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Follow your bliss and the universe will open doors where there were only walls



- Joseph Campbell

AFRICAN SAYINGS

"The only time you will see a quiet snake is when it has swallowed another snake"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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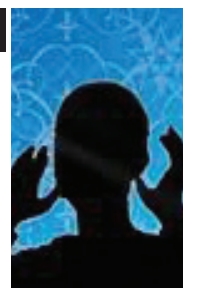
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ Afghan boys look over a metal barrier at people receiving food supplies during a distribution of humanitarian aid for families in need Kabul, Afghanistan

PHOTO: Hussein Malla/AP

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IN-DEPTH

Inside Ogun road accidents

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

At least 2,100 road users have been sent into their early graves between 2014 and 2021 in Ogun State, making it one of the top states with road fatalities in the country, *Daily Trust* investigation has revealed.

The state plays host to the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, Lagos-Abeokuta, Ijebu-Ode/Benin-Ore Abeokuta and Ota-Idiroko highways marked as some of the busiest roads in the country. These roads are notorious for road crashes in the state, accounting for about 90 per cent of the accidents.

Similarly, an average of 1.5 million vehicles ply roads within Ogun State daily, according to the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), a state-owned traffic agency.

In 2019, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun Command, projected that no fewer than 16 million passengers travelled on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway during the festive period.

Bad roads and human errors, experts say, account for the road crashes which Ogun is now synonymous with.

According to statistics from FRSC and TRACE, between 2014 and 2018, 1,286 people died on Ogun roads, while 6,749 were injured. In 2019, 338 passengers died, while 176 were killed in 2020.

In 2021, over 300 lives were lost in various road accidents in the state. According to FRSC, 1,200 people were involved in the various road accidents with over 200 vehicles involved.

The agency noted that speed violation, a human error, accounted for over 77 per cent of accidents in the state in 2021.

The FRSC also revealed that Sienna vehicles also referred to as space buses had high involvement rate in the crashes during the year under review.

"The year 2021 was characterised by an upsurge in road traffic crashes in Ogun State," the FRSC stated.

Findings also revealed that the rate of involvement of trucks and articulated vehicles in road crashes, especially along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway was alarming.

At least 441 trucks and articulated vehicles were among the 1,324 vehicles involved in road accidents last year.

According to the FRSC, 441 trucks and articulated vehicles were involved in road traffic crashes in Ogun between January and August, 2021.

In November last year, 15 lives were lost on Lagos-Ibadan expressway with 48 hours, prompting the Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, to summon the Federal Controller of Works, Engr. Umar Bakare and the representatives of the contractor handling the reconstruction of the expressway.

The governor blamed the contractor handling the Lagos-Ibadan expressway reconstruction work for failure to provide safety signs on the road "which had in recent times led to the unfortunate but preventable loss of lives and carnage on the country's busiest route."

Following the summons, the officials of government and the federal controller held a meeting at the Governor's Office, Oke Mosan, Abeokuta, with a view to



■ Road crash on Lagos Ibadan expressway in January

addressing the challenges.

The Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Engr Ade Akinsanya, after the meeting told newsmen that based on the directive of the governor, there would be changes on road signs, improvement of traffic management, while the pace of work will increase.

In his remarks, Bakare said the contractor was fully aware of the need to ensure adequate traffic signs on the road and that the contractor had committed to improving traffic management on the road.

"The contractor has committed to improve on their traffic management and they have also requested for further sensitization of the public on the construction work going on and in respect to road signs. They also requested for additional reinforcement within the stretch where work is ongoing at Ogere where we have a lot of trucks, tankers and all sorts of articulated vehicles that usually park on the road," Bakare stated.

The Corps Commander of TRACE, Seni Ogunyemi, blamed 48.21% of the road traffic crashes on over-speeding, 15.5% by dangerous driving, 9.29% by bad tyres, 9.76% by driving against traffic and 17.23% by other causes ranging from human, mechanical, environmental as well as institutional factors.

FRSC arrested 4,000 offenders in 2021

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said it apprehended no fewer than 4,000 offenders for speed limit device violation in Ogun in 2021.

The FRSC State Sector Commander, Ahmed Umar, disclosed this to newsmen in Abeokuta during the command's 2021 end-of-year party.

The FRSC boss noted that speed had been identified as one of the leading factors causing accidents on the roads, saying the corps would not rest on its oars to sustain the enforcement of speed

limit devices.

He noted that the FRSC in Ogun had embarked on a robust public education and enlightenment, especially for articulated vehicle owners and drivers on why they should maintain safe speed.

Umar said the FRSC's projection is to drastically reduce road crashes this year. "Crashes increased in 2021 compared to 2020 with 56.4 per cent of the total crashes happening on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

"Our projection for 2022 is to drastically reduce accidents on our roads, particularly in Ogun State. We will work assiduously to ensure smooth mobility and crash-free mobility," he said.

Umar also appealed to drivers of trucks and articulated vehicles to obey the stipulated 60km per hour speed limit by installing speed limiting devices.

"We shall sustain our enforcement against driving under influence of drugs and alcohol on all categories of vehicles in collaboration with the NDLEA," he said.

Also worried by the rate of road crashes, a first class monarch, the Olotu of Ota, Oba (Prof.) Abdulkadir Obalanlege, called on motorists to ensure that their vehicles passed through the computerised Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS), for proper electronic checking to reduce accidents on the road.

He made the call while presenting his official vehicle to the Ota Zonal Office of the Ogun State VIS in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area for electronic checking. He said it was necessary to reduce carnage on the roads, as most road accidents were avoidable if motorists do a thorough check on their vehicles before putting them on the road.

"I will like to enjoin all vehicle owners to present their vehicles for proper inspection to get rid of avoidable accidents that are usually caused by vehicle malfunctioning. We should make use of available services provided by

the Ogun State Computerised Vehicle Inspection," Olotu said.

He also advised motorists to obtain drivers' license and renew their vehicle documents, saying "it is risky to drive without being duly licensed".

On his part, the State VIO Zonal Commander, Ota, Dr. Oluwatoyin Olugbenga, who said it was an offense for anyone to drive with an expired drivers license or not having it at all, counselled motorists to obtain license and observe road signs.

The State Secretary of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN), Tiwalade Akingbade, told *Daily Trust* that the union has stepped up its orientation against speeding and reckless driving, as part of moves to curb incessant crashes on the roads.

Akingbade, however, blamed younger passengers for high number of crashes on the road, saying "they are always in a hurry."

He said "Research has proven that over-speeding is the major cause of road accidents. And we have always organised workshops and other sensitisation programmes for our people and encourage them to adhere to speed limit as much as possible.

"Also, demography has shown that attitudes of the commuters/passengers also contribute to road accidents. Our demography shows that a commercial vehicle carrying younger passengers has tendencies to be involved in a road crash than the one carrying older people. Younger passengers are always in a hurry.

"So, passengers should stop this attitude of asking drivers to speed up during a trip. We should always be cautious. It's better to be late to the event than to lose your life on the road.

Akingbade also asked government to use the railways in transporting fuel and other heavy goods across the country.

Don't blame FG for ASUU strike – Education minister

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, yesterday cleared the Federal Government of any fault in failing to reach a truce after several negotiations between the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the government.

ASUU had on Monday embarked on a 30-day working strike.

Addressing State House reporters after the Federal Executive Council meeting, Adamu said: "ASUU, unfortunately, they've gone on strike and I am looking for them because all the issues are being addressed.

"The last thing that happened was that our committee looked at their demands but there are renegotiations going on. They submitted a draft agreement which the ministry is looking at."

Adamu, while speaking on ASUU's draft agreement, said: "A committee is looking at it. Immediately it finishes, the government is meant to announce what it had accepted. Then suddenly, I heard them go on strike.

"We want a peaceful resolution. The federal government is ready to meet them on all issues they have raised and if there are so many meetings and the gap is not closing, then, I think it's not the fault of the government.

"There is a solution to this. The negotiations are the solution and that is why I've said that I'm surprised that ASUU has gone on strike."

Asked if the government could reach an agreement with ASUU before the end of the 30-day strike, he said: "I can't give you time...but certainly, we're going to reach an agreement very soon."

On the disparity in cut-off marks for common entrance examinations in the country, Asamu said the low cut-off marks in the North were meant to comply with the requirements of the Federal Character Commission.

Senate probes abandoned N400bn primary health centre project

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate yesterday ordered an investigation into the N400bn primary health centre project abandoned across the country.

It mandated its Committees on Health, Primary Health Care and Communicable Disease, Works and Housing to determine the status of the funds warehoused with the then Bank PHB (now Keystone Bank) and the level of the projects in each of the 774 local government areas.

The resolution followed a motion by Senators Ibrahim Oloriegbe and Sadiq Suleiman Umar.

The National Primary Health Centre project was initiated by the administration of former

President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2006 to build in each of the 774 local government areas a 60-bed primary health centre which was to be complemented with a three bedroom flat, doctors' quarters, an ambulance, all basic hospital equipment and drugs.

The project was suspended in 2007 by the administration of former President Umaru Yar'Adua.

Oloriegbe, in his lead debate yesterday, noted that to achieve the project, the Federal Government had deducted monies from the Excess Crude Account of all the 774 LGs on a monthly basis, warehoused same with the then Platinum Habib Bank (now Keystone Bank) until the funds required for the actualization of the

project were realized.

He said the Bill of Quantities for the project was prepared by the then Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and approved by the Bureau of Public Procurement.

He said despite all those professional pre-contract activities, the contract for the execution of the projects in the entire 774 LGAs was awarded to Messrs Mattans Nig. Ltd without any known tendering and selection process;

He said the company sub-contracted out the jobs to consultant and subcontractors without any verification of capacity and capabilities to properly execute the jobs and without the consent of the government or its agencies involved then.

He said various sums of money were released to these sub-contractors through the accounts of the company domiciled with the Platinum Habib Bank to carry out the projects at the selected locations across the 774 LGAs.

The said some of these projects were commenced and abandoned at various stages; while majority of them were never started despite huge sums of money released to all the sub-contractors.

The Senate directed its committees to probe the status of the project; carry-out evaluation of the consultant, contractor and sub-contractors that participated; level of dilapidation of the projects; and recommend ways of completing them nationwide.



■ Vice President Yemi Osinbajo (R) and Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr Boss Mustapa during a virtual meeting of the Federal Executive Council presided over by the Vice President at the Presidential Villa in Abuja yesterday
Photo: NAN

Reps probe leakages of WAEC questions, results' cancellations

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday mandated its Committee on Basic Education and Services to investigate incessant leakages of the West African Senior School Certificate Examination questions as well as repeated cancellations of examinations by WAEC in Nigeria.

It urged WAEC to establish more rigorous standards for the administration, monitoring, supervision and evaluation of O' Level examinations in Nigeria.

This followed the adoption of a motion by Hon Benjamin Okezie Kalu at plenary.

Kalu recalled that WAEC had, at several times in the past, cancelled examinations for similar reasons, citing the cancellation of Literature in English papers taken by private candidates in 2021.

He expressed concerns that the cancellation and subsequent rescheduling of examinations by WAEC resulted in wastage and incurred avoidable expenses.

Lassa fever kills 59, infects 358 in 19 states – NCDC

By Ojoma Akor

The Lassa fever outbreak has claimed 59 lives since the beginning of the year, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control said.

In a situation report yesterday, the centre said 358 confirmed cases of the disease had been recorded this year in 19 states and 65 local government areas.

The report said seven new healthcare workers had been

infected in Bauchi, Ondo and Edo States in the reporting week six.

It said in week six, the number of new confirmed cases increased from 58 in week five, 2022 to 77 cases.

"These were reported from Ondo, Edo, Bauchi, Ebonyi, Taraba, Enugu, Benue,

Kogi, Nasarawa and Niger States and the Federal Capital Territory.

"Cumulatively from week one to week six, 2022, 59 deaths have been reported with a case fatality rate of 16.5 percent which is lower than the CFR for the same period in 2021 (22.9%)."

The NCDC said the national Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral national emergency coordination centre had been activated to coordinate response activities at all levels.

Wheat project scandal: EFCC grills NIRSAL MD

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has interrogated the Managing Director of the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL), Aliyu Abdulhameed, over alleged wheat scandal.

EFCC and NIRSAL sources told Daily Trust that Abdulhameed was quizzed last

Friday and Tuesday this week. The MD had repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Operatives of the EFCC had last week reportedly visited the NIRSAL office in Abuja and invited several top officials for questioning on their roles in the wheat project scandal.

Those earlier quizzed included the Assistant Head of Finance, the Head of Procurement and his assistant as well as all consultants

working with NIRSAL.

Also invited, according to sources, were directors of three companies guaranteed loans for the N5.6bn wheat project for farmers in Kano and Jigawa States in 2018.

The companies are Mainframe Agricultural Investment Limited, Forest Hill Agricultural Development Limited and Woodfarm Agricultural Limited.

Their invitations were sequel

to an investigative report by Daily Trust on how the multi-billion naira loan guaranteed by NIRSAL for three companies for the cultivation-to-harvest of 20,000 hectares of dry season wheat the two states was allegedly diverted for other purposes by the investor companies in connivance with NIRSAL officials.

Following the report, the head of NIRSAL's Project Monitoring Reporting and Remediation

Offices, Steven Ogidan, alongside all the consultants, was also said to have spent almost a week at the EFCC. Ogidan, who oversees the PRMO's in all the states of the federation, was said to have been interrogated and asked to go and await further invitations.

Contacted, EFCC spokesman, Wilson Uwujaren, declined comment on the invitation of the NIRSAL MD, saying he had no information on it.

How top police brass tried to shield Kyari

By Abdulaziz Abdulaziz, Ismail Mudashir & Idowu Isamotu

The declaration of suspended Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Abba Kyari wanted by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and his subsequent arrest on Monday followed failed attempts by police top brass to shield him from the latest and previous probes, *Daily Trust* can report.

Kyari, who is the Commander of Intelligence Response Team (IRT) at the Force Intelligence Bureau of the Nigeria Police Force and others are now in the custody of the NDLEA over allegations of involvement in drug dealings.

Insiders said there were spirited efforts by top police officers, including retired senior officers close to the embattled intelligence officer, to give him soft-landing in the aftermath of his indictment by the United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as part of the investigation into the \$1.1 million advanced fee fraud involving Abbas Ramon, aka Hushpuppi.

Daily Trust reliably gathered that the attempts to shield Kyari from facing the full wrath of the law set a section of the management of the Police Service Commission (PSC) against the police top echelon.

The commission had expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of the probe and the initial report produced by a police investigative panel on the matter which recommended that the embattled super cop should be demoted and reprimanded in the wake of serious infractions. One of our sources said President Muhammadu Buhari had expressed disgust over the development.

"Beyond the president, the diplomatic community is also dismayed," another source said, adding that "There is serious pressure all over to bring all those that have hand in the drug deal and other infractions to book."

The source said "some powerful forces" within the police were making moves to justify the apparent delay in telling the world more facts.

"Initially, they were saying Kyari knows a lot about Nigeria's inner security architecture and therefore they should be allowed to deal with whatever allegations were levelled

against him.

"However, when the NDLEA went public with what they have, the police handed him over...The apparent delay did not cast the police establishment in good light," he said. It was also gathered that members of the PSC were not on the same page on the Kyari matter and many other issues. An insider said some members of the commission were favourably disposed with the posture at the Force Headquarters while others wanted to ensure that the mystery behind the latest cocaine deal involving Kyari and others was unravelled.

The four other operatives are ACP Sunday J. Ubuja, ASP Bawa James, Inspector Simon Agirgba and Inspector John Nuhu.

Also, the NDLEA on Wednesday emphasised that it would not back out from its ongoing investigation despite subtle distraction from some high places even as findings at the Force Headquarters revealed that there was serious disquiet.

Observers and security sources believed that the statement by the anti-drug agency, signed by its director of media and advocacy, Femi Babafemi, was a tacit response to Monday's statement by the police asking the NDLEA to also name its officers in the drug cartel.

Recall that a few hours after the NDLEA declared DCP Kyari and four others wanted, the police said it had arrested the suspects and handed them to the anti-drug agency but with a caveat.

The police, in a statement signed by its acting spokesman, CPS Olumuyiwa Adejobi, said: "Beyond this, the police investigation also established that the international narcotics cartel involved in this case has strong ties with some officers of the NDLEA at the Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu who are on their payroll..."

"The Inspector General of Police has also formally requested that the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the NDLEA should ensure the identification, arrest and investigation of the agency's officers who have also been found to be colluding with the international drug cartel involved in this case towards advancing the anti-narcotics agenda of the federal government."

NDLEA's spokesman Babafemi countered in a statement yesterday



■ Kyari

saying "the agency remained committed to evidence-based investigation and its resolve cannot be weakened by misrepresentation of facts."

According to him, it was untrue that "NDLEA officers at the Enugu airport were the ones who received the details about the mule (drug carriers) coming from Addis Ababa from the cartel."

Also, the Chairman/Chief Executive of the agency, Mohammed Buba Marwa, said yesterday during a training on sensitization on drugs and drug prevention, treatment and care organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for NDLEA personnel and some journalists, that the arrest of Kyari was a clear message of the agency's commitment to the fight against drug abuse. Marwa, a retired general, said those given the responsibility to fight crime must not soil their hands in the crime.

NPF acting spokesman Muyiwa Adejobi did not answer calls and text messages to his phone when *Daily Trust* was seeking clarifications on the allegations that the force wanted to cover up and protect Kyari; yesterday's statement by the NDLEA; and how far the force had gone with the deadline of two weeks given to it by the PSC.

IGP, others meet CJN

Meanwhile, the Inspector-General of Police, Usman Baba and members of the Force Management Team, on Wednesday visited the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad, in his office at the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Abuja.

The reason for the visit, according to a senior officer, was not unconnected with Kyari's case but the force in a statement said it was aimed at solidifying the synergy between the police and the judiciary as key players in the criminal justice system of

the nation with a view to ensuring smooth and efficient dispensation of justice.

PSC dormant, fuels indiscipline in NPF - Najatu

A member of the Police Service Commission (PSC), Najatu Mohammed, has called for the total overhaul of the Nigeria Police to address the indiscipline in the force.

Contacted to speak on Kyari's case, she said the commission was not functional, adding that the mandate of the PSC had been "sold out".

She said: "The commission does not recruit, promote and discipline. The constitutional mandate of the PSC has been sold out."

"They even pad promotion. After plenary, you see that the list is padded, they include names. We asked them to stop special promotion but they are still doing it through the backdoor."

"Of what use is the PSC? It is impotent; it is not functional and that is why there is so much indiscipline in the police force. And this is why we cannot address the insecurity challenge. PSC is not doing its job."

"We have been fighting over this. As it is now, the fundamental function of the PSC has been sold out," she said.

Another source at the commission said the latest revelation about Kyari was not only shocking but that it showed there were so many atrocities being perpetrated by officers.

"I was shocked that someone that is awaiting judgement, so to say, from the PSC and somebody that has been on suspension for months would commit another crime of this magnitude. It is so shocking; it means that there are many unpleasant things that are going on."

"The commission cannot do anything; what can it do when the investigation is being done by the police? Yes, we have a department of investigation but there is nothing it can do, the role has been hijacked," the source added.

"There is much corruption in the PSC. The PSC should not be led by a retired police officer. Because his mindset is that of police. The PSC Act allows for other calibre of people to chair the commission, not necessarily a retired police officer," the source said.

Daily Trust reports that the PSC is being chaired by Musiliu Smith, a retired Inspector General of Police.

It would be recalled that in the aftermath of the US government's indictment of Kyari last year, IGP Baba set up a panel on August 1 headed by the Deputy IGP in-charge of the Force Criminal Investigations Department (FCID), Joseph Egbunike.

The Egbunike panel took months working on the case before turning in a report that sources at the PSC described as "shallow" and stopped short of exonerating Kyari of all wrongdoings.

But both the PSC and the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation expressed dissatisfaction with the report with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami, recommending "more thorough dissecting and tracing" of the proceeds of crimes.

Malami opined that a prima facie case for money laundering was established against the suspended police officer.

"Though the panel did find him guilty of misconduct, they largely abandoned the substantive matter of his working in cahoots with criminals and other more grievous allegations."

"The PSC members were disappointed and found the report unacceptable," said a senior official familiar with the matter.

Dissatisfied with the submitted report and riding on the AGF's recommendation, the PSC, last month, ordered the police to conduct a fresh probe into the matter and submit a report, within two weeks, to the PSC Standing Committee on Discipline for review. However, over four weeks after the directive, the police management was yet to submit any report over what insiders said was a continuation of pressure against "sacrificing" the senior police officer.

Irked by the delay in turning in the fresh report, the PSC at its meeting last week demanded that the police authorities must submit the report within two weeks. According to an insider, the latest scandal around Kyari also assumed a similar pattern with senior police officers moving in to protect him from being investigated by the NDLEA.

FEC approves \$2.81bn for railway equipment

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Federal Executive Council yesterday approved \$2, 810, 574, 064.92, including 7.5 percent tax, for procurement of rolling stocks for the new railway projects' corridors.

The Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi, said the approval was to procure rolling stocks for the operation and maintenance and rolling stocks operational maintenance equipment for the new railway projects corridors in Ibadan to Kano standard gauge

and Port Harcourt to Maiduguri narrow gauge rail lines.

"Rolling stocks are consumables, they're rolling stocks. When you say rolling stocks, they are consumables for the maintenance and operation of the railway. The reason for the breakdown which was discussed in the cabinet is because maybe we've run out of rolling stocks. And we also run out of stock for the railway. So, with this, we'll replace all the rolling stock. They're essentially the consumables we use to maintain the trains, coaches and locomotives."

While fielding question on the purported attack in Kogi State, the minister said the report he got suggested that people were attacked on their way home and not at the rail station with no indication of any loss of life.

He, however, promised to find out what really happened from the Managing Director of Nigerian Railway Corporation in one week as every station had railway police.

"So, let me not just assume that they're there because we've never been attacked in the station," he said. The FEC also

approved a printing contract worth N4,965,986,573.89 for the National Examination Council (NECO) to conduct the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE).

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, who announced this, said: "Today, the memo we presented from the Ministry of Education is a printing contract by NECO for the senior school certificate examination and the beneficiaries are nine contractors and the amount is N4,965,986,573.89."

"And it'll be completed in eight

weeks. And it's for the printing of sensitive, non-sensitive equipment and other ancillary equipment for the examination."

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Isa Pantami, said the council approved National Policy on the Government Second Level Domain.

He said the national policy had mandated all government ministries, departments and agencies to migrate from generic website and email domain to the second level domain under government top-level domain.

Hisbah arrests 78 party goers in Kano

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Kano State Hisbah Board has cracked down on a group of young males and females at an event centre in the city, arresting 78 of them over alleged immorality and indecent dressing.

The Director General, Kano Hisbah Command, Harun Ibn Sina, told Daily Trust that the youths were not arrested for conducting same sex marriage as being rumoured.

The suspects were at a house called 'White House' in Nassarawa GRA area of

Kano.

"When we received the report, we went there and could not establish a fact that they were holding same sex marriage but we caught them in a highly immoral situation; both the males and females," the commander said.

He said the suspects also denied that they were officiating or in attendance of any same sex marriage but rather celebrating the birthday of one of them.

He added that all those arrested were under the custody of the command as at the time of filing this report.

NSCDC seals petrol station, arrests 2 over adulterated fuel

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

The Kogi State Command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has sealed off Bomac Filling Station on Okene-Lokoja Highway and arrested two officials for selling adulterated petrol.

The state NSCDC commandant, Suleiman Mafara, who disclosed this in Lokoja, said six people who bought the fuel early yesterday lodged complaints about the damage done to their vehicles.

He said it was confirmed after a critical examination by the experts that the petrol was adulterated with water.

The arrested pump attendant said he

monitored the discharge of the product into the tank yesterday and it was satisfied okay.

"I was surprised when these six customers accused me of selling adulterated petrol to them, and reported me to the men of NSCDC which made them arrest me," he said.

One of the buyers, Usman Jibrin, said the engine of his car refused to work immediately after the pump attendant dispensed the petrol into his tank.

He said others who bought the fuel from the same station after him also suffered the same fate, "prompting us to report the matter to the appropriate authority, which led to his arrest."

Many injured, houses burnt in fresh Benue communal clash

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Some persons were on Wednesday injured with several houses burnt after residents clashed over a fishing pond at Wurukum, a suburb of Makurdi Local Government Area in Benue State.

Witnesses said tension began to build in the vicinity a few days ago among the Jukun and Tiv fishermen taking turns to fish in the water.

But trouble allegedly started after one of the sides broke the arrangements between the two sides.

A member representing Makurdi South at the state's house of assembly, Terwase Aondoaka, told journalists in Makurdi that he had waded into the matter barely an hour before he again heard that some persons took laws into their own hands; setting houses ablaze.

The chairman of Makurdi LGA,

Anthony Dyegeh, confirmed to newsmen that two people were injured while some houses including that of the kindred head of the area were torched.

The Kindred head of Wurukum, Chief Simon Ugondo Tov, whose house was torched, said all his valuables were destroyed but no member of his household was hurt.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, in a statement said there was no crisis between the Tiv and Jukun.

Anene said some hoodlums tried to take advantage of the disagreement between the people by breaking into houses and stealing from them.

"Suspects took to their heels on sighting the police team; however, critical stakeholders who confirmed this story cooperated with the police in restoring peace in the area," she said.

Chief Imam of Jama'a dies at 130

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

The Chief Imam of Jama'a Emirate in Jama'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Sheikh Adam Tahir, has died at the age of 130 in Kaduna after a brief illness.

The Deputy Chief Imam of Jama'a, Alhaji Muhammad Kabir D. Kassim, told Daily Trust that the late Imam spent many years leading the Juma'at prayer at Kafanchan Central Mosque as a role model, devoted and pious Muslim.

In a condolence letter, the Emir

of Jama'a, Alhaji Muhammad Isa Muhammad II, described the death of the Imam as a loss to the emirate and the people of Southern Kaduna.

The condolence letter signed by the secretary of the traditional council, Alhaji Yakubu Isa (Dokajen Jama'a), prayed for the deceased soul.

Ibrahim Adam Tahir, one of the sons of the late Imam, told Daily Trust that their late father was survived by 26 children, 290 grandchildren and over 200 great grandchildren. He would be buried today in Kafanchan.

4 travellers killed in Jos

From Ado Abubakar Musa & Dikson S. Adama (Jos)

No fewer than four travellers yesterday were killed and many injured at Bida Bidi Junction of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

It was learnt that they were attacked at about 12am Wednesday while passing through Jos, the state capital.

Their bodies have been deposited at the Plateau State Specialists Hospital.

The attack happened hours after two miners were killed at a mining site in Yelwa Zagam community of Jos North LGA.

Daily Trust reports that Bida Bidi Junction where the latest attack occurred is about 2 kilometres away from Yelwa-Zagam where the two miners were killed.

Yelwa-Zagam is one of the communities that suffered gunmen attack on August 26 where more than a dozen of members of the community were killed.

It would be recalled that on August 15, about 25 Fulani travellers were intercepted and killed by hoodlums around Gada-Biyu-Rukuba Road area of the same Jos North.

Our correspondent reports that the travellers of the latest attack were on their

way from Kano to Nasarawa State when hoodlums blocked the popular Zaria Road Highway and attacked them.

The Volkswagen Sharon mini bus carrying the travellers was burnt and other vehicles smashed by the hoodlums.

However, the spokesman of the police in the state, ASP Uba Gabriel, while confirming the attack, said only two people were killed.

He added that the commissioner of police was at the scene to restore law and order.

Meanwhile, the Plateau State governor, Simon Lalong, has condemned the killing of the travellers and the miners.

Lalong, in a statement by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr Makut Macham, commended security forces for their swift response to restore normalcy.

The governor also commiserated with the families of the victims, assuring them that the government would ensure those behind the attacks were arrested and prosecuted.

The governor also directed the secretary to the state government to coordinate the response and ensure those injured received good care.

Fire guts hostel in Niger school

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

The students' hostel at the Alhaji Musa Muhammad Kigera Science College, New Bussa, Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State, has been gutted by fire.

The principal of the college, Ibrahim Mohammed Kontagora, who confirmed this to our correspondent via telephone, said no life was lost in the accident.

"A complete hostel building, the Red House, was razed but no life was lost. However, students' belongings including their uniforms were burnt," he said.

The principal added that the fire started around 1am on Wednesday when students were sleeping before the intervention by the men of the state fire service who stopped the fire from reaching other hostels.

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Gamboru boarder town: How Zulum, Shettima spent three days sharing food, cash to 60,803 IDPs, returnees

Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum and Senator Kashim Shettima were at the border town of Gamboru in Ngala Local Government Area for three days (last Sunday to Tuesday) for humanitarian support to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees living in host communities.

The duo supervised and got directly involved in the distribution of food and non-food items to a combined number of 60,813 internally displaced persons in camps and those resettled in communities.

Zulum and Shettima (who represents

Borno Central where Ngala is located) traveled by road from Maiduguri on Sunday and on their first day in Gamboru, a total of 55,253 persons from Gamboru and Ngala towns received food and non-food items.

The beneficiaries comprised 39,903 women each of whom got N5,000 cash and a wrapper; and 15,350 men, some of whom are married to the women, also received 25kg of rice and maize each.

On the second day, another 5,560 IDPs recently resettled in Wulgo town also in Ngala LGA were supported.

Among them were 3,360 females

who received N5,000 cash and a wrapper; while 2,200 men got 25kg of rice and maize each, all in Wulgo.

The governor and the senator traveled with the member of the House of Representatives representing Ngala, Bama, Kala-Balge Federal Constituency, Dr Zainab Gimba; the Commissioner for Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RRR), Engr Mustapha Gubio; the Commissioner for Agriculture, Engr Bukar Talba and the Commissioner for Poverty Alleviation, Nuhu Clark; a number of humanitarian workers, officials and some chieftains of the All

Progressives Congress (APC).

Zulum and Shettima were received by key stakeholders of Ngala LGA comprising a member of the State Assembly representing Ngala, Bukar Mustapha Dalhatu; the Commissioner for Religious Affairs, Abacha Umar Ngala; the Special Adviser on RRR, AbdulRahman AbdulKarim and the Special Adviser on Events and Hospitality, Bintu Sheriff.

All the stakeholders contributed to hosting the governor's delegation as well as to the mobilization, coordination and distribution of humanitarian responses.



■ Governor Zulum



■ Senator Shettima



■ The leaders during their road trip for humanitarian support in Gamboru, Wulgo villaga and Ngala town, all in Ngala local government area of Borno State

Zulum challenges doctors on special salary

Aside coordinating humanitarian responses, Governor Zulum visited the General Hospital in Ngala town, and a primary healthcare centre in Gamboru town.

During the visit, the governor interacted with medical doctors and announced that he would approve salaries that would match whatever international non-governmental organisations are using to attract doctors to operate in Ngala.

Zulum had, in 2021, suspended some doctors for being absent at the general hospital and leaving

services to only doctors working for international NGOs involved in humanitarian activities. The governor had at that time expressed disappointment that while NGO doctors from other countries were there to serve, those being paid by the state government abandoned their duties.

The governor, in his yesterday's visit, interacted with doctors, nurses and other health workers, listening to issues they raised with a promise to address them head-on.

Gamboru to get new barracks, shopping complex, rebuilt Arabic school

On Tuesday, the third day of their humanitarian activities in Gamboru border town, Zulum inspected some government buildings and ordered the construction of new barracks for the police and immigration officers even though both are under the Federal Government. Insurgents have since razed the barracks which existed.

The governor directed the Commissioner for Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement to commence processes towards the construction of new barracks for both the police and immigration services in Gamboru.

He also directed the Borno State

Geographic Information Services (BOGIS) to construct a new shopping complex in the town, asking the Executive Secretary of BOGIS, Engr Adam Bababe, to submit a budget for the project.

Zulum also took a tour of structures at the Nigerian Arabic Village in Ngala town on the invitation of the tertiary schools' Executive Director and directed commencement of reconstruction works which, he said, should be completed by the end of this year.

The governor also promised to look into other problems faced by the school to identify immediate, short and long-term interventions by the host government.

Northern groups kick as gunmen kill 8 in Abia cattle market

From Linus Effiong (Umuahia), Maryam Ahmadu-Suka (Kaduna), Abdullateef Aliyu (Lagos) & Dalhatu Liman (Abuja)

It was sombre yesterday as gunmen late Tuesday night invaded the New Cattle Market at Omumauzor in Ukwa West LGA of Abia State, killing eight traders from the North and slaughtering over 20 cows.

A high powered team of Abia State government led by the chief of staff to the governor, Professor Anthony Agbazuere, visited the market yesterday morning to assess the situation and sympathise with the traders.

A statement issued by the Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Eze Chikamnyo, on the incident, said the government was "shocked and saddened" by the killing of the "eight innocent citizens of our great country."

"We totally condemn this dastardly act together with its wicked perpetrators. We're working assiduously to provide succour to the families of the victims. Those who sustained injuries are currently receiving medical attention.

"We have equally started the immediate relocation of the traders while working out compensation for lost properties. We'll leave no stone unturned to ensure that the evil perpetrators are brought to justice," the statement added.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, confirmed the attack and said no arrest had been made.

Asked for the identities of the victims, he said they were traders but their names had not been ascertained.

But the Chief Imam of Umuahia, Alhaji Mohamed Baraya, said nine traders and 20 cows were killed.

Attack unacceptable - Northern groups Meanwhile, the Coalition of Northern Groups in Nigeria (CNG) and the Arewa

Youth Consultative Forum (AYCF) have condemned the gruesome murder of the traders.

They asked the Abia State government to fulfill its promise of bringing the killers to justice.

The CNG Spokesperson, Abdul-Azeez Suleiman, said the state government must act quickly to bring the culprits to book and warned that the North would no longer tolerate unwarranted attacks on its people living as minorities in the South East or any other part of the country.

"We have studied the unfolding events carefully and with considerable restraint and maturity, to the point of condoning and accommodating several unreasonable and unacceptable actions that have been perpetrated against northerners in the South East in particular.

"The recent attack in Abia has taken matters to a point whereby silence has become complicity and inaction is no longer an option in the face of unprovoked evictions, attacks and killings of northerners in various parts of the South East," he said.

Similarly, the National President of the AYCF, Alhaji Yerima Shettima, said the group was deeply concerned about the killing of the traders doing legitimate business.

While condemning the attack, he welcomed the prompt response of security agencies and urged the state government to pursue its promise to bring the killers to book, in the spirit of national unity and stability.

"The AYCF will be closely following the efforts of the Abia State government to fulfill its promise of providing compensation for the families and survivors of the attack. We pray this should be the last bad news we would hear about innocent northern traders, from not just Abia but the entire South east, in the spirit of national unity and stability," he added.

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Director, Human Resources Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), Malam Muhammed Bashir (middle), Ag. Managing Director / CEO, Abuja Enterprise Agency (AEA), Malam Shehu Abdulkadir and former MD/CEO AEA, Dr Arabi Mohammed Tukur with other participants during the opening ceremony of FCTA pre-retirement training held at AEA Entrepreneurial Complex Abuja recently



From left: Oyo State Deputy Governor, Rauf Olaniyan; widows of the late former Governor of Oyo State, Mrs Oluwakemi Alao-Akala and Mrs Florence Alao-Akala during the lying in state of the former governor in Ibadan yesterday.

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From left: Lawyer to the leader of IPOB, Ifeanyi Ejimofor; IPOB's leader, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu and his lead counsel, Mike Ozekhome (SAN), during the continuation of Kanu's trial at Federal High Court in Abuja yesterday

Photo: NAN



From Left: Minister of Health, Dr Osagie Ehanire, Chairman, Senate committee on Health, Sen. Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe, FCT Minister, Malam Muhammad Musa Bello and Permanent Secretary, FCTA, Mr Olusade Adesola at the launch of the National Emergency Medical Service and Ambulance System (NEMSAS) Manual in Abuja yesterday

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On behalf of the Government and good people of Yobe State, I wish to express my deep appreciation and profound gratitude to all personalities that supported the Yobe Education Fundraiser at Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel Abuja on Thursday, 10th February 2022.

I want to especially thank His Excellency the President of the Senate, Distinguished Senator Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan and the Deputy Senate President, His Excellency, Ovie Omo-Agege, for their immeasurable contributions and support.

I also wish to convey the heartfelt appreciation of the government and people of Yobe State to our brother and Chairman of the Occasion, His Excellency, Ambassador Baba Gana Kingibe, GCON for his exceptional commitment to the noble cause of revitalizing education in Yobe State and for everything he did to make the event a tremendous success.

Yobe State will remain forever grateful to our Chief launcher, Alhaji Dahiru Barau Mangal, the Chairman of Mangal Group of Companies. His huge donation will play a significant role in the revitalization of Basic and Secondary Education in our dear State.

I am also deeply grateful to all my colleagues in the Nigerian Governors' Forum, under our able chairman, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi, the Executive Governor of Ekiti State. In particular, I want to thank the governors of Kebbi State, Alhaji Abubakar Atiku Bagudu; Borno State, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum; Jigawa State, Alhaji Muhammad Badaru Abubakar; Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Bello; Imo State, Sen. Hope Uzodinma; Sokoto State, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal; and Plateau State, Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong for personally attending the fundraiser.

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My special appreciation also goes to the Managing Directors of United Bank for Africa (UBA), First Bank, Zenith Bank, Heritage Bank, Access Bank, and other Chief Executives of

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To my fellow Co-hosts; Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim; Senator Ibrahim Gaidam; Senator Ibrahim Bomai, Alh. Adamu Maina Waziri, Abdul Bulama, Hajija Inna Ciroma and Ambassador Goni Modu Zanna Bura, your support is immensely appreciated.

The National Secretariat of the APC led by the National Secretary, Senator John Akpanudoedehe, the Forum of APC State Chairmen, Borno and Yobe State branches of the APC, members of the National Assembly from Yobe and Borno States and many indigenes of our State, stood boldly in solidarity with us and we appreciate you.

I also want to thank His Royal Highness, Alh. (Dr) Muhammadu Abali Ibn Idrissa, Emir of Fika and Chairman, Yobe State Council of Chiefs, who was also the royal father of day and all the other Emirs and Mais who attended and contributed to the success of the event.

The generosity, solidarity, and support displayed by all the above-mentioned individuals and organisations and many others too numerous to mention were indeed thrilling and energizing. The support have inspired us not just to ensure the judicious management and use of the donations made but also to strive to do more for the future of our hopeful and ambitious children through the provision of sound and qualitative education.

May God Almighty reward you all in abundance.

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Signed:
Hon. Mai Mala Buni
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Executive Governor of Yobe State

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Unaudited Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Description (N'000)	31 Dec. 2021 (Unaudited)	31 Dec. 2020 (Audited)	▲ %
Net Revenue	333,673,544	192,860,037	73
Cost of Sales	(230,419,577)	(127,950,180)	80.1
Gross Profit	103,253,967	64,909,857	59.1
Operating Profit	91,038,297	53,302,155	70.8
Operating Profit Margin	27%	28%	-1.1
Profit Before Tax	83,144,865	49,653,128	67.5
Profit After Tax	75,179,390	37,699,793	99.4
Total Comprehensive Income	75,179,390	37,699,793	99.4
Comprehensive Income Margin	23%	20%	15.3
Earnings Per Share (N)	4.18	2.09	99.4
Non-Current Assets	272,753,820	258,868,274	5.4
Current Assets	364,556,404	267,649,989	36.2
Total Assets	637,310,223	526,518,263	21
Shareholders' Equity	247,907,049	155,636,530	59.3
Non-Current Liabilities	50,188,676	63,247,529	-20.6
Current Liabilities	339,214,499	307,634,203	10.3
Total Liabilities	389,403,174	370,881,732	5
Shareholder Equity and Total Liabilities	637,310,223	526,518,263	21

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I pray to Almighty Allah to guide, bless and protect you. May He give you courage, abundant good health, strength and wisdom in service to NPA, Nigeria and humanity in general.

Congratulations my brother.



Mohammad
Bello-Koko

Managing Director of the Nigerian Port Authority (NPA)

Signed:

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“ We have welcomed the Igbo people, they are in every town and village in the north and we will continue to welcome them, and treat them as Nigerians. What is necessary at this stage is for all ethnic and religious groups to agree that we all need a level playing field to get the best – NEF’s spokesperson, Dr Hakeem Baba Ahmed

Why I met Obasanjo over 2023 polls – Ango Abdullahi

● Regional agitations for presidency must not divide us – Baraje

From Peter Moses (Abeokuta) & Mumini AbdulKareem (Ilorin)

The convener of the Northern Elders Forum (NEF), Prof. Ango Abdullahi, has met former President Olusegun Obasanjo in Abeokuta, Ogun State over the 2023 general elections.

Accompanied by the Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), Coalition of Northern Groups (CNG), Nastura Ashir Shariff and the Director, Action and Mobilization CNG, Aminu Adam, Abdullahi met Obasanjo at his penthouse at the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library, Oke Mosan, Abeokuta.

A statement made available by Obasanjo’s media aide on Wednesday said the meeting lasted for about two hours.

Speaking after the meeting, Abdullahi noted that Nigerian

leaders needed to strategise ahead of the 2023 elections in the country.

He explained that he met Obasanjo to express his feelings about the challenges facing the nation.

Abdullahi said he and the former president were on the same page on the issues discussed.

He stressed that despite their ages, they could still contribute to the society and the country, hence, “my coming to see him. I don’t want to stay away from him for so many months; or years without seeing him, especially at this period.

“So, I’m visiting him to say hello and get a briefing from him. We briefed him on how we feel about the nation. We compared some notes and we agreed on some grounds.”

Asked specifically if they were on the same page with the host

on the issues raised, the erudite scholar, said, “Yes. We are on same page and Insha Allah it shall be well.

“We have been having challenges and we have been talking on them. You are in the media and you know what we have been saying about the situation in the country.

“Things are not good enough and as we head for 2023, we hope to be strategizing for the good of the nation.”

Meanwhile, a former National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Abubakar Kawu Bareje, has emphasised the need for the next president of the country to prioritize the nation’s unity.

Baraje spoke in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, on Wednesday during a parley with newsmen as part of the activities toward his turbaning as the Tafida of Ilorin by the



■ Abdullahi

Emir, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, scheduled for Friday at the palace.

The former PDP national chairman said that became imperative because the country

has never been this divided.

He said the ongoing regional agitations for president from various political groups and individuals must not be allowed to divide the country.

Lagos PDP opts for consensus as congress holds next week

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has fixed February 23, 2022 for the conduct of the Lagos party congress.

To this end, stakeholders and chieftains of the party have agreed on a consensus candidate with Dr. Amos Fawole emerging as the choice of the party, *Daily Trust* can report.

The party’s congress held October last year had been truncated, resulting in allegations and counter-allegations causing the party’s national leadership to set up a caretaker committee.

However, the party is set to produce a substantive chairman in the next one week.

The National Organizing Secretary of the party, Hon.

Umar M. Bature, had in a letter to the state caretaker committee chairman, Engr. Julius Akinsola, communicated the new dates of February 23 and March 1, 2022 for the congress and the congress appeals respectively.

The NWC, in another letter, also extended the current tenure of the Lagos State caretaker committee for another 30 days.

This decision was taken after careful review of the general situation of the state, it said.

Meanwhile, stakeholders of the party have agreed on a consensus arrangement to elect the chairman and other members of the state working committee with the offices shared among all the tendencies of the party.

It was learnt that this was agreed upon at a meeting convened by Governor Seyi Makinde of Oyo State held at Lagos Marriot Hotel.

Katsina LG polls: Gov’ship aspirant rains millions on party, contestants

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

A governorship aspirant under the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Katsina, Ahmed Aminu Yar’adua, has donated N13 million to the party and its contestants across the 34 LGAs of the state.

The donation was presented yesterday at the state party headquarters in Katsina.

Aminu said the cash donation was his contribution

to the party and all those vying for the chairman and councillorship seats in the state ahead of the upcoming local government election scheduled for April 11.

In his remarks, the state chairman of the party, Alhaji Salisu Yusuf Majigiri, thanked the donor for his magnanimity and called on other party members to contribute in their different ways to ensure the success of the party in the forthcoming elections.

APC convention: Shutting out statutory delegates will spell doom – Ex-Reps members

By Saawua Terzungwe

Former House of Representatives Forum members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) have said shutting out some statutory delegates to the February 26, 2022 national convention will spell doom for the party.

In the proposed new constitution, the party had bared members of the National Assembly – who are not principal officers – from taking part in

the convention and presidential primary as delegates.

But the proposal was reversed in an advertorial on Wednesday, signed by Secretary of the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee, Sen. John James Akpanudoedehe.

The Ex-Reps members in a statement by their protem chairman, Hon Ibrahim Zailani, said the earlier proposal if ratified would have affected the party negatively.

“We hereby reiterate our plea to the leadership of the party that as a progressive entity, the onus is on our party to lead the way in espousing progressive ideologies chief of which is the institutionalisation of internal democracy.

“Anything short of this would mean no good for the unity and progress of our party. We, in the meantime, place our unalloyed loyalty and support to the CECPC and the party,” they said.

Kaduna electoral law instrument for rigging – PDP

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Kaduna State chapter, has described the Kaduna State electoral law as an instrument for electoral theft and subversion of the will of the people.

This followed the failure of the local government election tribunal to deliver judgment on the 58 petitions before it until the stipulated 120 days elapsed.

Addressing a press conference in Kaduna yesterday, the PDP State Chairman, Felix Hassan Hyat said, “We condemn in the strongest terms the faulty Kaduna State electoral law which was deliberately designed and signed into law by the governor to serve as an instrument for electoral theft and subversion of the will of the people.”

He then demanded the immediate review of the electoral law and full participation of the public and relevant stakeholders in the process to forestall future compromise of election outcomes using the courts, as it happened in the recent case.

Why I’m contesting Goje’s seat – Gombe gov’s ally

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

A political ally of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya of Gombe State, Abubakar Mu’azu Hassan, has said he is contesting for Gombe Central Senatorial District seat “because people of the zone are tired of recycling old politicians.”

Habu Mu’azu, as he is popularly called, had declared to contest for the seat, currently being occupied by Senator Danjuma Goje, an erstwhile godfather to him and the incumbent governor.

The former youth leader of the PDP during Goje’s administration became a confidant and ally of Yahaya after the governor fell out with Goje.

The national leadership of the APC had in January attempted to reconcile Goje and Yahaya.

Mu’azu told *Daily Trust* that he is in the race because Goje had in the past stated that he will not contest for the seat again, “and is yet to formally declare his interest again, which means he is not interested to contest at least under the APC.”

**From Hameed Oyegbade,
Osogbo**

Osun APC primary: As Aregbesola leads epic battle to stop Oyetola

The primary election of Osun State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the July 16 governorship election in the state will be held on Saturday in Osogbo, the state capital, with three candidates in the race.

The three aspirants include the incumbent state governor, Mr Adegboyega Oyetola, a former Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Moshood Adeoti and former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Lasun Yusuff.

A direct primary election was preferred by the party.

The trio has intensified campaign among members of the party canvassing for votes. The intrigues among political gladiators in the state were not unexpected but the dangerous dimension it has assumed is worrisome.

The infighting between Governor Oyetola and his predecessor, Mr Rauf Aregbesola, has refused to subside, aggravating daily to the extent that the national leader of the party and former governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, has been caught in the web of the crisis.

Among the three aspirants, Oyetola enjoys the support of Tinubu while Adeoti and Yusuf are on the side of Aregbesola. Oyetola also has the backing of the state executive of the party under the chairmanship of Prince Adegboyega Famodun.

Those loyal to Aregbesola formed a group called The Osun Progressives under the chairmanship of Elder Biyi Adelowo.

The TOP caucus of Osun APC has faulted the congresses of the party that produced Famodun and other executives of the party. They held a



■ Oyetola

parallel congress where Alhaji Rasaq Salinsile emerged as the chairman of APC and Mr Adelani Baderinwa as secretary.

Aregbesola openly declared that he belongs to TOP and that he recognised only Salinsile as the chairman of APC in the state.

He said Oyetola deviated from the core principles and values of the progressives and should not be allowed to contest again.

Aregbesola handed the flag of the party to Adeoti as the suitable candidate of the party and urged members of the party in the state to vote for him during the primary election on Saturday.

He said Tinubu did not call Oyetola to order and that despite his loyalty to Tinubu, the ex-Lagos governor had no good plan for him.

He said the same treatment that Tinubu and his group meted out to former Lagos State

governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, will be given to Oyetola because "he had derailed from the master plan too."

While speaking, Adeoti noted that Aregbesola resuscitated the progressives politics in Osun after the Peoples Democratic Party had taken over the state in 2004.

However, despite the stiff opposition led by Aregbesola against Oyetola, the governor was optimistic that he would get the APC ticket on Saturday; contest the July 16 governorship election and win the poll.

Oyetola has moved round the state to consult stakeholders and seek support.

Traditional rulers including, Olowu of Owu Kuta Kingdom, Oba Hammed Adekunle Oyelude Makama; Oluwo of Iwo, Oba Abdulrosheed Adewale Akanbi; Aragbiji of Iragbiji, Oba Abdulrosheed Olabomi and the Ogiyan of



■ Aregbesola

Ejigbo, Oba Omowonuola Oyesosin, commended the administration of Governor Oyetola.

Community leaders, transporters and artisans among other people in the state rate Oyetola as a performing governor that deserved a second term.

Also, APC leaders across the state have declared support for Oyetola.

Alhaji Liad Tella, a chieftain of the party in Iwo where Adeoti hails from, said Oyetola has done well and would be re-elected.

He said Adeoti did not attract development to Iwo when he was in Aregbesola's administration as SSG.

The Ila Federal Constituency has endorsed Governor Adegboyega Oyetola for a second term in office and assured him of their vote in Saturday's primary election of the party.

The endorsement meeting was held at the residence of the former national interim chairman of the party, Chief Adebisi Akande at Ila-Orangun.

The leadership and members of the APC in Ila Federal Constituency comprising Ila, Ifedayo and Boluwaduro Local Government Areas have passed a vote of confidence on the Governor Adegboyega Oyetola-led government in the state.

The Chief Press Secretary to Osun Governor, Ismail Omipidan has declared that Aregbesola is not God and cannot determine the fate of Oyetola in the state.

According to him, "the general belief among most Africans that 'a man's life is preordained and ruled by God' has continued to play out in the political trajectory of Governor Oyetola of Osun."

"From 2011 when he was appointed chief of staff to 2018 when, against all odds, he emerged, first as the candidate of the APC, and later, governor of the state, at a time many thought it was all over for him, it was obvious that he was on a divine political course."

"My principal has absolute faith in God and the people of Osun. In these last three years-plus, the people can tell the difference in terms of responsible and responsive governance and politics."

A former deputy governor in the state, Senator Iyiola Omisore, is among the strong politicians behind Oyetola in Osun.

Omisore was the candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in 2018. He is teaming up with Oyetola for the coming election.

Omisore said his major focus now is to ensure that Oyetola is re-elected during the July 16 governorship election in the state.

11 candidates jostle for Jos North/Bassa constituency

**From Ado Abubakar Musa,
Jos**

Less than two weeks to the by-election of Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency, candidates of the participating political parties have intensified electioneering campaigns in the nooks and crannies of the constituency.

The electoral empire scheduled the election for February 26, 2022.

The election will be conducted to fill the vacant seat of the constituency created by the death of late Haruna Maitala, who died on April 3, 2021, in a motor accident along Abuja-Jos road.

The electoral umpire, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), had on Saturday published the names of 11 political parties - APC, PDP, PRP, ADC, ADP, APM, APP, LP, NNPP, SDP, and YPP

that have shown interest in the election.

However, political analysts say the battle is between the candidate of the APC, Joseph Abbey Aku and Musa Agah Avia of the PDP.

Adamu Muhammad Alkali of PRP is also gaining ground in the constituency. He left APC following the controversy that trailed the primary of the party.

From 2003 to 2015, the constituency had been represented by the opposition party, until 2015 when late Maitala won election on the platform of the APC.

However, many observers say this time around, the opposition, especially the PRP, will give a serious challenge to the ruling APC in the constituency due to the rancour that followed the primaries of the APC.

Many aggrieved members of the ruling APC in the constituency accused Governor



■ INEC Chairman, Yakubu Mahmood

Simon Lalong of siding with Aku, the winner of the primary.

Sources told Daily Trust that the members were not happy with the action of the governor.

Soon after the APC primary, there were petitions and disagreements among the members over the conduct of the exercise.

Analysts say the APC candidate, who is the State Commissioner of Commerce and Industry and hails from Rukuba Chiefdom of Bassa LGA, would undoubtedly gain the support of the governor considering the role he - the governor - played during the party primary.

With the financial support from the government, observers say, he would make a great impact during the election.

The PDP candidate, who hails from Miango Chiefdom of same Bassa LGA, would virtually enjoy the support of the majority of voters from the area who are often sympathetic to PDP during every election.

The PRP candidate on the other hand, though a politician and businessman who is buoyant financially foot his candidacy, would enjoy the support of the aggrieved members of APC.

Another advantage of the PRP candidate is that Jos North LGA, where he hails from, according to INEC, has 474 polling units as against Bassa with 145.

The PRP candidate, who is also supported by the majority of voters in Jos North, is likely to win the election, pundits said.

CITY & CRIME

Man attempts suicide after girlfriend dumps him for rich man

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

One Tijjani Abubakar (26) of Gama in Brigade area of Nasarawa Local Government Area of Kano State attempted to kill himself by drinking insecticide on Tuesday. *City & Crime* reports that Abubakar attempted the suicide after his girlfriend dumped him

for another man, who is said to be richer and more romantic. A witness told our reporter that Abubakar, who is into mobile phones selling at Farm Centre, was rescued by his brother when he sighted him drinking the poison. He said, "Immediately he saw him, he rushed, and with the help of people nearby, they were able to snatch the bottle of

insecticide known as ota piya from him. Speaking immediately after he was rescued, Abubakar said he took the decision as he could not imagine life without her. He said, "I was told that she is about to marry and that someone, not me, has already sent his parents to discuss the matter with her parents. That was why I decided to do this so



■ Tijjani that I won't see the day." There was no response from the police on the incident at the time of filing this report.

Gunmen kill UniBen hospital doctor

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

A medical doctor with the University of Benin, Otote Osaikhuomwan, has been shot dead by gunmen suspected to be assassins in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

The 36-year-old ophthalmologist, was reportedly shot in the chest in the presence of his pregnant wife on Monday morning in his house in a GRA. The state's police spokesman, Bello Kongtons, who confirmed the killing, said, "Yes, the doctor was shot dead. The police are working to unravel the circumstance behind the killing and arrest the perpetrators."

Meanwhile, members of the Association of Resident Doctors (NARD), UBTH chapter, protested the killing at the hospital, blaming it on the high level of insecurity in the country.

The President of the UBTH ARD, Dr Elamah Ikemimoghena, said insecurity had been one of the reasons responsible for brain drain in the country.

Dr Ikemimoghena said, "This is a very unfortunate incident; it came to us as a rude shock. This is something that has made a lot of our colleagues reconsider their stance on working in Nigeria."



■ Edo CR, Philip Ogbadu

Man who killed twin daughters to die by hanging

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

The High Court of Cross River State has sentenced one Mr Anyanime Festus to death

by hanging for killing his twin female children over allegation of witchcraft.

The incident happened in 2017 when the children were 11 years old.

The court held that Festus gruesomely murdered the twins, named Mfoniso Anyanime and Emediong Anyanime.

Convicting Festus, Justice A. A.

Onyebueke said he intentionally committed the crime.

Festus, who is in his 50s, could not defend his allegation of witchcraft against the children when cross examined.

A child rights activist, Mr James Ibor, principal partner of Basic Rights Counsel Initiative (BCRI), said the matter was first reported in February, 2017, and that they facilitated the prosecution.

FCT polls: Thugs kill APC member, set PDP chieftain's house ablaze



■ Th APC youth leader, Aminu Saleh, who sustained injuries on his forehead at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in Gwagwalada

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A member of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Iliyasu Sani, has allegedly been stabbed to death by suspected thugs, while the house of a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim Sheda, was burnt down by suspected political thugs at Sheda community in Kwali Area Council of the FCT.

Daily Trust learnt that an APC youth leader in Sheda, Aminu Saleh, who sustained a head injury during a clash between supporters of the APC and the PDP in the community is receiving treatment at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), Gwagwalada. A resident of Sheda, simply identified as Yakubu, said the

incident happened around 8pm on Tuesday, when supporters of the two major political parties in the area engaged in a fight.

Yakubu claimed that supporters of the APC in the community were celebrating the victory of the Chairman of the council, Danladi Chiya, who won re-election during the Saturday council elections when suspected thugs attacked and stabbed Iliyasu with a knife.

The APC Youth Leader in Sheda, Saleh Aminu, while narrating the incident to our reporter on his hospital bed, said it happened when members of the APC were returning home after celebrating their candidate's victory at the polls.

He said Iliyasu Sani was stabbed on the stomach. "I was saying do you guys



■ House of the PDP chieftain Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim Sheda after it was burnt down by suspected thugs in Sheda on Tuesday night

want to kill him, but before I could finish saying that one of them brought a plank and hit me on my forehead and I fell down."

Angered by the death of the APC member, suspected thugs allegedly set ablaze the house of a PDP chieftain in the community in revenge.

Our reporter, who visited the community at about 9am, saw smoke billowing from the burnt house, while two Hilux vans loaded with policemen arrived the scene.

The PDP chieftain, Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim, while speaking with our reporter through telephone, said he had gone to report the incident at the Gwagwalada police area command.

Alhaji Mohammed said,

"As I speak to you, I have gone to the police area command in Gwagwalada to write a statement about the incident."

In the meantime, the Chairman of Kwali, Danladi Chiya, has condemned the killing of the APC member and burning of the PDP chieftain's house.

In a statement by the spokesman of the council, Habila Emmanuel, the chairman directed detractors and criminal elements whose objective was to cause violence and apprehension in the council to desist and steer clear forthwith.

When contacted, the spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, DSP Akeh Josephine, did not pick calls or reply to an SMS sent to her on the incident.

Man beats up 'madman' mistaken for kidnapper in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A mob has beaten a mentally challenged man who was suspected to be a kidnapper in Abeokuta, Ogun State, amid increased cases of ritual killings in the state.

Not less than three cases of killing for money ritual have been recorded in different parts of the state within a month.

Last Sunday, a couple was caught with fresh human hands and breasts in the Leme area of Abeokuta, while two suspected ritualists were set ablaze in Oja-Odan in Yewa North Local Government Area on Saturday.

But on Tuesday, residents of Elite Road, Oke Lantoro area of Abeokuta metropolis, descended on the yet-to-be identified man

on the suspicion that he was a kidnapper.

The young man was seen loitering around some pupils at about 8am on Tuesday when the residents who suspected him pounced on him and beat him to a pulp.

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The witness said, "It was a pathetic case because people who didn't know what his offence was joined in the beating. I felt so sorry for him because it took the insistence of the police to take him away from the scene where he had already been tied up to be burnt."

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Kwara community seeks intervention over persistent robberies

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

Residents of Oke-Foma community, a suburb of Ilorin West Local Government Area of Kwara State, have been under siege following incessant activities of robbers and burglars.

The areas mostly affected are phases 1, 2, 3 and Madi.

Residents of these areas have lost property and money to the onslaught by the hoodlums.

They said the insecurity plaguing the community started last year October.

On Friday, hoodlums invaded Phase 3 and carted away a huge amount of money and other valuables belonging to Alhaji Ibrahim Sogbo.

Alhaji Ibrahim told *Daily Trust* that his house had been consistently attacked even before he moved in.

He said, "They carted away bags of cement and a generator, among other properties and valuables in previous attacks. On Friday, a huge amount of money for my wife's business trip was stolen."

Also, Yahaya Qadir, who just collected a motorcycle on hire purchase at N700,000, said he lost the motorcycle to robbers when they invaded his compound.

Qadir said, "They came to our compound last month and took away my motorcycle. A friend who also collected hire purchase two months before me lost his motorcycle to them."

Tunde Azeez, who resides in Phase 1, told our reporter that he also lost his motorcycle to the robbers when he went to see a friend around 7pm last week.

Azeez said, "So many cases of robbery and burglary are going on here. We have lost several cows and goats worth millions of naira. Between January and now no fewer than five cars have been stolen in this community, and the community has reported the matter to the police at the Adewole station."

At the Adewole station, a police source told our reporter that the division recorded 20 cases of robbery and burglary from the community between October, 2021, and January, 2022.

The spokesperson of the police in the state, Ajayi Okasanmi, said, "We are going to investigate the matter and arrest the suspects."

Customs arrests 19, intercepts fish, cannabis

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Oyo/Osun Command of the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS), on Tuesday, arrested 19 smugglers and intercepted goods at the Nigeria/Benin Republic border.

The goods intercepted are dried fish, parboiled rice, kegs of petrol and a tanker.

Others are bales of second hand clothes and shoes, 17 vehicles, used tyres, sacks of cannabis and cartons of insecticides.

Parading the seized goods at the command's headquarters yesterday, the Area Controller, Mr Adamu Abdulkadir, said the command generated over N80bn for the federal government between November, 2021, and January, 2022.



■ Customs officers parading some seized items

He said, "During the entire period, the command made 356 seizures, 46 detentions and 19

arrests. The arrested suspects were granted bail pending the determination of their cases."

4 arrested, 2 pistols recovered as NSCDC raids hideout in Kwara

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC has confirmed the arrest of four suspected criminals during a raid carried out at a location in Rore, a suburb of Omu Aran in Ifelodun local government area of the State.

The public relations officer of the NSCDC in Kwara State, Babawale Zaid Afolabi, stated this in a statement.

According to him, the suspects arrested are Olanrewaju Adesoye (24), Isaac Abraham (28), Tope Fadeyi (33) and Abdulateef Wasu (23). He said two other members of the gang were still at large.

"Officers of the NSCDC in

Omu Aran, who were acting on a tip off, burst hideouts of some criminal elements that have been terrorizing the area in recent time.

"During the time of their arrests, two locally made pistols, five live cartridges, packets of tramadol, local charms, Indian hemp and six mobile phones were recovered from their hideouts," Babawale narrated.



■ The suspects

Truck rams into Ibadan beggars' settlement, kills 2, injures several others

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Two persons have been killed while many others injured when an articulated truck plumped into the popular Beggars Settlement Centre, in Akinyele village, Akinyele local government area of the state.

A witness told *City & Crime* that the driver of the truck lost control and rammed into the settlement centre where two persons were reportedly killed.

Our correspondent learnt that two of the victims died on the spot while others were critically injured.

Confirming the incident, the State Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Inclusion,

Alhaja Kafila Olayiwola attributed the accident to brake failure.

She said, "We received a call about the accident that happened at the resettlement center and we responded immediately."

"When we got there, a witness told us that a trailer loaded with rice hit another vehicle as a result of brake failure, one rammed into the fence up to the female hostel while the other trailer collapsed on another perimeter fence."

"As I speak, the injured ones are receiving and responding to treatment at a nearby government hospital while the corpses of the dead ones have been buried according to Islamic rites."

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Police arrest 2 boys over rape in Rivers

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

The police in Rivers State have arrested two teenagers over rape and defilement of a 12-year-old girl at Rumudomaya in Obio Akpor Local Government Area.

Our correspondent reports that the suspects, Chibuike (15) and Christopher (14) were arrested on Monday, while the third suspect is at large.

The father of the victim who pleaded anonymity told our correspondent that in November, 2021, the three boys abducted his daughter at Rumudomaya area on her way to dispose refuse at about 7pm and took her to a secluded area where they defiled her and held her for over three hours, warning her not to disclose their identities.

The state's police public relations department confirmed the arrests.

Kano LG vows to sustain campaign against polio

The Primary Health Care Coordinator of Bebeji Local Government Area of Kano State, Mr Sani Umar, says the unit would ensure mobilisation against the circulating Polio Virus in the area.

Umar said this on Wednesday during the review meeting of polio eradication stakeholders in the Council.

He said: "We have been at our best to ensure that no child is left unimmunised in each round of polio immunisation, our sight is fixed on the circulating virus."

According to him, response to the outbreak would ensure that all children are protected through immunisation.

Lagos to produce 1m coconut seedlings in 2022

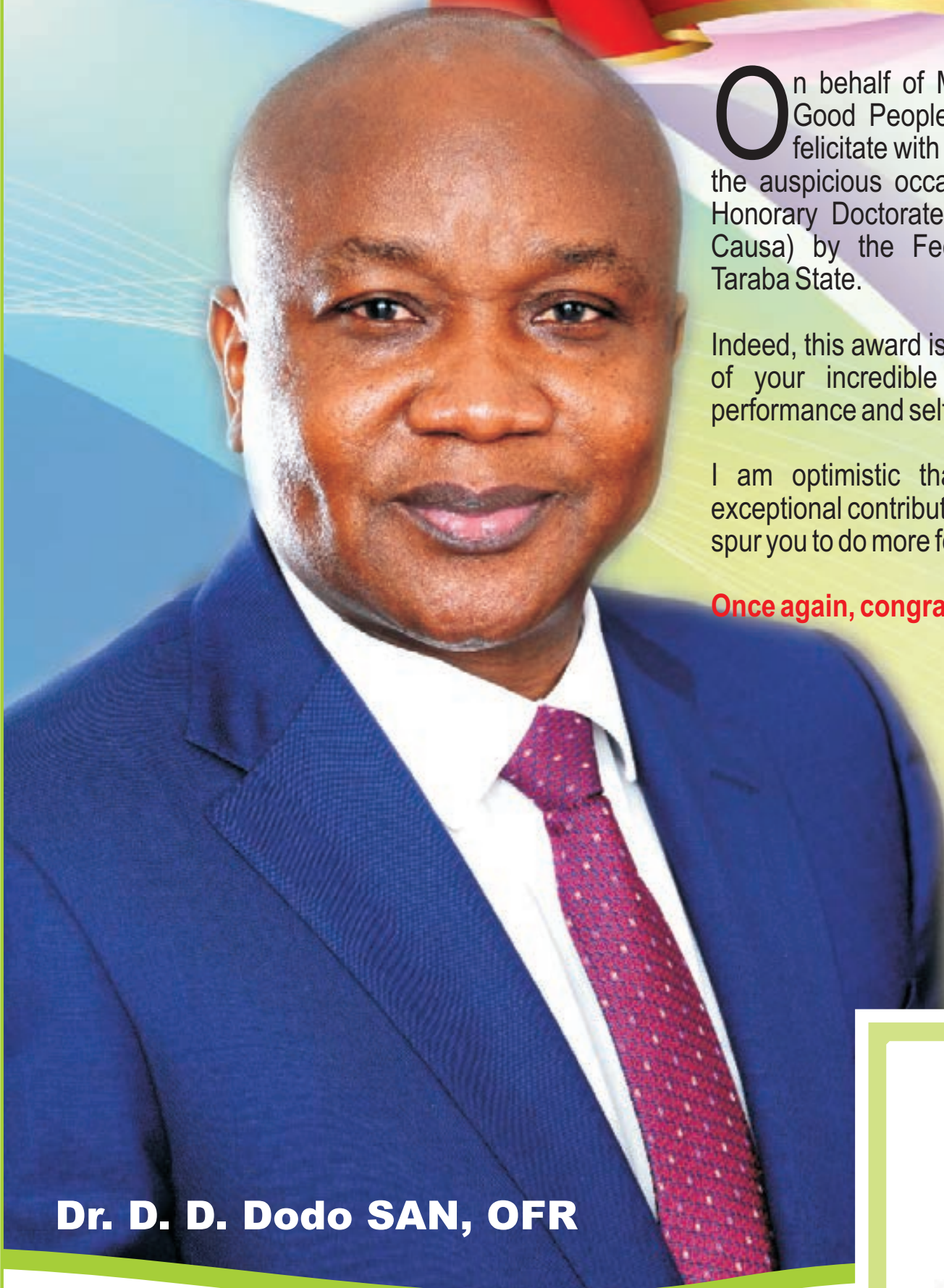
The Lagos State Coconut Development Authority (LASCODA) says it will produce one million coconut seedlings in conjunction with the private sector in 2022.

LASCODA's General Manager, Mr Dapo Olakulehin, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday in Lagos that the collaboration would see the agency producing 200,000 seedlings while individual farmers and others produce 800,000 coconut trees.

He said that the government would later sell the seedlings to farmers across the state at subsidised rate.

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I am optimistic that this recognition of your exceptional contributions to society will continue to spur you to do more for the benefit of humanity.

Once again, congratulations!



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Issues in the Russia-NATO face-off on Ukraine

As the world hurtles towards a likely military confrontation between Russia and the American-led North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Ukraine with potential to annihilate much of mankind, it is pertinent for us to pause and away from all the rhetoric and propaganda examine the issues at play critically.

From reports in the mainstream media, Russian leader Vladimir Putin, has massed hundreds of thousands of troops on the border with Ukraine and is poised to invade that country to prevent it from exercising its sovereignty in choosing to join NATO. The Americans and their British counterparts have literally gone on overdrive in making a meal out of this threatening the Russians and Putin in particular and his officials of severe consequences should that happen. For good measure both countries have made some military deployments in men and materiel to bolster the defence and offence capabilities of Ukraine and states neighbouring Russia should the latter embark on an invasion of Ukraine.

Russia for its part has stated that it is within its right to deploy its troops within its borders and that it does not intend to invade Ukraine. But it is unmistakable that the Russians are being clever by half and that the troop deployment is intended to send a clear message that Russia will intervene swiftly should the Ukrainians decide to join NATO.

If the whole aggro is really about Russia threatening an independent country from exercising its sovereign right to choose and pursue its defence interests, then there is really no need to go all this dangerous extent in handling the issue. Between Russia, NATO, Ukraine and significant other countries and institutions, there are enough platforms and precedence in form of agreements and protocols on similar situations in the past that the parties can draw to reach an agreement in which they and all of us could be happy to live with, saving the world from a potential threat of extinction should war break out in Ukraine.

In analysing the situation, we must concede that both the Russians and Ukrainians are in order per the posture they have taken on the matter. The Ukrainians do have a right to join NATO in pursuit of their defence interests. The Russians too cannot be faulted in their posture against this action of Ukraine especially given the fact this will mean the stationing of NATO troops and weapons (including nuclear one) in Ukraine in close proximity to some of its most sensitive population and military areas.

But it is the Americans and Brits whose motives for involvement in the matter are highly questionable.

Did the Americans not give Mikhail Gorbachev guarantees that NATO will not expand eastwards as one of the conditions for the unification of Germany?

Don't the Americans have the Monroe doctrine which espouses that America will never tolerate any attempt by any European power to establish military or related presence in the western hemisphere? Have not the Americans invoked the Monroe doctrine on Spain and France and Russia in the past and in our contemporary world? Did the Americans not threaten to invade Cuba in 1962 should the Soviet Union under Nikita Khrushchev go ahead to install missiles in that Island that could threaten America which is just 90 miles away from Cuba? Did President Reagan not cite as the alleged presence of an advance party of communists as one of his reasons for the invasion of the Island

of Grenada and the ouster of the government of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop in 1980?

People the world over are not convinced that the reason for American interest and involvement is to come to the aid of Ukraine in its disagreement with Russia. America's real interest in Ukraine is to stop the Nordstream gas pipeline project through which Russia will supply gas to many countries in Europe. It is not just the cheap Russian gas that the Europeans hope to get under this deal far more favourably than the supply of the stuff from American companies; it is also about the potential that this deal will bring on and strengthen on a Russo-German economic platform which will likely grow in the coming years. Potentially this will likely create a huge partnership stretching from China through Russia and into Europe creating a massive economic bloc that will leave America in the shade.

Obviously the Americans cannot be amused by this project and what way to scuttle this budding economic partnership than to raise both a false flag and *Cassus belli* in Ukraine?

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This is the real issue at play in the on-going sabre rattling in Ukraine. The Americans are so bent on this endeavour that they are doing their best to not just goad the Ukrainians into a confrontation with the Russians they are already preparing war scenarios in which they expect Europeans to do the heavy lifting when they instigate it.

But can the world allow itself to be led by American power monger and profiteers to fight a war that will lead to mankind's possible extinction?

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This is the message that the world should tell the Russians and the Ukrainians as well as the Americans strongly and unequivocally.

OPINION

It is time for Europe to learn from its mistakes in the Sahel

By Hassan Ould Moctar

Last month, while Europe's attention was firmly focused on the imperial brinkmanship unfolding between the United States and Russia at its eastern edge, Spain's Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares warned NATO not to neglect "southern security challenges".

"The Mediterranean, the Maghreb, the Sahel and sub-Saharan Africa are vital for NATO and for Europe," Albares said in an interview with the Financial Times newspaper before a NATO summit in Madrid. "We talk about a NATO 360-degree approach but, without content, this will be just a slogan... NATO needs to think about what its role is going to be."

Curiously though, Albares failed to mention that during the past decade, all the main security threats the Sahel is facing today – especially those from armed insurgencies, trafficking networks and emboldened militaries – have been encouraged and exacerbated by the very type of foreign engagement and military architecture expansion that he appears to be advocating for today.

European powers and their partners around the globe have been attempting to resolve the Sahel's security challenges militarily for almost a decade.

France's contemporary counterinsurgency campaign in the Sahel began in January 2013 as a geographically and operationally restricted excursion. Dubbed Operation Serval, this initial effort involving more than 4,000 troops was aimed at stopping armed groups from advancing southward in Mali. Since the completion of this task in July 2014, however, the French campaign has morphed into a much more ambitious, unwieldy, and intractable operation. Re-named Operation Barkhane, in its new form the effort gained support from an array of countries, including the United Kingdom and Sweden, and expanded its scope across the Sahel region.

A few months after the beginning of the initial French effort, in April 2013, the United Nations established its own peacekeeping mission in Mali to stabilise the country, and deployed more than 13,000 troops from around the world to Mali.

A year later in February 2014, five Sahel countries, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger, came together to form a security cooperation framework to battle armed groups in the region. Dubbed G5 Sahel, the framework appears focused on pursuing regionally relevant military strategies in the fight against armed groups, yet remains heavily reliant on external funding and support. Accordingly, since its inception, it has often ended up furthering not regional but external, and especially European, security interests.

Last year, French President Emmanuel Macron announced that Operation Barkhane will officially come to an end in the first quarter of 2022. Nevertheless, he insisted that this would not translate into a full French withdrawal from the region. Indeed, the European military task force dubbed "Takuba", which was formed in March 2020 and operates across the Sahel in coordination with G5-Sahel partners, already includes hundreds of French troops and this number is expected to increase in the future.

Despite this extensive and seemingly ever-expanding military presence, however, European and other international powers had very little success in the region.

While France's Operation Serval succeeded in preventing armed groups from taking over Mali's capital Bamako in 2013, local affiliates of groups like al-Qaeda and ISIL (ISIS) remain present in central and northern Mali to this day, and have expanded their operations to northern Burkina Faso and western Niger.

In the last two years, the failure of international efforts to contain armed groups and keep civilians safe, coupled with the corruption and weakness of civilian governments in the region, led to a wave of military coups in the Sahel.

In Mali, the military staged two coups, first in August 2020 and then in May 2021. Similarly in Burkina Faso, pointing to his government's inability to defend the country against armed groups, the military toppled President Roch Kaboré in January 2022. And in both countries, the citizens firmly put their support behind the newly established juntas and made it clear that they blame not only their civilian governments but also European powers and international bodies leading counterinsurgency operations in the Sahel for the security and political crises in the region.

Indeed, popular discontent with Europe and especially France has long been growing in the Sahel. In November 2021, for example, protesters in Burkina Faso and Niger hampered a large French military supply convoy travelling from Ivory Coast to Mali.

With the aforementioned decade-long failures, coupled with the region's sordid colonial history, it is unsurprising that local populations lost all faith in Europe-led counterinsurgency campaigns in the Sahel. In fact, citizens of Mali and Burkina Faso have enthusiastically welcomed recent rumours of increased cooperation between Russia and Sahelian states – even including those about a possible deal between the Malian state and infamous Russian mercenary outfit Wagner Group. These days Russian flags are a common sight at pro-military junta and anti-France demonstrations both in Mali and Burkina Faso.

In light of growing anti-European and pro-Russian sentiment in the Sahel, coupled with persistent security challenges that also have a direct impact on Europe, it is perhaps understandable for European governments to look at the region solely through the lens of their geopolitical interests, like Jose Manuel Albares did when he called for NATO to deepen its engagement in the Sahel.

But this strategy has been tested – and repeatedly failed. European powers using the Sahel as a laboratory to test their military prowess led to nothing but violence, instability and democratic backsliding in the past decade. If NATO decides to continue with this harmful trend, and enters into a new power competition with Russia in the region, the result can only be more death, devastation and insecurity. It is high time for Europe to learn from its mistakes in the Sahel. If it fails to do so not only the region, but also Europe itself will have to suffer the consequences.

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EDITORIAL

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Probe, prosecute importers of adulterated petrol

The importation into the country of about 100 million litres of adulterated Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), otherwise called petrol, has caused damage to automobiles, hardship to citizens just as it has affected businesses and the economy in general. A scandalous infraction of this enormity is unfortunate and, therefore, condemned in the strongest of terms. The Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) confirmed that the shipment which arrived from LITASCO Terminal in Antwerp, Belgium, contained a higher level of methanol than the Nigerian specification for petrol.

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva, announced after last week's Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting that the federal government would investigate the circumstances behind the circulation of contaminated petrol. The minister also said matters over damaged vehicles as a result of the "unusual" incident would be taken into consideration in dealing with the situation; adding that, "Nobody has, before now, checked for methanol in our fuel; it's not very usual and this is the first time this is happening."

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC) admitted that its inspectors tested and certified all the imported cargoes of petrol but the test was not for methanol, which was discovered to be higher in the product. The Group Managing Director of NNPC Limited, Malam Mele Kyari, later named the firms which NNPC engaged to import the product from January 20, 2022. He said investigations by NNPC revealed the presence of methanol in four cargoes imported by the Direct-Sale-Direct-Purchase (DSDP) suppliers which are MRS; Emadeb/Hyde/AY Maikifi/Britania-U Consortium; Oando; and Duke Oil (NNPC Subsidiary).

Some of the questions Nigerians are asking include: How did it happen that agencies with a core mandate over importation of products including the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) failed to detect the higher level of methanol in the refined petroleum product before it was cleared for passage and circulation in the country? How also did the country, as insinuated, come about the procedure, which provides for technical personnel that would inspect petroleum products on behalf of the NNPC before it is shipped to the country to comprise mainly of foreign experts?

While we welcome the investigation which government has promised to carry out, we quickly add that it should be thorough and without delay. Nonetheless, we are of the view that a panel of investigation instituted by an arm of government other than the executive would be more reliable in unravelling all the violations and inactions perpetrated by individuals or groups involved in the saga. We urge the relevant committees of the National Assembly to expedite action on the investigation and make public their findings.

Besides recommending solutions for blocking the lapses that led to the current mess, the report of the investigation panel should include modalities for compensating persons whose vehicles suffered damage as a result of the adulterated petrol. Culprits found guilty; either individuals or corporate organisations, in the public or private sector, should be punished according to the extant laws of the country. The "heads", which government has declared "will roll", must be seen to actually roll no matter who is involved.

The attendant fuel queues that followed the discovery in circulation of adulterated petrol, which only ensued after government declined its intention to withdraw subsidy, is one incredible irony of the moment. The attempt to withdraw the bad fuel from circulation cannot be a valid explanation for the current fuel queues at filling stations. The current fuel crisis which has persisted for two weeks now also brings the recent assertion by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources that the NNPC Limited has the capacity to bridge any shortfall in supply under serious interrogations.

We reject the move by NNPC Limited to reblend the adulterated product. Rather, it should be returned to the country of purchase. NNPC Limited must quickly end the long fuel queues being experienced in many parts of the country. It must ensure sanity in the supply and distribution of petrol to end the inexcusable hardship being suffered by citizens. It is embarrassing enough and no less a national scandal that one of the world's largest producers of crude oil is exclusively dependent on refined imported products for its domestic consumption needs. It is a shame that the same oil-rich country is most often in the news not for any strategic or development strides in the industry; but more for inexcusable sectorial crises. Nigerians have no reason to queue for fuel or purchase adulterated petrol in their country.

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Why are our buildings falling?

An hour after my father and other relatives wrapped up a family funeral in Osumeni, my ancestral home, the ceiling of the church in which they'd been in spontaneously collapsed. I received the video via WhatsApp and the sight of the destruction gave me goose pimples. It does no good to wonder the many what-ifs but had it happened an hour earlier, it would have been catastrophic for our family. There certainly would have been fatalities. We thank God that the ceiling was held up for the duration of the funeral service; that it was held up until the church was empty but what on earth is going on with some of these constructions in Nigeria?

The world has its share of catastrophes but when your country has more than its fair share of it, it is important – despite your love of country- to ask why. Building collapses are not limited to Nigeria. In 2021, Champlain Towers South, a 12-storey beachfront condominium in Surfside, Miami, collapsed. Last weekend, the floor of a pub in East London caved in. However, the frequency with which such incidents occur in Naija is worrying. Google buildings collapse in - - - and feed in any big city in Nigeria, and Google is likely to throw you an article or more about collapsing structures in that city in recent years. I tried it for Enugu, Abuja, Aba and Lagos, and I can tell you that in August of last year, a three-storey building collapsed in Enugu. In July of 2020, a two-storey one fell in Abuja. In September 2020 and December 2021, two buildings collapsed in Aba. Perhaps, the best known one happened on November 1, 2021 when a 21-storey luxury apartment building toppled and fell like a poorly constructed Lego tower, killing at least 44 people, including its owner, Mr Osibona, and his friend who'd stopped by on his way to the international airport. The day after Osibona's building collapsed, a two-storey partially finished building in Osapa London, Lekki, also caved in after a heavy rainfall. Two weeks later, a one-storey building fell in the Magbon area of Lagos, killing four people and injuring many others. According to an article quoted in The Conversation, 115 buildings (mostly residential) collapsed in Lagos alone between 2005 and 2016, leaving at least 4,000 families homeless. I couldn't find statistics for other cities in Nigeria, but I wouldn't be shocked if they are as damning. Lagos isn't likely to be an outlier in terms of shoddy construction

jobs. Over 100 buildings collapsing in one city alone over 11 years isn't fate but carelessness that is intensely criminal.

In the aftermath of the November 1, 2021 tragedy, the head of the Lagos State Building Control Agency, Gbolahan Oki, told reporters that the approval the developer had was for a 15-storey building rather than the 21 floors it ended up being. Also, per reports, the site was closed five months before the collapse and the approval to develop withdrawn because it was discovered that there were problems in the construction

In addition, it behooves contractors and developers to remember that when one finger dips itself into palm oil, it soils all the other fingers. We are interconnected, and a poorly constructed building doesn't recognise who benefited from its shoddiness and who is an ignorant victim. One day, they too (or their loved ones) may be victims of their own greed and careless work

process. However, the approval was later granted again. Lagos State authorities set up an independent panel of investigation into the cause of the collapse and in January of 2022, the panel presented its report to Governor Sanwo-Olu. It reportedly states that the "building collapse is rooted in the collapse of values, morals and ethics which we need to work on as a nation."

In March 2016, Lagos State government apparently published a list of about 40 buildings that were identified as distressed or abandoned. According to the Guardian, all the buildings are still standing. The building that collapsed in Abuja in 2020 was supposed to be a bungalow but the developer was trying to 'upgrade' it to a two-storey building. According to Premium Times, the Department of Development Control had given the developer a 'stop work' notice when it noticed a modification of the building which was ignored. In the aftermath of the 21-storey building tragedy, there were allegations of subpar building materials used in construction, of inspections passed over, of contractors cutting corners and so on. Similar allegations have also been made in the other incidents.

Although the law allows state governments to prosecute developers and construction engineers, per The Conversation, there is little evidence to show that erring developers and engineers have ever been prosecuted. In a country where money speaks, this is not completely surprising. And so lives continue to be wasted. The government must do better in ensuring that the bodies responsible for ensuring the quality of constructions do the jobs they are mandated to do.

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If there is to be a 2050 Development Plan

There has never been a time within Nigeria's 62 years of independence that the country lacks potential for greatness. Interestingly, there is general agreement that the country has not achieved its full potentials despite a geometric rise in population over these six decades. With over 200 million Nigerians as at 2019, the population of Nigeria is expected to double to about 400 million by 2050. The need to be proactive in meeting our developmental needs as a country is, therefore, mandatory.

I believe the proactive digitization, deregulation, decentralization of the education sector in a continuously globalizing world, strengthening of our core institutions, electoral reforms, training of youths on leadership and innovation would put the nation on track to becoming a fully developed country. These would of course have to come through a well-researched, articulated and planned 30-year blueprint to be adopted by successive governments.

The aforementioned steps and action plans are harmonious and non-conflicting, in a way that one would lead to the enforcement of the achievement of the others, and should constitute the overall plan for the development of the country.

The country's institutions need to be strengthened to eliminate corruption and ineptitude. Severally, the impact of the core institutions in Nigeria is only

as profound as the persons that head such institutions. Institutional reforms would entail the total and decisive overhaul of the structures of government arms and their respective agencies. This is in relation to administrative decisions like recruitment and staffing, to independence and autonomy for relevant government arms and agencies. The result of this would be competent and deserving individuals working and leading core institutions for the achievement of results.

Education is evolving worldwide. And Nigeria needs to key into this evolution. To have the best educational institutions by the year 2050, the education sector needs to be deregulated immediately, and budgetary allocations to the sector increased tremendously. I do not refer to the funding needs demanded constantly by university lecturers in the country, for instance. There needs to be a holistic, comprehensive and far reaching action in this sector.

Funding is only but an aspect. The decisive and revolutionary policies are more important. The best schools in the world are now digital and decentralized. Learning curricula are now modern and dynamic. Technology is now a requirement in all educational fields of study. Decision-making needs to be fast and data-driven. Most of our schools are analogue, while the curricula are outdated.

Emerging leaders (youths) constitute 54 per cent of the total population in Nigeria. By the year 2050, they would be saddled with piloting the affairs of the country, in whatever state they find it. What they do now, or, what we do with them now will ultimately decide the fate of the country by year 2050.

A lot has been documented and said about the Nigerian youths and how industrious, innovative and enterprising they are. It only stops there if there are no policies that mandate leadership trainings centring on venture creation, social and emotional intelligence, networking, peace and conflict resolution. This transcends the current policies under the Federal ministry of youth and sports, or the NYSC programme for instance (which is concerned more about national unity and cohesion). The revamped policy should ensure youth inclusiveness in leadership positions in the executive level, albeit to deserving persons.

We also have to find a way to create and maintain national peace and cohesion. The most populous black nation in the world should have no business being mentioned among the most unstable and terrorised countries in the world. Our security challenge on its own is a direct threat to the development of the country. No development plan can fail to factor the security challenges in the country. In this vein, a decisive apolitical, military and non-military approach is

required to ruthlessly deal with people who continue to undermine the security and peaceful coexistence of the country. The short term plan should be a military declaration of war on terrorism. The medium-term plan would be to provide solutions to the established causes of the several peculiar security challenges. The long-term plan would consolidate the previous efforts and develop an early warning system for conflicts and crises before they crystallize.

The generation of a comprehensive development blueprint and the strategies for achieving them requires a lot of sacrifice, as much as it requires absolute willpower and sincerity of purpose. Leaders with foresight and decisiveness worry less about the temporary impact of their 'harsh' decisions and look at the bigger picture, which is the intended result of their strategy. We have to accept that Nigeria not only needs to reactively solve its problems (which seem overwhelmingly many), but also proactively prepare for emerging problems that will surely arise as a result of the ever growing global village that is the world we live in. 400 million Nigerians cannot be a problem to the world, and if we cannot seek for our solutions within the God-given potentials, God forbid, the world could find solutions for us. We will not like these solutions.

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Please help Aso B community from AEDC's incarceration

The people of Aso B, Karu Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, have been living without power supply, yet, Abuja Electricity Distribution Company, collects money from them for the darkness they experience!

This started towards the end of last year - from October. Initially, the power supply was given for only three hours, either at night or in day time but it was later reduced to two hours and then an hour.

As at the time of writing about this injustice, the two hours to one hour of power supply in Aso B Community could not be seen and this started from January to this very month, yet, AEDC's officials go into people's homes to shamelessly share bills and expect people to pay for the services they are not rendering. What nonsense!

Why always collecting money for the services not rendered and also threatening to disconnect people's light permanently in order to put fear in them to make

them comply?

This is not the first time AEDC is doing this. This similar thing has happened to the people of Mpape and other communities in Abuja.

I am calling on the AEDC to henceforth, stop going round to ask for money for the power they don't supply.

Awunah Pius Terwase, Mpape, Abuja. terwaseawunah@gmail.com

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Happy 62nd Birthday, Your Excellency

On behalf of the management and entire staff of SKY Technical Construction Company Ltd, I the Chairman, Kabiru Sani Kwangila, wishes to congratulate Your Excellency, Mallam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai, on this auspicious occasion of your 62nd birthday anniversary.

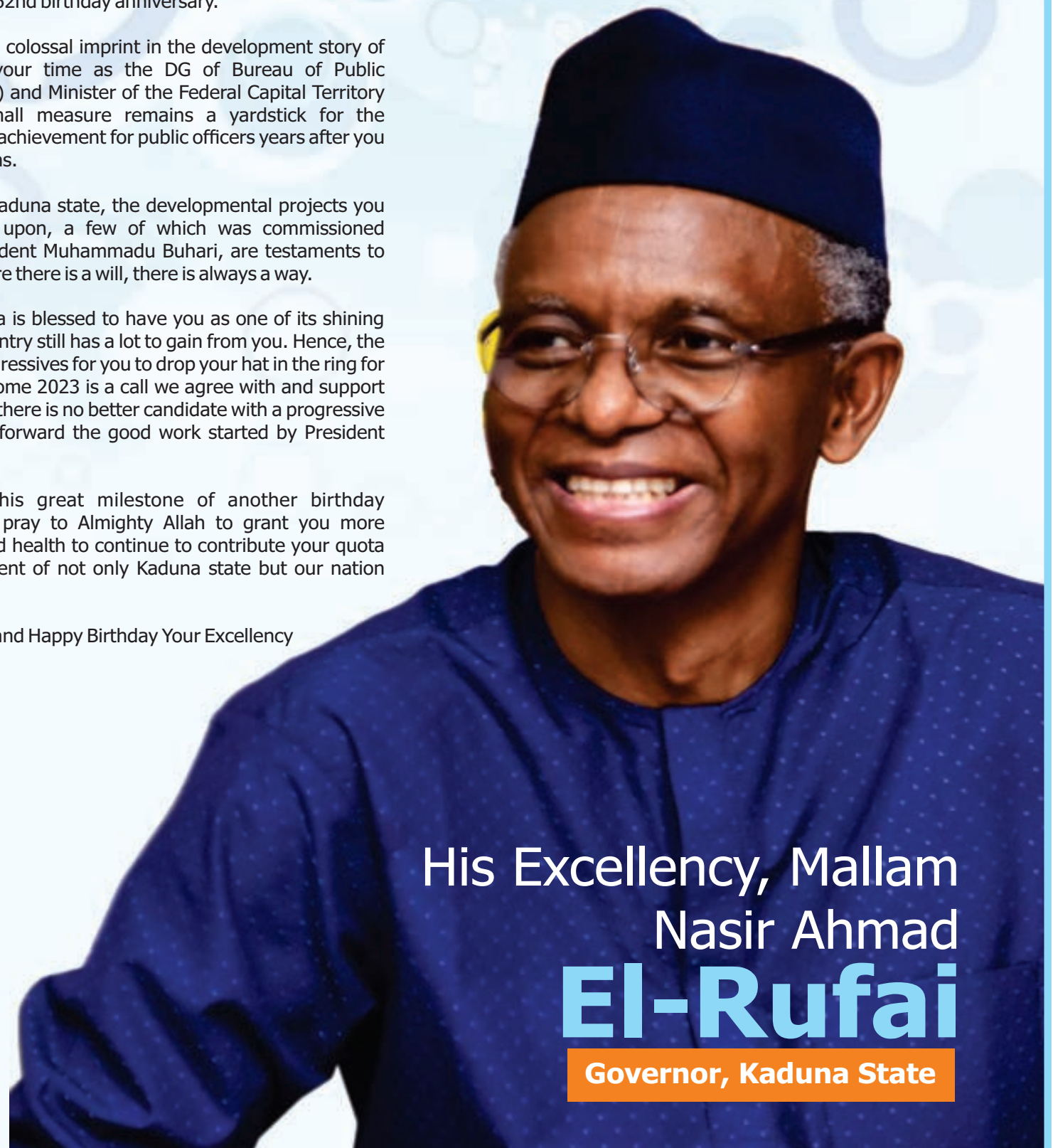
Your Excellency's colossal imprint in the development story of Nigeria during your time as the DG of Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in no small measure remains a yardstick for the measurement of achievement for public officers years after you left these positions.

As governor of Kaduna state, the developmental projects you have embarked upon, a few of which was commissioned recently by President Muhammadu Buhari, are testaments to the fact that where there is a will, there is always a way.

No doubt, Nigeria is blessed to have you as one of its shining stars and the country still has a lot to gain from you. Hence, the call by many progressives for you to drop your hat in the ring for the presidency come 2023 is a call we agree with and support entirely because there is no better candidate with a progressive mindset to take forward the good work started by President Buhari.

As you mark this great milestone of another birthday anniversary, we pray to Almighty Allah to grant you more wisdom and good health to continue to contribute your quota to the development of not only Kaduna state but our nation Nigeria at large.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Your Excellency



His Excellency, Mallam
Nasir Ahmad
El-Rufai

Governor, Kaduna State

Signed:
Management
SKY Technical Construction Company Ltd

HAPPY **51st** *Birthday*

**Her Excellency
Hajiya Aisha Buhari**
*First Lady,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*



On the occasion of your birthday, this is to wish you, the Mother of the Nation, long life, good health and many more fulfilled years ahead. As the First Lady, you have set an enviable standard of modesty and service to the nation, which may take a generation to match. Happy many returns, Her Excellency.

Signed:

Senator Mohammed Sani Musa
Niger East Senatorial District
National Assembly, Abuja



BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

Fuel scarcity: NNPC apologises to Nigerians

● To inject 2.5bn litres of petrol ● Lab analysts against re-blending of adulterated fuel

By Balarabe Alkassim (Abuja) Abdullateef Aliyu, Eugene Agha and Risikat Ramoni (Lagos)

The Group Managing Director (GMD) of Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Ltd, Mele Kyari, has apologised to Nigerians over the hardship of the current fuel scarcity.

Kyari made the apology when he appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) yesterday.

The GMD also assured that the company will inject 2.5 billion litres of petroleum into the nation's supply chain to end the current scarcity in the country. The committee, following a resolution of the House, is investigating the circumstances surrounding the importation of petrol with high methanol content leading to an acute fuel shortage in the country.

Kyari said the scarcity was not anticipated as the cargoes with the high methanol content were the root of the scarcity.

According to him, the withdrawal of the five cargoes created a gap that generated a shortfall in supply.

He, however, noted that the company had imported enough quantity that will close the gap and restore supply.

The GMD said: "Eight months ago, it was impossible for somebody to blend methanol into gasoline meant for Nigeria because methanol is more expensive than naphthalene which is used for blending gasoline.

"In the current situation, there is price differential which makes methanol cheaper than naphthalene which they use to blend and get commercial value. I don't know what the case is, but these are the two instances in which someone can blend methanol.



■ Kyari

"I can assure you that we have taken every necessary step to ensure that we maintain supply sufficiency. Let me tell Nigerians that we have a robust supply plan.

"By the end of this month, we will have about 2.5 billion litres of PMS.

"What we call panic-buying is a situation where people who usually go to the filling station to buy N2,000 worth of petrol now buy five times that volume and those with more than one car will bring out all their cars; that is why you see all these cars in the filling stations and it creates supply disruption.

"We are assuring Nigerians that we have a robust supply plan and there is no need to bring out all your cars from the house. Just buy what you need because there are plans to address the situation."

The GMD noted that Nigeria is still facing challenges in its petroleum industry as a result of wanton sabotage and total reliance on imports.

"First, we import all the

gasoline that we consume in this country. Every petroleum product that we consume in this country is not locally produced except in few quantities," he stated.

However, a member of the committee, Adediji Olamide, faulted the NNPC over the methanol incident, saying, it failed in its responsibility as the apex agency in the petroleum sector.

He said: "Ignorance is not an excuse in law. We are in a situation where all Nigerians are suffering as a result of an oversight or as a result of an unspecified request from NNPC to all the companies that are the importers of the cargo."

Responding, the GMD said, "This terminal has been supplying billions of litres of gasoline into the country for several years. It is a major terminal that supplies not only West Africa but also a major part of Europe. It has been supplying products to this country.

"Also, all the products they have supplied have always met

the specification and I don't know why the supply of this particular product because you will never expect any adulterated supply from this terminal."

In his address earlier, the chairman of the committee, Abdullahi Mahmoud, said the House had at plenary expressed concern over the fuel scarcity and mandated the committee to investigate the matter.

MOMAN to start 24-hour service to end scarcity

Members of the Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria (MOMAN) have appealed to members of the public to stop panic buying.

This is even as they promised to commence 18 to 24 hours sale to end the scarcity of the product currently being witnessed in major cities across the nation.

It reached this decision at the end of a critical meeting held yesterday in Lagos to deliberate on the issue.

The marketers, in a statement signed by their chairman, Olumide Adeosun, said they are working with the regulatory authorities and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) towards a resolution of the current fuel crisis.

Adeosun said MOMAN's experts are active contributors to the technical and commercial committees set up by the regulatory authorities to restock fuel supplies, resolve the blending of contaminated products and identify losses suffered by customers, operators and third parties.

He said MOMAN's committee of chemists is also working with designated laboratories to double-check the quality of products (re-blended or new) before they are released into the fuel supply chain.

"Towards this purpose, MOMAN members shall extend opening hours of jetties, depots and filling stations to a minimum of 18 hours a day, and

where possible, up to 24 hours a day in high density and flagship locations where the security situation permits," he added.

Lab analysts against re-blending of adulterated fuel

As fuel scarcity bites harder across the country, the Society of Testing Laboratory Analysts of Nigeria (SOTLAN) yesterday advised the federal government against re-blending contaminated fuel.

"Instead of re-blending, the fuel should be returned and replaced according to international best practice. This will make a statement that we are not a dumping ground," the president of the society, Prof. Olujobenga Ogunmoyela, said.

He spoke against the backdrop of plans by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to re-blend the contaminated fuel.

The president, who addressed a press conference in Lagos yesterday, expressed regret over the imported contaminated fuel currently causing economic disruptions in the country.

He noted that more than 1,000 tons of fuel containing methanol as high as 20 per cent was imported, though Nigeria has 50 internationally accredited laboratories.

According to him, that would not have happened if Nigeria had utilised the resources available to it.

"This statement begs the following questions; Who are those responsible for the testing? Who are those responsible as supervisory agencies? What sanctions are to be meted out to such erring companies/analysts/laboratories? What happens to the PMS product withdrawn and quarantined? Will these not be re-blended and later sold to Nigerian consumers?"

"If re-blended, can the PMS product achieve a NIL methanol content as specified in the Nigerian Standard, NIS 116:2017, the standard for Premium Motor Spirit?"

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

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NEWS

How FCMB makes homeownership easy for customers

By Esther Chukwu

First City Monument Bank (FCMB) is offering Nigerians mortgage loans of up to N75 million in a move to make homeownership easy for millions of Nigerian.

According to a Central Bank of Nigeria's report, Nigeria requires about 700,000 housing units annually for 20 years to accommodate the rising population, which is presently about 197 million. First City Monument Bank seeks to bridge the nation's housing deficit through its unique homeownership value proposition.

FCMB has urged the populace, including salaried individuals, to take advantage of its convenient and flexible mortgage loan product to fulfill their homeownership dream.

Customers can get the funds needed to finance the cost of buying land to build a home quickly at an affordable interest rate with monthly or quarterly payment options

depending on their income.

Commenting on FCMB's mortgage loan product, the divisional head of Personal Banking of the bank, Mr Shamsideen Fashola, said: "Homeownership is one of the most important accomplishments of an individual as it goes a long way to secure the future.

"As a responsive and customer-centric institution, our mortgage loan product is tailored towards helping our customers to become landlords, thereby making them secure, accomplished, and fulfilled. The mortgage loan is easy to obtain, and repayment is flexible.

"We want to be part of the success story of our customers. We will continue to support our customers' dreams and that of Nigerians by giving them the financial support they need to be homeowners when it matters most. We, therefore, advise them to take advantage of the opportunities we offer in the mortgage segment."

Nigeria to attract investment from ECOFAIR

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Convener of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Friendly Countries Trade Fair (ECOFAIR), Sylvester Ejarkaminor, has said Nigeria will gain a massive inflow of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) from the expo.

The fourth edition of the fair, themed 'Intra African Trade: The right

direction for economic integration and regional development' is scheduled to be held in Lagos from August 3 - 12.

Ejarkaminor said the fair is expected to attract over 32 African countries, about 90,000 visitors and 1,000 exhibitors, adding that most of the exhibitors would use the platform to conduct feasibility studies to guarantee their Return on Investments (RoI).

At the launch of the fair in Lagos, Ejarkaminor described

the fair as a rotational one, explaining that it had been held in some African countries including Burkina Faso and Cote d'ivoire twice.

In her remarks, Lagos State Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr Lola Akande, noted that the fair was in accordance with the ECOWAS mandate to promote cooperation and integration in commerce, energy, telecommunications and agriculture.

NOVA Merchant Bank commences N20bn Commercial Paper Issuance

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

NOVA Merchant Bank, a leading merchant bank in Nigeria, has announced that its N20 billion Series 1 & 2 Commercial Paper Issuance under the Nova Merchant Bank Limited N50 billion CP Programme is now open.

The company said the offer, which opened on the FMDQ platform on Tuesday, has a tenor of 182 days for Series 1 while the Series 2 shall be for 270 days.

The bank notes that the proceeds from the commercial paper will be used to fund short-term working capital requirements and for general corporate purposes.

The Managing

Director/ Chief Executive Officer of NOVA Merchant Bank, Mr Nath Ude, said: "The successful listing of our N50 billion CP Programme on the FMDQ platform further gives credence to NOVA Merchant Bank's confidence in the Nigerian debt capital market and puts the bank in a position to broaden potential funding sources and create superior value in the financial market it serves."

The new offer follows the recent successful run of NOVA's first bond issuance listing of N10 billion 7-Year Subordinated Unsecured Bond on the FMDQ platform last year which saw an oversubscription by 300%.

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NEWS

Marketers raise alarm over proliferation of smuggled off-spec gas in Kano

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

The Nigerian Association of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Marketers (NALPGAM) has raised an alarm over what it described as the proliferation of off-specification gas in Kano believed to be smuggled in from the Republic of Niger.

The association's National President, Olatunbosun Oladapo, who said this on Wednesday after a meeting with the Kano chapter of the association, noted that if relevant regulatory authorities and the state government do not act immediately, the state is

sitting on a keg of gunpowder that can cause loss of lives and investments.

This is coming on the heels of a nationwide fuel scarcity occasioned by the importation of adulterated fuel into the country.

Oladapo said it was observed in the city that several gas dealers/distributors are not following safety precautions in the movement, storage and display of gas.

"No distributor has the right to store more than 500kg, for instance, but some of them now even store more than the capacity of a plant in their shops within residential areas," he said.

He added that while

Nigeria remains one of the top 10 countries in the world with gas deposits, it is worrying that smugglers are having field days bringing in gas that is not in compliance with the specification of Nigeria into Kano city with its over four million metropolitan population.

"These trucks also move on the road containing a large number of LPG stored in various cylinders, most of which have expired. When an accident happens, the whole world will focus on all of us; not minding those operating legally. So, it is our responsibility as an association to speak out and call the attention of everybody to the fact

that cylinders that are moving across the border are becoming issues. The way they arrange these cylinders they are bringing illegally is threatening to the safety of our society," he said.

Oladapo added that unlike the Nigeria LPG which is high on butane which fits our environment; burns slowly with high heat, most of the smuggled products are high on propane which is used in low temperature environments and is not compatible with home appliances in Nigeria.

He advised customers to be wary of buying gas from unlicensed dealers because of the inherent danger.

New tech to address challenges in home buying process

By Zakariyya Adaramola

A real estate firm, Landwey Investment Limited, has initiated Nigeria's first interstate real estate development model called 'WeyFlex' to provide homes for Nigerians across the country.

The firm also launched a Project Experience Center, a state-of-the-art facility to showcase components and designs required for housing development.

This was disclosed at the official launch of the new project model done virtually yesterday.

The firm's Chief Executive Officer Olawale Ayilara said the project model is set to offer Nigerians the opportunity to own FlexVilla homes in over 20 locations nationwide.

Ayilara said: "Owing

to several factors, many Nigerians at home and in the Diaspora struggle to find a home in their preferred locations. These factors often range from the rising cost of land purchase in metropolitan areas like Lagos, demand for quality countryside homes that meet all regulatory standards and ease of construction for those in the diaspora amongst others."

Speaking on the benefits of WeyFlex and the Landwey Project Experience Center, the Chief Executive Officer said: "WeyFlex was designed for ease and convenience, affording Nigerians, both home and abroad, control over where they want their next home to be, how they want it to look and when they want it to be delivered."



■ From left: Nominee for Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Executive Director, Corporate Services, Mrs Emily Osuji; Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions, Senator Uba Sani; NDIC DD, Mr Iliasu Ibrahim Sani & NDIC ED, Operations, Mr Mustapha M. Ibrahim at the screening of Mrs Osuji at the National Assembly yesterday

'Nigerians spend N12trn annually on self-power generation'

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Executive Director for Research and Advocacy of the Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED), Barrister Sunday Oduntan, has disclosed that Nigerians spend about N12 trillion on self-power generation annually.

Barr Oduntan also revealed that Nigerian homes and businesses produced 40,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity with diesel and petrol per annum.

He spoke at Ota, Ogun State, while delivering a paper titled: "Power for Sustainable Development in Ogun State", during the third edition of the Ladi Adebute Good Governance Symposium.

...MDAs debts to Discos stood at N204bn

Oduntan, who is the official spokesperson for the DisCos, noted that self-power generation was propelled by low power generation by the country, which required 40,000MW to guarantee stable electricity.

He identified corruption, increased energy theft, regulatory inconsistency and confusion, liquidity crises of the power sector, non-cost reflective tariffs and limited power generation as some of the challenges confronting the nation's power sector.

Oduntan also lamented non-payment of debts by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), noting that the debts stood at N203,819bn.

Going down memory lane, he

noted that, "There was no institutional and regulatory framework to govern progress and development in the sector until 2005. This is why the tariff is only recovering about 30 per cent of costs.

"All these informed part of the reason why NEPA was insolvent, inefficient and underperforming. Between 2012 and 2014, \$5bn was spent on self-generation which could have given us an additional 5000MW."

In their separate remarks, the Chief Executive Officer of Ikeja Electric, Mrs Folake Soetan, and a legal practitioner, Ehi Uwaifoh, noted that stable power supply would boost industrialisation drive of the state, especially at the Ota-Agbara industrial hub.

Sugar Council denies halt in production, sale of product

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Mr Zacch Adedeji has denied reports of the suspension of the production and selling of sugar in the country, which experts say will lead to the scarcity of the commodity.

Recall that BUA Foods had in an advertorial on Monday alleged that Flour Mills had suspended sugar sales because the 2022 raw sugar allocation had been declined by the government.

It also accused Dangote Sugar of halting sales of the product in a bid to create scarcity and force prices to go up.

But speaking yesterday at the formal presentation of the 2022 presidential approval for raw sugar quota allocations to

refineries, Adedeji stated that the publication was false as there was enough stock of the commodity for consumption during Ramadan and lent.

He said, "The attention of the council was drawn to a publication in some sections of the media credited to BUA Foods on the suspension of sugar sales. Given the strategic importance of the sugar value chain to the Nigerian economy, the council wishes to state that there is no known stoppage in sugar production by any of the operators as a result of compliance issues or on the council's mandate."

While stating that Flour Mills Nigeria (owners of Golden Sugar) is the best performing BIP operator in the industry, he said the 1.7 million tonnes of sugar consumed was five per cent of what was produced annually.

Taxation is the only sustainable revenue source – Obaseki

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Governor Godwin Obaseki of Edo State has observed that oil revenue can no longer sustain the country and therefore stressed the need to look at alternative sources of funding government activities.

He specifically tasked

the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) to be proactive toward expanding the frontiers of taxation development in the country.

Gov Obaseki gave the charge at CITN's 40th anniversary dinner held in Lagos, with the theme: "Evolution of Taxation as a Profession in Nigeria: The Birth of CITN".

The governor, who was represented by the Chairman, Tax Force on IGR, Edo State, Mr John Inegbedio, said taxation was the only sustainable source of revenue generation in a nation.

He, therefore, stressed the need for CITN to take the front seat in driving ample tax compliance in addition to

being fair to taxpayers.

He said the institute should focus more on coordinating, energising and educating the general public on taxation as their civic responsibility.

President of CITN, Mr Adesina Adedayo, hailed the founding fathers of the institute who were honoured at the event for their sacrifice

and doggedness to take the institute far and bring taxation into the national consciousness.

"I must confess that it has been a groundswell of positive emotions and excitement across the length and breadth of the country in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the institute," he said.

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Just days after recovering from the botched plan of a protest on anticipated subsidy removal on Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) otherwise called petrol, Nigerians slipped into another petrol scarcity which began early this month.

The queues have gotten worse since last week when the news of adulterated petrol supply spread across the nation. It was learnt that about 100 million litres of adulterated petrol was imported and supplied to retail outlets in Nigeria.

The Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) confirmed that the shipment from Belgium contained a higher level of methanol than the Nigerian specification for petrol which prompted the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd (NNPC), the sole importer of petrol, to withdraw the bad product and supply quality product.

NNPC later admitted that its inspectors tested and certified all the imported cargoes of petrol but that the test was not for methanol which was said to be higher in the product.

The Chief Executive Officer/ Group Managing Director of NNPC Ltd, Mallam Mele Kyari, gave further clarifications after meeting with some oil marketers to resolve the issues generated by the recent supply and discharge of the high methanol-blended petrol in some Nigerian depots.

He said the PMS cargo imports were tested and certified both in Belgium, where they came from and by an inspection agent appointed by NMDPRA on arrival.

"It is important to note that the usual quality inspection protocol employed in both the load port in Belgium and our discharge ports in Nigeria do not include the test for per cent methanol content and therefore the additive was not detected by our quality inspectors."

Just as the case was being resolved, President Muhammadu Buhari has directed that the providers of the substandard petrol must be held accountable.

He gave the directive in a statement by his Senior Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, Garba Shehu.

The presidency said the issue of petroleum product shortages was linked to the inadvertent supply of products of foreign origin into the Nigerian market.

The president also directed that in line with the law, service providers must make full disclosure of relevant information with respect to the consumption of their products and that dissatisfied consumers were entitled to a proper redress of their complaints.

He also gave directives to the relevant government agencies to

How contaminated petrol triggered Nigeria's fresh energy crisis, queues

Names behind NNPC partners



take every step, in line with the laws of the country, to ensure the respect and protection of consumers against market abuses and social injustices.

Earlier, the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva, promised that the federal government will launch an investigation to unravel the circumstances behind the circulation of adulterated petrol with methanol quantities above the country's specification.

NNPC partners behind petrol import

Narrating the occurrence, Kyari said on 20th January 2022, NNPC received a report from its quality inspector on the presence of emulsion particles in PMS cargoes shipped to Nigeria from Antwerp, Belgium.

He also said NNPC investigation revealed the presence of methanol in four PMS cargoes imported by the Direct-Sale-Direct-Purchase (DSDP) suppliers. The four cargoes were all lifted from LITASCO Terminal in Antwerp, Belgium.

The NNPC boss said the cargoes' quality certificates issued at load port (Antwerp, Belgium) by AmSpec Belgium indicated that the gasoline complied with Nigerian specifications.

"The NNPC quality inspectors including GMO, SGS, GeoChem and G&G conducted tests before discharge also showed that the gasoline met Nigerian specification," Kyari added.

Kyari said to prevent the distribution of the petrol, the company ordered the quarantine of all un-evacuated volumes and the holding back of all the affected products in transit (both truck & marine).

Kyari emphasized that defaulting suppliers have been put on notice for remedial actions and NNPC is working

with NMDPRA to take necessary actions in line with subsisting regulations.

Here are the four consortium and partners that NNPC Limited used on January 20, 2022 to import petrol from Belgium discovered to have above the Nigerian specification of methanol.

One of the first firms named was MRS which brought its content through MT Bow Pioneer vessel, according to NNPC.

MRS, registered as MRS Oil Nigeria Plc, has its business address at No. 2 Tin Can Island, Apapa. It has been registered since August 12, 1969 and has an active operational status recognised by CAC with registration No - RC - 6442.

Its management is led by the Managing Director, Mr Marco Storari and the company is a subsidiary of MRS Holdings Ltd, according to its website.

The GMD of NNPC, Malam Kyari, in a video last Thursday, said MRS brought in the petrol cargo through MT Bow Pioneer vessel.

However, MRS had earlier in a statement clarified its role noting that it only received observed contaminated fuel from Duke Oil which is a subsidiary of NNPC.

It said Duke discharged the cargo in Apapa between 24 and 30 of January, 2022 and MRS got 5,000 metric tons (MT) in its depot and distributed the product to only eight of its stations in Lagos before observing the bad state with 20 per cent methanol content.

It said it isolated the right stations with 350,000 litres and "we await approval from NNPC and NMDPRA for the return of the product."

Next on the list of importers is Emadab/Hyde/AY Maikifi/Brittania-U Consortium which shipped the petrol from Belgium

using MT Tom Hilde vessel. This is a consortium of four separate companies.

NNPC Ltd said they brought in their own consignment of the petrol through MT Tom Hilde from the same Litasco firm with the ship loading at Antwerp Port in Belgium.

Emadab, however, in a statement later, exonerated the first three firms, and named Brittania-U.

According to CAC search, Brittania-U is registered as Brittania-U Energy Resources Ltd with RC - 1153310, having an office address on the 4th floor of Union Bank Building on 97 Adeola Odeku Victoria Island Lagos. Its operational status is inactive at CAC but was registered on 13th November 2013.

It is led by the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Catherine Uju Ifejika, its website said.

Ifejika is a lawyer and former Secretary of Chevron Oil Nigeria Plc.

Emadab Energy Services Ltd is the lead consortium of Emadab/Hyde/AY Maikifi/Brittania-U Consortium. It was incorporated as RC - 693054 with a business address at 14, River Kubanni Crescent, Off Nile Street, Maitama in Abuja.

The CAC search said the firm, which is active, was registered on May 28, 2007 and headed by the Chief Executive Officer, Adebawale Emanuel Olujimi.

Hyde Energy Limited was established in 2012 and registered with CAC on 12th July, 2012 with registration certificate RC - 1051332.

It is headed by the Chief Executive, Mr Oladimeji Edwards, with its business address at 3rd Floor, Canton Concourse Building, 12 Landbridge Avenue, Oniru, Victoria Island, Lagos.

However, its operational

status is 'Inactive' according to a CAC preliminary search.

AY Maikifi Oil and Gas Company Ltd, which is its official name on its website, was not found on the preliminary search engine of CAC.

The company prides itself as having successfully and satisfactorily handled the supply of petroleum products to different parts of this country.

Alh. Adamu Yahaya Maikifi is the Chairman/CEO and the Managing Director is Yamta M. Audu, an accountant.

The third firm NNPC named on the import of the high specification petrol is Oando which used MT Elka Apollon vessel to bring in the content from the same place in Belgium.

Oando PLC is registered with CAC with RC - 6474, having a business address at 17A, Ozumba Mbadiwe Avenue Victoria Island Lagos.

The company, with an inactive operational status on the CAC search register, shows it was registered on August 25, 1969.

According to its website, it is one of Africa's leading energy solutions providers with a proud heritage and is listed on the Nigerian Exchange and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in South Africa.

It is driven by Adewale Tinubu who is the Group Chief Executive.

The fourth group NNPC Ltd named in the petrol importation saga is Duke Oil (NNPC) using MT Nord Gainer ship.

Duke Oil Services Ltd is a United Kingdom registered oil service company and subsidiary of NNPC Ltd. It is not registered on CAC as a Nigerian firm.

NNPC partly confirmed this on its website stating that, "Duke is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), providing administrative services to other Duke Oil companies within the NNPC group."

"Duke is incorporated and is a tax resident in the United Kingdom."

Thus, the subsidiary is under the control of the GMD/MD of NNPC Ltd, Malam Mele Kyari, and is said to be the sole importer of petrol so far, as also corroborated in the MRS' statement.

As the fuel scarcity rages, NNPC in a statement on Wednesday said it has begun 24-hour loading at its depots and sales at its retail outlets.

The spokesman of NNPC, Garba Deen Muhammad, said one billion litres of petrol is in stock while 2.3bn litres is arriving in Nigeria already to end the queues.



HAPPY Birthday TO OUR AMAZON

On behalf of the His Excellency, Engineer Abdullahi A Sule, the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State and the good people of the state, I heartily rejoice with an icon in service and a rare Gem the FIRST LADY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, Her Excellency, **(Dr) AISHA MUHAMMADU BUHARI** on her 51st birthday.

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Her Excellency,
Dr. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari
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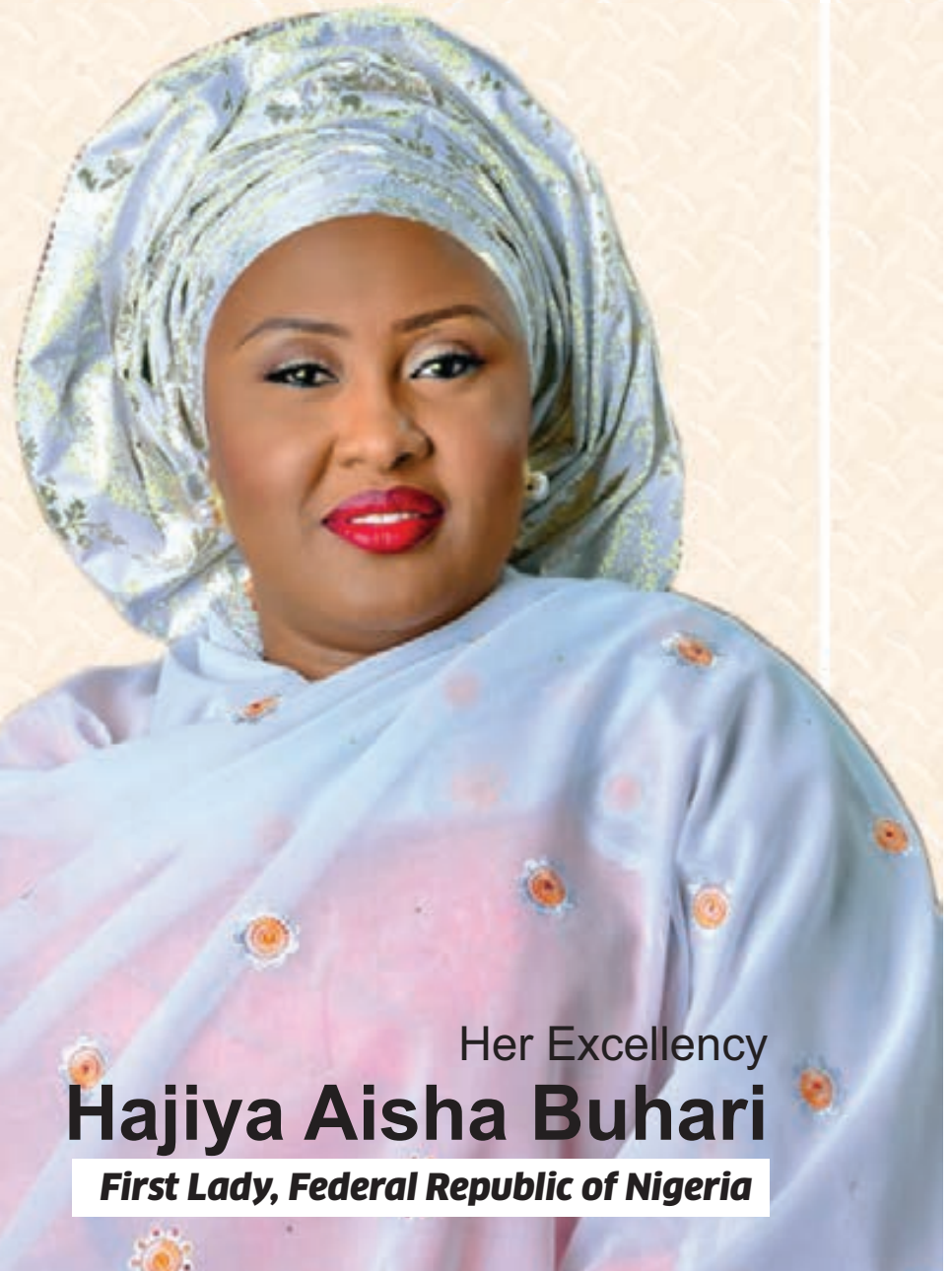
The All Progressives Congress (APC) felicitates with the Wife of the President, Her Excellency Hajiya Aisha Buhari on the joyous occasion of her 51st birthday.

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Through the 'Future Assured' initiative, the First Lady has been the chief advocate for the health and well-being of women and children through community mobilisation and health promotion.

On behalf of the Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee and the entire APC family, I pray that Almighty Allah will continue to grant you good health to enable you render more service to humanity.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Your Excellency.



Her Excellency
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EVERY THURSDAY

Gombe emerges winner of Young Nigerian Scientists Presidential Award

Gombe State has emerged winner of the 2022 edition of the Young Nigerian Scientists Presidential Award (YONSPA).

The representative of Gombe State in the competition, Maryam Ogunbayo of Pen Resource Academy, emerged the overall winner of the competition with 119 points beating all the other states. She was also the best in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

Ogun, Edo and Lagos States trailed with 116, 112 and 109 points to clinch the 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions respectively.

In her reaction to the feat achieved by Gombe State in the prestigious competition, the Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation, Dr Aishatu Umar Maigari, applauded Maryam's outstanding performance in the competition and hailed her for bringing honour to the state.

She also lauded the teachers and the management of her school for producing such a talented girl whom she described as highly cerebral.

The commissioner said Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya's administration had been holding the science competition annually at the state level since coming on board three years ago in order to boost creativity among young people.

She said: "This year, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation conducted the competition where Maryam Ogunbayo emerged first. The state government sponsored her to the national competition where she came top, making Gombe the first state in the north to win such a prestigious competition".

"This shows the effort of His Excellency in turning around the fortunes of Gombe State in the education sector and the Science, Technology and Innovation in particular, which saw the repositioning of the Ministry to break boundaries and impact the people



■ Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya (R) with the Representative of Gombe State and winner of Young Nigerian Scientists Presidential Award, YONSPA, Maryam Ogunbayo at the Government House Gombe.

of Gombe State in all spheres of life".

There is a consensus of opinion that Gombe State is working under Dan majen Gombe and Science Technology and Innovation is witnessing tremendous strides under the first scientist to head the ministry in person of Dr Aishatu Umar Maigari.

Meanwhile, the Gombe State's representative and holder of 1st position in the just concluded 774 Young Nigerian Scientist Presidential Award has returned home and was received at the airport by the Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation and her Finance counterpart, the proprietor, principal, staff and students of her school as well as her parents.

The Ministry of Science, Technology

and Innovation has been holding an expo annually to expose the numerous talented people of Gombe and has been participating and sponsoring students to the national YONSPA competition and also innovators and inventors to the national expo.

Maryam Ogunbayo will be formally presented to Governor Inuwa Yahaya who will in turn present her to President Muhammadu Buhari on March 14 at the national Science Expo in Abuja.

This award is coming days after Gombe State received another award as the champion in child nutrition due to the governor's efforts towards combating malnutrition by production of children complementary feeding.

Governor Inuwa appoints new chairman for Gombe Sports Commission

Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya has approved the appointment of Mr. Olanre Daniel (Kangiwan Doma) as Chairman of the Gombe State Sports Commission with immediate effect.

The Secretary to the State Government, Professor Ibrahim Abubakar Njodi, who conveyed the governor's approval in a statement, said the decision was sequel to the resignation of the erstwhile chairman of the commission, Malam Hamza Adamu Soye.

Soye, had in a letter addressed to the governor yesterday, through the SSG, tendered resignation of his appointment.

The statement read "It should be noted that Hamza Soye's decision to relinquish his position is not unconnected with the irreconcilable differences between him and the management of Gombe United Football Club, especially over running the affairs of the club.

"On this, government is resolutely behind the management of Gombe United who are living up to expectation, by not only getting the club elevated to the top league in the country, the Nigeria Professional Football LEAGUE (NPFL), but also making the state proud with their remarkable performance.

"Government is pleased that the current management of the top NPFL club has repositioned the team within a short period, making it one of the clubs to beat in the country's top flight league.

"It assures the management and indeed the entire sports loving people of the state that Government will continue to give the Savannah scorpions all the maximum support they require to succeed."



■ Gombe State Governor, Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya

Of fictitious defections and lies of the opposition in Gombe State

By Adamu Abubakar Kumo

As the 2023 general elections draw nearer, the transfer season has now commenced in earnest as some party members from both the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) are cross-carpeting.

Of course, no one can really stop the tendency to move from one party to another, and no matter the rationale defining such decision. As a matter of fact, as true democrats, we have to acknowledge the constitutional rights of these defectors to associate with any party or political organisation of their choice in tandem with the ideals and principles of democracy.

While it is difficult to tag defection as good or bad, it is quite possible to use morals, principles, antecedents, perennial history of political defeats and inconsistency to scale-weight any defection- the reason for defection always defines it.

For instance, defection can be undertaken due to lack of ideology, political interest, pursuit of political ambition, poor performance etc.

However, it is worth noting that among those who have defected from the ruling party in Gombe State, the APC, no one has formally or informally, openly or secretly cited poor performance of the present administration as his or her reason for defection. This is a clear testimony that the incumbent governor is doing well by living up to the expectations of the people.

Issuing from the above position is the need for the general public to note that the defection from the ruling party has no bearing with the welfare of the people other than political indulgence. With this understanding, therefore, such action, irrespective of the lowly nature, should not give any misleading

impression other than the usual politicking and the attendant propaganda even in an uncharted territory as history informs us.

Thus, the recent development as it was in the past can best be described as a case of desperation for power, where direction in politics is determined and driven by ambition to lead at all cost just to quench one's thirst for power or satisfy personal ego. This is the truth otherwise no sane member of the ruling APC in Gombe State would ever think of leaving the party on account of the tremendous transformations that have taken place under the leadership of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya with a lot of benefits to the people and a brighter future for all stakeholders.

We have to understand though that during their stay in the APC, some of the defectors were perpetually rabble-raising and would only live by their own set of rules and regulations which centred on their political ambition, the habit that cost the party a lot. There's nothing wrong with political ambition but when such is pursued without any modicum of decency and realism, it is bound to end up in chaos and unbridled shenanigans as we've now seen in the state.

Now, you may ask: what's the quality and influence of these power mongers? They neither command any major followership nor did they add critical value while their stay lasted in the party. Being mostly those who came from the PDP to join APC on account of the popularity of Governor Inuwa, they later realised they do not fit into the orderly scheme of things in the APC and have accordingly returned to their nest where they originally belonged. It has to be emphasized that these people have for so long lost ground and influence in the party and have disassociated themselves with it. The defection is therefore a

good riddance to bad rubbish. And here lie the fictitious defections and lies being paraded by the opposition PDP which is a mirage.

In what can be described as a win-win scenario, the APC on the other hand, is receiving bigwigs and party stalwarts who have electoral value and political influence into its fold from the PDP. It is really an interesting development in Gombe State informed by altruistic reason and excellence as they want to be in the winning team for the common good.

The recent defections of Arch. Habu Mohammed Shinga, Barrister Ya'u Kwadon and Hajiya Hadiza Kwali together with their thousands of supporters are a big blow to the opposition, a shock that sent due signals vis-a-vis the dynamics shaping political calculations in the state. Come to think of it, these people are not common party members; they are grassroots politicians with strong support and influence.

Arch. Habu Shinga was a former Head of Housing/ Acting Director, Housing since our era in Bauchi State, Special Assistant during Goje regime, former Caretaker Chairman Yamaltu Deba LGA (three times), full time member 1 SUBEB (three times), Talba Campaign Co-ordinator, Yamaltu-Deba LGA 2015 and former contestant, State House of Assembly under PDP.

Another stakeholder to have defected from the PDP is Barrister Ya'u Kwadon who was Ag. Deputy National Legal Adviser, former member PDP Interim NWC, Former House of Representatives contestant under PDP and many more.

Hajiya Zainab Zakari Kwali, was a former Councillor, Former National Women Leader (PDM), National Women Leader, Women for Jonathan and a former board member. Now, can we compare these grassroots politicians

with one Abigail Peter whose name is not known to even some people in her ward but joining the PDP for a pot of pottage? So how does this feeble move help her and her own people? Of course, it pays in the interim but will never last and more importantly it's selfish. Though one should not be surprised if her ilk are seen returning to the APC so soon because it's more or else politics of the stomach, regrettably now a national enterprise.

This tendency contrasts sharply with the names above who have joined the APC out of convictions. These are the people with relevance in their former party. But since development is what they yearn for and they obviously have seen it in the good governance of the APC under Governor Inuwa Yahaya, they decided to join the winning team for the interest of their people and future generations to come. These are the issues.

A good and sincere reminder to those defecting to quench thirst for power and their hosts is that their brand of politics which harps on selfishness, sectionalism, ethnicity and religious discrimination, a pattern that is alien to our state, did not work in 2019 and will definitely not work in 2023.

More so, as they finally find a home in the homeless party, their new comrades should be honest enough to tell them that losing elections has been their lot which they need to have accepted as their destiny.

Succinctly, APC in Gombe State, under Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, is united and intact. The party and the government remain undaunted. The good people of Gombe State have entrusted APC with governance and therefore, the party and the government will remain committed to this course of taking Gombe State to the promised land. This is beyond tokenism, we're living it.

GOLDEN HARVEST

COMMODITY INDEX

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

Quote

“Soil fertility cannot be managed effectively without knowing the fertility status of the soil. Interpretation of soil testing results will reveal the soil fertility status”.

— Dr M. Abubakar, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

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Why prices of grains crashed in Taraba

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

Shortly after harvest, our correspondent in Taraba State observed that the presence of grains buyers was unprecedented across rural markets in the state.

Daily Trust, meanwhile, gathered that the rush by grains merchants to buy up farm produce was in anticipation of a possible increase in the price of petroleum products, which will automatically trigger a rise in prices.

The development, it was gathered, pushed the prices of farm produce up.

For example, the price of a 100kg bag of maize rose to an all-time high of N25,000 while the same bag size of sorghum was sold at N30,000.

Similarly, prices of beans, paddy rice, locally processed rice, dried cassava, soya beans and millet also went up.

Findings revealed that 100kg bag of beans went up to N41,000, paddy rice N15,000 per 100kg bag and 100kg bag of locally processed rice went for N52,000.

However, soon after the announcement by the federal government that there will be no fuel price increase, prices of farm produce crashed in the state while trading activities at the grains markets reduced drastically.

It was revealed that the price of 100kg bag of maize dropped from N25,000 to between N16,000 and N17,000.

The price of 100kg bag of white beans reduced from



■ Mutumbiyu grains market (Kasuwan Buhu) in Taraba State

Photo: Magaji Isa Hunkuyi

N41,000 to N32,000; 100kg bag of guinea corn also dropped from N37,000 to N23,000 while a 100kg bag of paddy rice which was sold at N15,000 is now sold at N12,000.

A bag of locally processed rice came down from N47,000 to between N40,000 and N41,000 and 100kg bag of soya beans dropped from N37,000 to N30,000.

A large-scale farmer, Ali Maihula, told Daily Trust that many middlemen have made bulk purchases of farm produce from major grains markets across the state thinking that fuel price will be increased.

He said the idea for bulk purchase by the grains merchants was to hoard the commodity and increase prices after the fuel price increase.

“At the time news of fuel price increase was spreading, there were middlemen and grains merchants everywhere in the rural markets making bulk purchases of farm produce but soon after the announcement that there will be no fuel price increase, the hoarders left the markets,” he said.

Alhaji Bello Dauda, a middleman at Mutumbiyu grains market, also told Daily Trust that it was an annual

trend that sees grains merchants making bulk purchases in markets across the state.

He said however that the number of grains merchants this year was double that of previous years, adding that there were merchants who deposited over N50 million to their agents to purchase farm produce for them.

He said the merchants’ intention was to make more profit after the fuel price increase but to their dismay, that was not to be.

“Business activities at grains markets came to a halt after the announcement by the federal government suspending the

planned fuel price increase,” he said.

According to him, more than 12 trailer-loads of grains leave the market on a daily basis to various destinations but now only a few trucks were loaded.

A produce officer with the state Ministry of Agriculture, who would not like his name mentioned, said more than 110 trucks loaded with grains leave the state to various destinations in the country on a daily basis.

He said reports indicate that most of the produce ended up in warehouses except those purchased by rice processing companies, poultry farms and other companies using maize and soya beans as raw materials.

A large-scale farmer, Umar Saidu, also said the absence of grains merchants in the markets was responsible for the crash in the prices of foodstuffs in the state.

Daily Trust’s findings revealed that over the years, many businessmen have shifted to the grains business because of its profit.

Many merchants, it was gathered, took short-term loans from commercial banks and from individuals to buy grains in large quantities and hoard waiting for prices to go up.

A businessman, Yakubu Sani, said since the ban on importation of rice and maize by the federal government, many businessmen have joined the business of farm produce hoarding.

“I know some businessmen who started the business a few years ago with small capital but today they have made millions of naira. However, this year, many of such people will incur losses if the price of grain does not rise,” he said.

Abuja gets soil testing, GIS labs

By Seun Adeuyi

The federal government has commissioned the National Soil Testing and Geographic Information System (GIS) laboratories of the Department of Agricultural Land and Climate Change Management Services.

Speaking at the event in Abuja, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr. Mohammed Mahmood Abubakar, said the labs were necessary for the promotion of technology-driven agriculture in the country.

According to him, the department had been at the forefront of disseminating information and carrying out projects on effective and efficient management of the country’s soil resources.

He said: “The laboratories we are commissioning today will further strengthen the capacity of the department in this respect.

“The ministry now has four national soil laboratories in Abuja, Kaduna, Ibadan and Umudike each equipped with Mid-Infrared Spectrophotometer (MIR) for dry chemistry analytical procedures.

“The equipment has the capacity for analyzing large quantities of soil samples rapidly. The four laboratories will go a long way in expanding our soil testing capacity.”

The permanent secretary of the ministry, Dr. Ernest Umakhihe, said the laboratories are part of the efforts of government to deploy modern technologies necessary for

the effective management of the country’s soil resources.

He said: “In our drive towards attaining food self-sufficiency, the facilities we are commissioning today are expected to contribute substantially in driving the process because the soil is the starting point when we talk of food security.

“These labs are expected to expand soil analytical services in the country and bring soil testing services closer to our farming communities.”

Umakhihe urged the director and management staff of the department to ensure that adequate control measures are put in place for proper use and maintenance of the equipment installed in all the laboratories.

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

TO: All potential NGO grantees working in Zamfara State
SUBJECT: Announcement of Request for Applications under USAID Contract No. 72062018D00002/72062020F00008 to Build Capacity of Government Staff to Deliver and Report Quality Malaria Services in Security Challenged Areas in Zamfara State.

Dear NGO:

USAID awarded the US President's Malaria Initiative for States (PMI-S) Project to Management Sciences for Health, Inc. (MSH) in June 2018. As of February 17, 2022, the PMI-S Project is requesting expressions of interest (REOI) from qualified organizations to *Build the Capacity of Government Staff to Deliver and Report Quality Malaria Services in Security Challenged Areas in Zamfara State*. Based on the selection criteria set forth in this request, grants will be issued to private, on-profit organizations including Community – based organizations (CBOs) and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for a period of more than a year. It is expected that the USAID PMI-S Project will award a grant to one organization as stated above by March, 2022.

Organizations that are registered in Nigeria and are working in Zamfara State are eligible to apply. Applicants that are successful in the Pre-Qualification stage will receive the Request for Application (RFA).

If an organization is interested in submitting an application, it must submit the following documentation:

1. Copy of articles of incorporate or other documentation which substantiates the legal character/registration of the entity in Nigeria.
2. A list of similar activities the entity has implemented.
3. Contact information for third-party information on performance related to quality of performance, timeliness of completion, and input from past funding entities and activity beneficiaries.
4. Identification of principals/key personnel/organization structure.
5. Filled Pre-qualification questionnaire.

Organizations are required to send an email requesting for prequalification questionnaire not later than 5:00PM (Nigeria Time) February 25, 2022 to ng-grantsapplication@msh.org

The response to this REOI must be received via this email address ng-grantsapplication@msh.org no later than 5:00PM (Nigeria Time) **February 28, 2022**

Organizations must clearly mark their submission as ***Build the Capacity of Government Staff to Deliver and Report Quality Malaria Services in Security Challenged Areas in Zamfara State***.

All Submission should be addressed to:
Senior Grants Specialist
Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
No 8 Sakete Close, Off Kampala Street
Off Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent
Wuse II Abuja.
ng-grantsapplication@msh.org.

If you have any questions or are interested in obtaining more information please sent an email to:
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TENDER NOTICE TEN/INT/NIG/02/2022

PROVISION OF CAR RENTAL AND SECURITY SERVICES IN ABUJA FCT, BORNO, ADAMAWA AND ZAMFARA STATES AND THE PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES IN ABUJA FCT, BORNO, ADAMAWA AND ZAMFARA STATES

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1. **How to obtain the Tender Dossier:**
 - The dossier is available from the Contracting Authority by requesting it via email at the following address: tenders.nigeria@intersos.org
2. **Prospective bidders with questions regarding the tender dossier should send them to:** tenders.nigeria@intersos.org (mentioning the Category reference of the dossiers as indicated in the chart below) at least seven calendar days before the deadline for submission of tenders. The Contracting Authority will reply to all interested parties with questions at least three calendar days before the deadline for submission of the TENDER document. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tendering process shall be published at the latest three calendar days before the submission deadline

S/N	Referencer Number	Category	Location
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3	ITB/INT/NIG/07/2022	Provision of Internet Services	Abuja FCT, Borno, Adamawa and Zamfara States

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Every form of true education trains
the student in self reliance
— Dr. John Henrik Claiké

Illegal polytechnic, college discovered in Oyo

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

An illegal private polytechnic, Oke-Ogun College of Management Science and Technology and the College of Education Iseyin (Oke-OgunTech) have been uncovered in Iseyin, gateway to Oke-Ogun area of Oyo State.

Indigenes of the town, under the banner of Ebedi Frontliners, have petitioned the governor of the state, Engr. Seyi Makinde, Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu and the National Board of Technical Education to immediately close the polytechnic being operated illegally by some individuals in the community.

Ebedi Frontliners, a socio-cultural group in Iseyin area of the state in a petition signed by its president, Alhaji Segun Fasasi and the vice president, Mr Bambi Abiodun, among other members, claimed that investigation revealed to them that the institution was not duly registered and not accredited to admit students for National Diploma certificates or any other academic programme.

The group said a visit it undertook to the campus showed that those behind the establishment of the school were out to allegedly dupe unsuspecting students and their parents because attempts to verify the authenticity of the institution showed it was not registered and lacked the capacity to offer academic certificates.

Ebedi Frontliners further said the condition under which students, who the school claimed were on scholarship from Lagos and adjoining towns, attended



■ Students relaxing at the Polytechnic

lectures was not fit for human beings as the structures in place were not completed or habitable.

“Some people have come to Iseyin to dupe innocent students and their parents with the claim that they were running a campus affiliated to the Olabisi Onabanjo University at a point.

“They even promised the students that they would make it possible for them to be called up by the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

“Some of us called attention to the scam but people

did not listen until those behind it ran away, leaving the hapless students confused and disappointed. We have made enquiries about this Oke-Ogun College of Management Science and Technology, it is not among the latest 64 accredited private polytechnics in Nigeria by NBTE.”

“They even claim to be an NGO and called their school ‘Scholarship Campus’ and have been going round to ask people of means to give indigent students scholarship to study in their school, is that not a scam?

While noting that Iseyin people are law-abiding, they said they have reached out to people that matter in the community as well as security agencies to take up the task of doing independent verification before they decided to write to the governor, the minister and the NBTE, to as a matter of urgency, shut down the scam perpetrated by a man said to be from Kogi State and acting registrar an Ijaw to dupe the people.

Reacting, the Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Barrister Rahman Abiodun Abdu-Raheem directed that the billboards of the institution be removed to pave way for normalcy and ensure the needful is done.

The proprietor of the college, Mr Adewale Owoseni who had earlier admitted not registering the institution with the Oyo State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for now explained that he had commenced the process of registration with NBTE, Kaduna and the NCC in Abuja in respect of the approval.

However, the commissioner emphasized the need for the Proprietor to have done the needful, so as to save the state from unnecessary embarrassment.

Why ASUU strike poses serious threat to students

By Chidimma C. Okeke

A student took to her Twitter handle, OBO_lexies, to announce that with the declaration of strike by ASUU, she will resort to hookup (prostitution). In her words: “Once ASUU strike, na to start hookup.”

The tweet attracted over 400 comments at the last check before this report. Many criticised her and others expressed interest in patronising her.

She, however, later posted another tweet to explain that she used the post to get the attention of people to market her products, weight gain supplements.

But her earlier tweet on hookup is an expression of fear being raised by many about students, many of who hit the wrong way when school is not in session.

An educationist, Michael Sule, said the strike has become a national embarrassment, but the government had failed to see that.

He said students are at the receiving end every time there is a strike because they do not only get delayed but the quality of learning is affected as a course that is supposed to take two months will now get only three to four weeks and the students will sit for the examination with little knowledge of the course.

“Worse of it is what the students will be doing during the strike. Many will definitely join bad gangs

- robbers, yahoo boys or drop out to face business - and the girls may go into prostitution or get pregnant or marry and that ends their education dream,” he said.

A teacher who wants to be addressed as Okezie, expressed fear over the fresh strike, saying he is scared that many students would use the idle time to join the quick money activities (rituals and yahoo yahoo) that are trending in the country currently.

He said people go to school to better their lives so if they can make quick money and live the big boys’ life many would most probably not think of going back to school.

He said government should have addressed the issues with ASUU long ago, as for it to have persisted, meant some groups or individuals do not want it to end to the detriment of the students, their parents and society.

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) on Monday, declared a four weeks warning strike over the failure of the federal government to honour the agreement they had about four years ago.

The union and the government have been having a rift with the academia demanding that government meets certain conditions which, according to them, will address the challenges faced by the Nigerian university system.

While the strike has become the tool to draw the attention of government, both parties forget

that the students, who are in no way responsible for the conditions in the system, bore the brunt in different measures.

Some students who spoke to *Daily Trust* expressed disappointment, saying it is for no fault of theirs but that they are the ones being punished.

A student of Nasarawa State University Keffi, Stephen Catherine, wondered what exactly is stopping the government from honouring agreements with ASUU?

She said: “They have been meeting for a very long time but still the ASUU issue has not settled. It’s really affecting us, the students, and it’s not fair on us.

For Jesse Isa Miski, a 400 level student of public administration, the strike is not supposed to hold.

“My point is that the students are not to blame. They have paid for the service through the payment of their school fees. So ASUU should find an alternative means of getting the government to do the needful,” Jesse said.

He said students are made to spend too much time in school due to strike actions and when they finally graduate, age is not on their side and employees reject them over age for job positions.

“Strike is not a way forward in our tertiary institutions because the ones affected most are not supposed to be the ones affected,” he said.

Another student, Armstrong Mailafia, however, welcomed the

strike action saying, “I want the ASUU to go on an indefinite strike so that I can use my house rent to be productive and earn some money by the end of the strike.”

A parent, Mrs Eucharia Azubuike, said it is unfortunate that the issue between ASUU and government has lingered for so long and there appears to be no solution anywhere soon.

“In other countries, this would have been sorted out long ago because most nations do not play with the education of their populace but Nigeria is a country where evil thrives because some few individuals stand to benefit,” she said.

While expressing fear that many students may derail when they stayed idle for long, Mrs Azubuike said it’s the poor masses that have children in public schools and cannot afford private schools or those abroad that are suffering.

Reacting, a former ASUU chairman at University of Abuja, Prof Ben Ugheoke, insisted that the strike is in the interest of students, saying government is gradually taking their hands off funding of university education.

“University administrators in a bid to catch up with costs of running the universities, introduce sundry fees/charges, bringing so many burdens on students and parents,” he said.

He said fees have been raised and unless governments, who are the proprietors of public universities, are

forced to do what they should do in line with the provisions of chapter two of the Constitution, students and parents will be made to pay prohibitive fees/charges.

“For instance, students’ charges in the University of Abuja have already risen to about N160,000 Naira in some programmes. Students are already dropping out of universities and unless parents and students join the ASUU to maintain a sustained struggle against this trend occasioned by governments’ apathy towards funding of education, many more students will drop out of school and the society will become more unsafe for good living.”

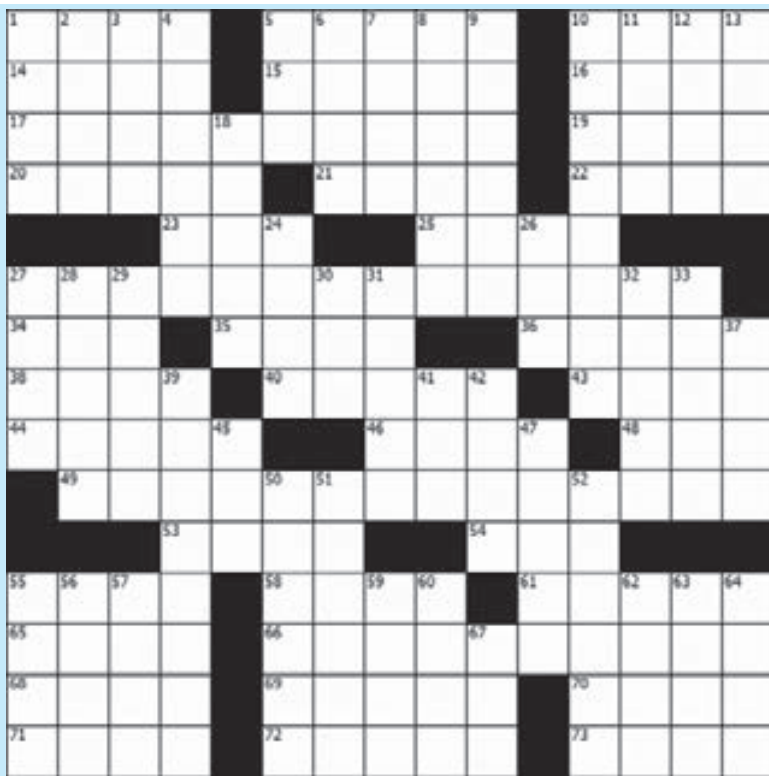
Prof Ugheoke, insisted that but for the strikes, the lot of the public universities’ undergraduates could have been worse.

“Before the 2013 strike, the decrepit state of the existing infrastructure in public universities had reached unimaginable heights. It was so terrible that hostels were complete slums and ghettos, classroom facilities were grossly inadequate without requisite furniture and more,” he said.

“These scenarios are no exaggerations and truly, they could have been worse today, but for the strikes of ASUU; a union that through sacrifices, relegated welfare of its members to the background and focused its efforts on how to salvage the public universities from total collapse,” he said.

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



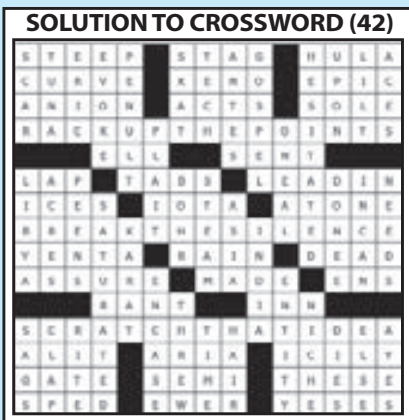
Across

- 1. "Friends" character
- 5. "Star Wars" name
- 10. Multipurpose plant
- 14. Unused
- 15. Deprive of weapons
- 16. Ovipiform
- 17. Drugstore purchase
- 19. "Star Wars" name
- 20. Engage in polemics
- 21. Second or fourth wife of Henry VIII
- 22. Word on a sale sign, perhaps
- 23. Dr. Jekyll creator's monogram
- 25. Mountain goat's perch, perhaps
- 27. A-one stuff
- 34. Feel malaise
- 35. Do in a dragon
- 36. Film shots
- 38. Straight man in comedy
- 40. Your place or mine, really
- 43. "Gunsmoke" role
- 44. Moral principle
- 46. Cookie treat since 1912
- 48. Kind of brain
- 49. "Nutcracker" dancer
- 53. Lotion base
- 54. "--- Were a Rich Man"
- 55. Entry
- 58. Auto grille protectors

- 61. Remove marginalia
- 65. Lessen the force of
- 66. Pancake ingredient, perhaps
- 68. Where Kerman is
- 69. Bass-baritone Simon
- 70. Adams in "The Apartment"
- 71. Northern road crew's supply
- 72. Brings in the sheaves
- 73. Trawling needs

Down

- 1. Costa ---
- 2. Nitrogen's lack
- 3. Illegal coin
- 4. Tennis legend Pancho
- 5. Au --- (in gravy)
- 6. "Dragonwyck" author Seton
- 7. Rural structure
- 8. Combined meal
- 9. It's of current interest?
- 10. Certain 3-D image
- 11. Word after get or break
- 12. It may be certified
- 13. Dramatic presentation
- 18. Positions of control
- 24. Filleted fish
- 26. Do one's part?
- 27. Artsy gathering place
- 28. Hilarious joke tellers
- 29. Root or Yale
- 30. Org. responsible for aviation safety
- 31. Innsbruck is its capital
- 32. Giraffe relative
- 33. First pope
- 37. Admonition to Spot
- 39. Bone connector
- 41. Broadway play about Capote
- 42. Prefix with sphere
- 45. First name in baseball ironmen
- 47. Bid
- 50. Second-story man
- 51. Read carefully
- 52. Pilots
- 55. Nile wading bird
- 56. Fictional home in Dixie
- 57. Footnote term
- 59. Lead-in to "boy!" or "girl!"
- 60. Graduation
- 62. Adjuvant
- 63. Alluring dress feature
- 64. Barely manages
- 67. Twisty letter



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 42

3	8		1	7				
2	7		6	9				
			4				5	
					1	2		
6			9				7	
7	3		6	4				
1			2					
			5	6				
9								

1	8	9	4	5	2	6	7	3
2	5	3	7	8	6	4	9	1
4	6	7	9	1	3	8	2	5
3	4	8	2	6	7	1	5	9
5	7	6	8	9	1	2	3	4
9	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	8
6	9	1	5	2	8	3	4	7
7	2	4	1	3	9	5	8	6
8	3	5	6	7	4	9	1	2

SNAPSHOT >>

Mum 'throws girl, 3, into bear cage at zoo in front of horrified visitors'



A mum has been arrested after a three-year-old girl was flung 16ft into a bear's cage at a zoo. Keepers and spectators looked on in horror as the huge animal went to investigate the child - but incredibly did not attack her. The bear - named Zuzu - went up close and sniffed the little girl, but then wandered away, and was quickly enticed into an internal part of the cage so staff could rescue the child, said witnesses.



The little girl's mum now faces an attempted murder charge after the shocking ordeal. Witnesses had tried to stop her throwing the child into the enclosure, a spokesman for the zoo in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, said. He stated: "A young woman threw a little girl down into a brown bear's enclosure, in front of all the visitors. "It was completely unclear what her motive was. "Both the visitors and the staff of the zoo were trying to stop her - but failed." She said: "We are scared to even think how this would end if the bear were to react at the toddler as its prey. The - mother - unnamed - has been detained and faces a minimum of 15 years in prison, say reports. The girl suffered concussion, head cuts and bruises injuries from her fall "but not a single trace of wounds from the bear's fangs or claws."

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SIGN LANGUAGE >>

Forbidden Signs



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LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION (LASUED)

The Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Oto-Ijanikin (AOCOED) and the Michael Otedola College of Primary Education (MOCPEd) have both transferred to the Lagos State University of Education (LASUED)

NOTICE: THE FORMER INSTITUTIONS ABOVE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CANDIDATES INTO THEIR 100L AND 200L COURSES (I.E. UTME AND DE) FOR THIS UPCOMING 2022/2023 ADMISSION YEAR

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE THROUGH JAMB FOR 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED 67 TAKE-OFF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Admission will be open to all, irrespective of race, tribe, religion, sex or political leanings. For the take-off of the new university, candidates are to be admitted strictly to the 100-Level of the 67 identified programmes in **Tables A-G**, through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). Direct Entry admissions will be in the 2023/2024 Session.

For admission to 100-Level through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), candidates should:

- Obtain at least five (5) credit passes at Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSSCE) or equivalent in relevant subjects including English Language in not more than two sittings;
- Score a minimum of points in UTME specified by the University to JAMB.
- Pass the Post-UTME organized by the University.

LIST OF THE PROPOSED 67 TAKE-OFF PROGRAMMES IN THE 7 COLLEGES

TABLE A

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES EDUCATION (COHED)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.A. Ed. History & Diplomatic Studies
2	B.A. History & Diplomatic Studies
3	B.A. Ed. Christian Religious Studies
4	B.A. Christian Religious Studies
5	B.A. Ed Islamic Studies
6	B.A. Islamic Studies
7	B.A. Ed Fine Arts
8	B.A. Fine Arts
9	B.A. Ed. Music
10	B.A. Music
11	B.A. Theatre & Performing Arts

TABLE B

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION (COSED)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.Sc. Ed. Biology
2	B.Sc. Biology
3	B.Sc. Ed. Chemistry
4	B.Sc. Chemistry
5	B.Sc. Ed. Physics
6	B.Sc. Physics
7	B.Sc. Ed. Mathematics
8	B.Sc. Mathematics
9	B.Sc. Ed. Statistics
10	B.Sc. Statistics
11	B.Sc. Ed. Integrated Science
12	B.Sc. Ed. Health Education
13	B.Sc. Ed. Human Kinetics

TABLE C

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (COITED)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.Sc. Ed. Computer Science
2	B.Sc. Computer Science
3	B.Sc. Ed. Educational Technology

4	B.Sc. Ed. Automobile Technology
5	B.Sc. Ed. Woodwork Technology
6	B.Sc. Ed. Electrical Technology
7	B.Sc. Ed. Metalwork Technology
8	BLIS Library and Information Science

TABLE D

COLLEGE OF VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION (COVED)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.Sc. Ed. Agriculture Science
2	B.Sc. Ed. Home Economics
3	B.Sc. Home Economics
4	B.Sc. Ed. Business Education
5	B.Sc. Ed. Secretarial Administration
6	B.Sc. Ed. Accounting
7	B.Sc. Accounting
8	B. Ed. Entrepreneurship

TABLE E

COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION (COMSSD)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.Sc. Ed. Economics
2	B.Sc. Economics
3	B.Sc. Ed. Educational Management
4	B.Sc. Ed. Political Science
5	B.Sc. Political Science
6	B.Sc. Ed Geography
7	B.Sc. Geography
8	B.Sc. Transport Management
9	B.Sc. Ed. Social Studies
10	B. Sc. Ed. Civic and Citizenship

TABLE F

COLLEGE OF SPECIALIZED AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (COSPED)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.Ed. Early Childhood Care Education
2	B.Ed. Primary Education Studies
3	B.Ed. Counselling Psychology
4	B.Ed. Special Education
5	B.Ed. Adult Education

TABLE G

COLLEGE OF LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION ARTS EDUCATION (COLCAED)

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	B.A. Ed. English
2	B.A English
3	B.A. Ed. French
4	B.A French
5	B.A. Ed. Arabic
6	B.A Arabic
7	B.A. Ed. Yoruba
8	B.A. Yoruba
9	B.A. Ed. Igbo
10	B. A. Igbo
11	B.A. Ed. Hausa
12	B. A. Hausa



LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (LASUSTECH)

The Lagos State Polytechnic, Ikorodu has transmuted to the Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH)

NOTICE: THE FORMER INSTITUTION ABOVE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CANDIDATES INTO ITS 100L AND 200L COURSES (I.E. UTME AND DE) FOR THIS UPCOMING 2022/2023 ADMISSION YEAR

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE THROUGH JAMB FOR 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED 33 TAKE-OFF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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LIST OF THE PROPOSED 33 TAKE-OFF PROGRAMMES IN THE 5 COLLEGES

TABLE A

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	Computer Application Technology
2	Civil & Construction Engineering
3	Electrical & Electronics Engineering
4	Biotechnology & Food Technology
5	Mechanical Engineering
6	Mechatronics
7	Agricultural Engineering

TABLE B

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	Architecture
2	Estate Management and Valuation
3	Quantity Surveying
4	Urban & Regional Planning
5	Arts & Industrial design
6	Building Technology

TABLE C

COLLEGE OF BASIC SCIENCES

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	Chemical Sciences
2	Biological Sciences
3	Mathematical Sciences
4	Physics with Electronics
5	Computer Science

TABLE D

COLLEGE OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	Economic Science
2	Mass Communication Science & Technology
3	Accounting
4	Actuarial Science
5	Banking & Finance
6	Marketing
7	Office & Information Technology
8	Business Administration

TABLE E

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

S/N	PROGRAMME
1	Agricultural Economics & Farm Management
2	Crop Protection
3	Agricultural Extension & Rural Development
4	Horticulture and Landscape Management
5	Animal Production
6	Animal Breeding and Genetics
7	Aqua Culture and Fisheries Management

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▲ HIS EXCELLENCY



MALLAM NASIR AHMAD EL-RUFAI, OFR
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SIGNED: 23 KADUNA STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN

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Hearty
Cheers to
First Lady

On behalf of my family, the Government and good people of Ogun State, I felicitate our dynamic First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Hajia Aisha Buhari**, on the occasion of your 51st Birthday.

As an ally of our dear President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, you have effectively played your supportive role as a dutiful wife, mother of promising children and a role model for the womenfolk.

My prayer is that the Almighty Allah (SWT) will continue to uphold you and shower upon you the blessings of robust health and long life.

Many Happy Returns.



Signed:
Prince Dapo Abiodun, MFR
Governor, Ogun State.

Igbega Ipinle Ogun, Ajose Gbogbo Wa Ni

INTERNATIONAL

SAUDI ARABIA

28,000 apply for 30 female train drivers' posts

A job advertisement to recruit 30 female train drivers in Saudi Arabia has attracted 28,000 applicants, highlighting the scale of pent up demand as the kingdom opens up more opportunities to women.

Spanish railway operator Renfe said on Wednesday that an online assessment of academic background and English language skills had helped it to reduce the number of candidates by approximately a half, and it would work through the rest by mid-March.

The 30 selected women will drive bullet trains between the cities of Mecca and Medina after a year of paid training.

Renfe, which said it was eager to create opportunities for women in its local business, currently employs 80 men to drive its trains in Saudi Arabia, and has 50 more under instruction.

Job opportunities for Saudi women have until recently been limited to roles such as teachers

and medical workers, as they had to observe strict gender segregation rules. Women were not even allowed to drive in the kingdom until 2018.

Female participation in the workforce has nearly doubled in the last five years to 33 percent amid a drive by the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to open up the kingdom and diversify the economy, and women are now taking up jobs once restricted to men and migrant workers.

But the proportion of women working in the kingdom was still about half that of men in the third quarter of last year, at 34.1 percent, and female unemployment was well more than three times higher than for men, at 21.9 percent.

Saudi Arabia is highlighting progress on gender issues at a time of scrutiny in the West for its human rights record, including a crackdown on dissent that ensnared dozens of women's rights activists and the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi

TALIBAN

Delegation holds talks with EU, US diplomats

Representatives of the European Union and the United States have met Taliban members as the group seeks to unlock fundings to tackle Afghanistan's dire humanitarian crisis.

The Afghan delegation led by acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Wednesday held the second day of talks with diplomats from 16 European countries in the Qatari capital, Doha.

"All participants pledged to make all possible efforts for the overall well-being of the Afghan people," read a statement issued by the Taliban, adding that the international community is ready to take "effective steps in the field of humanitarian assistance".

The statements though did not provide any specific details about the steps to be taken by the international community.

Thomas Niklasson, EU special

representative for Afghanistan, who also attended the talks, said that the bloc remains committed to delivering 500 million euros (\$569m) in assistance through the UN and humanitarian organisation.

The Taliban is still not recognised by any country and many of its senior officials are still under Western and UN sanctions. The country is also cut off from international financial institutions, which has triggered a banking crisis. The talks came weeks after the armed group met Western diplomats in the Norwegian capital Oslo during which the issue of human rights and the need for humanitarian aid was discussed.

Niklasson in a Twitter post added that the Taliban expressed "commitment to open primary and secondary schools for boys and girls throughout the country no later than March".

UNITED STATES

US girl missing since 2019 found alive in secret room

A young girl who went missing in 2019 has been found alive in a secret room under a staircase, police in the US state of New York say.

Paislee Shultis, now six, was discovered in a house in the town of Saugerties after a search on Monday.

She is in good health and has now been reunited with her legal guardian and older sister, the police say.

Her non-custodial parents have been charged with custodial interference and endangering the welfare of a child.

Paislee was reported missing from Tioga County, New York, in

July 2019, according to a police statement. She was aged four.

Authorities at the time believed she had been abducted by her parents, Kimberly Cooper, 33, and Kirk Shultis Jr., 32.

After receiving information that Paislee was being kept at a hidden location in the town of Saugerties, Ulster County, police obtained a warrant to search the house. The property had been searched before.

Kirk Shultis Sr., 57, who owns the house, was there when the police conducted the search and said he had no knowledge of Paislee's whereabouts, the police say.

UKRAINE-RUSSIA

NATO, US say Russia is still building up troops near Ukraine

The United States and NATO have said Russia is still building up troops around Ukraine despite Moscow's insistence it was pulling back, questioning President Vladimir Putin's stated desire to negotiate a solution to the crisis.

In Ukraine, where people raised flags and played the national anthem to show unity against fears of an invasion on Wednesday, the government said a cyberattack that hit the defence ministry was the worst of its kind the country had seen. It pointed a finger at Russia, which denied involvement.

Russia's defence ministry said its forces – part of a huge build-up that has been accompanied by demands to the West for sweeping

security guarantees – were pulling back after exercises in southern and western military districts near Ukraine.

It published video that it said showed tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, and self-propelled artillery units leaving the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow seized from Ukraine in 2014.

But US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said key Russian units were moving towards the border, not away.

"There's what Russia says. And then there's what Russia does. And we haven't seen any pullback of its forces," Blinken said in an interview on MSNBC. "We continue to see critical units moving toward the border, not away from the border."

A senior Western intelligence official said the risk of Russian aggression against Ukraine would remain high for the rest of February and Russia could still attack Ukraine "with essentially no, or little-to-no, warning".

Analysts have warned that the crisis may rumble on for months to come.

"This could even last indefinitely – the game of cat and mouse is just getting started," Peter Zalmayev, director of the Eurasia Democracy Initiative, a think-tank on post-Soviet states, told Al Jazeera.

Meanwhile, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said moving troops and tanks back and forth did not amount to proof of a pullout.



■ Citizens of Kyiv take part in military training for civilians conducted by veterans of the Ukrainian National Guard in Kyiv, Ukraine

Photo: REUTERS/Amit Dave

BURKINA FASO

Coup leader Damiba inaugurated as president

Lieutenant-Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba has been inaugurated as Burkina Faso's president, just over three weeks after he led a coup that overthrew democratically elected Roch Marc Christian Kabore.

In a televised ceremony on Wednesday, Damiba took an oath before the country's top constitutional body to "preserve, respect, uphold and defend the constitution", the nation's laws and a "fundamental act" of key decisions approved by the military.

Damiba was dressed in camouflage uniform and a red beret, and wore a sash in the colours of Burkina Faso's national flag.

The ceremony in a small room at the offices of the Constitutional Council in the capital, Ouagadougou, was not attended by any foreign representatives.

Kabore was elected in 2015 following a popular revolt that forced out longtime ruler Blaise Compaore.

He was re-elected in 2020, but the following year faced a wave

of anger over the mounting toll from an increasingly bloody conflict that has spilled over from neighbouring Mali. The fighting has killed thousands of people and forced millions from their homes across West Africa's portion of the Sahel region in the face of attacks by armed groups affiliated with ISIL (ISIS) and al-Qaeda. This year, nearly 15 million people in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger will need humanitarian assistance, four million more than in 2021, according to the United Nations.

SOMALIA

Several killed in Mogadishu as al-Shabab attacks stations

Al-Shabab fighters have attacked several police stations and security checkpoints in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, officials and the armed group said – a show of force as the country prepares to hold a long-delayed presidential election.

State television on Wednesday reported that five people, including two children, were killed in two attacks: one at a police station in the Kahda district and another at a target in the Darusalam district.

A crackdown on press in

Kashmir

The al-Qaeda-linked group carries out frequent attacks against the government and last week attacked a minibus carrying election delegates.

The group's military operations spokesman, Abdiasis Abu Musab, said fighters hit government targets in four districts in Mogadishu and another area on its outskirts.

He said the fighters overran government bases and seized military vehicles and weapons.

It was not immediately possible to verify those claims.

Internal Security Minister Abdullahi Nor wrote on Twitter early on Wednesday: "The terrorists attacked the suburbs of Mogadishu and targeted our police stations and checkpoints. Our security defeated the enemy."

A witness who visited the scene of an attack on the Kahda police station told Reuters news agency that the building was destroyed, along with nearby houses.



NATIONAL SUGAR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMENDS FMN FOR ITS LEADERSHIP IN THE SUGAR BACKWARD INTEGRATION PROGRAM (BIP)

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CHIZOBA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODOH I. RACHEAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **INNOCENT RACHEAL CHIZOBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

SEWUESE: I Formerly known and address as **AKUR SEWUESE** with old date of birth 07/12/1988 now wish to be known and address as **KURABEE SEWUESE CODELIA** with new date of birth 07/12/1993 all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known as **SALISU IBRAHIM KAKUDI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs AMINA SALISU IBRAHIM**. All former documents to remain valid. Authority concern and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **HADIZA IBRAHIM SHAMAKI** but now wish to be known and address as **HADIZA SANI MOHAMMED** all my former documents to remain valid general public, financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

ADEBOWALE: I formerly known and addressed as **ADEGBUYI ADEBOWALE** wish to be known and addressed as **ADEBOWALE OBADARE ADEGBUYI**. All other documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ADAMU: I, formerly called and addressed as **ADAMU MUSA ALHAJI**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU MUSA**. All former documents remained valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ALHAJI DAHIRU SHANU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHANU DAHIRU** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ALI: I Formerly known and address as **NAZIHI ALIYU** now wish to be known and address as **MAHAMAD NAZIFI ALI** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I, formerly known as **SHAFU/ATU LAWAL** but now wish to be known and addressed as **SHAFU/ATU ABDU** all my former documents to remain valid general public, financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

I, formerly known as **SAIDU GARBA UMAR** now wish to be known and address as **SAIDU GARBA** all my former documents to remain valid general public, financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

UZOMA: I formerly known as **VALENTINE AMAFILI** now wish to be addressed as **VALENTINE UZOMA AMAFILI**. All former documents remain valid. General public please note.

YUSUF: I, formerly called and addressed as **YUSUF ADO BABAYARO**, now wish to be called and addressed as **YUSUF ADO**. All former documents remained valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MAIMUNA IBRAHIM MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MAIMUNA YUNASA YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

MUBARAK: I Formerly known and address as **SULEIMAN MUBARAK** now wish to be known and address as **MUBARAK SULEIMAN** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

ILIYASU: I formerly known as **AHMED ILIYASU UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMADU ILIYASU UMAR**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

FUNKE: I, formerly known as **FUNKE OHI UDUOKHAI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FUNKE OHI ADEBARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIAMAKA: I formerly known as **IKWUKA CHIAMAKA ANTHONIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OKEKE CHIAMAKA ANTHONIA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

GODSFAVOUR: I, formerly known as **GABRIEL GODSFAVOUR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GODSFAVOUR EBUBECHUKWU GABRIEL**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SHITU HARUNA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHITU HARUNA** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ABUBAKAR: I Formerly known and address as **ABUBAKAR MUDDAHA** now wish to be known and address as **ABUBAKAR MUSTAPHA** with new date of birth 28/01/1995 all former documents remain valid Fidelity bank and general public should take note

MARGARET: I, formerly known as **EZE MARGARET** now wish to be known and addressed as **IFEANYI MARGARET EBERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULE: I, formerly known as **ADEJO EMMANUEL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SULE EMMANUEL ADEJO**. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 7/4/2000 instead of 7/4/2001. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LAWAL: I formerly known as **ABDULAZEEZ ABDULMUTALLIB** now wish to be known as **ABDULAZEEZ ABDULMUTALLIB LAWAL**. All former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public to take note.

MICHAEL: I, formerly known as **RACHAEL IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MICHAEL RACHEAL IBRAHIM**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED YAHAYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD AHMADU D.O.B 2/2/1992 NOT 11/11/1989** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I Formerly known and address as **IBRAHIM HALIRU** now wish to be known and address as **HALIRU IBRAHIM** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

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

Angela: I am known and addressed as **Angela Chioma Jeremiah** now wish to be known and addressed as **Love Peters**. All former documents remain valid any authority concerned and the general public take note.

AMINA: I, formerly known as **AMINA KAZAURE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA SHUAIB KAZAURE**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AMINU AMINU KABIRU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINU KABIRU** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as **USMAN MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUMAN MUHAMMAD UMAR** All former documents remain valid general public to take note

PETER: I formerly known as **EMMANUEL ASENAPETER**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL PETER, D.O.B 20/08/1982**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MARSHALL: I, formerly known as **OFFOR MARSHALL ONYEMARA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OFFOR MARSHALL ATULEGWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAKUBU: I formerly known as **SUNDAY YAKUBU**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **MACHDO YAKUBU**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHINEDU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ASIBE ONYEDIKA VALITINE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MBA ANDREW CHINEDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SOLOMON ALICE MUNIRAT, SOLOMON ADESUMI MUNERRAH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IGBASAMI ADEOSUMI MUNIRAT** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as **GAMBO SALISU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALISU GAMBO** All former documents remain valid general public to take note

AHMAD: I formerly known as **ABDULKADIR SHITU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULKADIR ISAH AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMEDU: I, formerly known as **ABRAHAM PAUL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMEDU ABRAHAM IKECHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HARUNA: I formerly known as **ALIYU MUSA YAKUBU**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM HARUNA**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MINKAILA: I formally known and addressed as **MUKAILA SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MINKAILA SANI** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

DESTINY: I, formerly known and addressed as **UDOGWU EBUKA RICHARD** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBEZIM EBUKA DESTINY**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as **LAWAL SADDIK** now wish to be known and addressed as **SADIQ KANGIWA LAWAL** All former documents remain valid general public to take note

AISHA: I formerly known as **JIMOH AISHAT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIU AISHA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

TOYIN: I, formerly known as **ADETUNJI OLUWATOYIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OYEWOLE TOYIN TEMITOPE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HUSSAINI: I formerly known as **ABDULRASHID ALIYU** now wish to be known as **HUSSAINI, ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

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

BAKARI: I formerly known as **GARBA AUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **BAKARI BELLO DAUDU**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known as **YUNUSA MUSA BYAURI** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUSA MUSA ISMAILA** All former documents remain valid general public to take note

ADDITION OF NAME: I formerly known as **ONOJA VICTORIA**, now wish to add the name **"VICTORIA"** to the existing name **"ONOJA VICTORIA"** to be known as **ONOJA VICTORIA VICTORIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

BUKOLA: I, formerly known as **OLANIYAN DAMILOLA BUKOLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OYIBO DAMILOLA BUKOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALHASSAN: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED ZAINAB KABIR** now wish to be known as **ALHASSAN ZAINAB**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

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

OGENYI: I formerly known as **OGENYI AGBAJI CHRISTIAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **OGENYI CHRISTIAN AGBAJI**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned, **NIMC, BANK'S** and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **YASIR ABUBAKAR UMAR** and my correct and proper date of birth is 12-04-1995, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

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

NDACE: I, formerly known as **SHEMULU NDACE** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEMULU NDACE MAS'UD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHURI: I formerly known as **MODU CHURI** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHURI MODU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

HAPPINESS: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS MOHAMMED KUBURAT HAPPINESS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MISBAHU KUBURAT HAPPINESS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ALHAJI: I formerly known as **BALA MOHAMMAD** and **ALHAJI BALA MOHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHAJI BALA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I Formerly known as **MOPE IGE**. Now wish to be called as **MOPELOLA COMFORT OJO SAMUEL** all former documents remain valid general public to take note

RACHEAL: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM RETMUN RACHEAL**, now wish to be known as **CHUP RACHEAL MORDECAI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AJAYI: I, formerly known as **TOBILOBA OLUWASEUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AJAYI IBUKUNOLUWA OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HALILU: I formerly known as **ABDU M-HALILU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDU HALILU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

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

ADAMU: I formerly known as **ADAMU MAIKANO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU ABDULLAHI MUSA DOB 1-1-1980 not 1-6-1980**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **1. ABU IDI 2. GARBA ABU**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **GARBA ABU**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: I formerly known as **KENKWO MICHAEL**, now wish to be known as **KENKWO MICHAEL ONYEBERECHIYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: AJIR: I formerly known and addressed as **AJIR TAVERSHIMA SAMUEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **AJIR TAVERSHIMA SAMUEL QUINCY**. All other documents remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD BUKAR BUKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

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

CHANGE OF NAME: I am formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED BASHIR BALA USMAN**. That now wish to be called and addressed as **BALA USMAN**. That I want the management of National Identity commission and to whom it may concern to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **1. MUHAMMAD DIKKO 2. MUHAMMAD ABDULRAHMAN ABDULRAHMAN 3. MUHAMMAD ABDULRAHMAN RAFINDADI**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ABDULRAHMAN RAFINDADI** and my correct and proper date of birth is 30-06-2005, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: I formerly known as **TIMOTHY JISSICAH**, now wish to be known as **DAET JISSICAH TIMOTHY**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AFUSAT: I formerly known as **MRS WHEPETOJI AFUSAT IYABO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OLAODE AFUSAT IYABODE**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I formally known and addressed as **Anulika Joy Onwuzor**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Anulika Joy Ezekwelu** All former documents remain valid. *Authority concerned and general public please take note.

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

ABOLAJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUMIDE IYABODE ABOLAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNDIJO IYABODE ABOLAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, formerly known as **NAZIF SHUAIBU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMILU ADAMU** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

NEHEMIAH: I formerly known as **NEHEMIAH OGOYI OCHE** and **NEHEMIAH OGOYI**, now wish to be known as **OCHE OGOYI**. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

I, formerly known as **MISS SALIMON SUKURAT AYOBAMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. MUFUTAU SUKURAT AYOBAMI**. All former documents remain valid. The Oyo State Teaching Service Commission and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **Miss Rosemary Onyinye Okeke** now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs Rosemary Onyinye O. Odega**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULWAHAB HARUNA ABDULLAHI, ABDULWAHAB HARUNA KWAMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULWAHAB HARUNA** All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

UMAR: I formally known and addressed as **UMAR MOHAMMAD** now wishes to be known and addressed as **UMAR MUHAMMAD** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

I Formerly known as **MARY FUNMILOLA ANTHONY** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FUNMI MARY PHILLIPS** All my documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should take note.

ISA: I formerly known as **ISA DATE SALIHU**, now wish to be known as **SALIHU ISA**. My date of birth is 29/11/1990 NOT 08/03/1995. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

YETUNDE: I, formerly known as **MISS OLATEJU YETUNDE ADETUTU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. OLABISI YETUNDE ADETUTU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OLODEOKUTA: I formerly known as **Olaogun Zaynab Olamide** now wish to be known as **Olodeokuta Zaynab Olamide**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU BAKOJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ZAHRAU MUDI KURFI**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **ZAHARAU MAHMUD KURFI**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note

I Formerly known as **ADEOYE PEACE PHILLIP** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEOYE PEACE PHILLIPS** All my documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should take note.

SUNDAY: I formally known as **ADUKWU SUNDAY ISAIH**, now wish to be known and address as **ISAIH SUNDAY**, with date of birth 25th April, 2004. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public should please take note.

BABAWO: I formerly known as **BABAWO DANLADI** now wish to be called as **BABAWO HARUNA**, all former documents remain valid. Access Bank, **UBA** Bank and the General Public to please take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED BELLO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM BELLO D.O.B 30/1/1992 NOT 30/10/1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as **AMOS SOLOMI DAVYAT** now wish to be known as **SALOME DANLADI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **AHAMED ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHAMED IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK** Authority concerned and General Public please take note

DAUDA: I, formerly known, addressed as **USMAN SUNDAY**, now wish to be called and addressed **DAUDA MOHAMMED**. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

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JANEIRO: I, formerly known, addressed as **MWANGOMBE BENJAMIN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MWANGOMBE BENJAMIN JANEIRO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

FAUZIYA: I formerly known as **MISS. FAUZIYA YAHAYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. FAUZIYA YAHAYA MUHAMMAD**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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

BASHIR: I formerly known as **BASHIR SANI** now wish to be called as **BASHIR SANI MAIGWADO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public to take note

NAFISA: I formerly known as **NAFI ABDULMAJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **NAFISA ABDULMAJID ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABODERIN-OLAFUSI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABODERIN OLADAMOLA MARY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABODERIN-OLAFUSI OLADAMOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

PATIENCE: I, formerly known, addressed as **OCHECHE PATIENCE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **OCHECHE PATIENCE OCHIAMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

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

WASILU: I formerly known as **WASELU LAWAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **WASILU LAWAN USMAN DATE OF BIRTH 01/01/1996**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HALIMA HAMISU** wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMA HAMISU ABDULLAHI** former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

OYELAKIN: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OKE MONICA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OYELAKIN MONICA OLUWANFEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Private and Public Institutions and General public please take note.

PATIENCE: I formerly known as **MATTHEW PATIENCE MESHENMI**, now wish to be known as **YERIMA PATIENCE MESHENMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MARIAM: I formerly known as **MARYAMS SALISU**, now wish to be known as **MARIAM ABDULLAHI**. DOB **15/09/01/1990**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

KUME: I formerly known as **KUME AONDO AGHER MNGUSUUR** now wish to be called and addressed as **KUME AONDO AGHER NGUSEER**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

FAROUK: I formerly known as **GARBA MAMUDA FAROUK** now wish to be called and addressed as **FAROUK GARBA MAHMOUD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ALOBA: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLANIYI OLUWASEUN GRACE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ALOBA OLUWASEUN GRACE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **SULEIMAN MUHAMMAD AL'AMEEN CHIROMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN AL'AMEEN CHIROMA**. All former documents remain valid concerned authorities and the general public should please take note.

KHADIJA: I formerly known as **KHADIJAKABIRU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KHADIJA KABIRU MUJAZU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MAMA GAMBO HADIZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **KHADIJA ALI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

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

I Formerly known and addressed as **MISS DONATUS LOVETH EBERECHUKWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AKINBANJO LOVTH EBERE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note

I was formerly known and addressed as **ASOLOKO DEBORAH ADZAKO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EKOM DEBORAH ADZAKO**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **RIDWAN RIDWAN RIDWAN&RIDWAN BELLO CATALO** wish to be known and addressed as **RIDWAN BELLO ADAM**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known as **UMMARU LIMAN LAWAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **LIMAN LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ABDULKADIR: I formerly known as **ABDULKADIR LAWAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULKADIR LAWAN MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

HASSAN: I formerly known as **HASSAN RUKAIYAT** now wish to be called as **HASSAN RUKAIYAT ISYAKU** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

I Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLURO ABIMBOLA AYOBAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OGUNBI ABIMBOLA AYOBAJI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as **GARBA MUHAMMED**, now wish to be known as **UKASHA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

I formerly known as **ALHAJI ALASANNOW** wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR GARBA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **ALI ZANGE USMAN** wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU USMAN** former documents remain valid general public should take note

JAMILU: I formerly known as **JAMILU IBRAHIM CHANJEE** now wish to be called as **JAMILU IBRAHIM** all former documents remain valid wrongly date of birth **10/3/1986** my correct date of birth **10/3/1992** general public all authority concern should please take note

I Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLAWOLE AYODEJI OLUWASEUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS KAREEM AYODEJI OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

LUKA: I formerly known as **UMAJI UMAJI LUKA M** now wish to be known as **UMAJI LUKA MANTAU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ABDURRAHMAN: I formerly known as **ABDURRAHMAN ADAM YUSUF 13-08-2000** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDURRAHMAN YUSUF ADAM 03-08-2000**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ISA HAMIDU OMEIZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH HAMIDU OMEIZA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **MAHAMUD YAU UMAR** wish to be known and addressed as **MAHAMUD YAU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

ODUJA: I Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLAWOLE AYODEJI OLUWASEUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS KAREEM AYODEJI OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

RUTH: I formerly known as **KANGYANG RUTH BOT AND CASIMIR RUTH CLEMENT**, now wish to be known as **CASIMIR KANGYANG RUTH**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ISAH: I formerly known as **ISA ADO DALHATU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ISA Mubarak** Munzali now wish to be called and addressed as **Mubarak Munzali karami**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note **DOB26 December 1985**.

I formerly known and addressed as **ANAS BELLO JUNAIDU** wish to be known and addressed as **ANAS JUNAIDU BELLO** former documents remain valid general public should take note

RAMLATU: I, formerly known as **RAMLAT LAURAT MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RAMLATU LAURATU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I, **AMINU OLADAYO MATHW**, Male, Nigeria citizen, residing at No.1 Kunle takeye Cr, Ojodu Berger, Lagos state Nigeria. That I was bearing **AMINU TUBOSUN JOSEPH** and now I wish to be known and called **AMINU OLADAYO MATHW** because my brother name was wrongly used to enrol me for **BNV** and open my account and authority concerned should please take note.

JACINTA: I formerly known as **MISS. UGEMY JACINTA**, now wish to be known as **MRS. UMELE JACINTA PRINCEWILL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

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

I formerly known and addressed as **REJOICE CHINONSO AMAECHI** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS DONATUS CHINONSO** former documents remain valid general public should take note

Confirmation of Name : That **PATIENCE IFIABOR** is the same person as **ETAIFO PATIENCE LOVETH**. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

AKAPO: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNDEJI OLAJUWON ABIDEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKAPO OLAJUWON ABIDEMI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ZANDRA: I formerly known as **MISS. EPUNAM ZANDRA FRANCIS**, now wish to be known as **MRS. NNAEMEKA ZANDRA FRANCIS**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AIDAH: I formerly known as **AIDAH HAFEZ BALLAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. AIDAH MOHAMMED ABDULMUMINI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

NEHEMIAH: I formerly known as **NEHEMIAH JOEL NJIDDA** now wish to be called and addressed as **NEHEMIAH JOEL**. All former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK LTD** and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **YAHA SHU'AIBU** wish to be known and addressed as **YAHA SHU'AIBU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA ALIYU** now wish to be called as **AISHA ALIYU ZARIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and all authority concerned should please take note

ASORODAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNYINKA OMOJUNMI RUKAYAT, POPOOLA RUKAYAT OMOJUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ASORODAYO RUKAYAT OMOJUNMI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GRACE: I formerly known as **HAMZA AISHA USMAN**, now wish to be known as **GRACE ENYO-OJO PETER**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as **FATIMA ISHAK** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA ISHAQ AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SHEMA'U: I formerly known as **SHEMA'U ALI ASHIRU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SHEMA'U KURA WADA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AMINU HASHIM** wish to be known and addressed as **AMINU LURWANU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

AISHAT: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs AISHAT MOSHOOD BALOGUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHAT YETUNDE OLANIYI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DEBORAH: I formerly known as **MISS. UMORU DEBORAH AJUMA**, now wish to be known as **MRS. JOSHUA DEBORAH AJUMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **KABIRU SHEHU** wish to be known and addressed as **KABIR ABUBAKAR** former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **SAYFULLAHI ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI, SAIFULLAHI ABUBAKAR** wish to be known and addressed as **SAIFULLAHI ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI** former documents remain valid general public should take note

GARBA: I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR KHADIJA** now wish to be called as **GARBA HADIZA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority and general public all authority concern should please take note

TANPINNU: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNDEPE ISAAC SEWANU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **TANPINNU SEWANU ISAAC**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

VICTORIA: I formerly known as **EZEKIEL VICTORIA**, now wish to be known as **JAMES VICTORIA LAMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM MUSA** wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM HASSAN MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD LIMAN** wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD LIMAN MUHAMMAD** All former documents remain valid general public should take note

AUWAL: I formerly known as **AUWAL AHMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL AHMAD MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

FOLASHADE: I, formerly known as **FOLASHADE ABDULRASHEED** now wish to be called as **FOLASHADE AKOREDE** all former documents remain valid. Any authority and general public all authority concern should please take note

CHUKS-OKONKWO, CHINELO CHUKWUNEKWU: I formerly known as **AGBANUSI CHINELO CHINEKWU**, now wish to be known as **CHUKS-OKONKWO, CHINELO CHUKWUNEKWU**. All documents in my former names remain valid. **NECO** and general public to take note.

RAHINATU: I formerly known as **RAHINATU OLANIKE SHITTU** but now wish to be known, called and addressed as **RAHINATU SHITTU**. All former documents should remain valid. All the authorities concerned and the general public should take note, please.

I formerly known and addressed as **ASABE MAGAJI LAWAN** wish to be known and addressed as **ASABE AHMED DAUDA** All former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

SAMAIIA: I formerly known as **SAMAIIA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISMAIIA ABUBAKAR TURAKI**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

LAWRENCE: I Formerly known as **HITLER MUSA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **LAWRENCE MUSA** All Former documents remain Valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

ERHABOR: I, formerly known and addressed as **EDOKPA RUTH OSEDEBAME** and **ANEGBE RUTH OSEDEBAME**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ERHABOR RUTH OSEDEBAME**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

RAUTA: I formerly known as **MISS. REUBEN RAUTA**, now wish to be known as **MRS. REUBEN RAUTA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SADDIQA YUNUSA ISAH** wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs. SADDIQA HARUNA MUDI**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

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

ALI: I formerly known as **BILKISU JIBRIN ALI** now wish to be called as **BILKISU ALI JIBRIL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public to take note

PATIENCE: I, formerly known as **PATIENCE HADIZA ERIOBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **PATIENCE HADIZA AMIEBENOMO** all former documents remain valid. Any authority and general public all authority concern should please take note

OWOLADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OWOLADE SEGUN SAMUEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OWOLADE ISRAEL SOGO**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA ABDULLAHI** but now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM**. All former documents should remain valid. All the authorities concerned and the general public should take note, please.

I formerly known as **GAMBO UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ILIASU UMAR**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SALISU: I formerly known as **SALISU YUSUF** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALISU YUSUF** and **28/01/1982** to **07/11/1983**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

GARBA: I formerly known as **GARBA LIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISMA'IL ADO MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

ANTHONY: I Formerly known as **SHEDRACH SIMON** Now wish to be called and addressed as **ANTHONY SHEDRACH SIMON** To update My **BNV** All former documents remain Valid **FIRST BANK PLC** Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

SHETTIMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **SHETTIMA BABGANA KADAU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SHETTIMA BABGANA ALHAJI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **SAIDU MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SARAU SAID**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

NAABBA: I formerly known as **NURA NAABBA** DOB **1/1/1994** now wish to be called and addressed as **NAABBA NURA ABDULLAHI** DOB **12/11/1996**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **MARIYA MUHAMMAD KABIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARIYA YAKUBU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. **NYS** and the Authority concern and the general public should please take note

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

KOFUR: I formerly known as **KOFUR TERI** now wish to be known as **KOFUR TERI IHIYA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED BUKAR**, now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED GONI BUKAR** with DOB **02/01/1983**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

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

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

JIBRIN: I formerly known as **JIBRIN BALA MAINA**, **2/03/1984** now wish to be called and addressed as **JIBRIN BALA**, **2/03/1985**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

OLANIYAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALAO RUKAYAT ABIODUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANIYAN RUKAYAT ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JIBRILLA: I, formerly known as **ADAMU BAKO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JIBRILLA ADAMU BAKO**. All former documents remain valid. First bank Plc and general public should please take note.

HALADU: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED HALADU IDI** with DOB **01/02/1990** now wish to be known as **HALADU MUHAMMAD** with DOB **15/03/1994**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

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

ALI: I formerly known as **ALI ALH BABA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALI BABA ALHAJI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **MANSIR MUSA** **22/01/1992** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD M MUSA** **10/05/1995**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

ENUNUJAYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ONWUEGBUZIE ESTHER NWAPALI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ENUNUJAYE ESTHER NWAPALI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IDRISS: I formerly known and addressed as **IDRISS AMINU LAILAI** now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRISS AMINU UMAR** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

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

BANI : I formally know as **LADI MUSA BATURE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LADI MUSA BANI**, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

ABDULLAHI. I formerly known as **ABDILLAHI KACHILLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI KACHALLA**. All former documents remain valid. With D.O.B.18/1/1965 TO 1/1/1965 General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR I formerly known as **BUKAR MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MAINA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **BALARABE MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD MUSA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take notes

BIRIGENI** - I, formerly known as ***MISS. OVIE AGHALOMENO. Now wish to be known as ***BIRIGENI GHALOMENO***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADAMU I formally known as **ADAMU MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN ISAH** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

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

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD BASSEY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD LIMAN-IBN BASSEY**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

AMINA I formerly known as **AMINA MUSTAPHA GAJIBO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

USMAN I, formerly known as **USMAN BALA** now wish to be known and called **USMAN MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MRS. OBELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OBELE WARIBOR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. OBELE DAGOGO BANIGO**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

UZOIGWE I formally known as **UZOIGWE RACHEAL CHIZOBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **UZOIGWE RACHEAL** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

BELLO: I formally know as **AUWAL INUWA SHUAIBU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULAZIZ BELLO**, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

FATI: I formerly known as **LADI ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LADI GARBA ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

RAYMOND : I formerly known as **RAYMOND GWARY MWADA** now wish to be known as **RAYMOND MWADA GWARY**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

UMMI I, formerly known as **HADIZA KABIRU** now wish to be known and called **UMMI MURTALA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and Public should please take note

CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF BIRTH = That my name is **TRIMAGHA CLEMENT GIBSON** as it appears in my Driver's license. My date of birth was wrongly captured on my WAEC Certificate as 16th May 1984. My correct date of birth is 26th September 1986 as it is captured on my drivers license. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

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

YALWA: I formally know as **UZAIURU YELWA MUHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LUKMAN MUHAMMAD YALWA**, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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

GRACE: I, formerly known as **GRACE RICHARD NGABLAI**, Now wish to be known and addressed as **GRACE RICHARD**. All former documents remain valid. First bank Plc and general public should please take note.

HAFSAT : I formerly known as **HAFSAT MUSTAPHA FANNAMI** now wish to be known as **HAFSAT BABA SHETTIMA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

EJIOGU - I, formerly known as ***MISS. EGEONU AMARACHI OLIVIA***. Now wish to be known as ***MRS. EJIOGU AMARACHI OLIVIA***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

RABIU I formerly known as **RABIU ALASAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **RABIU ALHASSAN MAHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

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

MUHAMMAD : I formerly known as **MOHAMMED ALI SHERIFF** now wish to be known as **MUHAMMAD ALI SHERIFF**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

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

OJO I, formerly known as **CHIDINMA GIFT ORAEKELAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHIDINMA GIFT OJO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ANNE - I, formerly known as ***ANNE INEBA BRIGGS FAMUYIWA***. Now wish to be known as ***ANNE INEBA FAMUYIWA***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATIMA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ALI MODU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take notes.

ABDULYASAR: I formerly known as **Abdulyasar Haruna Ghali**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Abdulyasar Ghali Haruna**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

SAMUEL I formerly known and addressed as **SAM ALI ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMUEL UMARU MAJE** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

BISALLA I formerly known as **BISALA TUNANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **BISALLA TUNANI** All former document remain valid. General public and any authority concern should please take note.

BABA. I formerly known as **BUNU MALA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BABA BUNU MALA**. All former documents remain valid. With D.O.B.13/2/1975 TO 13/2/1983 General public should please take note

That during the opening of account, my name was mistakenly written as **LYDIA DANIEL OGWUELI** instead of **CHINWENDU DANIEL OGWUELI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHINWENDU DANIEL OGWUELI**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

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

BAWA: I formerly known as **ABDULSALAM SANI IBRAHIM** Now wish to be known and addressed as **BAWA ABDULSALAM YUSHA'U**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

DAUDA I formerly known as **ADEMOLA OJO DAUDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **DAUDA ADEMOLA ABDULRAHEEM** All former document remain valid. General public and any authority concern should please take note.

MUSA I, formerly known as **ABDU MUSA** now wish to be known and called **ABDULLAHI ABDUMAIKUDI MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

UGBOJA: I, formerly known and addressed as **VERONICA INNOCENT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **VERONICA INNOCENT UGBOJA**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note

DAUDA: I, formerly known as **DAUDA GARBA**, Now wish to be known and addressed as **DAUDA GARBA ABUBAKAR**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

SULEIMAN I formerly known and addressed as **SULEIMAN AUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GREMA I formerly known as **MOHAMMED GREMA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD GREMA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

I, formerly known as **YUNUS USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUSA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Nigeria Immigration Service and other Authorities concerned should take note.

BUKAR. I formerly known as **BUKAR GREMA BUKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUKAR GREMA MUSTAPHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

LUCKY: That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **LUCKY CHIDI EBERE OKOCHI**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **LUCKY CHIZIM OKOCHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note.

ADAM I, formerly known as **MEELA BAADAM**, Now wish to be known and addressed as **MEELA BA ADAM**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

WAZIRI: I formerly known as **WAZIRI BULUS KIDDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **WAZIRI BULUS KIDDI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

KABIR I formerly known as **Hassan Sa'idu** now wish to be known and addressed as **Hussaini Kabir**. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

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

ASTA. I formerly known as **ASTA ALHAJI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ASTA BUKAR ALHAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

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

MUHAMMAD. I formerly known as **MOHAMMED ADO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD HASHIMU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

ALIYU I formally known as **ALIYU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIRU ABUBAKAR** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ABDALLAH. I formerly known as **MOHAMMAD AMIN ABDALLAH**, now wish to be known as addressed as **MOHAMMAD AMIN ABDALLAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

That I was formally known as **BABAGANA SANI** now wish to be called and address as **BABAGANA USMAN** general public to take note

EMMANUEL: That I was formerly known as **ISAAC DAMIE IKIRIKO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ISAAC DAMIE EMMANUEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

ABATCHA: I Formerly known as **BABA GANA ABATCHA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABATCHA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Conveyance of Provisional Approval Letter In Respect of Plot No. 5441, of About 1000m2, In CKC Extension Layout, Dated 30/04/2001, Named JOHN AKOR Was Missing. All efforts made to trace the said Document proved abortive. The general public and all relevant authorities should take note. If found, please return to the nearest police station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF LOSS OF THE FOLLOWING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS
1) ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (C OF O) IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO: 176, FHA KARU-SITE, ABUJA AND
2) DRIVER'S LICENCE BELONGING TO CHARLES ADEBOWALE.
ALL EFFORT MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND KINDLY RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

EDWIN: I, formerly known as **DELIGHT EMMANUEL MBARAEZI** now wish to be known as **EDWIN FRANK OSINACHI**, and my Date of Birth was wrongly written as 1st day of December, 1994 instead of 22nd day of June, 1998. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

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

MRS ECHENWUNE: I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS ANOZIE CHIZOBA OLUEBUBE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ECHENWUNE CHIZOBA OLUEBUBE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

ESM CLASS OF 2001 UNILAG ALUMNI
This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020.
TRUSTEES ARE:
1. RAPU ANTHONY NGOZI - Chairman
2. QUADRI MURITALA ADEWALE - Secretary
3. KOLEOLU ARINOLA MOTAYO
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
1. To develop and keep social contacts among the Alumni of ESM class 2001, promote and foster the relationship between the alumni, present students, the staff and the management of Estate Management, University of Lagos with the basic objective to exchange ideas.
2. To render possible voluntary services to the needy members of the society in general and the Alumni of Estate Management Class of 2001, University of Lagos in particular.
3. To provide a forum for sharing of knowledge pertaining to business, commerce, industry, politics, education and social welfare of members.
4. To assist and support the efforts of University of Lagos in obtaining funds for the development of the school.
Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this Publication
signed: Chairman

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
On the 18/02/2021 at about 1010hrs One **ABDULHAMID NUR ALKALI 'M'** of state Low-Cost area Maiduguri Came to the station with sworn affidavit from the high court of Justice Maiduguri dated 04/21/2020. That on sometimes in the year 1999 he misplaced his Original Certificate of occupancy on BO/13480 Situated along Lagos Street Maiduguri Borno State bearing the Name of Professor **MUHAMMAD NUR ALKALI**. Hence the report . ACTION : The Complainant was advised to go to Court of law and swear affidavit.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION ZAMFARA STATE
WHEREAS the person whose names and address are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column.
AND whereas the person whose addresses are set out in the second column hereunder claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above court for a grant of "LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION" of personal property of the said deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that the LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registrar High Court of Justice Gusau, Zamfara State within TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS from the date of publication this NOTICE.

NAME OF DECEASED PERSON MANIRU MUZU OF FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS ZAMFARA STATE WHO DIED ON 24-09-2019 AT GENERAL HOSPITAL T/MAFARA	NAME OF APPLICANTS ABUBAKAR MANIRU UMURUKUMU MANIRU ALYU MANIRU OF VAN HUEU AREA T/MAFARA THE CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED
NAME OF DECEASED PERSON BELLO LAVALI OF FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION ZAMFARA STATE WHO DIED ON 27-10-2018 AT GENERAL HOSPITAL T/MAFARA	NAME OF APPLICANTS AFISA LAVALI TA ABEN LAVALI FARAD LAVALI (MINORS) THROUGH THEIR GUARDIAN (MRS LAVALI) OF T/MAFARA
NAME OF DECEASED PERSON HUSAINI MUHAMMAD SAM OF T/SHADA QUSAU WHO DIED ON 20-01-2022 AT HOME QUSAU	NAME OF APPLICANTS ADAMU SANI SAM OF TUDUN WADA THE ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS16TH..... DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021
AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE. **SIRAJU GARBA ALIYU**
PROBATE REGISTRAR

CANDIDUS SAVE A LIFE FOUNDATION
This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part 'C' of the Company and Allied Matters Act of 2020.
TRUSTEES:
1. CANDIDUS JAMES
2. NAOMI OLA
AIM AND OBJECTIVES
1. To build the under privilege child moral and social standard
2. To equip the under privilege child with tools that will build their passion in life
3. To bring maximum co-operation and understanding among members of the foundation
Any Objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days from this Publication.

LEGAL NOTICE:
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KANO STATE OF NIGERIA IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY
WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column.
AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Hereinafter called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Kano State for the grant of "Letters of Administration" of the personal properties of the said deceased.
NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Kano State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice.
DECEASED
WALI ABDULLAHI SULEIMAN. Of no 168 kurawa quaters Kano Municipal kano state. Died on 25 January 2021 at National Hospital Abuja.
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT
YARADUA SAUDATU UMMA , ISMAIL HADIZA AND MARYAM ALFA WALI & ALFA WALI UMARU, All of No 168 Kurawa Quaters, Kano.
DATED 29th SEPTEMBER, 2021
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KANO
PROBATE REGISTRAR

EU plans €508m intervention in Nigeria

By Hamisu Kabir Matazu

The European Union says it has concluded a plan to adopt a seven-year funding scheme for its interventions in Nigeria to the tune of €508m.

Press Officer, EU Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Modestus Chukwulaka, in a statement yesterday, said the EU's joint

priority areas for cooperation with Nigeria included the adoption of a Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP).

He said the MIP for Nigeria (2021-2027) would focus on three broad priority areas, namely: green and digital economy; governance, peace and migration as well as human development.

"Under the programme, the

EU will provide €508m to fund projects that reinforce its bilateral cooperation with Nigeria for the period 2021-24. Financial allocation for the period 2025-2027 will be determined after a review in 2024."

According to the statement, "The adoption of the MIP is an important step in reinforcing and concretising the EU's cooperation

with Nigeria. It'll enable the EU and Nigeria to continue working together on programmes and projects that are built on shared objectives, principles and values.

"Already three new projects have been signed under this new programming: EU Support to Democratic Governance (€39m), EU Support for Innovation and Jobs for Youth in Nigeria (€55m)

and EU-Nigeria Cooperation Facility (€21.4m).

The EU Ambassador to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Samuela ISOPI, said: "We're glad to launch this multiannual programme during the visit of the Executive Vice President of the European Commission, Ms Margrethe Vestager, and on the eve of the 6th EU-African Union Summit in Brussels."



■ From left: President General, Southern Nigerian Youth Congress, Famuyibo Oluwasegun; Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Delta State on Students Matters, Pedro Obi; National Chairman, Nigerian Youth Union (NYU), Chinoso Obasi; and the FCT coordinator, Isaac Jacob, during the first NYU convention in Abuja yesterday. Photo: NAN

Reps probe deplorable condition of inmates, staff of Correctional Service

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday mandated its Committee on Reformatory Institutions to investigate the deplorable state of inmates and unwholesome working conditions of officers and men of the Nigeria Correctional Service despite huge budgetary allocations.

The committee is to report to the House within twelve weeks for further legislative actions.

This followed the adoption of a motion by the House Minority Leader, Ndudi Elumelu who said the working conditions of staff and inmates' welfare had deteriorated notwithstanding the over N165bn budget allocations to the Service in the last two years.

He said the Arms Squad Unit of the Service still paraded obsolete and substandard weapons despite the over N1bn budget provision for Prison Biometrics, Arms and Ammunition in the 2020/2021 capital budget of the Service.

Terrorism: Court to rule on application to quash Kanu's trial April 8

By John Chuks Azu

A Federal High Court in Abuja yesterday fixed April 8 for ruling on two applications seeking to quash the 15-counts terrorism charges against the leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra, Nnamdi Kanu.

Justice Binta Nyako adjourned the trial after the defence counsel, Mike Ozekhome, moved the application for quashing and for the bail of Kanu.

Earlier, in the trial, prosecution counsel, Magaji Labaran informed the court of the two applications, while maintaining his readiness to

proceed with the trial.

Ozekhome (SAN) in the 34 grounds application with 36 paragraphs, is contending that the charges are defective, baseless and incompetent.

He also said Kanu's eyes were going bad due to the alleged denial of his eye-glasses by the Department of State Services which also allegedly denied him the change of his clothes as he appeared in court wearing the Fendi.

The presiding judge, Justice Binta Nyako, had on January 18 ordered that Kanu be allowed to change his clothes, practice his Jewish faith, and

have access to family members in the detention facility.

Responding the DSS Director of Legal Services, told the court that the clothes brought by Kanu's family had a lion's head on them which offends the DSS' operational procedure.

When Justice Nyako asked the defendant what type of clothes he would rather prefer to put on, he said: "I want to wear the clothes of my people, 'Isi Agu'."

But in her brief ruling, the judge said: "The defendant will not wear it in this my court. He can wear it to any other place, but not inside this my court."

'Why NYSC Trust Fund is needed now'

By Maureen Onochie

Executive Secretary, National Youth Service Corps Foundation, Ventim Bako, says the NYSC Trust Fund is needed to provide orientation camp facilities and start-up capital for corps members with entrepreneurial skills.

Addressing a press conference in Abuja yesterday, he said the Fund, when established, would be used to complement the efforts of the governments in funding the scheme.

He said with the rising number of graduates being churned out, the government would soon find it

difficult to sustain funding.

Bako said the Foundation had partnered with the NYSC in building camp facilities and giving soft loans to ex-corps members as startup capital for their businesses. He appealed that the Foundation be included in the composition of the Board of the Trust Fund.

Climate change putting pressure on natural resources — FG

By Terkula Igidi

The Federal Government has expressed worry over the mounting pressure on natural resources due to the impact of climate change.

Permanent Secretary, Ecological Project Office, Habiba Lawal, who spoke in Abuja during a courtesy visit by the course participants of the National Institute of Security

Studies to her office for an interactive session in Abuja, said population explosion had also led to insecurity and conflicts, undermining peace in Africa as a result of pressure on resources.

She urged the NISS to develop and implement policies that would checkmate climate change-related conflicts across boundaries in Africa.

She said the 5th Assessment

Report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change explicitly showed the world was warming faster than estimated before and that humans caused most of such change.

"The effects of climate change are widespread and significant, affecting agriculture, energy, human health, terrestrial and marine ecosystems among others, especially in Africa," she said.

No comment on ASUU's stand against my professorship — Pantami

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Ali Pantami, yesterday declined comment on the stand of the Academic Staff Union of Universities against his promotion as a professor of Cybersecurity by the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

ASUU had on Monday described the professorship awarded to Pantami as illegal.

Asked by State House reporters to comment on the issue, Pantami repeatedly said: "No comment",

He said: "On your second question, no comment. No comment, and no comment. That's my position. I'm here for official assignment, asks me about that responsibility. So, anything to deal with my ministry of communications and digital economy, I can be subjected to you and that's why I come here. I couldn't go anywhere."

"The institution you have quoted mentioned they are in court. As a government official, do you know what contempt of court is? You need to know. Because of this, I'm a law-abiding citizen. No comment, I hope you get it. There's no comment."

Fuel scarcity: TUC threatens mass action

By Idowu Isamotu

The Trade Union Congress says the Federal Government is pushing Nigerians to the wall for allowing the fuel scarcity to linger nationwide.

TUC President, Quadri Olaleye, told reporters in Abuja yesterday that if the situation persisted after the congress' consultation, the union might be forced to lead a nationwide mass action.

"At the moment, we're watching, monitoring and doing some engagements for us to be able to make emergency decisions.

"When labour makes an emergency decision, you know what it means? It's either strike or protest," he said.

Ngige flays NANS' protest over ASUU strike

By Idowu Isamotu

The Minister of Labour and Employment, Chris Ngige, yesterday berated the National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS) for protesting in his ministry over the ongoing 30-day strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities.

Ngige described as "inflammatory and misguided", the comment credited to

the students' body which threatened to mobilise students to disrupt the activities of the ministry.

NANS, led by its president, Sunday Asefon, had on Monday demonstrated against the strike.

But Ngige, in a statement yesterday by the ministry's spokesman, Charles Akpan, said the students lacked enough information about his commitment to returning

stability and excellence back to the universities.

The minister noted that his ministry is not the employer of members of academic staff in any tertiary institution, but only serves as the conciliator of disputes between workers and their employers in various ministries.

The statement partly read: "It is thus completely false that the Minister of Labour and Employment hasn't paid

attention to monitoring the implementation of the December 2020 ASUU/ FG Memorandum of Action.

"Apart from the Federal Ministry of Education, other ministries, departments and agencies involved in the agreement include the National Universities Commission, Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget & National Planning, Budget office of the Federation, Office of the Accountant

General of the Federation and National Information Technology Development Agency.

"Though not assigned to it in the MOA, the Minister of Labour and Employment has been monitoring the implementation of the MOA to ensure compliance."

Ngige also criticised ASUU for not notifying the ministry before it declared strike as required by labour laws.

Scarcity: Don't store petrol at home, Fire Service warns Nigerians

By Joshua Odeyemi

Acting Controller-General, Federal Fire Service, Karebo Pere Samson, yesterday cautioned Nigerians against storing petrol in their homes during this period of scarcity.

The CG, in a statement by the FFS spokesman, ACF Abraham Paul, noted that petrol is a highly inflammable liquid which, if not handled carefully, can cause serious fire explosions.

"Nigerians must resist the temptation of storing PMS in their homes or other confined places due to the current challenge of scarcity, as doing that will endanger their lives and that of others.

"As we all know, children like to experiment, so storing PMS at home could be putting them at high risk, especially if it is within their reach," Dr Samson said.

ACCI, TFO Canada train 112 women on export services

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), in partnership with the Trade Facilitation Office, Canada, has commenced training of 112 women on export support services in Abuja, Kano and Lagos states.

The training, initiated through the Women in Trade for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth (2019-2024), was to promote the exportation of products and services with focus on the Agro-food sector.

The Director-General of ACCI, Victoria Akai, while welcoming the participants yesterday in Abuja, encouraged them to learn and share experiences that would make them better exporters at the end of the training as the opportunity could be extended to impact other women after the training.

Director, BEST Centre, Tinuke Temitope, said the initiative was to support SMEs in various capacities to organise training activities that support exportation such as market research, marketing and communications strategies and export marketing plans.



■ From left: National Women Leader, Project One Nigeria (PON) Initiative, Amb. Irene Nwagbara; National Convener, PON Initiative, Dr Nkem Anyata-Lafia; and Vice Chairman of North Central, Comrade Yakubu Ibrahim, during the inauguration of the National Dialogue for a United Nigeria and the 2023 Questions, in Abuja yesterday

PHOTO: NAN

Devolving labour to states, an invitation to industrial anarchy – NLC

By Abdullateef Salau

The Nigeria Labour Congress yesterday urged the National Assembly against transferring core labour mandates from the Exclusive to the Concurrent Legislative List.

NLC President, Ayuba Wabba, stated this when he led a delegation of NLC to the

National Assembly in Abuja.

The National Assembly Joint Committee on Constitution Review had recommended the transfer of Labour mandates from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List.

Having labour on the Concurrent List would empower state governments to legislate on

labour issues, including fixing minimum wage.

Wabba said devolving labour to states was an invitation to an unprecedented industrial anarchy of unimaginable proportions.

He noted that it would be difficult to come to the rescue of the private sector if states were allowed to fix their wages.

Responding, the co-chairman of the committee, Senator Ovie Omo-Agege, assured Nigerian workers that their interests would be protected.

He said the committee would be guided strictly by best legislative practices, highest ethical standards, integrity, open mindedness, and patriotism in carrying out its assignments.

Aregbesola's hometown's monarch endorses Oyetola for second term

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Owa Obokun Adimula of Ijesaland, Oba Gabriel Adekunle Aromolaran, says Ijesa people are resolute to return Osun State Governor Adegboyega Oyetola for a second term in office.

The monarch said this in his palace yesterday during Oyetola's strategic engagement tour of Ijesa-South Federal Constituency.

Aromolaran, who is the traditional ruler of the hometown of the Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola, described Oyetola as a game changer, saying Ijesa people were happy with his modest achievements in the last three years.

Aregbesola, who is Oyetola's predecessor, is backing a

former Secretary to the State Government, Moshood Adeoti, for Saturday's primary of the All Progressives Congress ahead of the July 16 governorship election in Osun State.

The monarch commended Oyetola for turning around the socio-economic fortune of the state despite the meagre resources at his disposal.

He also lauded the governor for the sustenance of peace in the state.

He said: "I profess to you that you're a new governor. I know why I said it. I greet you warmly and welcome you into the palace of Owa Obokun Adimula of Ijesaland. Whoever I tell is a governor will become governor. This is a divine gift.

"This is not a place to talk long. Message has been passed already.

We are going to pay you back. As far as Ijesaland is concerned, we don't have any other person to vote for except you. Thousands of aspirants may come out to contest, but you're our anointed candidate, and we are ready to vote massively for you.

"Your good works have spoken for you. I commend you for your modest achievements and I'm confident that God will reward you. We've seen all you're doing to transform the state. You're doing excellently well.

Responding Governor Oyetola urged party loyalists to be wary of those "buying membership slips."

He expressed confidence in the strength of the party to elect him at the primary and ensure his emergence at the governorship election.

Buhari to El-Rufai@62: Kaduna doing well under you

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari says Kaduna State is doing very well many areas in spite of the challenges facing it.

He said this in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, to felicitate with Governor Nasir El-Rufa'I on his 62nd birthday.

Buhari conveyed his best wishes to the governor and wished him good health and happiness.

The president lauded the "outstanding work" to revive public infrastructure throughout the state.

He said the governor's hard work remained an inspiration to many aspiring leaders.



KANO STATE GOVERNMENT

Happy Birthday

I, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR, Executive Governor of Kano State, on behalf of my humble self, family, the government and good people of the state, warmly rejoice with His Excellency, Malam Nasir Ahmad El- Rufa'i, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, on the occasion of his 62nd Birthday Anniversary.

Indeed, we salute your uncommon foresight, wisdom and courage in, once again, putting your state back to the pedestal of growth and development commensurate with its status as one of the leading cosmopolitan centres in the country.

As I join millions of well wishers, associates and friends in congratulating you on this auspicious occasion of your 62nd Birthday, I pray to Almighty Allah to grant you more health, wisdom and happy many returns.

Happy Birthday!



His Excellency, Malam
Nasir Ahmad
El-Rufa'i

Governor, Kaduna State

Signed:
His Excellency, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR
Executive Governor of Kano State,

BUK centre wins \$5m World Bank agric grant

From Sani Ibrahim Paki, Kano

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) of the Bayero University Kano (BUK) has won a World Bank grant worth \$5 million to continue training and research in agriculture.

The Director of CDA, Prof Jibrin Muhammad Jibrin, disclosed this at a ceremony to commemorate the centre's 10th anniversary.

According to him, the centre, which was established by the university in 2012 to serve as a regional training hub for the West

and Central African sub-regions, has been able to live up to its expectations.

Prof Jibrin said, "Back in 2012, the university thought of setting up a centre that does research and training, focusing on the problems in the dryland."

"We started with an \$800,000 MacArthur Foundation grant, and within two years we were able to win World Bank's \$2m to carry out our activities as Africa's Centre of Excellence."

"And to show that it's not our own assessment, when the call from World Bank came to establish a third pace of the

centres of excellence, we bid and competed and still won another \$5m to continue as Africa's Centre of Excellence for Development Impact."

While noting that the centre had trained different students at MSc and PhD levels from 14 African countries, the don said part of CDA's major breakthrough in research was the recent development of female date palm trees to address the challenge of growing male date palm trees that did not bear fruits.

Also speaking at the event, the Kano State Deputy Governor, Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, said the

state had been collaborating with the centre and recently sent its newly recruited 120 agricultural extension workers for training.

He, however, challenged the centre to come up with researches that would help address the state's challenges in agriculture to ensure food security.

Other highlights of the event included a virtual tour of CDA farms and products, presentation of awards to outstanding staff, partners and associates of the centre, the unveiling of the centre's new logo, as well as presentation of seeds and agricultural equipment to select farmers.



■ APC members loyal to Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola protest at police headquarters in Osogbo recently over alleged bias by police in the crisis rocking the party in the State
Photo: Hameed Oyegbade Osogbo

Osun APC crisis: Aregbesola's loyalists petition police over bias

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Osun State who are loyal to the former governor and Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola, on Wednesday took a protest to the Osun State Police Command over alleged bias by police in

the crisis rocking the party.

The factional chairman of the party, Alhaji Rasaq Salinsile, said APC members under the umbrella of The Osun Progressives had suffered several attacks sponsored by members loyal to Governor Adegboyega Oyetola and that the police failed to prosecute the attackers.

Salinsile said he was in the same car with Aregbesola when hoodlums armed with guns attacked the minister in Osogbo on Monday and attempted to kill him. He said the way police handled the matter did not reflect neutrality.

He urged the police to investigate all the attacks listed in the petition and prosecute

the perpetrators. He also urged the police to maintain neutrality during the primary election of the party on Saturday.

In the petition, the factional chairman said the police had been compromised by the state government judging by their bias in handling the attack on the minister.

Niger residents selling belongings to pay ransom

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

Families of abducted persons in last week's attacks on communities in Magama Local Government Area of Niger State have continued to struggle to raise ransom money to secure the release of their relations.

Our correspondent gathered that families which secured the release of their relations between Tuesday and Wednesday paid between N500,000 and N1m per

person.

Alhaji Noma Atabo, a resident of one of the communities, said N500,000 was paid on Tuesday to secure the release of his brother.

Alhaji Noma said, "If your money is ready, you just call them and meet them somewhere around Shadadi village to deliver the money and take back your relative," adding that, "If you don't have money, you must sell your belongings to raise what the bandits demand."

Shadadi is about five kilometres from Kontagora and serves as one of the routes of the bandits.

In Shiroro LGA, bandits have told the villagers that while they wasted their time to vote for political leaders, they (bandits) enjoyed the government more.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) taking refuge at Central Primary School, Gwada, Shiroro LGA, said they were fast losing hope in the government coming to

their aid.

An IDP, Isyaku Zubairu, said, "Even if the government brings us millions of naira here, what we want is security in our communities so that we can go back home. We have large quantities of yam unharvested. If we go back home, we have enough food to eat and to sell and raise money to secure the release of our relations. Government cannot claim to have no knowledge of our plight."

Emir Bayero leaves for Gambia, Senegal on working visit

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shauibu, Kano

The Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, on Wednesday, left the country for Gambia and Senegal on a week-long working visit at the invitation of the National Council

of Elders of Gambia.

In a statement, the palace authorities said the first leg of the visit would take him to The Gambia to attend the country's independence anniversary tomorrow, Friday, February 18.

The palace said the emir

would also hold meetings with the members of The Gambian business community and attend the Jummaat prayer with the Gambian President, Adama Barrow.

The statement added that the emir, accompanied by

Ambassador Ahmed Umar; Isa Sanusi (Dan Malikin Kano); Alhaji Dalhatu Abubakar (President Kano Chamber of Commerce) and two other officials of the chamber, would then proceed to Dakar, Senegal, on a courtesy call on President Macky Sall.

Gridlock as Uniben students barricade Benin-Lagos road over ASUU strike

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

There was gridlock on the Benin-Lagos road yesterday when students of the University of Benin (Uniben) barricaded the ever-busy road at the entrance of the Ugbowo Campus of the institution following the strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

Earlier, the National Executive Congress (NEC) of ASUU had declared a four-week warning strike to compel the federal government to implement the renegotiated 2009 agreement.

The students carried placards with inscriptions such as "5-year course don turn to 7 years," "FG settle ASUU" and "Enough is Enough".

They turned the road into a football field while their union leaders were seen sharing water, soft drinks and snacks.

The protest forced motorists to take alternative routes while passengers who were stranded had to walk long distances before getting vehicles.

The Student Union Government (SUG) President of Uniben, Foster Amadin, said they had become frustrated with the perennial strikes by ASUU as a four-year course had turned five years and above.

Comrade Amadin said, "We are here to get the federal government's attention to the demands of ASUU. Let ASUU also consider the federal government. We want to go back to our classes so that we can graduate and leave school."

Nasarawa assembly summons commissioners, others over teachers' salary

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

The Nasarawa State House of Assembly has summoned the commissioners for education and finance to appear before it to explain why over 400 newly employed secondary school teachers in the state have not been paid.

Also summoned to appear on February 21, are the accountant general, head of the civil service and director, salary bureau.

Findings by Daily Trust revealed that the teachers have not received their salary since being employed in November.

The Speaker of the house, Ibrahim Balarabe Abdullahi, issued the summons after the Chairman, House Committee on Education, Daniel Oga Ogazi, raised the issue under matters of public interest during proceedings yesterday in Lafia.

Abdullahi noted that for the standard of education to improve in the state teachers must be encouraged, motivated and their salary paid promptly without subjecting them to frustration.

SPORT



■ Action recorded in the 2022 Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) week 9 match between Plateau United and Abia Warriors at the New Jos stadium

Barca clash with Napoli headlines Europa play-offs

Barcelona's new reality will hit home on Thursday when they play in Europe's second-tier club competition for the first time in 18 years as Napoli visit the Camp Nou in the Europa League.

The Catalans crashed out of the Champions League in the group stage with just two goals scored in six matches, the arrival of Xavi Hernandez not enough to revive their fortunes in a competition they have won five times.

A meeting with a Napoli side currently fighting for the Serie A title would be worthy of the continent's elite club competition, and indeed the sides met in the last 16 of the Champions League just two years ago.

Yet Barca instead face a real challenge in this play-off tie just to make it through to the last 16 as they try to salvage some pride in Europe and go all the way to the final in Seville in May.

"It is not a favourable draw. They are one of the toughest sides we could have faced, a Champions League-level team," Xavi said when the draw was made.

The Catalans, who lie fourth in LaLiga a huge 15 points behind leaders Real Madrid, had appeared in the knock-out rounds of the Champions League in each of the last 17 seasons, last missing out in 2003-04 when they played in the UEFA Cup.

Champions League Results

FC Salzburg **1-1** Bayern Munich
Inter **0-2** Liverpool

Rampaging Plateau United dim Shooting Stars 3-1 to go top

...As Kano Pillars surrender lead to lose 1-2 at Wikki Tourists

By David Ngobua

Former champions, Plateau United stormed to the top of the table for the first time since the beginning of the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) season after a commanding 3-1 win over 3SC in the week 13 match played yesterday at the New Jos township stadium.

The inform United side went in front as early as the 8th minute through Mohammed Zulkifilu, Oluwaseyi Okeowo equalised for the visitors in the 42nd minute following a sloppy defending but Albert Hilary and Silas Nenrot scored a goal each in the second

half to wrap up victory for the home side.

Plateau United who have recorded two away wins in their last four matches now lead the table with 27 points but second placed Rivers United with 25 points stand a chance of reclaiming the top spot today, if they can win away at Abia Warriors.

But Kano Pillars free fall continued as Wikki Tourists rallied back to beat the 'Sai Masu gida' boys 2-1 in Bauchi. Pillars went in front in the 15th minute through Gabriel Jeremiah but Promise Damala's brace in the 82nd and 84th minute ensured the former Nigerian champions

suffered their seventh loss of the season.

Elsewhere, champions Akwa United recorded their first away win of the season a few days after they parted ways with Coach Kennedy Boboye as they stunned Remo Stars 1-0 in Ikenne.

David Onovo's goal in 28th minute was all Akwa United needed to inflict the second defeat of the season on Remo Stars after their unbeaten run ended last weekend at Gombe United.

There were also slim victories for Kwara United (Alao Danbani 17th minute), Niger Tornados (Munir Idris 90) and MFM (Tunde Azeez 81) who recorded 1-0 victories over Enyimba,

Sunshine Stars and Katsina United respectively.

For MFM who are rooted at the bottom of the table, yesterday's victory was their first in seven matches. After the 2-1 win at home against Abia Warriors on January 9, MFM then went on a losing streak of six matches with only one draw at home against Akwa United.

Meanwhile, the remaining four week 13 matches will be played today as Dakkada host Gombe United, Lobi Stars travel to face Heartland in Owerri, Rangers welcome Nasarawa United in Nnewi while Abia Warriors slug it out with title contenders Rivers United in Okigwe

Ahmed Musa wants NFF to mobilize fans for crucial W/Cup qualifier

By David Ngobua

Super Eagles captain, Ahmed Musa has called on the Nigeria Football Federation to ensure enough fans are mobilized to come and cheer the three-time African champions in the final battle of the 2022 World Cup playoff with the Black Stars of Ghana.

Nigeria, who have featured in six of the past seven FIFA World Cup finals, slug it out with the Black Stars in Cape Coast on Thursday, 24th March before both teams tango again at the MKO Abiola National Stadium, Abuja on Sunday, 27th March.

Speaking at a virtual meeting with Youth and Sports Minister Sunday Dare and chieftains of the Nigeria Football Federation on Tuesday night, coaches Augustine Eguavoen and Emmanuel Amunike as well as captain Musa



said they are aware of the huge challenge that Ghana's Black Stars will present in next month's two-legged play-off, but are determined to emerge victorious.

"The FIFA World Cup is the biggest football tournament in the world, and every player wants to feature there. A good number of the players in the team now have not been there, and the few of us that have been there want to experience it again.

"We just want the NFF to help us get enough fans into the Abuja Stadium for the second leg. We will go to Ghana and dig our feet and ensure we get a result.

"We must admit that Ghana also want to qualify and they have a strong team. The return leg will be crucial and we are ready for the battle, but we want our fans to be in there cheering us on," Musa demanded.

'Super-sub' Shammusu targets Rangers' scalp in Nnewi

By David Ngobua

Nasarawa United wonder-kid, Mohammed Shammusu, has said the 'solid miners' are not going to leave Nnewi empty handed as they visit Enugu Rangers in their NPFL week 13 fixture.

Speaking to Daily Trust ahead of today's match at the FC IfeanyiUbah stadium, the 18-year old striker said Nasarawa United have put behind them the 1-1 draw at home against Sunshine Stars.

He said even as the players came under heavy criticism by their teeming fans, the confidence level in the camp of Nasarawa United is still high as they go up against one of the oldest clubs in Nigerian football.



"We know what we are faced with but there is no cause for alarm. We have put behind us the unfortunate situation in our match against Sunshine Stars. This is a new challenge and we are focused on it.

"Our target is to return to Lafia with the maximum points. If we can't achieve that, then we shall fight for at least a draw. We drew at Heartland so this type of challenge is not new to us.

"I am ready to give my all, if called upon to play. My fans call me super-sub and it motivates me. I hope to score again against Rangers tomorrow (today)," he said.

Shammusu, therefore, called on fans of Nasarawa United to pray for the team as they battle Enugu Rangers for the maximum points at stake.

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Tinubu: To pee or not to pee? Kyari: To deal or not to deal?

This has been a spectacularly revealing week for Nigeria. But then, which week hasn't? Last week, it was the Oxlade leak, whose reception was a stark contrast to the Tiwa Savage one that caused the singer to lose some endorsement and get called a ho. This raises questions, of course, about gender perceptions and sexuality, something that also became clear, yet again, in the unfolding drama in Kannywood last week over the exploitation of some actors, who are sometimes paid *kudin garau-garau* or at other times asked to pay to be featured in certain films. This is not discounting the puritanical lens with which actors who happen to be women are viewed—and insulted—for conducts their male colleagues are often hailed for or dismissed with a nonchalant slap on the wrist. Perhaps someday we will talk about the sheer duplicity of our performative piety. Today is not that day. At least not in regard to those issues.

Today though, I am more interested in the two viral videos that have, more than others, dominated conversations this week. One is of a certain elderly gentleman, who goes by the name Bola Tinubu, purportedly peeing himself at an official function ironically meant to advance his aspiration to be president of Nigeria.

The other was the concluding part of ex-hero, super cop turned "bad cop" Abba Kyari's tumble from grace. I swear, Kyari's story unravels like a badly scripted Nollywood movie—one of those in which the hero turns his back against God or a betrayed love interest—only to suffer a karmic public unravelling, one that an Alaba Market producer would knock into a movie under a week, from scripting to wheelbarrow premiere, with a title like: "Sunset for Kyari The Bad Policeman, Part 1"

After Part 1, in which Kyari, probably the most decorated officer in the Nigerian Police, was unveiled as a willful henchman to international scam artist, Ramon Azeez Hushpuppi, and was declared wanted by the FBI, got suspended by his employers, the police, who commenced an "investigation" since August 2021, as if it were the search for the Holy Grail.

Apparently, Mr Kyari disliked being idle. He got bored of sitting at home, twiddling his toes so he went and got himself another line of work (read crime, if you like). He started, among other things, "illicit drug trafficking involving a perpetual transnational drug cartel," his employers, the police, said when announcing his arrest.

When the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA (quite a mouthful that), under the leadership of Mohammed Marwa declared Kyari wanted for drug trafficking, it certainly came out of left field. When they

released video evidence (which, as we have learned in this country may not amount to much, since the president himself excused corruption allegations and the video evidence against Kano's Governor Abdullahi Ganduje with those infamous, "we don't know what technology was used") does not mean a conviction for a crime. But in the court of public opinion, Kyari is dead to many Nigerians, including those who praised his valiance in the past, resisted calls for his extradition to the US and sought to excuse his henchman role for Hushpuppi.

That FBI allegation and its aftermath showed up Kyari. There was little intelligence from the then head of the Police Intelligence Response Team. His prevarications on Facebook, where

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he made a series of embarrassing posts to defend himself and excuse his actions were puerile and without substance. The most embarrassing being the one in which he tried to use the Borno State governor to launder his image by false misrepresentation. The Borno State government had to release a statement disassociating itself from the man and the claim he made in the post and pointedly demanded he take the post down. And now, like a doomed hero cursed by the gods, Kyari mindlessly trundled into a sting operation to peddle drugs like a common bagman. Finally, he got himself arrested—not for collecting money to arrest, detain and torture a suspect on behalf of a known Yahoo Boy, but for selling drugs.

In reality that arrest should have come sooner, as soon as last August. But the police waited for their most celebrated cop to shit himself in the market square, again, waited

until he was declared wanted by another agency before reigning in their loose canon. Damage done.

Speaking of shitting oneself, former Lagos governor, Tinubu, might have done something similar or close. Well, technically, Tinubu probably only relieved himself in public, in the palace of the Awujale of Ijebu Kingdom, and in the presence of Oba Sikiru Kayode Adetona, his courtiers and Tinubu's army of praise-singing supporters.

There is nothing funny about a man his age (69 or 79, depending on what sources you believe) losing control of his bowel, if that was what happened. His support group with the very unimaginative name, Support Group Management Council, naturally claimed the video was photoshopped and that patch of damp on his babanriga that might have dampened his presidential drive was edited onto the clip. Nothing surprising there. What is surprising is that no official spokesperson for Tinubu has denied that this happened and that the presidential aspirant is not suffering from urinary incontinence, as is being alleged. Whatever the case, one of two things needs to be addressed properly—Tinubu's health or the rumours of Tinubu's health.

A person's health is a personal issue as long as that person's health does not impede the interest of his country or the well being of its system and people. We all saw how President Yar'adua's health crisis led to a dirty power tussle in the villa, put Nigeria in a state of uncertainty as to who was in charge of the country and created a lot of tension. President Buhari has been away from the country for over 300 days at least, to attend to his health, mostly in London. Anyone's health could fail at any point in time but a person running for president should not already be showing signs of what could potentially be a serious ailment that could detract from his governance if he were to become president.

Understandably, Tinubu is keen to push on and run for president. The time seems right. The presidency might be rotating south, his party, one which he helped form and in which he has great power is in charge of the government and the opposition PDP is a scattered force. If Tinubu clears the initial hurdles within his party, it is likely he would be coasting to the presidency. It is tempting.

But should any man's ambition, no matter how long it has been incubating, be pursued at the risk of stagnating his country?

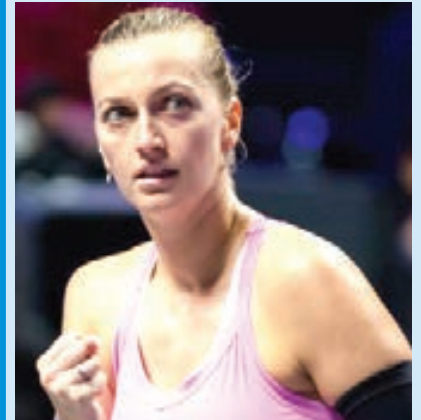
Tinubu, like the Nigeria Police, especially with regard to Kyari, should not wait until all semblance of dignity is lost, to dedicate time to address their problems. Nigeria has suffered a lot. And the mission to salvage it, which must begin in earnest, should not come secondary to a powerful individual's aspiration. Sometimes, if you love something—a person, a thing, a country—enough, you will know when to let it soar. A sick president clinging to the scrawny neck of a long-abused nation seeking to crawl, toddle and perhaps someday fly, is neither love nor patriotism. It is sabotage.

I wish Tinubu good health, and a long life. I hope whatever he decides, he puts the interest of the country first. As for Mr Kyari, well...he has, as the British would say, copped it already.

For the rest of us, may we not soil our clothes in the village square at the dawn of our finest hour.

SPORT REPORT

Kvitova ousts top seed Sabalenka as favourites exit Dubai



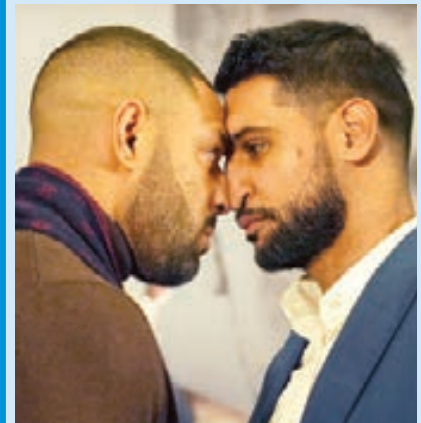
■ Petra Kvitova

Aryna Sabalenka and Barbora Krejčíková, the top two seeds, both crashed to second-round defeats in the Dubai WTA tournament on Wednesday, with defending champion Garbine Muguruza also exiting on a day of upsets.

Belarusian Sabalenka, the world No 2, fell 6-4, 6-4 to former Dubai winner Petra Kvitova. French Open champion Krejčíková lost 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) to qualifier Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine.

Russia's Veronika Kudermetova advanced to the quarterfinals past fourth seed Muguruza 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, with Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko edging out sixth seed Iga Swiatek 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/4). Tenth seed Elina Svitolina's hopes of adding a third Dubai title to her collection ended early at the hands of Swiss lucky loser Jil Teichmann, 7-6 (7/0), 6-2.

Khan and Brook meet in grudge match



■ Khan (L) and Brook

Former world champions Amir Khan from Bolton, Lancashire and Kell Brook of Sheffield, Yorkshire meet in a long-anticipated grudge match after 10 years, at the Manchester Arena in England on Saturday night.

The tickets for the fight were sold out in 10 minutes after they went on sale in December last year.

Khan (34-5; 21) and Brook (39-3; 27) will meet at catchweight at 67.59kg.

Both fighters have had outstanding careers and were top class amateurs.