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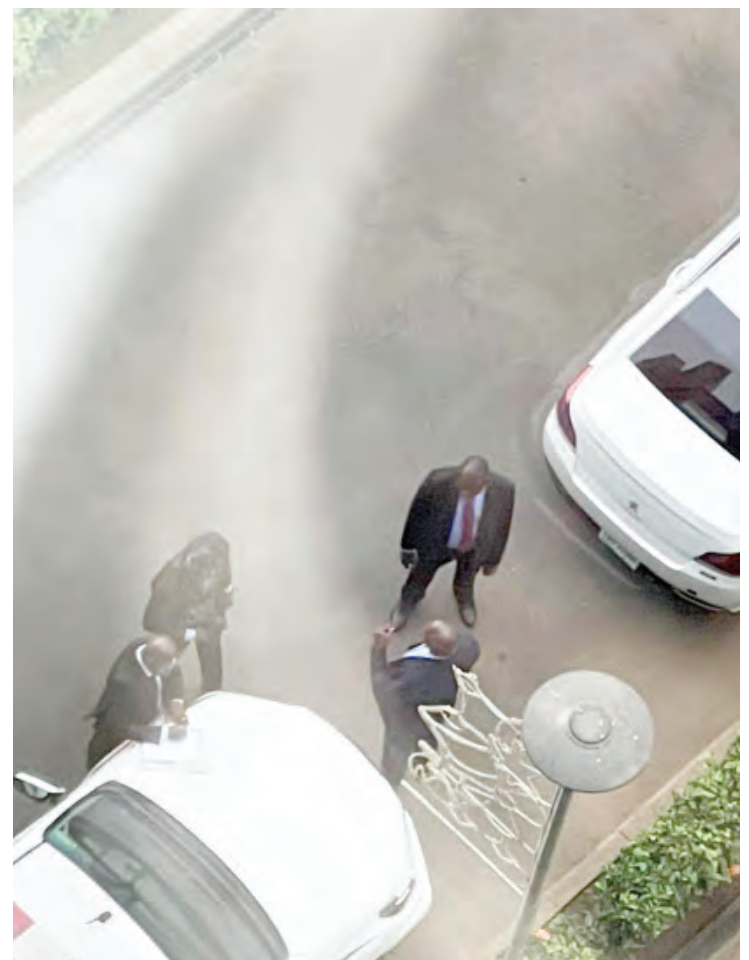
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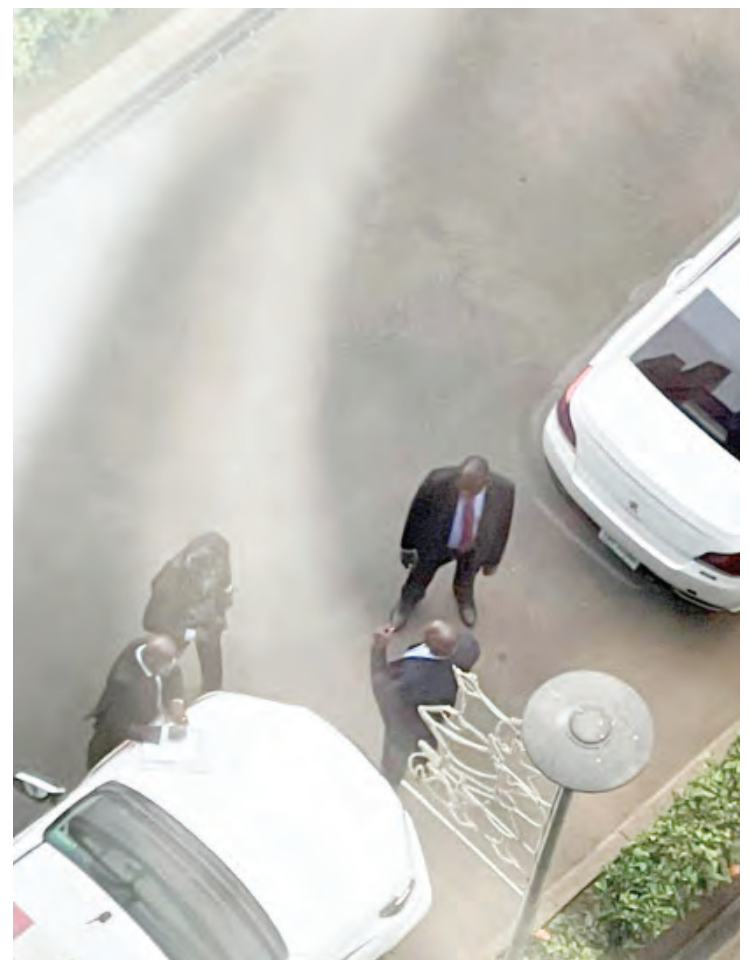
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Change comes more from managing the journey than from announcing the destination

- William Bridges



## AFRICAN SAYINGS

"Eat when the food is ready speak when the time is right"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

## WEATHER

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

## PRAYERS TIMES

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ASR	3:58	3:59	3:59	3:54	3:58	4:16	3:37	4:02	4:06
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ISHA	7:34	7:35	7:32	7:25	7:28	7:53	7:08	7:39	7:39

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



## PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ Pokhara, Nepal  
Rescue teams work to retrieve bodies at the crash site of an aircraft carrying 72 people

Photo: Reuters

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GAINERS	PRESCO	WAPIC	FTNCOCOA	ABCTRANS	RTBRISCOE	LOSERS	CHELLARAM	PRESTIGE	LIVESTOCK	MBENEFIT	HONYFLOUR
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CLOSE	13.30	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	CLOSE	-0.13	-0.04	-0.10	-0.02	-0.15
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## IN-DEPTH

## Blocking of roads by aggrieved tanker drivers raises concerns

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba,  
Kaduna

It was a hectic time for travellers on the ever-busy Zaria-Kano highway between Wednesday, January 11 and Saturday, January 14, 2023, when protesting petroleum tanker drivers blocked the road over the alleged killing of one of their members by a soldier.

The unfortunate incident happened around 3:30pm at Tashar Yari in Makarfi LGA of Kaduna State when the victim, who was driving a cement truck, had an altercation with a soldier attached to a construction company on the road.

Daily Trust couldn't ascertain what led to the altercation between the duo, which led to the shooting that claimed the driver's life, however, many motorists caught in the gridlock had to spend the night on the highway as they couldn't make a U-turn and take another route, especially those not familiar with the area.

Other commercial motorists had to navigate through the nearby villages into Makarfi's main town to avoid the heavy traffic holdup.

"The road was blocked completely; it was terrible. Women and children were stranded in the bush. I spent six hours from Kano to Kaduna due to the gridlock," a traveler, Bello Musa, told Daily Trust.

It was gathered that the shooting of the unarmed driver was what provoked his colleagues into blocking the highway, demanding the arrest of the suspect and justice for the victim and his family.

All efforts by the security agencies, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the representatives of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), to persuade the protesting drivers to reopen the road failed as they insisted the suspect must be punished.

It was also gathered that the tanker drivers decided to block the highway to show their displeasure with the way and manner they were being treated on the highways by security agencies.

The Tashar Yari incident was not the first in Kaduna and other parts of the country where security agencies either shoot at or harass road users, which always led to the blocking of the road by enraged drivers.

A similar incident happened a year ago along the Nnamdi Azikiwe Bypass, near Amingo Junction, in Kaduna State, when some security personnel chased a truck driver and shot his tyre, leading to another blockage of the busy road. The road was reopened only after the tyre was paid for.

Again, in 2020, a bus driver was killed by a security agent along the Kaduna-Abuja highway, near Tafa town, which led to the blocking of the road by tanker drivers.

A similar incident happened at Tureta village about 50km from Sokoto town in December 2022 where

...They should abide by law, respect others' rights – FRSC

...We caution our members against act – PTD ex-chair



■ Pictures from the scene of the road blockage at Tashar Yeti, Makarfi town in Kaduna

security agent shot the tyre of a truck carrying cement and the drivers, in solidarity again, blocked the highway, again, until the tyre was paid for.

On June 19, 2022, the same tanker drivers blocked the Zaria-Kano highway for eight hours after a driver was allegedly injured by a staff of Kaduna Urban Development Agency selling stickers to drivers.

Similarly, in 2022, tanker drivers blocked the Abuja-Lokoja highway in protest against the killing of their colleague for refusing to stop at a military checkpoint on the highway.

Also in May 2022, the Enugu-Port Harcourt motorway was also blocked by drivers over the bad condition of the road and extortion by security agencies around the Ava axis.

For heavy truck drivers, blocking roads has become a norm each time they had an encounter with security agents along the road. Some of the drivers told Daily Trust that their action was to force the government to take action.

Some of the drivers claimed they are always harassed by security operatives and believed their only weapon is to block the road when their member is

extra-judicially killed or harassed.

Tukur Salisu, a tanker driver in Kaduna, said he had been personally harassed by security agents on the highway for refusing to part with money.

"We have been facing challenges and harassment on the highway from security agencies for years, and nothing has been done to address the issues. This is what leads to the blocking of roads anytime one of our members gets killed unjustly," he said.

"We block the road to get the attention of the authorities, especially the government, because doing so will force them to take action or pay compensation for the damage done by their security officials," he said.

He explained further that, though they are not deriving pleasure from putting other road users in hardship, but that they have no other option to express their anger and get quick response.

**Tanker drivers have to be law-abiding...FRSC**

The Federal Road Safety Commission's acting sector commander, Lawal Garba, however, said the tanker drivers needed to be

law-abiding by respecting the rights of other road users.

He expressed displeasure with their actions each time they had a misunderstanding with security agents on the highway, saying they needed to understand that there were other innocent Nigerians using the same road and blocking the road would put those innocent travellers in great difficulties.

"Their action is very wrong, and my advice to the drivers is to always be law-abiding. When they abide by the law, such unfortunate incidents would be avoided.

The security agents too should be patient with civilians so as to avoid such occurrences."

He explained further that the commission always educated the drivers' union and other stakeholders during their stakeholder forum meetings on the need to avoid taking laws into their own hands.

"But the problem is that some tanker drivers have this sense of ego because they are driving heavy vehicles. Their aggression and arrogance while on the wheel always lead to such problems. But we will continue to sensitise both

the security agents and the drivers on the need to always respect each other's rights, including that of the animals using the road," he said.

**We always caution our members against blocking highways – PTD ex-chairman**

A former chairman of the Petroleum Tanker Drivers Union in Kaduna, Comrade Nuhu Mohammed Intelligent, who is also one of the national leaders of the union, said the union was always against the blocking of roads by its members during protests.

According to him, their members are always advised to report any harassment or injustice done to them by security personnel and not to take the law into their own hands.

"We are always telling drivers to avoid blocking roads, which always causes hardship to other road users, particularly now that we are facing insecurity on our major highways," he said.

Comrade Nuhu also cautioned the security personnel to desist from shooting drivers on the highway at the slightest provocation.

According to him, most of the security agents who killed innocent drivers lacked patriotism, which is why they exercised too much power by shooting people unnecessarily.

He urged the leadership of the police and military to always sensitise their personnel against shooting innocent Nigerians whom they are employed to protect.

Daily Trust also gathered that the suspected soldier involved in the killing of the driver at Tashar Yari, Makarfi, is in military custody.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer, Kaduna State Command, DSP Mohammed Jalige, has confirmed the incident and said the Commissioner of Police, Yekini Ayoku, has ordered an investigation into the matter.

He described the Tashar Yari incident as unfortunate, saying the command has done its best within the last three days to ensure the road was reopened.

He said they would continue to use all strategies to avoid the future occurrence of such incidents on the highways.

According to him, many innocent travellers were subjected to hardships, and many perishable goods being transported to the southern parts of the country got rotten during the days of blockage by the drivers.

Efforts to hear from the army authority, however, failed as the Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, 1 Division Kaduna, Lt.-Col. Musa Yahaya, said he was away attending a course.

# Emefiele resumes amid fear of arrest

By Sunday M. Ogwu,  
Vincent Nwanma, Faruk  
Shuaibu & Shimnom Clement

The Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele, resumed official duties yesterday after observing his annual leave amidst speculations that he was being haunted by the Department of State Service (DSS).

Emefiele, who went on leave before Christmas, has been in the news as it emerged that the DSS tried to arrest him in December 2022.

A release by the CBN Director of Corporate Communications, Osita Nwanisobi, stated that the governor returned to Nigeria in the early hours of Monday and immediately resumed at his office in Abuja.

"The governor resumed with renewed vigour to perform his duty ahead of the first Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting of the year scheduled for January 23 to 24, 2023," he said.

Emefiele was part of President Muhammadu Buhari's entourage to the US-Africa Leaders' Summit in Washington DC between December 13 and 15, 2022.

While Buhari returned to Abuja a day after the summit, the CBN governor delayed his return to Nigeria.

Some photos were posted on some social media and the websites of some legacy media alluding that after getting a hint that Emefiele was back, operatives of the DSS invaded the floor housing his office at the CBN headquarters in Abuja.

The DSS had since dismissed the claim even as some insiders said the state security operatives were indeed at the CBN were they took away some documents.

However, this could not be independently verified by this newspaper.

## Why Emefiele's return generated public interest

Recall that the DSS had approached a Federal High Court in Abuja in December 2022, seeking a warrant to arrest Emefiele over allegations that he was involved in terrorism financing and economic crimes.

In declining the motion ex parte - usually filed by an applicant in the absence of the respondent - Justice J. T. Tsoho, the chief judge, said the secret police did not provide any concrete evidence to substantiate its claims.

Shortly after, a High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, in Garki Abuja, held that the continued harassment of the CBN governor over "trumped up allegations of terrorism and sundry offenses is illegal and constitutes a breach of his fundamental human rights."

In an application filed against the DSS, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the CBN by Incorporated Trustees of Forum for Accountability and Good



■ Godwin Emefiele

Leadership, one Kenneth Amaechi filed a motion ex parte No GARM/92/2022 on December 19, for the court to restrain the respondents, whether by themselves, agents, servants, privies or acting through any person from inviting, arresting or detaining Emefiele.

Emefiele has been in the news since the time he joined the race for the presidency on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) with some people asking him to resign from the apex bank.

The introduction of new naira notes also attracted backlash for the CBN governor in certain quarters.

## 'DSS's attempt to pick up Emefiele'

Not long after the news of his return filtered, *Daily Trust* gathered that there were stories that the DSS might have made another attempt to arrest the CBN governor.

This paper further gathered that the CBN governor resumed his office with "military" protection.

A source at the CBN said the engagement of the military operative was to prevent an ambush by the DSS despite existing court orders preventing his arrest.

This claim could also not be independently verified.

However, the DSS dismissed reports that it invaded the headquarters of the CBN in Abuja.

In a statement, the secret police through its spokesman, Peter Afunanya, described the reports as 'fake news'.

"The attention of the Department of State Services (DSS) has been drawn to the false news making the rounds that its operatives invaded the Central Bank of Nigeria and arrested its governor, today 16/1/23. This is fake news and quite misleading."

## Implication of problem to economy - Analysts

Analysts have argued that all the suspense and hype around Emefiele is happening against

the background of some knotty general economic issues that call for all hands to be on the deck at the central bank.

While some analysts posited that if Emefiele was removed there will be no impact on the economy, others warn that his removal, especially the way it is being handled, could have some negative impact.

One of the analysts who prefers anonymity said: "If we run an economy in which we can pretend that it does not matter what happens to the head of the central bank at any point in time, then something is wrong."

"In a normal economy, the uncertainty surrounding Emefiele is enough to impact negatively some economic variables, especially the exchange rate."

He argued that the position of a central bank governor is an important one in any economy.

"On the day Sanusi was suspended by Jonathan, the naira fell and continued its fall the following day. Even the stock market was not spared, as the All-Share Index tumbled 1.5 per cent to 38,816.19 points, as investors retreated."

"It continued its fall the following day, losing another 1.3 per cent."

Also reacting to the development, lawyer and managing partner, Ebun-Olu Adegboruwa, SAN & Co., Ebun-Olu Adegboruwa said: "We should not and cannot elevate a public officer above the law and above probe if there is indeed a case for him to answer."

He said the DSS sought court order to arrest and investigate him unsuccessfully, and the service was greatly embarrassed through the process.

"Then there are court orders to stop arrest and prosecution. It is better to make everything plain and open to the Nigerian people. Nobody should be above the law."

"The various crises surrounding the CBN governor do not speak well for the nation's economy."

He said there should be no

undue persecution or arrest of any citizen without lawful cause or justification but no one should be shielded from the probe.

"The DSS does not require the arrest of a citizen in order to file a charge in court if there is truly an allegation. The issues of alleged stamp duty and alleged sponsorship of terrorism are documentary."

"The charge once filed, will in itself speak to compel the attendance of the defendant. There is therefore no need for the seemingly unending drama between Mr Emefiele, the DSS and the Presidency unless of course, it is part of the hidden agenda."

## MPC topmost on Emefiele's agenda

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting is scheduled to meet on the 23 and 24 of this month (Monday and Tuesday of next week) for the first time this year. The governor is the chairman of the MPC.

There are key decisions to be taken by the committee, including those on issues bordering on the interest rate, the redesign of the naira and other sundry issues ahead of the 2023 elections.

In line with the trend around the globe, many analysts expect the committee to raise the Monetary Policy Rate to at least 17.5 per cent this month. The committee raised that rate to 16.5 per cent at its last meeting in November 2022.

## After 11 months' rise, inflation marginally dropped to 21.34% in December

Nigeria's headline inflation dropped to 21.34 per cent in December from the 21.47 per cent recorded in November, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has disclosed.

The NBS, in its monthly inflation report released on Monday, stated that prices of commodities in the country dropped by 0.13 per cent base

point.

This drop is against predictions by experts with December known for the frenzy purchase of goods that are used to celebrate the Christmas and New Year festivities.

*Daily Trust* reports that Nigeria's headline inflation has been on a consecutive rise since January 2022.

However, the report stated that on a year-on-year basis, the headline inflation rate was 5.72 per cent points higher compared to the rate recorded in December 2021, which was 15.63 per cent.

"This shows that the headline inflation rate increased in December 2022 when compared to the same month in the preceding year."

Similarly, it stated that on a month-on-month basis, the percentage change in the All-Items Index in December 2022 was 1.71 per cent, which was 0.32 per cent higher than the rate recorded in November 2022 (1.39 per cent).

"This means that in the month of December 2022, the general price level was 0.32 per cent higher relative to November 2022."

"The percentage change in the average CPI for the 12 months ending December 2022 over the average of the CPI for the previous 12 months period was 18.85 per cent, showing 1.89 per cent increase compared to the 16.95 per cent recorded in December 2021."

It stated that the reason for the monthly rise was the demand usually experienced during the festive season and an increase in the cost of production

Meanwhile, the food inflation rate increased to 23.75 per cent on a year-on-year basis; which was 6.38 per cent higher compared to the rate recorded in December 2021 (17.37 per cent).

It stated that the rise was caused by increases in prices of bread and cereals, oil and fat, potatoes, yam and other tubers, fish and food products.

Also, the average annual rate of food inflation for the 12 months ending December 2022 when compared to the previous year was 20.94 per cent, which was 0.53 per cent point increase.

For All items less farm produce or Core inflation, it rose to 18.49 per cent on a year-on-year basis, a 4.62 per cent rise when compared to the 13.87 per cent recorded in December 2021.

"The highest increases were recorded in prices of gas, liquid fuel, passenger transport by air, vehicles spare parts, fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment, solid fuel among others."

"The average 12-month annual inflation rate was 16.08 per cent for the 12 months ending December 2022; this was 2.91 per cent points higher than the 13.16 per cent recorded in December 2021," NBS said in the report.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Daily Trust DIALOGUE

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## Interrogating the 2023 Presidential Agenda

*Chairman of the Event*



**John Cardinal Onaiyekan**  
Archbishop Emeritus of Abuja.

*Panelist*



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

*Panelist*



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

*Panelist*




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

*Panelist*



**Dr. Eugene Enahoro**  
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and CEO, Heltoni Services Limited.

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## Bandits kill 3, abduct LG boss, 14 others in Katsina, Kaduna

From Tijjani Ibrahim (Katsina) & Mohammed I. Yaba (Kaduna)

Bandits have reportedly killed three people and abducted six others, including a pregnant woman, at Jajar Kanwa village in Jibia LGA of Katsina State.

Three other people were said to have escaped with gunshot injuries.

The residents said while two of the victims died on the spot, a woman later died in a hospital in Katsina, where she was taken for medical attention after the attack.

Similarly, an unspecified number of goats and sheep were stolen by the

bandits after they imposed a levy of N20,000 on each of the residents.

In a phone conversation with our reporter, some residents of the community said the levy must be paid in a space of one week or they would be at risk of another attack.

In a related development, gunmen have abducted the vice chairman of Musawa Local Government Council of Katsina State, Aminu Umar Kira, from his residence.

Though details of the abduction were still sketchy, a resident confirmed the incident to our reporter. The police spokesman, SP Gambo Isah, could not be reached for confirmation at the time

of filing this report as he did not pick up calls or respond to a text message sent to him.

In another development, the Katsina State Police Command on Monday released the details of five women abducted by terrorists at Gidan Haruna, Maitsauni village of Kankara LGA.

Those abducted were Rabi Isyaku, 15; Rabi Sa'idu, 36; Rabi Babba, 49; Saratu Hadi and Nusaiba Shuaibu, 27; and a 13-year-old girl respectively.

The command, however, gave the assurance that police operatives were trailing the bandits with a view to rescuing the kidnapped victims.

## 8 abducted in Kaduna community

Bandits have abducted six women and two men at Uguwar Alkasim village near the Foundation area along Kaduna-Zaria in Igabi LGA of Kaduna State.

The incident happened in the early hours of Monday when the bandits attacked the community, shooting to

scare the villagers away.

A resident who identified himself as Malam Adamu said fear had enveloped the village.

"We are all afraid now because initially 11 villagers were abducted, but the bandits later released three and went away with eight-

six females and two male adults," he said. When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Mohammed Jalige, promised to get back to our reporter but had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

It could be recalled that

bandits last week abducted four housewives and killed two other people at Uguwar Awo village, near Uguwar Alkasim village. Two other villagers sustained gunshot injuries in the attack.

The bandits have yet to contact the families.

## Diri swears in Ayemieye as Bayelsa acting CJ

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

The governor of Bayelsa State, Senator Douye Diri, has sworn in Justice Matilda Abrakasa Ayemieye as the acting chief judge of the state.

This followed last week's retirement of Justice Kate Abiri, who served as chief judge of the state for 15 years.

Ayemieye took the oath on Monday at the Executive Council Chambers in the government house, Yenagoa.

He charged the acting chief judge to maintain the cordial relationship between the executive and judiciary in the state.

Diri's spokesman, Daniel Alabrah, said the governor expressed optimism that Ayemieye was eminently qualified for the position and tasked her to carry her colleagues along in the scheme of things in order to move the state's judiciary to greater heights.

He also urged other members of the judiciary to support her to enable her to succeed.

## HYPPADEC tasks workers on asset declaration

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPPADEC) on Monday assured that President Muhammadu Buhari's government remained committed to fighting corruption in the country at all levels.

The managing director/chief executive of the commission, Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, gave the assurance in Makurdi during a two-day training workshop on "Compliance with Assets Declaration and Code of Conduct for Public Officers," organised and sponsored by the commission.

Yelwa tasked all public officers, irrespective of

their rank, to declare their assets in line with the provisions of the Code of Conduct in order to maintain high ethical standards in the course of discharging their duties.

The HYPPADEC chief, who was represented by the director of administration, Dr Murtala Marshal, also stressed the need for public officers to declare their assets immediately after taking office and thereafter at the end of every four years, adding that they were equally required to do so at the end of their term in office.

"After this training, therefore, we expect each and every one of you, the trainees, to comply with the federal government's rule and regulation on asset declaration," he added.



■ From left: Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Access Holdings Plc, Herbert Wigwe; birthday celebrant and Chairman of Access Bank Plc, Dr. (Mrs) Ajoritsedere Josephine Awosika; former Nigerian President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo; husband of the celebrant, Pst. (Dr) Olubayode Awosika and Chairman, Coronation Capital, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, during the 70th birthday celebration of Dr. Dere Awosika in Lagos, on Sunday

Photo: **Benedict Uwalaka**

## Query: Kogi govt asks Ohinoyi to resubmit reply over 'illegal' title

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

The Kogi State government has given the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, Dr Ado Ibrahim, 48 hours to re-submit his response to a query recently issued to him with the appropriate title of the stool as recognised by the Kogi State Chieftaincy Law 2006 and his letter of appointment.

The Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Salami Ozigi Deedat, disclosed this in a January 16 letter with reference number MLGC A/CHI/30/VI/XX sighted by our correspondent yesterday.

The state government stated in the letter to the monarch that the "Atta title" which he used to refer to himself

was unknown to the law of the state and was unacceptable for official purposes.

The letter read in part, "I wish to refer to your letter Ref. No. ETC/CHI/35/VOL.II/33, dated 6th January 2023, in respect of the above subject matter and to inform you that the said letter under reference, which ought to be your response to a letter of query was not conveyed with the appropriate title of your stool as recognised by the Kogi State Chieftaincy Law 2006 and your letter of appointment.

"Your personal decision to use the title of Atta Ebira and not Ohinoyi of Ebiraland in your official communication is at variance with sections 19a, 27(2b), 33 and schedules II and V of Kogi State

Chiefs (Appointment, Deposition and Establishment of Traditional Councils in Kogi State) Law 2006 and your letter of appointment issued to you with Ref. No. GHLK/KGS/22, dated 2nd June 1997.

"The title of Atta Ebira is alien to law and not recognised by government. Therefore, any correspondence with that title is unacceptable for official purposes."

The monarch was issued a query on January 5 for alleged "disloyalty and insubordination" during the recent state visit by President Muhammadu Buhari where he inaugurated some projects executed by Governor Yahaya Bello's administration. The Ohinoyi was accused of failing to receive the president as demanded by his office.

## Niger police commissioner visits communities over killings

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

The Commissioner of Police in Niger State, Ogundele J. Ayodeji, has visited Lambata, Gurara LGA, over the killing of the village head, Alhaji Mohammed Abdulsafur, in his residence Saturday afternoon.

The CP, while condoling

with the deceased's family, assured them that the perpetrators of the act would be apprehended and made to face the consequences of their actions.

He admonished the family against any form of revenge and to allow the criminal justice system to take its course in ensuring

that justice prevailed.

The commissioner also visited Kafin-Koro in Paikoro LGA, where the priest of the Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. Isaac Achi, was burnt to death in his residence on Sunday by bandits.

The attackers set the house ablaze when they could not gain access and

burnt the religious leader to death.

A colleague of the Rev. Father identified as Father Collins, was also shot in the shoulder while trying to escape from the scene.

The CP noted that police tactical teams engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel, and as a result, the bandits fled from the scene.

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# Court sentences 6 to death by hanging in Osun

**From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo**

An Osun State High Court sitting in Osogbo on Monday sentenced six persons to death by hanging for murder and armed robbery.

The convicts are Hamed Rafiu, Rasidi Waidi, Kayode Sunday, Owolabi Bashiru,

Mutiu Azeez and Afolabi Mayowa.

Prosecution counsel from the Ministry of Justice, Dele Akintayo, said the offences committed by the convicts were contrary to and punishable under sections 1(1) and (2) (a) (b), of the Robbery and Firearms (special provisions) Act, Cap R11, Laws of Federation of Nigeria.

Akintayo said Sunday, Owolabi, Rafiu and Rasidi robbed and murdered one Victor Akinbile in Ikirun on November 26, 2018.

"The convicts were armed with offensive weapons and they jumped the fence into the house owned by Victor Akinbile's uncle and forcibly entered the room he was sleeping.

"They demanded the sum of N10 million from Akinbile but he gave them N3 million through transfer and collected huge cash from the victim, having threatened to kill him.

"The convicts later kidnapped Akinbile and put him inside his Toyota Camry car boot and drove him to Dominion Camp area, old Iragbiji road along Ikirun/

Osogbo road and set him and the car ablaze which caused the death of Akinbile."

He added that Mayowa and Azeez on July 1, 2018 at Saaji village conspired to rob a commercial motorcyclist and killed him.

Justice Jide Falola in separate judgements convicted and sentenced the six persons to death by hanging.

## 18 die in Kebbi truck accident

The police in Kebbi State have confirmed that 18 people died when a truck conveying passengers and cows crashed at Malisa village, Gwandu Local Government Area of the state.

The police spokesman in the state, SP Nafi'u Abubakar, made this known in a statement issued to newsmen in Birnin Kebbi on Monday.

He said the accident occurred on Sunday at about 11:00pm when the driver lost control of the truck at Malisa village along Aliero-Sokoto road.

Abubakar said the truck with registration number SRP 442 XA, was conveying passengers and cows from Illela LGA of Sokoto State to Lagos.

"On reaching Malisa junction, the driver lost control of the truck and it fell down, as a result, 42 passengers sustained various degrees of injury.

"On receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police in the state, CP Ahmed Magaji-Kontagora instantly rushed to the scene and evacuated the victims to General hospital Gwandu, for treatment.

"A medical doctor in the hospital confirmed 18 dead, while the remaining victims are currently responding to treatment.

"Similarly, 16 cows also died as a result of the accident," he said.

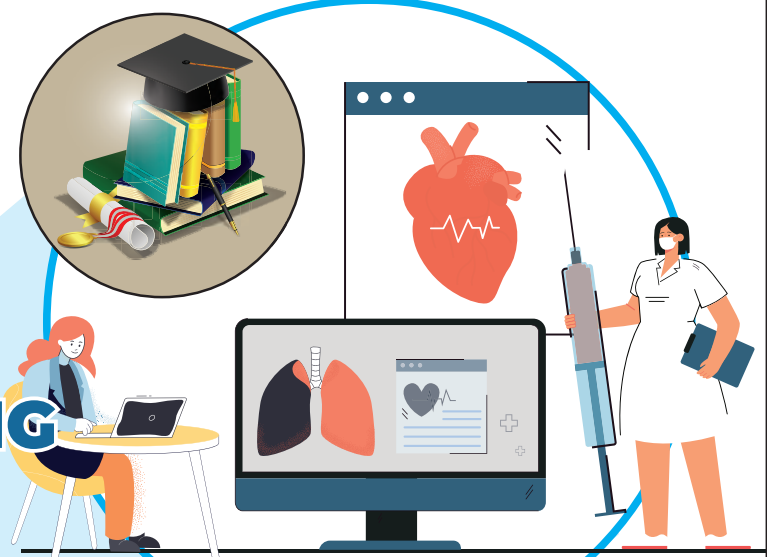
Abubakar said Magaji-Kontagora prayed for the souls of those who died and speedy recovery of the injured passengers.

"The CP called on the NURTW, NARTO and other road users to always ensure they emplace adequate safety measures in their vehicles and be conscious while driving, with a view to preventing future occurrence.

"They should observe speed limit, avoid overloading, recklessness and be more careful while driving," he added. NAN



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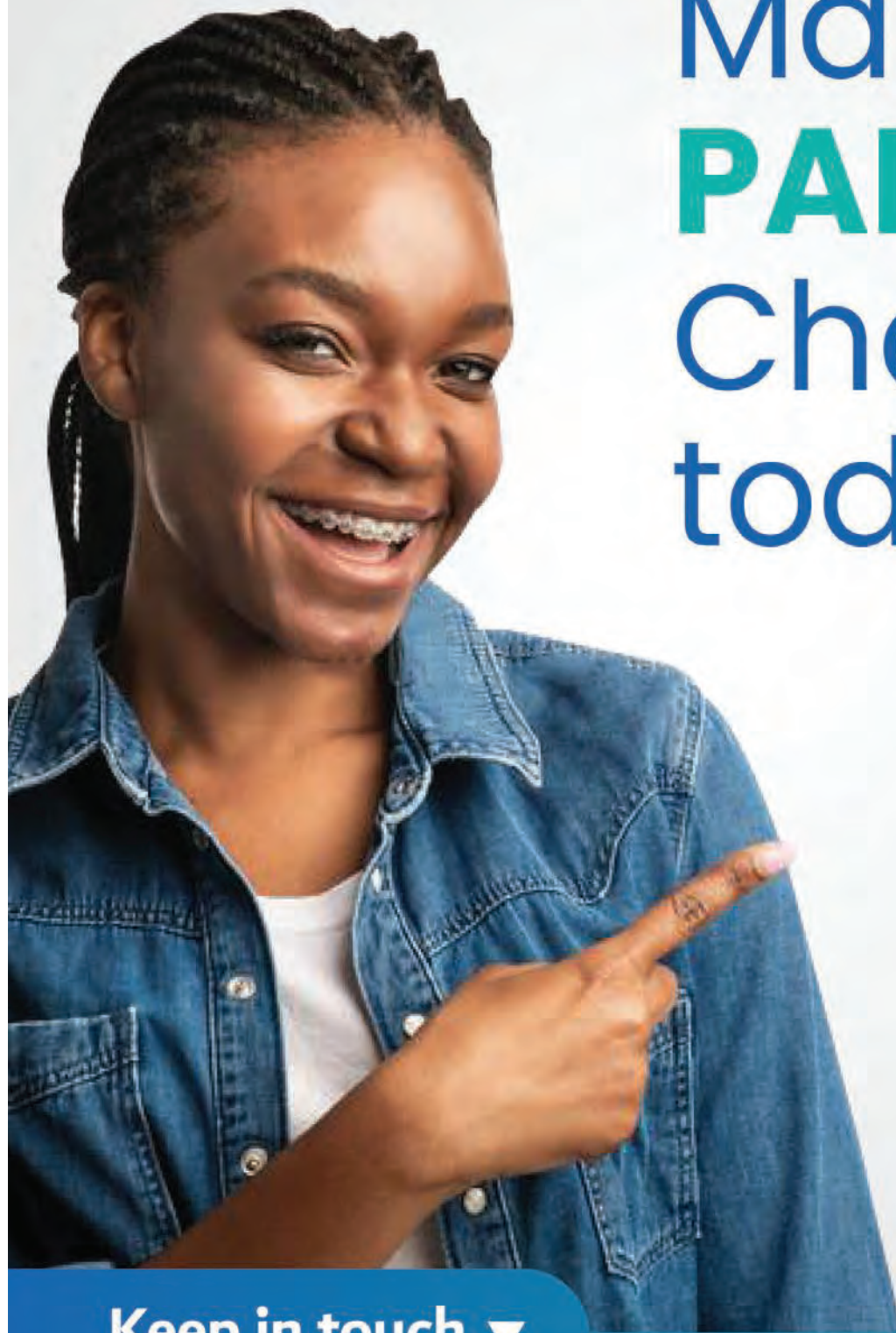
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“ I don't have to be in public office but I am desperate for a new direction for this country — Former Senate President, Dr Bukola Saraki

# Tinubu, Atiku trade words over 'corruption', 'conviction'

## ● Jonathan expresses concern over 2023 elections

By Saawua Terzungwe, Baba Martins, (Abuja) & Iniabasi Umo (Uyo)

**F**ormer President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday expressed concern over the trend in the polity as the general elections draw nearer.

Jonathan said he was worried over the negative energy that the forthcoming elections have generated.

His concern came as the presidential campaign councils of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) continued to engage in a war of words and smear campaign against each other.

The APC campaign council yesterday demanded the arrest and prosecution Atiku Abubakar, PDP's presidential flagbearer, alleging that the former vice president, between 1999 and 2007, colluded with his then principal, President Olusegun Obasanjo, to "fleece the country and steal public funds using what it termed Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs)."

The PDP fired back, describing Bola Ahmed Tinubu, APC presidential candidate, as a convict, and asked him to immediately withdraw from the presidential race.

### I'm a bit worried – Jonathan

The former president said politics of bitterness hindered development, and called on politicians to market their politics with ideas, rather than fight, insult and abuse their opponents.

He spoke at the commissioning of the Afi-Uko Ntegehe Uda bridge on Etebi-Enwang road, in Mbo LGA of Akwa Ibom State, on Monday.

Jonathan said, "I'm a bit worried by the negative energy generated ahead of the 2023 elections. We have noticed a level of bitterness in our politics that does not bring development and I plead with politicians that marketing is about marketing your ideas. Politics is not about fighting, is not insulting, is not about abusing."

### APC demands Atiku's arrest, prosecution

The APC presidential campaign council has asked security agencies to arrest, interrogate and prosecute Atiku Abubakar for allegedly fleecing the nation's funds using registered companies while in the saddle as vice president.

The council's Director of Public Affairs and chief spokesman, Festus Keyamo (SAN), who briefed the press yesterday in Abuja, was flanked by other members of the council's media team.



The council alleged that Atiku colluded with his then principal, President Olusegun Obasanjo, to "fleece the country and steal public funds using what he termed 'Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs)."

"The purpose was to divert government contracts to these companies as 'consultants' and then paid monies into these companies and used those monies to fund the PDP and their private businesses and family activities.

"In this case, the judiciary will not be quiet as we shall clearly take steps in the next few days to initiate a judicial process seeking the outright disqualification of Atiku Abubakar from the race based on these facts.

"He is clearly ethically challenged, morally damaged for the highest office of the land," the council said.

Also, in a petition to the chairmen of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB), Keyamo asked the anti-graft agencies to arrest Atiku within 72 hours over the alleged offences of "breach of code of conduct for public officers, money laundering, criminal breach of trust and criminal misappropriation, and conspiracy."

### Tinubu an ex-convict, should withdraw from race – PDP

Responding, the PDP described the presidential candidate of the APC, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, as a convict and asked him to immediately withdraw from the presidential race.

Debo Ologunagba, PDP's National Publicity Secretary said it is ironic that "an embattled Tinubu, who is beleaguered by uncountable cases of fraudulent activities, including perjury, forgery, treasury looting, corruption and narcotic-related conviction can attempt to impugn on the unimpeachable integrity of the PDP presidential candidate.

"The effect of the conviction and forfeiture of the sum of \$460,000 by Tinubu confirms that he is ineligible and not qualified to contest for the Office of the President of Nigeria as required by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

"Having been convicted, sentenced and fined for narcotic trafficking in a criminal suit filed pursuant to the United States Criminal Code, Asiwaju Tinubu cannot by virtue of Section 137 (1)(d) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) seek office as President of Nigeria."

Also, Kola Ologbondiyan, spokesman of the PDP Presidential Campaign Council (PCC) called for the arrest and questioning of Tinubu for allegedly forming a squad code-named "Jagaban Army".

He alleged that the "Jagaban Army" was meant to "disrupt the 2023 general elections and raid the polling units for votes on behalf of Tinubu.

He said the move is also an affront to "the Nigeria Armed Forces and other security agencies as well as an assault on the sovereignty of our nation."

According to Ologbondiyan, "It is reprehensible that Tinubu can create a rogue force just for the purposes of undermining the electoral and security arrangements of our nation.

"Our campaign holds that this nefarious act of the APC Tinubu/Shettima Campaign lends credence to the position of the PDP and well-meaning Nigerians that Tinubu, as well as his rank and file, has set out to make our nation ungovernable and thereafter disrupt the 2023 presidential election using his army of 'Jagabandits'.

"The notion of 'Jagaban Army' is a ploy to bring hoodlums, thugs and gangsters together under the cover of the APC and turn them into official militia that will be used to unleash mayhem on the day of election."

## NNPP North East coordinator, supporters dump Kwankwaso, join Atiku in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Less than a week after the presidential candidate of the New Nigerian People Party (NNPP), Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, visited Bauchi State, the party's Northeast coordinator, Dr Babayo Liman and hundreds of supporters have defected to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state.

The decampers, at the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) secretariat yesterday, in Bauchi, declared their support to the PDP presidential candidate,

Alhaji Atiku Abubakar.

Liman said he believed in Atiku's capacity to salvage the country from its present hardship and dwindling economy considering his antecedents as a former vice president for eight years.

He said, "I am here at the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Bauchi State branch to inform the press and the general public that today, I Babayo Liman, has resigned my appointments as National Zonal Secretary, member of presidential campaign council, coordinator of Kwankwasiyya and

membership from the party.

"I am here with some of my executive members and thousands of supporters to declare our intention to join the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and to support the candidacy of Alhaji Atiku Abubakar as president of Nigeria and Bala Mohammed as governor of Bauchi State, respectively.

"I'm calling on all my supporters in the entire North East to follow my steps to decamp from the NNPP to the PDP, and also call on my supporters in Bauchi State to do the same."

## NRM sues Peter Obi over dual citizenship

By John Chuks Azu

The National Rescue Movement (NRM) has filed a suit against the presidential candidate of the Labour Party (LP), Peter Obi before a Federal High Court in Abuja over his alleged dual citizenship.

The suit is asking the court for an order compelling the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to disqualify Obi from the presidential race on the ground of alleged breach of sections 1 and 137 of the Nigerian Constitution,

## Kogi APC to PDP: We're not moved by your rented crowd

By Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

The Kogi State chapter of the APC Presidential Campaign Council yesterday said it was not moved by the "hired crowd" that welcomed the presidential candidate of PDP, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, to Lokoja, the state capital, during a rally.

Kinsley Fanwo, the Director of Media and Publicity of the state APC Campaign Council, at a briefing yesterday in Lokoja, described the

1999 after he accepted an honorary citizenship of Dallas in Texas, United States of America.

The suit by the party, through its counsel, Mohammed Danjuma, asked the court to compel INEC not to recognise, or afford Peter Obi any right or privilege to stand for the presidential election on February 25.

When the matter came up on Monday, Justice Inyang Ekwo ordered service of the originating summons on the defendants.

He thereafter fixed February 10 for mention of the suit.

purported defection of over 148,000 members of the party to PDP as ridiculous and lies from pit of hell.

Fanwo added that those the PDP claimed to have defected from APC were members that have committed certain offense or lost favour of their colleagues and became liability to the government and APC.

He assured that Kogi APC would deliver the state for the party's presidential candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in the general elections.

# I will dismantle structures holding Nigerians down, says Obi at Chatham House

By Abbas Jimoh

The presidential candidate of the Labour Party (LP), Mr Peter Obi, has said Nigeria's presidency with him and Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed, his running mate, in charge will dismantle inefficiency and eliminate transactional policies that breed corruption in government.

He stated this on Monday at Chatham House, the famous British international policy institute in London, where he was a guest.

Obi said his administration will dismantle the structure of criminality that has been used to hold the country down.

"There will be no sacred cow under the Obi-Datti administration. Our objective is to dismantle these structures of criminality and enthrone competence, character and capability so that talents and ideas can flourish," he said.

On how he intends to cope with possibly having a National Assembly that may be dominated by other parties, Obi said he went through such experience as governor of Anambra State when none



■ Peter Obi

of the 30 members of the State House of Assembly came from his political party.

He said what he needed to navigate such a case was to do the right thing, avoid nepotism and transactional policies because even the parliamentarians desire good governance.

Responding to a question on the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) and why he has not condemned them, Obi said for him and many other reasonable Nigerians including Igbos, the Biafra war ended 53 years ago, but that he is not oblivious of the agitators'

demands for justice.

He said, "We are going to look into the issue of justice and marginalization which some of them are hinging their grievances on. We are going to apply the carrot and stick in dealing with the agitators. But in the end, there can only be one government and we will be in charge."

On how to attract investors to Nigeria, which was asked by a former British High Commissioner to Nigeria, Paul Arkwright, Obi likened what he intends to do to attract investors.

He said he would create an enabling environment

where the rule of law thrives and would avoid any transactional policies that breed corruption and weaken governance.

On security, he said it would be his top priority because everything would be done to secure the environment and he would do that by first turning the country into production and pulling people out of poverty and adequately utilizing our military.

Obi said, "Our military once secured Africa and they should secure Nigeria and we will provide the needed leadership and political will."

He also answered questions on the independence of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), saying what is happening in the apex bank now is a consequence of a mix up of responsibilities and not necessarily of competence.

He assured that his regime will correct the situation by ensuring that square pegs are in square holes both in personnel and policies.

According to him, the ongoing fiscal rascality in the system will be dismantled and order and discipline injected into the country's monetary policies.

## Gunmen attack INEC office in Enugu, kill policeman

By Abbas Jimoh

The office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Enugu South Local Government Area has been attacked by gunmen.

A police officer was killed in the attack, while a section of the property was set on fire.

According to the National Commissioner and Chairman Information and Voter Education Committee of the commission, Festus Okoye, the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) for Enugu State, Dr Chukwuemeka J. Chukwu, reported the incident to the headquarters of the commission.

"The incident occurred around 9.12pm yesterday, Sunday, 15th January 2023. The security gatehouse was razed. Of the two policemen deployed to protect the facility, one lost his life while the other sustained injuries and is receiving treatment.

"The commission prays for the repose of the soul of the deceased policeman and

the speedy recovery of the injured.

"The attack is being investigated by the security agencies," Okoye said.

He added that, fortunately, the attackers could not gain access to the main building as a result of the rapid response from the police and army from 82 Division.

He also said the Commissioner of Police and the REC visited the scene immediately after they received information about the attack.

Okoye said the destroyed gatehouse will be rebuilt, and that the commission is proceeding with its preparations for the 2023 general elections in Enugu State and the entire country as scheduled.

INEC has faced multiple attacks in the build-up to the 2023 elections.

The outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) orchestrating violence in the South East has been blamed for the attacks in the region, but the group has denied this.

## PDP, APC billboards pulled down in Sokoto for violating environmental laws

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

The Sokoto State government has pulled down some campaign posters and billboards of political parties for violating the state's environmental laws.

The billboards include those of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the main opposition, the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Briefing newsmen yesterday, the Special Adviser to Governor Aminu Tambuwal in charge of the exercise, Sidi Lamido, said the operation became necessary in view of the gross violation of the agreement reached with political parties in the state.

"Last year, precisely on

the 25th of August, we had a meeting with all the political parties on the need to abide by our regulations.

"We told them what they needed to do before posting their posters, as well as where not to erect their billboards. We all agreed to work together in the interest of the state.

"But some of them violated the rules. They placed their posters and billboards in some restricted areas, while others placed them without our permission.

"We removed all these posters and billboards, including those of the candidates of PDP.

"This is to show you that we are not partisan. It is our routine duty to sanitise the state and ensure laws are protected," he said.

## It is risky to hand over Nigeria to Tinubu or Obi – Atiku

By Muawiya Shuaibu

The presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar, has said it is too risky for Nigerians to hand over their future to his main rivals in the 2023 presidential election.

Political pundits have narrowed the race to Atiku, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu of the All Progressives Congress

(APC), and Peter Obi of Labour Party.

Speaking at the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) Presidential Dialogue on the Economy in Lagos on Monday, Atiku said he has a good understanding of the challenges bedeviling Nigeria.

Atiku described Obi as a greenhorn and alleged that the APC-led government brought

Nigerians to "this sorry situation."

He said, "Experience is important and we must avoid the mistakes of the recent past. It is too risky for Nigerians to hand over their future to a greenhorn or to the national leader of the very party that brought us to this sorry situation.

"This is election season. So, you will see and hear from snake-oil salespeople, false prophets and

purveyors of false hope, and misleading statistics. There is, therefore, a need for caution.

"We must also remember that we cannot trust the doctor that poisoned and continues to poison the patient to be the one who provides the curative treatment. The stakes are too high, so we must get it right. This may well be our last chance to do so."

## APC supporters target 10m young voters for Tinubu

From Ayobami Balogun, Lagos

Youths have been encouraged to vote for the candidate of the All Progressives Congress, APC, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, in the 2023 elections.

This was disclosed by Hon. Don Ebegha Tarelayefa during the inauguration of local organising committee for the Lagos flag off of

Tinubu/Shettima Youth Focus Campaign Team in the state.

While noting that the group is targeting at least 10 million young voters, he said the youths will be the major beneficiaries of Tinubu's presidency in 2023.

"With the aspiration of the youths to take over power through the renewed hope mandate of Asiwaju Tinubu, we are more than confident of

emerging victorious at the poll," he said while calling on Nigerians, especially youths who are yet to collect their Permanent Voter's cards to do so without delay.

The chairman of the LOC, Prince Wale Cole said Tinubu supported the youth during his reign as governor of Lagos state and has successfully identified young politicians who have done well in public offices.



■ Tinubu

## Edo: 127,000 PVCs distributed in 8 days

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Edo State office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has disclosed that a total of 127,561 Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) have been collected in the state in eight days.

The Head, Voter Education Department of INEC, Edo office, Timidi Warriwei, disclosed this

yesterday in Benin while speaking with Daily Trust on the ongoing collection of PVCs in the state.

He said the PVCs were collected by prospective voters between January 9 and 15.

He also said the PVCs collection would revert to the INEC offices in the local governments across the state from January 23 to January 29, being the last day for the collection.

# OPINION

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## Niger Delta amnesty as symbol of governance continuity

By Lindsay Barrett

The establishment of the Presidential Amnesty Programme by President Umaru Yar'Adua was one of the most unique and characteristic consequences of that administration's policy initiatives when it was inaugurated in 2009.

The backgrounds of the two leaders who headed the ticket, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua and Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, were profoundly humanist since they emerged from careers in education and were both regarded as relative acolytes in the game of politics. In addition to this both men were noted for their genuine modesty and personal humility.

The demographic balance of their regional origins with Yar'Adua being from the core North and Jonathan being from the heart of the Niger Delta combined to promote the public expectation that they would impose solutions to national problems that reverberated with the values of regional collaboration and local sentiment.

An integral element of the decision to grant amnesty to the youth who had carried out insurgent activities in the Niger Delta was the perception that their disenchantment was justified, which the President seemed to share. As a consequence, when the programme was formulated many of its objectives were seen as being cultivated to satisfy the objectives of the administration that put it in place.

Among these objectives the perception that it is possible to restore the viability of economic assets, which had been compromised by dissident activities, through an alliance of government and the communities was the fundamental issue. Once this principle was found to be acceptable to the leadership as well as the generality of the populace of the affected areas the programme was designed to ensure that this alliance would form the basis for its implementation.

Although the nature and formal course of the programme might well be assumed to be based on concepts and values that represent the objectives of the founding administration those values are certainly relevant to the objectives of the nation's welfare as a whole.

Since the major success of the programme was the restoration of economic viability of the major commercial asset of the Niger Delta the oil and gas resources it is only to be expected that subsequent administrations would wish to sustain the objectives for which the programme was inaugurated. This principle must however be brought to bear on the specific programmatic objectives of each subsequent administration, and in order for this to work the operators of the programme must manage it in a selfless and apolitical manner.

The major mandate of all those appointed to manage the amnesty programme has been to ensure that they sustain the above-mentioned ideal. In order to assess the success of the programme objective observers will take note of the various changes in the management since the founding of the programme.

It is particularly noticeable that although

the current administration has not been particularly willing to sustain programmes inherited from its predecessor in the case of the amnesty programme, it has been very committed to ensuring that it works. Given the continued dependence on revenue earned from the hydrocarbon resources of the country it is neither surprising nor unexpected that this should be so.

Although several controversial reports surrounded the various changes in the leadership of the programme, the recent appointment of retired Major General Barry T. Ndiomu suggests a high level of concern on the part of government for the maintenance of the high ideals for which the programme was inaugurated. This bodes well for the eventual success of the entire project. Ndiomu has the reputation of being a disciplinarian whose family antecedents as well as his professional career profile suggests that he was chosen

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to fulfill the original mandate effectively.

Coming at this stage of the Buhari administration's life this appointment appears to be meant to ensure that the success of the amnesty programme will be counted as being more important among the legacies of the regime that inherited it rather than that which inaugurated it.

The existence of the Presidential Amnesty Programme as an integral institution for managing dissent and conflict in society has actually earned credibility from its survival as an agency of federal government over eight years of APC rule. The continued relevance of the original purpose for which it was created, and the stringent efforts made to achieve the original objectives for which the programme was established have become integral elements of the purpose of governance of the Administration.

As a consequence, the fundamental principles on which the amnesty is based have been rendered even more relevant to the maintenance of national stability and economic wellbeing by the approach to the issue of the government that inherited it than by the government that established it. As a result, the Buhari Administration's handling of the Niger Delta Amnesty can be regarded as having been a symbol of continuity in governance.

*Barrett wrote from Abuja*

# OPINION

## China-Nigeria cooperation in the new era

By CUI Jianchun

End March of the year 2023 marks the second anniversary of my credentials to Nigeria. This is a country beloved by me, with splendid ancient culture, diversified social formation, colourful natural endowments, peace-loving and hardworking people, and immeasurable development potential.

Meanwhile, the year 2021, when I kicked off my posting here, marked the 50th anniversary of Nigeria-China diplomatic relations, a unique occasion co-celebrated by both in an extensive manner. The two countries indeed share a lot in similarity, while the most typical one in recent years is that both are entering into a new era of national construction and development.

Nigeria has gained achievements on national development, by resisting economic recessions, overcoming coronavirus pandemic, coping with humanitarian challenges, and keeping 23 years of uninterrupted democracy process, which make Nigeria one of the leading countries in Africa.

As Ambassador of China, I had several chances to meet and talk with President Buhari, most recently at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new ECOWAS Headquarters building last month. I have been always touched and encouraged by his enthusiasm and determination to the country's development and people's wellbeing.

Meanwhile, China, under the strong leadership of President Xi Jinping, who doubles as the General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the ruling party in China, has eliminated the historical problem of absolute poverty, and achieved moderate prosperity in all respects. In October 2017, "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era" was added to the CPC Constitution at its 19th National Congress, a remarkable milestone at China's national development.

As a diplomat, my focus is always on the bilateral cooperation between the host country and my home country. Thus, it's my pleasure to see that, taking advantages bred by the new era, Nigeria-China pragmatic cooperation in major sectors also witnessed a rapid development, driven by wheels of guiding strategy, trade, investment and contracted projects, development assistance, and initiative of "Sharing Chinese Harmony and Performing Nigeria-China Symphony" (Harmony-Symphony Initiative).

Guiding strategy functions as the fundamental guarantee for cooperation. President Buhari and President Xi have kept close and regular communications through different manners over bilateral relations and multilateral issues of mutual interest, which draws up the general guidance for the two countries' cooperation.

Besides, based on the experience, perception and feelings of my engagement and out-reach with all walks of life of Nigeria, I proposed the Nigeria-China 5-GIST Growth, Development and Progress Strategy, aiming at advancing bilateral relations and cooperation in the next 50 years in a holistic, systematic and comprehensive manner.

This strategy has received overwhelming support from both Nigeria and China, and catalysed our future cooperation.

Trade acts as the engine for cooperation. In 2021, despite the adverse impact of the pandemic, China-Nigeria trade reached 25.68 billion USD, rising 33.3% year on year, and Nigeria's exports to China reached 3.04 billion USD, rising 22.4% year on year.

From 2016 to 2021, this bilateral trade increased by nearly 142%. According to uncompleted statistics, in the first ten months of 2022, the bilateral trade volume reached 20.04 billion USD. Currently, Nigeria is China's third largest trading partner in Africa, and China is Nigeria's largest source of imports.

Investment and contracted projects inject impetus for cooperation. Nigeria is one of the African countries attracting the most investment from China. By 2021, cumulative investment has exceeded 20 billion USD, mainly in construction of free-trade and export-processing zones, oil extraction, home appliances and vehicle assembly, agricultural production, etc.

The two free trade zones, Lekki FTZ and Ogun-Guangdong FTZ, have attracted investment of more than 1.51 billion USD and created more than 7,000 jobs opportunities. China is the leading contributor to Nigeria's infrastructure development. More than 20 Chinese companies are participating in the construction of major projects concerning the economy and people's livelihood in Nigeria, comprising railways, roads, electricity, ICT and oil refineries.

Development assistance provides guarantee for cooperation. At outset of the pandemic, China was the first to offer relief materials in support of Nigeria's fight against the pandemic.

Last year, the new ECOWAS Headquarter building project and the second phase of the Abuja Traffic Lights project have been officially started, and the agricultural technology demonstration centre was officially handed over to the Nigerian competent authority. China will continue to support Nigerian people's pursuit of better life.

Harmony-symphony Initiative stimulates vitality of cooperation. The work and life experience in Nigeria has left with me a deep feeling that, harmony is indeed a common value pursued and cherished by both societies in Nigeria and China, which performs a natural bond for the furtherance of our bilateral cooperation.

For the wide application of this harmony philosophy, I put forward the Initiative of Sharing Chinese Harmony and Performing Nigeria-China Symphony early last year, which was warmly received from governmental agencies to the academic sector in both countries. The structure of this Initiative is summarized as "four beams and eight columns". The "four beams" refer to Harmony in Coexistence, Harmony in Integration, Harmony in Diversity, and Harmony in Development. The "eight columns" refer to Kindness & Harmony of Citizen & Nature; Happiness & Friendliness of Family & Society, Unity & Concordance of Nation & Culture, and Peace & Consonance of State & Governance.

With this Initiative, the mutual understanding for cooperation between Nigeria and China has been deepened, the foundation of cooperation has been enhanced and the level of cooperation has been scaled up.

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## EDITORIAL

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## Free abducted Yauri girls now

The parents of the remaining 11 students of the Federal Government College in Yauri, Kebbi State, out of the over 80 abducted since June 2021, have had to endure the difficulty of not seeing their loved ones for more than a year and a half.

Now, it seems, they have also been abandoned by the government to make arrangements for the freedom of their children, forcing them to resort to crowd-funding to raise the N100 million ransom demand of the bandit kingpin responsible for their miseries.

A representative of the parents, Salim Kaoje, told *Daily Trust* how they established contact with the bandit kingpin, Gide, through his mother, but he is still insisting on the N100 million ransom he had asked for in return for the freedom of their children.

Also, according to Kaoje, Gide claimed he abducted the students to spite the government for deceiving him into playing a role in the release of abducted Kagara students, without fulfilling its promise to release his members, insisting that they must cough out N100 million or they would never see their children again.

We do not know if Gide's claims are true or not, but we are not interested in the details of any behind-the-scenes arrangements between the government and any criminals. But the fact that 11 students have remained at the hands of bandits for close to 18 months is itself a serious indictment on both the federal and Kebbi State governments. That the captives are schoolgirls makes the indictment unpardonable. There was no swift action to rescue the students, allowing the bandits to take them into their enclaves. And the parents have been kept in the dark as far as efforts to free their loved ones are concerned, perhaps because nothing is being done at all to free the students.

As Peter Hawkins, UNICEF Representative in Nigeria, rightly noted, "These horrific abductions often result in the immediate closure of all schools in the affected states - putting an abrupt halt to the education of affected students. Even when schools re-open, it discourages parents from sending their children to school and leaves children traumatized and fearful of going to classrooms to learn."

Certainly, no parent will want to face the trauma of having their children kidnapped let alone of sourcing for money to rescue them. If we cannot get more children into schools, we must avoid actions that are capable of forcing out the ones we currently have.

The governments certainly need to do more to rescue people in captivity. This can be achieved through a multi-pronged approach, including the use of technology, ranging from drones to other forms of surveillance equipment. The government needs to get the right technology and use the ones now at its disposal to address the activities of non-state actors.

Our security agencies consisting of the military, the Nigeria Police Force, the Department of State Services, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps must act with unity of purpose to address the security challenges in the country. Inter-agency rivalry should be a thing of the past.

The same way and manner the Abuja-Kaduna train victims were freed should also be deployed to secure the release of the Yauri girls.

It would be recalled that Kebbi State Governor Abubakar Bagudu, shortly after the abduction, vowed to lead a search and rescue mission comprising security agents and local hunters into the forest to rescue the students.

"We will go out there and like I promised, the day we will move out, I will not be in the office because I will lead the movement and this will be done to rescue the abductees," Bagudu said at the time. But it seems he, under whose watch they were kidnapped, has forgotten about his promise. The Kebbi State governor and the president must be reminded of their promises. Their words must be their bonds. Appearing not to be doing enough can only embolden terrorists to be more daring.

The presidency had also at various fora announced that President Muhammadu Buhari had given a marching order to security personnel to free not only the Yauri students but all others in captivity everywhere across the country.

As far as this issue is concerned, all options must be on the table for these abducted students to be freed and reunited with their colleagues and loved ones. Government must not give credence to allegations that it is not doing enough to free the students from captivity because they are not the children of the elite.

We implore President Buhari and Governor Bagudu to do everything in their power to help secure the release of these girls immediately, not just because doing so answers the call of their office but also because it answers the call of their roles as parents too.

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## Election 2023: The campaigns of 'messiah'

With elections just around the corner, the campaigns of the three main contending candidates representing the All Progressives Congress (APC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Labour Party (LP) are in full swing.

The nation is facing crisis in which the problems are well defined, therefore it should come as no surprise that the manifestos of the APC, PDP and LP candidates are all very similar in content. All presidential candidates must mention improving security, "engaging" the youth, stimulating the economy, improving healthcare and education, and so on. What is also similar is that none of them has said in any detail exactly how they intend to achieve their laudable objectives bearing in mind the constitutional limitations on their powers.

**There is every reason to be skeptical that campaign promises will turn out to be empty rhetoric. Unfortunately, Nigerian political campaigns have long since ceased being occasions to listen to serious analysis of problems and proposed solutions, capable of renewing nationalism, fostering measurable progress and igniting social change. The reason for this is understandable.**

Nigerians mistakenly believe that presidents somehow have the magical power to effect wholesale changes. This of course isn't true. The incoming President will not be an emperor or king who can issue decrees to banish suffering forever. He will be forced to work with an atrociously corrupt National Assembly, ineffective military, inefficient civil service, and police force with an ingrained disrespect for human rights.

The word "Messiah" derives from the Hebrew language and it means "the anointed one" or "the chosen one". It embodies the Jewish hope of a coming "deliverer" who would end all pain, injustice and suffering. Although the longing for a Nigerian political messiah is understandable, it won't happen in 2023!

The Nigerian political climate has been irreversibly altered to a situation in which political principles, ideologies and honour have been abandoned and it's now standard procedure for political parties to be subjugated to individuals. Nigerian political parties are simply dysfunctional coalitions of office seekers. They no longer operate within the confines of sound political ideology or "best practices" blueprints for public administration. The end result being that the character and service record of the candidates themselves is of far more importance than any party manifesto.

Once again in 2023 the nation is being asked to ignore ideologies and principles and choose between individuals who campaign on the basis of being the nation's messiah. The APC, LP and PDP candidates have all previously held high political office and their supporters gleefully engage in character assassination of opponents, while distorting history in order to bestow upon their candidate a false sanitised identity.

Paradoxically despite all the slander and libel nobody has been able to establish any material fact of corruption against any of them.

The main failing of the three candidates is their messianic campaigns in which they claim there will be a complete change in social order upon their assuming office. Even though all three candidates are guilty of self-deception, one of them will be declared winner as Nigerians are always carried away by campaigns of self-styled saviours in the erroneous belief that their happiness and progress lies in the hands of political saviours. While it's true that morally fallen societies require divine redeemers or messiahs, imperfect socio-political societies like Nigeria simply require an agreed vision, better plans, better policies and better people in political office. Regrettably the processes of logical thinking are being abandoned by candidates who spew out actions they will take. Actions are supposed to be taken to put policies into effect; policies are supposed to be articulated to carry out plans; and plans are supposed to be formulated in order to achieve a vision. Unfortunately rather than articulate a clear vision for the nation, define a plan of action, articulate sensible policies then take actions, candidates concentrate their campaigns solely on actions to be taken to solve the current problems on ground.

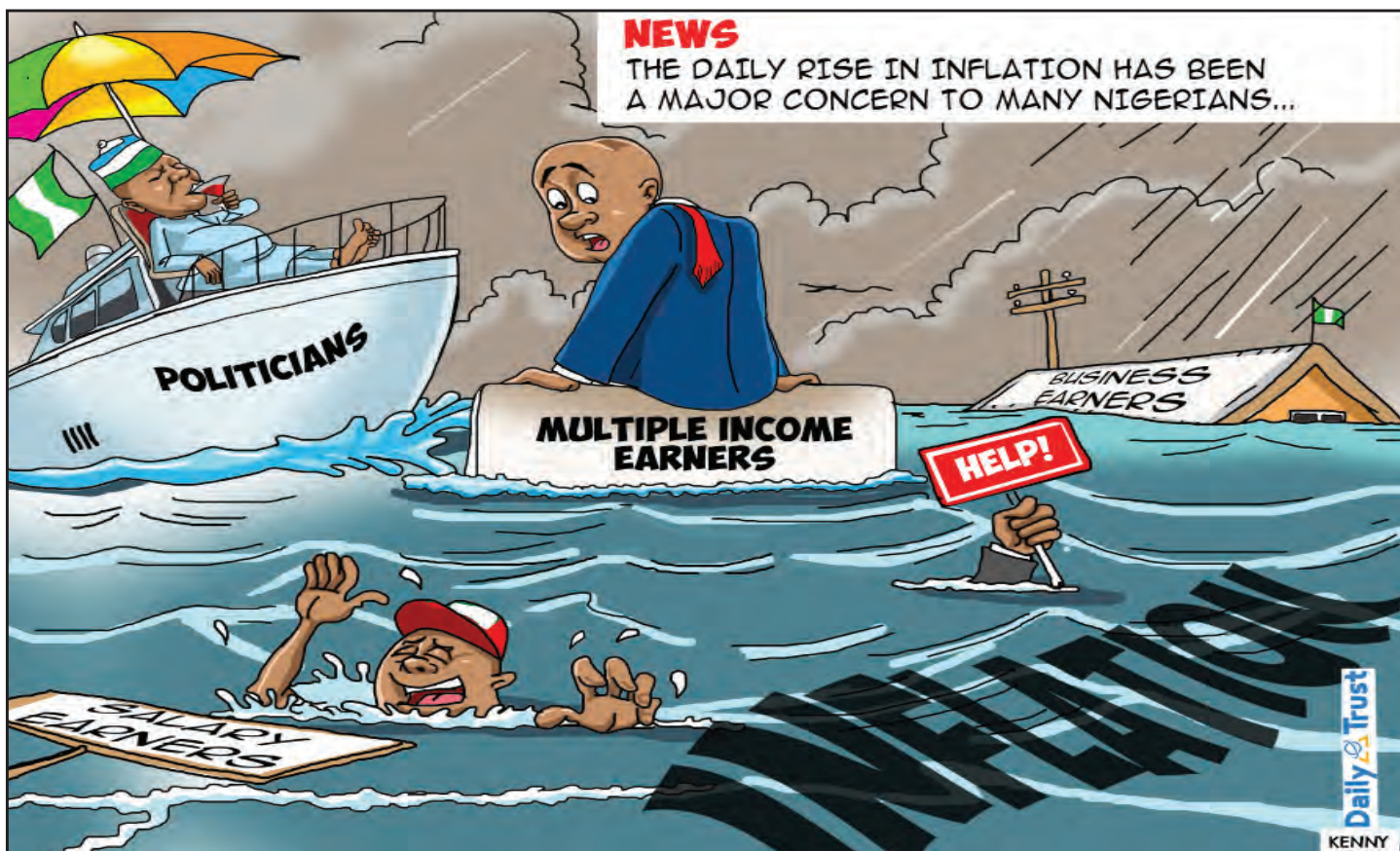
There is every reason to be skeptical that campaign promises will turn out to be empty rhetoric. Unfortunately, Nigerian political campaigns have long since ceased being occasions to listen to serious analysis of problems and proposed solutions, capable of renewing nationalism, fostering measurable progress and igniting social change. The reason for this is understandable. Democratic politics is a game of numbers and one of its biggest flaws is the assumption that everyone thinks rationally. This of course isn't true. The vote of the most biased and unintelligent Nigerian counts the same as the vote of the most unbiased and highly intelligent one. Nigerian politicians don't waste time campaigning to the minority of voters who reason dispassionately, instead they concentrate campaigns on the vast majority of voters who habitually are enticed by ethnicity, emotion, gender bias, or cash inducement. Even as candidates regale voters with a plethora of promises it's important for the eventual winner and incoming President to remember that if everything is a priority, then nothing is! Crippled by nationwide insecurity, economic downturn, and an increasingly valueless currency, Nigeria's status as one of the leading nations in Africa has eroded.

Perhaps the most urgent crisis is to stop Nigerians fleeing the nation in droves. Nobody wants to continue living in a nation that cannot provide citizens with a decent standard of living, security, proper healthcare and standard educational facilities. There is no doubt that the nation is on the edge and only good proper leadership can return us into a relatively peaceful and prosperous place, but the electorate must take personal responsibility for their condition. There are no political messiahs on the horizon! The nation doesn't require a "saviour" rather it needs patriotic everyday heroes and citizens committed to nation building. The campaigns of "messiahs" have failed to address the issue of how to reawaken patriotism.

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# LETTERS to the Editor

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or be forced to step down, and to avoid going around in circles by forcing square pegs into round holes.

A commercial banker serving as CBN governor would also have the potential for divided loyalty. Regulating Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) is one of the CBN's primary responsibilities, however, a governor who was chosen from a DMB will have to resist the temptation to favour his former employers and to create policies that may benefit the banks but not necessarily the general public.

As a result, the sword of Damocles will always be hanging over the head of any CBN governor who has any connections to a commercial bank. The only way to eliminate this is to appoint a neutral personality with no employment affiliations to commercial banks.

In addition to the new CBN governor being a first-class economist, the individual must also possess the following attributes:

- International experience and exposure. The world is not a vacuum, and traveling is a fantastic way to learn new things. This means that the CBN governor of Africa's largest economy will be a fantastic fit if he has experience working in global financial institutions and dealing with monetary policy at the highest level possible.

- The second attribute is insider knowledge. The new CBN Governor would undoubtedly have an advantage if he has a thorough understanding of how the CBN operates and know how to communicate well with policy stakeholders. Without a doubt, the CBN is full of people with these skills who, given the chance, will succeed.

Let us use our tongue to count our teeth, by appointing an economist to this all-important office. At least our recent history regarding banking consolidation is there to support us and lend credence to the argument.

*Matthias Adeyemi Esq. wrote from Asokoro, Abuja*

## What happens if CBN governor leaves?

People have been speculating about Godwin Emefiele's potential successor as CBN governor since murmurs of his interest in becoming president of Nigeria turned into open discussions and loud noises.

Since news of his alleged involvement in the Department of State Services' (DSS) allegations of terrorism financing first surfaced, these enthralling wonderments seem to have grown more intense. Given that Mr Emefiele is still abroad, there seems to be an uneasy stalemate in the open disagreement between both institutions.

While some may be wondering what will happen with the CBN governor and perhaps what should be done to safeguard the integrity and stability of Nigeria's apex bank, this author examines the more compelling query regarding the

essential qualities of the would-be new governor and the necessity of proceeding cautiously in order to safeguard the bank's reputation and guarantee system stability.

Therefore, in order to contextualise this query, it could be helpful to start by providing an explanation of what a central bank is.

According to many experts, a central bank is an independent agency that specialises in the control of money supply, conduct of monetary policy, supervision of the financial system, management of the legal tender, and engendering of macroeconomic stability in a country.

These responsibilities are given to central banks to stabilise the nation's currency, keep unemployment low, prevent inflation, and foster economic

growth. Central banks also significantly interface with international organisations like the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Economic Forum (WEF), credit rating agencies, and the like.

Given this working definition, the CBN's daily obligations and objectives, and the looming uncertainty surrounding Mr Emefiele's future, I believe the next governor of the CBN should be someone who has the necessary training, experience, and exposure to do exactly what central banks were created to achieve.

Therefore, rather than a seasoned commercial banker as we had with the previous and current CBN governor, the ideal Central Bank of Nigeria governor should be a renowned economist.

A person with a thorough

understanding of both fiscal and monetary policy, who can effectively use the monetary tools at their disposal to steer this country toward economic growth, is needed to solve the challenges afflicting our economy and financial system.

It seems that in Nigeria, we have a tendency to equate commercial banking with central banking. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. Someone does not comprehend monetary policy or the promotion of macroeconomic growth simply because they are connected enough to mobilise deposits at lower interest rates and turn these deposits into loans at higher interest rates.

Therefore, it is important to avoid playing political games with the appointment of the next CBN governor, should Emefiele resign

## Nigerian veterans as reserves to combat insecurity

This is to urge the federal government to tap into the wealth of experience of Nigerian veterans to serve as the nation's military reserves for combating the many security challenges in terms of insurgency and terrorism.

There is also the need for proper funding of the Nigerian Legion through budgetary allocation to enable it to discharge its mandate which, among other responsibilities, is to cater for the welfare of veterans and their dependents.

The provision of annual budgetary allocation or subvention from the government will go a long way in ameliorating the adverse financial challenges currently preventing the legion from fully discharging its mandate as set out by the act.

The act establishing the Nigerian Legion empowers it to establish farms, hotels, banks, petrol stations amongst many other

business ventures.

It was envisaged that the profits from these ventures would be utilised in subsidising many welfare programmes for the veterans and their dependents but due to the starvation of funds many of the laudable ideas have remained ideas in name only and remained unactualised.

The many benefits the military has enjoyed under this government are acknowledged. There has not been any government to our knowledge that has done more for the military than the Buhari-led administration.

Indeed, it is under this government that the military received many benefits including the harmonisation of military pension and review of terms and conditions of service of the military and, most recently, paid the Security Debarment Allowance (DVA) to veterans.

Nevertheless, a lot still needs to be done in alleviating the plight of veterans, widows and their dependents hence the call for immediate funding to the Nigerian Legion for the establishment of Trauma Centres in the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria for diagnosis and treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Available empirical data has confirmed the increase of PTSD by military personnel exposed to combat missions. The types of trauma centres constructed would depend on available funds. It is hoped that at least one of the centres would be a level 1 trauma centre.

Consequently, following the recent launching of the Nigerian Legion website, we call on government and other departments and agencies to assist the legion in establishing data centres across the 36 state offices and FCT.

The data centres, once operational, will be able to provide reliable statistics for strategic planning and will readily provide the government with up-to-date figures of able-bodied men that can be called at short notice for combat operations.

This is necessary in order to assist the already over-stretched military in the many theatres they are currently engaged. The data will be able to provide details of age, specialization and location of able-bodied veterans at the press of a button.

The Nigerian military gave their today for our brighter tomorrow, this is an inalienable fact. Nigerian veterans should never be abandoned or left impoverished in their twilight years. Nigeria should not forget their sacrifices.

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# Pension Matters



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## PenCom cushions unemployment as 40,646 RSA holders accessed N26.9bn in 2022

The National Pension Commission (PenCom) approved the payment of N26.9 billion to 40,646 Retirement Savings Account (RSA) holders who were disengaged from work in 2022.

The Pension Reform Act 2014 (PRA 2014) allows pension contributors to access 25 percent of their RSA in the event of a temporary job loss. Temporary job loss, as established by the PRA 2014, is when an employee who loses a job cannot secure another employment after four months. Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) made the N26.9 billion payments to RSA holders who lost their jobs, and were under 50 years old and did not secure jobs within four months of their disengagement.

Section 7 (2) of the

PRA 2014 states that “where an employee voluntarily retires, disengages or is disengaged from employment as provided for under section 16 (2) and (5) of the PRA 2014, the employee may, with the approval of the Commission, withdraw an amount of money not exceeding 25% of the total amount credited to his RSA, provided that such withdrawals shall only be made after 4 months of such retirement or cessation of employment and the employee does not secure another employment.”

The above provision of the PRA 2014 is one of the novel changes made by the Contributory Pension Scheme. Unlike the old Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS), which left many employees who lost their jobs without retirement

benefits. Section 7(2) of the PRA 2014 guaranteed financial security to employees under the CPS as they have their RSA balances to fall back on in case of temporary job loss. It is pertinent to note that RSAs are individualised; therefore, account holders can change employers without the fear of losing their retirement benefits.

From the inception of the CPS to the end of 2022, PenCom has approved N188.51 billion in respect of 453,686 requests from individuals seeking to access 25 percent of their RSA balances due to temporary loss of employment.

The payment approvals were granted to PFAs after the Commission authenticated that the RSA holders who lost jobs were under the age of 50 years and were unable to secure



**DG of PenCom,  
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another employment four months after the date of their disengagements.

A breakdown of the payment approvals in 2022 showed that during the first quarter, the Commission approved PFAs' requests to pay N5.66 billion to 9,966 RSA holders that were disengaged from employment. In the second quarter of the same year, PFAs paid N6.65 billion to 9,250

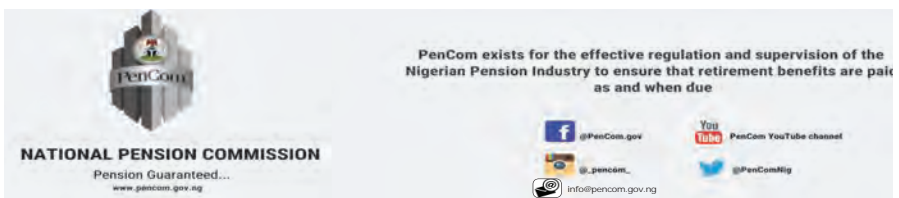
RSA holders in respect of job loss. In the third quarter, N8.28 billion was disbursed to 11,913 RSA holders, while during the fourth quarter, the Commission approved PFAs to pay N6.31 billion to 9,966 RSA holders.

Furthermore, the PRA 2014 provides that where an employee has accessed the 25 percent for temporary loss of job, such employee shall subsequently access the balances in the retirement savings account only at the time of retirement.

Notwithstanding the provision of section 7(2) of the PRA 2014, it is pertinent for RSA holders to understand that the CPS is designed to cater for

life at retirement. Therefore, the RSA is unlike the regular savings account with a commercial bank, where a customer deposits and withdraws funds at any time. Consequently, all withdrawals from an employee's RSA are based on conditions allowed under the PRA 2014, including the 25 percent access for temporary job loss.

In conclusion, it is noteworthy that an employee who had accessed 25 percent of his RSA balance due to job loss is expected to resume pension contribution once he secures another employment by providing his new employer with his RSA details.



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 LOT 4: CONSTRUCTION OF 4 HOLES VIP TOILETS  
 LOT 5: CONSTRUCTION OF 6 CLASSROOMS STOREY BUILDING  
 LOT 6: CONSTRUCTION OF 2 ROOMS, TOILET, KITCHEN AND STORE

**CATEGORY II**  
 LOT 6: RENOVATION OF 2 AND 3 CLASSROOMS  
 LOT 7: RENOVATION OF WALL FENCING AND BARB WIRING

**CATEGORY III**  
 LOT 8: SUPPLY OF 2 – SEATER PUPIL'S FURNITURE

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- Evidence of registration with Yobe state bureau on public procurement Damaturu.
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# CITY & CRIME

## Uncertainty over Ganduje daughter's dowry stalls divorce suit

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

An Upper Sharia Court in Kano, presided over by Mallam Abdullahi Halliru, has dismissed the preliminary objection filed by counsel to Inuwa Uba, husband of Asiya Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, challenging its jurisdiction to hear the case.

According to *City & Crime*, Asiya Umar Ganduje, the governor's daughter in Kano State, approached the court through her counsel, Barrister Ibrahim Aliyu Nassarawa, praying for the dissolution of her marriage through Islamic means (Khu'li), stating that she was tired of staying with Inuwa Uba.

She expressed her willingness to return N50,000 dowry the husband gave her during the wedding Fatiha.

However, counsel to the defendant said he didn't know the exact amount paid as dowry during the wedding.

When the court resumed for ruling on jurisdiction, the presiding judge, declared that his court has jurisdiction to receive, hear and decide a matter related to divorce.

He asked counsel to the defendant how much his client paid as dowry at the time of wedding prayer.

Barrister Umar said he was not aware of the exact amount his client paid to the plaintiff.

Meanwhile, both parties urged the court for a stand down to further confirm from Asiya as well as Inuwa the amount of dowry they all agreed on during the wedding Fatiha.

However, when the court reconvened, counsel to the husband, Barrister Umar said he couldn't reach his client, Uba on phone and sought an adjournment to clarify the actual amount he paid as dowry.

On his side, Barrister Nassarawa insisted that his client received N50,000 as dowry, and stressed her readiness to return it for the marriage to be dissolved.

After hearing the submissions

of both parties, the presiding judge, Malam Halliru Abdullahi, adjourned the case to January 19, 2023 for Barrister Umar to tell the court the actual amount his client paid as dowry to enable it to proceed to the next step.

Speaking with journalists after the court proceeding, Barrister Ibrahim Aliyu Nassarawa explained that every woman who is living under a strange condition has a right under Islamic law to seek for her marriage to be dissolved with the condition of returning the dowry the husband paid to her during their wedding Fatiha.

On his part, Barrister Umar said the issue was beyond payment of dowry, adding that his client has conditions regarding some of his belongings, before the issue of divorce.

He, however, said his client was ready to reconcile with the plaintiff.

## Tension as Fulani youth killed in FCT community

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

There is tension in Ibwa community in Gwagwalada Area Council of the FCT after a 19-year-old Fulani man, Zubairu Alhaji Jibrin, was allegedly killed during a fight with three youths from the area.

A resident of the community, Saidu Ibrahim, said the incident happened on Friday around 4pm when there was a misunderstanding between the deceased and the three boys.

He said trouble started when the deceased went to buy yoghurt at a shop in the community, saying when he started drinking the yoghurt, it spilled on one of the boys.

This, a witness said, angered the boy and he allegedly slapped the Fulani man, which resulted in a fight.

"The Fulani boy apologised, but despite that, he was slapped by one of the boys.

"In the process, a fight broke out between the deceased and the three boys and one of them sustained injury from the cutlass the deceased was carrying," the witness alleged.

Ibrahim said the father of the deceased, Alhaji Jibrin, rushed to separate the fight and immediately took his son (deceased) to the house of the leader of the Fulani in the community.

"The three boys mobilised in

their numbers and proceeded to the Fulani chief's house, where they forcefully seized the deceased and killed him. Even policemen at the outpost in the village were overpowered," he said.

Reacting, the chairman of the Gwagwalada Area Council chapter of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Ibrahim Ciroma, who confirmed the alleged killing of the young Fulani man, over the phone on Sunday, added that the bereaved father, Alhaji Jibrin, was also attacked and injured by the youths.

"In fact, there are two other Fulani men who were not even aware of what was happening, but they were also attacked and inflicted injuries as they tried to escape from the boys," he said.

Ciroma, who condemned the killing of the Fulani man, noted that it was the second such incident in the community, even as he said he reported the matter at the police area command in the area on Saturday.

He said the corpse of the deceased had been buried, while the father was receiving treatment at a private hospital.

The spokeswoman of the FCT police command, DSP Adeb Josephine, had yet to confirm the incident as of the time of filing this report.

## Director bans actress from movie over marriage tussle

'My ex-husband wants to destroy my career'

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A director and producer of a Kannywood series movie, Ahmad Bifa, has said he has banned an actress, Hafsat Tuge, from featuring in his movie, Amaryar Tiktok, due to allegations that she featured in the film without her husband's consent and that she is not a divorcee.

*City & Crime* had reported that the incident started after one Sani Umar Gwarzo, who identified himself as the husband to the actress, said he would drag the director to court for featuring his wife in his movie without his consent.

However, the actress said the man was lying, adding that he divorced her over three months ago.

Speaking to Freedom Radio about the development, the director said he had stopped the actress from featuring in the movie until the issue was

resolved. Ahmad Bifa said although she had fulfilled all the requirements to continue with the movie, he would not continue with her since the matter has been reported to the court and that her appearance may affect the popularity of his movie.

He said before joining the movie, he screened her and got consent from her guardians, whom she stayed within Kano.

"I have no option but to drop her from the movie because of this issue of whether she is married or not. But all I know is we didn't feature her until we were assured that she registered with all the Kannywood associations, including the censorship board," he said.

Meanwhile, the actress, Hafsat Tuge, said the man, whom she described as her ex-husband, was doing everything to destroy her career because he was envious of her progress.

"My ex-husband is just envious of



■ Hafsat Tuge

my progress because he never thought I would become what I am today. He has said several times that I will never progress in life.

"But as a matter of fact, he divorced me. When I came back from a trip, I approached him, but he said if I was still seeing myself as his wife, then I was deceiving myself. That is indirectly a divorce."

She said she would go to court for action against his plan to destroy her carrier, adding that he also wanted to paint the Kannywood industry black.

## 2 killed, 52 injured in another Plateau road accident

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Two people have been killed in another road accident in Zakaliyo village of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State, along the Jos-Bauchi Road.

Fifty-two other people were injured in the accident. Peter Yakubu Yakubu, Public Enlightenment Officer of the FRSC in the state, said the incident occurred at about 5pm along the Jos - Bauchi Road.

*City & Crime* reported on Monday how 16 people were killed while 83 others sustained injuries in a ghastly accident along Pankshin-Jos road.

The victims were supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) who were returning from a campaign flag-off.

Yakub said, "14 vehicles were affected. Two adult females died, while 52 were injured."

"What caused the accident was that the trailer's brakes failed and the driver lost control and drove into other vehicles.

"The rescue operation was carried out by the FRSC Ambulance and Emergency Response Team stationed along Jos-Bauchi route, and FRSC Jos-By Pass Unit Command.

"The victims of the crash were taken to the Plateau Specialist Hospital and Toro General Hospital for medical attention, while the corpses of the deceased were taken by their families after being confirmed dead at the hospital," the FRSC official added.



■ Some hard drugs seized by the NDLEA operatives in FCT recently

## Bolanle Raheem: Accused killer cop denies murder charge

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The alleged killer of a Lagos-based lawyer, Omobolanle Raheem, Assistant Superintendent of Police, ASP Drambi Vandi, on Monday, pleaded not guilty to a one count charge of murder preferred against him by the Lagos State Government.

*Daily Trust* reports that Barrister Bolanle Raheem was allegedly shot dead on Christmas day by the accused at Ajah. The deceased was returning home from a Christmas outing with her family when the shooting incident occurred.

As at the time of the unfortunate incident, the defendant, ASP Vandi, was attached to Ajawe Police Station in Ajah.

He is currently standing trial on a one-count charge of murder contrary to Section 223 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Vandi, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge and the trial judge gave an order of accelerated hearing.

During the proceeding, the State Attorney General, Moyosore Onigbanjo, SAN, informed the court that there is a witness in court and that the state was ready to commence

trial, while the defense counsel, Adetokunbo Odutola did not oppose the application, but prayed for accelerated hearing.

Thereafter, a police inspector, Inspector Mathew Ameh, was invited to the witness box.

He told the court that his teams, including the defendant, were deployed to Ajah under bridge where they were conducting a stop and search.

He told the court that his team tried to stop the deceased car which is an unregistered vehicle but the driver didn't stop and Supol Vandi fired at the car.

Justice Ibronke Harrison gave an order of accelerated hearing while adjourning till January 25 & 26 for cross examination and continuation of trial.

Vandi was arrested and arraigned before Chief Magistrate C.A. Adedayo on December 30, 2022, a day after the Police Service Commission (PSC) approved his suspension.

The Magistrate ordered that he be remanded at the Ikoyi custodial facility pending advice of the Lagos State Director of Public Prosecutions.

## NSCDC, hunters assault police officer in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

A personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and a group of Baushe hunters have allegedly brutalised a Superintendent of Police, Suleiman Umar, at Gwabba area of Bauchi metropolis.

SP Umar, who was attached to Azare Area Command, sustained injuries on his head, shoulder and other parts of his body during the incident on Saturday.

Addressing newsmen on Sunday in Bauchi, SP Umar disclosed that he was assaulted by the team without



■ The police officer

any provocation, saying "an NSCDC personnel, Hassan Usman, led a team of hunters to attack me despite identifying himself as a police officer."

SP Umar said: "It was yesterday (Sunday), January 14, 2023, when I went to drop my children at school and was returning and heading towards our family house around the Emir's Palace roundabout.

"I got to Gwabba area of Bauchi metropolis, and there was a Hilux van belonging to Baushe hunters parked in the middle of the road. They were trying to get at a commercial Keke NAPEP rider who drove recklessly in front of them."

"Since I was behind them and had no business with them, I drove past and they started abusing me. So I asked them why they were abusing me and I drove on. When I got to the roundabout beside the Emir's Palace, I got down and was about to enter our family house.

"Suddenly, they parked close to me, alighted from their vehicle and the leader of the team, a personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil

Defense Corps, one ASC

Hassan Usman, brought out a cable and started flogging me with it.

"I told him, don't beat me, I am a Superintendent of Police, what have I done to you? But he refused to stop. He was in uniform and was with some men of Baushe Hunters.

In fact, one of the hunters told him to stop saying that he knows me as a police officer. He did not stop even though my gun was in my hand," SP Umar added.

The Bauchi State Police spokesman, SP Ahmed Wakil, confirmed the incident, saying the Commissioner of Police, Aminu Alhassan, had ordered immediate investigation into the matter.

Wakil said, "We received a complaint of criminal conspiracy and assault from SP Suleiman Umar on 14 January 2023.

"The Commissioner of police has directed a discreet investigation be carried out and those found wanting should be made to face the full wrath of the law.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Bauchi State Command of the NSCDC were not successful at the time of filing this report.

## Mob kills man mistaken for motorcycle thief in FCT

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A 28-year-old man, simply identified as Salihu, who was mistaken for a motorcycle thief, was killed by a mob at Anguwar Dodo in Gwagwalada metropolis in the FCT.

A resident of the area, Shuaibu Usman, said the incident happened on Friday, around 4pm when a mob ran after a motorcycle thief in the area.

He said the owner went into a mosque to pray, and a thief took the motorcycle and zoomed off.

"When the thief zoomed off with the motorcycle, someone who saw him raised the alarm, and people started pursuing him," he said.

According to him, the motorcycle thief upon sighting the mob approaching him, abandoned the motorcycle and fled.

"When the thief escaped, a man who saw a motorcycle on the ground with its fuel pouring decided to stand it properly.

"But before you knew what was



■ Some electricity vandals arrested in Anambra State at the weekend.

happening, the mob descended on the innocent man, thinking that he was the thief, and killed him on the spot," he said.

He said though some people were shouting that the deceased was not the thief, the mob killed him using dangerous objects.

*City & Crime* learnt that the killing of the deceased resulted in tension in the area as relatives of

the deceased insisted on reprisal.

It was, however, learnt that police from both the division and the area command in the area, including vigilantes, were deployed to the area to douse tension.

The spokeswoman of the FCT police command, DSP Adeb Josephine, was yet to confirm the incident as at the time of filing this report.

## Vigilantes storm Nasarawa bandits' den, kill 2, recover RPG, army uniform

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Two bandits were killed while 28 kidnapping victims have been rescued by members of the vigilante group after an encounter with bandits in a bush bordering Toto LGA of Nasarawa State and Kotonkarfe in Kogi State.

The chairman of Toto LGA, Alhaji Aliyu Tashas Abdullahi, confirmed the rescue operation on Friday while handing over the abducted victims to their families at the local government secretariat in the presence of the police divisional officer of the area.

## 28 abducted victims freed

He said the operation was carried out through the combined efforts of the Miyetti Allah, vigilante group and the vigilantes in the area, who stormed the bandits' camp to rescue the victims after a gun battle.

According to him, the rescue operation was led by the leaders of Miyetti Allah and vigilantes, Malam Akajo and Musa Jambo, adding that the people rescued were abducted from communities in Kogi, Nasarawa and the FCT.

He disclosed that one propelled grenade tube and army uniforms

were recovered in the camp, adding that some foodstuffs and hard drugs were also found and destroyed at the den.

The chairman, while reiterating his administration's commitment to the ongoing fight against kidnapping and banditry in the area, commended the vigilantes for their bravery in rescuing the victims.

He also commended the state government, under the leadership of Governor Abdullahi Sule, for its efforts in tackling insecurity in the state.

### QUICK READ

#### Teachers' strike not my making - FCT council chair

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The chairman of Kuje Area Council in the FCT, Abdullahi Suleiman Sabo, has said the ongoing strike by the primary school teachers in the area was not his making but caused by arbitrary recruitment of teachers by the previous administration in 2018.

*City & Crime* had reported that primary school teachers under the branch of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) led by Comrade Lucky Audu, had last Monday, declared indefinite strike over non-payment of salaries of those employed in 2018, non-payments of arrears and among others.

Sabo, who spoke exclusively with our reporter on Monday, while reacting to the strike, said there were lots of abnormalities during the employment of some of the teachers by the previous administration in 2018.

He said the previous administration employed unqualified teachers without cash backing, adding that the vacancy that was declared for recruitment of primary school teachers was only 90, but the administration employed over 1,000 without any budgetary provisions.

#### Report activities of extortionists, NSCDC urges petroleum marketers in Kano

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Kano command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), has urged petroleum marketers in the state to report activities of extortionists claiming to be personnel of the Corps.

A statement by the command's Public Relations Officer, DSC Ibrahim Idris Abdullahi, said that its attention has been drawn to the activities of some unscrupulous elements, who out of sheer greed and criminality, are extorting money from petroleum marketers and some filling stations in the state, stressing that such criminally minded elements are fake civil defenders and can never be the staff of the Corps.

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#### Poll: Gumi asks Muslims to elect right leaders

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

A Kaduna-based Islamic Scholar, Sheikh Ahmad Gumi, has advised Muslims to unite and elect right and God fearing leaders in the coming election.

He also urged Muslims to avoid any act capable of creating divisions among them for the peace of the religion and country.

The scholar spoke at the N375 million launching of Dan fodio Mosque rebuilding in Kaduna State.

According to him, Muslim unity is a directive by Allah if they want to be strong.

"Leadership is like a mat very soon this mat will be rolled over. Our unity is our strength and it's a directive from Allah for Muslims to remain united if they want to succeed," he said.

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## “Let us encourage our armed forces to do more,” Governor Lalong urges Nigerians as he lays wreath to honour fallen heroes

Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong has appealed to Nigerians to encourage members of the armed forces through words and actions in order to spur them to do more in securing the nation.

The Governor spoke shortly after laying the wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier at the cenotaph located at the JD Gomwalk Secretariat Jos to mark the 2023 Armed Forces Remembrance Day.

Lalong said officers and men of the security services have made tremendous sacrifices towards ensuring that there is peace and security in the country and should therefore receive commensurate respect and goodwill.

He said despite the security challenges being experienced in various parts of the country, the security personnel must not be condemned or their morale dampened.

In particular, the Governor expressed appreciation for the role that the security agencies have played in restoring peace to the State and continuing to make it difficult for criminals to make a foothold in any part of the State.



■ Governor Lalong lays wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier during the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration in Jos



■ Governor Lalong releases pigeons to mark the end of Armed Forces Remembrance Day in Jos

Apart from laying the wreath and releasing pigeons to symbolise peace, the Governor was joined by other top Government officials to lay wreaths. They include Speaker House of Assembly, Chief Judge of Plateau State, GOC 3rd Armoured Division, NAF Commander, Commissioner of Police, Chairman Nigerian Legion among others.

Prayers were also offered for the repose of the souls of the departed.



## Governor Lalong devastated by accident involving Plateau PDP supporters

Governor Simon Bako Lalong has expressed shock and sadness over an accident involving some supporters of the PDP in Plateau State in which some lives were lost and injuries recorded.

The accident was said to have occurred in Jwak village Panyam, Mangu Local Government while

the supporters were said to be returning from a Zonal campaign rally of the party in Pankshin.

Governor Lalong while commiserating with the families of the victims and those who sustained injuries described a tragic event as a huge loss to the State.

He also sympathised with

the PDP family in the State as well as its Gubernatorial candidate Barr. Caleb Mutfwang over the sad incident, praying that God will grant eternal rest to those who lost their lives and quick recovery to those who sustained injuries.

Meanwhile the Governor has appealed for caution

among motorists and supporters of political parties and politicians during the electioneering period where vehicular movement is heightened across the State and the country at large.

He urged them to put safety first and observe road safety regulations to minimise cases such as this.

# BUSINESS

## CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

## COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

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

## BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

There are strong indications that the nation may have incurred revenue losses of N135 billion duty to several concessions, exemptions and waivers that the federal government gave the Niger Delta Commission (NDDC) over a period of seven years.

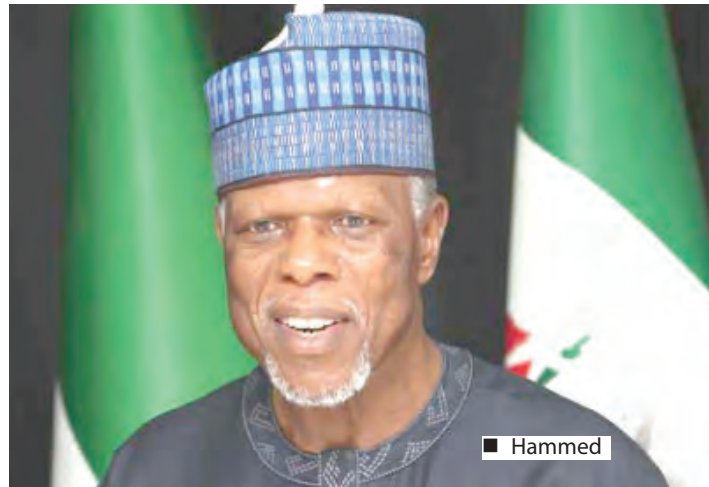
This has also been a major encumbrance on customs administration in Nigeria.

This observation was made at the book launch by Kirikiri Lighter Terminal Customs Command in conjunction with Comptroller (Dr) Ben Nkem Oramalugo, at the weekend in Lagos.

In his remarks, the author of the newly launched book: "Customs Administration in Nigeria", Compt. (Dr) Ben Oramalugo asserted that between 2004 and May 2010, NCS lost a total of 134,986,095,527.81 naira to NDDC as waivers.

He said: "I wrote this book to expose the unpatriotic dealings and atrocities of some Nigerians. Between 2003 and 2014, N1.4 trillion was lost through

## How Customs lost N135bn to NDDC in waivers



■ Hammed

waivers. NCS ikot-Ekpen was given almost 1 billion in waivers and exemptions in 2007 but they were not producing anything."

Oramalugo on page 122 of his book gave a breakdown of the duty exemption to NDDC as N11.5bn for 2004; N15.9bn in 2005; N36.5 in 2006; N10.3 in 2007; N21.7 for 2008; N16.4 for 2009 and N22.7 for five months in 2010.

He said the Nigerian National

Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has refused to remit to NCS about N45bn as duty payable on imported petroleum products, while arguing that these losses also account for low revenue collection for NCS, adding that Nigeria's losses to international conventions are huge.

He cited the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme (ETLS) where the losses amounted to N12.6bn between 2003 and

2009.

He said imports from ECOWAS member states attract zero duty payment because Nigeria is a signatory to the convention.

While identifying inadequate funding, weak legislative framework, proliferation of agencies at ports, inadequate infrastructure and revenue loss spurred by waivers as challenges of modern customs administration in Nigeria, he further explained that he wrote the book, to educate officers, stakeholders in trade activities and the general public about the activities of customs.

The book reviewer, Deputy Comptroller Olarewaju Olumoh, described the book as a great research work, adding, "I recommend this book first to the Strategic Department of Nigeria Customs Service, all officers of the NCS and students of the financial department in institutions and the general public."

## Max Air gets new CEO

By Faruk Shuaibu

The management of Max Air Limited has announced the appointment of Abubakar Dahiru Mangal as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.

In a statement yesterday, it said the appointment followed the death of its former CEO, Alhaji Bashir Barau Mangal.

The statement read in part, "Until his new appointment as CEO, Abubakar has been the Deputy Director of Finance of the airline.

"Abubakar holds BA. Economics from the American University of Nigeria Yola, MSc International Business Salford University, Manchester UK, MBA Finance and Investment Bayero University Kano (BUK) and currently pursuing his Doctorate degree in Business Administration at Apollon University in the United States of America USA."

The management expressed optimism that the new CEO would bring his wealth of experience in the aviation industry to boost the growth of the company, focus on delivering exceptional customer service and expand the global reach of the airline.

"We look forward to Alhaji Abubakar's leadership in driving the airline's growth and success. Max Air has been a leading airline in Nigeria. Apart from dominating the domestic air operations in the country, the airline also plays a very important role in the annual hajj airlift by getting the highest number of seats of Nigerian pilgrims. Similarly, Max Air airlifts pilgrims to Saudi Arabia from other West African countries."



■ Abubakar

## We'll spend 0.5% of GDP on research, development – Buhari

By Zakariyya Adaramola

President Muhammadu Buhari says the Federal Government will dedicate 0.5% of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product to Research & Development to fast track meaningful development in the country.

Buhari, represented by his Chief of Staff, Ibrahim Gambari, said this in Abuja yesterday at the opening ceremony of this year's Science, Technology and Innovation (STI).

"Recall that in my speech at the 5th edition of the Science, Technology and Innovation Expo 2021, I said that 'in tandem with the decision made by the African Union Executive Council in 2006 to establish a target for all member states of 1% of GDP investment in

Research and Development (R&D) in order to improve innovation, productivity and economic growth, at this juncture, we want to reiterate that having come to terms with the challenges of this critical sector of the economy, we will henceforth dedicate 0.5% of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product to Research & Development in order to fast track meaningful development in the country,"

He said his administration had "made effort in actualizing this through our communication to the National Economic Council to come up with modalities in achieving this noble intention of government.

He noted that no nation has been developed devoid of the utilization of the science,

technology and innovation apparatus.

He said he had demonstrated his love and desire to diversify the economy by the application of Science, Technology and Innovation by improving the budgetary allocation of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Buhari congratulated the winners of this year's 774 Young Nigerian Scientists Presidential Award (774-YONSPA).

He commended their creativity and competitive spirit towards academic pursuit to become future scientists, engineers and technologists to better the lots of the nation.

"I'm pleased to announce that the candidates who emerged first, second and third respectively in the final

examination of the recently concluded 774 Young Nigerian Scientists Presidential Award Competition have all been granted full scholarship up to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) level in any science-related discipline of their choice in any of our universities.

"It has been the practice of my administration as we do award scholarship since the maiden edition of the Science, Technology and Innovation Expo in 2017, to the three best students", he said.

In his welcome address, the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Olorunnimbe Mamora, said countries that had achieved sustainable economic development owed their success to significant investments in STI.

## FG to create 5m jobs through smart agriculture

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Federal Government, through National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), has said it will create five million jobs through smart agriculture.

The government has also distributed smart agriculture materials to beneficiaries of the National Adopted Village for

Smart Agriculture (NAVSA) in Katsina.

This was disclosed during the closing ceremony of the five-day empowerment programme held Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State, yesterday.

The government has also improved green energy-powered smart brooding to enhance the survival rate of broilers, a smart irrigation system to support

a year-long production, and a soil nutrient monitoring system to support information-driven farming on a demo land.

Director-General, NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Acting Director, Digital Economy Development of the agency, Salisu Kaka, said: "Agriculture remains one of the critical sectors of Nigeria's economy. This is evident in

the policies of the current administration led by President Muhammadu Buhari. Every economic, developmental and social policy gives agriculture priority."

Inuwa said the NAVSA Empowerment would enhance agriculture value chain, create new value and opportunities through new business models and services.

## Constitutional amendment delaying revenue allocation review – RMAFC Chairman

By Chris Agabi

**The Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) has said the delay by the National Assembly in completing the amendment of the Nigerian constitution is impacting the review of the revenue allocation formula.**

Mr Mohammed B. Shehu, Chairman of RMAFC, disclosed this on Monday in Abuja during a tooling programme organised by the commission in collaboration with the states, and local government councils to enlighten the states and local government officials and FCT area councils on data gathering and management.

The programme has the theme: "Tooling to acquaint states and local government officials on data

management: Electronic data collection."

He said the National Assembly must complete the constitutional amendment process for President Muhammadu Buhari to transmit the draft amendment submitted to him in April 2022 to the assembly.

"We submitted our report sometime in April 2022 to Mr President. The president has stated that he is waiting for the outcome of the constitutional amendments as initiated by the National Assembly. After the review, he will now forward the new revenue formula to the National Assembly for enactment into law," he stated.

The proposed revenue allocation formula is for the federal, state and local governments. He however declined to give specifics on the proposed amendments.

He noted that: "The Revenue allocation Formulae are categorised into Vertical Revenue Allocation Formula and Horizontal Allocation Formula. The Vertical Allocation Formula denotes the sharing arrangement of revenue among the three tiers of government in the federation while the horizontal Allocation Formula denotes sharing arrangement among states and local government councils including Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

"In pursuance to the above constitutional mandate, the commission carried out the review of the Vertical Allocation Formula and submitted the recommendation to Mr President for onward transmission to the National Assembly to come up with a new Revenue Allocation Formula.

"In the same vein, the commission has commenced the process of reviewing the horizontal revenue allocation formula i.e. sharing of Federation Account revenue among states and local government councils in line with the principles, factors and proxies stated in the constitution."

Considering the above, he said, "The commission deems it necessary to organise a programme to enlighten the officials of the states and local government councils on the electronic platform for data collection for the review of the current indices used in the Horizontal Allocation Formula.

"There have to be some data and indices we need to collect from the states and analyse before it forms part of the revenue allocation formula."

## Oil price, election outcome pose risk to Nigeria's economy – Access pension

By Faruk Shuaibu

A disorderly conclusion to the general elections resulting in widespread violence and the collapse in oil prices could result in Nigeria's economy being in disarray, a report by Access Pensions Limited has stated.

The report, which gives an outlook on the position of Nigeria's economy in 2023, viewed the scenarios resulting in investors scampering for safety and the country seeing a return to the dire economic situation of the 2014-2017 episode.

The report, while noting that global economic growth looks set to slow for the second year running in 2023, foresees tighter global financial market conditions and inflation on the spending patterns of households and firms in developed economies.

It added that an increase in interest rates would be halted during the year due to receding energy prices and slower inflation readings in 2023 but does not translate to relaxed financial conditions as current rates are now at high levels until inflation across advanced economies recedes towards 2-3% levels.

For Nigeria, it said unlike in 2015, the winner of the presidential election would likely face a much higher oil price but would need to tackle other issues like insecurity, growing debt, burdensome petrol subsidies and a broken exchange rate system.

"In between the election and transition, we expect economic activities to muddle through the year and see real GDP growth around 3-3.5% in 2023, flattered by a recovery in oil output

from the depressed theft-driven levels of 2022 and stabilisation in the non-oil sector. Against this backdrop and clarity on the political scene after the elections, we think the CBN could look to improve dollar supply within the official segment and tolerate some weakening in the IE window exchange rate towards levels north of NGN500/\$," the report said.

It added that in the face of potential adjustments to petrol prices and persisting naira weakness, inflation would remain high in 2023 averaging between 18 and 20 per cent.

It said this would lead the CBN to retain a hawkish stance on interest rates over the year.

"On fiscal policy, the last budget of the Buhari tenure follows the trend of debt-powered fiscal expansionism with a record expenditure plan set at N21tr. To fund the record outlay, the FGN projects total revenues at N9.7tr split across oil (N1.92tr) and non-oil (N8.9tr) predicated on a benchmark crude price of USD70 per barrel and production levels of 1.69mbpd. Pending a clean break from the petrol subsidies currently funded via the crude-for-refined product swap, we think revenues are likely to tail projections; as such financing requirements will remain large in the face of potentially reduced funding from the CBN. The latter point reflects a likely conclusion on the planned securitisation of Ways & Means debt. Our view on high global interest rates suggests limited recourse to Eurobond markets," it added.

## How I will stimulate economic growth – Atiku

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

The Presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, has said that his economic growth and development agenda is aimed primarily at stimulating the growth of the economy and positioning Nigeria among the top 20 economies of the world.

Atiku who spoke yesterday in Lagos during the Nigeria Economic Summit Group Presidential Dialogue on the Economy, said he will reduce infrastructure deficit in order to enhance the carrying capacity of the economy and unleash growth and wealth creation.

He noted that if elected next month, he will establish an "Infrastructure Development Unit" in the presidency, with a coordinating function and a specific mandate of working with the MDAs (Ministries Departments and Agencies) to fast track and drive the process of infrastructure development in the country.

"As a short-term measure to ensure enhanced power supply I shall, within the first year of the new administration, initiate and implement an emergency power programme (EPPs) that can deliver additional capacity in certain key areas," he said.

He promised to incentivize private investors to invest in the entire electricity value chain

### ● Buhari created 9m unemployed youths in 5 years



while the FG focuses on policy, regulation, and standardization. He added that a tariff structure for operators, which reflects costs, will be one of such incentives.

Atiku said he will also propose legislation for the removal of the entire electricity value chain from the exclusive list and give states the power to generate, transmit and distribute electricity for themselves.

While promising far-reaching fiscal restructuring to improve liquidity as well as the management of fiscal resources, Atiku said his administration will create an Economic Stimulus Fund with an initial investment capacity of approximately \$10 billion to prioritize support to MSMEs across all the economic sectors.

"We shall attract investments in the oil and gas sector, enhance revenues, including through reduction of oil theft. We shall also take steps to increase non-oil revenues.

"In that regard, we will

undertake an immediate review of government spending with a view to eliminating all leakages arising from subsidy payments, especially subsidy on petroleum products. We will also stop all fiscal support to ailing State-owned enterprises. We will improve spending efficiency by gradually reducing government recurrent expenditures. Over the medium term, recurrent expenditures should not exceed 45% of the budget," he said.

Atiku also took jibe at Tinubu who made a presentation at the NESG summit on Friday, noting that it was patently misleading to compare Nigeria's borrowing binge with that of developed countries such as Japan and the United States as presented by the APC presidential candidate.

"Those countries export huge amounts of high value manufactured goods while Nigeria exports very little, mostly raw materials.

And theirs are safe-haven currencies. It also shows an absolute ignorance of development economics to state, as he did, that budgeting under him would be based on projected spending levels needed to achieve growth rate above 10%.

Atiku also claimed that the Muhammadu Buhari-led administration created nine million unemployed youths between 2015 and 2020. The former Vice President noted that the number of fully employed people also dropped by 54%, from 68 million to 31 million people within the same period.

"Under the current administration our people are not working. More than 23 million people are out of jobs. In just 5 years between 2015 and 2020, the number of fully employed people dropped by 54%, from 68 million to 31 million people. This is frightening in a country of 200 million people.

Recall that Tinubu on Friday said his administration would immediately after getting to office, address monetary and trade reforms to effectively increase domestic production, thus serving to curb imported inflation, and to ensure better macro-economic stability by accelerating inclusive growth and job creation across Nigeria.

## Access Bank halts acquisition of Kenya's Sidian Bank

From Jide Olasunkanmi, Lagos

Access Bank Plc, has announced its discontinuation of the proposed acquisition of Sidian Bank, a Kenyan financial institution over failure to fulfill some requisite conditions that will lead to the full consummation.

The discontinuation ends Access Bank's binding agreement with Centum to acquire the entire 83.4 percent shareholding held by the investment company in Sidian Bank Ltd.

According to a statement issued by the Bank's parent company Access Corporation to the

Nigerian Exchange Ltd, "The completion of the proposed transaction was subject to fulfillment or waiver of certain conditions before the Long Stop date as defined in the transaction agreement.

"Although regulators have all been supportive in engagements around the transaction, certain conditions precedent including those required of Sidian Bank which was needed to prudently complete the transaction have not been met and the parties were unable to reach an agreement on the variation of these conditions in a manner to deliver the desired outcome for the parties."



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**1st February 2023**

**10:00 a.m Prompt**



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## HEALTH

## What to know about male infertility

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

**J**ohn Osagie, 40, was married for five years without children before he sought treatment at a hospital. Before then, only his wife had been visiting the hospital. Osagie was diagnosed of a form of male infertility and now has two sons following successful treatment.

A health advocate, Abdullahi Mahmud Udojie, said infertility affects both males and females and that it is nearly equally distributed between them.

He said infertility results in many broken homes, increased financial burden, and psychological disorders among others when not addressed.

Udojie described male infertility as the inability of any adult male to impregnate a fertile woman after one year of regular unprotected sexual intercourse, and that results from an underlying problem from the male counterpart.

According to him, male infertility majorly results from disorder of the male reproductive system, noting that one out of three men have been reported to have a problem with the male reproductive system.

He said the reproductive system in males is a potential cause of infertility, as it is responsible for the production, maintenance and transport of sperm and semen into the female reproductive tract.

"This system comprises the penis, scrotum, testicles and other internal organs like the vas deferens, prostate and urethra.

"It also produces and secretes the male sex hormones such as follicle-stimulating hormones (FSH), luteinizing hormones (LH) and testosterone which are responsible for production, maturation and maintenance (quality and quantity) of sperm."

He added that any disorder of



this system has the potential of causing infertility in males.

He said there are several causes of male infertility ranging from medical problems to lifestyle (drug abuse and misuse, infections due to multiple sexual partners etc) and environmental or occupational hazards while in some cases the cause is unknown.

Udojie explained that medical causes are problems that affect the reproductive system either resulting from the hormonal systems regulating reproductive functions, or abnormalities of the reproductive system

or other health problems capable of directly or indirectly interfering with sexual activity.

He said, "Examples of medical causes of infertility are enlarged veins (varicocele), erectile dysfunction, hormonal imbalance, chromosomal defects, certain medications and other health problems."

According to him, erectile dysfunction which involves any problem keeping or maintaining erection sufficient for sex can lead to low sperm count and consequently infertility.

"Diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and hormonal disorders can cause

erectile dysfunction, among other causes such as stress, side-effect of drugs, surgery, anxiety, low self-esteem etc.

He added that lifestyle habits such as smoking, excessive alcohol intake, drug abuse and misuse, inadequate exercise, inadequate dietary intake of food rich in antioxidant properties (oranges, beans, sunflower seeds, broccoli, fish) etc can impact negatively on sperm production, quality and quantity leading to infertility.

**Diagnosis**

He said diagnosis includes history taking, general physical examination, and laboratory

investigation among others.

"These diagnostic procedures are capable of revealing the cause of infertility and help in initiating appropriate treatment," he added.

He said laboratory analysis includes semen analysis, tests for sexually transmitted and urinary tract infections among others.

"While semen analysis is carried out to check for sperm count, volume, morphology, motility to ascertain quality and quantity and may warrant further investigations, sexually transmitted and urinary tract infections can affect quality of sperm," the health advocate said.

**Treatment**

Udojie, who is also a biochemist, said the treatment of male infertility requires understanding the underlying cause such as emotional problems, medications, lifestyle, bacterial infection, and treating them.

He said, "Medications suspected to cause infertility should be stopped or replaced with another drug of similar benefit. Infections either bacterial or viral must be treated.

"Lifestyle modification such as regular exercise to reduce obesity, stress reduction, cessation of smoking, reduced alcohol intake should be adopted as these are known to boost sperm production and quality. Surgery may be needed to correct any structural abnormality."

He advised those experiencing infertility to seek help from medically experienced healthcare providers as it is a crux for safe and successful treatment.

"Every man planning conception with his partner should engage with fertility planning, including a sperm analysis and culture, in order to avoid delays and frustrations later in marriage," he said.

## NGF tasks state health MDAs on leadership for Universal Health Coverage, SDGs

By Ojoma Akor

The Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) says effective leadership of the health Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) at the sub-national level is a necessary ingredient for the attainment of Universal Health Coverage, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

The Director General, NGF Secretariat, Asishana Okauru, stated this yesterday in Abuja, during the top team effectiveness retreat for leadership of health MDAs at subnational level

organised by the NGF in collaboration with the Nigeria Health Commissioners' Forum (NHCF).

Okauru lauded the leadership of the commissioners of health for its proactiveness and commitment towards building a stronger health system, and increasing visibility and participation at the federal level.

He said, "This is important towards ensuring that lessons from the states are reflected in the design and conceptualization of national policies and programmes."

He said the retreat was a landmark event as it was the first time, that the leadership of health MDAs at the subnational level from all the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), comprising the commissioners of health, the executive secretaries/CEOs of the state social health insurance agencies, state Primary Health Care boards and state drug agencies, came together under one roof to review the structural, political, interpersonal and contextual barriers and challenges affecting the effectiveness of the state

health leadership teams, and to collectively chart a course towards addressing them.

The chairman, Nigeria Health Commissioners' Forum (NHCF) and Ekiti State Commissioner for Health and Human Services, Dr Filani Oyeboji, said if the leadership of the various agencies at subnational levels align, it will percolate downwards to the directorates, and programme officers among others, and in turn ensure high impact services for the populace.

The Commissioner of

Health and Human Services, Borno State, Prof Mohammed Arab Alhaji, said focusing on collaboration and integration of all health services as well as working as a team would address challenges and ensure a better health sector at the subnational levels.

The Executive Secretary, Kano State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency, said communication gaps and overlapping of the roles between MDAs and the ministries of health were common challenges across the states.

# Swab test revolution: New method reduces time to diagnose endometriosis

**A** new swab test is set to offer hope for women suffering from a painful, chronic condition that can cause infertility.

Endometriosis develops when endometrial-like cells similar to

those lining the inside of the uterus (endometrium) begin growing in other areas or organs of the body.

But the revolutionary swab test takes just four weeks to produce a result – enabling treatment to be given early and reduce the chances

of infertility.

Endometriosis causes severe discomfort in the ovaries and other parts of the body and until now has taken, on average, eight years to be diagnosed in the UK.

It causes cells similar to the

lining of the womb to grow in other parts of the body, often causing severe pain.

The swab test will be available privately in the UK this month at about £1,000. But there are hopes that it will be rolled out in the

NHS.

Jo Sinclair, of patient support organisation Fertility First, said: “It’s a very small investment for the NHS relative to the years of misery many women suffer.”

- Mail Online

# Lassa fever: Nasarawa to implement upward review of doctors’ hazard allowance

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

The Nasarawa State government says it has concluded arrangements to commence an upward review of hazard allowance for doctors in the state.

Daily Trust had, last week, reported that Dr Ahmed Igah-Isaiah who was working with the General Hospital, Garaku, Kokona LGA of the state died of Lassa fever as a result of hazard-related issues.

Dr Ibrahim Adamu-Alhassan, Director Public Health, Nasarawa state Ministry of Health revealed this in an interview with our correspondent in Lafia, the state capital.

He was reacting to the death of the medical doctor who

contracted the disease while attending to a pregnant woman who was bleeding and required surgery.

“Upward review of hazard allowance has been implemented only at the federal level, states are now adopting the upward review payment. The allowance has not been implemented in the state and I can tell you that with just only last week, we concluded all arrangements to implement the payment.

“All doctors have been paid hazard allowance consistently. It’s part of our salary structure because first when an issue comes you need to document it.

“You need to also estimate the cost implication and then share with the hierarchy of the pool and then it’s only the

federal government that has started, a lot of states have not.

“Nasarawa State being proactive has actually calculated the financial implications of what will cost government for the addition for the upward review, and it has been submitted to the Secretary of Nasarawa State Government (SSG), and being a people-oriented government, we have no doubt that this will happen very soon,” he said.

He said the state is a Lassa fever endemic state.

“So annually we have cases of Lassa fever like this, but unlike in the past when we can have 10, 15, 20 cases. You know we’ve been having reduction in the cases of Lassa fever. In 2021, we recorded only two cases and in 2022 only one case.

“So we are consistently



reducing the number of cases because of the consistent awareness and preventive measures we have taken and also the sensitization of healthcare providers so that they can have a high index of suspicion when a patient is taken to them,” he said.

On the measures taken by the state government, he said: “We are continuing our community awareness and sensitization on Lassa fever, especially on the preventive measures and what people need to do to be able to protect themselves from getting it.

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT  
HOLDEN AT ABUJA NIGERIA  
ON FRIDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022  
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M. O. OLAJUWON - JUDGE  
CHARGE NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/2229/2022

**BETWEEN:**  
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ----- APPLICANT  
AND  
1. SHAMSUDEEN MOHAMMED  
2. YAHAYA USMAN  
3. SAHAF PETROLEUM LIMITED } RESPONDENTS

**ORDER**  
UPON this Motion Exparte dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022 and filed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2022 coming up this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 before the Honourable Court praying for the following Orders: -

(i.) **AN INTERIM ORDER** of this Honourable Court Forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Forty Five Thousand (45,000) Liters of illegally refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) contained in a Tanker with Registration Number ABS 385 XA Intercepted and arrested at Tollgate, Kaduna, Kaduna State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police on Special Task Force on Petroleum and

Illegal Bunkering reasonably suspected to form part of the Respondents illegal activity.

(ii) **AN ORDER** of this Honourable Court directing the Applicant to notify the Respondents or any interesting party in whose possession the properties sought to be forfeited are found to appear before this Honourable Court and show cause within 14 days of the interim order why the property should not be finally forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

(iii) **AN ORDER** of this Honourable Court directing the publication in any National Newspaper of the interim order under reliefs 1 above for the respondents or anyone who is interested in the property sought to be forfeited to appear before this Honourable Court to show cause within 14 days of the interim order, why the final order of forfeiture of the property mentioned in reliefs 1 herein should not be made in favour of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

(iv) **AND** for such Orders or further Orders as

this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances of this case.

**UPON READING** the Affidavit in support of the Motion Exparte deposed to by Inspector Dorathy Aganu, Female, Christian, Nigeria Citizen and Investigating Officer attached to the Inspector General of Police Special task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering, Dei - Dei, Abuja also the written address and Exhibits attached filed at this Court's Registry.

**AND AFTER HEARING** T. A. Mohammed Esq of counsel for the Applicant move in terms of the motion paper.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT AN INTERIM ORDER** of this Honourable Court is hereby made Forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Forty Five Thousand (45,000) Liters of Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) said to be illegally refined and Adulterated and contained in a Tanker with Registration Number ABS 385 XA, Intercepted and arrested at Tollgate, Kaduna, Kaduna State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police on

Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering reasonably suspected to form part of the Respondents illegal activity.

2. **THAT Applicant** is hereby directed to notify the Respondents or anyone who may be interested in the AGO to appear before this Honourable Court to show cause within 14 days of such notification why the AGO should not be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

3. **THAT THE APPLICANT** is to publish this Order in (2) Newspapers, one National Newspaper and one Local Newspaper that circulates within Kaduna.

4. **THAT the Matter** is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 for Report.

**ISSUED** at Abuja under the seal of the Court and the Hand of the Presiding Judge **HON. JUSTICE M. O. OLAJUWON** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

HON. JUSTICE M. O. OLAJUWON  
JUDGE

DEBORAH SAMUEL ABIDAN  
Registrar

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Royal Exchange Plc will be held at Darlington Hall, Plot CDE Industrial Crescent Off Town Planning Way, Ilupeju, Lagos, on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**1. To Consider and Pass the Following Resolutions as an Ordinary Resolutions**

- a) That subject to obtaining the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities, the Directors of the Company (the "Directors") be and are hereby authorized to raise equity capital of N2,161,055,431 (Two Billion, One Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Fifty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-One Naira Only) by way of issuing to existing shareholders 3,087,222,044 ordinary shares of 50kobo each on the basis of three (3) new ordinary shares for every five (5) ordinary shares held in the Company (Rights Issue), on such other terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit to determine.
- b) That the shareholders hereby authorize the directors to fix the price to which the Rights Issue will be offered to existing shareholders.
- c) That in the event of an under-subscription of any Rights Issue undertaken by the Company, the Shareholders hereby waive their pre-emptive rights to any unsubscribed shares under the Rights Issue and the Directors are hereby authorized to issue such shares to interested investors, as far as practicable, on the same terms as the Rights Issue.
- d) That the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to do all acts and things and to approve, sign and/or execute all documents, appoint such professional parties and advisers, perform all such other acts and do all such other things as may be necessary to give effect to the above resolutions, including without limitation, complying with the directives of any regulatory authority"
- e) That pursuant to Section 124 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020 (CAMA), and Regulations 13 of the Companies Regulation 2021, as it relates to unissued shares, that the remaining unissued shares after the Rights Issue or private placement be and are hereby cancelled.
- f) That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to enter into and execute any agreements, deeds, notices or any other documents and to perform all acts and to do all such things necessary for or incidental to giving effect to the resolution 1(a-e) above including without limitation, appointing such professional bodies, consultant and advisers to comply with the directive of the regulatory authorities.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**MAZARS OJIKE & PARTNERS**  
COMPANY SECRETARY  
FRC/2021/002/00000022920  
New Africa House  
31, Marina, Lagos.  
January 13, 2023

**NOTES**

- Proxy

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting can appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Shareholders that may not be able to attend the meeting are therefore advised to kindly appoint proxies to represent them at the meeting.

A proxy form is enclosed in the notice. For the instrument of the proxy to be valid, it must be completed, duly stamped for the purposes of this meeting, the Company has made arrangements at its cost for the stamping of the duly completed proxy forms which must be deposited at the office of the Registrar, Cardinal Stone Registrars Limited, 358, Herbert Macaulay Street, Yaba, Lagos, or by email to [registrars@cardinalstone.com](mailto:registrars@cardinalstone.com) not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

**Closure of Register**

The register of members will be closed from January 27 2023 to February 03 2023 (both dates inclusive) to enable the Registrar update the register of members.

**Shareholders' Rights to Ask Questions**

Shareholders have the rights to ask questions not only at the Extraordinary General Meeting but before the date of the meeting. Such questions should be sent to the Company Secretary on or before February 2nd 2023.

**Live Streaming of the AGM**

The AGM will be streamed live. This will enable shareholders and other stakeholders who will not be attending physically to follow the proceedings. The link for the AGM livestream would be made available on the Company's website at [www.royalexchangeplc.com](http://www.royalexchangeplc.com)

**Proxy Form**

The **Extra Ordinary Meeting** of Royal Exchange Plc will be held at Darlington Hall, Plot CDE Industrial Crescent Off Town Planning Way, Ilupeju,, Lagos, **on Thursday, February 09 2023 at 10.00 o'clock** in the forenoon.

I/we.....being a member/members of Royal Exchange Plc hereby appoint..... or failing him, the Chairman of the meeting as my/our proxy to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held **on Thursday, February 09, 2023** and at every adjournment thereof.

Dated this **13<sup>th</sup>** day of **January 2023**

Nos.	RESOLUTION FOR AGAINST	FOR	AGAINST
1.	To raise rights issue of N2,161,055,431		
2.	To authorize directors to fix the price to which the Rights Issue will be offered to existing shareholders		
3.	To authorize that in any event of under subscription, that the directors hereby raise the equity through private placement		
4.	To authorize that the remaining unissued shares after the Rights Issue or private placement be and are hereby cancelled		
5.	That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements towards the implementation of the above resolutions.		

**NOTES:**

- 1. Please indicate with an 'X' in the appropriate squares how you wish your votes to be cast on the resolution set out above.
- 2. A member (shareholder) who is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting is allowed to vote by proxy. The above proxy form has been prepared to enable you to exercise your right to vote in case you cannot personally attend the meeting. Members wishing to vote by proxy should please ensure that the appropriate stamp duties due on the proxy form are paid. The proxy must produce the "Authority to Admit", attached to this form to gain entrance to the Meeting.
- 3. Provision has been made on this form for the Chairman of the meeting to act as your proxy. However, if you so wish, you may insert in the space provided on the form, the name of any person whether a member of the Company or not who will attend the Meeting and vote on your behalf.
- 4. Please sign the above proxy form and post it so as to reach The Registrars, Cardinal Stone (Registrars) Limited, 335/337 Herbert Macaulay Way, Yaba, Lagos not later than 48 hours before the appointed time for holding the meeting. If executed by a corporation, the proxy form must bear the common seal of such corporation.

**AUTHORITY TO ADMIT**

Please admit .....at the **Extra Ordinary Meeting** of Royal Exchange Plc to be held at **Darlington Hall, Plot CDE Industrial Crescent Off Town Planning Way, Ilupeju, Lagos on Thursday February 09, 2023, 10.00 o'clock** in the forenoon.

**NOTES:**

- 1. This authority to admit must be produced by the shareholder or his/her proxy in order to gain entry to the venue of the Extra Ordinary Meeting.
- 2. Shareholders or their proxies must sign this authority for admission before attending the Meeting.

**For Mazars Ojike & Partners**  
Company Secretary  
FRC/2021/002/00000022920

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of person attending**

**FOR REGISTRAR/COMPANY USE ONLY**

NAME OF SHAREHOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SHARES: \_\_\_\_\_

CAUTION: TO BE VALID THIS FORM MUST BE STAMPED ACCORDINGLY

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# 25m Nigerians risk hunger in 2023 – Report

By Faruk Shuaibu

A report says unless an urgent action is taken, 25 million Nigerians are at the risk of hunger between June and August 2023.

The report, by the Cadre

Harmonisé, a government-led and United Nations-supported food and nutrition analysis, cited continued conflict, climate change, inflation and rising food prices.

According to a joint statement yesterday by FAO-

UNICEF-OCHA, this is a projected increase from the estimated 17 million people currently at risk of food insecurity.

The statement noted that food access has been affected by persistent violence in the

northeastern states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe as well as banditry and kidnapping in Katsina, Sokoto, Kaduna, Benue and Niger States.

The statement said the National Emergency Management Agency had

reported that widespread flooding in the 2022 rainy season damaged over 676,000 hectares of farmlands, which diminished harvests and increased the risk of food insecurity for families across Nigeria.

## Buhari hails Bisi Akande at 84

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has felicitated with a former governor of Osun State and first national chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Chief Bisi Akande, on his 84th birthday.

Buhari, in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, described the celebrant as a true statesman and a man of the masses.

The president, in the message to commemorate the occasion, paid homage to the sacrifices of one of the champions of the nation's democratic struggle.

He said Akande rose from humble beginnings to occupy the party's highest constitutional position through



hard work and discipline.

He said Akande would continue "to bask in the sun as a true statesman and a symbol of sacrifice, bravery and moral integrity."

Buhari wished him many more years of service to the party and the nation.

## 'Defence Chief comment on democracy, big relief for Nigerians'

By Idowu Isamotu

The Alliance for Protection of Democracy (APD) has described as a big relief for Nigerians, the dismissal by the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Lucky Irabor, of any possibility of coup.

Irabor had, at the Armed Forces Remembrance Day celebration in Abuja, said democracy has come to stay in the country.

APD Secretary, Bimbo Salau, at a press conference in Abuja yesterday, said: "The assurance coming from the topmost person in the Armed Forces of Nigeria is a big relief for those who are giving negative narratives on the outcome of the elections."

"This statement is a message to those who want to cause trouble that they'll 'land in hot soup' by daring the resolve of the CDS and military to ensure democracy is sustained in Nigeria."

## AfCFTA: Buhari harps on infrastructure, educated workforce

By Chris Agabi

President Muhammadu Buhari says for the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) to have a positive influence on long-term investment in productive capacities, African governments must develop appropriate supporting policies, build requisite infrastructure and ensure an educated work

force.

He said this in a keynote address at the opening of the 9th African Shippers' Day held in Lagos.

Buhari, represented by the Minister of State for Transportation, Ademola Adegroye, said: "We'll need to actively promote productive employment and decent work, women empowerment and food security and reduction in

inequalities."

He said the AfCFTA reform would increase Nigeria's exports to "other African sub-region, outside West Africa."

He urged African countries to expand and diversify their participation in international trade and global value chains to create wealth and promote their socio-economic development.

## Chieftaincy: I'll approve reforms by Olubadan-in-Council-Makinde

By Idowu Isamotu

Oyo State Governor Seyi Makinde says he will approve any reforms on chieftaincy issues that emanate from the Olubadan-in-Council.

Makinde, according to a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Taiwo Adisa, said this while meeting with traditional rulers in the council at the Award Hall, Akinyele Local Government Secretariat.

He also said there would be a huge transformation in

the local government area in the next five years because of the various landmark projects being executed there.

The governor said he would never work against the interest of the traditional institution.

"One thing I promised you was that I may not be right all the time, but that I'll be honest all the time with the people of Oyo State.

"The major issue you have raised today is about the beaded crown. When

the problem started then with Olubadan-in-Council, I said that I'll always be on the side of the Olubadan, even against the sitting government then.

"There are a few mix-ups and I'll explain it to you today. I greet you the Kabiyesi of Ijaiye.

You've commended us for fixing the road that leads to your environment and it is the same location we have the Pacesetter Quarry. We did it and handed it over," he told the monarchs.

## 3 persons in Nigeria wealthier than 83m Nigerians – Oxfam

By Abbas Jimoh

Oxfam in Nigeria says three of the richest Nigerian citizens are wealthier than 83 million others put together.

This is contained in a report titled 'Davos 2023 Inequality Report' unveiled at a media briefing yesterday in Abuja.

Ahead of the global conference of world leaders scheduled for next week in Davos Switzerland, Country Director, Oxfam in Nigeria, Vincent Ahonsi, presented the report.

Represented by the Deputy Programmes Director and Budget Business Development Manager of the organisation, Regina Afiamo, Ahonsi presented the report alongside Executive Director,

Connected Development, Hamza Lawal; Coordinator, Climate Justice Project, Oxfam in Nigeria, Kenneth Akpan and Project Coordinator, Fiscal Accountability for Inequality Reduction, Henry Ushie.

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According to the

report, while billionaire fortunes are increasing by \$2.7bn daily; at least 1.7bn workers now live in countries where inflation is outpacing wages.

The report also said a tax of up to five percent on the world's multi-millionaires and billionaires could raise \$1.7trn a year, enough to lift two billion people out of poverty.

According to the report, in Nigeria, the richest 0.003 percent Nigerians (6,355 individuals worth \$5m and above) have 1.4 times more wealth than 107m other Nigerians.

"A wealth tax of two percent on the millionaires, three percent on those with wealth above \$50m and five percent on the Nigerian billionaires would raise \$3.2bn annually. This would be enough to double health spending."

### ATM INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED

#### – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE CORPORATE NAME

This is to inform the public that **ATM Insurance Brokers Limited** (the "Company"), licensed by the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM), in line with its branding and strategic objectives, intends to change its corporate name to **Dot Insurance Brokers Limited**.

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Management

# Stella Okotete: The exploits of an Export Finance Amazon

When President Muhammadu Buhari appointed Stella Erhuvwu Okotete as the Executive Director, Business Development, Nigeria Export-Import (NEXIM) Bank, on April 10, 2017, many Nigerians applauded it and commended the president for appointing a vibrant, intelligent and meticulous young lady into that office.

In fact, the appointment was viewed by many as shrewd and astute with expectations high that she would fit seamlessly into her new position as a square peg in a square hole.

Her reappointment five years later alongside the entire executive management of the bank in line with the provisions of section 11(4) of the NEXIM Bank Act, in recognition of their achievements in the first tenure, therefore did not come as a surprise.

"As the expiration of the first term drew near, it became necessary to appraise their performance since assumption of duties across the core mandate areas of the bank. The outcome of the appraisal revealed that the current management team with the support of the board has performed as well as exemplified by key achievements," a statement signed by Yunusa Tanko Abdullahi, Special Adviser on Media & Communications to the Minister of Finance, Budget & National Planning, read.

The statement added: "Evidently, the operating profit, previously in the negative (N8.030billion) at the inception of the current management, has increased to N3.825 billion in 2021, and there is an improvement in returns on capital earnings from -15.31 in 2016 to 2.72 in 2021.

"During her first term as executive director, the bank recorded huge reduction in non-performing loans from 94% in 2017 to 29% as at December 2021, and there is an increase in the total assets of the bank by approximately N136.132 billion or about 222% from inception of the current management in 2017 to 31st, 2021. The bank also attracted additional funding totaling N103.755 billion.

"The NEXIM has also made high growth in recoveries from N40.780 million in 2016, preceding the current management to an annual average recovery of N1.243billion between 2017 and 2020 and a total collection of N11.903 billion for the five-year period.



■ Okotete

"The bank has made the disbursement of a total sum of N144 billion in loans to export-oriented entities in the non-oil sector while accounting for approximately US\$375 million as export proceeds within the period under review."

Okotete undoubtedly possesses the required experience and all that it takes to head any export agency in the world having served as Executive Director of NEXIM Bank for five years

A public administrator and business development specialist, Okotete's antecedents in demonstrating a high-level proficiency in enhancing organisational growth in the various capacities she has served in public offices are phenomenal.

As a member of the Ughelli North Legislative Arm from 2008 to 2011, where she served as Chairman, House Committee on Education, Okotete directed all functions and activities associated with the state government Free Education Programme in Agbarho, Ughelli, Orogun, Ogor, Agbarha, Ewreni, Uwheru all in the council area.

She organised and managed programmes on girl child education in the local government area and sponsored the by-law on "War against Loitering and Hawking during School Hours." She also spearheaded the advocacy team

on Adult Education.

She later functioned as Chairman, House Committee on Health and co-sponsored the by-law to abolish and declare illegal female circumcision in Ughelli North.

The vibrancy she brought to bear in the council's legislative arm did not escape the notice of the then governor of the state, Dr Emmanuel Uduaghan, who appointed her as his Special Assistant /Adviser, Directorate of Millennium Development Goals, a position she held from November 2011 to May 2015.

In that capacity, she established and executed programmes with agencies groups on MDGs such as public awareness/advocacy programmes on MDGs in Delta State, leveraged stakeholders' influence and networks to advocate for policies related to MDG/NAPEP and improved services for IDPs.

Also noteworthy was her supervision of the Implementation of State and Local Government CCT programmes and the "Back to School" project to achieve the goal of MDGs. She developed community investment, sponsorship and operation guidelines on SDGs and managed social performance and annual reports on achievements, problems and targets.

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and local government projects in Delta State.

In her present capacity as Executive Director- Business Development, NEXIM, where she has been aptly described by discerning Nigerians as a square peg in a square hole, Okotete has continued to provide operational leadership for the bank, managing relationships with various businesses to grow the nation's non-oil export basket.

She has been involved in the conceptualisation and development of new banking products and services cum improving existing ones; planning and overseeing new marketing initiatives and drives; pitching products and services, ensuring timelines for deliverables for core banking operations are met.

Okotete also initiated the Women and Youth Export Development facility, currently providing low-interest loans for women and young people in the entire export value chain and reorganised the business directorate to act professionally in line with the president's anti-corruption crusade. She is also on the board of Africa Biofuel and Renewable Energy Commission, Lome, Togo

Born on April 20, 1984, Okotete who hails from Ekerhwen-Agbarho community, Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State, attended the Federal Government Girls College Benin- City, Edo State, where she obtained her Senior Secondary School Certificate in 2000. She thereafter proceeded to the Rivers State College of Art and Science, Rumuola, Port Harcourt, and got a Diploma in Law in 2002.

In her quest to further her education, Okotete attended the Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, where she bagged a Bachelor of Arts, International Studies and Diplomacy, in 2006, and Certificate, Emerging Leaders - Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Boston,

USA, 2012.

Okotete has a masters degree in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at National Open University of Nigeria and presently, she is pursuing a masters degree in Public Administration.

Other qualifications include; Certificate, Entrepreneurial Management- (Enterprise Development Centre), Pan Africa University 2017; Certificate, Risk Management in Banking Programme, INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France 2019; Certificate, New Models of Business in Society, University of Virginia, USA 2020 and AML/CFT, Compliance and Corporate Governance - CBN International Training Institute 2021, Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership Programme - Sa'id Business School, University of Oxford, London and Leading Strategic Growth and Change - Columbia Business School, New York, USA,

Okotete's professional membership includes MDGS Ambassadors of Peace West Africa 2015; Africa Humanitarian initiative 2016; Fellow, Institute of Corporate Administration (FICAD) 2017; Fellow, Institute of Management Consultant (IMC) 2017; Fellow, Institute of Chartered Economist of Nigeria (ICEN) 2018; Honorary Senior Member (HCIB) Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) 2018, Member, Institute of Directors (IoD) Nigeria, 2020 and Professional Fellow Doctorate - (ICEN) 2022.

She has been actively involved in volunteer works such as Volunteer Coordinator Starlight Initiative 2009, Project Feed 10,000; Volunteer Coordinator Delta State Flood IDP 2012; Volunteer Aid Assistance Abuja IDP camp 2015 and Volunteer Aid Assistance Maiduguri IDP camp 2015.

She has also served as Member, Women Rep. APC Caretaker and Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee and APC National Presidential Convention Committee 2018; Member, APC National Convention 2018; Member, APC 2019 Women and Youth Presidential Campaign Team; Member, APC 2019 Presidential Campaign Council, Women mobilisation among others.

Stella Okotete is currently serving in the Tinubu-Shettima APC Presidential Campaign Council as Secretary of Election Planning and Monitoring Committee.



**COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS NIGERIA (CVSN)**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY ADMISSIONS INTO PROFESSIONAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR 2022/2023**

- 1. APPLICATION**  
Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified Veterinary Surgeons for admission into the Professional Postgraduate Programmes leading to the award of Fellowship of the College of Veterinary Surgeons Nigeria.
- 2. AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**
  - Surgery**
    - Large Animal Surgery
    - Small Animal Surgery
    - Theriogenology
    - Diagnostic Imaging
    - Anaesthesiology
  - Pathology**
    - Veterinary Diagnostic Pathology
    - Veterinary Clinical Pathology
    - Veterinary Microbiology
    - Veterinary Parasitology
  - Medicine**
    - Large Animal Medicine
    - Small Animal Medicine
    - Avian Medicine
    - Aquatic Medicine
    - Zoo, Wildlife and Laboratory Animal Medicine
    - Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology
  - Public Health and Preventive Medicine**
    - Veterinary Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology
    - Veterinary Public Health
- 3. STUDY CENTRES**
  - University of Nigeria, Nsukka for Surgery Faculty (Small Animal Surgery & Theriogenology), Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty, Pathology Faculty and Medicine Faculty
  - Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for Surgery Faculty, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty, Pathology Faculty and Medicine Faculty
  - University of Ibadan, Ibadan for Surgery Faculty, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty, Pathology Faculty and Medicine Faculty
  - NVRI Vom Study Centre for Pathology Faculty (Microbiology) and Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty
- 4. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
  - A. Qualifications for Membership (MCVSN)**
    - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent qualification recognized by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN).
    - A minimum of three calendar years of post-DVM professional experience.
    - Up to date and continuous registration with VCN over the mandatory post-DVM period with current annual practice license 2023.
    - Curriculum Vitae of candidate and Credentials.
  - B. Qualifications for Fellowship (FCVSN) Programme**  
Applicants who have relevant additional qualification (MCVSN, MSc, or PhD) may apply for the Fellowship programme.
- 5. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**
  - NYSC Certificate or evidence of exemption.
  - Additional academic and professional qualifications in relevant areas shall be an added advantage.
  - Candidates must present their transcripts of academic records adjudged suitable for admission with comparable postgraduate programmes.
  - Three Referees of which two must be Fellows of the College.
- 6. DURATION OF TRAINING**  
The duration of training is three years (Membership), three years (Fellowship) including a compulsory residency period of six months annually.
- 7. APPLICATION FORMS**  
Application forms are available on payment of a non-refundable fees of N25,000 only.  
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- 8. APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING:**
  - Federal and State Directors of Veterinary Services
  - Deans of Faculties/Colleges of Veterinary Medicine
  - College Office, Plot, 434 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja.
  - Veterinary Council Building, NVRI, Vom, Plateau State.
  - VCN Zonal Offices (Ibadan, Enugu, Port Harcourt, Gombe, Kaduna)
  - College Building ABU, Zaria.
- 9. CLOSING DATE**  
The closing date for the submission of applications is Tuesday January 31, 2023. Submissions should be made at the following office:  
  
The College Secretary, College of Veterinary Surgeons, Nigeria, Veterinary Council of Nigeria, (VCN) Plot 434, Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja.

Signed  
**Dr. Nurallah M. Abubakar**  
Acting Registrar, Veterinary Council of Nigeria.

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- MRS. ENE = I,** formally known as MISS. ENE BLESSING OCHEJENO. now wish to be known as MRS. ENE OCHEJENO DANIELS. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.
- AMINA:** I formerly known as AMINA ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA HUSSAINI, All former document remain valid. With correct DOB. 20/12/1998 NOT 01/01/1996, General public should please take note
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- MRS DIKE = I,** formally known as MISS. NWACHUKWU CHIMDINMA JENNIFER now wish to be known as MRS DIKE CHIMDINMA JENNIFER. All former documents remain valid. General public take note
- AHMAD:** I formerly known as AHMAD ISMAIL, now wish to be known and addressed as AHMAD RUFAI ISMAIL, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note
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- HAJJA:** I formerly known as HAJIYA SANI ADAMU, now wish to be known and addressed as HAJJA SANI ADAMU, All former document remain valid. With my BVN name. attach. General public should please take note
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- ZAINABU:** I formerly known as ZAINAB AUDU, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINABU AUDU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
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- I, MAHMUD ALHAJI WAKILI** do solemnly declare that: the names MAHMUD ALHAJI WALILI and MODU ALHAJI WALILI are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called MAHMUD ALHAJI WAKILI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.
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- I, KHADIJA USMAN YARORO** do solemnly declare that: the names KHADIJA USMAN YARORO and KHADIJA USMAN are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called KHADIJA USMAN YARORO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.
- \*IHUNWO\*** I, formerly known as \*ODIKE GOLD\*. Now wish to be known called and addressed as IHUNWO GOLD ODIKE\*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.
- I, Formerly known And Addressed** As Miss OSUJI CHINWEND FLORENCE, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As Mrs ATUMONYE CHINWEND FLORENCE. All Former Documents Remain Valid. General public Please Take Note.
- CORRECTION OF NAME:** I formally known as ABATCHA KALLI, now wish to be known and Addressed as ABATCHA KHALLI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
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- I, formerly known as SADIQ** IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM SADIQ. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
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- I, formerly known as BASHAR** DAHIRU TAMBUNAL now wish to be known and addressed as BASHAR DAHIRU. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- FAITH:** I formally known as FAITH OJKPE MMESOMA, now wish to be known and Addressed as FAITH OKOLI MMESOMA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.
- QUEEN:** I, was formerly known called and addressed as MISS. QUEEN OGECHI EDE, now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. QUEEN EZENWEUGBE OSUNGWOR. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.
- I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD** BUHARI ABUBAKAR DANFULOTI now wish to be known and addressed as BUHARI ABUBAKAR DANFULOTI. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- AYUBA** I formally known as AYUBA DANIEL now wish to be known and addressed as AYUBA DANIEL YAKDA All former document remain valid General public should please take note
- Reconciliation of Name: UBE:** That JOHN MOSES UBE and MOSES UBE belong to one and the same person. All documents bearing both names remain valid. The general public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as SALIHU** ABDULRAHMAN MUHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as ISMAIL MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- USMAN** I formally known as USMAN HASSAN SHARA now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN HASSAN All former document remain valid General public should please take note
- OKON:** I, formerly known as GRACE OKON, now wish to be known, called and addressed as GRACE OKON UMOH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD** HASSAN ABBAS TILA now wish to be known and addressed as ABBAS DANTILA. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- TAFISU:** I formerly known as AISHA ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as TAFISU TUKWA ALI, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note
- MRS OGUNDIPE:** I, formerly known as MISS ADETUNJI ADESHOLA MOTUNRAYO, now wants to be known and addressed as MRS OGUNDIPE ADESHOLA MOTUNRAYO. All documents bearing former name remain valid. General public take note.
- I, formerly known as BELLO** IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as BELLO IBRAHIM KAMBA. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- I** formerly known as MADINA MANIRU now wish to be known and addressed as MADINA SAMAILA. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- FATIMA:** I formerly known as FATIMA ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA ABUBAKAR. All former document remain valid. With correct DOB. 01/01/1976 NOT 01/01/1977. Keystone Bank plc, and General public should please take note
- I, formerly known and addressed** as GOODNEWS BELIEVE, now wish to be called and addressed as BELIEVE GOODNEWS. All document bearing former names remain valid. General public please take note
- I, formerly known as MARYAM** HASSAN now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM HASSAN ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.
- EZE:** I formally know NNENNA EZE, now wish to be known and addressed as NNENNA NANCY EZE. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.
- CONFIRMATION OF NAME = I, ARCHIBONG,** UDEME UDOKH wish to state that my correct name is ARCHIBONG, UDEME UDOKH as in my Age Declaration, NIN and most of my documents. That my Surname is ARCHIBONG, First Name is UDEME, Middle Name is UDOKH. That I am also ARCHIBONG UDEME as in my Leadway Pension Insurance, that both names refers to one and same person. All former documents remain valid. General public take note
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<p>BLESSING: I, formerly known as AGBOKHANA BLESSING EBUNOLUWA, now wish to be known and addressed as JACKSON BLESSING EBUNOLUWA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>DORIS: I formerly known as DORIS ISOKEN IBHANESEBOR, now wish to be known and addressed as DORIS ISOKEN ENOBAKHARE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I, formerly known as Al-Ameen Bappah Now wish to be known and addressed as Al-Ameen Babayo Bappah All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.</p>	<p>HARUNA: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS KASIM RAFAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS HARUNA RAFAT KASIM. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>
<p>CHISOM: I, formerly known as EZEANI OMENYI EMMANUELLA CHISOM, now wish to be known and addressed as ACHU EMMANUELLA CHISOM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>FOLASADE: I formerly known as MISS TITILOPE FOLASADE ISEYEMI, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. TITILOPE FOLASADE OJUOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>TORYILA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS TSOR JUDITH APEIDOO NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS TORYILA JUDITH APEIDOO. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD BELLO, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM BELLO AND MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 5-03-1995 NOT 2-2-1993, all former documents remain valid, general public to take note.</p>
<p>HARUNA: I, formerly known as KHADIJAH HARUNA, now wish to be known and addressed as KHADIJAH MOTUNRAYO HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>MARY: I formerly known and addressed as MARY JAMES but now wish to be known and addressed as MARY ABIODUN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note please.</p>	<p>ABIOLA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS AMEDU JUMMI ABIOLA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ABIOLA JUMMI IRENE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>MOMOH: I formerly known and addressed as. ABDULRAHAMAN YUSUF. Now wish to be known and addressed as MOMOH ABUDUKELILLU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>
<p>MODESTA: I, formerly known as UMEJIURU MODESTA CHIAMAKA, now wish to be known and addressed as IHESHILORU MODESTA CHIAMAKA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known as CHIDERA CONSTANCE DURUJI now wish to be known and addressed as CHIDERA CONSTANCE DURUJI-ABRUKWE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.</p>	<p>ABIODUN: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS YUSUF LEKAN JAMIU NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ABIODUN YUSUF AMUDA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>MINIRU: I formerly known and addressed as. AYEMERI RICHARD. Now wish to be known and addressed as BRAIMAH MINIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>
<p>I formerly known and addresses as SULEIMAN SUWAIBA ITAKURE now wish to be known and addresses as SULEIMAN SUWAIBA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.</p>	<p>GLADYS: I, formerly known as AGBIM GLADYS, now wish to be known and addressed as ONI CHIDINMA GLADYS. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>TERSEER: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS UMEH IVEREN BLESSING NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS TERSEER IVEREN BLESSING. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>SEKINAT: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS KADIRI SEKINAT ABU. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ABUDU SEKINAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>
<p>I, formerly known and called as UMORU SALAMAT ONYIHOINOY. Now wish to be known and called as UMAR SALAMETU ONYIHOINOY. DOB: 1/1/1960 not 9/9/1954. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public should please take note.</p>	<p>My Correct name is DONO MARKUS not DONO MARCUS as indicated on my BVN. I now wish to correct my name from DONO MARCUS to DONO MARKUS. All my former documents remain valid, the general public and all Authority concern should take note please</p>	<p>GBANGER: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS VANGE SOLOMON GBANGER NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS GBANGER SOLOMON. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES SHOULD CONCERNED PLEASE TAKE.</p>	<p>MOMOH: I formerly known and addressed as. IKHARO ASIMAWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as MOMOH ASIMAWU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>
<p>ODEH: I, formerly known and addressed as MARIA GABRIEL, now wish to be known and addressed as ODEH MARIA NUMUSU. All documents bearing MARIA GABRIEL remain the same and valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.</p>	<p>CORRECTION OF NAME: This is to inform the general public that, my name was wrongly captured as ABUBAKAR MARYAM PATE and AHMAD MARYAM PATE, now wish to be known and addressed as AHMED MARYAM PATE. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned to take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as UMARU ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known and addressed as UMARU ABDULLAHI DANBULA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p>	<p>ZUBERU: I formerly known and addressed as. SMILA ZUBERU. Now wish to be known and addressed as SUMAILA ZUBERU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>
<p>HAULAT: I formerly known as HAULAT ABUBAKAR ISMAIL, now wish to be known and addressed as HAULAT ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>Formerly called SHEMAU BASHIR ZAKARI YAU, now wish to be called ALIYU SHEMAU MUHAMMED. I was born on 25TH -05-1978 and not 25TH -03-1977. All documents remained valid. General public to take note please.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as RUKAIYA DANBAPPAH now wish to be known and addressed as RUKAIYA ADAMU All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.</p>	<p>FURAIRA : I formerly known as FURERA IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as FURAIRA IBRAHIM DOB 5-6-1997 not 8-10-1997 All former documents remain valid</p>
<p>JOY: I formerly known as UKUANOVWE WILLIAMS JOY, now wish to be known and addressed as OLALEKAN AKANDE JOY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHIOMA VERA ANIEKWENA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS CHIOMA VERA OBAH. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. ALL EMBASSIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as ABDULWAHAB ABDULWAHAB MOHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULWAHAB MOHAMMAD D.O.B5/8/1988 NOT 10/NOV/1985. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.</p>	<p>RAHAB : I formerly known as RAHAB PINDAR NDAHI now wish to be known and addressed as RAHAB BLESSED BITRUS All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p>
<p>MERCY: I formerly known as TSEKAA MERCY MNGU, now wish to be known and addressed as TSEKAA MERCY MNGU KYURAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>MODIFICATION OF NAME: I formerly known as JUSTINA PETER, now wish to be known as JUSTINA OLEKWU AJAKA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as MARKUS AKAU HENA now wish to be known and addressed as MARKUS AKAU All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.</p>	<p>LYDIA : I formerly known as LYDIA HASSAN BURGA now wish to be known and addressed as LYDIA PAUL BULUS All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p>
<p>I formerly known and called MOHAMMED SANUSI ABUBAKAR now wish to be name and call SANUSI ALIYU and my corrected date of birth is 26/04/1978 not 25/08/1988 as it captured on my BVN, all my former documents remain valid authority and general public should take note please.</p>	<p>I formerly known as MISS ADAM KHADIJA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ADAM KHADIJA. All former documents to remain valid. NYSC, Authority concern and general public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as ISA AHAMAN now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.</p>	<p>MADONNA : I formerly known as HABIBA SOLOMON now wish to be known and addressed as MADONNA TAU LASOBOK All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p>
<p>MERCY: I formerly known as JOHNSON MERCY OLUWAFUNMILAYO, now wish to be known and addressed as AYANLEYE MERCY OLUWAFUNMILAYO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known as MISS EDET MARYAM ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. EDET MARYAM ABUBAKAR. All former documents to remain valid. NYSC, Authority concern and general public should please take note.</p>	<p>I am formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM U. ILIYASU and IBRAHIM ILIYASU. That I now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ILIYASU UMAR as it appeared on my National Identity card. That I want the management of Access Bank and to whom it may concern to please take note.</p>	<p>ASHER : I formerly known as ASHER SALEH now wish to be known and addressed as ASHER SALE DOB 2-6-1972 not 8-11-1972 All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p>
<p>I formerly known as SADIO AUDU, now wish to be known and addressed as SADIO SUNDAY AUDU and my date of birth is 27/03/2001 not 27/03/1994. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I, formerly known as YAYA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as SANI DAKALA MUHAMMAD with D.O.B 01-01-1977. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as MR CHIGBU EDWIN ONWUMERE now wish to be known and addressed as MR CHIGBU EDWIN. All former documents remain valid. Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, PTAD and general public to note</p>	<p>USMAN : I formerly known as USMAN AMINU SHEHU now wish to be called and address as USMAN AMINU All former document remain valid general public to please take note.</p>
<p>I formerly known as AYINLA KAOSARA FUNMILAYO, now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBOYE-AYINLA KAOSARA FUNMILAYO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and address as miss SIMON STELLA ADOBONNA, now wish to be known and address as MRS OKEKE STELLA ADOBONNA. All former documents remain valid, NYSC and the general public please take note</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as ABIMBOLA ADENIKA now wish to be known and addressed as ABIOLA ADENIKA CATHERINE. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as CHINENYE BETHEL NNAMEZIE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS CHINENYE BETHEL EMMANUEL, all former documents remain valid, general public to take note.</p>
<p>IRABOR: I formerly known as IRABOR AKHABUE JOSEPH now wish to be known as IRABOR JOSEPH ORIABURE. All former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known as KHADIJA RABIU ADAM, now wish to be known and addressed as BINTA RABIU ADAM. All former documents to remain valid. First Bank, Authority concern and general public should please take note.</p>	<p>HAPPY: I formerly known and addressed as. HAPPINESS OKOKHOA RUFUS. Now wish to be known and addressed as. AKAO HAPPY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as KHALID MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as KHALID MOHAMMAD KHALID former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.</p>
<p>I, formerly known as AISHA SALSISU, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA IBRAHIM MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p>I FORMERLY KNOWN AS RABIATU ADAMU YUSUF NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS RABIATU ADAMU MY CORRECT DOB IS 04/02/1999. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID.GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>ABUBAKAR I Formerly known and address as HAUWAWU ABUBAKAR BILYAMINU Now wish to be known and address as HAUWAWU BILYAMINU ABUBAKAR all former documents remain valid general public should take note</p>	<p>KHADIJA: I formerly known as KHADIJA USMAN RAHAMA now wish to be known and addressed as KHADIJA MUKHTAR MURTALA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public should take note</p>
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I formerly known as MISHI AFSA now wish to be addressed as AFSA SAMUEL MISHI and my date of birth is 27-02-1997 not 27-02-1991 All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MILLICENT: I Formerly DANUG MILLICENT MANNAAN, now wish to be known as DANUNG MILLICENT MANNAAN. Wrong Date of birth is 9TH, NOVEMBER 1992, INSTEAD OF 9TH NOVEMBER, 1996. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

I, formerly known as ZAINAB ABBAS now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ZAINAB YUSUF ABBAS all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as, FATIMA SHEHU now wish to be known as, FATIMA SULEIMAN All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as, RAHIMA IBRAHIM USMAN now wish to be known as RAHIMA IBRAHIM SHEHU All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

CHANGE OF NAME: I formerly known as WILSON JEMNAN BONGNAP, now wish to be known as GWAKZING JEMNAN WILSON. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as RABI ILIYAM now wish to be addressed as NYAM SYLVIA RABI all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ABUBAKAR A. SHEHU, now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR ALHAJI SHEHU, All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

ALIYU: I formerly known as ALIYU ABUBAKAR, now wish to be called and addressed as ALIYU AHMAD ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HADIZA BABA MUSTAPHA now wish to be known as, HADIZA BABA MUHAMMED All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

MARYAM, I formerly known as MARYAM A GARBA now wish to be known as, HADIZA BABA MUHAMMED All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JULIET: I formerly known as EZUGWU JULIET UKAMAKA, now wish to be known as EJIKE JULIET UKAMAKA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as OCHOCHIE ANNE THOMPSON now wish to be addressed as OCHOCHIE ANNE OCHANYA and my date of birth is 17-07-1997 not 17-07-1995 All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MUNIRAT BUSARI AHMAD now wish to be known and addressed as MRS MUNIRAT YUSHAU AHMAD all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

JENNIFER: I formerly known as JENNIFER NADAB AMLEKU, now wish to be called and addressed as JENNIFER MESHAK. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS HAFSAT MUHAMMAD SHEHU KNOWN WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS HAFSAT MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM ALL FORMER DUCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

AYSHA, I formerly known as MISS: \* AYSHA MUHAMMAD KABIR now wish to be called and addressed as MRS: \* AYSHA BILYAMINU KABIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as IBRAHIM SHAFIU now wish to be known as SULAIMAN SHAFIU HAMZA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as TANG BOT BULUS now wish to be addressed as BOT BULUS PWOL all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as HAUWAW BELLO now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAW IBRAHIM all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

GARBA: I formerly known as GARBA ADAMU, now wish to be called and addressed as GARBA ALIYU ADAMU All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as chanchas Garba now wish to be known as Haruna Garba new DOB 01 02 1982 all former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

AI SHA., I formerly known as UMAR AISHA CHANA now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR AISHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MARYAM TEMITOPE ABDULGAFFAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM TEMITOPE ABDULAZEEZ. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public should please take note

I formerly known as LAWRENCE COLLINS OLUWASHEYI now wish to be addressed as OROGUN COLLINS OLUWASEYI all former documents remain valid (NIMC) and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MUJITTAPHA ABDULMUMINI now wish to be known and addressed as NAJIB ABDULMUMINI all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD NURUDDDEEN now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD GIDADO NURUDDDEEN and my correct DOB is 07-10-2002 not 10-07-2002 all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as Okwor Doris Kelechukwu now wish to be known as Uguwagbo Doris Kelechukwu All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note

AUWAL, I formerly known as MOHAMMED BABANGIDA now wish to be called and addressed as AUWAL MUHAMMAD ADO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ROLAND OBINNA EGBIM now wish to be addressed as PAUL OBINNA ROLAND all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as OLAYINKA OWOEYE on my (NOUN) and NYSC CERTIFICATE now wish to be addressed as OWOEYE OLAYINKA SAMUEL all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as BADAMASI ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as BADAMASI SHAAIBU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as MAGAJI SALEH now wish to be known and addressed as SADA ADAMU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as LAMARAN HARUNA27/3/1986 now wish to be known as LAMARA HARUNA 27/3/1990 All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

ISHAQ, I formerly known as ISHAQ AHMAD GARKI now wish to be called and addressed as ISHAQ AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
The General Public is hereby notified of the Loss of the Original land document in favour of ALHAJI MOHAMMED UMAR NA'ANKU, 'M' of Maiduguri Borno State, in respect of Original Copy of Certificate of Occupancy Plot No. 84 at BOTP/83 File No. 80/6688 at unknown destination and all efforts he made to trace it failed. He reported at state Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) Maiduguri. With affidavit No. SCN: 119899 Dated 23rd, Dec, 2022. Got missing sometimes around 15/02/2022. All efforts made to trace the original document proved abortive. general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as NURA MOHAMMED DALHAT, NURA MAMMAN, NURA MIHAMMED DALHAT now wish to be known and addressed as NURA MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as SABIU SALISU now wish to be known and addressed as SABIU SALISU MANI all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as HAFSAT ADAM ALHASSAN now wish to be known as HATSAT ADAM ABBAS All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

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

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public that I Salisu Garba of No 26 Abubakar Mustapha Avenue Trade Fair layout I am the legitimate owner of a landed property with plot No. 47 Suleiman Sambo Road, Trade Fair Layout issued by KSDPC to Nuhu A. B. Lawal on 15th December 2009. I purchased the said property measuring 610m2 from Nuhu A. B Lawal and 3 Sublease documents were given to me as the new owner. After the transaction, 1no. Counterpart copy got missing along Abubakar Mustapha Avenue Kaduna on 15th April, 2016. All efforts to trace the document proved abortive. The general public and Bureau for Lands, Surveys and Planning, KADGIS, and KASUPDA should take note.

I formerly known as MAKIYYAH RABIU NABATURE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS MAKIYYAH RABIU JAMILU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as NAJAATU BALA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NAJAATU BALA KAURA all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as AISHATU ABUBAKAR JIBRI now wish to be known as AISHATU ABUBAKAR BILLE All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

AUWAL, I formerly known as AUWAL USMAN IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as AUWAL IBRAHIM USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**ISMAIL IBRAHIM JUMU'AT MASJID (MOSQUE)**  
This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under part 'F' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020.  
**MEMBERS OF TRUSTEES**  
1. Idris Muhammad Aminu ..... Chairman  
2. Muhammad Nuhu ..... V. Chairman  
3. Idris Khalid Sarki  
4. Tanko Suleyman Musa  
5. Musa Muhammad  
**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
A. The Masjid or Mosque has been exclusively established for the worship (in its all comprehensive sense) of Allah, The Almighty. In order to achieve this, the Masjid shall provide the Muslims of Nasarawa, Chikun LGA of Kaduna State with organization and facilities for conducting, and establishing the daily five obligatory prayers in congregation, Friday prayer (Salatul Jummah), Islamic Feast festive (Eid), and other forms of prayers and worships as outlined in the Holy Qur'an, and the Tradition (Sunnah) of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).  
B. To revive and revitalize the institution of Masjid to the best of our abilities. To make the Masjid as the nucleus and center of all Muslims and their Islamic activities.  
C. To help in organizing the Muslims of Nasarawa, Chikun LGA, and the surrounding communities, in order to establish Islam as a complete way of life in their individual and collective lives.  
Any objections to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot #20 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.  
Signed : SECRETARY

**LOSS OF VITAL DOCUMENT**  
I, ALHAJI TAJUDEEN ALANI ADENJI. That I am the owner of building lying being and situate at Oja Middle Gate, Osiele Town, Odeda Local Government, Ogun State. That I cannot find my approved plan with registration no. ABEZPO/R/139/2018, development permit no. ABEZPO/APN/R/166/12/2018 issued to me by Ogun State Urban and Regional Planning Board and agreement of the property where I felt I kept it and I don't know of any other place it could be. That all efforts made to trace the approved plan and agreement of the said property proved abortive. If found kindly return to the nearest police station. General public should please take note.

**SHINING LIGHT WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR HEALTH, RIGHT AND DEVELOPMENT**  
THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT OF DASELEM IBAMA AS A TRUSTEE UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT (CAMA) 2020.  
**OLD TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1) DASELEM IBAMA - (CHAIRMAN)  
2) SILVERLINE WIRO - (SECRETARY)  
3) HOMACHI WOSU  
**NEW TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1) ICHEMATI CHIMANKPAM CHARLES - (CHAIRMAN)  
2) SILVERLINE WIRO - (SECRETARY)  
3) HOMACHI WOSU  
**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**  
STILL REMAIN THE SAME  
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: SILVERLINE WOSU (SECRETARY)

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the Loss of Original Sale Agreement Paper of Plot No 2171 belonging to ISA DAUDU (AMADU USAINI) situate at Dawanau Layout in Dawakin -Tofa Local Government of Kano State. The Plot was allocated to him by DAWAKIN TOFA LGA on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1988 in the presence of Isyaku Daudu, Amadu Daudu, Haruna Daudu and Aminu Daudu. The said Document got lost on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Dawanau Area while in His Possession. All efforts made to trace same proved abortive. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the Loss of Original Sale Agreement Paper of Plot No 2189 belonging to SHAFU'ATU YAKUBU situate at Dawanau Layout in Dawakin -Tofa Local Government of Kano State. The Plot was allocated to him by DAWAKIN TOFA LGA on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1988 in the presence of Sadiku Yakubu, Ibrahim Yakubu, Sani Yakubu and Rukayya Yakubu. The said Document got lost on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Dawanau Area while in His Possession. All efforts made to trace same proved abortive. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION OF KADUNA STATE**  
WHEREAS the person whose name and address are set out in first column here under died inter on the date and place in the said column AND whereas the person whose addresses are set out in the second column here under claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above Court for a grant of 'LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION' of personal property of the said deceased.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the said LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such persons unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Kaduna State within (Twenty one days) from the date of publication of this notice.  
NAME & ADDRESS OF DECEASED  
AHMED ABDUSSALAM (AHMED ABDUSSALAM DANBATTAL)  
LATE OF NO. 10 ROAD 'N' BARNAWA G.R.A., KADUNA WHO DIED ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011 AT AMINU KANO SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, KANO.  
NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
HAJIYA HABIBA ABDULLASAM OF NO.10 ROAD 'N' BARNAWA G.R.A., KADUNA  
DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023  
Signed: PROBATE REGISTRY  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
KADUNA, KADUNA STATE.

**PUBLIC NOTICED**  
I, 'CHIEF HONEST KARIBI IWERISO AMISODIKIBIA', THE CHIEF OF 'AMISODIKIBIA' WAR CANOE HOUSE, 'ELDER BLESSING ALFRED OJIMBA' AND 'ELDER GODPOWER FRANCIS OJIMBA' ARE THE ELDERS OF MY COMMUNITY.  
THAT OUR COMMUNITY WAS FORMERLY KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS 'OJIMBA-AMA' IN OKRIKA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA.  
THAT I AND THE ELDERS OF THE COMMUNITY NOW WISH THE SAID COMMUNITY TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS 'AMISODIKIBIA-AMA' OF OKRIKA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA.  
THAT THIS CHANGE OF COMMUNITY NAME IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT 'AMISODIKIBIA' IS THE FOUNDER OF THE COMMUNITY, THE NAME 'AMISODIKIBIA' IS AN OKRIKA NAME WHILE 'OJIMBA' IS AN IGBO NAME THOUGH THE SAME PERSON; BUT WE HAVE AGREED THAT THE OKRIKA NAME SHOULD BE USED AS THE NAME OF THE COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF THE IGBO NAME. ALL DOCUMENTS BEARING THE FORMER COMMUNITY NAME REMAIN VALID. THE COMMUNITY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**FIRST HUMANITARIAN MEDIC PLUS INITIATIVE**  
This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied for Registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration Under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990  
**TRUSTEES:**  
1. DR.FATIMA ABDULLAHI YARADUA  
2. COMR ABDULLAHI MALAMI DADADA  
**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**  
1. The aims of Nigeria Humanitarian Health Aid is to enhance and facilitate people's empowerment, particularly the less privileged and vulnerable persons across the strata of the society.  
2. To provide support to the less privileged people in critical areas of need such as healthcare, education and nutrition.  
3. To provide and/or facilitate the evolution of empowerment schemes for women, youths as well as Orphans and Vulnerable Children.  
4. To support and collaborate with Civil Society Organizations and Nongovernmental Organizations to facilitate the attainment of their objectives in humanitarian activities.  
5. To conceive and implement Community Development Programs and Projects that have direct and decisive impact on the less privileged people in the society.  
Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General of the Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi Street Abuja PMB 198, Maitama Abuja within 28days of this publication.

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HALIMA: I, formerly known as HALIMA ZAKARI YAU, now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMA YAU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as LAWAN ALHAJI ISA now wish to be called and addressed as LAWAN ALHAJI ISAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

OLISAEMEKA: I, formerly known as BLESSING OLISA, now wish to be known and addressed as OLISAEMEKA BLESSING CHINENYE. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

JAMILA: I, formerly known as JAMILA JAMILU USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as JAMILA MUKTAR AUWAL. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

EZEANI: I, formerly known and addressed as OKEKE, RACHAEL CHINELO. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs EZEANI, RACHAEL CHINELO. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I Formerly known and addressed as SULEIMAN ALIYU, now wish to be known and addressed as SULEIMAN ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as GARBA ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. POLARIS BANK PLC And General Public Should please take note.

formerly known as PETER AFITAFU SAMUEL 22/08/1991 now wish to be called and addressed as IGBOKWE SAMUEL IKECHUKWU. DOB: 22/08/1994. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

MARYAM: I formerly known as MARYAM LAWAL HUNKUYI now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM LAWAL. Old D.O.B 08/08/1988 New D.O.B 14/09/1988. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public should please take note

Addition of Name: I Formerly known as ABIGAIL VICTOR Now wish to be known and addressed as ABIGAIL VICTOR NINYIO. All former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

I formerly known and addressed as IYKE J. CHUKWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as IYKE JOSHUA CHUKWU. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

LOVETH: I was formerly known and addressed as LOVETH ORUMGBE. Due to marital status, henceforth I wish to be known and addressed as LOVETH ORUMGBE-ODIAHI. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as ADAMU GARBA, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU DAUDA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

I formerly known as Yalwa Inuwa DOB 01 February 1967 now wish to be called and addressed as Inuwa Zabbau Muhammad. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note Date of birth : 01 March 1968

AISHA: I FORMERLY MISS AISHA SULEIMAN UMAR, NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS MRS AISHA SULEIMAN ABBAS. FORMER DOCUNTS REMAINS VALID. NYSC AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE,

OKAFOR: I, formerly known and addressed as OKONKWO SUSSAN CHIKAOSORO. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as OKAFOR SUSSAN CHIKAOSORO. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

That I was formerly called, known and addressed as OGIDAN FOLORUNSHO AHITEME. That I now wishes to be called, known and addressed as FAGBEJI FOLORUNSHO AHITEME. Due to marriage. That all my former documents remain valid. General public take note.

AYOBAMI: I, Formerly known and addressed as ALLI RIANAT AYOBAMI, now wish to be known and addressed as GBADAMOSI RIANAT AYOBAMI. Due to change in marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

HALIDU: I formerly known as HALIDU MOSOBA now wish to be known and addressed as HALIDU MOSOBA MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note

I formerly known as RABIU ABUBAKAR I now wish to be called and addressed as ALHASSAN RABIU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

HELEN: I, formerly known as HELEN OTOIBHI, now wish to be known and addressed as HELEN OTOIBHI OLASUNKANMI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BUSARI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OSENI BALIKIS ABIODUN. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs BUSARI BALIKIS ABIODUN. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

That I am the Biological mother of IGBOANUGO MMESOMA MARYANNE. That she was formerly called, known and addressed as IGBOANUGO NMESOMA ADAEZE. That I now wish her name to be called, known and addressed as ROSJJI OLAWUNMI IGBOANUGO MMESOMA MARYANNE. That all her former documents remain valid. General public take note.

AJOKE: I, formerly known and addressed as AJOKE ADIJAT SMITH. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as AJOKE ADIJAT ADELEKE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

NAYE: I formerly known as NAYE STEPHEN KWAJI now wish to be known and addressed as NAYE STEPHEN. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note

I formerly known as UMAR MOHD KILA now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR KILA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

MUHAMMAD: I, formerly known as BASIRA MUHAMMAD SANI now wish to be known and addressed as BASIRA MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

NWORIE: I, formerly known and addressed as NWORIE ANAYO NWANKO. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as NWORIE ANAYO HENRY. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

That I was traditionally married and address as Mrs POT-BALOGUN OLAWUNMI OLABISI but now separated from the said traditional marriage. That I now wish to be known and addressed as ROSJJI OLAWUNMI OLABISI. That all documents bearing former names remain valid. General public take note.

ABDULAZEEZ: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ALARAPE SEKINAH TEMILADE. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs ABDULAZEEZ SEKINAH TEMILADE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as BELLO USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN BELLO USMAN. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, INEC And General Public Should please take note.

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

SURAJO: I, Formerly known as MUSA SURAJO MUSA. D.O.B 06/03/1982 Now wants to be addressed as SURAJO MUSA MUSA D.O.B 02/02/1982. All general public to take note.

OLOYEDE: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs ALLI SILIFAT ADUNNI. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as OLOYEDE ELIZABETH ADUNNI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ANUMNU: I, formerly known and addressed as SUNDAY UCHEOMA. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as ANUMNU UCHEOMA KENNETH. All former documents remain valid, Banks and general public should please take note.

HASSAN: I, formerly known and addressed as NEWTON MONSURAT ARAMI DE. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as HASSAN MONSURAT ARAMI DE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA BONIFACE now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA TARIBINA BONIFACE. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

JAMILU, I formerly known as JAMILU ZANGO SALIHU / JAMILU ABDULNASIR SALIHU now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU SALIHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

KHAMISU: I, formerly known as KHAMISU LAUWALI, now wish to be known and addressed as KHAMISU LAUWAL. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OLALEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as BILESANMI ADEYINKA OLUWAKEMI. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as OLALEYE ADEYINKA OLUWAKEMI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

GANIYU: I, formerly known and addressed as GANIYU SULAIMON OLASUPU. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as GANIYU SULAIMON OLAIDE. That I was born on 25th day of April, 1969 not 4th day of January, 1969. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

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SADIKA, I formerly known as SADIKA IBRAHIM SALIHU now wish to be called and addressed as SADIKA IBRAHIM ISHAQ. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

DAUDA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss SODIPO BALIQIS OLUWAMUYIWA. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs DAUDA BALIQIS OLUWAMUYIWA. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

AKINTUNJI: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINADE MUSILAT OMOVUMI. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as AKINTUNJI MUSILAT OMOVUMI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

TOPE: I, formerly known and addressed as TEMITOPE OLABODE, TOPE OLABODE. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as TOPE SANNI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

HUSSENA: I, formerly known as HUSSENA BUBA, now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSENA BUBA MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HUSSAINI YA'U now wish to be called and addresses HUSSAINI YA'U SARKIN FAWA all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

AYUBA: I formerly known as AYUBA MOSES Now wish to be known as AYEBOB MOSES. Former documents remain valid. Public note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MISS ABOLARIN MARIAM TEMITOPE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS MRS OLUWO MARIAM TEMITOPE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

OLU-FRANCIS: I, formerly known and addressed as OLU-FRANCIS DANIEL BIBIRE. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as OLU-FRANCIS DANIEL OLUWANIFEMI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ANUOLUWAPO: I, formerly known and addressed as ANUOLUWAPO OLUWATOSIN OMODU. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as ANUOLUWAPO OLUWATOSIN OYEWALE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

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YAKUBU: I, formerly known as AKANJI KEVELERE FATAI now wish to be known and addressed as YAKUBU BELLO all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS OLUFUNMILAYO ZAINAB SHONEKAN. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS OLUFUNMILAYO SHONEKAN. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

ADETOKUNBO: I, formerly known and addressed as ADESANYA FLORENCE ADEBUNMI. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as ADETOKUNBO FLORENCE ADEBUNMI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

Abdulhakim Abdulrazak with Old date of birth 25/9/1984. Now wish to declare New date of birth is 18/11/1989. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

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ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR HUSSAIN now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR HUSSAIN ARUWA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS BANJO RASHEEDAT OLAJUMOKE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS FAYEMI RASHEEDAT OLAJUMOKE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

JACOB: I, formerly known and addressed as ABIODUN OLBENGA EMMANUEL. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as JACOB OLBENGA EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

HABIBA I formerly known and addressed as MISS HABIBA AHMED ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as MRS HABIBA ALHAJI YUSUF All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I formerly known as MUSA ALIYU now wish to be known as MUSA ALIYU FAGAM All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note

MURTALA, I formerly known as KABIR ABDURRASHID now wish to be called and addressed as MURTALA YUNUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note

MOUREEN: I Formerly known as MOUREEN ISAIAH Now wish to be called and addressed as MOUREEN BULUS All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ADEBOLA FUNKE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS OGUNTIMIEHIN ELEGBEDE ADEBOLA FUNKE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ADEBIYI MARIAM ADETOLA. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS YUSUF MARIAM ADETOLA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

RUQAIYA I formerly known and addressed as MISS RUQAIYA SANI DUMBULWA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS RUQAIYA SANI SULEIMAN All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I formerly known as MARYAM HASHIM now wish to be known as MARYAM HASHIM UMAR All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note

I formerly known as SANI AMINA KABIR now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI AMINA MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

HAUWA: I, formerly known as HAUWA YAHAYA now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWA YAHAYA GABI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS JOLAOSHO ABOSEDE DAMILOLA. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS BELLO ABOSEDE DAMILOLA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

ALUKO: I, formerly known as Miss Abiola Florence Titilope, now wish to be known and addressed as Aluko Florence Titilope. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

HADIZA I formerly known and addressed as HADIZA DANBABA ALHAJI now wish to be known and addressed as HADIZA A DANBABA All former documents remain valid DOB 01/06/1986 to 01/01/1986 All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I formerly known as MISS AMINA ALIYU ISMAIL now wish to be called and addressed as MRS AMINA ISMAIL ALIYU. All former documents remain general valid NYSC Authority concern and general public to note

SALAMATU, I formerly known as SALAMATU MUHAMMAD SANI now wish to be called and addressed as SALAMATU KOLO ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAMUEL: I, formerly known as MISS CHUKWUEDOZIE CHIEMEZE CHIAMAKA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS SAMUEL CHIEMEZE CHIAMAKA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

IDOWU: I, formerly known and addressed as IDOWU SUNDAY. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as IDOWU SUNDAY LATEEF. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OSUNRAYI: I, formerly known as Miss Taiwo Risikat Adesola, now wish to be known and addressed as Osunrayi Risikat Adesola. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as MISS FATIMA UMAR MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as MRS FATIMA UMAR TAHIR All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I was formerly known and called SHAMSU AMINU IBRAHIM that I now wish to be known and called SHAMSU AMINU KABO. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU SAIDU. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

CHIOMA: I, formerly known as CHIOMA JECICA OZURUONYE, now wish to be known and addressed as CHIOMA JECICA NWAFOR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS OYINTARI ELSBETH ZENETIMI. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS ZENETIMI-ASOLO OYINTARI ELSBETH. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

JOSHUA: I, formerly known as Joshua Isaza Omoike, now wish to be known and addressed as Joshua Isaza Omoike. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

BINTA I formerly known and addressed as MISS BINTA SULEIMAN MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as MRS BINTA SULEIMAN HABU All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD SALEH. Now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD ZAYYAD SALEH. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

IYABO: I, formerly known as IYABO ISHOLA, now wish to be known and addressed as IYABO ISHOLA GIWA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

GRACE: I Formerly known as GRACE DAUDA Now wish to be called and addressed as GRACE SUNDAY ALL Former documents remain valid ECO BANK PLC Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

I was formerly known and addressed as AHMAD-MUHAMMAD BASIRAT ADETOKUNBO. Now wish to be known and addressed as TIAMI YU-AHMAD BASIRAT ADETOKUNBO. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ADDITION OF NAME I, formerly known and addressed as AWOPEGBA ADESANYA. That I wish to add ADESUA to my name. That henceforth, I now wish to be known and addressed as AWOPEGBA ADESANYA ADESUA. General public and authorities concerned, please take note.

OKEKE I formerly known and addressed as MISS OKEKE UCHEENNA JENNIFER now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OKEKE UCHEENNA OSITA All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HAJARAT, I formerly known as DAWA SAMSON Now wish to be called and addressed as HAJARAT MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JATAU: I Formerly known as JATAU YUSUF IBRAHIM All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

BALA: I Formerly known as SAMUEL JESSY KESSY Now wish to be called and addressed as BALA JESSY D.O.B From 27/APRIL/1999 to 27/APRIL/1998 All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME That on my BVN; my name was wrongly written as SAWYER ABIODUN OKE. Instead of SAWYERR ABIODUN OKE. That my correct name and spelling is SAWYERR ABIODUN OKE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

SEGUN: I, formerly known and addressed as SEGUN ADEMOLA AKINLADE-MARTINS. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as SEGUN ADEMOLA AKIN-MARTINS. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

RABIATU: I, formerly known as RABI GARBA now wish to be known and addressed as RABIATU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as MUHAMMAD BALA DANLAMI now wish to be called and addressed as INUSA BALA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general NIMC POLARIS BANK AND PUBLIC TO NOTE

HALIMATU: I, formerly known as HALIMA ABDULKADIR now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMATU ABDULKADIR ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM LAWAL, now wish to be known and called IBRAHIM YAKUBU GARBA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OKORIE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss UDOH PATIENCE TOBBY. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs OKORIE PATIENCE TOBBY. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

CHANGE OF NAME. I Formerly known and addressed as SALIU IBIWUMI KAFAYAT, now wish to be known and addressed as ALADESAYE IBIWUMI GRACE. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

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I formerly known as MARIYA DABO 01/ 01/2000 now wish to be called and addressed as MARIYA TANIMU. DOB: 27/07/2002. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

OLAOSEBIKAN: I, formerly known as YEMI OLAOSEBIKAN SAHEED, now wish to be known and addressed as OLAOSEBIKAN SAHEED OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

TIMOTHY: I, formerly known as MONDAY YOHANNA now wish to be known and addressed as TIMOTHY YOHANNA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

SAMUEL: I, formerly known and addressed as ALLI MICHEAL. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as SAMUEL FAHEEZOL AYOBAMI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as OLANREWAJU FOLASADE OLUWABUNMI, now wish to be known, called and addressed as ODEBIYI FOLASADE BUNMI. All former documents remain valid concerned authorities and general public should please take note.

BAKAU: I Formerly known as BAKAU MUSTAPHA now wish to be known as BAKAU MALLAM MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

# SPORT



■ Delta State governor, Dr Ifeanyi Okowa, in a joyous mood with Team Delta athletes

## IMC reschedules Plateau Utd vs Insurance game to Thursday

By Jide Olusola and Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

Bendel Insurance and Plateau United's games on Nigeria Professional Football League matchday two have been moved to Thursday, January 19, by the Interim Management Committee (IMC).

The game, which was initially scheduled for January 18, will now take place at Benin City's well-known Samuel Ogbemudia Stadium at 4 p.m.

The matchup change is due to logistical issues that Plateau United experienced after their play against Shooting Stars on matchday one in Jos on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Enyimba International FC player, Elijah Akanni, has said his dream for this season is helping his club achieve their target of becoming the winner of the league and also gaining a continental ticket.

Akanni who opened the goal-scoring account for his club during their match against Nasarawa United Fc during the NPFL matchday one played at New Jos International Stadium which ended 1-2 in the favour of the visitors, expressed that he was delighted to score his first goal for the club.

"I feel delighted and I feel so great because I have always wanted to be a leading star in my team and to help the team get a good result, I am so happy for the goal because it is my first goal for Enyimba. My dream for the club is to become the champions and play in the CAF champions league," he said.

# Sports ministry investigates NSF medals table padding

By Jide Olusola and Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

... Green charges committee on transparency

Following complaints regarding the medals table following the most recent National Sports Festival (NSF) in Asaba, Delta State, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development has decided to form a committee to launch an immediate review.

There have been concerns about purported results padding from a plethora of sources, with several states arguing that the total results cannot match the final medals table.

The ministry said in a statement on Sunday that the evaluation was necessary to identify any difficulties with the festival's medals table computation.

"Accordingly, the ministry has appointed a five-man committee made up of experts who had managed the technical arm of previous sports festivals," the statement reads.

"Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Okaro will be the chairman of the committee, which also has Mrs Hauwa-Kulu Akinyemi and Madaki Elias Gora as members. A representative of the Delta State Sports Commission will serve as member while Lekan Alabi, the statistician of the ministry, will be secretary."

According to the statement, using its knowledge and experience from prior festivals, the committee, which has seven

days to present its report, will ascertain what went wrong with the computation of the medals table.

The committee would establish the precise and accurate medals table by eliminating any double entries and inaccuracies, and it would also provide recommendations to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Meanwhile, the Rivers State sports commissioner, Barrister Chris Green, has called on the committee to be transparent during a radio programme anchored by ace sports broadcaster, Mr Godwin Enakhena, in Lagos.

"First of all, the independent committee should come clean

because the conduct of everything was worrisome and we kept informing that this is not right; collation was not done at the due time, results were not released at the due time, even the persons that were given that responsibility were not the usual persons that we used to know in the past. One started to wonder why all of these. The good news is that these persons are not only ill-equipped but are not experienced in the beat, so at the end of the day, we know that these are going to happen," he said.

It will be recalled that with 320 gold, 200 silver, and 128 bronze medals, TeamDelta emerged champions at the just-concluded Delta2022 National Sports Festival.

## PGAN to celebrate members with N20m Pro-Am golf tourney

By David Ngobua

The new board of the Professional Golfers Association of Nigeria (PGAN) is poised to celebrate its over 200 members with a professional and amateur golf tourney with a whopping N20m at stake for the pros.



Professional golfer and Executive Director of PGAN, Tony Philmore, has said nothing can be more gratifying than setting aside a week in a whole year for professionals to feature in a tourney solely bearing their own image.

He maintained that even as sponsorship is needed for such a huge venture, the tourney would still hold with or without the much-needed sponsorship.

"We are celebrating ourselves. As much as we would gladly welcome any sponsors to add

glamour to this event, we would however move ahead and pay from our purse in a situation where no sponsor shows up. This is already a task that must be accomplished," said Philmore.

According to the Media Director of PGAN, Susan Cokekotas, the PGAN Championship is slated to hold from Wednesday to Saturday at the Port Harcourt Club 1928 Golf Section.

"This event is a very important one. It would indeed be an icing on the cake for the new board which has accomplished so much within its short period in power. This event will surely signpost a greater future for the professional game as it is currently evident that the professionals in their numbers have indicated total confidence and support for this new board," said the avid golfer.

Meanwhile, PGAN will honour two of its leading sponsors, Chief Ikenna Okafor and Dr. Austin Ndubuisi at the end of the tournament.

## World Cup party is over, Galtier tells PSG stars

Christophe Galtier sucked up another painful Ligue 1 defeat for his Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) team on Sunday and told his 2022 World Cup stars they must find their focus again.

PSG began the year with a seven-point lead at the top of Ligue 1, but that has been clipped to three after defeats to Lens and 1-0 loss to Rennes.

Galtier will face scrutiny for such domestic losses, given the superstars at his disposal, and he knows he and the team must start to show their best again.

"I'm mainly disappointed with our performance. We didn't create anything; we had very few favourable situations.

"I'm not going to talk about worry, but there has to be awareness. We can find a thousand



excuses, but the World Cup is over.

"We focused on having possession of the ball and we had far too many players who dropped back without having players high enough to secure the Rennes defensive line," he said.

PSG had only eight attempts on goal, their lowest total in a league game this season, and only one went on target.

The defeat was a third in their last four trips to Rennes in the league, with the Breton side firmly established as a bogey side for the capital giants.

Galtier pointed to issues with Lionel Messi and Neymar having no obvious targets when looking to move the ball forward.

## WAKAMAN

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### What is Buhari's peace award really worth?

- All roads lead to Nouakchott.
- Where is that?
- The Mauritanian capital.
- What's going on there, the African Olympics or the World Cup?
- None of the above.
- When you say all roads lead somewhere, something important must be happening there.
- You're right. Something very important is happening in Nouakchott today.
- Oh really. I must be behind the news. Please fill me in.
- A very iconic honour is being given away.
- Oh, finally is the Nobel Prize ceremony moving out of Stockholm, Sweden?
- Leave the Swedes out of this. This event is one of the most important things to happen to Africa in a while.
- Then blurt it out instead of going round in circles.
- Our own leader, President Muhammadu Buhari is being crowned Africa's Peace Ambassador today.
- Oh, I thought he is a Daura-born citizen with nominal relatives in Niger, I didn't know he had roots in Mauritania too.
- Nonsense, coronation is not always synonymous with the cheap chieftaincy titles you're accustomed to. The unwavering commitment of our president to global peace is finally being recognised.
- I see.
- You see nothing.
- Why?
- Because you guys don't recognise prophets in their home base. It has always taken outsiders to recognise the true worth of our leaders. Our leaders usually get their recognitions from outside the country.
- Okay!
- Recently, President Boni Yayi poured encomiums on our president, but you were one of those who lampooned him.
- I thought it was rather ironic.
- Why?
- Well Buhari closed down the borders with Benin.
- So?
- We all know what a border closure does to a country that relies on Nigeria's oil and smuggling routes.
- Well, did Benin survive the assault?
- It did.
- In spite of the closure.
- Yes.
- So, as my online friend would ask - what's the shape, colour and size of your trouble?
- I was just wondering... Anyway so, now it's the Mauritians.
- Well, not just them; the 'African Award for Strengthening Peace' is an initiative of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum.
- Sorry my geography is dated, but isn't Mauritania in northern Africa?
- Yes, it is.
- And Abu Dhabi is the capital of the UAE a.k.a Dubai.
- You got it.
- So, these foreigners know Buhari's commitment to peace better than the people of Southern Kaduna?
- What has Southern Kaduna got to do with this?
- They've wanted peace for the eight years of the Buhari presidency and all they get is ceaseless bloodshed.
- These things happen, you can't blame Buhari for everything.
- You're right and I'm not blaming him for COVID-19 because it's not his fault. I'm not blaming him for the carnage that Zelensky's stupidity unleashes on Ukraine; it's not Buhari's fault.
- Right.
- But I blame Buhari for the 50 attacks on INEC facilities in 15 states of Nigeria's 36-state structure and the zero arrests or show of compassion to the nation and the victims. I blame him for pretending that Rev Father Isaac Achi's murder in Paikoro, Niger State is not an issue. I blame him for the two local governments left in the hands of Boko Haram in Borno. I blame him for the plight of the villagers dislodged from their communities in Niger State who need compassion and action to return to their homestead but have so far received a cold shoulder from their president.
- You see...
- I see nothing. I think Buhari should not take this award.
- It's too late; he already jumped on Eagle One and left for Nouakchott with his service chiefs.
- You mean he went with his service chiefs?
- Well, he went with the foreign minister, his defence minister, his national security adviser and the Director General of the National Intelligence Agency, NIA.
- I see.
- You see what?
- I get the irony. He went with the same people whose indolence, inefficiency and ineffectiveness contributed to the current state of unprecedented insecurity, lawlessness and bloodletting in the land.
- Huum!
- I mean these are the people in whose

hands Buhari invested the security of the nation. The same ones who are caught napping and he rewards them with a junket for a worthless award.

- Well...
- It's like Buhari is asking them to come and witness the irony of his own failure.
- How?
- Don't ask me how. By the way, the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum, do they know about the crisis in Yemen?
- They should.
- What role have they played in ending it?
- Well...
- Are they aware of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
- Well, they only came together in 2014, so it's perhaps too early to blame them for not solving all the senseless wars in the Middle East.
- Forget the world, I am talking about the problems in their own backyard. I am saying their charity should start from their own homes. I am saying that this award is not only suspect, it is not worth the plague nor the carbon footprints that Buhari has now invested in attending it. Who garlands a man as peace ambassador whose own house is caked in the blood of the innocent and whose closet is filled with broken bones?
- I knew it.
- You knew what?
- That you'd find everything wrong with the award. You are an incurable wailer. Tell you what; nobody needs your endorsement to give awards. Buhari deserves this recognition.
- The Abu Dhabi Peace Initiative guys don't live in Imo, where INEC offices have been attacked and the spokesman for the CUPP house burnt. They don't live in Benue, Niger, Zamfara or Kaduna where entire villages are razed. What do they know about peace or Buhari's commitment to it when Nigeria is more divided today than ever; when their own backyard is filled with the putrescence of dead men's bones and starving children?
- Don't worry, Buhari would soon leave and we'll see what happens to your bad belly.
- I have nothing personal against Buhari; I am surprised that after several failures to return to power, his final success happens to demystify him.
- How?
- You know what the sages say, that it is better to keep quiet and be thought wise than to open your mouth and erase all doubts. It would have been better for Buhari to enjoy his obscurity in Kaduna or Daura; his obsession with and return to power has erased all the myth that should have gone with him to his grave. He'll soon leave and you can drink your tea in peace.
- Are you sure he'll leave?
- Of course, it's a commitment.
- INEC doesn't think he knows the ordeal they're up against.
- Lai Mohammed says the transition deal is sealed.
- There's more to making that happen than pure wishful thinking. An eye that would serve a lifetime does not begin its journey by oozing watery discharge.

## SPORT REPORT

### £22m of Mudryk fee pledged to Ukraine war effort



Mykhailo Mudryk

Shakhtar Donetsk president Rinat Akhmetov has pledged to donate £22m to the Ukrainian war effort following the transfer of Mykhailo Mudryk to Chelsea.

The Premier League side signed Mudryk from Shakhtar on Sunday in a deal worth up to £89m, a transfer record for Ukrainian football.

Akhmetov said the money would help a project named 'Heart of Azovstal', aimed at "helping Mariupol defenders and the families of fallen soldiers".

Mudryk is Chelsea's fifth signing of the January transfer window following the arrival of Joao Felix on a loan deal from Atletico Madrid, plus the permanent signings of Benoit Badiashile, David Datro Fofana and Andrey Santos.

### Djokovic resumes quest for perfect 10 at Australian Open



Novak Djokovic

Novak Djokovic was denied the opportunity to win a record-extending 10th Australian Open title last year after his deportation but he returns to Rod Laver Arena holding no grudges when he begins his campaign in Melbourne today.

The Serbian was deported on the eve of the 2022 tournament due to his Covid vaccine stance but the 35-year-old has let bygones be bygones as he looks ahead to his clash with Spain's Roberto Carballes Baena.

Djokovic's win streak in Australia stands at 33 matches since his last loss in the Australian Open fourth round in 2018 but he is wary of a hamstring problem that gave him a sleepless night ahead of the final at the tune-up tournament in Adelaide.