjo stated that "Given Bolu's pedigree, it is not surprising that the life of his brilliance as a lawyer began to show itself right from his days at the University of London, University of California (Los Angeles) and Cambridge University where he had his legal education.

"Ever resourceful and conducting himself with dignity and forthrightness, the late lawyer and business mogul acquired a well-deserved reputation for his deep knowledge in legal matters and business acumen. It is thus not surprising that he had the way of ingenious participation in several areas of the economy," he added.

## Kogi earmarks N3bn for Nigeria-CARES programme

From Adama John, Lokoja

Kogi State Government has earmarked over N3 billion for the implementation of Nigeria COVID-19 Action Recovery and Economic Stimulus programme (Nigeria CARES) in the state.

The state Governor, Yahaya Bello, disclosed this yesterday in Lokoja at the opening of one-day a sensitisation and training programme on the state's version of Nigeria CARES programme.

The governor, who was represented the Secretary to State Government (SSG), Dr. Folashade Ayoade-Arike, said the fund for the programme has been captured in the 2021 budget.

He said: "In Kogi, we do

not believe in bureaucratic bottlenecks.

We will make sure releases are made without undue bureaucracy."

The state's Commissioner for Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Asiwaju Asiru Idris, said the programme was aimed at mitigating the global effects of COVID-19 on the people and businesses in the state.

"As we know, Kogi State has no evidence of COVID-19. However, COVID-19 induced effects are very much with us, which have reduced our revenues and escalated inflation, thereby putting needless pressures on our people.

"Expectedly, this led to the inability of businesses to

cover their recurrent costs, leading to an upsurge in unemployment, inflation, poverty and other disturbing social and economic indices," the commissioner said.

The General Manager, Kogi State Community and Social Development Agency (KGCSDA), Momoh Dauda, said the programme was an initiative of the World Bank to assuage the effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on livelihoods.

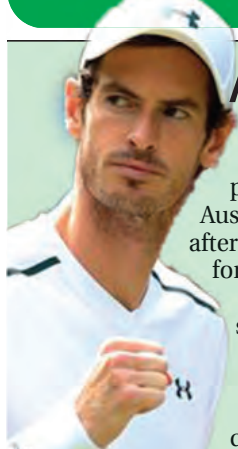
"The World Bank is trying to assist Nigeria and is giving a loan of about 170 million dollars to all the states. Each state will be entitled to 20 million dollars while FCT will have 50 million dollars to quench the effects of the COVID-19," Dauda added.



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## Australian Open: Andy Murray tests positive for coronavirus

Former world number one, Andy Murray's participation at the Australian Open is in doubt after the Briton tested positive for coronavirus.

The 33-year-old Scot was set to fly out to Melbourne on a chartered flight arriving there over the next 36 hours.

Instead, he remains in quarantine and isolating at home in London.

Murray, who is said to be in good health, remains hopeful he will be allowed to travel safely at a later date and compete as planned.

The five-time Australian Open runner-up pulled out of last week's ATP event in Delray Beach as he wanted to "minimise the risks" of catching a transatlantic flight to Florida.

The Australian Open will start on 8 February at Melbourne Park, three weeks later than usual, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Players must test negative before taking one of the 15 chartered flights - which have been put on by tournament organisers and will operate at 25% capacity - to Australia.

Once they have arrived, they will have to pass a series of COVID tests during a 14-day quarantine in Melbourne before the Grand Slam.

Murray's planned appearance at Melbourne Park would come two years after he played there in what he feared would be his final match as a

professional.

At 123rd in the world, Murray is ranked too low to gain direct entry into the tournament so the three-time Grand Slam champion has been given a wildcard.

Murray was able to play only seven official matches in 2020 because of a lingering pelvic injury, and the five-month suspension of the tours because of the pandemic.

The Scot is among a number of players to have their plans disrupted.

## Amapakabo gets 3-match ultimatum to revive Abia Warriors' fortunes

By Olusola 'Jide @jide\_olusola

The Management of Abia Warriors Football Club of Umuahia has given the technical crew led by Imama Amapakabo the mandate to win their next three games or be sacked.

The ultimatum came after the management held an emergency meeting with the coaches at the Club's Secretariat in Umuahia following the dismal performance of the team in the on-going 2020/21 Nigeria Professional Football League where Abia Warriors have lost their first four league games.

It will be recalled that Amapakabo, prior to his appointment as Warriors coach in July 2019, had failed to qualify the Olympic male team to the 2020 Olympic Games in Japan and the Super Eagles B to the Africa Nations Championship in Cameroon in 2019. He, however, won the NPFL with Rangers International FC in 2017.

However, despite the celebration that followed his unveiling, the former Enugu Rangers coach is yet to win a match with the Umuahia side after four matches in the 2020/2021 NPFL season.

The management reiterated that the team has



■ Match Day 3 action between Akwa United and Abia Warriors at the Nest of Champions, Uyo. Abia Warriors lost 2-1

no reason not to do well considering the calibre of players in the team pointing out that the technical crew, led by Amapakabo has enjoyed the greatest support and cooperation ever given to any crew in the Club's history.

Abia Warriors lost 1-0 to Enyimba in the first match of the season while losing by

the same scoreline to Rivers United in the Match Day 2 at home.

In Uyo, they lost again to Akwa United with a 2-1 scoreline before losing 3-1 to Jigawa Golden Stars who have not won an away match in 13 years.

The club recruited players massively before the present campaign kicked off and the

defeat in Nnewi this weekend will see them become the first club in the NPFL history to lose their opening five matches of the season.

Abia Warriors' next three matches include an away clash against FC Ifeanyi Ubah on January 17, a home match against MFN on January 24 and another away against Lobi Stars on January 31.

## Messi to earn £170,000 per week bonus till 2025

Cash-strapped Barcelona will still have to fork out a massive £170,000 per week to Lionel Messi until 2025 even if he does eventually leave in the summer, according to reports from the Spanish media.

Messi was desperate to leave the Spanish giants for free in the summer after becoming disillusioned with proceedings on and off the pitch, but Barcelona blocked any move by insisting suitors - particularly Manchester City - would have to pay his £629million release clause.

Messi's future is now up in the air - with it still being expected that he will leave in the summer - and if that is the case, he would still earn an eye-watering £170,000 per week for the next four years from Barcelona due to a contractual agreement, according to Spanish newspaper Marca.

The report claims that the six-time Ballon d'Or winner will bank £34.7million at the end of the 2020-21 campaign, which is half of his £69.4m bonus that was agreed when he put pen to paper on his last contract renewal in 2017.

The other half of the £69.4m bonus is reportedly being paid in installments, which will see the Argentine icon receive the money in eight separate payments over four years - which would go on until 2025.

That would equate to roughly £170,000 per week for Messi, who has attracted plenty of interest from both City and Paris Saint-Germain.

## Cricket: Over 300 players to feature in U-17 zonal qualifiers, official

The Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF) said over 300 players were expected to feature in the forthcoming zonal female qualifiers of the Under-17 National Cricket Championship.

Taiwo Oriss, the Secretary General of the federation, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Thursday

in Abuja that more players were expected to register before the deadline of the competition, sponsored by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC).

"As at 3 p.m today, Jan. 14, we have registered 205 players, the deadline for registration is noon on Friday, but before then, we

are expecting more players to register.

"So far, we have some states that have indicated interest, while we are also waiting for others.

"We currently have three states from North Central, four from South West, three from both North West and South East and five from

South South.

"We have no entries from North East and this is understandably due to the insurgency in that area," Orissa said.

The NCF official added that the mandatory online registration also affected the number of entries received.

"Sometimes due to

internet issues, the documents of players may not be updated as soon as possible, but we expect that before the deadline, everyone will be captured," he declared.

Oriss also said preparations were on top gear ahead of the two-day competition to commence Saturday, Jan. 16.

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## Ebere Onwudiwe: Good friend, fine scholar

The coming of 2021 has not abated the tragedies of sickness and death associated with 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic. For my friend Ebere, the announcement from his son, Memme, came as a huge shock: "With deep sadness and submission to the will of God, we announce the sudden death of Chief Prof. Ebere Onwudiwe, Mba 1 of Isunjaba, due to the complications of the global pandemic, on January 9, 2021." I did not know he was sick and we had last spoken just after Christmas, which he spent in the village. I continue to feel that this wicked COVID-19 is really after us as I lose one friend after another. The second round of the pandemic has been particularly deadly losing good friends such as Sam Nda-Isaiah, Professors Habu Galadima and Femi Odekunle and my NYSC buddy, Comrade A. A. Abdulsalam, the Chairman of the Labour Party in quick succession. The disease seems to target professors in particular because so many have fallen to the virus in the past few weeks. I say it seems to because of the media focus on the loss of professors but the truth might well be that it is indiscriminate and targeting everybody but as is usual, it is the more well known that gets spoken about. As was the case during the 1918-1919 pandemic, the disease exhausts humans through panic-induced crippling lockdowns and restrictions, waits for them to get fed up and force governments to lift restrictions and then strikes more devastating blows during a second wave. Ebere and I often discussed the question – how long can we endure the lockdown and COVID-19 protocols?

I first met Ebere at an African Studies Association meeting in San Francisco in the 1990s and I immediately found him fascinating because of his great commitment to an improved Nigeria and indeed Africa. He defined himself as an Afro-optimist and stood miles apart from the run of the mill diaspora African who was so happy to have escaped the continent and has the permanent position that only crisis and decline could be associated with Africa's future. He was to later publish his signature work - Afro-Optimism: Perspectives on Africa's Advances, which he co-edited with Minabere Ibelema. For him, the role of the African intellectual in the diaspora was two-fold – to defend the homeland from unfounded attacks and denigration by racist White academics and secondly, which was even more important for him, to combat bad governance in Africa and get engaged in democratic struggles within the continent to create conditions for the advancement of our countries.

The death of Prof Onwudiwe is

painful not just because he was a committed intellectual but also a perfect gentleman, a good friend who nurtured his friendships, a committed nationalist and fine scholar that so many of us will miss dearly. He gave up a high-flying academic career in the United States to contribute his quota to the development of his country. He planned it well. He secured a high paying appointment as a governance consultant with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to participate in researching and writing the 2007 African Governance Report.

**Ebere Onwudiwe was popular columnist for many Nigerian newspapers starting with Newswatch and Business Day and later migrating to Premium Times. He was a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Democracy and Development, Abuja, and has served as a member of the Governing Council of Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State and a member of the Board of Ojukwu Center, Owerri, Imo State. He also recently served on the Board of Economic Advisers to the Office of the Adviser on Economic Matters to the President of Nigeria**

The opportunity provided him with the necessary income to return to Nigeria and serve his country without the immediate need to search for jobs that might force him to keep his mouth shut. It was in that context that he developed a new role as an activist and public intellectual within the Nigerian public sphere.

His first major engagement on his return was an important project for the office of the Chief of Defence Staff on the promotion of improved civil-military relations on the basis of military subjugation to democratic civilian authority. I was privileged to be part of the directing staff of academics, professionals and retired

generals that he constituted to travel all over the country to give lectures and debate democratic ethos in military formations. It was a rewarding and revealing experience that showed that the military had indeed moved away from its earlier culture of coup-making and power brokers and was ready to play its modern role as a support base for an enduring democratic system. The book that emanated from the project, which he coordinated with Professor Osaghae of the University of Ibadan remains a classic on the subject.

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Professor Onwudiwe received an M.Sc. (Econs), M.A. (Int'l Relations) and Ph.D in (Pol Sci.) from Florida State University, Tallahassee. For much of his career, he taught political science and economics at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio where he was at different times director of the National Resource Centre for African Studies, and the Executive Director of the Centre for International Studies. He has also been a visiting professor at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Antioch College, Yellow Springs and the United Nations University of Peace, Costa Rica.

For Onwudiwe, Nigeria as a country needs citizens who are engaged simultaneously as nationalists at the federal level but who have roots in their community of origin. He was proud of his Igbo heritage and was active in the socio-cultural organisation of Ohaneze Ndigbo. In one of his recent columns, he engaged in the current debate about an Igbo presidency arguing:

"2023 is a pivot year for millions of Ndigbo desiring acceptance by the rest of Nigerians for belonging in the Nigerian state. One of the clear telltale signs that will indicate this national acceptance is the achievement of the presidency of Nigeria in 2023 by an Igbo person. To accomplish this, Ndigbo need not only whip up the believers, advocates, and supporters of their cause, they also have to woo the agnostics, detractors, and adversaries across the land.

"This requires building a strong and expansive nationwide coalition across the country to shake off the excessively individualistic pursuit of that highest office in the country. The place to start is at home, specifically, with consolidating the support of the Igbo nation all over the country and building a fresh strong bridge between constituents and their immediate neighbours in the South-South. Charity, they say, begins at home."

My sincere condolences to his family and numerous friends all over the world.

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### Olympic champion, McNeal provisionally suspended



■ Brianna McNeal

Olympic 100m hurdles champion, Brianna McNeal has been provisionally suspended from athletics after being charged with breaching anti-doping rules.

The American is accused of "tampering within the results management process", the Athletics Integrity Unit said.

McNeal, 29, won gold at the 2016 Rio Olympics and was also world champion three years earlier.

She missed the 2017 World Championships while serving a one-year ban for missing three drug tests.

### Rockets' Harden makes shock Nets move



■ James Harden

Houston Rockets have traded star player James Harden to the Brooklyn Nets - just a day after he criticised team-mates in a post-match rant.

Harden, the top scorer in the NBA for the past three seasons, will join the Nets in a deal involving three teams.

The 2018 NBA Most Valuable Player and an eight-time all-star, Harden, 31, had been reportedly looking for a move after growing frustrated at Houston.

They are second bottom in the Western Conference with just three wins.