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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The first virtue of all really great men is that they are sincere. They eradicate hypocrisy from their hearts

- Anatole France



AFRICAN SAYINGS

"We should put out fire while it is still small"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

Compiled by JAMIL H. SALIM

ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD
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(Temperature in centigrade)

PRAYERS TIMES

RAJAB 8, 1444 AH

PRAYERS	ABUJA	ENUGU	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	LAGOS	MAIDUGURI	P/HARCOURT	SOKOTO
FAJR	5:40	5:39	5:41	5:38	5:42	5:58	5:20	5:43	5:51
DHUHR	12:47	12:51	12:48	12:43	12:50	1:03	12:27	12:50	1:00
ASR	4:03	4:07	4:04	3:59	4:06	4:19	3:43	4:06	4:16
MAGHRIB	6:33	6:34	6:33	6:28	6:31	6:52	6:10	6:37	6:43
ISHA	7:38	7:39	7:38	7:33	7:36	7:57	7:15	7:42	7:48

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

People enjoy a ride at Volga Manor, a Russia-themed attraction in Heilongjiang province in Harbin, China

Photo: Wang Jianwei/Xinhua/Eyevine

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GAINERS	CAP	NNFM	JPAULGOLD	TRIPPLEG	CORNERST	LOSERS	CUTIX	INTBREW	GLAXOSMITH	ACCESSCORP	GUINNESS
OPEN	N19.55	N6.75	N0.34	N1.05	N0.59	OPEN	N2.04	N4.60	N6.50	N9.00	N70.00
CLOSE	1.75	0.60	0.03	0.09	0.05	CLOSE	-0.18	-0.30	-0.30	-0.40	-2.70
CHANGE	9.83%	9.76%	9.68%	9.38%	9.26%	CHANGE	-8.11%	-6.12%	-4.41%	-4.26%	-3.71%

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IN-DEPTH

By Chris Agabi

As NiMet predicts flooding, better farming season in 2023

- Calls for high vigilance against malaria, meningitis outbreak
- Heavy rain may disrupt air and water transportation

As part of its annual activities, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) on January 25 released its 2023 Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP), which gives a general climatic and weather forecast advisory during the year and the potential impacts on diverse sectors of the economy.

The SCP does not replace the daily and five-day weather forecast by NiMet throughout the year.

The NiMet SCP has become a critical component of planning by the government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). It also impacts other aspects of our national lives like prospective diseases outbreaks, the transport modes as well as how the farmers grow crops and keep animals.

This year's SCP is likely to draw the attention of key stakeholders following the devastating floods witnessed in many parts of the country in 2022.

The 2022 floods led to the death of over 600 people and displaced over 2.4 million. It also affected investments in agriculture, transport infrastructure, houses, power lines worth millions of dollars," Sen. Hadi Sirika, the Minister of Aviation said at the launch of the SCP.

In 2023, although the NiMet forecast has predicted a largely normal rainfall pattern, it also indicated a high possibility of flash floods in some states. NiMet Director-General, Prof. Mansur Matazu said there was likely to be elevated dry spell in some states of the north with potential adverse impact on planted crops.

Rainfall patterns

According to the 2023 SCP, the rainfall onset date is predicted to be earlier than the long-term average in most parts of the country. However, parts of Katsina, Zamfara, Kano, Jigawa, and Yobe in the north and Cross River, Ebonyi, Imo and Rivers in the south are likely to experience delayed onset. The onset dates for parts of Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe, Kwara, Oyo, Ogun and Lagos are likely to be near their long-term averages. Onset is expected to start from the coastal states of Bayelsa, Rivers and Akwa Ibom states in early March and around June/July in the northern states such as Sokoto, Kebi, Zamfara, Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Yobe and Borno.

NiMet also predicted an early End of Season (EoS) over parts of the south comprising Osun, Ondo, Edo, Delta, Imo, Bayelsa, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Ogun and Lagos states. Parts of Yobe, Adamawa, Niger, Nasarawa, and Kogi states are also predicted to have early end of season when compared to long-term average conditions. However, an extended rainfall season is predicted over parts of Gombe, Kaduna, Kwara,



■ Dignitaries at the Nigerian Meteorological Agency 2023 Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP) launch in Abuja recently

Enugu, Anambra, western Ogun and Lagos State. The cessation is anticipated earliest in September over parts of Sokoto and Katsina states, while it would occur much later in December over most parts of the coastal region.

Similarly, the agency predicted average to above average amounts of rainfall in most parts of the country. The prediction shows that parts of Yobe, Jigawa, Kano, Bauchi, Jigawa, Kaduna states and the FCT are likely to observe below average annual rainfall. Nasarawa, Taraba, Kogi, Benue, Ekiti, Osun and Oyo State as well as the FCT, are expected to have 1190mm to 1590mm of rain while Bayelsa, Akwa-Ibom, Delta and Cross River State are predicted to record annual rainfall amounts of 2700 mm and above.

The length of growing season in most places in the country is likely to be near the long-term average, except for some parts of the northern states such as Katsina Jigawa and Kano where shorter than the long-term average length of the growing season is anticipated. Parts of Lagos, Ondo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers and Cross River are also likely to have a shorter length of growing season.

Temperatures pattern

According to the SCP, temperatures are expected to be generally above the long term average across the country. Both daytime and night temperatures are predicted to be warmer than the long term average over most parts of the country in January, March, and May. However, February day and night time temperatures are predicted to be cooler than the long-term

average. Additionally, most of the north is also anticipated to be warm in March 2023.

In another prediction, a mild to moderate (8-16 days) dry spell is predicted to occur in April 2023 in the south after the onset is established. Furthermore, a severe dry spell, that is likely to last between 15 to 21 days or longer, is predicted in June to early July in Sokoto, Zamfara, Kebbi, Jigawa, Katsina, Yobe, Borno, Kano and some central states. A moderate dry spell is predicted over Niger, Nasarawa, Gombe, Bauchi, Benue, Kogi and the FCT. A mild dry spell is predicted over Ekiti, Edo, Ondo, Anambra, Ebonyi, Ogun and Imo states in July.

Impact on health, transportation, agriculture

NiMet predicts the probability of occurrence of malaria and meningitis across Nigeria and that determines the vigilance level. Parts of Taraba, Benue, Kogi, Kwara and Nasarawa states might have a malaria outbreak as early as January 2023, the report said.

NiMet further advised high vigilance for meningitis over the extreme northeast of the country, covering most of Borno, Yobe and parts of Jigawa states, as early as January 2023. As the year progresses, the area under high vigilance threshold extends southwards and reaches the maximum extent in March 2023. The area under high and moderate vigilance for meningitis reaches the southernmost extent, covering up to Benue, Kogi, Kwara and parts of Oyo states in January 2023.

The prediction for 2023 also

shows that the onset of the growing season is likely to range from early to normal in most parts of the country. However, later than normal onset dates are expected over parts of northern Borno, Bauchi, Jigawa, Kano, Katsina, Zamfara and Yobe in the north as well as Abia, Imo, Rivers, Cross River, and Lagos states in the South of Nigeria. However, below normal rainfall amounts (420-720mm) is predicted in some places over the extreme North such as Borno, Yobe, Kebbi, Katsina, Sokoto and Jigawa and this is likely to create water stress in those areas. NiMet advises farmers around these areas to preserve soil moisture, ensure frequent weeds control, and encourage the increase of soil biota that promotes soil health and crop performance, use of supplementary irrigation during dry spells, among other measures.

With the early onset and ample amount of rains expected and the experiences of the year 2022, it would be good to know that the water table has not gone too low and the aquifers are still very much active across the country and as such there could be chances of flash floods over many places largely due to poor sanitation practices. These floods could lead to the outbreak of diseases, fatalities and the destruction of properties.

Similarly, NiMet predicts that the heavy rains accompanied by strong winds will lead to more cases of flight disruption. It further indicated that aquaplaning could cause aircraft skidding off the runway. The projected high temperatures will increase the prospects of wind shear and

air turbulence. The prospects of increased mid latitude wave activity will also increase the spate of raised dust and dust haze conditions, which can increase chances of flight delays and cancellations due to the attendant poor horizontal visibility. There will be more disruptions to flight operations because of more convective activities (wind shear, microburst, poor visibility due to heavy rain), the forecast warned.

The agency also predicted that the weather patterns imply increased weather hazards for boats and other vessels on the inland waterways. This includes, boats capsizing, drowning and other accidents. NiMet thus tasked NIWA and NIMASA to leverage its weather advisories to mitigate the disasters.

The National President, All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Alhaji Farouk Rabiu Mudi said farmers now take NiMet's prediction more seriously following what they experienced in 2022.

"We had devastating effects of floods in almost all the states of the federation. Most farmers lost their livelihoods. Prices of farm produce were impacted," he said.

"This year, more farmers are interested in what NiMet will predict and advise. If we don't take advice from NiMet, we are doomed. We are over 200 million people and everyone eats food. So weather information is critical to adequate food production to feed these people and for exports."

The Director General of National Emergency Management Agency, Mustapha Habi Ahmed, said the negative impacts of the recurring flood disaster in Nigeria, could be more devastating without the early warning information developed out of the NIMET SCP and downscaled to the various end-user agencies and the general public.

"Hydro-meteorological information from NIMET has continued to play a vital role in disaster preparedness, response and mitigation plans of NEMA. The NiMet Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP) has over the years become a veritable tool that enables NEMA to conduct expert analysis of disaster risk implications and produce disaster early warning messages for delivery to emergency responders to support the protection of lives, critical national assets and the entire cultural landscape in Nigeria."

FG under pressure to probe herders' killings in Nasarawa

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Mohammed I. Yaba (Kaduna), Hope A. Emmanuel (Makurdi), John C. Azu, Muideen Olaniyi & Idowu Isamotu (Abuja)

The Federal Government was yesterday urged to investigate the killings of about 40 herders in an airstrike believed to have been carried by the military at Rukubi village in Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State last week.

Sources had told *Daily Trust* that the incident happened when the herders were returning from Makurdi, Benue State Capital, where they had gone to retrieve over 1,000 cows seized by the Benue Livestock Guards.

The incident had sparked outrage, but military authorities have remained silent on it.

The Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) on Sunday demanded an explanation over the killings which it described as intentional.

In a statement by its spokesperson, Muhammad Nura Abdullahi, MACBAN condemned the "silence" of the Federal Government and the military on the incident.

The association also said the Benue State Government should be held liable for the incident.

It explained that the trucks carrying the livestock were closely monitored until they reached destination before armed drone was unleashed on the pastoralists.

"MACBAN describes the silence as reprehensible and lack of regards for the loss of lives of ordinary Nigerians who are victims of high handedness of Benue State government and the officers of the Makurdi-based Operation Whirl Stroke who deployed an aircraft/drone."

"The pastoralists went to Makurdi earlier in the day to retrieve their 1,250 livestock earlier impounded by the Benue State Livestock Guards after paying a fine of N29million.

"If nothing, we expect the president to commiserate with families of the victims for this heinous crime. MACBAN recalls this is the third time in one year that the (Nigerian) Air Force was involved in bombing of pastoralists and livestock in Nasarawa, Benue and Taraba states.

"The recent killings constitute war crime and a panel of inquiry must be constituted to find out on whose authority the drone/aircraft



■ President Muhammadu Buhari with the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele after their meeting in Daura, Katsina State yesterday

was used and punish the culprits.

"The late pastoralists are bona fide Nigerians, have rights like every other citizen and therefore must be protected under the law. The loss of one life is bad enough talk less of over 40 innocent lives in a single swoop. This is unacceptable and most despicable crime against humanity.

"We find it shameful that while people were being killed, the President was enjoying a state dinner in Katsina State. We also call on the National Human Rights Commission to investigate this case and other cases involving shootings by the Air Force in Nasarawa," the statement read.

In its reaction, the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) yesterday said over 50 pastoralists and butchers were killed in the incident, urging the Federal Government to investigate the circumstances surrounding it.

The ACF, in a statement by its Secretary-General, Murtala Aliyu, demanded the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators "whoever they are".

"To our knowledge, only government has the power to deploy armed drones. Sources told the ACF that the drone strike happened while the livestock were being offloaded after the owners were forced to take back their cattle in trucks from Makurdi.

"This incident came barely six months after a similar incident in which hundreds of livestock were killed when a helicopter gunship belonging to the Nigerian Air force from the Makurdi Base Operation carried out the strike killing and

wounding the animals and some herders in Awe also in Nasarawa State."

According to the ACF, the death of one person, in a serious country, is enough to attract the attention and intervention of the government.

"The Nigerian airspace is managed by the Federal Government through the Nigerian Airspace Management Authority (NAMA). So, we expect the Federal Government to immediately fish out the perpetrators of this dastardly act, whoever they are, to face the law," the ACF said.

It commended the Nasarawa State Government for the intervention it made so far in giving medical attention and support to the survivors and the victims' families. While condoling the families of the deceased, the ACF called for adequate compensation to the families of the victims.

Also, the Northern Consensus Movement (NCM) called on the federal government to pay compensation to the families of the slain pastoralists.

The group lamented the attitude of some northern leaders, particularly northern governors, for keeping silent despite the fact that all those killed were northerners.

The group's president, Awwal Abdullahi Aliyu, at a news briefing in Kaduna on Sunday, also asked the National Assembly to ensure the incident was not swept under the carpet.

The group threatened to sue Benue State Governor Samuel Ortom for his alleged act of hatred against Fulani and Hausa residing

in his state.

It warned him against harassing northerners in the state, asking northerners to support a northern candidate in the coming presidential election for the survival of the region.

Families deserve compensation - NHRC, lawyer

The Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Anthony Ojukwu (SAN) yesterday called for justice for the victims.

In a chat with *Daily Trust*, Ojukwu said officers found to be negligent must be held accountable under the laws of the country.

"The commission feels sad over the erroneous attacks which have been acknowledged, and would support that the families of those Nigerians who lost their loved ones be compensated and negligent officers should be held accountable under the laws of the country," he said. He regretted that the shortage of funding was hampering the commission's work in pursuit of justice for victims of human rights violations.

"That's why we are clamouring for a human rights fund in the amendment to the NHRC Act so that sudden violations like this can be handled."

Also, the chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Section on Public Interest Law (SPIDEL), Onyekachi Ubani, said the families of the victims must be compensated if it was established that it was an accidental bombing.

"This is not the first time this is happening, it is either

fourth or fifth and shows a clear failure of intelligence in security arrangement," he said.

A human rights lawyer, Deji Ajare, said the airstrike was beginning to take a systematic dimension which could qualify for war crimes against the Nigerian government.

"If our military is allowed to continue with such reckless attacks without care for precision and verification of security information, then we must know that the lives of every Nigerian will be at risk," Ajare said.

I have no hand in the killing - Ortom

Benue State Governor Samuel Ortom denied that he and his government had a hand in the killing, describing the allegations as mischievous. He clarified that he did not order anyone to carry out such act as he had no powers to order an air raid operation.

Ortom, in a statement by his spokesman, Nathaniel Ikyur, made available to our correspondent in Makurdi yesterday, indicated that he reacted to the allegations blaming him for the killing during a Thanksgiving Mass for the official commissioning of a Parish House built by him at Holy Cross Parish, Ogbolokuta, Ulayi in Ado Local Government Area of the state.

Ortom said the raid might have been as a result of intelligence gathered by the Military High Command.

The governor added that it was pure mischief for anyone to attempt to rope him into what he had no knowledge of.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, could not be reached for comments last night as calls to his mobile phone did not connect.

But Danmadami had, at a press briefing in Abuja on Thursday, said he would not want to comment on the issue since Nasarawa State Governor Abdullahi Sule had already spoken.

As of the time of filing this report last night, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Media and Publicity, Garba Shehu, had not replied a text message sent to him by our reporter after phone calls seeking the Presidency's reaction to the allegations by MACBAN.

It would be recalled that President Muhammadu Buhari had on Friday offered his prayers and condolences to the government and people of Nasarawa State over the incident.

Drama as corpse misses at OOUTH mortuary

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A corpse has reportedly missed at the mortuary of the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu, Ogun State, throwing the family members who had prepared for burial, into disbelief.

It was gathered that the family members had on Friday visited the hospital to retrieve corpse of

a woman deposited at the facility over four months ago, ahead of the final burial.

The relatives went from Ijebu-Ode axis to Sagamu with an ambulance and undertakers to retrieve the corpse, only to find out that the remains were missing.

The Chief Medical Director, Dr Oluwabunmi Fatungase, in a statement, Blamed the incident on "mix-up of corpses" in the hospital.

The CMD said it was an unprecedented case in the hospital's mortuary.

She said the hospital management was working in collaboration with necessary agents and individuals to unravel the circumstances behind the mix-up.

She said footages from the Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) camera was being evaluated.

The statement read, "Any

circumvention of the quality assurance of the hospital will not be taken lightly and necessary consequences in consonance with the public service rules will be applied on whoever is found culpable

"The present administration in Ogun State has upgraded the mortuary with modern freezers and scaled up its amenities.

"The mortuary services of the

hospital has been a preferred place for many people to keep the remains of their beloved intact until they are ready for burial."

While apologizing to the affected family for the embarrassing situation, the CMD sought their cooperation for the ongoing investigation.

She assured that the corpse would be identified and released to them for the burial.

Kano now ready to receive President Buhari – Ganduje

By Muideen Olaniyi

Governor Umar Ganduje of Kano State has made a dramatic change of position, stating that the state is now prepared to receive President Muhammadu Buhari today (Monday).

The governor stated this on Sunday after leading a delegation of critical stakeholders from the state to meet the president in his country home in Daura, Katsina State.

Ganduje had on Saturday advised the president against going ahead with his scheduled Monday visit to Kano State to avoid any unforeseen circumstance, following concerns about the hardship

principally induced by the ongoing cash swap from old to redesigned naira notes in a press statement issued by Abba Anwar, his chief press secretary.

But in spite of the advice, presidency sources said the president had insisted on going ahead with the Monday visit to inaugurate some projects implemented by the federal government.

However, during Sunday's visit to the president, Ganduje said he led the delegation to Daura over the issue of the ongoing currency swap and was happy with him.

He said, "Seeing is believing. You can see that I have led a powerful delegation from Kano State on the issue of new naira notes

and we have seen Mr President. We have laid the complaints of the Kano people and we are very happy.

"He explained to us and also he assured us that the time is extended and the quantity of new naira (notes) will increase so that the suffering of the people will be reduced.

"We informed him that Kano is the most populous state in the federation and also the commercial nerve centre of the northern part of Nigeria, second to Lagos.

"But in terms of cash transactions, Kano is much higher than Lagos because Lagos has gone far in terms of cashless society - cashless transactions. But Kano State, being comparatively a rural state, so to say, still we

have 24 local governments without banks. Most of the banks are concentrated within the Kano metropolitan area.

"So, you can imagine the suffering of the rural areas, rural people in terms of cash transactions. But we are happy that the time has been extended and also the quantum of the naira notes will be increased. So, we are so grateful to the president for effort"

It would be recalled that President Buhari had earlier on Sunday approved extension of the ongoing currency swap by 10 days from the January 31 deadline to February 10 after a meeting with the governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele in Daura, Katsina State.

Brain drain: Nigeria may end up without doctors – NARD

By Ojoma Akor (Abuja) & Iniabasi Umo (Akwa Ibom)

The Nigerian Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) has enjoined the Federal Ministry of Health to expedite action on the 'one-for-one policy' on the replacement of exited doctors and clinical staff to reduce the manpower shortage as a result of brain drain in the country.

The association made the call in a communique signed by its president, Dr Emeka Innocent Orji, on Sunday after its national executive council (NEC) meeting in Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State.

NARD lamented the poor response of most state governments in domesticating the Medical Residency Training Act, 2017, six years after it was signed into law.

It called on the federal government to urgently start the process of payment of the Medical Residency Training Fund (MRTF) for 2023 to enable its members use the funds for the February update courses and the March/April/May examination.

The association asked the federal government to urgently pay the skipping arrears for 2014, 2015 and 2016 as well as the shortfall from the consequential adjustment of the minimum wage to deserving members.

It also demanded that "The activities of the committee set up for the review of the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS) be hastened and that NARD should be carried along in the processes for her inputs to be made to avoid unnecessary outcomes."

The association called on the federal government, the Nigerian Governors' Forum and other stakeholders to prevail on Governor Victor Okezie Ikpeazu of Abia and his Ekiti, Imo and Ondo counterparts to pay 25, three, 10 and five months owed to their colleagues.

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

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NASENI develops 150 innovative locally made products

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), Prof. Mohammad Sani Haruna, has said the agency has developed 150 innovative products.

Haruna who said the innovations transcended different sectors and geographies of Nigeria's national economic landscape added that a lot of 'Made in Nigeria' products would soon be in the market based on the inventions.

He disclosed this in an interaction with newsmen in Lagos after receiving the

Public Service Icon Award from The Sun Publishing Limited at the weekend.

Haruna said NASENI was undergoing developmental transformation because President Muhammadu Buhari had opted for the full activation of the Act of the agency. He said he accepted the award as a "Catalyst to do more in my pursuits for impacting lives and communities globally. God bless The Sun Newspaper, God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria."

He charged The Sun Newspapers to continue in new discoveries of more change makers and unsung heroes who deserve recognition and celebration as an impetus to do more."

Okorocho launches project to return 1 million children to school

By Chidimma C Okeke

The founder of the Rochas Foundation, Senator Rochas Okorocho, has launched the Teach a Child/Sponsor a Child Project (TAC-SAC) aimed at bringing one million out-of-school children back to school.

Okorocho, speaking at the unveiling of the project in Abuja, said there can't be a new Africa if education is left to take the backstage.

The former governor noted that the country owed a responsibility to give every Nigerian child and unborn children, the right education for their liberation.

"In Africa, we have over 50 million out-of-school children and Nigeria has 13.5 million out of this figure.

"With over 200 million people in Nigeria, if we have one million people who can actually teach or sponsor a child, with each one taking say 20 children,

that will be removing 20 million children out of the street," he said.

While noting that Nigerian politicians built political parties, hotels, churches and mosques but have not built factories that manufacture dreams and aspirations, Okorocho said the project would be a volunteering and mentorship programme that would take all out-of-school children into school by 2050.

Also speaking, the Director-General of the foundation, Uchechi Rochas Okorocho, said the foundation had opened the portal for scholarships for 5,000 children across Nigeria.

She said the unveiling of the TAC-SAC project was to get more people excited about education and a call to involve more youths and children to go to the rural areas to teach and if they can't teach, to sponsor a child.

'Youth should prioritise skills than degrees'

By Dalhatu Liman

Nigerian youths have been charged to focus on skills acquisition to make them employable and self-employed.

A panelist, Suwaiba Shehu Ibrahim, said this at a roundtable discussion organised by Sights and Sounds on the Renewed Hope manifesto of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Abuja.

She said youth empowerment, entrepreneurship and creating business incubation hubs and skills acquisition centers for Nigerian teeming youth were keys in igniting a

social change and spur economic development in Nigeria.

She said part of the renewed hope agenda was the provision for youth empowerment and entrepreneurship and encouraging commercial banks to make the process of obtaining loans/capital easy while giving priority to the youth who have young minds with right and marketable ideas.

Ibrahim said, "There is no way we are going forward if our youth don't have skills to make them employable or to make them self-employed. Skills are the way to go; it is not about the paper qualification.

FG warns against phone applications, promises data privacy

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The federal government has assured that it will not breach data privacy of any Nigerian or resident of the country because it can compromise national security.

It also warned Nigerians against excessive exposure to different applications on their phones, saying a lot of international organisations are exploiting and extorting citizens of their hard-earned money through applications that are fully commercialised

and without the users' knowledge and approvals.

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Prof Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, who disclosed this in Abuja at the weekend, said the Nigerian Data Protection Bureau was established to protect the citizens from such exploitation and to warn of dangers inherent in excessive exposures to some applications.

"The citizens should know that by the usage of some applications, they now know you more than you know yourself," he warned.

The minister said the government had taken proactive measures through various legislations to protect citizens' data and ensure their rights were not compromised as the volume of data being generated in cyberspace was becoming humongous every day.

Pantami warned that citizens' data breaches could compromise national security, adding that Nigeria's value for the data protection industry had hit N5.5 billion.

The National Commissioner for the Data

Protection Bureau, Dr Vincent Olatunji, said the bureau had been creating awareness amongst Nigerians and industry stakeholders for data privacy and protection.

He lamented the lukewarm attitude of the public sector in terms of awareness on data protection and privacy but expressed confidence that with the intervention of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation and the Head of Service of the Federation, the public sector would key quickly into the drive.

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TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE NUMBER: 003 DATE: 30/01/2023

Qatar Charity is a Doha-based non-governmental organization founded in 1992 in accordance with the laws and regulations governing charitable work in the State of Qatar. The Qatari society was expressing a deep willingness to contribute to the international solidarity chain and to participate in addressing the most important development and humanitarian challenges faced by vulnerable communities around the world. This willingness was derived from the Qatari society's values, principles and cultural heritage and Qatar Charity came as the institutional solution that would cater to it. Initially founded to provide life-saving assistance to children affected by conflicts or natural disasters, Qatar Charity then expanded its areas of expertise to include various humanitarian and development aid fields, providing relief and assistance to more than 110 million beneficiaries worldwide. With funding from the Qatar, Qatar Charity is collaborating with the government of Nigeria (GON) to support vulnerable communities in achieving progress and prosperity by providing adequate support for vulnerable communities through robust social welfare systems and related services in various states within Nigeria. Qatar Charity (Nigeria Office) formally invites suitably qualified and experienced construction companies for construction works at the following Lots:

TENDER NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	LOT No.	No. of LOTS	LOCATIONS	TENDER FEE
202	A Multi-service center development consisting of: Mosque (including ablution area and toilets), Clinic, Students Hostel (orphanage), School (including admin and other offices), 10 shops, green area.	CE1	1	Suleja, Niger State	
203	A Multi-service center development consisting of: Mosque (including ablution area and toilets), solar-powered borehole with 15000 litres steel tank, 15 units of 2 Bedroom houses, 35 units of 1-Bedroom houses, Islamiyah, School (including admin and other offices), 10 shops, clinic, and 40 acre farmland.	CE2	1	Jigawa State	
204	Proposed Mosque Development (80m ² and 120m ²)	M2		Northern Nigeria	
205	Proposed Orphanage Development (695m ²)	O3	1	Northern Nigeria	
206	Proposed Social Housing Project (1-Bedroom house)	S2		Northern Nigeria	
207	Proposed Health Center (150m ² Clinic)	H2	1	Hadejia, Jigawa State	
208	Proposed water projects (hand pump, Motorised boreholes with 3000 and 5000 litre tank, and Solar-powered boreholes with 15000 litres tank)	W3		Northern Nigeria	

Eligibility Information

- Company must with registered with Corporate Affairs Commission.
- Copy of CAC certificate must be accompanied with the following documents: Tax Clearance Certificate, SCUML certificate, PENCOM certificate, NSITF certificate, ITF certificate, BPP certificate, FRC certificate, Detailed company profile, CV of Key personnel, Evidence of jobs done (with completion certificates), 3 years Audited accounts, List of equipment, Evidence of staff/company registration with professional bodies, Bank reference, Sworn affidavit that no director of the company has an interest with Qatar charity or has been convicted for any falsification or financial related crime.
- Certificate(s) that expire before 31st December 2022, will not be accepted.

Submission

Interested bidders are required to submit their Technical and Financial bid documents in sealed separate envelopes. To be clearly written at the top left-hand corner of each envelope are: Project title, Lot Number, Contractor's name and "Technical Bid" or "Financial Bid" as the case may be, by hand or through courier. Both envelopes shall be enclosed in a bigger sealed envelope and addressed/submitted to Qatar Charity office at the location given in the footer of this tender notice. Any bid which is not sealed, or bids received after the due date and time given for submission shall be returned unopened. Bids submitted, should be signed and sealed (with company seal) by an official authorized by the bidder. Due date for Tender submission as follows:

LOT CE1 - Tuesday, 21st February 2023; by 10:00am.
LOT CE2 - Wednesday, 22nd February 2023; by 10:00am
LOT M2 - Thursday, 9th February 2023; by 10:00am
LOT O2 - Monday, 13th February 2023; by 10:00am
LOT S2 - Monday, 13th February 2023; by 10:00am
LOT H2 - Wednesday, 15th February 2023; by 10:00am
LOT W3 - Thursday, 16th February 2023; by 10:00am

Technical and Financial bids will be opened immediately after submission deadline on same day. Financial bids of unqualified technical bids will be returned to the bidder(s) unopened.

- In addition to the above, the reverse of each sealed envelope should have the name and address of the bidder.
- The Tenderer shall complete the Form to Tender and all the Parts and Summary of the Bills of Quantities in **INK (BLUE)**.
- Bid must be in English Language.
- Inquiries relating to this tender should be submitted by email to ytijani@qcharity.org.
- Inquiries will not be entertained 7 days from the closing date for submission of tender.
- All submissions must be accompanied with a cover letter.
- No phone calls will be entertained.

Important Notes

- Bidders are expected to offer their best rates to ensure value for money.
 - Bidders that have not registered with us, on Qatar Charity website should please register using the following link: <https://financial.qcharity.org/purchasesoffice/Default.aspx?lang=1>, to be eligible to bid for projects at any given time.
 - Bids from companies that do not register on our website will be returned unopened.
 - A bidder cannot bid for more than 3 lots.
 - Qatar Charity has zero tolerance for corruption.
 - All rates must be inclusive of 5% WHT.
 - Contractor shall be paid based on milestones completed, as detailed in the articles of agreement.
 - The tender documents, along with scope of work, and unpriced bill of quantities can be collected from our office between 10:00 to 16:00hrs (From Thursday 02/02/2023).
 - A Temporary insurance shall be provided by successful bidders in form of an Advance Payment Guarantee (issued by an accredited local bank in Nigeria) to the sum of the total contract sum (or as agreed by both parties) in favour of Qatar Charity Organization. Temporary insurance should not be valid for a period that is less than the duration of the entire project.
 - Bidders or their representatives may attend the tender opening session scheduled as detailed below:
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 - Tender validity period shall be at least 90 days from the expiry date of the prescribed period for submitting of bids.
 - Qatar charity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids at any time without giving any reason whatsoever.
- Qatar charity encourages potential contractors to participate in the bids with the same commitment of providing people-friendly environment for less-privileged persons in Nigeria.

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Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Analysis & Quality Control	2 Years	1236
PhD in Pharmacology (by Research)	3 Years	3000
PhD in Pharmacy (by Research)	3 Years	3000
PhD in Microbiology (by Research)	3 Years	3000
PhD in Physiology (by Research)	3 Years	3000
PhD in Anatomy (by Research)	3 Years	3000
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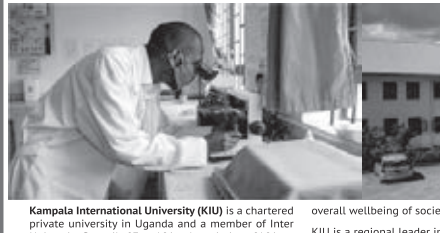
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Diploma in Medical Radiography	3 Years	1000
Diploma in Physiotherapy	3 Years	1000
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Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	4 ½ Years	1365
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“The norms of politics and political competition get imprisoned as the actors invent new rules of engagement as they go along and seek to outdo one another in non-beneficial issues to the ordinary citizens — Former President Olusegun Obasanjo

Why PDP shouldn't retain power in Sokoto – Wamakko

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

A former Governor of Sokoto State and leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state, Senator Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, yesterday said that there was no reason whatsoever for the people of the state to vote for the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) again.

Wamakko stated this while addressing the crowd that attended the APC rally in Bodinga LGA.

He said, “The PDP government has failed the people of the state in all ramifications. Tell me what they have done for the people of the state. Is there anything they have done for our youths or women or other segments of our society? They have done nothing. They don't deserve your votes again.”

Also speaking, the Minister of Police Affairs, Muhammadu Maigari Dingyadi, said the ruling party in the state had failed woefully, citing its semi-urban water scheme in some LGAs which he claimed were commissioned but still not functioning.

He, therefore, called on the people of the state to ensure that the PDP was voted out of power in the forthcoming elections.

On his part, the governorship candidate of APC, Ahmed Aliyu, said if elected into office he would focus on eight areas of human development, including security, education, water supply and local government autonomy.

The Chairman of the party in the state, Isa Sadiq Achida, said they were in Bodinga not to campaign but to thank residents for their assured support to the

party.

Our correspondent couldn't get the PDP's reaction, but recall that Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal said recently that his administration had performed very well and urged the electorate to vote massively for the PDP during the March 11, poll.

Tambuwal had said, “We thank the people of Sokoto State for ensuring our victory in 2019 which made us remain in the government house. We thank God that the people of the state are witnessing the massive good work of our administration in the state in terms of infrastructure, agriculture, education, youth development, among others.

“I also want to assure you that Mallam Sa'idu Umar will continue to build upon our achievements when he assumes office in 2023 by the special grace of God.”



■ Wamakko

WADEMOS, CDD task FG, others on credible polls

By Abbas Jimoh

The West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS) and the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) have urged the federal government to address the lingering fuel scarcity and tackle insecurity to ensure the success of this year's general elections.

The WADEMOS delegation made the call yesterday in Abuja at the end of its “Solidarity Mission to Nigeria” ahead of the elections.

The Director of Advocacy and Policy Engagement, Ghana Centre for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), Mr Kojo Asante,

who spoke on behalf of the WADEMOS team, said the mission was due to the shared democratic values by people across the ECOWAS sub-region.

He said their call became imperative in order for the federal government to improve the availability of fuel to mitigate the effects the current shortage could have on the smooth conduct of the elections.

He noted that it was capable of increasing voter apathy, particularly for voters who would travel long distances to their polling stations, and that it also had implications for the movement of security personnel and patrol teams that would

be deployed to provide security for the elections.

He said, “Major concerns were raised on the collection and issuance of PVCs. Also, any large-scale malfunctioning of the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) on Election Day could cause anxiety and panic among voters.

“Another issue of concern is around the deployment of materials and logistics ahead of the elections. This fear is exacerbated by the current long-running incidence of fuel scarcity in the country. We strongly note the postponement of previous elections in Nigeria, partly due to logistical concerns.”

PDP's Nnamani, Kwara gov back Tinubu

By Abdullateef Salau (Abuja), & Abdullateef Aliyu (Lagos)

A former Governor of Enugu State, Senator Chimaroke Nnamani and Governor of Kwara State, AbdulRahman AbdulRasaq have endorsed the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, ahead of the February 25 polls.

Nnamani said he was backing Tinubu despite being a member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Nnamani, a serving

senator, has been suspended by his party over alleged anti-party activities.

The lawmaker, in a statement yesterday, said with the emergence of Atiku Abubakar as PDP presidential flagbearer, the opposition party breached its own constitution and denied the South the opportunity to run for the presidency.

The statement reads in part: “Having critically examined the situation, I found Ahmed Bola Tinubu as the preferred candidate from the South to foot the bill in

2023.”

Similarly, Gov AbdulRasaq said he was passionate about Tinubu becoming the next President of Nigeria because of his belief in him to deliver impactful projects he promised the state.

Speaking in Lagos while interacting with Kwara professionals based in the Centre of Excellence, the governor said, “It is important we have a president we can sit with. I am passionate about him doing what he promised us. He will deliver highly impactful projects for us.”

Plateau gov'ship peace pact: CP storms out of venue

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

The Plateau State Commissioner of Police (CP), Bartholomew Onyeka, yesterday stormed out of a peace pact signing by the governorship candidates of political parties in the state.

Onyeka expressed disappointment when he was invited to give a goodwill message at the Dialogue Reconciliation

and Peace (DREP) Centre, Jos, but saw only two governorship candidates in attendance.

He expressed anger that he had abandoned other engagements for the event only to find that just two of the candidates were in attendance while three others sent representatives.

He stormed out of the venue, saying he would only give his goodwill message when all the candidates were in attendance and

requested that the event be postponed.

The event, however, continued after a plea from the DREP Director, Rev Fr Blaise Agwom, who said the event should be allowed to continue in order to be fair to those who were in attendance.

Those in attendance were candidates of the APC, Nentawe Yilwatda and Mohammed Abdullahi Danbaba of the Allied Peoples Movement (APM).

Group trains 5,000 women on election monitoring, planning in Kano

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

A group within the All Progressives Congress (APC), Progressive Young Women's Forum (PYWF), has trained 5,000 women from the 44 LGAs and 484 wards of Kano State on election planning and monitoring.

Speaking at the one-day workshop held at the Sani Abacha Indoor

Stadium, the convener and representative of the forum, Balarabe Aliyu Madugu, said the gathering was part of the APC's efforts in ensuring that women fully participated in the electoral process.

Madugu said, “Today is one of the historic moments in my life, and you all that support me, encourage me and believe in me to champion the course of democracy towards the

development of our dear state in particular and the country at large.

“As you are all aware, we are here to educate, enlighten and sensitise ourselves on election planning, monitoring and to honour some distinguished politicians of our time who have been very supportive at all times in moving our great party, which is the ruling APC, forward.”

I'll be fair to all as Kaduna gov – LP candidate

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

The governorship candidate of the Labour Party (LP) in Kaduna State, Jonathan Asake, has assured the Muslim ummah that his administration would operate on the principles

of fairness, equity and justice as enshrined in the 1999 constitution.

Asake gave the assurance at the weekend when he and his running mate, Bashir Aliyu Idris, met with Muslim clerics in continuation of their dialogue with stakeholders in the state.

He further said that as religious leaders who controlled large followers, the majority of whom had been affected by the wrong policies of the APC government, it was imperative to seek their prayers, support and interact on the way forward for the state.

Edo motorists, commuters groan as fuel price hits N400, N500

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Motorists and commuters are groaning in Edo state as petroleum marketers now sell a litre of petrol for between N400 and N500.

Our correspondent reports that the filling stations dispensing the products in the state are characterized by queues, as motorists sleep at the stations.

As a result of the hike in the pump price, motorists have increased transportation fares.

A motorist who spoke on the development, Michael Abu, lamented that he spent the night at the filling station, leaving

his wife and kids at home, hoping to get fuel.

"We passed the night here at the NNPC Mega station because it is selling at N189 while others sell at between N400 and N500 but I don't know when it will get to my turn today even after sleeping at the station," he laments.

Another motorist, Celestine Odion told *Daily Trust* he both fuels at N400 because he doesn't have the patience to sleep at the NNPC filling station where it is cheaper compared to other stations.

He said aside NNPC station that sells fuel at N189, only Rain Oil and Buvel were selling below N300, adding that they

had to increase transport fare in order to meet up with the hike in pump price.

Also speaking, Wilson Odia said he left his home by 5 am with the intention of getting fuel at a cheaper rate but was not certain when he would get it due to the long queue. "I can't afford to buy fuel at N500, so, I have decided to dedicate today to getting the fuel and rest for the week".

A commuter, Christian Joseph, lamented that the price from Ramat, Aduwawa, Agbor park to Ring Road was increased to N300, N400, and N500 as against N150, N250, and N300, respectively.

Benue, Ebonyi working to end border communities' hostility – Ortom

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State on Sunday hinted that he and his Ebonyi State, David Umahi, were working assiduously to end hostilities between communities at the borderline of both states.

Ortom dropped the hint during the Thanksgiving Mass for the official commissioning of a Catholic Parish House built at Holy Cross Parish, Ogbolokuta, Ulayi in the Ado Local Government Area of the state.

He noted that for the hostilities between the people of the Ezza community of Ado local government and Ebonyi State, he was working in collaboration with Governor, David Umahi to end the incessant conflict between the two brothers.

The governor further disclosed that the peace meeting between the two state governments will be held in the area as a show

of commitment to bring the crises to a stop so that the people will return to their homes.

Ortom who is the first governor of the state to have visited the Ezza community since the creation of the state in 1976 told people that boundaries were meant for administrative convenience and not to divide people.

He said that the Ezza people, though Igbo speaking, were bonafide indigenes of Benue State and must be protected by the government.

He also assured them that there was an ongoing process for the amendment of the chieftaincy law of the state, saying, "Ezza community must also be given the opportunity to lead their people" through the appointment of traditional rulers.

He urged the people who deserted their homes as a result of the hostilities to return to their places and be vigilant in reporting any security breach, assuring that able-bodied young men from

the Ezza community will be drafted into the next batch of the State Community Volunteer Guards to help curb insecurity.

Earlier in a homily, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Otukpo, Most Rev. Michael Ekwoyi Apochi encouraged the faithful to imbibe charity work to fellow human beings, stating that doing so was to God Himself on which account entry into heaven will be determined.

In his welcome remarks, the Parish Priest of Holy Cross Catholic Church Ogbolokuta, Rev. Fr. Solomon Alexander Ujah expressed profound appreciation to Governor Ortom for building a Parish House for the Church and prayed to God to reward his sacrifice.

The cleric also appealed to the governor to further look into the challenges of the Ezza community, which he pointed out was ravaged by insecurity, lack of access road, as well as non-existence of a health facility to serve the community.

Old note swap: 'We were starving before CBN Intervention'

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

Some people living in rural communities said they were under starvation before the intervention of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The Apex bank in collaboration with commercial banks has deployed its agents to rural communities to swap old notes for residents free of charge.

In an interview with our reporter, some of the residents narrated their ordeals before the swap exercise.

Malam Muhammadu Bodinga in the Bodinga local government area of the state said life was very difficult for them before the intervention.

"Our businessmen had stopped collecting old notes, some even locked their shops.

To buy something to eat was a problem. We were

living under starvation. We thank the Central bank of Nigeria because of this intervention. It brings succor to us," he said

The district head of Wamakko, Alhaji Aliyu Baraden Wamakko also commended the Apex bank for identifying with the masses at this critical time.

"The Intervention came at the right time. It came at the time our people are in dire need of help," he said.

CBN to monitor bank's strong rooms in Rivers to checkmate hoarding

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

The Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, said it will monitor bank's strong rooms in Rivers State as a way of checkmating banks that hoard the new naira notes and make it difficult for Nigerians to access the money.

The Rivers State Controller of CBN, Maxwell Okafor, disclosed it in Port Harcourt on Sunday shortly after monitoring the CBN cash swap in Port Harcourt

and Igwurita in Ikwerre local government areas.

Okafor said many residents of the State especially POS operators were finding it difficult to access the new naira notes thereby making it hard for the money to get to the areas where banks do not exist.

He said that POS operators are passing through difficulty to get the new note saying that many are discouraged from going to the banks because of the stress of staying for several hours

under the sun before they could get the money.

"The POS operators take money to many of the places where banks do not exist as they can push the money to every nook and cranny of the State. As for hoarding the new naira notes we have to do further exercises to ensure that money is distributed to the people. It means we have to get to their strong rooms. We will check how they disburse what they have, what they have in the ATM," he said.

Edo confirms 115 Lassa fever cases, as deaths rise to 13

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The death recorded from Lassa fever in Edo State has risen to 13, as confirmed cases climbed to 115 since the outbreak of the disease in the state.

The State Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akoria Obehi, who disclosed this to journalists in Benin over the weekend said the

fatality figures from Lassa fever have risen to 13 while confirmed cases are 113.

According to him, the government was stepping up efforts to contain the disease across communities in the local governments in the state.

"We have recorded eight new cases, with the new figures; we now have 115 persons affected with the virus who are

currently receiving care at the Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital."

While noting that the state is adequately prepared and equipped to handle reported cases of Lassa fever, Prof. Akoria, charged the people who experience symptoms such as severe headache, vomiting, and high fever, among others to rush to the nearest healthcare for treatment.



KUBAU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, KADUNA STATE TENDER NOTICE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In compliance with public procurement law 2016 of Kaduna State, Kubau Local Government Council is in the process of carrying out some procurement for the first quarter of 2023. In view of the foregoing background, suitably interested, qualified and reputable companies are hereby invited to Submit tender for its invitation to tender Notice in respect of the following project:

1. RENOVATION OF DISTRICT HEAD OF ANCHAU HOUSE PHASE 1 ANCHAU PALACE .

ELIGIBILITY

Interested Companies are required to Submit the under listed documents which will be used as criteria for technical and/or financial evaluation of all bids:

- i. Evidence of registration of the Company with Cooperate affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Evidence of the Company's tax income clearance certificate of at least 2 years immediately preceding this year.
- iii. Evidence of Companies Financial Capability to handle these project with letter of assurance from Companies bankers
- iv. Evidence of at least one verifiable similar job previously executed by the Company to be accompanied by letter of award of Contract, photographs and valuation certificate in respect of same.

COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested Company shall collect tender form/ document from the procurement office of Kubau Local Government Secretariat at the council Secretariat, upon payment of #10,000 non refundable tender fees per Procurement from 30th January, 2023 - 6th February , 2023 from the hours of 10.00 am to 3:00 pm daily including Saturdays and Sundays.

SUBMISSION OF TENDER

Completed technical and/ or financial bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly showing the Description of the project,(procurement) and name of the Contractor on top of the envelope addressed to The Chairman Kubau Local Government Council and any bid Submitted not in Compliance with this notice will be rejected or returned.

CLOSING DATE

Submission of tender bid shall be closed by 12:00 noon on Monday 6th February, 2023.

OPENING OF BID AND VENUE

Completed bid documents Submitted by the Companies will be publicly opened by 11:00 am on Tuesday 7th February, 2023 at Kubau Local Government Council Chamber. Tenderers or their representatives and other members of the general public are all invited to witness opening of the bids.

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Nigeria needs a Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King

By Mustard S. Uzu

Nigeria has borne, struggled and survived the forecast of doom for a long time as evident in the aftermath of the amalgamation of the Southern and Northern protectorates in 1914, electioneering, ethnic and religious violent conflicts, and the Nigeria Civil War of 1967-1970. The 2015 presidential election seemed the end of the road for Nigeria as a country. As usual, we survived it as a nation, but how we survived it to many is cryptic and to the political elite in Nigeria, it was their political acumen and wit. Far from the truth we weathered the stipulated ruin of Nigeria in 2015 not as lunatics as the political elite think but rather through the act of hard work, patriotism and endurance.

However, it is insulting that after the 2015 and 2019 general elections the desired positive change canvassed to the people of Nigeria by the government, was not enforced. Rather, the political elite continue to divide the largesse of the nation along friends, ethnic, and family lines. Most pathetic is that after eight years of the failure in keeping promise(s), these same people are telling us the same old story and acting in the same ways, forgetting so quickly that we nearly stopped to exist as a nation in 2015, or learning any lesson from the end SARS protests.

Mine is, therefore, a patriotic reminder to the political elite that factors that nearly divided Nigeria in 2015 may assume more potency after the result of the 2023 general elections is declared, especially when justice is not seen done or competence is ridiculed over mediocrity. Furthermore, I would recommend that what Nigeria needs to weather the envisaged hazards of her dance on the brink in two personalities - a Nelson Mandela and a Martin Luther King Jr personae.

Why do Nigerians need a Nelson Mandela? You would ask, is Nigeria's problem so simple that a Nelson Mandela could solve it? Yes, because extant and relevant literature on Nigeria's politics has it that leadership is the major problem of the nation. The situation in Nigeria currently needs a Nelson Mandela personified who would see political power as a tool to give freedom to the oppressed and the oppressor. Nigeria now does not need a power monger or a chauvinist, but a man who would share dividends of democracy across the big and the small tribes of the country as one united nation.

In justification of the above position, it is common knowledge that one of the major discussions associated with the candidates of the contesting parties is their ethnicity, with religion as the second. This means that Nigeria needs a leader who would speak a human language rather than a tribal language. A leader who would refer to the past not to victimise or shame a group of people but rather to draw lessons from history not to commit the mistakes of the past but to avoid future occurrences.

The aftermath of the Nigerian Civil War is the ember that fans ethnic intolerance in the country, as such, a leader like Nelson Mandela is needed to lay to rest the accumulated resentment and historical trauma in Nigeria over the hurt of the civil war through a truth and reconciliation commission.

The attitudes past Nigerian presidents, both civil and military, have shown towards the civil war are not restorative in any way but rather self-exhortations, victor and victim bias which

has sustained the inherited divide in the unity of the early nineties. Justice cannot be done without equity and equity is the birth of truth. Nigeria in her bid to weather the hazards from her dance on the brink come February 25, 2023, needs a president who likes the truth, tells truth, and encourages truth not a man in the old-fashioned Nigerian leadership style. This is because the chaos Nigeria finds herself in as a country is incubated in lies and deceit, evident in her formation as a federation.

After the search and discovery of a Nelson

Nigeria, during and after the 2023 general elections, needs freedom fighters and agitators who are human and nationalistic and not bigots. Freedom fighters and agitators who will address the universal national questions in Nigeria from a human and communal prism and not through a fanatical or ethnic lens.

Mandela in Nigeria, through the 2023 polls, a Martin Luther King Jr is needed to serve as a watchdog to the Nigerian Nelson Mandela. However, it is not sacrosanct that Martin Luther must come after the Nigerian Mandela, because the Nigerian Luther should serve as the forerunner of the Nigerian Mandela, especially during this season of political campaigns and elections. Nigeria, in her history as a nation, has unfortunately been deviled by unnationalistic and unpatriotic freedom fighters, who are money-centric in thinking and action.

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As observed by many scholars, and some of the 2023 presidential aspirants, the problem with Nigeria today is more national than it is ethnic. Though marginalization might have been a particular region's lot in the past but not anymore in the contemporary as evident in the G5 PDP demonstrations.

Therefore, for Nigeria to survive and weather the catastrophe that is hypothesized about her in her dance on the brink, she needs freedom fighters and agitators who are in the mind of Luther King, who see both victims and perpetrators of evil as victims. Nigeria needs this man; he or she could come from any region and religion. We need freedom fighters who agitate for the freedom of human beings, who will attack evil and not the evil doer, who would say that a man is evil not because he is from one geo-political zone or the other but because such person is evil and posed a national threat to the sustenance and well-being of the people of Nigeria. On the other hand, we need freedom fighters who will praise good works and good men not because of their religious affiliation but because they did well for the community of human being.

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Is Emeifele the Wike in APC?

That might be the question on the lips of many in the support circle of the All Progressive Congress (APC) presidential campaign. The decision of Godwin Emeifele, the governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), to unleash the naira redesign, complete with an untenable closing date, has stressed the public in the last few days and has added fuel to the raging fire of discontent among the generality of Nigerians against the government of the day. Ruling parties approaching major elections, such as we expect soon, do not undertake this kind of risky venture. From my perspective, it is patently mule-headed to continue to insist on completing the exercise within such a short period.

When the announcement was made to redesign the larger units of the naira notes and withdraw the old ones, many applauded the reasons advanced by the CBN. However, many of us also expressed serious reservations about the three months' completion period allowed for the exercise. For one, many are dubious that the present-day CBN as managed by Godwin Emeifele has the focus to execute this kind of exercise successfully within the time frame. The CBN governor has been so distracted by his deep involvement in the bid to secure the APC presidential ticket during the last primaries of the party. Having lost the bid, there are doubts that he could be in the best frame of mind to give any positive support to his party's aspirations.

Secondly, there are too many ungoverned spaces in this country, particularly in the up northernmost parts due to the unfettered activities of terrorists. That has made running modern banking impossible in those beleaguered areas. Branches of banks that have been known to flourish in many local government areas in Borno, Zamfara, Sokoto, and Katsina have since closed shop. Thirdly, the idea of modern banking itself is yet to percolate to many rural areas in the country where a sizable number are still illiterate and retain reservations about the use of banks. Cattle, grain, and other similar markets still make large transactions in cash.

Fourthly, the acceptance of internet banking itself is not as universal throughout the country as the CBN would like us to believe.

As if reading the minds of many of us, the APC presidential candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has come out to express unhappiness at these unpopular measures pushed by the sitting government, which he sees as unfavourable to his chances of becoming president.

The usual human resistance riding on top of technological deficiencies such as lack of easy access to internet facilities has made digital banking be, still, rather an elitist affair seen only in offices, supermarkets, and upscale eateries. Many large markets have stubbornly refused to adopt it in their daily transactions. Finally, as I have argued lately on this page it is unreasonable for a government that is on its way out to saddle itself with tasks that could have conveniently been started and completed earlier. Imagine the series of momentous tasks this government has cramped itself with, one at the back of the other, all to be accomplished within a few weeks: redesign of the naira, national headcount, and national elections.

As if reading the minds of many of us, the APC presidential candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has come out to express unhappiness at these unpopular measures pushed by the sitting government, which he sees as unfavourable to his chances of becoming president. He told party supporters at a rally in Abeokuta recently that the naira redesign project and the lingering fuel shortage were artificially created to discourage people from voting for APC and deny him victory at the February 25 presidential election. He said it loud and clear: 'We will go and vote, and we will win. Even if they changed the ink on naira notes. Whatever their plans, they will come to naught. We are going to win.' Tinubu is determined to win despite the sabotage he claims that powerful elements in his party are up to.

It is undeniable that this is a belligerent war cry against his own party. Indeed, it is a curious statement by a presidential candidate of the party that is sitting pretty in government. Though one would take exceptions to Tinubu always going back to his ethnic cocoon to poke jibes at his party, nonetheless he has our sympathy. However, it would have been more statesman-like to have made the statement elsewhere. His cry would have elicited the same sympathy if he had made it in Magumeri in Borno State, Pategi in Kwara State, or Warri in Delta State. It is clear to all onlookers, that, his party is determined to score itself out of power.

It confounds one that the two leading political parties, the APC and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) have chosen the path that could self-destruct them. We have already witnessed how the intransigence of Rivers State Governor Nyesom Wike is dealing what could be a fatal blow to the ambition of the PDP to wrench power from the APC. That is yet to go down with us when this similar pattern appeared on the horizon of the APC.

Hopefully, there seems a glimmer of light for the APC at the end of the tunnel. As I conclude this piece, I just learned that the deadline for the currency exchange to the new notes has been extended to February 10, 2023.

EDITORIAL

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2023: What presidential candidates must do now

Panelists, discussants and participants at the 20th Daily Trust Dialogue, which was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, voiced out aloud the major fears many have harboured privately about the 2023 general elections, scheduled for next month. For the discerning mind, the frontline presidential candidates are now engaged in mudslinging, dirty tricks, stoking ethnic and religious fire from North to South, throwing wealth around, and choreographing spent electoral strategies, to win the forthcoming elections.

But none has enunciated convincing strategies for tackling the multiple and hydra-headed challenges or evils besetting the country.

The dialogue, with the theme 'Interrogating the 2023 Presidential Agenda', had as its chairman the Archbishop Emeritus of the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja, John Cardinal Onaiyekan, and Royal Father of the Day, the Sarkin Karshi, Abuja, His Royal Highness Alhaji Ismaila Mohammed. The panellists were made up of brilliant minds from across the country.

The speakers' assessment of the manifestos and campaign speeches of the leading presidential candidates, including Bola Ahmed Tinubu of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Peter Obi of the Labour Party (LP) and Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso of the New Nigerian Peoples Party (NNPP), proved that none of the candidates has clearly articulated how they would tackle the problems in the country. Insecurity remains a major challenge in some parts of the country; poverty plagues more than a half of the population; unemployment has created a ready-made army for criminality, and the education system has literally collapsed.

These candidates have not provided a framework for dealing with the country's economic crises, in the nature of uncontrolled inflation; loss of revenues from the oil sector due to oil theft; mounting local and external debts; death of the industrial sector; the devaluation of the naira to the point that it has lost its status as store of value; and the general frustration that has made it fashionable for highly-skilled Nigerian youths to migrate to Europe and America, instead of using their skills to build the country.

And instead of using their rhetoric to convince Nigerians that they have the strategies and capacity to deal with these existential problems, our front-line presidential candidates, through their activities, present themselves as mere jesters and manipulators of the people in order to grab the big prize and gain access to the country's resources.

Professor Jibrin Ibrahim of the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), was apt when he described the manifestos of the candidates thus: "The manifestos for these elections are of extremely high quality, the analysis of the economy and society is very thorough, the propositions are very good and the three key issues being addressed are issues that have been with us since the Jonathan administration... But which of these parties has a clear vision?" No doubt, none of them has it. Professor Ibrahim's observation was complemented by that of Dr Yetunde Anibaba of the Lagos Business School, who put the situation quite succinctly, by saying, "These manifestos are excellently written academic works, until they start to take action." Of course, the manifestos are not written by the presidential candidates; they were written by intellectuals who may never be involved in their implementation. Perhaps, even the candidates have not read the manifestos, so they may not be able to communicate how to implement them to the crowds they meet as they campaign from one part of Nigeria to another.

The danger that confronts the nation as we march to the polls under this atmosphere is that, if elected, these politicians may fail at the huge task of repositioning Nigeria, just as previous administrations, like that of Goodluck Jonathan and now outgoing President Muhammadu Buhari, have been adjudged as having performed far below the expectations of Nigerians. The quality of life in the country has continued to worsen from one administration to another. If nothing drastic is done, the country may not escape this frustrating experience in the next dispensation.

As the electioneering campaign continues, we urge Nigerians to ask candidates for the presidential, governorship and legislative elections to provide pragmatic strategies for dealing with the predicaments we face as a country. Political rhetoric that does not provide believable solutions to our problems should be discarded. The political actors must also use the remaining weeks to state clearly their plans for the nation and how they hope to achieve each and every one of them. They must do away with insults and face the real issues. That they continue to attack one another with issues that do not count is actually an insult to the sensibilities of Nigerians.

From all indications, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is poised to conduct credible elections, meaning that votes would count, we urge the institution to remain on that track. Nigerians must also vote wisely, by casting their ballots for candidates who have convincing strategies and passion for tackling the country's problems.



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Agricultural information in quest for sustainable intensification

The increase of agricultural production in the past 50 years has assured food for a growing population worldwide. However, the performance of agriculture systems in Africa is still low, especially in sub-Saharan countries like Nigeria, despite the abundant resources we have. While improvements in food production per capita have been possible in Northern Africa, significant drops have been experienced in sub-Saharan countries, only partially due to conflicts and political instability. Rapidly growing population, soil degradation and fragmentation of farming systems are some of the challenges for food security in Africa.

In Nigeria, insecurity is taking center stage as various armed conflicts are affection agricultural activity in some of the key areas of agricultural production. Nigeria, and other countries have to figure out ways of improving productivity and not only closing the gaps that these conflicts have created, but leapfrogging to catch up with an already advanced world and an ever increasing demand for food and other agricultural produce at home and abroad.

Several agricultural productivity intensification projects with alternative approaches and techniques have been developed in different countries, and they have produced documented benefits for 10 million farmers and improvements on approximately 13 million hectares.

Many experts have several times established that the productivity of African agriculture could be greatly increased by improving the access of farmers to knowledge. This could include, better agronomic practices, soil, water and nutrient management, pest control and alert, improved and market preferred varieties, climatic event warnings, and so on, disseminated by means of improved support services, based on information technologies which have been proven to work and improve productivity.

As you know, smallholder farmers in Africa who manage 85 per cent of arable land with few resources often have a wealth of knowledge about coping in adverse conditions, but usually have the least access to other necessary support. To address the anticipated changes in climate, increased innovation is needed with farmers and communities participating in learning networks, based on science to complement existing local knowledge.

In African agriculture, innovative systems need to ensure that science works with local knowledge rather than overriding it, and that small scale farmers are not only able to access knowledge but also to shape how it is developed. Local knowledge is rich, relevant, and mostly reliable particularly when it is combined with local food processors who are key players of an adaptive economy able to add value to the local products. Supporting farmers and rural communities with better technical knowledge and information related to the agro-environment, the market, and other factors is the social and human capital needed for a sustainable intensification in the face of many challenges faced by Nigeria and much of the African continent. Innovative co-learning and extension platforms, supported by the large diffusion of mobile phone even among the poorest, can provide information such as agronomic practices, climate, pest

alert, and so on, better than the current underfunded, crippled and ineffective in-person extension system.

In the face of all that is happening with security and climate challenges, it is imperative to have an innovative and scalable system to increase productivity of smallholder agriculture, shifting it from subsistence to profitability. My belief has been that in order to unleash the potential of our agricultural systems, we must enhance traditional agriculture practices with the scientific and quantitative information from various technologies ranging from satellite to digital services in order to increase agricultural productivity, regenerate the valuable resources, particularly soil, water, forests and biodiversity, and by preserving the ecosystem services that are key to the life that future generations depend upon.

We have demonstrated through projects, research and even a social enterprise the need to apply an approach of integrated analysis of farming systems, that first identifies the traditional farming practices, and then assesses the agro-ecological resources and land potential of any given farm through high resolution earth observation. Doing this will also include the analysis of the socio-economic baseline of farming systems and the portfolio of ecosystem services underpinning the farming landscape. Subsequently, sustainable intensification strategies can be designed jointly with farmers, so that they are market oriented and then demonstrative pilots can be implemented. The delivery of specific technology solutions for sustainable intensifications to farmers follows only if you have this baseline data, as does a well-designed dissemination strategy.

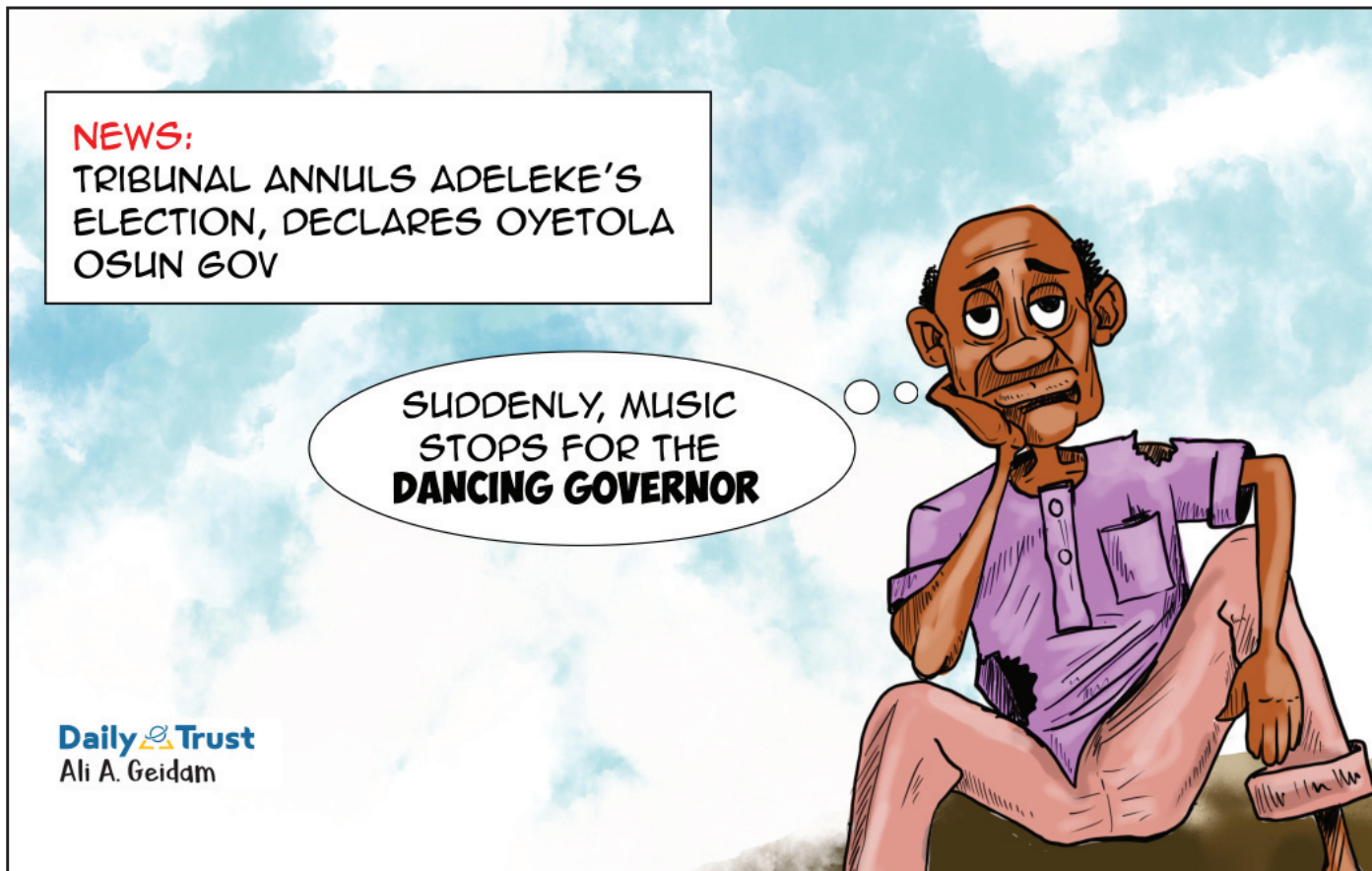
Any agricultural transformation project has to work with the existing ecosystem to succeed. This is why local traditional agricultural practices have to be given full attention and are always pivotal to the success of projects. From the very beginning we promote a thorough consultation with stakeholders (individual farmers, farmer extension service, farmer organizations) to be carried out. Stakeholder engagement activities throughout our project cycles have mostly been supported by international organizations, and local groups leading to the establishment of very strong network with farmers. This cannot be overemphasized.

The truth is without accurate information on the side of the farmer, we can almost never achieve sustainable intensification of agricultural productivity. Farmers operate in a complex web of external factors, drivers (such as market, global trade, policies), site-specific and personal characteristics (such as farm size, soils, agro-ecological zoning location, infrastructure, machinery, human resources, expertise), resources inputs and outputs (like labour, money, energy), all requiring decisions to be made at short time frame (how much to fertilize/irrigate where and when) and long range (e.g., organic farming) in order to reach a sustainable intensification. These decisions must rely again on an accurate information about crop status in space and time and about the impact on ecosystem services in order to minimize inputs, maximize productivity and ensure delivery of services.

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LETTERS to the Editor

CARTOON by Ali A. Geidam



For the attention of CBN Governor

It is evident that the lower denomination notes play a cardinal role in consolidating and fostering small-scale businesses. The scarcity of this category of currency notes in circulation gives small-scale traders and their customers a serious headache and is dragging them into ineffable imbroglios across the country.

In fact, this menace of shortage of the lower denomination naira notes, ranging from N100 to N5 is now being witnessed and felt across the country, especially in the northern part of the country, as a result of the redesignation of the country's highest denomination naira notes, which include N1,000, N500 and N200 and their withdrawal from circulation.

Millions of small-scale traders and their customers have been grumbling and showing concern over the lingering scarcity of the country's lower denomination naira notes as it disrupts their businesses.

Economists, financial experts, and bankers have over the years been forewarning that the inadequacy or lack of circulation of lower denomination notes adds fuel to the flame of inflation. A crucial question to be raised here is what is the reason behind this menace in the country?

Economists and financial experts used to raise the alarm for Nigeria's leaders whose markets are dominated by higher denomination notes to be prepared for suffering from the serious setbacks of economic crisis and collapse. This is in the realisation that filling Nigeria's markets with the higher denomination naira notes is the major reason behind the country's current high inflation.

It is refreshing that in November 2022, during the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in Abuja, the CBN governor, Godwin Emefiele said, "Nigerians want to carry N1000 or N500. In fact, we are beginning to see or think that increasing the high denomination bills is also part of what may even be fueling inflation."

"So, over time, we will reduce the volume of N500 and N1000 in circulation. Let people carry N50 around. Increasing the high denomination of the currency could be part of the factors fueling inflation in the country."

I, therefore, call on the CBN governor to spare no effort to ensure the availability of lower denomination naira notes in every nook and cranny of the country in order to fill Nigeria's markets with them. The existing ones that are mutilated should be withdrawn and replaced with new ones.

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Tinubu and blueprint for the North

Outspoken northern politician and former Presidential Campaign Council director for the Civil Society Organisation of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Naja'atu Bala Muhammad, has said the APC presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, does not have a blueprint for the North's development.

Political pundits are of the view that no serious presidential candidate, whose candidature was largely made possible by the Northern APC Governors Forum, will carelessly open his mouth and say he doesn't have a blueprint for a particular region, especially the North with its massive attractive votes.

Naja'atu Mohammed was just playing politics. Nevertheless. Let's 'keep' Naja'atu aside, the big questions are: does Tinubu have any blueprint for the North? If yes, is it what the North needs after eight years of being in power at the centre?

The basic issue facing the North is insecurity—banditry, farmer-herder conflicts and poverty. To be fair to President Buhari and the APC, they did some well-done jobs in the agricultural sector, restoration of security in communities in the North East, provision of new infrastructure and the rehabilitation of the old ones, including the successes in the social intervention programmes; especially petty cash distribution to the masses.

On October 17, 2022, Tinubu, at Arewa House, told the North, his blueprint for the region. He said he will fight bandits and terrorists with technology which Buhari just started in 2022. Tinubu said, he will turn the North's fertile land into grain fields - the North will become the hub of agriculture. The dairy economy

and agro-allied industries will be promoted.

He said he will accelerate the Mambilla Project and rejuvenate the existing power stations. He assured on exploiting the gold in Zamfara and iron ore in Kogi State.

Tinubu also promised to bring back to school the millions of North's out-of-school children through incentives. He further promised to create a special commission for Almajiri education, including employing Almajiri's teachers.

Are Tinubu's promises to the North enough and in line with the region's needs and wants? Some political pundits believe that the promises are good, but development experts say the North needs more and a new approach.

Apart from these promises, the north extremely needs some strong-willed approaches to the current monster of banditry in the North West. A deployment of massive force and technology against the bandits in the villages where they operate is compulsory.

The North also needs a special economic recovery programme in the areas of youth empowerment, poverty reduction, and the upliftment of business people.

President Buhari, in his own intuition, tried to tackle these issues by appointing many seasoned northerners into various positions of authority. But this has not worked. In fact, this political patronage strategy has failed.

Most of the president's appointees from the North have not served as a link between the president and his support base nor effectively reached the poor, who formed Buhari's 12 million supporters, which APC is still banking on.

As part of the agenda for the North, Tinubu in his campaign promises for the region should also promise the North that he will identify 50-100 business people and business enthusiasts in the North and assist them directly in their area of competence or choice. Imagine the impact new billionaires would have in the business sector, like new industries in the manufacturing and agricultural value chains, ICT, media, trading, etc.

Tinubu's promise to North's youth is still hazy. Since the North's young people have lost in their quest to clinch the APC vice presidential candidate ticket, though, few young people have benefited from the APC Youth Wing appointments, but most of the positions were not influential and direct, like the appointment of Abdurashheed Bawa as EFCC Chairman, which got massive commendation throughout the country, with young northerners feeling well-recognised. Tinubu should directly 'talk' to the North's youth via important and strategic appointments in his campaign council; bringing on more youngsters from the North would be a joker.

Most people support Tinubu in the North on the belief that he is a 'builder' of people. So the North expects from Tinubu three more things on his blueprint - a promise to 'build' some people who can as well build thousands of others and new businesses; to have direct contact with the youth - meaning using his today for their tomorrow; and lastly, to confront head-on the senseless insecurity in the North West, which is not just mere banditry.

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Question and Answer Session- By Dr. Charles Uzodimma

Quality sleep is naturally vital to our physical and mental well-being towards a healthy and productive life. Following our information-sharing on matters concerning it, we engage in questions-and-answers series with you, our audience. We thank you immensely for your participation in this interactive aspect of our publication.

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Dear Doctor,
I'm an avid reader of your weekly column "Quality Sleep and Healthy Living with Vitafoam Nigeria Plc." in the Punch Newspaper. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family.

Please, sir, I would like to know the causes of frequent urination at night which disturbs my sleep. And also if I want to take a nap in the afternoon I find it difficult to sleep due to frequent urination. How do I solve the frequent urination and sleep problem?

Thank you in anticipation and I look forward to hearing from you.
K.I.

Dear K.I.
Urination is an integral part of our body's water system. Most of the human body is water, with an average of roughly 60%. The body water varies among the different body components/organs depending on their individual functions. The brain and kidneys are

the body components with the highest percentage of water according to the Canadian BCCampus Human Anatomy and Physiology textbook. In fact, the components in the body with the higher percentages of water are the brain (80-85%), kidneys (80-85%), heart (75-80%), lungs (75-80%), liver (70-75%), muscles (70-75%) and skin (70-75%).

Urination is the process of passing urine through the final passageway in our private parts. Urine is produced in the kidneys and momentarily stored in a temporary urine reservoir called the urinary bladder. Usually, the bladder is able to store urine until it is convenient to go to the toilet, typically four to eight times a day and nil to once during the night. Needing to go more than eight times a day or waking up at night to go to the bathroom is what is considered frequent urination. And this simply means that either you are producing excess urine or the storage pattern is disrupted.

Excess urine production can result from drinking too much water and/or too close to bedtime. Also, conditions and substances that cause kidneys to produce more urine not considering the quantity of body water will cause excess urine. E.g. alcohol, tea and other beverages, drugs, Diabetes Mellitus, kidney diseases, anxiety, etc.

The conditions that disrupt the storage of urine include urinary tract infections, swelling of

components in the tummy or prostate disease. You need to see a doctor who would ask you further questions to get a clear picture of the frequent urination patterns, physically check the body and conduct relevant laboratory tests. This will aid in the identification of the cause(s) and corresponding treatment.

Considering the disturbance of sleep we would be interested if the frequent urination is due to excess water intake or if water is taken close to bedtime. Sleep happens when the human body and the brain are in good condition for the optimal function of the brain's sleep clock that controls the sleep and the body's cooperative surrender to the dosing-off. The brain needs adequate water for its functions and it is very sensitive to a slight shortage of total body water because it is one of the body components with the highest percentage of body water. It is advised that adequate body water should be prioritized above the disturbance of sleep. We should by all means maintain adequate water intake throughout the day, avoiding taking it close to bedtime. But if we have a body water deficit close to bedtime, we would pay attention to extra water intake and ignore the sleep disruption. This is because if a brain with adequate water experiences interruptions four times by urination with multiples of two-hour sleep bouts, the brain still wakes up refreshed because the quality of the sleep bouts was maintained by the brain's adequate water. But if a brain with inadequate water sleeps

continuously uninterrupted for about 7 hours, the brain will most probably wake up unrested and cranky.

Yours in service,
Dr Charles

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

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

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The Board of Directors of NPF Microfinance Bank Plc is pleased to announce the Bank's unaudited results for the quarter ended 31 December 2022.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
<i>In thousands of naira</i>		
Gross earnings	7,182,499	5,770,055
Interest income	6,349,769	5,172,683
Interest expense	(772,733)	(655,703)
Net interest income	5,577,036	4,516,980
Fee and commission income	747,089	546,941
Revenue	6,324,125	5,063,921
Other income	85,641	50,431
Net impairment loss on financial instruments	(135,000)	(34,971)
Personnel expenses	(2,186,014)	(2,175,214)
Administration and general expenses	(2,113,608)	(1,590,408)
Depreciation of property and equipment	(280,404)	(254,358)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(18,645)	(28,826)
Profit before tax	1,676,095	1,030,575
Income tax expense	(419,024)	(323,082)
Profit for the period	1,257,071	707,493
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss		
Equity investment at fair value through OCI	18,445	(3,258)
Other comprehensive income for the period	18,445	(3,258)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	1,275,516	704,235
Key performance information:		
Total impaired loans and receiveable (N'000)	861,891	676,107
Total impaired loans to total loans and receivables	4k	4k
Earnings per share (Kobo) - Basic	23k	31k
Earnings per share (Kobo) - Diluted	23k	31k
No of ordinary shares	5,393,658	2,286,658

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
<i>In thousands of naira</i>		
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,044,991	6,610,039
Pledged assets	1,631,374	842,096
Loans and advances to customers	23,499,555	17,447,816
Investment securities	1,216,360	1,004,954
Other assets	203,609	5,010,232
Property and equipment	1,346,389	1,007,541
Intangible asset	26,022	44,667
TOTAL ASSETS	34,968,300	31,967,345
Liabilities		
Deposits from customers	17,907,642	16,278,901
Borrowings	2,442,073	2,708,090
Current tax liabilities	431,440	332,353
Deferred tax liabilities	71,370	71,370
Other liabilities	3,146,209	6,845,666
TOTAL LIABILITIES	23,998,734	26,236,380
Capital and Reserves		
Share capital	2,696,830	1,143,328
Share premium	4,466,434	1,517,485
Retained earnings	1,858,354	1,140,649
Fair value reserve	11,448	(6,997)
Statutory reserve	1,513,373	1,513,373
Regulatory risk reserve	423,127	423,127
TOTAL EQUITY	10,969,566	5,730,965
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	34,968,300	31,967,345
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I won't quit new marriage, woman who married daughter's boyfriend vows

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Malama Khadija, a Kano State woman who married her daughter's boyfriend, has vowed that she will not reverse her decision because of what people are saying, noting that since she has not offended the Almighty God she is okay with whatever opinion people

hold about her action.

City & Crime reports that the story of Khadija's action has continued to generate controversy in Kano, as many people keep wondering whether it's true, while others argue on the legitimacy of the marriage in Islam.

Recall that Khadija gave reason for quitting her initial marriage to marry her daughter's boyfriend

as an action that both she and her daughter didn't lose the handsome man.

Speaking on the controversy generated in her family and the state, Khadija said she had no regret.

She said, "I wonder why people are after my marriage. I made the decision by myself. Nobody forced me. My daughter rejected the man, and I felt like we can't

lose him. We are happily married and I am enjoying my stay with him.

"I want people to know that I asked clerics about the legitimacy of this marriage and they said there is no problem with that. So, I will not reverse this marriage. I am there to stay; I don't need any advice."

On the allegation against the Hisbah Commandant of Rano LGA, Khadija said he didn't force her to marry.

However, the state's Hisbah command has constituted a committee to investigate the matter.

Decomposing corpse found floating in Bayelsa

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Residents of Azikoro community in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, were thrown into panic on Saturday after the decomposing body of a man, identified simply as Mr Obocoy, was discovered floating in the Azikoro Canal.

Mr Obocoy, whose corpse was said to have a brick bound to its waist, was said to be in his thirties and hailed from Otuoqori community in Ogbia

LGA. Residents told *Daily Trust* that on Monday night some young men armed with machetes and other weapons were seen thrashing a young man by the Azikoro Canal, noting that the killing could be cult related.

Police spokesman in Bayelsa, SP Asinim Butswat, said that the corpse had been evacuated, noting that the police had positive information on the identities of the suspects.

WOFAN moves to improve agric in 10 Northern states

Partners Mastercard foundation to train extension officers

By Hussein Yahaya

The Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, has trained over 600 extension workers on the use of the ICON 2 Scale-Up app across 10 Northern states in Nigeria.

The ICON-2 Scale-Up app is a software designed to track and manage the implementation of WOFAN's project efforts among farmers in their respective regions which would in turn help the management make informed decisions.

The 13-day training commenced on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, and ended on Friday, February 27, 2023.

The Organisers said the training was designed to equip participants with the necessary operational skills needed to use the app efficiently for the sake of the farmers.

In an interview with *Daily Trust* at the end of the training, Hajia Salamatu Garba, WOFAN's Executive Director and Country Director of ICON 2 Project, said the intended impact of the training was to build a strong relationship between the extension workers and the

farmers, increase the accuracy of data related to farmlands through geo-mapping, aid farmers carry out accurate inputs distribution, create a well-trained group of advisors to help the farmers and enable WOFAN to efficiently and effectively measure and evaluate their projects live.

Hajia Salamatu added that the training would help farmers gain a better understanding of latest advancements in agricultural technology and better equip them to make informed decisions about their farms.

She noted that apart from exposing benefiting farmers to modern farming techniques and technologies, WOFAN had been supporting farmers with inputs. The FCT Team Lead of WOFAN, Hajia Maryam Lawal, identified access to land, security and transportation as some of the challenges farmers in the nation's capital were facing, noting that the team had to intervene to address some of the challenges.

Some of the participants who spoke on the training, commented WOFAN for the gesture, saying their interventions would go a long way to improve agricultural output in the country.

Kwara gets new customs boss



Ilesanmi

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

A new Customs Area Comptroller (CAC), Kehinde Dehinde Ilesanmi, on Friday assumed duty at the command

in Kwara State with a charge to officers and stakeholders to sustain their level of discipline and improve in revenue collection. Ilesanmi took over from DC Hussaini Jallo who had been in acting capacity.

Until his new appointment, Ilesanmi was the Controller, Nigeria Customs Service Board Headquarters, Abuja.

Speaking during the brief ceremony, the new boss, said operatives must keep up their anti-smuggling operations and prevent loss of government revenue through leakages and anti-smuggling activities.

Get us 2 bikes, foodstuff, abductors of Kaduna villagers tell relatives

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The abductors of 14 residents of Janjala community in Kagarko LGA of Kaduna State have ordered the relatives of the victims to bring two new motorcycles, foodstuff, drugs and wine before the victims will be set free.

City & Crime had reported that bandits last week set free three among 11 villagers they abducted in

neighbouring Kadara village after collecting foodstuff, drugs and wine after rejecting N5.3m ransom paid with old naira notes.

The bandits refused to release the remaining nine victims, saying they would only be freed when their families raised N30m in new naira notes.

Speaking through telephone with our reporter on Sunday, the secretary to the chief of Janjala, Babangida Usman, explained that the bandits' leader

said since families of the victims were finding it difficult to get the new naira notes of N14m, the families should buy two new motorcycles and foodstuff.

"So, that is the situation the families of the victims are now facing. And how to get money to buy the new motorcycles and the foodstuff is another problem."

There was no response from the spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command as at the time of filing this report.

QUICK READ

Man steals phones from Ogun church

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta The Ogun State-owned security outfit, So-Safe Corps, has arrested a 19-year-old man, Abiodun Elegbede, for allegedly burgling a church and two houses in Ago Araromi community in Yewa South LGA.

The corps spokesman, Moruf Yusuf, said that the suspect was alleged to have burgled a church and two houses.

He said the items found on the suspect were four itel phones, adding that the suspect, together with the exhibits, had been handed over to the police.

Be professional, diplomatic on duty, Ogun customs boss to officers

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Ogun Area II Command, has called on its officers and men to discharge their duties professionally, have integrity and be disciplined.

The acting Comptroller of the command, Ahmadu Shuaibu, gave the charge during a sensitisation programme organised to celebrate the International Customs Day.

He described the job as a noble one with positive impacts on the nation and its economy, urging the officers to be proud of what they had and to protect the name and image of the service by doing what was right at all times.

Shuaibu noted that beyond professionalism, the officers equally had to adopt diplomacy while carrying out their duties.

No voter will be disenfranchised, FCT minister assures

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah The Minister of State for the FCT, Dr Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu, has assured residents of the territory that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) will not deprive anybody of exercising their franchise during the February 25, 2023, general elections.

Aliyu, who spoke during the inauguration of the FCT Tinubu/Shettima Presidential Campaign Council (PCC) at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, on Saturday, urged the executives and members of the campaign council to ensure that they educated voters across the six area councils of the FCT.

She assured that no voter would be deprived of their franchise because the government of the FCT was resolute to protect voters at the polling units.

Earlier, the FCT Chairman of the All Progressive Congress (APC), Alhaji Usman Abdulmalik, called on residents to support and vote for all APC candidates in the February 25, 2023, general elections.

Jos residents resort to charcoal as gas price soars

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Residents of Jos, the capital of Plateau State, say they have resorted to charcoal as an alternative to cooking gas, electric cookers or kerosene due to increase in their prices.

Our correspondent reports that a 100kg bag of charcoal is sold for N3,500 while a kilogramme of gas is sold for N850 in Jos.

A resident, Balki Muhammad, said, "I enjoy using charcoal because it serves different purposes. It is cheaper, and we can't afford to use electric cookers due to the number of electricity units they consume."

Fatima Adam, another resident, said, "I use it because of different reasons. It is easier to use and cheaper compared to others. For people like me that sell food, it is more profitable to use charcoal than gas or kero."

Like in Jos, the use of charcoal for cooking in Nigeria is growing with each passing day, not just in the rural areas, but also in cities, as the cost of cooking gas continues to rise.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in one of its 2022 reports, 40 million Nigerians engage directly in fuelwood collection and charcoal production, a development that many say is an indication of increased use of charcoal in the country.

Although experts have continued to highlight the dangers of using charcoal, people continue to use it in their everyday activities.

FCTA raids roadside POS points, arrests 47



Some of the arrested POS agents

By Hussein Yahaya

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has arrested 47 Point of Sale (POS) agents in Abuja for conducting business on streets and other unapproved places.

Mr Ikharo Attah, Senior Special Assistant to FCT Minister on Monitoring, Inspection and Enforcement, made the disclosure in a statement issued on Sunday.

Addressing the 47 arrested operators on the premises of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), Attah said the FCT Minister, Malam

Muhammad Bello, had no plan to stop POS business but was concerned about security issues surrounding it.

He said the arrested operators might face a mobile court as they had violated environmental laws.

He noted that the POS business was not illegal, but that operating outside commercial zones and indiscriminately in residential areas was an offence.

He said, "Reports on the arrested operators will go to the minister to determine if they complied with the rules of the city which would not give criminals the shield to disguise as POS operators."

The Assistant Director, Enforcement, AEPB, Malam Kaka Bello, explained that environmental laws of the city forbade business activities in residential areas and on streets.

He explained that those who operated in commercial places would have no problem with the team, but that violators of the restrictions would be made to face the law.

City & Crime reports that the administration had earlier said there were intelligence reports and complaints by residents that strange people were roaming about in some neighbourhoods, pretending to be POS operators.

Repair work begins on derailed Abuja-Kaduna rail



Scene of the incident

By Adam Umar

Engineers are working round the clock to repair the damage caused by the Abuja-bound train from Kaduna which derailed before the Kubwa Railway Station on Friday.

City & Crime reports that the incident led to the suspension of the Abuja-Kaduna train services pending completion of the repair.

Some of the engineers who spoke to our reporter said while work on the rail platform

and some of the affected cargo went on smoothly, lifting the locomotive was difficult because the crane deployed developed a mechanical fault.

One of the engineers said, "As of now we can't do anything until the crane is fixed or they bring another one."

Meanwhile, the Managing Director (MD) of the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC), Mr Fidet Okharia, visited the site on Saturday but declined to speak to the press.

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MONDAY BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

By Sunday M. Ogwu, Philip S. Clement, Itodo D. Sule (Abuja), Ado A. Musa (Jos), Mumini Abdulkareem (Ilorin)

Mixed reactions as CBN extends naira deadline to Feb. 17

- N1.9trn so far mopped up
- Reps reject extension, vow to sign arrest warrant against Emefiele
- Traders, experts react to new deadline

Mixed reactions have trailed the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) extension of the deadline for the swap of old naira notes in commercial banks till February 10.

The CBN governor, Mr Godwin Emefiele, made the announcement in Daura yesterday, adding that Nigerians will still be able to deposit their old notes directly with the CBN until February 17, 2023 which he described as “grace period”.

This entails that after February 17, the old notes will cease to be legal tender.

The CBN who had previously insisted that it would not extend the deadline however noted that as a result of measures put in place to ease the scarcity, President Muhammadu Buhari has given approval for the extension of the deadline.

“Based on the foregoing, we have sought and obtained Mr President’s approval for the following: a 10-day extension of the deadline from January 31, 2023, to February 10, 2023, to allow for the collection of more old notes legitimately held by Nigerians and achieve more success in cash swap in our rural communities, after which all old notes outside the CBN lose their legal tender status.

“Our CBN staff currently on mass mobilisation and monitoring, together with officials of the EFCC and ICPC, will work together to achieve these objectives.

“A 7-day grace period, beginning on February 10 to February 17, 2023, in compliance with sections 20(3) and 22 of the CBN Act, allowing Nigerians to deposit their old notes at the CBN after the February deadline when the old currency would have lost



Emefiele

its Legal Tender status” has been approved, he said.

The CBN governor revealed that N1.9 trillion worth of naira notes have been returned to banks so far with N500 billion still outside the banking vaults.

Emefiele said: “Available data at the Central Bank of Nigeria has shown that in 2015, currency in circulation was only N1.4 trillion. As at October 2022, currency in circulation had risen to N3.23 trillion; out of which only N500 billion was within the banking industry and N2.7 trillion was held permanently in people’s homes.

“So far and since the commencement of this programme, we have collected about N1.9 trillion; leaving us with about N900 billion (N500b - N1.9 trillion).”

He said to achieve effective distribution of the new currency, the CBN took concerted efforts in that regard.

“We are happy that so far, the exercise has achieved a success rate of over 75 per cent of the

N2.7 trillion held outside the banking system.

“Aside from those holding illicit/stolen naira in their homes for speculative purposes, we do aim to give all Nigerians that have naira legitimately earned and trapped, the opportunity to deposit their legitimately trapped monies at the CBN for exchange.”

Reps reject extension, Vows to sign arrest warrant against Emefiele

The House of Representatives Adhoc Committee on new naira re-design and naira swap policy has rejected the 10 days extension granted by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for the exchange of old naira notes.

The Adhoc Committee, chaired by the leader of the House, Alhassan Ado Doguwa in a statement insisted that the CBN must comply with sections 20 sub 3, 4, and 5 of the CBN Act.

Recall the House, during its sitting on Tuesday, following the outcry by Nigerians, constituted the ad hoc committee to look into the issue.

Doguwa in a statement said, “The 10-day extension for the exchange of the old naira notes is not the solution: We as a legislative committee with a constitutional mandate of the house, would only accept clear compliance with section 20 sub 3, 4, and 5 of the CBN act and nothing more.

He said the CBN governor must appear before or stand the risk of being arrested on the strength of legislative writs signed by Hon. Speaker on Monday.

He also said the policy is capable of frustrating the forthcoming general elections.

Mixed reactions trail extension by Experts, traders

Meanwhile, a finance expert and president, Association of Capital Markets Academics of Nigeria (ACMAN), Prof. Uche Uwaleke, while commenting, said the extension of the deadline for notes swap by the CBN till February 10, 2023 with an additional seven-day grace period is a welcome development and portrays the CBN as a responsive organisation that is sensitive to the yearnings of Nigerians.

He noted that when the CBN first placed a cash withdrawal limit of N20,000 per individual per day, it saw the need to revise it upward to N100,000 following reports that the limit was too low and causing a lot of hardship to the people.

Speaking further, Uwaleke said, “The deadline extension will reduce the queues at the ATM, reduce panic and uncertainty among small business owners in particular, and more importantly, allow more time for the new naira notes to circulate and more of the old ones to be returned to

the CBN given that about N900 billion is still outside the banks as revealed by the CBN governor.

However, the Chief Executive Officer, Centre for the Promotion of Private Enterprise (CPPE), Dr Muda Yusuf said: “I believe that 10 days is grossly inadequate to make up for the glaring shortcomings of the apex bank in this process.

The centre had earlier expressed concern that the failure to extend the deadline for the currency swap could put a N100 trillion component of the national GDP at risk.”

Soon after the CBN governor announced the extension, business activities began to pick up in Jos, following the initial shutdown of business centers due to the scarcity of the new naira notes.

While some are saying the extension was a welcome development, some are of the view that February 10 was not enough, calling on the FG to give more time.

Despite the extension, residents still came out in large numbers for the collection of the new naira notes in Kwara State.

When our correspondent visited many of the banks on Sunday, long queues were observed at their ATMs. Some of the places were also observed to be rowdy.

Although many of the banks opened on Sunday, most of them closed around 2:00 pm while money in some ATMs was exhausted around 3:00 pm.

Mrs Yemisi, at the Fidelity Bank branch in Taiwo, said she came to the bank after church service but has been frustrated with the situation she made on the ground despite the extension.

Nigeria lost N3tr during 2022 flood – FG

By Maureen Onochie

Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouk, has disclosed that the total direct economic damage of the 2022 flooding, based on currently reported statistics as of November 25 was in the range of US\$3.79 billion to US\$9.12 billion with the best (median) estimated at US\$6.68 billion (N3 trillion).

Speaking over the weekend in Abuja, during the public presentation of the GRADE report,

she said the damage included residential and non-residential buildings (and building contents), as well as damage to infrastructure, productive sectors, and cropland.

She said the estimated median damages were generally lower than the 2012 assessment (PDNA), but some localised areas had experienced greater impacts than in 2012, and past seasons such as 2018.

Farouk said the number of people affected had risen since June 2022 up to 4.4 million, and as at November 25 4.9 million affected people were recorded

which was around 2% of the country’s population.

“In terms of destroyed and damaged buildings, there is significant damage in many states, with counting still ongoing. There is significant damage to infrastructure including roads, irrigation and river infrastructure as well as WASH and electricity infrastructure with around \$1.23 billion (\$0.959-\$1.724 billion) in damage expected,” she also said.

According to her, the damage to agricultural crops, associated water infrastructure, fisheries and livestock was also severe.

She noted that the worst affected states were Jigawa, Rivers, Taraba, Cross River, Bayelsa and Delta.

Farouk explained that over 650,000 hectares of crops were reportedly damaged, with modeling, hence, other reports suggested that it would increase past 1,000,000 hectares damaged or destroyed.

“The median estimate of these damages is around \$1.837 billion with a significant range (\$526 million - \$2.473 billion) given changing yields, damage ratios, replanting possibilities, and uncertainties in market values of

crops, livestock, and fisheries,” she said.

On his part, the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Dr Nasir Sani Gwarzo, said since June 2022, heavy rainfall led to serious flooding, with numbers of the population affected and houses damaged/ destroyed, stressing that the situation was worse than the 2012 flooding in some localized areas.

He said all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were impacted, with varying degrees of damage and people affected.

What the next administration should do for manufacturers – Vitafoam's CEO

From Abdullateef Aliyu & Yvonne Ugwuezuoha, Lagos

As Nigeria prepares for the presidential election, which areas would you like the incoming administration to address in order to enhance manufacturers' output?

Rightly as you have said, the elections will be done very soon. We have started engaging the government, and hopefully, it will make use of all of our engagements. Top of the list of what we are asking the government to attend to is the dichotomy among the various foreign exchange (forex) windows that we have.

We expect it to bring in economists to look at the impact of the various decisions as regards forex on the economy, rather than an individual just putting whatever it is.

Second, is insecurity: Everybody loves to carry out their businesses in a safe environment. Many of us have factories all over the nation. We produce in some places and we want to move these to another place, and that has become extremely difficult now.

Drivers now tell you that you cannot go to a certain place and those that are ready to go are charging above the roof, and this is making all of the cost elements go up.

Third on the list is energy. In fact, if we do a combination of these three elements, you'd find that if you cast your mind back to what helped the nation to continue to be a nation, these three elements formed the base. The questions we keep asking ourselves as manufacturers are, what has been the benefit of the privatisation of the energy sector?

We started the last financial year with a diesel price of N360. In fact, it went up to that. It used to be above N200, even N192 at a time. All of a sudden, it went from N192 to N250, and we thought that was it. From N250 it went to N360, now it is N800-N1000. Now you can imagine that you are already in the financial year and that all of these costs are skyrocketing.

Infrastructure is the language of the day. We all talk about infrastructure, that if the government can and there are

Mr Taiwo Adeniyi, Group Managing Director/CEO of Vitafoam Nigeria PLC, in this interview, highlights the challenges of doing business in the country, several innovations the company introduced to meet customers' expectations, and should be the target of the incoming government. Excerpt:



■ Adeniyi

ways. If you involve the private sector, if the private sector can only signal trust in the administration of the PPP (public-private partnership), I'm sure there will be a lot more participation, because at the end of the day, it is good for all.

But what you find is that we don't even trust the government. Today you will go and you will be told that if you fix Oba Akran Road, you are going to take a tax holiday.

The day you'll apply for that paper of tax holiday, woe betides you if people that made law at the time you were signing that contract document are out of office. You will start all over. It is then someone will tell you that it was corruption when they were signing the document and that is why you got away with it, saying you must have given a bribe.

How do you want the government to tackle the forex issue for the manufacturing sector?

The Bank of Industry (BOI) gives loans to manufacturers. They do it quite excellently. When BOI started giving out loans, I remember very well, when for instance, Vitafoam got a loan from BOI, one of the things BOI used to do then was make a list of your forex requirements to CBN. Then CBN would grant a window to genuine manufacturers. This is because they know that when you are able to do that, when you are able to source your

materials cheaply to bring to this environment, you create job opportunities and expand the horizon.

So what we are asking the government to do, I may not be absolutely correct but the forex element of the House of Assembly has never failed one day getting allowances to them. But I can imagine that there is a special window that ensures that. The same thing with the judges, I may not be too correct, but I can imagine that nobody is shouting from there as we are shouting in the industry.

So create a window where there is access to forex. But between us, who measures that window? Who is it that monitors that if I, as an agric investor, takes out 20 tons of garlic and I sell and I get \$20. Do I bring \$20 back to this environment? Even when I bring the \$20 back, how do I sell the \$20? That \$20 is what is supposed to be available at CBN to redistribute into the economy, but it is not happening.

How is it that Vitafoam is making a profit and your subsidiaries are thriving despite the challenges? What are you doing differently in your operating environment?

Well, if there is anything Vitafoam is doing differently; you may see two products looking so much alike in the market, but you ask yourself why they don't cost the same price.

There are intrinsic values we have in our products that stand us out. We say to ourselves that our definition for quality is fit for purpose. For as long as our products fit the purpose for which you are going to the market to spend your money, you will continue to buy it.

We have created a niche market for ourselves to say, look when you buy our products, you will not regret spending your money. This is what is standing us out in the marketplace. We produce well, and we price well.

In the 2022 financial year, the group declared a 31% topline increase, a 2% decline in profit. How will you describe the group's performance despite the challenging environment?

The thing you must understand as I explained earlier, I think we started the year on N192 per litre of diesel. Electricity tariff went up in the course of the year, the same with diesel price. Also, you'll find maintenance of machines.

Those machines are not made here, so the same dollar you are struggling to get to buy your raw materials is the same dollar you are applying for to buy spare parts for those machines; to fix the machines and get them running. However, if you look at the exchange loss alone in that financial year, we lost over a billion naira to exchange difference that should directly have gone to profit.

If we really have a serious government, it should be of concern to them. If Vitafoam, as small as we are, lost over a billion naira that should have gone to shareholders, they should be concerned. A percentage of it, 31% of a billion should have gone to the government too. That is over N300 million. So that is what is responsible for what we have reported.

The revenue generation outside Nigeria, are you not tapping into this African trade?

We have signed that agreement without looking at the knots that bring it together. We already signed because we didn't want

other countries to go ahead. Truth be told, as I speak with you we are still trying to sort out the tariff elements. How do you treat the origin of goods from African countries? These are details that are still being worked out.

A renowned economist recently said manufacturers pay 74 different taxes in Nigeria. This boils down to multiple taxation. What is your reaction to this?

Thank God an expert has spoken. What we have done as organised private sector is, we decided to put our problems in our pockets. We have earlier listed the germane headwinds. If I had continued, I would have gotten to multiple taxation. The question we have been asking is what is the Joint Tax Board doing?

I'm sure we have people who go to work every day that are supposed to be looking at these tax heads and asking how we can harmonize the various tax heads, but nobody is doing it. We have shouted and complained but nothing still. We are like toothless bulldogs just barking but nothing comes out of it. The man is correct, all manners of tax. We don't park outside the premises anymore because we were asked to pay a separate tax for that.

Which areas of the company's operations would you prefer for more improvement?

We will keep improving. We are not there yet because we are also careful about the environment we operate in. You don't want to produce a product that nobody will buy.

What are you doing in terms of sourcing your materials locally?

The materials we use are byproducts of petrochemicals. Unless and until our petrochemical industry operates in this country, there is no alternative.

There is no individual that will go and invest in setting up a petrochemical company. This is why we still import a lot of those materials. The natural rubber that we use cannot be sufficient for production, and the price will be way over the roof.

ECOWAS boosts investors' protection for electricity market

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Chairman, ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA), Engr. Kokou Laurent Tossou said the authority is committed to protecting the interests of investors and participants in the regional electricity market.

According to a statement from ERERA, Engr Tossou stated this

when his team visited the Sunon Asogli Power Plant, in Kpone, Greater Accra Region, Ghana, recently.

He noted that electricity production is vital to the market's viability, and ERERA has approved critical documents for developing the regional power market, adding that they will also be conducive to investments in the energy sector.

Approved documents include the Regional Electricity Market Procedures for the West African Power Pool (WAPP), the WAPP Operation Manual, the Tariff Methodology for Regional Transmission Cost and Tariff, the WAPP Regional Market Rules, as well as the WAPP Transmission Service Access and Use Procedures (WTSaup).

ERERA has also secured the approval of strategic documents such as the Directive on the Organization of the Regional Electricity Market. The Directive provides for Member States to amend their laws to allow for open access to the transmission network, as well as provide for third-party access to eligible customers on the other hand.

Mr. Tossou commended Asogli

power plant, a member of the WAPP, for its investments in West Africa and its high efficiency in power generation.

Chairman of the plant, Mr. Qun Yang, said his company plans to expand to Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone as it already contributes 15% to the Ghana power grid from its 560 megawatts gas-fired power plant.

ECONOMIC INSIGHT

FG plans N368bn social investment scale-up for poor Nigerians in 2023

By Chris Agabi

The federal government will disburse N368 billion (\$800 million) for poor and vulnerable Nigerians in 2023 if the National Assembly approves the budget for the National Social Investment scale-up.

A huge part of the funds would be shared as cash for poor Nigerians who would be pre-qualified by the government.

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Mrs Zainab Ahmed, stated this at the weekend in Abuja when she hosted the World Bank Group

Executive Director, for Angola, Nigeria and South Africa, Madam Ayanda Dlodlo.

The minister said the \$800 million social investment net for 2023 approved by the World Bank is a scale-up for the previous interventions in that space.

“There is already a programme for the expansion of the social safety net programme. We call it the National Social Investment Scale-up. It has been approved by the World Bank and the Federal Executive Council. It is provided for in the 2023 Appropriation Act. All we need is the National

Assembly’s approval for it to become effective,” she stated.

Commenting, Dlodlo said she was in Nigeria to access the level of success of some World Bank interventions.

“I visited a few projects in Nigeria. One was the electrification project of a rural community and the other is the social security net that Nigeria has been working on. I also visited the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN).

“What I saw in the projects is that they are catalysts for growth and development for various communities and individuals at a personal level,” she said.

Why PenCom introduced regulations for N14trn pension fund investments – Dahir-Umar

By Philip Shimnom Clement

The Director General of the National Pension Commission, Mrs Aisha Dahiru-Umar, has said the commission released regulations for investing Nigeria’s N14.59 trillion in pension fund assets to ensure strict compliance by Licensed Pension Fund Operators (LPFOs).

Daily Trust reports that Nigeria’s total pension fund assets stand at N14.59 trillion as of the end of October 2022.

Speaking on Nigeria’s pension funds’ investments, the DG said all LPFOs are expected to carry out their investment activities in line with the requirements of the Regulation on Investment of Pension Fund Assets, as it served as the reference document for all investment activities carried out by the fund



■ Dahiru-Umar

operators. “Specifically, the investment regulation provides the allowable markets, allowable instruments, quality requirements, rating requirements and general principles for investing pension fund assets by LPFOs.

“It is pertinent to clarify that the commission, as a regulator, is responsible for establishing rules, guidelines and standards for pension fund investments by LPFOs.

Consequently, making investment decisions is the sole responsibility of PFAs based on their internal investment guidelines and governance frameworks.

“Accordingly, all LPFOs must do their internal due diligence in line with the investment objectives of safety and fair returns before investing in any securities or issuer,” she said.

Mrs Dahiru-Umar further stated that the commission has instituted monitoring mechanisms to ensure good conduct by LPFOs in the pension fund investment process to mitigate potential risks in their investment activities and to ensure strict adherence to the requirements of the investment regulation.

She added that the PRA 2014 and the investment regulations have instituted appropriate sanctions for any infraction by LPFOs in the investment process.

Firms want funding for biofortification over micronutrient deficiency in Nigeria

By Abbas Jimoh

A global movement to rapidly scale up the production and consumption of biofortified staple crops and foods, Harvest Plus, has called on government at all levels to fund the effective implementation of various programmes to address micronutrient deficiency in the country.

Addressing journalists on the sidelines of the Biofortification policy roundtable in Abuja,

Harvest Plus Country Manager for Nigeria, Yusuf Dollah Fu’ad, said deficiencies in micronutrients account for the majority of the global health burden from hidden hunger affecting more than 2 billion people, mostly in low- and middle-income countries.

Through a crop breeding process called biofortification, micronutrient-enriched, climate-smart varieties of common staples provide essential iron, zinc,

and vitamin A to rural households to improve nutritional status, health, and livelihoods.

Lamenting that Nigerians have nutritional challenges, Fu’ad said biofortification has been in Nigeria for 10 years now.

“What we are doing today is stressing the need for policymakers to see the need for budgetary allocation to seed production,” adding that in the past three years, it was either growing or shrinking.

THE ENTREPRENEUR

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Entrepreneurship success: Handling business losses (II)

Last week, we introduced a sweeping definition of business losses by trying to capture all types of business impairments, including the potentialities of their occurrence, irrespective of whether we can measure and ascribe financial values to them or not. We posited that this is important because the entrepreneur needs to be aware of and alert to those events that can trigger damaging losses at the present or in the future but which they may not necessarily be able to specifically predict or ascribe exact financial values to.

On the basis of the foregoing, we will broadly classify losses into two groups viz, ‘technical’ and ‘potential’. By technical losses we mean those losses than be described in terms of actual financial measures that will be seen in the income statement and will affect the statement of financial affairs of the business. Most of the types of losses we mentioned last week, such as operating and capital losses, normal and abnormal losses, etc., tend to be what we can call technical losses. Non-technical or ‘potential’ losses are those losses that may occur now or in the future as a result of the occurrence of an event but which we may not be able to predict the exact quantum of their impact. Such ‘losses’ might, at best, simply reduce the level of profit that we ordinarily could make or at worst actually lead to net losses. In other words, non-technical losses are the likely consequence of missed opportunities or weakened capacity to achieve certain levels of profits that we, otherwise, could make. Furthermore, such losses cannot necessarily be measured or show up in financial statement as in the example of a high-flying salesperson leaving a business that we mentioned last week.

Classifying losses this way is important so that we can understand them and be able to take action to avoid, manage and reverse them. We will begin by taking up technical losses, what causes them and how we can handle them under various scenarios before we take up capital losses along the same format next week.

Losses caused by outright negative gross margin: Sometimes, the financial situation is such that the gross margin made, which is the net of sales revenue above the cost of goods sold, is at the onset negative. In other words, the cost of goods sold (‘COGS’) is higher than the sales revenue generated. This might be possible because you are either under-pricing (selling at some price, probably to undercut competition, even as you may be able to sell at higher prices) or the market is simply unable and/or unwilling to take your product at an otherwise profitable price you want to sell at.

In the first case where you are selling below what the market can afford, you will need to reconsider why you are selling below your cost. If it is because you want to push for the sale of other products, as in a loss-leader proposition, then you will need to be clear about the quantum of loss you are taking on one hand and the benefit you may be deriving on the other. If the benefit justifies the ‘loss’, you can continue on with your strategy. If the reverse is true, however, then you will need to revisit your strategy.

In the situation whereby the market is unable and/or unwilling to take your goods at a price that is profitable to you, you will have narrower and tougher options. First, you will need to return to your ‘drawing board’ to try to understand the structure and composition of your COGS. Can you entirely cut out some components of your material, labour and direct

overheads costs? If you can’t entirely cut out them, are there savings you can make on them? Besides cutting costs though, sometimes the problem may be because you are wrongly positioning your product in the market, thereby denying yourself of the benefits of pricing your products better. If, for instance, you set up your high-end restaurant in a lower-than-middle-class neighbourhood, you will be unlikely to succeed in pricing your offerings as well as you could compared to if your restaurant was located in the ‘right’ neighbourhood. It is the same with many other businesses, as your product positioning will determine your pricing window.

Losses caused by positive gross margin that is unable to cover selling, general and admin expenses: This is probably the most common cause of losses in a business. We make a positive gross margin, but the margin is not sufficient to cover our selling, general and admin (‘SGA’) expenses. We see this loss clearly in our income statement and it erodes our asset base in the statement of financial affairs to the extent of the loss.

This type of loss is generally caused by at least one of three possibilities: A positive but low gross margin made on individual products sold; A low volume of the units of products sold; or a collectively high level of SGA expenses that simply erode whatever positive gross margin there is.

With the first possibility, you will need to check the options of increasing your price to boost the already positive margin. There are limits to this though, and you have to exercise caution by, perhaps, making sure that you do not get out of competitive range. With the second possibility you will need to check what the market size is and what size of the market your competitors hold. If the overall market size is insufficient to make your business profitable, you might have to begin to consider leaving the space unless you can expand the market. If, on the other hand, your competitors have substantial size of the market and they are profitable, you may need to develop a strategy of snatching more of the share of the market. If you cannot increase your market share, you may not survive in that business unless you can substantially lower your breakeven volume. In the last case of high SGA levels, you will need to identify each account in the SGA to establish where you are probably spending more than you should or those spendings that offer no value to what you are doing. In either case, you should consciously identify and take measures to cut down excess costs and remove those that add no value. In doing so, a timeframe should be taken to ensure that the reversal is pursued with vigour to avoid possible bankruptcy and a return to profitability.

In addition to the broad generalisations above, specific operating/current assets can also attract losses in several ways for us. For instance, when we make credit sales, chances are that some percentage of the sales might not be paid back over time. We need to charge such losses appropriately; learn how we can minimise their recurrence and just generally ‘move on’. Losses can also be suffered in raw materials, work-in-progress and even finished products in the course of handling and processing. In such situations we should try to introduce the highest standards of efficient handling and processing to minimise the ‘normal’ losses whilst also giving the losses suffered the right accounting treatment.

Next week, we will conclude on operating losses and take up capital losses and non-technical losses and what can be done about them.



KATSINA STATE GOVERNMENT



APPRECIATION

It is with immense gratitude to Almighty Allah that the Government and good people of Katsina State, the Home of Hospitality, heartily thank His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria on his successful 2-day State Visit to Katsina State.

We profoundly thank you Mr. President for taking time out of your tight schedule to commission a number of gigantic developmental projects executed by the APC-led administration of Governor Aminu Bello Masari in the State which include the Kofar Kaura Underpass, Rehabilitated, Remodeled and upgraded Katsina General Hospital, the new Revenue House, Katsina Water Supply Booster Station, the Kofar Kwaya Underpass, General Hospital Musawa, Government Day Secondary School Musawa, Gora-Makauraci-Malamawa road, the Rehabilitated and Asphalted Sandamu-Baure-Babban Mutum road (over 70kms) and Gurjiya-Sandamu-Kwasarawa-Karkarku Road.

Your Excellency, we also profoundly thank you for Commissioning the Metrological Institute of Nigeria, Katsina, established by the APC-led Federal Government under your watch as well as the Darma Rice Mill, established by one of the illustrious sons of Katsina and business mogul, Alhaji Dahiru Barau Mangal, CON.

Darma Rice is a response to Mr. President's clarion call to develop agriculture and its value chain.

While inspecting and commissioning these projects, we are particularly happy that Mr. President extolled and commended the Katsina State Governor, Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari for silently developing the State through effective management and utilization of meagre resources. We are immensely grateful.

Mr. President. No words can adequately describe the joy and happiness of the people of Katsina State by this singular honour done to us through your state visit and commissioning of the giant infrastructural projects across the three Senatorial Districts of the State.

Thank you Mr. President.

Our gratitude also goes to the Jigawa State Governor for finding time to identify with us on the momentous occasion in a show of solidarity and support to the State.

We also congratulate the Hon. Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Abubakar Sirika on the successful commissioning of the Metrological Institute by His Excellency, Mr President. Your presence at all the venues of the commissioning has added colour to the events and exhibited your commitment and love for your people.

The presence of the Katsina State Gubernatorial Candidate of the APC, Dr Dikko Umaru Radda, his Deputy, Hon Farouk Lawal Jobe and the entire State Campaign Council team is also highly appreciated. Your show of support is a clear testimony of your desire to expand the developmental frontiers of our State.

Our appreciation also goes to Alh Dahiru Barau Mangal for his invaluable contributions to the development of Katsina State. We also appreciate the Director General, National Intelligence Agency, Alh Ahmed Rufai, the Director General, NIMET, Dr Matazu, other top Federal Government functionaries, Captains of Industry, Leaders of the All Progressives Congress, APC and its teeming supporters as well as the general populace who graced the different venues of the projects' commissioning. We thank you all for the show of solidarity.

We also thank our Security Chiefs and all their personnel for the good work of ensuring that all the projects were commissioned successfully.



Signed:
The Presidential Visit Organizing Committee

20 killed in Lagos, Ondo accidents

From Abdulateef Aliyu, (Lagos), Itodo Daniel Sule & Maureen Onochie (Abuja)

‘I’m pained’ – Gbajabiamila

It was a black Sunday in Lagos and Ondo yesterday as no fewer than twenty people lost their lives in separate accidents that occurred in the two South-West States.

While a truck conveying a 20ft container lost control and landed on a commercial bus and killing nine people at Oluejegba in Lagos, 11 persons were reportedly burnt beyond recognition in an auto crash that occurred at Soka Bridge in Ore, Odigbo council area of Ondo state on Sunday.

The fully loaded bus marked KTU 921 YD was said to be waiting to pick up passengers when the incident happened at Ojuelegba Bridge in Surulere with the passengers trapped.

Daily Trust recalls that there were similar accidents in September 2015; April 2, 2022, and April 19.

Our correspondent reports that traffic in and around Ojuelegba was shut down yesterday as emergency responders struggled to recover the container and the bus.

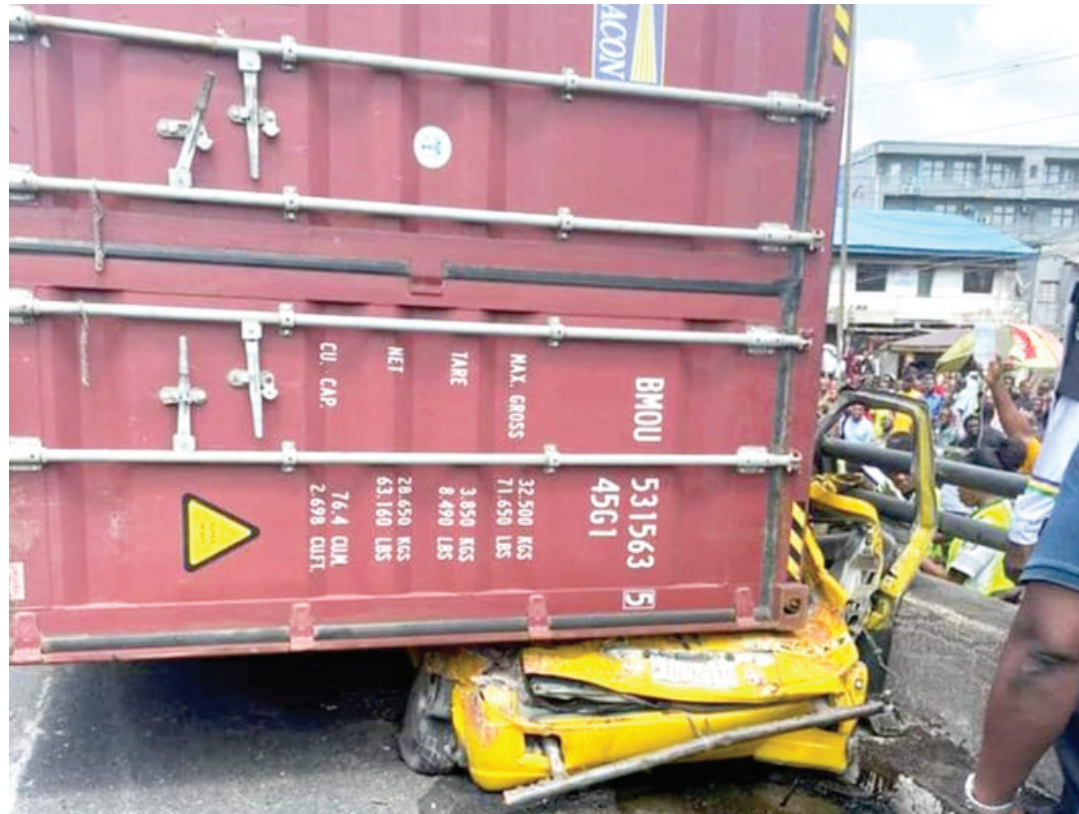
Eyewitnesses told Daily Trust that the truck was trying to climb the Ojuelegba Bridge when it suddenly lost control while its container detached and landed on the bus.

A source said the truck driver was trying to prevent the bus from overtaking him. “You can see the bus was so close to the pavement and it was pinned down by the container after falling off from the truck”, the source said.

Many residents were said to be helpless when the incident happened before the arrival of the emergency responders, especially LASEMA which immediately deployed its heavy-duty equipment.

“Some of them were still gasping for breath when the accident happened. Though people had called the LASEMA and other agencies, most of the trapped victims died before they arrived as the container pinned them to the ground. Only one woman survived it,” said an eyewitness.

Another eyewitness, who simply identified himself as Adekola said the conductor escaped because he was trying to settle the Agberos (Motor Park touts).



■ An accident scene where truck fell on commercial buses at Ojuelegba in Lagos State yesterday

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

“The driver stopped on the bridge when he realised his conductor was held down by the Agberos. This is how containers fall anyhow around here. It is very tiring. We just wish there would be an end to this loss of life,” he said.

Emergency officers including the State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), State Fire Service, Federal Fire Service, and the Police were at the scene to jointly recover the dead.

LASEMA Permanent Secretary, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu said the agency’s heavy-duty equipment was deployed to remove the container on top of the bus while the head of the bus was removed to aid recovery of the trapped passengers.

“After suspending the container load with the aid of the agency’s forklift and cutting off the top of the bus with light rescue equipment, a single adult woman was extricated alive and taken to the trauma centre,” he said, adding that a total of nine fatalities were recovered comprising 4 adult males, 3 adult females, a girl child, and a boy child.

As of the time of filing this report, emergency responders were able to remove the charred bus while the remains of the

victims were deposited at the mortuary.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Lagos, Olusegun Ogunbemide said the rescue had been concluded, adding that an investigation had commenced determining the immediate and remote cause of the crash.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabiamila, described the incident as unfortunate and sad, saying he was pained that innocent people lost their lives in such a manner.

In a statement by his media aide, Lanre Lasisi on Sunday, the Speaker, however, lauded the quick efforts of the officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), FRSC, police, and others in evacuating the victims and rescuing one person.

While calling for immediate action and an investigation into the incident, Gbajabiamila said: “This is not the first time such an incident is happening in Lagos. I call for immediate temporary installation of barriers as in the case of Oba Akran - computer village, Ikeja to prevent trailers from using the bridge to avert future occurrences. It is unacceptable for people to die in such a way at the same spot

multiple times.”

Meanwhile, the Corps Marshal of, the Federal Road Safety Corps, Dauda Ali Biu has recommended the construction of barricades against articulated vehicles (Tankers, Trucks, Trailers, and other heavy-duty vehicles) on Ojuelegba Bridge as a permanent solution to the reoccurring crashes.

Reacting to the incident that occurred on Ojuelegba Bridge, Lagos State, and another crash that claimed 11 lives at Soka Bridge on Lagos-Benin Highway, he cautioned commuters against route violation as well as driving against prescribed legal speed limits on all roads.

He said according to the FRSC operatives on the ground, the container mounted on the Mack Truck at Ojuelegba fell off the truck while landing on the Suzuki minibus filled up with passengers which obviously led to the death of 9 of the passengers.

He said the Corps Marshal who frowned at the incident underscored the importance of barricading the bridge against articulated vehicles citing some of the dangers that come with their continued use of the bridge as he calls for efforts to be made towards expanding the connecting roads under the bridge to accommodate all articulated vehicles.

...How 11 passengers burnt to death in Ondo auto crash

Although details were still sketchy, some eyewitnesses gave accounts of the auto crash that occurred at Soka Bridge in Ore, Odigbo council area of Ondo state on Sunday, claiming the lives of eleven occupants.

According to an eye witness, the trailer drove against traffic (passed through one way) and in the process collided with the Marcopolo bus which was coming from the Benin highway.

The Federal Road Safety

Corps, Unit Commander in Ore, Mr. Sikiru Alonge, confirmed the crash.

Alonge said the incident had caused traffic gridlock along the route and all eleven persons were burnt beyond recognition.

“The Fire has been extinguished, while the traffic is being controlled on the Benin/Lagos Lane,” he said, adding: “Efforts are in top gear with other security agencies to remove crashed vehicles from the road.

Defamation: Fayemi slams N500m suit on Ekiti politician, Arise TV

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

Former Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi, has filed a suit against a former senatorial aspirant in the state, Mr. Kayode Otitoju and Arise Television for alleged defamation of character and malicious airing of offending broadcast against him.

In the suit filed before an Ekiti State High Court, Fayemi is demanding a sum of N250 million from Otitoju and another N250 million from Arise TV for alleged libelous statements made by the politician as an analyst on the station.

According to the Writ of Summons, Fayemi through his lawyer, Mr. Babatunde Oke, is demanding a retraction of the defamatory statements aired against him by the 1st defendant (Otitoju) while appearing as an analyst on NEWSDAY, a programme of the 2nd defendant (Arise TV).

Apart from the total sum of N500 million as exemplary and aggravated damages from the two defendants, the former governor is also demanding a public apology which must be published in at least three prominent national newspapers in Nigeria and posted on the internet/social media.

The claimant (Fayemi) is also seeking the leave of the Court for a perpetual injunction restraining the defendants from making similar or further defamatory statements or publications against him while also demanding the sum of N20 million cost of the suit from them.

Another relief being sought by the ex-governor from the Court is 10 percent interest on the judgment sum from the date the judgment is delivered until the judgment sum is finally liquidated.

According to the former Governor, Otitoju, who is also a former Commissioner for Information in Ekiti State, made several grievous and damaging allegations against his person while appearing on the said programme on Arise TV on 22nd November 2022 in which he (Otitoju) described him (Fayemi) as “the problem we have in Ekiti.”

The politician also accused Fayemi of wanting to impose his wife, Erelu Bisi Fayemi as the Senator for Ekiti North in the run-up to the 2023 National Assembly elections.



MODIBBO ADAMA UNIVERSITY, YOLA (Office of the Registrar)

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF BURSAR, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING AND DIRECTOR OF WORKS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Bursar, Director of Physical Planning and Director of Works in Modibbo Adama University, Yola.

THE POSITIONS

1. The Bursar is a Principal Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the University. He is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day financial administration and control of the university finances.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bursar: Candidate must possess a minimum of second class lower degree in Accountancy or related discipline from a recognized university plus NYSC discharge certificate or evidence of exemption. Possession of a relevant higher degree will be an added advantage. The candidate must, in addition, be registered with a recognized accounting body e.g. ICAN, ANAN, ACCA, ACMA or have any other recognized and acceptable professional accounting qualification. The candidate must have at least 15 years cognate working experience and must be holding the position of a Deputy Bursar in a University.

SALARY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE

The successful candidate for the post of Bursar shall hold office for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of appointment.

2. The Director of Physical Planning is the Head of the Directorate of Physical Planning of the University and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-running of the Directorate. Other functions of the Director, includes:

- Design, coordination and supervision of physical development projects in the University to ensure quality of all executed projects.
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of the university's Physical Master Plan and its update from time-to-time.
- Coordinating and monitoring of all staff and activities of the directorate.
- Prepare and present to management quarterly and annual reports on state of the physical facilities in the university and ongoing and/or planned projects
- Carrying out other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Vice-Chancellor

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

b. Director of Physical Planning : Candidates for this post must have a good honours degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Urban and Regional Planning, Quantity Surveying or any relevant degree from a recognized institution with a minimum of second class lower division plus NYSC discharge certificate, evidence of exemption or exclusion. Possession of a higher degree in relevant field would be an added advantage. Be a member of an appropriate professional body with a current practicing license as well as a minimum of fifteen (15) years post qualification working experience and must have attained the rank of a Deputy Director or its equivalent in a University system.

SALARY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE

The successful candidates for the post of Director of Physical Planning shall hold office for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of appointment. The salary and conditions of service are as applicable to the respective offices in Nigerian Federal Universities and as may be determined from time to time by the Federal Government of Nigeria and the University's Governing Council as appropriate.

3. The Director of Works is the Head of the Directorate of Works and Maintenance of the University and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-running of the Directorate. Other functions of the Director, includes:

- Responsibility for the day to day physical/infrastructural facilities management and maintenance in the University.
- Supervision and ensuring quality standards/maintenance and servicing of physical structures in the University.
- Keeping an inventory of all university properties and having responsibility for its maintenance, security and upkeep;
- Carrying out other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Vice-Chancellor

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

b. Director of Works : Candidates for these posts must have a good honours degree in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Urban and Regional Planning, Quantity Surveying or any relevant degree from a recognized institution with a minimum of second class lower division plus NYSC discharge certificate, evidence of exemption or exclusion. Possession of a higher degree in relevant field would be an added advantage. Be a member of an appropriate professional body with a current practicing license as well as a minimum of fifteen (15) years post qualification working experience and must have attained the rank of not less than a Chief Engineer in a University system.

SALARY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE

The successful candidates for the post of Director of Physical Planning shall hold office for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of appointment. The salary and conditions of service are as applicable to the respective offices in Nigerian Federal Universities and as may be determined from time to time by the Federal Government of Nigeria and the University's Governing Council as appropriate.

Applicants must be proactive, have high integrity and moral character, with excellent communication and interpersonal relations. He/she must fully understand the complexity of the university system and command respect and engender loyalty of the university community. He/she must enjoy good mental and physical health, be ICT compliant with proficiency in relevant computer applications and be able to provide good professional leadership to the Staff of their respective Directorates. Candidates should not be above 60 years at the time of assumption of office.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested Candidates should forward their applications and twenty (20) copies of their credentials and current curriculum vitae, duly signed, and dated giving the following information:

- Full name, current postal and contact address, permanent home address,
- Place and date of birth;
- Nationality;
- State of origin and LGA
- Marital status;
- Number and ages of children;
- Academic qualification obtained with dates, class, institutions and distinctions;
- Membership of Academic and professional bodies
- Statement of experience including full details of former and present posts, employers and work schedule
- Other activities outside current employment;
- Hobbies;
- For applicants for the Post of Bursar, a statement of the candidates' vision for the university in the next five years with particular reference to the growth and financial affairs of the university (Not more than 500 words);
- Names and addresses of three (3) Referees;
- Shortlisted candidates shall be required to make themselves available for interaction at an appointed date;
- Applications are to be submitted under confidential cover, in envelopes marked at the Upper Left-Hand Corner

"POST OF BURSAR/DIRECTOR PPD/DIRECTOR WORKS (whichever is applicable), MAU, YOLA addressed to:

The Registrar,
Modibbo Adama University,
P.M.B. 2076, Yola,
Adamawa State, Nigeria.

5. REFEREES REPORT

Candidates should request their Referees to forward references on him/her directly to the Registrar/Secretary of Council attesting to their character, integrity and academic and management capabilities in a sealed Envelopes and marked "CONFIDENTIAL".

6. CLOSING DATE

All applications and Referees reports must reach the Registrar not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this publication.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Only short listed applicants will be acknowledged.

Signed:
HALIMA M. BALA
REGISTRAR



BAUCHI STATE UNIVERSITY, GADAU P.M.B 065, ITAS-GADAU L.G.A BAUCHI STATE

(INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT) VACANCIES FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR, BURSAR AND LIBRARIAN

The Governing Council of Bauchi State University, Gadau invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill in the vacancies of Registrar, Bursar and Librarian.

In accordance with the provisions under first schedule of the Principal Officers of the University as contained in the University law (2010) and the University's condition of service. The Governing Council wishes to commence the process of filling the impending vacancies as follows;

Candidates for the posts must demonstrate evidence of strong academic and administrative leadership, good human relations and positive managerial attributes. They shall be of proven personality, integrity and transparency in private and public life; should command respect as well as attract cooperation and loyalty of staff and students'

A. REGISTRAR

The Registrar is the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the day-to-day discharge of his/her duties.

- The Registrar is a Principal Officer and custodian of the University Regulation.
- The Registrar is responsible to the Vice Chancellor on all administrative matters of the University.
- Functions as secretary to the Governing Council of the University.
- Functions as Secretary to other Statutory Committees.
- Responsible for keeping all records of the University.
- Any other duties as may be assigned by the Vice Chancellor from time-to-time.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicants must possess a good honours degree (minimum of second class lower) from any University recognized by the senate of the University, with at least 15 years cognate experience.
- Applicants must have occupied the position of at least Principal Assistant Registrar, preferably or in a University similar Institution for a minimum of five years and should not be older than 60 years as at the possible date of assumption of office.
- In addition, applicants must possess higher degree and must be ICT compliant.
- Membership of relevant and recognized professional bodies is mandatory.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

- The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five(s) years beginning from the effective date of assumption of duty and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of appointment.
- The condition of service is as provided for by the condition of service of the University.
- Candidate appointed shall be entitled to all officially approved benefits attached to the office of the University Registrar.
- At the end of tenure he/she shall be entitled to other benefits as specified in the condition of service of the University.

B. BURSAR

The Bursar is the chief financial officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

QUALIFICATION

Candidate for the post of Bursar must possess the following requirements.

- A good honours degree, HND or its equivalent in Accounting or finance from a recognized institution of higher learning with at least 21 years cognate experience plus full registration with a recognized Professional Accounting Body or possess relevant master degree from a recognized institution of higher learning with at least 18 years of cognate experience.
- Possession of doctorate degree (PhD) in relevant field is an added advantage.
- Evidence of attendance of a continuous mandatory professional development course is required.
- Successful candidate must not be above the age of sixty (60) years at the time of taking up the appointment.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

- The appointment is for a period of five (5) years beginning from the effective date of assumption of duty and on terms and conditions in the letter of appointment.
- The condition of service is as provided by the condition of service of the University.
- Candidate appointed shall be entitled to all officially approved benefits attached to the office of the Bursar of the University.
- At the end of the tenure he/she shall be entitled to other benefits as specified in the condition of service of the University.

C. LIBRARIAN

The University Librarian is a principal officer and is responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the overall administration and coordination of the University library, its branches in the schools and department as well as providing services for the entire University Community.

QUALIFICATION

Candidate for the post of University Librarian should not be below the rank of Principal Librarian or equivalent in Academic Library and must possess the following requirements:

- Minimum of Master's Degree in Library Science (MIS) with at least eighteen (18) years cognate experience.
- Relevant scholarly publication in Journals and Textbooks equivalent to that of a Senior Lecturer is a must.
- Proficiency in Information Communication Technology (ICT)
- Membership of Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria.
- Evidence of attendance of a Continuous Mandatory Professional Development.
- Candidate must have spent at least 5 years as Principal Librarian or its equivalent in Academic Library.
- Successful candidate must not be above the age of Sixty (60) years at the time of taking up the appointment.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

- The appointment of the candidate is for a period of five (5) years beginning from the effective date of assumption of duty and on such terms and condition.
- The condition of service are as contained in the condition of service of the university.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested and qualified candidates should send their applications in fifteen (15) hard copies with up to date curriculum Vitae and copies of credentials which must include the following:

- Full name, surname underlined
- Marital status and number of Children
- Date and Place of Birth, Local Government Area and State of Origin
- Telephone Number(s) and e-mail address(es)
- Current Postal Address and Permanent Home Address
- Educational Institutions attended with dates
- Academic and professional qualifications obtained with dates
- Academic honours and membership of professional bodies
- Work experience in chronological sequence
- Present Employer, status and salary
- Evidence of proficiency in information and communication Technology (ICT)
- Evidence of Medical fitness from a recognized Government Hospital
- Names and Address of three (3) Referees one of whom must be the present employer.

REFEREES

Candidates are required to ask their three (3) referees to forward confidential reports on them to the address mentioned below before the closing date.

Only shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged.

CLOSING DATE

Applications should be submitted in sealed envelope mark "Application for the post of Registrar, Bursar and Librarian respectively" on the top left hand Corner and address to:

The Registrar, Bauchi State University, Gadau
P.M.B 065, Itas-Gadau L.G.A Bauchi State

To reach him not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this publication

Signed
Registrar
Bauchi State University, Gadau

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BUHARI, GCFR

SENATOR
ABDULLAHI ADAMU

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The All Progressives Congress (APC) Presidential Campaign Council happily welcomes the Winning Team, led by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, **His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR**, the APC National Chairman, **Abdullahi Senator Adamu, CON**, the APC Presidential candidate, **His Excellency Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, the Vice Presidential Candidate, **Senator (Dr.) Kashim Shettima**, and other stakeholders to Akwa Ibom State.

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*National Vice Chairman APC Presidential Campaign Council and
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COUNCIL OF REGISTERED BUILDERS OF NIGERIA (CORBON)

The Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON) was established by the Builders Registration Act CAP B13 LFN 2004 to, among other things, regulate the practice of Building profession in all its aspects and ramifications. Council hereby notifies the General Public that it shall induct and license a batch of 373 Builders.

By the law of Nigeria, Builders are trained professionals, who are licensed by CORBON to manage the production process of building construction in Nigeria. The training of Builders is structured to enable them acquire requisite knowledge and skills required at the strategic, tactical and operational levels of Building Production. Thus, they are able to adhere to Building Production Management standards and ensure the achievement of Project objectives. The standards are segmented as follows:

- i. Construction Programme
- ii. Project Quality Management Plan
- iii. Project Health and Safety Plan
- iv. Construction Methodology

Preparation and utilization of these Building Production Management Standards ensures:

- a. Adherence to Production standards and specifications are met at the first attempt.
- b. Protection of employees and the public from hazards that may arise due to production activities.
- c. Efficient management of production resources thus reducing wastage

- d. Adherence to statutory requirements that may be necessary during production activities.
- e. Adherence to tests, inspections, quality certifications, etc. as may be required.

Building Project Owners in Nigeria are called upon to engage Licensed Builders that must prepare and insist on approval of the following Builders' documents along with other contract documents prepared by other professionals that have inputs in Building Project delivery.

- Quality Management Plan
- Project Health & Safety Management Plan
- Construction Programme
- Construction Methodology

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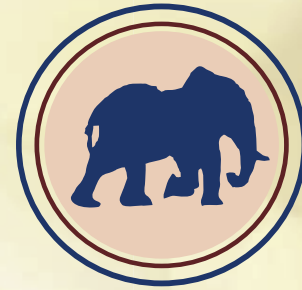
Venue - International Conference Centre (ICC), Abuja

Time - 9.00am

Chief Host
Babatunde Raji Fashola, CON, SAN
Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Works & Housing

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Bldr. Samson Ameh Opaluwah, FNIQB, FNSE
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FELICITATIONS



On the 27th of January 2023, His Royal Highness the Emir of Ningi, Alhaji (Dr) Yunusa Muhammadu Danyaya CON, marked 45 years on the throne of his ancestors as Emir. It is explicit that Ningi emirate has witnessed tremendous developments in all facets of human endeavours in the last 45 years. Furthermore, His Royal Highness has remained a pillar for unity and peaceful coexistence among the Ningawa and the entire people of the emirate. It is my hope and prayers that Allah (SWT) will continue to give His Royal Highness the wisdom, courage and good health to do more for the benefit of his community and Nigeria.

It is with gratitude to the almighty to Allah for all the accomplishments of His Royal Highness that my family and I, wish to use this medium to felicitate with the Emir for attaining this milestone on the throne. We pray for many more years of fruitful service to the Ningi emirate, Bauchi state and Nigeria in general. Allah Ya Ja Zamanin Sarki. (Ameen)



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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RT. HON. (DR.) FEMI GBAJABIAMILA
THE SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A CLARION CALL ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REJECT THE ATTEMPT BY THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA (ICAN) THROUGH BILL NO. HB 1178 TO ERODE THE PROGRESS MADE SO FAR IN BRINGING SANITY TO THE NIGERIAN TAX SYSTEM

1. Taxpayers Right Initiative (TRI) was established as an advocacy group that seeks to:
 - i. Protect the rights of taxpayers.
 - ii. Promote tax environment that will guarantee maximum revenue yield to the government at all levels.
 - iii. Promote culture of compliance with tax legislations.
2. We have watched keenly the developments in the Nigerian fiscal environment over the last seven years and can safely conclude that Nigeria is on the right path to fiscal sustainability. The cheering news of record collection of over N10 trillion by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) in the fiscal year 2022 is no doubt the outcome of successive right steps by government and relevant stakeholders to place taxation at the centre of its revenue mobilisation efforts. There have also been improvements in the area of fiscal policies, tax administration reforms and the provision of an enabling environment for the revenue agencies to perform their functions. The Finance Bill which specifies the framework for financing the annual budget with review of the tax laws has been consistently brought to the limelight over the last four years, providing the right pedestal for government revenue projections to be met.
3. TRI believes that the gains recorded may be reversed if an evolving development in the regulatory environment is not addressed. We are aware that taxation in Nigeria is currently a distinct profession with a professional body established by an Act of the National Assembly charged with powers to regulate the practice of the profession in all its ramifications. That Body undoubtedly is the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) which has as its enabling charter, the CITN Act, Cap. C10, Volume 2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.
4. Sometime in 2022, precisely, 2nd February, 2022, stakeholders were invited to a Public Hearing organised by the Federal House of Representatives' Committee on Finance to seek input and comments concerning a bill to amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) Act and related matters Cap. 111, LFN, 2004. The Bill, HB/1178 was sponsored by Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmed to address emerging trends in the Nigerian economic environment. While it is worthy of note that the ICAN Act which was enacted in 1965 was due for review to conform with emerging trends, some of the contents and areas of focus of the Bill did not align with the purpose outlined.
5. The Bill instead of concentrating on reinforcing and strengthening its established areas of operation, rather focused unjustly on expanding the scope of functions to be performed by a Chartered Accountant in an era of specialisation. Sections 14, 21, 27 and 28 of the Bill aptly capture the focus of promoters of the Bill. In section 14 of the Bill, ICAN for reasons best known to it, but certainly contrary to all Legislative norms seeks the empowerment of its Council to by regulations to designate a service that a Chartered Accountant could perform without the approval of the supervising Minister, contrary to the existing legislation. This is quite strange in every sense of the word. The request if granted, is akin to constituting the ICAN Council into Parliament of its own, with powers to make, unmake and undermine other professions previously legislated upon by this August Assembly. The grave implication is that one day, ICAN Council could by fiat, enact regulations that would allow its members practice "law" or even "engineering" as a service. It is also noteworthy that in Clause 21, other functions currently within the purview of other professional bodies chartered by Acts of the National Assembly were included. As a taxpayer advocacy body, we are concerned that tax practice was listed as part of services to be performed by a Chartered Accountant. These concerns also extend to the definition of a chartered accountant in clause 28 as a "Tax Practitioner".
6. It is important to bring to the attention of Honorable members of the House, concerned stakeholders and the general public that despite the well-grounded submissions by stakeholders during the public hearing, the House Committee on Finance retained the contentious provisions of the identified clauses in its report that was laid on the floor of the House on 17th January, 2023. The implications of the ICAN Act (Amendment) Bill (HB/1178) being passed into law in its current form are quite grave and the consequences better imagined than experienced, including passage of law to contradict an existing law yet to be repealed. Where then lies specialization and professionalism? This is like throwing away the twin engine that has enhanced Tax Practice in Nigeria in recent past. Why should legislation create avoidable legislative contradictions capable of drawing back the hands of the clock?
7. We are aware that on the subject matter; ICAN and some of its members had at various times, sought legal means to contest the powers of CITN to regulate tax practice in Nigeria. This had failed in its entirety. As a matter of information and fact, in a judgment delivered by Hon. Justice Lateefat Okunnu of the Lagos High Court on 12th March, 2007 in suit No **M/476/2005**, it was held that "taxation is legally recognised in Nigeria as a profession separate and distinct from the accountancy profession". ICAN's suits at both the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court (**CA/L/673/07 & SC.492/2013**) respectively did not succeed in upturning that judgement. It's too late in the day, for ICAN to seek to incorporate Taxation into Accounting Practice through the backdoor.
8. **ICAN's Attempt to dominate other Professional Bodies** – S. 21 of the Bill (HB/1178) is an attempt to subjugate, superintend and override CITN Act (including the Acts of some other professional bodies) thus making the latter irrelevant for the purpose of their establishment. The said section seeks to widen the scope of the areas of practice of ICAN members to include taxation and other professions currently being regulated by the appropriate Acts of the National Assembly.
9. **There is an existing MOU voluntarily signed by ICAN with ANAN and CITN.** On 31st May, 2021, ICAN, ANAN and CITN signed a MOU which stated the scope of duties to be carried out by the members of each Institute/Association with respect to taxation. Specifically, ANAN and ICAN members are responsible for professionally prepared and audited accounts while CITN members are responsible for taxation related matters. The implementation of the MOU is substantially contributing to the current sanity being witnessed in the fiscal environment of the nation.
10. **Taxation is a stand-alone Course in so many Institutions of Higher learning in the Country.** There are so many tertiary institutions offering taxation as stand-alone course, sequel to the aforementioned development in the country. This attests to the fact that taxation is not an integral part of Accountancy in Nigeria. Accommodating ICAN's pursuit, will send wrong signals to budding Tax Practitioners.
11. **ICAN's attempt to use the legislature to achieve what it could not achieve through the judiciary and the Court of public opinion.** We are aware that two Court cases on this subject matter (**CA/LAG/CV/1021/19 & FHC/L/CS/1837/2022**) are currently pending before Appeal Court and Federal High Court respectively.
12. **Deceitful ICAN's argument that taxation is an integral part of Accountancy in other climes.** We are aware that CITN in conjunction with the Chartered Institute of Taxation Ghana (CITG) was instrumental to the formation of the West African Union of Tax Institutes (WAUTI) which is a founding member of Global Tax Advisers' Platform (GTAP). GTAP consists of Tax Institutes in Asia, Europe and Africa which provides a common front in the push for professionalism and promotion of tax justice in countries around the world. The current global trend is transforming the tax space into what currently obtains in Nigeria and other member-countries of GTAP. Taxation is a distinct profession from Accountancy within the jurisdiction of member-countries of GTAP. This Bill (HB/1178) is an attempt to reverse this trend and expose Tax Practitioners in Nigeria and indeed the Country to international ridicule.
13. TRI considers it a patriotic obligation to bring the above to your notice and to also adequately inform the Honorable members of the House of Representatives as well as the general public about the implication of the proposed amendments to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) Bill (HB/1178) for professional practice in the country. Kindly be reminded that TRI had earlier Presented its position on the Bill at the Public Hearing convened by the House Committee of Finance on 2nd February, 2022. We also believe that the issues canvassed there should now be brought to the knowledge of the entire Honourable Members of the Green Chamber of the Legislature and the public domain with a view to avoiding the likely crisis the passage of the Bill could cause within the rank of professional bodies generally and its potential negative impact on the Nigerian fiscal space as well as government revenues. Nigeria cannot afford to return to an era where there were multitudes of quacks and charlatans parading as tax practitioners, mounting road blocks, harassing taxpayers and portfolio consultants engaging in professional services due to the absence of a coordinated and unified body regulating the tax profession.

PRAYER

14. With all due sense of responsibility, we urge the Honorable members, through your good self, to expunge the word "tax practitioners" and tax practice" from sections 21 and 28 of the Bill and also reject in its entirety the provisions in sections 14 and 27 of the Bill (HB/1178). ICAN should be content with regulating the practice of Accountancy in Nigeria

Ahmed B. Ahmed
Director, Taxpayers Right Initiative

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I, formerly known and addressed as **BALOGUN KAOSARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BALOGUN KAOSARA AJUKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, formerly known as **BINTA IBRAHIM**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **BINTA SASILKA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

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

DAIRO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINBORO TAIWO SALIMOT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs DAIRO TAIWO SALIMOT**. All former documents remain valid, Fidelity Bank Plc and General public should please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **IDRIS NURA TAWALI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRIS NURA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as **MAGAJI UMAR SAYAYA,UMAR SAYAYA MAGAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR MAGAJI SAYAYA**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **SANI AL-HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **YA'U HAMIDU RINGO** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

RABIU: I formerly known as **USAINI DUMBA** now wish to be called and addressed as **RABIU HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

FASINA: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs AGBAJE OLUWATOSIN OMOLABAKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs FASINA OLUWATOSIN OMOLABAKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NAMASKA: I formerly known as **HANNATU SAIDU**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **HANNATU SAIDU NAMASKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MAIJIDDA: I formerly known as **MAIJIDDA MUSA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MAIJIDDA MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **GINGILA LANDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BALASARI LANDA GINGILA** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I, formerly known as **ANTHONY ALEXANDRA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ANTHONY ALEXANDER** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

HAYATU: I, formerly known as **HAYATU HASSAN HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAYATU HASSAN** All former documents remain valid. GT Bank and general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

AJIIBI: I was formerly known and addressed as **AJIIBI EZEKIEL OLUSEUN**, Henceforth I wish to be known and addressed as **AJIIBI EZEKIEL OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should take note.

GODSON: I formerly known as **Godson Osinachi**, now wish to be known as **Godson Stanley Osinachi**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

COMFORT: Formally known as **COMFORT ELISHA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **COMFORT ELISHA AMOS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULRAZAK YAHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUDU YAHAYA D.O.BB/3/1996 NOT 2/ MARCH/2000** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known as **JOHN EKEDI ONYEBUCHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **JOHN IKEDI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

HUSSEIN: I, formerly known as **HUSSEIN IBRAHIM AHMED** now to be addressed as **HUSSEIN AHMAD IBRAHIM**. All Former documents remain valid. General Public take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH: That my name was wrongly arranged and written on my account and BVN as **ELEONU GODDY CHUKWUDI** instead of **ELEONU GODDAY CHUKWUDI**. That I swear to this affidavit that my correct name is **ELEONU GODDAY CHUKWUDI**. That my date of birth was wrongly written on my Account and BVN as 2nd day of July, 1984 instead of 2nd day of August, 1989. That I swear to this affidavit that my correct date of birth is 2nd day of August, 1989. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

TERLUMUN: I formerly known as **TYONONGU TERSEER**, now wish to be known as **TERLUMUN ORSEER FELIX**. And my correct date of birth is **08/08/1975**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note

GAMBO: I formerly known as **GAMBO SANI KUKUM** now wish to be known and addressed as **GAMBO SANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **DORCAS LAZARUS MAGAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **DORCAS LAZARUS** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS CHINENYE AGARTHA EKWENYE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS CHINENYE AGARTHA EMMANUEL ABUMERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

HAUWA'U: I, formerly known as **HAUWA'U ALIYU ABDULLAHI** now to be addressed as **HAUWA'U ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General Public take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

EKEH: I formerly known as **FRANCA TOCHUKWU IKENNA**, now wish to be known as **EKEH FRANCA TOCHUKWU**. And my correct date of birth is **25/9/2004**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

FAITH: I, formerly known, called and addressed as **MISS. FAITH DAVID SUNDAY** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. FAITH DIANA-ABASI FRANCIS**. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **KENNETH CALLISTA KELECHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **UHEGWU SUNDAY CALLISTA** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **OLADUNNI RISIKATU OLAWUMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **TERIBUTU RISIKATU OLAWUMI**. All former documents remain valid. Oyo State Government, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I, formerly known as **FAUZIYA USMAN YAKUBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN FAUZIYA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

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

I formerly known as **IDRIS SADIQ** with date of birth **23-11-1983**, now wish to be called **IDRIS SADIQ** with date of birth **15-07-1996**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME: This is to inform the general public that **DIANA-ABASI IBANGA FRANCIS** and **DIANA-ABASI IBANGA** refers to one and the same person. I prefer to use my two names as **DIANA-ABASI IBANGA** in my publications and conference certificates. All documents bearing the said names remain valid. University of Calabar and the general public please take note.

JAE: I, formerly known as **JAE SIMON RABO** now wish to be known and address as **JAE SIMON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MALLAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI DANDUNDAYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

HADIZA: I, formerly known as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be addressed as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI ABDULSALAM**. All former documents remain valid. General Public take note.

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

I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU YAYA KAWUWA**, now wish to be called **MUHAMMADU ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD HINDATU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HINDATU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLOJEDE OLAMIDE COMFORT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AKINYELE OLAMIDE COMFORT**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

BASHIR: I formerly known as **BASHIR MUHAMMAD WADA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BASHIR MOHAMMED WADA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ALIYU: I was formally known as **ALIYU DALHAT** now wish to be called and address as **ALIYU DALHAT MUSA** former documents remain valid general public, all authority concern should take note please.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **ZARA IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **MADU FATIMA** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

OSHIQOUE: I formerly known and addressed as **EGWAOGIE JEFFERY OSHIQOUE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EGWAOGIE JOSEPH OSHIQOUE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **JOY RUNKE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMES RONKE BOSE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **KEHINDE ADEOLA AJAKAYE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KEHINDE ADEOLA OWIE**. All former documents remain valid, Banks and General public should please take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ETTANA: I Formerly known and addressed as **OMOLEWA RACHEAL ETTANA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNSAKIN RACHEAL ETTANA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ANOGHENA: I formerly known and addressed as **OHIONMOBA HENRY ANOGHENA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KADIRI, HENRY OHIONMOBA ANOGHENA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

HAJARA: I formerly known as **BLESSING SOLOMON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJARA SABO**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OMORINOLA KAMALDEEN ADEBAYO now wish to be called and addressed as **OMORINOLA KHAMAL ADEBAYO**. All former document remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

OKPALA: I, formerly known and addressed as **UDJAK SUNDAY BASSEY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **UDJAK DIVINE OKPALA**. All former documents remain valid. General public, University of Nigeria please take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

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

ORIBURE: I formerly known and addressed as **OSLEGOR TRUST OSELUMHENOSEN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ORIBURE TRUST OSELUMHENOSEN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUSA BAWA MARDIYAH** now wish to be known and as **MUSA MARYAM**. Date of Birth **1-3-1992** not **1-3-1990**. All former documents remained valid. Keystone Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **WADGARE YUSUF AND BLESSING YUSUF**, now wish to be known and addressed as **WADGARE MANASSEH YUSUF MY CORRECT DOB 27-9-1998 NOT 10-8-1992** all former documents remain valid, general public to take note

ODUNAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADEOSUN OLADAYO ELIZABETH**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs ODUNAYO OLADAYO ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LAURA: I formerly known as **PAM LAURA EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL LAURA KIRAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

HALIMAT: This is to notified the general public that **NASIRU HALIMAT** and **NISIRU HALIMAT**. Belong to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NASIRU HALIMAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and public to take note.

KAUNA: I formerly known and addressed as **KAUNA LAWI WORMI**. but now wish to be called and address as **KAUNA SAMAILA**. All former document remain valid, First Bank Nigeria PLC and the General Public Should Please Take Note

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

FALEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNBAMIRO OLUWAMAYOWA TEMITOPE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **FALEYE OLUWAMAYOWA TEMITOPE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LAURA: I formerly known as **PAM LAURA EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL LAURA KIRAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

RAHILA: I formerly known and addressed as **SUNA RAHILA**, but now wish to be called and address as **AYUBA RAHILA**, also my date of birth was mistakenly captured as **10/10/1978** instead of **21/01/1980**. All former document remain valid, First Bank Nigeria PLC and the General Public Should Please Take Note.

I formerly known as **NAJA'ATU TIJJANI** now wish to be called and addressed as : **NAJA'ATU ISA TIJJANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

My name was written as BELLO .K. ABDULAZEEZ and BELLO ABDULAZEEZ AKOREDE, now the correct name is **BELLO AKOREDE OLUWADAMILARE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LAURA: I formerly known as **PAM LAURA EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL LAURA KIRAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

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

I formerly known as **HARUNA UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HARUNA UMARU** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LAURA: I formerly known as **PAM LAURA EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL LAURA KIRAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

I, formerly known as **MUJITTAPHA SALISU**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **MUJITTABA SALISU**. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **USMAN A KANI** now wish to be known as **USMAN ALHAJI KANI** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned about and general public should please take note

FABULUJE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OGINNI MODUPE SUSAN**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs FABULUJE MODUPE SUSAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LAURA: I formerly known as **PAM LAURA EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL LAURA KIRAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

I formerly known as **GARBA GARBA**, now wish to be called and addresses **GARBA UMAR SALEH** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

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

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as KADIRI FATIMO TAIWO. That henceforth, I now wish to be called and addressed by the public as **SHITTA-BEY-KADIRI, FATIMO TAIWO**. That all documents that bears the former names remain valid. General public take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LAURA: I formerly known as **PAM LAURA EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known as **EMMANUEL LAURA KIRAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MARGRET ENE AMEH** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARGRET ENE EZEH**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as **SUMAYYAH MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUMAYYAH ADAM MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HAUWA: I, formerly known as **HAUWA DAHIRU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA DAHIRU SA'AD**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as MARY EFFIONG EKARIKA. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MARY UDEME RAYMOND**. That all documents bearing **MARY EFFIONG EKARIKA** remains valid, the Public and Authority Concerned should take note.

OLAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OKEDARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BOLUWATIFE KOFOWOROLA OLAYO**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

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ACTION TAKEN: The Complainant was advised to go to the relevant authority Concerned for verification and subsequent replacement of the document lost.

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

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- i. Agricultural Technology (Epe Campus)
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- vi. Electrical Engineering
- vii. Estate Management & Valuation
- viii. General Art
- ix. Fashion Design & Clothing Technology
- x. Food Technology
- xi. Hospitality Management
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- i. **General Entry Requirements for National Diploma (ND) Programmes**
Senior School Certificates Examination (WAEC/NECO & NABTEB) with at least five (5) credits obtained at not more than two (2) sittings, which must include English, Mathematics and three other relevant subjects from the minimum entry requirements specified in the current JAMB Brochure.
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METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applicants are to pay processing fee of **Fifteen Thousand Naira (N15,000.00)** (excluding result verification fee and any transaction charges). Payment can be made online or in the bank. The College does not accept cash payment.

Candidates should visit the College website at www.yabatech.edu.ng and follow the instructions to complete the on-line application form and submit.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

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This is to inform Part Time candidates that application for Part Time Admission is presently available on JAMB Portal. The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has made it mandatory for candidates applying for admissions into non-regular Programmes in any tertiary institution in the country to do so through JAMB and be eligible for JAMB Admission letter. This will afford the concerned candidates the opportunity of having their admission processed on JAMB CAPS.

(ii) Guidelines for Application for Part Time Admission/Registration on JAMB Portal

- Create a JAMB Profile
- Visit any JAMB Centre
- Apply for Part Time Admission on JAMB Portal to generate your JAMB Registration number
- Pick Yaba College of Technology as Institution of choice
- Pick Course of preference
- Correction of name(s) must be done before accessing JAMB Portal for Part Time Admissions/Registration.
- Name(s) on your O'Level results will be the Bench Mark for Registration.
- Registration for Part Time Admission on JAMB Portal is compulsory for all Part Time candidates.

Campus of preference should be clearly indicated by candidates for programmes that run in both Yaba and Epe Campuses.

Candidates applying for part time HND should ensure that their transcripts of the ND programme reach the Office of the Registrar, Yaba College of Technology within six weeks from the date of this publication.

For details on available programmes of study and entry requirements, visit Yabatech website at www.yabatech.edu.ng
For further enquiries, applicants should contact the Admissions department, Room AA01, Old Administrative Building.

The deadline for submission of application is six (6) weeks from the date of publication.

Any application received after deadline will not be considered.

Signed
Dr. S. O. Momodu
Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICE



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED 5,252.23 HECTARES OF SUGARCANE FARM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT MOKWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, NIGER STATE BY GOLDEN SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) AT CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces Twenty-One (21) working day Public Notice for information and Comments on the draft EIA report submitted by Golden Sugar Company Limited.

THE DISPLAY CENTERS ARE:

- Headquarters Mokwa Local Government Area, Mokwa, Niger State.
- Niger State Ministry of Environment Office, Minna, Niger State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Minna, Niger State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business Area, FCT - Abuja.
- www.ead.gov.ng

Brief Project Description:

The proposed project entails the establishment of sugarcane farm and other ancillary developments on a total land area of 5,252.23 Ha at Mokwa, Mokwa Local Government Area, Niger State.

The type and varieties of the planting materials are those of high yielding and adaptable to the Nigerian Environment and local conditions as well as drought tolerant and disease resistant.

DURATION OF DISPLAY:

Date: 30th January - 27th February, 2023

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm Daily

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ON OR BEFORE 5TH MARCH, 2023.

SIGNED
PERMANENT SECRETARY
FOR: HONOURABLE MINISTER

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

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SPORT



■ Lobi Stars goal scoring sensation, Suur Kumaga (L) trying to ouwit an opponent in yesterday's match at the New Jos stadium

Anambra to partner private sector on sports development – Oyedum

The Anambra government says it will harness sports facilities put in place by the private sector in its bid to transform the sector.

Patrick-Estate Oyedum, Chairman of Anambra Sports Development Commission (ASDC), said this when he led management of the Commission to NEROS Sports Stadium, Nanka, in Orumba North Local Government Area (LGA).

Oyedum, who described the facility as a huge investment by a true lover of sports and youths, said the government would create activities that will keep it busy.

"I am impressed with what the private sector has done in the area of sports facilities, NEROS Stadium is yet another of such great efforts by sports loving people of Anambra.

"We shall partner with them and support them because what they are doing is in line with the vision of the Commission under the Solution Agenda of Prof. Chukwuma Soludo," he said.

Akonam Obiefuna, representative of Poly Emenike, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of NEROS Pharmaceuticals Ltd, owner of NEROS Sports Stadium, said the facility which was built on reclaimed massive gully erosion site, was opened to the public in 2012.

Obiefuna said the stadium had hosted different football competitions, both national and international, but needed more activities.

He said the partnership of the Anambra government was needed in the areas of upgrade of the facility and use as a venue for competitions.

Kumaga hits brace in Lobi Stars 3-0 thumping of Bayelsa United

...As Enyimba, Akwa, 3SC, Sunshine also record home wins

By David Ngobua

Lobi Stars' new kid on the block, Kumaga Suur, was the hero once again as he fired his first professional brace in the 3-0 demolition of Bayelsa United in the Nigeria Premier Football League (NPFL) Week 4 match played yesterday at the New Jos Township stadium.

After a barren first half, substitute Suur whose solitary strike earned Lobi Stars the maximum points against Abia Warriors in Umuahia continued with his good form as he tapped in Joseph Atule's tailored cross to give his side the lead in the 67th minute.

The youngster who is making his debut in the Nigeria topflight then doubled Lobi Stars' lead in the 78th minute when he tapped in another pin-point cross from the diminutive Atule.

Former Katsina United man, Abba Umar, also assisted by Atule, then put the match beyond the visitors when he scored the third with a long range strike in the 84th minute.

The massive win propelled Lobi Stars who have nine points from four matches to second position on Group B table.

In Aba, former African champions, Enyimba FC thrashed Kwara United 3-0. A brace by Chukwuemeka

Obioma in the 11th and 68th minute and a goal by Ademola Adebambo in the 18th minute ensured Enyimba pocketed the maximum points.

Elsewhere, Akwa United left it late to beat Plateau United 1-0 as teen sensation James Ajako struck in the 79th minute to hand his side the important win.

At the Pantami stadium, 10-man Gombe United fought back to draw 1-1 with Nasarawa United in an ill-tempered contest that saw over 10 minutes of second half added time.

After veteran striker, Chinedu Ohanachom, put the visitors ahead in the 11th minute, Gombe United were reduced

to 10 men when Sani Suleiman was sent off in the 81st minute but the hosts battled until they get their equaliser when Yusuf Taiye scored a stoppage time penalty.

In Ibadan, Tiz Iorwuese's 78th minute header handed 3SC their first win of the season and sent back hard fighting El-Kanemi Warriors empty handed just as Sunshine Stars also shone for the first time in a 1-0 win against Abia Warriors.

Fumbling Rangers forced Niger Tornadoes to a 0-0 draw in Kaduna the north-east derby between Wikki Tourists and new boys, Doma United also ended in a barren draw.

Fakel-Gazprom Orenburg to unveil Quadri today

From Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

The poster-boy of Nigerian and African table tennis, Aruna Quadri, will be unveiled today by Russian league champions Fakel-Gazprom Orenburg at a colourful ceremony in Moscow, the Russian capital.

The Nigerian will undergo medical before the singing and unveiling ceremonies at the headquarter of Gazprombank (GPB), owner of Fakel-Gazprom Orenburg based in Moscow.

GPB which is a private-owned Russian bank and the third largest bank in Russia funds the club.

According to a source close to the player, the work permit needed by Aruna will also be obtained by the management of the club this week ahead of their league match on Friday,



February 3 against Samara at the Russian Table Tennis Centre in Moscow.

Aruna joined the Russian 10-time champion early this year from Bundesliga side TTC RhönSprudel Fulda-Maberzell for the remaining part of the 2022/2023 season.

The Nigerian joined the Russian champion alongside Chinese internationals An Yan and Hongyu Chen and they are expected to continue the team tradition of dominating the lucrative Russian league this season.

An elated Aruna said after his arrival in Moscow at the weekend that the reception accorded him by the club management would surely inspire him to give his best in the league.

"I am really impressed with what I have witnessed since my arrival on Saturday because the organization was top-notch and I can't wait to start playing for the club," he said.

Djokovic wins 10th Aus Open to equal Nadal's 22 Slams

An emotional Novak Djokovic beat Stefanos Tsitsipas Sunday to claim a 10th Australian Open title and equal Rafael Nadal's 22 Grand Slam crowns, a victory that returned him to world No 1.

The Serbian star overcame a hamstring injury and off-court drama on his return to Melbourne Park to sweep past the Greek third seed 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/5) on Rod Laver Arena.

He surged to victory without father Srdjan in the stands after he sparked controversy by posing with a fan carrying a Russian flag featuring Vladimir Putin's face following his

son's quarterfinal win.

Djokovic climbed to his player's box after the win to embrace his mother and broke down in uncontrollable tears, collapsing to the ground sobbing.

It capped a remarkable comeback by the 35-year-old fourth seed, who missed last year's tournament when he was deported over his Covid vaccination stance.

After a three-year ban from Australia was lifted, Djokovic won the lead-up Adelaide International before reinforcing his stature as an all-time great in Melbourne.

The emphatic win drew him level with Nadal on a record 22 Slams, two clear of Roger Federer.



SPORT REPORT

Brighton knock holders Liverpool out of FA Cup



■ Kaoru Mitoma

Holders Liverpool were knocked out of the FA Cup after losing 2-1 at Brighton & Hove Albion in the fourth round on Sunday as Kaoru Mitoma struck the winning goal in stoppage time.

Harvey Elliott put Liverpool ahead, Lewis Dunk equalised before halftime and the score stayed at 1-1 until Mitoma found the net in the 92nd minute with a fine finish.

Salah missed a good chance in the second half and so did Solly March for Brighton before Mitoma controlled the ball on the half volley before firing home a dramatic late winner.

Man United on a 'good path', says Casemiro



■ Casemiro

Casemiro believes Manchester United are on a "good path" and says playing for the Old Trafford giants makes him feel like an excited 15-year-old again.

United failed to land Frankie de Jong and Adrien Rabiot but pulled off a coup by signing the Brazil international from Real Madrid in August.

Some questioned United's decision to pay £60 million (\$74 million) for a 30-year-old – a fee that could yet rise by £10 million – and even the hunger of a player who has won so much.

But Casemiro has excelled at Old Trafford and embraced the challenge of turning the club's fortunes around.

THE WHITE PAPER with **Suleiman A Suleiman**
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APC against Tinubu?

The 'cold war' that has been going on in the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) boiled over to the surface last Wednesday when the party's presidential candidate said, once again in Abeokuta that the national crises arising from fuel scarcity and the naira notes redesign by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) are targeted specifically to sabotage his election next month. That is a very serious accusation to come from any leading presidential candidate; that it comes from the candidate of the ruling party is even more so. It is certainly the rarest accusations we have seen from the presidential candidate of the ruling party since 1999.

For a man who was much more instrumental than any other individual politician in getting Buhari finally elected as Nigeria's president in both 2015 and 2019, you would think Tinubu would have had an easy ride during the primaries. He won with a large margin to his nearest rival, but the battle he and his supporters fought within the party to win was fiercer and more intense than anything Nigerians have witnessed in a presidential primary election in modern times. He ultimately won the primary election battle, but the war itself has been far from over.

Many of the forces ranged against him at the primary hurdle remain active and are still well placed to do damage to the candidate between now and the election period. At least, this is what the candidate himself believes as implied by his Abeokuta speech. More importantly, the accusation is an indication of Tinubu's still marginal position in relation to the real corridors of power under Buhari's government, never mind that it is a government he did more than most to help form. This is true at least with respect to this election. His second Abeokuta speech, like the first, was a cry of the marginalised. For us mere observers therefore, all of this raises two key questions: are Tinubu's claims true? And if so, who are the saboteurs within his own party and the APC government?

None of these questions is easy to answer definitively by an observer, but we can, at least, speculate by analysing the questions, rather than giving answers to them. For Tinubu's sabotage claim to be true, there must first be a deliberate plan or scheme by some people within the government and his party, and second, the plan must be logically workable to lead to the outcome Tinubu thinks the saboteurs want to see happen. That is, the sabotage scheme must be based on the idea that a biting fuel scarcity and a failed

naira redesign policy would get Nigerian voters angry enough to vote against the APC and its candidate in the presidential election.

I don't know whether anyone in the APC government actually sat down to hatch such a plan against Tinubu. But if Nigerians continue to suffer the sort of hardships millions currently encounter from fuel scarcity and the mess around old and new naira notes, as well the CBN's cash withdrawal limits, then it is possible that just enough Nigerians might be angry enough to vote against the APC in the coming election. But the more crucial point is that if the sufferings continue, then the same outcome is possible even without any deliberate plan by anyone within the APC government or party.

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This is what gives credence to Tinubu's claim, regardless of whether it is factually true or not. Nigerians are really tired of this government and its botched policies, and voter anger against the government might be transferred to the party's candidate at the polls. This is what, I suppose, the Tinubu camp wishes to avoid by all means, and hence, the candidate's latest Abeokuta bombshell. So, who might the saboteurs scheming against their own party's presidential candidate be? And where are they located within the APC or the government? Again, we can't know for sure, but a careful observer would easily see that many around Buhari are lukewarm towards the APC candidate. All you need is to look closely at the pattern of the Buhari presidency.

Broadly, there are three kinds of people who have worked in the Buhari presidency since 2015, all of them

defined by their relative proximity to the president himself. The outermost category of people to the president are the technocrats at the top of federal agencies and departments, big or small. Many of these people don't really have any direct proximity to the president, even if they have links to the party or to other people close to Buhari. They wield some power in their own little domains, but that is about it. Many of these have never had more than a passing encounter with the president, and as such, know their place in the government.

The second category are closer to the president in that they were with the party prior to and up to the moment of victory in 2015. These are the ministers and heads of major government agencies in the Buhari presidency. They are closer in proximity to the president and wield a bit more power than the first group, and occasionally, have an audience with the president, but mainly in relation to their jobs. What they lack the most is what the third and most important group has: real influence on the president and his government.

The innermost group of people around Buhari are the few who have been with him all his life and those who work with him during the CPC (Congress for Progressive Change) years or earlier. These are the people with real power in the Buhari presidency, and quite frankly, they are scarcely more than a dozen people, if that many. Some are ministers or heads of the most powerful agencies or departments in government. By their roles, some work directly with the president every day. One or two are governors or are placed in the party machinery, and some are advisers with no known official portfolio of any kind.

What these people have in common are three. First, they have access to the president way above all others in the first and second categories. Second, by their rather privileged proximity to the president, they get to speak to the president on issues and as such are able to influence the direction of both politics and policy. Finally, these people know themselves and others also know them as the men and women with the real power in this presidency, a factor that actually reinforces their power.

The real challenge, for Tinubu, is that most of the people around him within the APC do not belong to any of these three categories of people around the outgoing Buhari presidency. This means that there will be a cleavage, not continuity, between a Tinubu and the Buhari presidencies, even if they are formed of the same party. The closer you are to Buhari, the farthest you are likely to be in a Tinubu presidency if he wins, with a few individual exceptions, of course. Therefore, for most, not all, of the closest people around Buhari today and in the past eight years, a Tinubu presidency will be much the same as a presidency formed by any other political party. But I should leave the rest to the reader's own imagination.